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On 18 November 1952, SI and H experimentation was carried on in Building 13, Room 20, with [redacted] and [redacted]. By [redacted] and [redacted] Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] was able to attend this session.

In view of the success of the experiment of 28 October 1952 in which the subjects maintained a deep hypnotic state, carried out extensive movements, etc. for 45 minutes, it was decided to test [redacted] and [redacted] on a similar and more complex operation. To make a general test, both [redacted] and [redacted] were given a routine induction test and given suggestions for a more deeper test immediately following.

The second and more important test of the evening was then executed. The writer ran both subjects into a deep hypnotic state with [redacted] present. After the deep state had been reached [redacted] left the room and the writer had both subjects open their eyes and act in a normal manner while in a deep trance state. The writer, who had previously told the subjects they were going to meet a [redacted] upon awakening, introduced [redacted] to the subjects as [redacted] and instructed the subjects that [redacted] would then take over. The writer then left the room. By agreement, [redacted] then had both subjects go to the ladies room, put on their hats and coats, sign out and get into his automobile. The writer followed the subjects (still in a deep trance) and [redacted] and all proceeded to the writer's apartment. The writer then left his car, entered the apartment and closed the door. [redacted] instructed the subjects to go to the apartment where they would be met by a gentleman they had never seen before. The subjects entered the writer's apartment and a pre-arranged conversation took place with the subjects in a deep sleep state. Thereafter, the writer instructed both subjects to go into the bedroom and lie down upon one of the twin beds. Each subject did this and on instruction when they reached the bed they went fast asleep. Thereafter the subjects were fully awakened by [redacted] and there reactions were noted.

In each case, both were extremely startled, particularly so of [redacted] who had previously visited the writer's apartment, although startled, had some idea that the place was familiar to her. [redacted] stated she had no knowledge of where she was or how she arrived there. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had partially awakened during the trip and he had returned her to a deeper sleep state to enable him to carry out the rest of the experiment.

In general, the experiment may be regarded as successful. Exact results were achieved by [redacted] and particularly [redacted] has never been a good hypnotic subject. For matter this was the first in a series of experiment along these lines. The reactions of hypnotic individuals over considerable periods and as to how much outside interference can be felt without the subjects from a deep sleep state. Furthermore, these experiments are designed to see how "normal" individuals in a deep sleep state can appear while acting in a routine manner or in a state of social conduct.