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*A-6* Note on 1/11/64  
and the writer on January 30 and 31. To be associated with the memorandum prepared by him on the same subject.

The material, a liquid acetate preparation of Cannabis Indica (marijuana or hashish), has been known as TD (Truth Drug). It is prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ chemists only, and is an oil which has no taste, odor or color. The preparation is a very involved process known <sup>principally in the</sup> to only a few persons. ~~There is~~ there is no reason to believe that any other nation or group is familiar with the preparation and uses of the drug. <sup>The drug</sup> It is also almost impossible to analyze, and for this reason there <sup>would be</sup> is a little danger <sup>of consumption if it were found</sup> to the ~~finding of some of the drug~~ among the effects of one of our men. If ~~concerned as to the~~ <sup>agent</sup> ~~of the liquid~~ the agent might well say he would like to know himself so that he might be able to have ~~made up~~ ~~himself more~~ ~~thoroughly~~ than by his doctor's prescription.

Tools  
*B* At present the oil is put up by the \_\_\_\_\_ in ampules of 3cc. Inasmuch as a maximum dose is .03cc the <sup>ampules</sup> ampules are too large for our use. It will be suggested to the \_\_\_\_\_ that for our use the ampules be of .5cc capacity, or even .25cc. The ampules can be passed off as insulin, some form of allergy antibody, or the agent may feign ignorance and say he believes they are for a vitamin deficiency. The searcher may assume, of course, that the agent is a drug addict. When exposed to air the oil begins to deteriorate and turns yellow-orange <sup>over a period of several minutes.</sup> However it will remain effective for some weeks and in one case in a cigarette it was effective to some extent after 6 months. An ampule can be recapped with a piece of rubber, <sup>however</sup> this will <sup>completely</sup> halt deterioration.

Kit similar to those used by diabetes patients can be used very well to transport the <sup>agent</sup> ~~items~~ ~~needed~~ without exciting suspicion. The needle can be of the usual size. The hypodermic however should be of only .25cc capacity and graduated by .01cc. <sup>because of the importance of exact dosage.</sup> This will have to be a special order because as a general rule hypodermics are made up in bigger sizes, <sup>although the tuberculin syringe may be adequate.</sup> the kit should contain some grain alcohol and cotton for cleaning the hub and needle. If not cleaned promptly the parts will become gummed ~~and~~ ~~fractured~~ by the oil as it hardens and expands.

PRIOR TO USE

TD is a "Sunday Punch" and should not be used unless the Agent has given thought to all possibilities and feels certain the use of the drug is necessary. It must not be used ~~indiscriminately~~ indiscriminately and without the proper ~~preliminary~~ build-up. Its effects are to some extent similar to <sup>those of</sup> liquor and the subject who is suspicious and strong minded may not reveal the information ~~desired~~ <sup>desired</sup>. Especially is this true if he feels that ~~your~~ contact with him is for the one purpose of getting information. ~~from him~~. Before the administration <sup>of the drug</sup> the Agent must establish some feeling of mutuality. The subject should be made to feel secure and relaxed. If possible no reference to the business of actual interest should be made until the drug has been applied and taken effect. For the foregoing reasons it <sup>would appear</sup> ~~may be seen~~ that the best ~~maximum~~ preliminary move is to get the Subject to take a few drinks of liquor.

As examples of the foregoing, the story was told of a visit to a Prisoner of War Camp in Virginia where only top-notch ~~convicted~~ German military personnel were kept for interrogations. One German submarine commander, who was considered outstanding in his field, had been the sole survivor of his submarine's sinking and it was thought he had valuable information concerning: (1) the depth to which the submarines could go with safety, and (2) the morale of German submarine crews. Both of these items were of extreme interest to the Navy at the time. Many attempts had been made to obtain this information from the commander ~~however~~ <sup>without success</sup> he was extremely wary. At the time of the <sup>visit</sup> ~~visit~~, the commander was invited over to the officers' club for a few social drinks, which was more or less customary. After a few drinks and some conversation, it could be seen that while he would talk freely on almost all matters, he was well aware of the fact that an attempt might be made to obtain information from him. The opportunity was found to give him a cigarette which had been loaded and after approximately half an hour had passed from the first administration, one of the company, in a round-about and innocent manner, lead up to the question of maximum depth. The commander, although at this time definitely under the effects of the drug, was still wary and indicated he would not give information on this point. Some time later after two more cigarettes had been consumed, the talk was lead around to morale and he freely conversed about the general <sup>lowering</sup> ~~lowering~~ of German submarine personnel. ~~However~~ <sup>information</sup> ~~no information~~ was ever obtained concerning maximum depth.

Another case of that of a <sup>notorious</sup> ~~well-known~~ dope peddler and racketeer in New York City who was well-known to the operator from his days of law enforcement work. The dope peddler was telephoned and asked to come to see the operator who described himself as being connected with secret government work and who was in

a position to give the dope peddler an opportunity to help his country in the War. Despite the character of the peddler, he evidently harbored some feelings of patriotism and presented himself, when it was explained that it was thought his connections in Sicily could be used for espionage purposes. Conversation along this line was carried on for some time and no reference was made to any illegal activities of the dope peddler. Although the dope peddler did not drink liquor, he was persuaded to take just one liqueur to keep the operator "company." Also, during the time, three cigarettes had been given to him at different times. The effect was quite rapid and in about 20 minutes after the third cigarette, the peddler told freely of the many illegal activities in which he had been and was then engaged concerning the smuggling of narcotics. He also named many of his associates and officials who were also involved in this activity, although he was well aware that the person to whom he was talking was, and might be in the future, connected with law enforcement activity.

A little later the peddler complained of feeling very light-headed, as though he had had too much liquor. He discarded this as an explanation; however, because he had had only one drink. He did state that he had been having a little trouble with his digestion and he had not eaten for approximately 24 hours. The operator to cover up this situation convinced him that the one liqueur on an empty stomach and his fasting had made him sick and susceptible to the alcoholic fumes. He accepted this explanation.

Another case was one which illustrated the rule that a common basis must first be established and that suspicion must be allayed. This case involved the questioning of approximately 30 army officers in the space of one day. All of the officers were suspected of being Communists and the interview here being held to try to establish the suspicion. It should be noted that because of the

speed with which the interrogations were carried out, no subtlety of feeling could be first established, and also because most of the men were in fact Communists and were suspicious, their fears concerning the questioning were not quieted. Nevertheless, the drug was administered in cigarettes and five of the thirty, even under the adverse conditions, gave full information concerning their Communist affiliations.

Administration

Administration of the drug in cigarettes is the easiest method. However, it is difficult to gauge the amount of drug taken by the subject because of the different habits of smoking of various persons. Some people smoke a cigarette down to a small stub without withdrawing it from their mouths very often, whereas others take only a few puffs and in the interim either hold the cigarette in their hands or place it on an ash tray. To load a cigarette, the needle should be thrust in the center along the axis <sup>for a distance of about one inch.</sup> ~~until it is approximately one inch from the opposite end.~~ The needle should then be slowly withdrawn, the drug being deposited while this <sup>This procedure should be repeated for the other end of the cigarette, unless it is tipped.</sup> ~~is taking place. The drug should not be deposited any closer than one inch to either end because if it is deposited approximately one inch from the end, or the other will not be consumed. Of course, with cork-tipped cigarettes, no problem of this sort exists.~~ The operator must be careful not to deposit the drug too near the paper wrapping or in too great concentration at one point, as it may reach the paper and stain it. The operator may choose to place either .03 cc in one cigarette or .01 cc in each of three cigarettes to get maximum dosage.

Perhaps the surest way of application is in food, such as candy, hard d'oevres, and the like. Here it is assumed that all of the dose will be consumed and there is the further advantage that some <sup>chance</sup> ~~amount~~ may be <sup>made</sup> ~~of~~ of the amount consumed. For instance, .01 cc could be placed in each of three chocolates which could be given the subject at different times, so as to stretch out the operation.

This may be valuable on occasions because it may be that the required effect will be obtained from .01 cc and that the person might be overcome with .03 cc and thereby frustrating the attempt. The hypodermic may be carried wrapped up in a pocket to a place where food will be served <sup>and used immediately there,</sup> or ~~of course~~ it may be used in the home. Preparation of the particular <sup>drug</sup> ~~injection~~ to be used may be made well in advance.

The administration of the drug in liquor is the most satisfactory, inasmuch as the subject in rationalizing his physical feeling will ascribe his feeling of light-headedness to the liquor. The difficulty is, however, that the oil is not soluble in liquor and in fact is only sparingly soluble in straight grain alcohol. When <sup>always</sup> ~~drops~~ are placed in liquor it will be found that they will remain as small droplets and will settle to the bottom of the container. An attempt is being made <sup>by the</sup> to develop a tincture which can be used directly in liquor or other liquids.

The operator can look for a reaction from cigarette administration in approximately 15 minutes. In a food administration the effect may appear anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes. <sup>These are not always dependable rules, however.</sup> ~~Neither the foregoing nor the following rules hold, as none have been established.~~ The time of reaction will differ with each person and depends upon the physical condition of the subject, the amount of food or liquor he has <sup>already</sup> consumed, the length of time since his last meal, etc. In general, it may be said that his time of reaction will bear the same ratio as the time of reaction to alcoholic stimulants under the same conditions.

The operator must not become impatient <sup>over slow effects, and a time when some of the drug</sup> because of the danger of giving too much ~~drug~~ to the subject. While the drug will not cause harmful effects or injure the subject, it will <sup>probably</sup> cause him to lose consciousness in the same manner as one who is completely drunk, and no further questioning <sup>will be possible.</sup> ~~will be attempted.~~ It is because of this factor that it is advisable to administer the drug in doses of .01 cc over a period of time which will permit observation of results.

The oil is extremely viscous and for this reason must be ejected slowly from the hypodermic. If it is attempted to force the liquid out rapidly, the result may be to force the needle ~~off~~ <sup>off</sup> the hypodermic ~~into the article in which the oil is being injected.~~ <sup>barrel</sup> Because of this characteristic of the oil, the hypodermic cannot be filled by dipping the needle into the liquid. The needle must be taken off the hypodermic <sup>barrel</sup> and the liquid drawn in through <sup>the</sup> a large aperture in the hypodermic body. The liquid exhibits less viscosity at higher temperatures.

It has been found that the amount of drink or food consumed by the subject during the time the drug is administered has no effect on the results produced by the drug as such. It may be that the subject becomes nauseated, however, this will only result from too much food or drink and not from the drug.

One administration of from .01 cc to .03 cc will as a rule last in effect from one-half to one hour. It may take as much as two ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> three hours in extreme cases to administer the drug and reduce the subject to a point where he talks freely. Because of this, it is essential that no operation of this kind be carried <sup>where</sup> ~~where~~ it is <sup>certain that</sup> ~~there~~ there will be no interruptions for a period of three or four hours. While the subject is under the influence, he will exhibit all the evidence of being very drunk and for this reason his appearance in public may excite considerable suspicion and comment.

Effects

The effects of the drug are similar in many ways to the effects produced by alcohol. The brain appears to be intoxicated, ~~however~~ <sup>but</sup> no delusions are produced such as occur in the use of some other drugs. The drug appears to ~~relax~~ <sup>relax</sup> all inhibitions and to ~~relax~~ <sup>relax</sup> the areas of the brain which <sup>gives</sup> ~~gives~~ an individual ~~the ability to keep his tongue under control~~ <sup>discretion.</sup> ~~which he would under normal circumstances keep secret.~~ It also accentuates the senses and increases any strong



character<sup>istics</sup> of the individual. As a rule, in this way it is similar to  
liquor. Sexual inhibitions are ~~loosed~~<sup>loosed</sup>, the sense of humor is accentuated to the  
point where almost any statement can seem ridiculously funny, and, on the other  
hand, where a person is basically ~~mean~~<sup>unpleasant</sup>, he may ~~not even answer~~<sup>become quite so</sup>. In some cases,  
repressions are emphasized; however, this does not appear to affect the giving  
of information or answering questions. In some cases it may be found that while  
repressions are emphasized for a time, this condition will gradually clear up.  
It was stated that, generally speaking, the reaction will be one of extreme  
pleasure, producing an hilarious mood and ~~the tendency to~~ the tendency to  
indulge in practical jokes of a simple nature and horseplay.

Miscellaneous

Tests have shown that the drug may remain potent in a cigarette for  
a couple of weeks and in one case it was found that considerable reaction was  
caused by a cigarette in which the drug had been introduced approximately six  
months before. As a general rule, the drug would keep even better in food  
unless the food itself were to spoil.

Possession of the drug is contrary to Federal law, and a special  
license, obtainable from the Bureau of Narcotics, is necessary to ~~legalize~~<sup>make</sup>  
its possession. This fact may be used to prevent the retention of this drug  
by persons not in the employ of the Government and who should have no access  
to the drug.

When the effects of the drug wear off, the subject will, as a rule,  
have no sense of nausea or feel other physical effects, as he might in the case  
of intoxication caused by liquor. He will be perfectly aware of the fact that  
he talked freely and ~~was possibly indiscreet~~<sup>was possibly indiscreet</sup>. His  
memory will be in no way affected, and as a rule subject will ascribe his loos-  
ness of tongue to the fact that he was intoxicated. It should be remembered

that in some cases where an individual has revealed extremely confidential information, his memory of the fact when he regains normality may cause him to take desperate action of one sort or another, such as leaving the country, attempting to do the operator harm, or to commit suicide. Because of these possibilities this fact must be given consideration before the drug is administered.