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University of Edinburgh, of whether any systematic work on the ego-depressants is in progress in Scotland or elsewhere in the British Isles. Neither knew of any such work, nor had they any direct interest in the problem. Later I discussed the matter (at Crieff) with another acquaintance, Sir James Learnmouth. He has great interest through his official advisory capacity ("Surgeon to the King," etc., etc.) but knew of no organized work (although he is in a position to know if such work is in progress). He spoke briefly of Sir Frederick Bartlett (Professor and Head of ^{the} Department of Psychiatry at Cambridge) and of his longstanding and expert interest in the field.

September 13, 1951, London. I returned at the request of Brigadier Cheyne. His interest in the problem remains keen. So does Mr. B.A.R. Gater's (whose address is: Ministry of Defense, Metropole Buildings, Northumberland Avenue, Room 739, London). He kindly offered to run down for me the nature and source of any obscure drugs. Others of the Joint Intelligence Board expressed polite scepticism as to the importance of work in this field. However, Brigadier Cheyne "put up a small paper" on the subject to diplomatic channels and it got a warm reception; that is, there is warm interest there (see below) in seeing further work carried out in this field.

From dwelling on these problems to date it seems to me that there are several reasons for our concern over these drugs; in the order of increasing importance these reasons are as follows: (a) We want to know what the Russians are doing. We want to be able to spot by sign and symptom the fact of such drug usage by them. (b) We want to have knowledge of the effects of these drugs ourselves as research tools and as practical instruments for possible use on prisoners (civil and military) if this ever is possible and necessary. These are practical reasons; in addition, there are ^{our} own academic reasons. (c) Most important, in my view, we urgently need to know if by the use of such agents a man of integrity and discretion can be altered without his knowledge so as to lose his integrity and discretion. This might be disastrous in the case

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