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F A NOTE: [redacted] a staff member and a capable interpreter in both [redacted]. Herebefore, the conversations had been conducted with [redacted] acting as interpreter and speaking solely in [redacted] -- the subject's knowledge of English being reported as extremely limited.

A [redacted] had come out to the safe house in the middle of the day and had been briefed generally on the subject by individuals working on the case. It had been previously decided that [redacted] was to act [redacted] with whom the subject had had previous dealings and attempt a conversation with him.

This was possible in view of the regression technique carried out under the Artichoke method and using the drugs in combination.

4:22 to 5:00 PM (approximately) [redacted] working together and starting with [redacted] playing the role of [redacted] [redacted] questioned the subject exhaustively during this period. A

B/6 4:31 PM [redacted] placed a small syringe (contents believed to be Dosexin, amounts unknown -- see medical report of [redacted] in the subject's arm. A

4:31 1/2 PM [redacted] removes small syringe and replaces large syringe in subject's left arm. Subject believed to be sodium pentothal (see medical report).

B/6 5:04 PM [redacted] places large syringe again in subject's left arm.

5:10 PM - (approximately) Large needle taken out.

A NOTE: Between approximately 4:45 and 5:10 PM, under instruction by the Artichoke Team, [redacted] changed his questioning tactics and very harshly denounced and questioned the subject to see what results could be obtained at this point since it was known that significant material had been obtained previously and [redacted] felt that the time was beginning to run out for the best drug control. This sharp questioning produced an extremely violent result. The subject wept copiously, tensed and untensed his muscles, moved almost continuously on the bed and made a series of very dramatic and anguished statements apparently in denial of the questions and charges put to him by [redacted]. Thereafter, and during the insertion

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of the large needle, the subject suddenly began to be extremely quiet and passed into a deep coma. This condition lasted for a few minutes and subject then calmed down into a more or less sleep condition and all persons in the operations room left the subject at 5:14 PM after [redacted] under instruction, told the subject to sleep.

5:14 to 7:50 PM - Subject was left alone in the operations room with the exception of a continuous [redacted] guard and a more or less constant check by [redacted] and the two doctors. A

7:50 PM - Subject was removed by [redacted] and [redacted] to his own bedroom and according to the two doctors and [redacted] at this time the subject was left okay.

8:00 PM - (approximately) All hands left the safe house with the exception of [redacted] and the writer after a brief conversation in which [redacted] expressed extreme enthusiasm for the results of the Artichoke technique.

28 August 1952 (Thursday)

Case #2 [redacted] B/3

NOTE: It should be noted that this case [redacted] was handled by the Artichoke Team in [redacted] June 1952, using the Artichoke technique. Hence, it was agreed by members of the Artichoke Team in consultation with the Case Officers that it would be unnecessary to again apply Artichoke methods in this case, but only use the case for future research in this connection with the [redacted] experimentation. It should also be noted that the Case Officer who worked with the [redacted] case in June [redacted] was brought from [redacted] to [redacted] for the sole purpose of working on this case. [redacted] at this time was engaged in a very complex operation out of [redacted] and, hence, his time was very limited. F

10:15 AM - Subject brought to safe house [redacted] and guards. A

12:10 PM [redacted] and associates arrive. B/6

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1:35 PM - A conference was held at this time and at this point [redacted] indicated that only the following were to attend the conference: [redacted] (interpreter) [redacted] and [redacted] the case officer. [redacted] excluded [redacted] [redacted] apparently for personal reasons, but no objection was made to this by [redacted] or the writer on the basis of FBI representation by [redacted] and not wishing to create any problems for [redacted]

2:30 PM - Conference ended.

2:35 PM - Subject taken to operations room with [redacted] and [redacted] attending. B/6
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2:40 PM - (approximately) Beer prepared by [redacted] and [redacted]. This bottle of beer contained .15 grams of "L", 20 milligrams of "G", and 50 milligrams of "J".

NOTE: This dosage, which appears to be very heavy, was given on the basis of the known physical characteristics of this subject who is strong, very robust, shrewd, and intelligent.

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3:55 PM - [redacted] carried beer in and placed drugged bottle before subject.

3:56 PM - First sip.

3:58 PM - Second sip.

4:03 PM - Third sip.

4:53 PM - Bottle finished.

6:16 PM - First session ended and all hands left operations room and subject taken to bedroom.

6:30 PM - Dinner was served subject in his room and was given a bottle of beer containing .20 grams of "L" in the beer.

7:20 PM - (approximately) Subject had consumed all of his beer, but very little of the food.

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7:30 PM - [redacted] called another conference with [redacted] -- again excluding [redacted] and the writer. A

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NOTE: It should be noted at this point that [REDACTED] official representative, was also excluded from these conferences for what reason the writer is unable to state.

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8:03 PM - Conference ended.

8:13 PM - Second session begins with [REDACTED] in the operations room.

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8:25 PM - Subject entered the operations room.

8:30 PM - (approximately) [REDACTED] prepared a bottle of beer with the following drugs: 20 grams of "L"; 50 milligrams of "Q"; 10 milligrams of "G".

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8:40 PM - [REDACTED] carried the beer in and placed drugged bottle in front of subject.

8:50 PM - Subject took first sip.

9:01 PM - Subject took very long drink.

9:15 PM - Subject finished first glass of beer.

10:10 PM - Subject finished bottle of beer.

10:15 PM - All hands left the operations room for short break.

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10:17 PM - [REDACTED] called a conference with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in attendance.

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10:55 PM - Conference ended and [REDACTED] return to the operations room and re-join the subject. Session continued.

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12:05 PM - [REDACTED] carried in straight beer, shrimp, and glasses and stayed in the room.

NOTE: Since this subject was known to have bragged of many affairs with women, it was agreed by [REDACTED] that if [REDACTED] entered the room and stayed in the room, it might possibly have an effective stimulation on the subject. [REDACTED] when she carried the beer into the room, wore her hair [REDACTED] flowing [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED] normal loosely framing her face [REDACTED] instead of her normal "prim" up-sweep.

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12:47 PM - Session ended by agreement of all individuals in operations room and the case was concluded on [REDACTED] decision.

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A. General consensus at this point completely negative. Subject returned to bedroom and shortly after this all hands except [REDACTED] and the writer left the safe house.

NOTE: At the conclusion of this case in the presence of several of the teams involved, [REDACTED] made the following remark, "One thing we have learned is that the people we have worked with over here are not like students in the U.S."
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29 August 1952 (Friday)

On Friday, 29 August 1952, the Artichoke Team removed the technical equipment from the safe house near [REDACTED] and repaired damage to that place. Equipment was then transferred to the [REDACTED] and technical installation made at that point.
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30 August 1952 (Saturday)

It should be noted also that the rooms in which the interrogation was carried on at [REDACTED] were only suitable for monitoring purposes and a special mirror could not be placed in these rooms. Hence, [REDACTED] whereas much of the information in the first two cases was by direct eye witness and monitoring, the following cases were based on monitoring alone. F

After the handling of the first two cases, which were hardcore agent types, at the request of [REDACTED], the officers at the [REDACTED] station had made arrangements for the supplying of simple defector types for processing by [REDACTED]. The next cases handled were all of this type and these individuals, without exception, had been given a deluxe treatment after their defection from [REDACTED]. These individuals had been placed in houses, given spending money and a great amount of freedom. They had not been harassed in a real sense. No strong pressure had been applied to them and no serious threats had been made even though all of them had given stories which were not totally accurate. B/6

9:05 AM - Conference - all hands.

9:25 AM - Conference ended.

9:35 AM - [REDACTED] escorted the first defector to the operations room and the session started with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] present in the operations room.
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NOTE: This first defector had originally claimed to have been a [redacted] but straight interrogation by [redacted] specialists, including [redacted] had clearly established that while he had served in [redacted] he was not a [redacted] and was not a particularly valuable subject.

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9:40 AM - (approximately) Coffee was prepared. The writer observed, at this point, [redacted] placing a small amount of a white crystalline powder on the end of his knife blade and placed same in subject's coffee. [redacted] wanted the coffee to taste bitter and he [redacted] explained that he was placing a small amount of quinine (quinine sulphate?) in the coffee solely for the purpose of making it bitter. The writer did not taste the substance himself nor did he have any opportunity to examine the bottle containing this substance.

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10:20 AM - Another pot of coffee was made and again [redacted] using the tip of a knife blade, placed more of the bitter [redacted] into the coffee. This was carried in again by [redacted]

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10:50 AM - Beer was prepared by [redacted] and [redacted]. In this case, 10 milligrams of "G" and .1 grams of "L" were placed in the subject's bottle of beer which was carried in and placed before him. All others in the room had similar bottles of beer without drugs, of course.

11:32 AM - (Approximately) Subject consumed entire bottle of beer.

12:30 PM - This session ended and all hands stopped for lunch.

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1:30 PM - The second session with this subject began with [redacted] and [redacted] and the subject.

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2:50 PM - Another bottle of beer was prepared for subject's consumption. This beer contained .05 grams of "L", 15 milligrams of "Q" and 5 milligrams of "G".

3:00 PM - Beer taken in and drugged beer placed before subject by [redacted].

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4:02 PM - Monitoring officials were informed that direct questions were now being put to the subject, whereas previously, the discussion had been very friendly and informal. [redacted] came out of the operations room at this time.

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4:25 PM [redacted] came into the monitoring room and advised that subject, on going to the bathroom, had stumbled and fallen apparently in an intoxicated condition.

5:25 PM - Session ended.

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5:30 PM - [redacted] escorted this subject from the area.

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5:37 PM - General conference was held by all hands including [redacted]

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NOTE: This was an informal conference held in the recording room. The writer, at this point, noted some enthusiasm on the part of [redacted] and [redacted] but under direct questioning by the writer, certain very obvious holes ~~appeared~~ appeared. The writer felt that [redacted] had been psychologically conditioned by previous talking with [redacted] and that their reactions were not as impartial as they should have been. This feeling was confirmed by later discussions with [redacted] and [redacted] and by ~~made later~~ statements that they made to the Artichokd Team, [redacted] and particularly to [redacted]

6:20 PM - Conference ended and all hands left [redacted]

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NOTE: The writer feels that it is advisable at this time to point out that, during the course of the day's session, this subject drank only three bottles of beer ~~with~~ yet, according to eye-witness reports, appeared intoxicated and stumbled and fell when going to the bathroom. According to [redacted] this subject was able to drink many times this amount without effect. Hence, the writer felt that the drugs placed in the beer could not, in fact, be called surreptitious since any intelligent person would wonder why, after only three bottles of beer, he was ~~intoxicated~~ intoxicated and had fallen.

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The writer also felt that, whereas apparently the subject had altered or changed several of his previously given stories, there was no indication whatsoever that ~~the~~ statements he was making during the conference ~~was~~ ~~true~~ were or more accurate than his other stories. The writer put this question to both [redacted] and [redacted] and they admitted that this, of course, was true.

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30 August 1952 (Sunday)

This subject, a reasonably low-grade [redacted] was apparently [redacted] as stated before, his story to date had contained numerous discrepancies and apparently false statements although he too had been given the deluxe treatment.

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9:40 AM - General conference with all hands present.

10:17 AM - Conference ended.

10:24 AM - [redacted] escorted this subject into the operations room where only [redacted] and [redacted] were present.

10:27 AM [redacted] entered the operations room where the subject and [redacted] were talking.

10:40 AM [redacted] prepared coffee with [redacted] who had come out. This coffee contained 10 milligrams of "G" and .05 milligrams of "L".

10:50 to 10:52 AM [redacted] carried coffee into room and stayed.

11:07 AM - More coffee was requested and sent in. This coffee was not drugged.

11:18 AM - The subject finished coffee.

11:21 AM - Beer was taken in. This beer had previously been prepared by [redacted] and [redacted] and it contained .05 grams of "L". [redacted] and [redacted] had left room to procure this beer and returned to the room with [redacted] carrying the beer.

12:25 PM - Beer was finished.

1:21 PM - Session ended.

1:27 PM [redacted] went to lunch, while [redacted] continued to talk to the subject.

1:40 PM - Entire group had lunch.

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2:32 PM - Second session started with [redacted] and [redacted] all attending.

2:58 PM [redacted] came out and prepared coffee for the subject which contained .05 grams of "L". [redacted] carried it in immediately thereafter.

3:10 PM - First drink of coffee.

3:20 PM - Coffee was finished by the subject.

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3:57 PM [redacted] came out and stated, "I should have touched him up a bit more but was afraid of the subject becoming intoxicated later." Shortly thereafter [redacted] came out and at this point [redacted] stayed out.

4:50 PM [redacted] came out, picked up several bottles of beer which was not drugged and carried same into operations room.

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5:30 PM - Session ended and the subject left with [redacted]

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NOTE: Immediately thereafter, conference started of those remaining in the room who were [redacted]. These individuals began a discussion of the case and interrogation and, as usual [redacted] and the writer were not asked to join in this discussion. However, the writer continued to monitor the discussion and noted considerable disagreement between [redacted] and [redacted], although both indicated that they felt the previous day's interrogation had been better than the one just concluded. In general, however, the writer's opinion was that the discussion was totally negative and that on the basis of his limited knowledge of the operation, results were negative also.

6:00 PM - Conference thereafter ended and all hands departed. [redacted] G

1 September 1952 (Monday)

By agreement with all hands, no work was performed this date after it was ascertained that there were no more cases immediately available and since by this time it appeared obvious

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TO all members of the Artichoke Team that the [redacted] techniques were producing no positive results. For a matter of record, it should be very clearly noted that as early as the first case, [redacted] and [redacted] were in agreement with the Artichoke Team that the [redacted] techniques were not going to be productive and at this point, although [redacted] had suddenly left the previous day, it was clearly established by [redacted] and [redacted] and from an operational point of view by others participating, that the results were negative.

2 September 1952 (Tuesday)

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Since at this point, it was obvious that the results were, to say the least, disappointing; and since it was very clear that additional cases would be extremely difficult to obtain, and also that [redacted] obviously felt he was not being given everything that he desired, both in the way of co-operation and bodies upon which to experiment, a general conference was held in the office of [redacted] beginning at 10:25 AM, Tuesday morning. Since the conference was informal and called somewhat hurriedly, and since it would have been an embarrassment to [redacted] the conference was not recorded. The writer, however, took the liberty of making a few notes at the conference which are included at this point solely for information purposes.

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Shortly after the conference began [redacted] took the floor and proceeded to comment on the cases run to date. He stated on the first case that it was an open question as to whether the new information was due to the new technique or continued questioning by the case officers, [redacted] etc. On the second case, [redacted] conceded that he had accomplished nothing. On the third and fourth, [redacted] stated that the results were positive and that he based these on [redacted] and [redacted] views. "Self criticism" was not there on the part of the subject's involved. He stated that the psychiatric examination (as apparently carried on by [redacted]) was somewhat disturbing to the subject. At this point, it seemed very obvious to the writer that [redacted] felt a strong resentment toward [redacted]

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[redacted] restated that the substance could be administered without suspicion on the part of the subject. This statement was not challenged by anyone present although the subject obvious

facts seemed to refute it. [redacted] complained of a lack of bodies to work on and stated that there were "not enough" to constitute a convincing report. [redacted] then stated that he wanted more cases. At this point in the discussion, [redacted] very methodically and in great detail pointed out to [redacted] the extreme difficulty of obtaining bodies at this particular time, but promised that every effort would be made to see if they could procure at least one more body.

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At this time, [redacted] pointed out that the entire trip had been predicated upon the fact that [redacted] through [redacted] in Washington, had emphatically let it be known that he had to be back in [redacted] by the 9th of September and since this was Tuesday, 2 September, and it took two days by plane to return to the United States, that left only the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th of September to conclude the work. Furthermore [redacted] pointed out that we had been previously told by [redacted] that one of the reasons for the abrupt departure of the [redacted] was the fact that [redacted] had certain work that they wished to perform in [redacted] the week preceding our arrival, hence their departure on the 12th of September.

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It should be noted for the record that the [redacted] apparently arrived in [redacted] on or about the 13th and according to informed sources, had not left the city of [redacted] between the day of their arrival and the arrival of the Artichoke Team.

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At this point, [redacted] stated that he had advised [redacted] that it was "highly advisable" that he be back by the 10th of September, but now it would be all right to return by the 20th of September. He again stated that he had not accumulated as many cases as he had hoped.

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At this point, [redacted] stated emphatically that he had been ordered by the [redacted] to be back in the U.S. on the 9th of September, which, in the opinion of the writer, very obviously confirms the statement made in Washington by [redacted] that he had to be back on the 9th of September.

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At this point, [redacted] explained that there were certain cases that could be handled by him, but only at [redacted] and when [redacted] showed enthusiasm about traveling to [redacted] and [redacted] supported by the writer, specifically vetoed a sudden unprepared and not properly worked out trip by the Artichoke Team into either [redacted]. It is the writer's opinion that such a sudden trip, without any preparation or knowledge of the cases or security study, would be hazardous and, in view of the completely unsuccessful performance to date, would be simply a waste of time and money.

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After this discussion, [redacted] announced without ever previously mentioning this idea that "it was operationally the ideal time to use the substances on initial contact". This statement, which I have mentioned above, was never made by [redacted] before and came as a considerable shock to the Artichoke team, particularly in view of the fact that [redacted] allegedly made a trip [redacted] several years ago for the study of cases and how best to attack them. It occurred to the writer at this point that a very proper question to put to [redacted] would be: What methods were used on initial contact with the students and what were the technical details and relevant material gathered concerning the initial contacts?

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Thereafter, [redacted] continued his defense of his methods and stated, "Our technique is not one of obtaining validity of a story but is a technique of obtaining 'rapport'."

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At this point, since [redacted] had very clearly stated that he felt he had not had enough bodies on which to research, the writer asked him how many individuals persons in his two years work at [redacted] had he [redacted] worked upon. Whereupon, [redacted] proceeded to state that he had spent hundreds, to thousands of hours with various agencies in experimentation and research. The writer again insisted that he wished to know how many individual cases he had worked on and at this point [redacted] said 20 or thereabouts.

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The writer was informed that reliable sources had stated that [redacted] had worked on only five individuals. The writer cannot vouch for this statement, but is inserted in this report for information purposes and a guide in the investigative reports in this case.

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At this point, it became obvious that [redacted] was antagonistic to the writer and, in general, the discussion that followed, made a strong statement in which he very clearly felt or at least implied that [redacted] had interfered with his cases. At this point, [redacted] challenged the statement and then changed and stated that he had not meant that [redacted] had interfered.

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Shortly thereafter, the writer again took up the subject of obtaining the specific drugs, [redacted] the special formulas, if any, and the exact dosages and the writer specifically and directly asked [redacted] to reveal these things to him for the record. Immediately thereafter, [redacted] went into a long discussion in which he wanted the writer to make no report on the case until he had read a 75-page technical report on the work at [redacted] and that this Agency would not use the substances if they were made known to him. [redacted] also at this point charged that the

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Artichoke Team was incompetent and he stated that he felt that it would be unpatriotic for him to reveal the substances to the writer and to other members of the Artichoke Team. Thereupon, [redacted] stated that he did not object to being called incompetent but objected to anyone challenging his patriotism. The discussion became quite anti animated. [redacted] then stated that he would turn over the names of the subject substances at once to the writer, whereupon [redacted] stated that since he had been challenged, he would leave the room so the substances could be made known to the writer. At this point [redacted] stated that he felt it would be best, since there was a considerable question as to whether the names of the substances should be turned over, that [redacted] not reveal the substances, but that the Artichoke Team would obtain that information through official channels. This was supported by [redacted] and the writer agreed in this. Again it is inserted here for a matter of record, that the writer at least ten occasions asked that relevant technical information and material details be made available to him and the specific question was asked at this time to make the record clear that the substances had been refused.

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Since, at this point, it appeared obvious that the meeting was not going to be productive of any outstanding results, [redacted] stated that he had received information that one case was available and could be handled the following day at the [redacted] and would attempt to see if any other cases could be located. The conference was then adjourned.

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3 September 1952 (Wednesday)

This case was another [redacted] with the [redacted]. As stated previously, this individual had been given the deluxe treatment.

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9:12 AM - General conference was held with all hands and briefs of the subject's background were given for Team members to study. [redacted] stated that the subject is reasonably fresh material and had not been questioned in detail, but had only been talked to in a very general manner. Hence, it appears that he was suited for the [redacted] method.

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9:18 AM [redacted] and [redacted] left the conference to bring the subject into the operations room.

9:21 AM [redacted] joined [redacted] and [redacted] in the operations room.

9:37 AM [redacted] came out of the operations room with [redacted] and coffee was prepared for the subject. The subject's cup of coffee contained 25 milligrams of "G", and .05 grams of "L".

9:42 AM [redacted] and [redacted] carried in the subject's coffee.

10:05 AM - Subject finished coffee.

10:21 AM [redacted] and [redacted] came out for beer and prepared beer with 1/10 gram of "L".

10:24 AM - The beer was carried in by [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] as usual placed the drugged beer in front of the subject.

10:45 AM - All hands had consumed the beer.

11:21 AM [redacted] came out for more beer and at this time, after a discussion, the subject's beer was drugged with 10 milligrams of "G" and 1/10 gram of "L".

11:25 AM [redacted] and [redacted] came out of operations room.

11:27 AM - Beer was taken in by [redacted] and all others returned to the room except [redacted].

A 11:27 AM [redacted] answered and replied to a direct question concerning reaction: "I have seen absolutely none so far."

A 11:40 AM [redacted] returned to the operations room.

11:45 AM - Beer finished.

12:41 PM - Session ended and all hands adjourned for lunch.

1:45 PM - Afternoon session begins with [redacted] and subject in operations room.

1:47 PM [redacted] came out and prepared beer for subject. This bottle of beer contained .05 grams of "L", 10 milligrams of "G", and 35 milligrams of "Q".

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1:53 PM - Peer was taken in and [redacted] placed drugged beer in front of subject.

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2:15 PM - [redacted] left operations room and stated subject had consumed one-half of the bottle of beer.

2:50 PM - Subject finished beer.

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4:05 PM - Subject was taken from operations room and session ended. Immediately thereafter, a discussion followed between [redacted], relative case. It should be noted again at this time that [redacted], who was monitoring the case since [redacted] had gone elsewhere, was not invited to participate in the discussion.

4:22 PM - Conference ended.

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NOTE: This was the last case and the Teams were subsequently informed by [redacted] that no cases were then available that could be processed. For matter of record, it should be noted that at this period it was the most vital time for clandestine operations and the case officers (whose burden at all times is very heavy) reach a peak and continue until well after the first snowfall.

Following this and the ending of the work, the Teams were engaged in efforts to return home, transportation difficulties being extreme.