

EXHIBIT 18

Aug. 6, 1975

Jerry Baulch Inquires re use of LSD in VAHs

1. Jerry in my off. p.m. of 8/5/75.

Had with him a msg from Sheridan, Wyo., AP saying nurse at VAH there saying there is much use of LSD at VAH. . . . that overall use prgrm being coordinated by a Dr. Godfrey at Topeka VAH (Dr. Kenneth Godfrey) . . . & prgrm just recently ended . . .

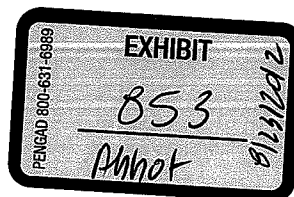
Sheridan AP suggd Wash. query & said they move sty just on Sheridan later in day.

2. Jerry & FRH met with JDC & Dr. Tom Newcomb at 4:30 ystdy.

Some notes on this mtng attached.

It left that we prep basic facts on use of LSD in VAH system for Jerry - then he will ask further quests.

3. Also attached is report of earlier contact with Wash., D.C. VAH by Jack Andy's off., re patient saying he given LSD there in 1966 w.o. informed consent.



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Is LSD still being used anywhere in the VA system for any purpose (treatment or research)?

If not - what date was it discontinued . . . and why was it discontinued?

If there is still some use - what are the safeguards? . . . Is it all done with "informed consent" (by competent patients - or families for incompetent patients)?

Does the Food & Drug Administration have to approve all programs involving use of LSD . . . & does VA have such approval?

Do all VAH programs involving use of LSD have to be approved by DM&S in VACO?

When was the use of LSD first started in the VA system? For what purpose? At what stations?

At what VAHs has LSD been used through the years? (Do we have a breakdown - including the name of the VAH . . . the purpose for which used . . . when the program was started - & when it ended)?

Has DM&S in VACO ever sent the field any instructions - guidelines - or admonitions re the use of LSD? If so, are they of such a "safeguard" nature we would want to give to the media?

What was the professional rationale for any use of LSD? Was such use accepted at some period by professionals in the non-VA medical community? Was there any literature on "glowing results?"

What have been the results of VA's use? Has it proved a medically helpful drug?

Considering the current media exposes of alleged mind-twisting after-effects of LSD . . . what follow-up studies have we done to insure that no permanent damage has been done to VA patients who have been given LSD? (Dr. Tom Newcomb, 8/5/75 mentioned a 7/1/73 follow-up study re use in treating alcoholism that indicated no chromosome or genetic damage.)

When VA has used LSD . . . how did we ensure custody of the LSD supplies so the drug did not get into the wrong hands?

Specifically - is LSD now being used at the Sheridan, Wyo., VAH - or has it been? For alcoholism? How widespread is - or was the use at this VAH.

In total - about how many VA patients have been given LSD through the years?

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Dr. Tom Newcomb mentioned that in 1969 the NIMH reviewed all LSD projects (VA and non-VA) and that the three projects at Wadsworth, Topeka and Palo Alto were okayed for continuance. We have more details on this approval?

What kind of program does Dr. Kenneth Godfrey have at the Topeka VAH? Is it still going on? What have been the results? Has Dr. Godfrey been the central coordinator for programs in other VAHs in addition to Topeka (as the Sheridan, Wyo., AP told the AP bureau in Washington, D.C.)?

Describe the LSD programs at Wadsworth, Palo Alto and Topeka (the three mentioned to AP reporter Jerry Baulch by Dr. Newcomb.)

We need to at least mention that Dr. Chase has been CMD only since ~~4/18/74~~ 4/16/74.

Jerry Baulch wants some quotes or comments from Dr. Chase on VA's use of LSD.

In summary: How much use of LSD has there been in the VA system? . . . Does it continue? . . . What protection has been afforded the patients? . . . Do we have "informed consent" in writing on all patients?

Were all the VA LSD projects financed solely from VA funds? (If no financing came from the CIA or the Armed Services - we need to make that clear.)

If VA still has on-going LSD projects . . . should we have? If we continue the projects - do we need to issue new guidelines assuring protection of patients and absolutely controlled conditions?

(Note: NIMH announced 7/30/75 it no longer provides funds for any LSD projects on humans - altho it did do so for some 20 years. NIMH said it carried out 27 LSD projects on its own between 1953 and 1968 using "about 3,000 volunteers." It also reported NIMH had funded 20 "outside studies" at a cost of more than \$2-million between 1953 and 1974.)

Since much of the LSD use in VA seems to have been centered at the Topeka VAH - primarily under Dr. Kenneth E. Godfrey - he is apt to become the focus of media attention. How will he handle it? Does Dr. Chase need to talk to him . . . to tell the truth, of course, - but stress the patient safeguards, etc.?