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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
TO: [REDACTED] - G
SUBJECT: Project ABTICHOKE

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1. You will recall that the handling of the above project for the past year has been considerably confused and that a number of efforts have been made to put sufficient impetus behind the project so that some concrete results could be accomplished.

2. Attached is a memorandum dated 14 July 1952 in which I concurred on your behalf, recommending that over-all responsibility for this Project be transferred from OSI to FSO, and that responsibility for the necessary supporting research be transferred to the R&D program of OSS under the supervision of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. All use of the technique or other activity in the [REDACTED] will be under the complete control of the Senior CIA representative in any area concerned.

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3. As you are aware, coordination of this project on behalf of [REDACTED] has been assigned for the past year to the [REDACTED]. It is not believed that there is any functional reason why this Project should be handled by the [REDACTED]. The basic [REDACTED] participation in the Project involves the exercise of an operational CI and operational security judgment. This matter has been discussed with the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and it is the consensus that the [REDACTED] responsibility for the project should be transferred at this time to [REDACTED].

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ACTION:

It is recommended that you authorize the transfer of this Project from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].

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Concur
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Attachment: Memo dated 14 July 1952

cc: [REDACTED]

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5 Aug 52

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