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DRAFT

27 April 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Extension of Time for  
Project MKULTRA, Subproject 1

Since Subproject 1 has expired and there are still  
funds remaining in the project, Subproject 1 is hereby  
extended for one year from date of expiration.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED SIGNATURE] A  
Chief, TSS/Chemical Division

Original Only

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DRAFT

25 April 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Extension of Time for Project  
MKULTRA, Subproject 1

Since Subproject 1 has expired and there are still funds remaining in the project, Subproject 1 is hereby extended for one year from date of expiration.

APPROVED:

A

[REDACTED]

for Chief, TSS/Chemical Division

Original Only

[REDACTED]

1-4

[Redacted]

B

[Redacted] B

June 5, 1953

[Redacted]

B

Dear [Redacted] B

I'm enclosing the magazine you left in the car. I hope you got a train without a long wait.

My wife suggests that you bring your wife with you when you come west. We will make your visit enjoyable.

Here is the statement you requested:

Time spent on project April 13 to June 4 --  
153 hours @ \$5.00 per hour ---\$765.00.

Will you send the check to my account at the [Redacted] E

C [Redacted] said he would take care of the chemicals etc..

Cordially yours,

[Redacted]

C

E

Received from [REDACTED], B

[REDACTED] check No. M-131999 in the amount of

\$765.00.

C

[REDACTED]

CERTIFICATIONS

(1) "It is hereby certified that this is Invoice No. 1 applying to subproject 1 of Project MKULTRA, that technical performance by ~~██████████~~ is satisfactory, that the work is being accomplished in accordance with the mutual agreement reached with ~~██████████~~ that this bill is just and correct and that payment thereof has not yet been made.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIDNEY GOTTLIEB  
Chief, CD/TSS"

(2) "It is hereby certified that this invoice applies to subproject 1 under Project MKULTRA which was duly approved and that the project has been carried out in accordance with the DD/P memorandum to DCI dated 3 April 1953 and the DCI memorandum to DD/A dated 13 April 1953. Payment is authorized and requested.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
~~██████████~~ A  
Research Director"

(3) "It is hereby certified that the scope of the program of subproject 1 of Project MKULTRA has been approved.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
~~██████████~~ H  
Exc. Sec'y., Res. Bd."

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16 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, FINANCE DIVISION

VIA: TSS/Budget Officer

SUBJECT: Invoice No. 1 for Subproject 1, Project MKULTRA

1. Payment is requested for the attached invoice. The payment of \$765.00 should be made by Cashier's check made out to ~~██████████~~

~~██████████~~. The check should be delivered to Chief, CD/TSS, through Budget Officer/TSS.

2. It is requested that the check referred to above be made available to Chief, CD/TSS by Monday June 22.

SIDNEY GOTELIEB  
Chief  
Chemical Division, TSS

Attachments:  
Invoice  
Certifications

Distribution:  
Addressee - Orig. & 1  
Exec. Sec'y., Res. Bd. - 1  
TSS/Budget - 1  
TSS/CD - 1 ✓  
TSS/Registry - 1  
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*Release 1-11*

27 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: COMPTROLLER

ATTENTION : Finance Division

SUBJECT : Project MKULTRA, Subproject 1

Under the authority granted in the memorandum dated 13 April 1953 from the DCI to the DD/A and the further authority granted in the memorandum dated 17 April 1953 from the DD/A to the Comptroller on the subject, "DD/P-TSS Project MKULTRA", subproject 1 has been approved, and \$2,000.00 of the over-all Project MKULTRA funds have been obligated to cover the subproject's expenses.

SIDNEY GOTTLIEB  
Chief, TSS/CD

PROGRAM APPROVED  
AND RECOMMENDED:

APPROVED FOR OBLIGATION  
OF FUNDS:

*[Signature]*  
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Research Chairman

Research Director

Date: APR 27 1953

Date: APR 27 1953

Distribution: *[Signature]*  
Addressee - Orig. & 2  
Exec. Sec'y., Res. Board - 1  
TSS/Budget - 1  
TSS Registry - 1  
TSS/CD - 1

*TSS/CD*

DRAFT  
24 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project MKULTRA, Subproject 1

Vertical note: MS mention used security precautions

1. The scope of this research program is the isolation and characterization of the alkaloids of *Impomea Sidafolia* Choisy (*Rivea Corymbosa*) in order to determine their activities as agents affecting the central nervous system of human beings.

2. Numerous reports in the botanical and biological literature attribute powerful hypnotic and mentally disorienting effects to the ingestion of this plant. The active materials have never been purified and characterized on a scientific basis. The Chemical Division was provided with samples of the seeds of this plant by the Chief, TB/I&S and requested to conduct the investigation as outlined here and in the attached proposal.

3. Dr. [redacted], the investigator who was selected to perform this work, is well qualified by both interest and experience in this field of chemistry and has available the facilities to carry out the project. He was recommended to the division on this basis by Prof. [redacted].

4. The total cost of this investigation for the period indicated in the research proposal will not exceed \$2000.00.

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*  
Chief, Chemical Division/TSS

[redacted signature] A  
[redacted signature] A  
Chemical Division, TSS

PROGRAM APPROVED  
AND RECOMMENDED:

APPROVED FOR  
ORLIGATION OF FUNDS:

[redacted signature] A  
Research Chairman

[redacted signature] A  
Research Director

Date: 27 April 1953

Date: [redacted]

Original Only.

[redacted signatures and stamps] A

SENSITIVE INFORMATION INVOLVED

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Dr. [REDACTED] C

INVESTIGATION OF THE SEED OF  
IMPOMOEA SIDAEOFOLIA CHOISY

I. It will be the purpose of this investigation to:

- (a). Make a thorough search of the literature to determine the nature of all work done on this specimen, i.e. Impomoea Sidaefolia Choisy.
- (b). To chemically examine the seeds and their extracts for alkaloidal material, and to isolate the alkaloidal fraction in as pure a state as is possible.
- (c). To determine a simple method of isolation and purification of the alkaloid.
- (d). If items (a), (b) and (c) are completed before June 1, 1953, or if this work is continued, to carry out experiments designed to determine:
  - (1). The physiological action
  - (2). The chemical nature of the alkaloid.

II. The time spent on the investigation will not exceed 400 hours for the period ending June 1, 1953.

III. Funds should be available for such items as pure organic solvents and reagents, special reagents and adsorbents, compressed nitrogen, allowances for breakage and fabrication of small glass items and a small allowance for possible photocopying or microfilming service. The total cost of these items should not exceed \$200.00 for the period ending June 1, 1953. (This figure does not include an allowance for overhead.)

IV. The total cost of this investigation for this period will not exceed \$2000.00

SENSITIVE INFORMATION  
SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

SO 2-735  
29 May 1953

MEMORANDUM TO : CHIEF, SPECIAL SECURITY DIVISION  
THROUGH : [REDACTED] A  
SUBJECT : Clearance Request - [REDACTED] H  
REFERENCE : SO 2-478a, 30 April 1953

1. Attached hereto is the original request for clearance of [REDACTED] returned the request to this office with the notation that members of the [REDACTED] cannot be contacted with regard to possible employment.

2. Mr. [REDACTED], Liaison and Security Officer, TSS, contacted Mr. [REDACTED], Deputy Director of Security, and explained to him that the interest of TSS was in the knowledge that Mr. [REDACTED] had in his head and that there was no contemplation of ever hiring Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] agreed that under these circumstances there was no objection to clearing and contacting Mr. [REDACTED]. 4

3. It is requested that the clearance be granted as outlined in the reference MEMO.

[REDACTED] A  
Liaison & Security Officer  
DD/P/TSS

Attachments - 1 Memo  
6 Completed PRS's

Distribution:  
Addressee - Orig. & 1

A [REDACTED] - 1  
[REDACTED] - 3

*couldn't find approval,  
so filed here for  
reference*

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SO 2-478  
13 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECURITY OFFICER, LOGISTICS OFFICE

ATTENTION: Mrs. [REDACTED] A

SUBJECT: Clearance Request [REDACTED] C

1. It is requested that your office initiate the necessary action to obtain appropriate TOP SECRET pre-contract security approval on the following named individual:

[REDACTED] C

2. Mr. [REDACTED] is to be used by the Chemical Division/TSS on Project C-98; therefore, it is requested that he be granted TOP SECRET pre-contract approval as soon as possible.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] is with the [REDACTED] C  
he was granted a [REDACTED] and is now at the [REDACTED] C  
[REDACTED] We wish to have Mr. [REDACTED] cleared as an individual and not in connection with his affiliations.

4. Please advise this office by memorandum as soon as the requested approval has been granted.

[REDACTED] A  
Liaison & Security Officer  
DD/P/TSS

Distribution:

Addressee - Orig. & 1 w/a

TSS/CD - 2 ✓

TSS/L&SO - 2

[REDACTED]

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SECRET

SO 2-478a  
30 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL SECURITY DIVISION  
THROUGH : [REDACTED] A  
SUBJECT : Clearance Request - [REDACTED] C

1. It is requested that your office grant TSS the appropriate covert security clearance for Mr. [REDACTED] who is with the [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] was granted a [REDACTED] and is now at the [REDACTED].

2. TSS desires to utilize Mr. [REDACTED] personal knowledge in connection with a highly sensitive research problem incident to MKULTRA. Mr. [REDACTED] will have access to TOP SECRET information; therefore, it is requested that the appropriate covert security clearance be granted.

3. Attached herewith are six copies of the Personal History Statement and Appendix X completed by Mr. [REDACTED].

4. Please inform this office by memorandum when this clearance has been granted.

[REDACTED] A  
Liaison & Security Officer,  
DD/P/TSS

A [REDACTED] 30 Apr)

- Attachments
- Distribution
- Addressee - Orig & 2 w/a
- TSS/CD - 1
- TSS/LASO - 2
- Staff C - 1

[REDACTED]