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Chapter 5
PAIN-DRUG HYPNOSIS

In 1951, a former naval officer described "a secret" of certain military and intelligence organizations. He called it "Pain-Drug-Hypnosis" and said it "is a vicious war weapon and may be of considerably more use in conquering a society than the atom bomb. This is no exaggeration. The extensiveness of the use of this form of hypnotism in espionage work is now so widespread that it is long past the time when people should have become alarmed about it. . . Pain-Drug-Hypnosis is a wicked extension of narcosynthesis, the drug hypnosis used in America only during and since the last war. . ." 1

That statement was the tip of a vast iceberg of mind-control research using drugs as an aide to hypnotic induction. In the 1950s, under air force (and ultimately CIA) guidance, a series of papers were written defining the limits to which a government (ours or an enemy's) could go "to make persons behave against their will." In the introduction to one of those, the authors stated that the purpose of their study was "to review available scientific knowledge on the use of pharmacologic agents to influence the communication of information which, for one reason or another, an informant does not wish to reveal."

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The top priority for testing in mind control were those drugs which were found to induce hypnosis. The administration and effects of barbiturates, amobarbital, secobarbital, pentothal, and sodium amytal were studied. Nonbarbiturate sedatives and calmatives such as ethchlorvynol, glutethimide, methyprylon, methylparafynol, captodramin, and oxanamide were also tested. A whole range of amphetamines and their derivatives were also discussed as good tools to "produce a push" - an outpouring of ideas, emotions, memories and so forth." New drugs such as Ritalin, mersilid and mescaline were thought to hold great promise for mind-control applications. Perhaps the most promising of this last group was a consciousness-expanding drug called LSD-25.

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In 1953, the CIA made plans to purchase ten kilograms of LSD for use in "drug experiments with animals and human beings." Since then there are more than 10,000 doses in a gram, that meant the CIA wanted 100 million doses. The CIA obviously intended to "corner the market" on LSD so that other countries would not be ahead of the U.S. in their potential for "LSD warfare."

1. L. Ron Hubbard, The Science of Survival, Church of Scientology, L.A. Cal., 1951)