

*John*  
**ITEM:** The use of Marijuana is hazardous to the health of the Troops.

**DISCUSSION:** There is reason to believe that the Vietcong may be behind the program to increase the use of marijuana. For example, it is known that up to three "Sticks" are routinely made available, free to US Soldiers in some areas. This encourages experimental trial, usage, and endangers both the health and security of our forces.

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**Observation:** Use of Marijuana decreases to some extent alertness, caution, and the ability to detect and respond to sudden danger. Experimental trial of marijuana frequently results in repeated use. "Relaxing" with the use of marijuana can be the first step toward the use of even more potent drugs which have markedly dangerous psychological and physical dependence and complete ruination of the individual. Other diseases such as venereal disease are probably prevalent in the establishments where marijuana is processed and used. The product itself may be dirty. The lack of caution, sharing of a "butt", etc, can give rise to disease.

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