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MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RADIATION
EXPERIMENTS (Attention: Dan Guttman)

FROM: HQ AFMOA/SGPT
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SUBJECT: Flashblindness Consent

Yesterday you transmitted a message in which you requested information on the consent process for the flashblindness studies conducted during Operation Snapper and Buster-Jangle. I contacted Colonel John Pickering who participated in these studies as a subject. He clearly remembers giving both verbal and written consent to participate in these studies.

We have located additional documents which describe the technical aspects of these studies and will be forwarding them to you through the Radiation Experiments Command Center.

If you have any questions please contact me at (202) 767-5078. My fax number is (202) 767-5302.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald J. Merritt", is positioned above the typed name.

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