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17 May 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

ATTENTION : Emile L. Julian

FROM : Bruce T. Johnson
Assistant for Information, DDA

SUBJECT : ZRALERT Documents

REFERENCE : Memo for General Counsel from Emile L. Julian dated
2 May 1978, Subject: Recent Discovery of Project
ZRALERT Documents - A Study of the Use of
Psychological Programming for Intelligence
Purposes

1. (C) As requested in reference, I have reviewed the recently-discovered documents on Project ZRALERT, concerning exploration and experimentation by the CI Staff of the use of hypotism in certain operational situations. I conclude that, although indeed this may be the first evidence found of CI Staff interest in this subject, there is nothing substantive in the documents which requires special handling at this time, with one exception noted below. The Agency's interest in hypotism was alluded to by the Director in his MKULTRA statement before Congress, and references to experiments in this field have appeared in numerous MKULTRA documents. I have shared my conclusions with the DDA, who agrees with me. I have learned also that the Chief of DDO/IMS sent these same documents to the O/DDO, when the ADDA reviewed them and re-turned them for routine handling as part of the response to the FOIA request for information about Agency experiments in behavior modification. The documents do require careful sanitization, of course, before they may be released.

2. (C) Special handling of the documents from Mexico City is called for, I believe. They have no bearing upon the investigations of the House Select Committee on Assassination (HSCA), but the events described in these documents took place in the summer of 1963, a period in the life of the Mexico City Station which is of intense interest to the HSCA. I propose to suggest to Mr. Don Gregg, Special Assistant to the DDO for External Oversight, that he show these documents to Mr. Bob Blakey, Chief Counsel to the HSCA. Mr. Blakey and his staff may have encountered oblique and puzzling references to this abortive operation, and a review

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of these documents could dispell concerns generated by such references. As the substance of the documents (though not the references to CI Staff and Mexico City) will soon be in the public domain, we have nothing to lose by showing them to Blakey, and the effort should be recognized for the good-will, informative gesture which in fact it would be.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

Bruce T. Johnson

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