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Subject: SI and H Experimentation, 1 December 1953.

On Tuesday, 1 December 1953, SI and H Experimentation took place in Room 20, Building 13. Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] were present and used Misses [redacted] and [redacted] as subjects.

In view of the fact that there were so many present, including entirely new volunteers. The writer again divided the work group into Misses [redacted] and [redacted] who continued operations in connection with the polygraph (see [redacted] report appended below).

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The writer then continued the conversations as previously carried out on Tuesday, 24 November, explaining particularly to the new volunteers, Misses [redacted] and [redacted] the nature of the ARTICHOKE work and the very sensitive security problems involved.

At the conclusion of the general discussion, the writer tested both Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted] on standard suggestibility tests using Miss [redacted] Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted] as observers.

At the conclusion of these tests, the writer ran again a very slow relaxing tests in which all subject participated. After another short discussion in which there were numerous questions and answers, the writer tested Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted] in an eye concentration test. In the above, no outstanding results were achieved but it should be noted for the record that no extensive effort was made to obtain a deep hypnotic state in any of the individuals present. It should also be noted that these new volunteers all expressed continued interest and a willingness to continue work along these lines.

Special Comment: The writer notes that it is considerably difficult to ~~do~~ conduct intensive H work with as many as five volunteers in the operations room for various reasons. The first is the room is crowded, the second is the air conditioning unit is not functioning and the air becomes stale with cigarette smoke and the third is that it is difficult to concentrate on one individual at the expense of the others present since it is important in this work to maintain the absolute interest of all volunteers present.

Further in connection with the experimentation on 1 December 1953, Mi [redacted] was run twice on the polygraph by Mr. [redacted] to obtain anorm pattern from which to compare with experimentation under hypnosis. [redacted] was then put under hypnosis and a card test was run under instruction that she lie to all stimuli questions. This identical procedure was used with M [redacted]. The results are unknown. Further comments will be required by Mr. [redacted] after a study of the polygraph charts.

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