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22 Eeptember 1953 Chief, Contact Division Remo No. 893 Research by Alkeloids of Ergot (D-lysergic acid diethyalmide Reference: Telephone Conversation: 17 September 1953; Case 1.7 On 21 Eeptember 1953 we had a joint conversation with Dra vitally interested in argot and their combined experience covers the production of ergot drugs through its application in the field of medicine. All of the above men conclude that LSD-25 is a dangerous material and that it has a potential as a CW and BW agent. These aspects are some thing they had not thought about prior to our interest in the subject generally. At this point their entimeseem is running high and they are very interested in pursuing the research to a conclusion. They propose that the following subjects should be investigated: HIVED FOR RELEASE Corin ...1. JUN. 1978 4-247

Research on Alkeloids of Ergot (D-lysergic and diethylemide LSD-25)

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- why would any country be interested in obtaining large quantities of ergot or its derivatives? This question is predicated on the fact that exclusive of ergot derivatives used in obstetrics, drugs obtained by synthesis in unlimited quantities produce controlled effects which are better than those obtained by ergot derivatives. Therefore if any country or group of countries are procuring quantities of ergot and/or its derivatives it must be for uses yet unknown to US investigations.
- b. ISD-25 is a potential "anti-anxiety" enent as indicated by tests conducted in Europe [See Reports 3873 and 3885]. In view of this, what would be the effects of mass application to a populace or troops in terms of civil defense or offensive actions: It would be well to determine precise psychic reactions in human beings and to develop a possible antidote.
- c. It should be definitely determined what quertities of ergot derivatives (LSD-25) would be needed to effectively contaminate food and water supplies.
- 6. We have been assured by the scientists that they will cooperate fully in enything we suggest. In this connection we would appreciate headquarters' suggestions which could be used to steer the experiments along lines most useful to CIA and/or other government agencies. There is no immediate call for funds from CIA as Dr. and associates are interested enough to proceed on available medical school funds. Funds will be needed later when human subjects are hired (at approximately US\$1 per hour) for experiments. The figure of US\$1 thousand is suggested as a reserve fund. We will appreciate your reactions and suggestions regarding this proposal.

