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Memorandum to: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
From: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

This is in the nature of an interim report from the Committee of which you requested aid in respect to Artichoke. This seems an appropriate time to make such a summary of activity during approximately the last six months (when you first asked me to consider this question) since it is, in a sense, the end of the first phase of the work and the beginning of a second.

As you know, I visualized that we might form an Advisory Committee for this work consisting of approximately six people, and the six who were considered were ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and myself. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and myself have served since May. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ expects to serve beginning in November. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ I have not yet been able to see.

The Committee ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and myself have had two general meetings, one in Washington in May (the briefing session) and one in New York in July. In addition, there have been a number of discussions between two or more members of the Committee, and between Committee members, as individuals, and members of your office. As a result, several recommendations have been made and several projects initiated, as follows:

1. Research on the Nature and Use of the Polygraph

At its briefing session the Committee was impressed with the importance of adequate knowledge on the part of the Agency of the characteristics and capabilities of the Polygraph and polygraph methods, and this matter was discussed at some length at the general meeting of the Committee in New York in July and thereafter. As a result of these discussions, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ with Agency approval, made

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contact with <sup>one name deleted</sup> and appropriate persons in G4, where there was considerable interest in research in the project, and preliminary discussions were held looking toward a cooperative investigation of parts of the question. Further following of these discussions is now within the Agency.

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2. General Formulation of Research Areas

As a result of the second meeting of the Committee, a general formulation was made of the Committee's concept of the research areas involved in this investigation and the formulation and weighting which should be given to each. This formulation is now with the Agency for further consideration.

3. Chart of the Field, and of the Kinds of Investigation Required

In May, a project was initiated within the Agency, with the help and advice of the Committee, to draw up a general, and insofar as possible, a comprehensive chart of the needs and resources within this field. Work on the chart progressed somewhat during the summer, with the aid of some of the Committee members. It was soon found, however, that more information was needed concerning the requirements of the Agency and its own concept of the problem than was immediately available. Work on the chart has been interrupted since July pending the receipt of this information.

4. Project: Interrogation Techniques and their Relative Effectiveness

The Committee has suggested that the immediate initiation of one or two contract projects in this area would be helpful and relevant, and would also lead naturally to later, more specialized investigations. Several possible groups which might be approached have been suggested and discussed, among them:

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Consideration of this area and the proper approaches to it is now going on within the Agency.

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5. Project: Survey of Hypnosis and Narcosis

This area, which may or may not be of critical importance, is one of the hardest to evaluate. It is also important that the Agency come to grips with it, particularly because of preceding history.

One member of the Committee has concerned himself particularly with this area, talking with [redacted] and with an assistant of [redacted] and following certain titles in the literature. In addition to [redacted] the following names are suggested as appropriate consultants within this area:

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- 2. [redacted]
  - a. [redacted]
  - b. [redacted]

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The Committee is standing by to be of any further assistance that it can to the Agency in designing this program.

This first "advisory" phase of Committee work has thus suggested several possible leads in the investigation. This seems to be about as far as the Committee can go until further information on Agency requirements becomes available and until an operative structure has been assembled in the Agency to undertake the staff and field work necessary to select among these available leads and to implement them. While this build-up is going forward, the Committee holds itself ready (as individual consultants) to be of any further advisory assistance that it can.

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