

THE PROJECT

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Adelita Husni-Bey. *The institution will become a secret project to benefit the rich.* 2018. Chromogenic color print. 142 × 177 cm. Courtesy of the artist and Laveronica arte contemporanea. © 2020 Adelita Husni-Bey

DOCUMENT A (CN-3)

The institution known as The Project formerly known as MoMA is currently running tests on us, the people. What was once seen as one of the most influential museums of its time has now turned its back on the same people who have helped support its rise. We were promised a place of refuge from the cold outside world, a shelter, a home, and now that hope has been erased within us all. We're all fucked if we can't get the help we need. I was taken in for what I thought was an examination for a small cough, however I knew something was up as soon as I was taken in with a group of others. More and more people are getting sick. A cough, a fever, shortness of breath and on some occasions fainting. I say fainting, yet I'm not even sure if that's just what it is as some of those who have fainted have yet to be seen make a return. When I was taken in, I was injected with what I was told were antibiotics and a "cure". Bull fucking shit, I'm still here with a heavy cough and my lungs are starting to feel like they are filling with something. Whatever it is they put inside my blood was not to aid me, and I'm more than certain that they're the ones behind this all. They're killing us off. This isn't right. I've been trying to spread the word and I've got some people trying to help investigate the situation but some of them are going missing. What do they do with our bodies next? If they think they can do anything they want with our flesh and bones while we're alive, what do they do with us when we're dead? One of my comrades has gotten information that they're using our bodies for arts in the upper levels of the building. For the rich that is. God, I hate those fucking cocksuckers. Why do they feel the need to do this to us, and why can't they just satisfy their wants with other art forms? What joy do they get from using our blood and tears? It's infuriating for them to take advantage of a group of people who are scared and need help. Can't they think of anything but themselves? Not only that but what's up with the shitbrain nurses? Are they blinded by the money? I get it, the rich are greedy assholes who wouldn't give two shits about anyone but themselves but these doctors, nurses and scientists? They went to school to help people and nurture us all. Killing us off this way. I just wish they would see us more as people and not just material.

DOCUMENT B

May 26, 6:05PM

Solomon,

I was trying to avoid sending you this email, but I can no longer stay silent about this matter. One of our oldest participants, No.3, has been in contact with outside sources to discuss the happenings inside of The Project. I have given it much thought, and found that there are several ways we can handle this problem. These are only my ideas, so please feel free to follow up with any additional things you may think of.

First, I think it is of utmost importance to capture anyone who may have read these emails. This is extremely confidential information, and we must make sure that it is not being spread any more than it already has. I have written up a list of other scientists who would be able to complete a capture mission. Once we have them in our possession, we will be sure to use them for testing in the new COVID-19 pandemic due to government orders. I have estimated that about 8 people will have to be taken in, and luckily for us, we have just been ordered to perform tests on 5 new people.

Second, we must make sure that No.3 is also captured and taken away from his floor. The general consensus in the labs is that he must be executed immediately. No testing at all. He broke the most serious rule, and the consequences must be extreme. I know this is hard to come to terms with, as he has been at The Project since the very beginning, but I am sure you understand why this must be done.

This has not been easy for me to come to terms with. Between the new government mandated Coronavirus tests, and seeing the emails No.3 has written about us, I have been so stressed in the lab. Fortunately, a new exhibition will be going up for our members, so I have been trying to look on the bright side of things.

Please get back to me ASAP with any comments or concerns you have about my proposed plan. This must be executed within the next day to prevent further spread of this information.

Cheers,

Penelope

May 26, 10:20PM

Penelope,

I trust that this email is outdated, and that you have already undergone with the operation to silence No.3. It would disappoint me greatly if my head scientist couldn't deal with a loose lab rat on her own. If outsiders know of No.3's identity, you'll need to set up a cause of death. Heart attack, bad case of the flu works as well. Just make it believable.

I'm sure I don't need to say this, but if anyone makes The Project public, neither one of us will keep our heads. Not to mention the fallout for all our constituents. The government will feign involvement and refuse to protect us, so we will undoubtedly be left to the mob.

Your upcoming job will be to work with intelligence to suppress any information leaking to the subjects. I will continue to keep our guests and partners entertained and unaware of the current COVID situation. Silence who you have to. If necessary, contact the MPs, though that is our last resort. We don't need the president catching wind of this snafu.

Remember, Penelope, we all lose if something goes wrong. One more incident like this and I may institute a change of guard, so to speak.

Good luck,

Solomon B. White

P.S. Talk to Ricky in IT about our servers. I've been having weird glitches with emails lately.

May 30, 8:12AM

Solomon,

My sincerest apologies for not responding sooner. I have been making sure the aforementioned situation has been settled. I am pleased to share that all parties involved have been properly silenced. This past week has been a madhouse in the labs, but thankfully, we have cleaned up well.

I've attached some recent lab reports of new COVID tests that are being performed. The results are pretty inconclusive. Unfortunately, we still must run more tests due to government orders. Collectively, we are getting increasingly tired of these new regulations, and I hope we will be back to our normal business soon.

As always, stay in touch with any new information. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the lab results.

Best,

Penelope

May 31, 10:06AM

Penelope,

I am delighted to hear that you handled the situation with care. It would have been such a bother to find a new project leader if you hadn't.

Either way, our job right now is to wait out the government goons. Just focus everyone's energy on producing tangible results, or at least, making it seem like we're obtaining tangible results. As long as your team continues to test COVID using the lab rats, our government contract will not be breached, and we'll come out of this situation with enough money to fund The Project for decades to come.

I hope you realize how important this work is. Just keep the suits in Washington happy, and we will be able to set sail for greater heights.

Try your best to stay employed,

Solomon B. White

DOCUMENT C

Number	Age Group	Reaction to .05ml of Secretion B	Reaction to 1ml of Secretion B	End Result
362	13-17	Spread of C in body seemed to slow down initially, before resuming initial rate of infection	Patient went into shock, but a decreased presence of C was noticed	DECEASED
991	13-17	C showed no initial symptoms in this patient, yet dosage had no effect on the traces of infection in the body	Still no symptoms. Higher dosage did remove some C cells from body	Terminated in unrelated incident
121	40-60	Patient seized, possibly due to overheating. Further tests required	Patient catatonic. Secretion B seems to be ineffective in reducing the fever.	DECEASED
76	18-25	Spread of C in body seemed to slow down entirely	Spread has sped up to previous rates, despite increased dosage.	LIMBO
599	70+	Patient passed away shortly after administering the infection	DECEASED	DECEASED
473	70+	Spread of C in body seemed to slow down entirely	C slowed to a point where it could be dealt with by antibodies	CURED