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TO : Deputy Chief, I & S Staff

DATE: 27 February 1950

FROM : Interrogation Research Section

SUBJECT: Problems Involved in Obtaining a Psychiatrist

Some of the problems involved in the procurement of a consultant or full time psychiatrist are as follows:

1. A reputable civilian psychiatrist could not afford to be available to us on short notice.

a. Even the highest government salary would not begin to compare with his private income.

b. He would be obligated to keep appointments with patients which have been scheduled weeks in advance.

2. He might not have the interest or motivation to be active in such a narrow scope of the over all psychiatric field.

3. His ethics might be such that he might not care to cooperate in certain more revolutionary phases of our project.

4. Very few psychiatrists are now on active duty and are, therefore, difficult to procure through that channel.

5. Very few psychiatrists are really capable in the application of hypnosis and have no interest whatsoever in ESP.

It is believed that we are fortunate in having located a candidate to fill such a billet in CIA. This man is Dr. ~~_____~~, now on active duty at the ~~_____~~ also has an office of his own in town and a two-day a week private practice. He has the following points in his favor as far as overcoming the above mentioned difficulties:

1. He is on active duty working toward retirement (five years to go).

2. He is extremely interested in the use of hypnosis, drugs and ESP.

3. His ethics are such that he would be completely cooperative in any phase of our program, regardless of how new or revolutionary it may be.

4. He has an office in town which could be used as a remote location for some of our work.

5. He would be willing to go on trips whenever necessary.

The disadvantage in obtaining ~~_____~~ on a part time basis is as follows:

1. He is ~~_____~~

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