

Addicts Got Drug Payoffs in CIA Tests

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[Story deals with testimony before "a Senate hearing" (probably Subcommittee on Health, Edward Kennedy, chairman) 7 Nov 75.]

"Dr. Edward M. Gunn, a doctor for the CIA from 1955 to his retirement in 1972 ... said [E. Howard Hunt] introduced him to G. Gordon Liddy, ... during a luncheon arranged by Hunt on March 24, 1972 at the Hay-Adams Hotel [in WX].

"I was asked if I could help them by providing a behavior altering drug which they indicated would be given to an individual who was never identified," said Gunn.

"Gunn said he warned the pair that giving the drug to a subject in pillform would be difficult but that research was being conducted on the absorption of drugs such as LSD through the skin.

"Hunt never identified the source of his request but noted that his office at the time was in the White House, Gunn said.

"Last month Hunt told the Providence Journal that he and Liddy had discussed with a former CIA doctor the possibility of coating the steering wheel of columnist Jack Anderson's car with drugs which would then be absorbed through Anderson's skin.

"Gunn said yesterday, however, that he informed Hunt and Liddy that he could not provide them with a drug such as they requested because he was retired from the intelligence agency. He said he never heard about the subject again from Hunt or Liddy."

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