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Attention of Colonel John R. Wood

Sir:

I am sending you herewith an account of my activities on a recent trip to Europe. While the specific work for the Army occurred during the eight days, 22 September 1951 to 30 September 1951, a good deal of work took place while I was in England on other personal business from 2 September 1951 to 15 September 1951. Since the activities in England were in large part due to courtesies arranged in the Surgeon General's Office, by Colonel John R. Wood, Lieutenant Colonel H. E. Ratchiff, and by Dr. Arthur R. Turner, it has seemed to me proper to report on these activities as well as the ones in Germany, hence I am sending you all of my detailed observations.

I believe that the enclosed data should be classified but I of course leave it to your office to decide as to what the precise level of classification should be.

I realize that many of the details included in the following report will not be of interest to you and yet it seemed better to me to send a full report for your files. I should like to summarize at once several of the points which may be of interest to you.

I was interested on this part of the trip in discovering what work, if any, is going on in the British Isles and in France on the subject of the "ego-depressant" drugs, usually called truth serum in the newspapers. As you know, we have for some time been engaged in an orderly examination of the merits of various drugs in this category. I sought the above-mentioned information in order to round out our own knowledge. Since I have had an acquaintance for many years with a number of key individuals in England, such as Sir Henry Dale, Professor J. H. Burn (Professor of Pharmacology at Oxford), and others who for a long time have served the British government as scientific consultants, it was easy for me to obtain in short order a fairly complete picture of what is or is not going on there. That there has been considerable interest in this field is indicated in the attached report. It is also quite apparent that hardly anything of significance is now going on in Great Britain despite this interest. I know quite well who in this country might be competent to work in this field and was interested in getting the same background for England. The Englishmen mentioned are well informed as to their country's manpower situation for technical work of this kind; therefore I have included in the attached report notes as to who might be competent to join forces with us if that later seems

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