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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AUG 14 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHIEF  
INSPECTION AND SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: Interrogation Techniques

1. Set forth below is an extract of information pertinent to the above subject as it appeared in a letter addressed by Mr. [REDACTED] to the U. S. Legation in [REDACTED], who in turn forwarded it to the Department of State. The Legation described Mr. [REDACTED] as a former member of the [REDACTED]

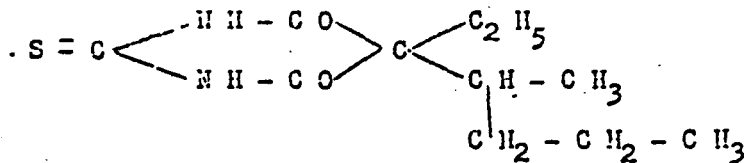
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2. Paris, 16 January 1950

"Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

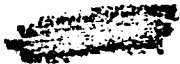
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Formula of the Truth Serum. I had promised you in [REDACTED] to send you the formula of this serum. With this serum all the arrested persons (as was the case with Hindsenty, Rajk etc.) are injected, so that they completely loose their own will thereby and then give such confessions as were talked into them. These injections are called: PERIOTAL. This serum is made by synthesis and is derived from Thiource (sic). The chemical formula is



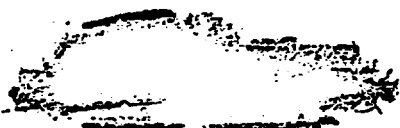
A chemist will understand this formula immediately. These injections are used in Russia as well as in the other satellite countries (Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria etc) at similar trials in order to drug the accused to the point where they admit themselves that they are guilty. I hope that you are satisfied with my information today, and I await further favorable news from you." ...

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3. Although the use of pentathol in this connection is, of course, well known, the above is furnished as of possible interest to your Staff.



Assistant Director  
Special Operations

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