

The CIA's worldwide kill squads

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.... a colorless, odorless poison carefully sealed in a thin capsule and shot out of a hermetically sealed aluminum tube ... fired no more than 24 inches from the victim's face, will produce almost instant death. The deadly vapors are breathed into the lungs. Arteries that carry blood to the brain are paralyzed instantly. Within seconds, the victim begins to die. Within minutes, all traces of the poisonous vapor disappear, long before an autopsy can be performed.

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... CIA chemist have developed a new nerve gas which contains two chemicals which are not poisonous themselves. However, when the chemicals are mixed with each other, a deadly nerve gas results. "These are common chemicals. They're stored in two separate compartments of a bottle which breaks on impact," my source said. "This makes it easy to carry a nerve gas, without danger."

Poison is a favorite weapon among the CIA's "black" agents. The most useful poisons are those of the curare family, a CIA favorite. Crystalline curare is extremely powerful; only 0.025 grams are required to kill a person. One gadget used by agents is a curare-tipped dart fired from a small blowgun, which resembles a cigarette; a cigarette lighter can also be used as a powerful mechanical dart gun, shooting a poisoned dart across a room.