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Chief, Contact Division
For : Scientific Branch,
Chief, Office

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4 March 1952

[Redacted] and [Redacted]

1. A book published in [Redacted] by [Redacted] Inc., en-
titled [Redacted] by [Redacted] with [Redacted]
on page [Redacted] contains the following:

"Today every [Redacted] military doctor and [Redacted] nurse is trained in
hypnotism. The [Redacted] have used hypnotism to an amazing extent in
healing amnesia cases. Their psychologists use it for traumatic cases.
Hypnosis has indeed become the [Redacted] paramount weapon in the treat-
ment of war neuroses."

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Will you please advise whether [Redacted] has any interest in our find-
ing out what facts, if any, the authors have to support the statements
contained in the above quotation? Such an investigation would undoubt-
edly be time-consuming and we do not wish to embark upon it unless we
have some assurance that the results might be of value to CIA.

2. This book on pages [Redacted] and [Redacted] also contains the following
statements which may be of interest to [Redacted] as well as [Redacted]

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[Redacted], a successful author of books on [Redacted] and the
[Redacted] went
one step further. He has declared:

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"I can hypnotize a man--without his knowledge or consent--into commit-
ting treason against the United States. If I can do it, so could psy-
chologists of other nations in the event of another war."

[Redacted] is absolutely right. I, too, could produce hyp-
notic secret agents and so could hundreds of others trained in the science
of hypnotic suggestion. I would be surprised if many secret services are
not now actually employing hypnotic methods for some of their underground
activities.

"Soon after World War II had started, [Redacted] was called to [Redacted]
[Redacted]. He was asked by intelligence officers about the possibility
that [Redacted], [Redacted] and [Redacted] secret services might be planning to
use hypnotism to obtain information.

[Redacted]

[REDACTED] then made a most provocative and controversial statement when he told United States Intelligence officers:

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"Two hundred trained [REDACTED] operators, trained in the United States, could develop a unique, dangerous army of hypnotically controlled agents."

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