

There has never been even a single controlled clinical or experimental study demonstrating that the information produced by drugged individuals is reliable. That is to say, there is no reason to think that information elicited by barbiturates is correct, or even that it is more likely to be true than false. Accordingly, clinicians and interrogators who use barbiturate in their investigations will inevitably waste precious resources chasing down false leads. Rather than laying in a supply of barbiturates, intelligence agencies would probably be better advised to hire more staff fluent in foreign languages and cultures, and train them in the social psychology of interrogation.

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