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1. On Tuesday, 13 April 1954, SI and H experimentation and research was carried on in Building 13, Room 20, with the following subjects present: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in charge of the session.

Work was begun with the slow general induction with all hands participating and an effort made to reach as great a depth as possible. A simple PH was put in effect at this time. After carrying out the PH, all hands were again placed in a deep trance state. [REDACTED] at this point produced anesthesia in each subject's hand and arm by giving instructions that the hands and arm of the person would be numb, limp and without feeling. On this test, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] produced a complete anesthesia which was held after they were awakened since instructions were given to that effect. All other subjects produced anesthetics of different degrees which they maintained after they were awakened.

Of particular interest in the above was the fact that [REDACTED] was unable to move her hand or arm at all after being awakened while all other subjects could move their arms and hands. [REDACTED] checked the anesthesia by pricking the hands of the various subjects with a knife.

Following this, all subjects (except [REDACTED]) were again placed in a deep trance state and instructed that after they opened their eyes, while still maintaining a deep sleep state, they would follow [REDACTED] in a sort "follow the leader" series of movements. [REDACTED] after the subjects had opened their eyes, lead the subjects through various rooms of Building 13, performed numerous nonsense movements such as writing on blackboard, walking in circles and doing odd and unusual things. In this connection, [REDACTED] responded with great seriousness and followed the leader's movements completely and could not remember in detail any of the activity she had gone through. [REDACTED] followed [REDACTED] completely on the movements but had memory of doing same. [REDACTED] followed the movements and had memory for doing same. [REDACTED] efforts however were unsuccessful although she followed most of the movements.

This test again reflects in general the idea that good subjects will do almost anything seriously and accurately if properly instructed, whereas weaker subjects will quite often fail to carry out instructions. No particular significance is attached to this test except it is believed that subjects as a rule will carry out serious tests better than nonsense tests and usually good subjects will out perform poor subjects on any type test.