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Contacted [redacted] at Contact Office regarding the possibility of the [redacted] having a centralized file on methods of interrogation. From what [redacted] has told me there is probably a [redacted] named [redacted] who debriefs all the [redacted] coming out of the Iron Curtain. [redacted] from our [redacted] is our contact man for the [redacted] is

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Another interesting point is that there are six or seven people at [redacted] who last week conducted a series of seminars on various methods of interrogation. These seven have been interrogated by the British, Russian, French, German and other assorted European intelligence agencies.

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Another name mentioned was a [redacted] who just got out of [redacted] was [redacted]. Another name to be checked was [redacted] and [redacted] wrote books. [redacted] book is [redacted]. [redacted] will check at [redacted] to see whether any record was made of these seminars and perhaps of the possibility of arranging similar ones.

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He expects [redacted] to come to Washington in the next week or so and will see that we meet him.

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It is interesting to know that the people feel that [redacted] is a sour apple. The [redacted] group were able to shake out many inconsistencies in his story and it is felt he has offered to collaborate.

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DATE: 21 May 1953

TO : Chief, Technical Branch

FROM :

[Redacted]

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SUBJECT:

[Redacted]

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1. On 20 May 1953, the undersigned interviewed [Redacted] in the presence of [Redacted] in the [Redacted] of the Contact Division.

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4. [Redacted] stated he was questioned many times by many individuals apparently representing different divisions of the government and the military but claims there was no co-ordination between interrogations and the interrogations were very poor until late in [Redacted]

[Redacted] He was interrogated for the most part through English-speaking interpreters.

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5. He has been questioned by many people in this country, including [Redacted] and extensively by this Agency. According to his statement, He did not see a great deal in as much as the group of civilians were isolated from the GIs for the most part. He states that he was never beaten although his face was slapped and he was never forced to a point of fatigue in questioning and no unusual methods of interrogation were used.

6. Upon his release he and other Americans were taken through [Redacted]

An itinerary is attached.

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7. An interesting point is that his journey [REDACTED] was somewhat hazy to his recollection and there were some gaps which he claims he was later able to reconstruct. He says that during this period of time, he ate [REDACTED] food and drank large quantities of tea since they were thirsty. (It would be interesting to determine if the other Americans, during the same period of travel, were likewise confused and hazy and whether drugged drinks were served as they passed through areas under military control.)

8. During his trip through [REDACTED] they were not guarded or followed but spent all their time on trains or stops along the way.

9. Another interesting point is that when he was confronted with the gap of a day or so, he volunteered to submit himself to a truth serum so that forgotten memories would be revived. When I talked with him, he again stated that he had made an offer to take a truth serum. Although his information seemed to be somewhat general, in view of his willingness, it might be an opportunity to test some ARTICHOKE techniques.

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10. This individual is so co-operative that many of his interrogators suspect his motives and even [REDACTED] stated he would not evaluate him one way or the other. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is co-ordinating the interrogation of this group of Americans and should be contacted if further interviews are desired.

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