## What U.S. Drug Company Produced Heroin and LSD?



## Eli Lilly: Purveyor of dangerous drugs:

Two of the most widely abused drugs of this century have been heroin and LSD. How were these drugs introduced into American culture?

Prior to 1919, Eli Lilly and Co. produced heroin cough medicine – no less than four different kinds.

Lilly's Glycerine Heroin Compound was available in pint and gallon bottles. In addition to suppressing coughs, heroin was touted as a cure for morphine addiction, but as such it failed miserably, being itself extremely addictive.

It is now, of course, illegal to prescribe heroin. This dangerous drug is classified as a Schedule I substance by the Drug Enforcement Administration. It has no legitimate medical use. Hundreds of thousands, however, suffer as slaves to heroin addiction.

During the 1960's, psychiatrists such as Oscar

Janiger and psychologists such as Timothy Leary promoted the hallucinogenic drug LSD. The penetration of this now illegal poison into America didn't begin with Janiger and Leary.

In the 1950's Lilly chemists were researching methods of mass producing LSD for the CIA.

Even then, drug control laws prohibited the sale of LSD to the public. So Lilly gave the drug to intelligence agency mind control researchers.

A CIA memo on October 26, 1954 happily informed

then-CIA Director Allen Dulles that Eli Lilly had developed a method of manufacturing large quantities of LSD. "Hitherto," the memo stated, "LSD could not be considered seriously as a candidate Chemical Warfare agent for overt use."

Also in 1954, Lilly officials told the CIA that "in a matter of months LSD would be available in tonnage quantities."

LSD, like heroin, went on to become one of the most widely abused drugs in the world.

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