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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 19 February 1954

TO : Director of Security  
Chief, Security Research Staff

FROM : Deputy Director of Security

SUBJECT: Project [REDACTED]

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1. Reference is made to the attached report on proposed development of Project [REDACTED] B/3

2. This project is an operational application of ARTICHOKE, and I feel that we should clearly be in the picture from start to finish exercising control features on actual experimentation.

F 3. As stated in the report, the principal question is whether or not an individual can be controlled into the future by the application of "H" techniques. I further feel that this cannot be done in the United States on a clinical basis, and the only answer is to concentrate on field applications. To this end we could supplement the ARTICHOKE team and possibly carry out these experiments on [REDACTED] where I understand we have some likely prospects who meet all the requirements and are not "friendly."

4. I recommend that we lay on this project with [REDACTED] and obtain a full working agreement and support this activity in every possible way. G

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1. TSS and TSS operations at [redacted] may present a problem. [redacted] knows many men who are TSS consultants, most of whom would be on the covert side and it is possible that we may have a flap on this because sooner or later TSS will probably find out about the project. In addition, it probably would be a good idea to cut TSS in or at least selected personnel since they may have some new chemicals for tests, possibly of interest to us.

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2. I believe we should cut [redacted] into the project. He is very valuable on research and is devoting almost all of his time now to psycho-chemicals. He is fully cut into ARTICHOKE and I believe we can control him completely.

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3. If offices are established in [redacted] they must be fully equipped for monitoring purposes. This is the type of work that we should do since we may want tapes on significant conversations.

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4. I have discussed the situation in very general terms with [redacted] and I believe he would be definitely interested in the clinical <sup>psychologist</sup> psychiatrist assistance on the project at [redacted]. I believe we should push this since it will place [redacted] in a key position where he can watch the situation from our point of view and he has a <sup>perfect</sup> natural cover.

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5. In our discussions, we have failed to point out the fact we will probably need a [redacted] speaking individual in addition to [redacted] on the Staff A at the [redacted] at [redacted]. This is important for a great many reasons and might be very valuable if the "students" were not aware that the person in question spoke and understood [redacted]. I believe this employee should be a staff employee of the Agency.

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6. I am still somewhat concerned over the bringing together of agent candidates all at [redacted]. This may be a security hazard and unless our cover is extraordinarily good, it may blow the project. This needs a very careful study. [redacted] told me that there are no bodies available now that he knows about in the [redacted] area for test purposes.

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7. It is my opinion that the proposed three hypnotic consultants may be a bad idea and may possibly drive [redacted] out of the picture. Certainly we should check this with [redacted] as soon as possible. As you know, [redacted] has a large contempt for the college instructor type hypnotist and his objections in many ways are valid. <sup>also</sup> We must talk to [redacted] about [redacted] as soon as possible. [redacted] is completely inexperienced now and I wonder where he will get experience, particularly on [redacted] and under what cover will this be attempted. As you know, [redacted] arranged [redacted] first case a week or two ago and I am absolutely certain that [redacted] gave [redacted] a well-condition subject. F A

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8. Details concerning the trip into the [redacted] for test purposes are still very, very vague. In my opinion, ARTICHOKE will have to have a fairly sizable representation at these tests - Exclusive of physical

A security which probably will be handled by [REDACTED] out of [REDACTED] F  
though we have discussed this before, I feel that we should probably have on  
our team, in addition to you and I, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

9. We have not yet discussed technical details as you know. We are not at  
all certain as to whether or not [REDACTED] knows anything about hypnotism or  
for that matter, [REDACTED] of course, has had no experience and we  
do not know if [REDACTED] speaks enough [REDACTED] to work II on [REDACTED] subjects. F  
At the present time, we do not yet know how [REDACTED] et al A  
propose to bring II to bear on the "students." How this will be done and  
what cover will be used is of vital concern to us for many reasons.

*conditioning*  
10. The conditioning process of the students in [REDACTED] and the subjects B/3  
in the [REDACTED] on the test is of vital interest to us. We would like to  
know what the views of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] etc. are on length of time  
required, techniques, covers, methods, etc., etc. We would also like to  
know would it be possible to test new chemicals under some pretext or  
other at the project in [REDACTED] B/3

C 11. Whereas I believe we should give [REDACTED] all the technical equipment  
he needs, we certainly should have some say in the purchase of it and  
I personally would not be in favor of buying technical equipment for [REDACTED] C  
merely for non-pertinent experimental reasons.

AA 12. We have not as yet been briefed by [REDACTED], or [REDACTED] as to C  
specifically what they intend to do, what they intend to look for in the

way of subjects and how he proposes to go about the conditioning process. Since we must be responsible for security in these matters, I feel we must have full knowledge for any work such as this. A flap in this matter might be very serious.

13. In connection with the special testing in the [redacted] area this fall, what has been proposed to date? Does't yet make sense to me. F

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- A. [redacted] says there are no bodies for testing.
  - B. [redacted] and [redacted] suggested we would need 10 selected subjects.
  - C. Selected by whom and would these subjects be witting, unwitting, prisoners, volunteers, or what?
  - D. Who is going to choose them? It was proposed that [redacted] choose these 10 subjects but how can we expect [redacted] to correctly choose them. Or should we send [redacted] to assist prior to the arrival of the team? A A
  - E. If time is short for the testing we are certainly going to have to use chemicals. We should discuss this in detail.
  - F. Also this may be an opportunity to test a few new chemicals and this should be considered since the expense involved would not add anything more to the overall cost. A