

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

-Subject: Rauwolfia

B In a conversation at _____ with
C and _____ in connection with ARTICHOKI and
other matters, the conversation at one time turned to the
C matter of Rauwolfia. _____ remarked something to the
effect that Rauwolfia had a strong potentiating effect in
C connection with alcohol or when _____ used with alcohol.
Bc so far as the writer remembers attributed this to

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SUBJ: Scopolin Serpentina

reportedly
This is a native Indian plant which has remarkable psychogenic
qualities. Many United States chemical houses including Smith and Ciba
are attempting to bring out chemical extracts from this plant or to
synthesize the drug. Some of the trade names being used are Deserpin and
Serpasil.

The drug apparently has soothing, relaxing, sedative qualities.
It is reported that in animals it will convert a violently aggressive
dangerous condition to a completely docile one. It is reported that
dangerous apes have been rendered harmless in very short periods of
time by use of this drug. There is however very little information
on its use or ~~how~~ although there is probably some information
available in India in this connection.

danger in humans

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A [redacted] and [redacted] are
[redacted] have
examining, available material
A on this and [redacted] will check
this out at the Amer Psychiatric
Assoc Convention at St Louis
3-7 May 54.