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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Protection of Project OPTEN Information

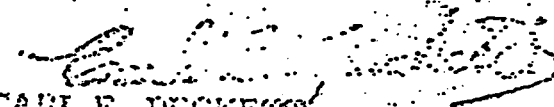
1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 5 relating to the protection of information compiled under Project OPTEN. A brief description of Project OPTEN, its intelligence objectives, and the nature of information compiled are provided as background.

2. Project OPTEN was initiated in 1966 with intelligence objectives of compiling information on pharmacological and chemical products affecting behavior so as to enhance the Agency's capability to detect and nullify manipulation of U.S. personnel by means of these materials. Information from a number of sources was obtained,

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5. The information compiled under Project OFTEN should be preserved for possible future use should a need arise for means of detecting and nullifying the use of behavior-control materials on Agency personnel. Until that need arises, however, the use of the Project OFTEN information should be carefully controlled and not be made available without the Director's specific approval. Consequently, we recommend that all Project OFTEN information be transferred to a secure storage area under your direct control.


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