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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

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SUBJECT

: "Guided Animal" Studies

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1. This memorandum is for information only, and no action is required. It is forwarded in view of your interest in the program concerned.

2. The article in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is factually reliable and presents a reasonable picture of some aspects of the field of electrical brain stimulation from the layman's point of view. While the technical aspects of the article are reasonably correct, I must say that I cannot agree with some of the elical considerations outlined by the author beginning in the right column of page

3. The part played by the Research Branch of TSD under Dr.

A in this "scenario" involves both the long-range fundamental estudies of Drs.

Studies on the latter, of course, is the syou are familiar.

4. After our original experiments at the had demonstrated the practical feasibility of electrical brain stimulation as a guidance technique, we transferred the men who were responsible for initiating the program to the had did not feel that these studies fitted, into their programs. Further development of the technique has taken place at the had had where we now have a "production" capability.

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5. At the present time we feel that we are close to having debugged a prototype system whereby dogs can be guided along specified courses through land areas out of sight and at some distance from the operator, the purpose being to

6. In addition to its possible practical value in operations, this phenomenon is a very useful research tool in the area of the behavioral sciences. Dr. is taking appropriate action to exploit our knowledge of this area and provide adequate background for the development of future Agency applications in the general areas of Influencing Human Behavior, Indirect Assessment and Interrogation Aids.

Chief, DD/P/TSD

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