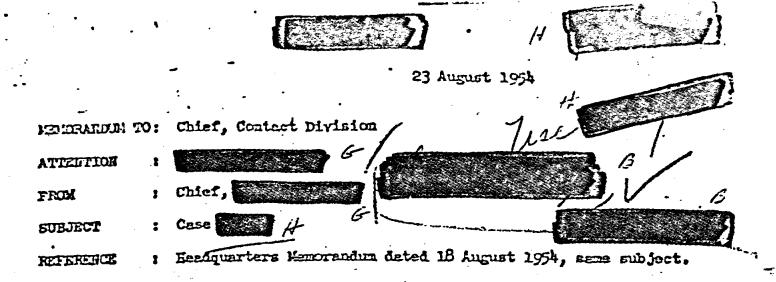


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1. We are sending to you under separate cover this date two packages, one containing Pegamma harmala L., and the other containing seeds and dried whole specimens of Pegamum Mexicamum. We did not obtain Stips Veseyi (Sleepy Gress) because of a misinterpretation of your requirements. Your teletype WA-8937 delaying action on this case indicated new requirements instead of additional requirements would be mailed. We, therefore, assumed that the two specimens obtained replaced the request for sleepy gress. We discussed this matter, however, with our contact when we picked up the specimens in this weekend. He stated that sleepy grass grows in abundance and will be no problem to collect. Since he returns to from a tour of on 30 August, we this week, and also request will discuss this matter with him in that he try to obtain more seeds of Pegamum harmala L. and Pegamum Maxicanum. Please let us have some suggestion as to how much additional seed we should collect at this time.

2. Along this same line our contact stated that some years ego he did a small amount of research on growing conditions of Pegemum harmals L. with the object of determining what could be done to retard the spread of this particular plant. He stated that it is believed the plant was introduced to the area during World War I, at which time foreign hay was shipped to this area and the seeds were believed to have been carried by this hay. As a result of these experiments, he would be able to help us with suggestions if future: efforts are made to cultivate this plant.

3. We have taken steps to determine whether or not still resides at If we are able to locate him, we will make an appointment to discuss the matters brought up in paragraph three of your memorandum of 18 August.

4. We will keep you posted on the progress of this case. It is possible that it will be some time during the first of September before we obtain the additional requirements.

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