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23 August 1952 (Saturday).

A Had general conference with [redacted] and [redacted] and thereafter went to safe house outside of [redacted] and examined situation for technical installation. F

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24 August 1952 (Sunday)

Drove to safe house referred to above. Arrived at 1:00 PM and completed technical installation, including tearing hole in wall, building special mirror, and erecting all necessary electronic installations and testing same.

25 August 1952 (Monday)

Case #1. A

11:20 AM - [redacted] arrived at safe house and set installation into operation.

11:50 AM - [redacted] and [redacted] arrive. B/6

12:30 PM - Case #1 arrives with [redacted] (Case Officer), guards, and [redacted]. Case #1 taken to room blindfolded. A

12:40 PM - General conference, all hands, including [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] reports subject in good spirits and not in a depressed mood. Conference included general approach to subject and technical matters. Furthermore, it was agreed that an informal talk would be had with the subject for several hours during the afternoon with [redacted] and [redacted] present while others maintained observation and monitored conversation. A -B/6

1:20 PM - Conference concluded.

1:45 to 2:30 PM - Lunch.

2:30 PM - Hence, first session began on an informal basis with subject, [redacted] and [redacted] present. A B/6

3:45 PM - Break occurred in first session and all present left subject except [redacted] who continued informal discussion. A

[redacted]

NOTE: At this point [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] applied drugs to bottle of beer which was to be taken in and given to the subject. It should be noted that the exact proportions of the drugs at this time were not taken by [REDACTED] since it had been agreed before departure in the United States and at the first conference held in [REDACTED] that after the first test, the names and amounts of the drugs would be made available to the Artichoke observation team. B/L
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4:00 PM - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] rejoin subject and [REDACTED] in the operations room. A B/L

4:19 PM - [REDACTED] brought in beer for all hands and placed loaded bottle of beer before subject. B/L

4:20 PM - Subject took first taste of beer.

5:30 to 5:35 PM - Subject completed drinking bottle of beer.

6:37 PM - First session concluded. Subject returned to his bedroom and all hands adjourned to room downstairs for conference.

6:37 to 7:00 PM - General conference concerning afternoon's session.

NOTE: Artichoke Team members expressed no opinion as to results of first session, but [REDACTED] stated that he had noticed some change in the subject toward the end of the session and he felt that subject had less consideration before answering questions. Nothing otherwise significant reported. A

B/L At this point, all hands except [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left premises and [REDACTED] left with [REDACTED] a small bottle with instructions that the entire bottle was to be placed in a cup of coffee, liquid, or tea and given the subject at 8:00 AM. Instruction further stated that the coffee could be served with the meal. Other instructions were to make the coffee as clear as possible before putting the contents of the bottle into the coffee. A
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26 August 1952 (Tuesday)

NOTE: Subject spent an entirely quiet night.

[REDACTED]

8:15 AM - Breakfast was taken to subject by guard with coffee containing contents of bottle as per instructions.

NOTE: At this point, it should be noted that by observation and asking questions (particularly of [REDACTED] who was extremely co-operative) that instead of one substance, as in the original Top Secret memorandum, [REDACTED] was using three substances, which he had named in code as "O", "L", and "Q". It should also be noted that at the conclusion of the first session, the writer had specifically requested the name of the substance, the chemical formula, but this was not given to the writer because of a statement by [REDACTED] that he felt if we knew the names of the substances we might be inclined to "pre-judge" the results.

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For matter of record, [REDACTED] informed the writer that the contents of the bottle (a colorless liquid) contained 20 milligrams of the substance referred to as "G".

8:17 AM - According to guard's report, subject took first sip of coffee.

8:45 AM - Guard brought tray down from subject's room with coffee entirely used.

NOTE: Writer examined subject's room at this time and at every other time the subject was given doped coffee and other substances to ascertain whether subject had poured coffee or beer out without drinking same. Writer was unable to find any evidence of this.

9:20 AM - All hands arrived at safe house with exception of [REDACTED] and the writer who had spent the night on the premises.

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9:40 AM - General conference, all hands. Discussed the tactics for the day and it was agreed that sometime after 10:00 coffee, also containing one of the substances would be taken in to the operations room.

10:15 AM - Conference adjourned.

10:16 AM [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] joined the subject in the operations room and, according to plan, asked for coffee.

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10:20 to 10:25 AM - Coffee for subject was prepared by [redacted] substance at this time placed in coffee was 1/20 of a gram of "L" which [redacted] apparently measured and placed in cup of hot coffee. B/6

10:25 AM - Coffee was carried into operations room by [redacted] and subject given the cup of drugged coffee while all others present were given straight coffee.

10:44 AM - Subject took first sip of coffee.

NOTE: Writer was specifically observing through mirror and noticed that subject made a face and looked at his coffee in a strange manner.

10:50 AM - Subject took second sip and at this time [redacted] showed subject the grounds in the bottom of the cup and made comment that the coffee was poorly made and bitter. A

10:52 AM - Subject finished his coffee.

11:13 AM [redacted] left room to obtain more coffee.

11:14 to 11:22 AM - Coffee obtained from kitchen and [redacted] again added to the subject's cup 1/20 of a gram of "L". B/6

11:23 AM - Coffee carried back by [redacted] into the operations room and subject given the drugged coffee.

11:32 AM - Subject took first sip.

11:41 AM - Subject took another sip.

11:54 AM - Subject finished his cup of coffee in two long drinks.

1:00 PM - Second session ended.

1:15 to 1:40 PM - Subject accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] and covered by other members of Artichoke Team and guards, fully armed, took short walk. A

1:41 PM - After subject returned to his bedroom, he was served lunch. This lunch contained a bottle of beer which had been drugged by [redacted] and [redacted] with 20 milligrams of "G". B/6

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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2:20 PM (Approximately) - The subject finished lunch but tray was left in room.

A NOTE: No conference was held during this break for lunch primarily due to the fact that it was fairly late in the afternoon. However, during this period, the writer talked informally to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that the subject had made what appeared to him as contradictory to the alleged rape of his wife and other events and had produced some information concerning a duel, which [REDACTED] emphatically stated appeared preposterous. The writer does not regard the above as being significant and apparently [REDACTED] at this time, did not regard it in this manner. It should be noted that at 2:35 PM, the subject went back into the operations room leaving his lunch tray in his room and immediately thereafter the writer checked the subject's room completely and examined the tray of food. In this connection, the subject's lunch was mostly eaten with the beer entirely gone from the bottle and no evidence of disposal elsewhere. The subject's glass smelled of beer and there was a small amount of beer left in the glass.

A 2:35 PM - Afternoon session begins with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] talking to subject.

3:35 PM - Request made for beer according to previous agreement. Beer brought from refrigerator and prepared and drugged by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. At this time, according to [REDACTED] milligrams of "C" and 15 milligrams of "G" were placed in a bottle of beer. These substances were in approximately 1 1/2 CC. of sterile water. B/6

B/6 NOTE: It should be noted at this point that in each instant when drugs were inserted in coffee or beer, the amounts and the substances to be used were prepared primarily by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with no specific agreement as to exact amounts being predetermined. It should also be noted that from time to time, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would ask [REDACTED] what he thought of amounts, but, as a rule, unless [REDACTED] was specifically asked, he refrained from offering advice and comments.

In general, it should be noted that [REDACTED] would ask [REDACTED] what she thought or he would state that he thought perhaps we should try such and such or so and so, but at no time was a previously prepared or specific dosage administered and if the reader will note the amounts vary and, of course, the

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substances containing the drug varied and no assessment was made as to the physical capacity of the individuals concerned either by size, age, weight, etc., etc.

- 3:35 PM - Beer requested.
- 3:40 PM - Beer taken into operations room by [redacted] and drugged bottle placed in front of subject by [redacted] B/6
- 3:47 PM - First sip of beer.
- 3:48 PM - Second sip.
- 3:49 PM - Third sip.
- 3:54 PM - Fourth sip.
- 4:01 PM - Fifth sip.
- 4:10 PM - Sixth sip.
- 4:12 PM - Seventh sip.
- 4:17 PM - Eighth sip.
- 4:20 PM - Glass of beer finished.
- 4:25 PM - [redacted] left room since some individuals had finished their beer and brought in fresh bottles which were not drugged. All present in the operations room continued to drink beer.
- 5:41 PM - Afternoon's session ended. All hands present in operations room moved out and subject was taken to his bedroom.
- 5:45 PM - Conference, all hands. Artichoke Team offered no comment. No significant statements made, no significant details obtained.
- 6:07 PM - Conference ended.

NOTE: Entire group except [redacted] and the writer depart from the safe house upon conclusion of conference. A

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After a discussion with [redacted] gave the writer a small bottle of drugs which were to be placed in the subject's cup of coffee at breakfast the following morning with the same instructions that had been given on the preceding day. This bottle contained 20 milligrams of "G", according to [redacted]

27 August 1952 (Wednesday)

- 8:15 AM - Subject's breakfast tray was brought up and coffee fixed by the writer who placed the drug in a small pot of coffee as had been done on the previous day.
- 8:20 AM - Breakfast given to subject.
- 8:50 AM - Tray brought down to the writer by a guard and all coffee was finished. Subsequent check of subject's room indicated no disposal of coffee except by drinking.
- 9:10 AM - Teams arrive at safe house.
- 9:15 AM - Conference was held by all hands and general procedure was worked out for the day.
- 9:42 AM - Conference ended.
- 9:49 AM - Subject brought in operations room and first session began with [redacted], and [redacted] talking to Subject. A
- 9:57 AM - Subject was given drugs in a cup of water. Subject made no objection to taking the drugs which were apparently given to him as a medication for nervousness by [redacted]. A
 Details of this will be set forth in the medical report which [redacted] will submit. [redacted], who prepared the water with [redacted] stated that the water contained 25 milligrams of the substance "Q" and two grams of "L". B/b

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NOTE: It should be noted at this point that as will be noted below the subject was given certain amount of drugs in water from time to time. The writer cannot explain how this was given to the subject, but apparently a medical approach was used. In each instance, [redacted] would leave the room, come to the monitoring room and consult with [redacted] and then place the drugs in the glass of water which would be taken back into the room and given the subject. Since the Anti-choke Team was in an observation capacity and since apparently this procedure was approved of [redacted] the writer felt that he could not interfere in this obvious giving of substance to the subject. Hence, the writer and for that matter [redacted] did not ask any questions, but simply continued to observe the procedure.

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- 10:10 AM - Group in operations room started a poker game, apparently playing a type of [redacted] poker and using hard beans for [redacted] poker chips. B/3
- 10:50 AM - Subject was given 1/20 gram of "L" in water which he drank.
- 11:06 AM - Subject was given 1/10 gram of "L" plus 25 milligrams of "Q" in a glass of water which he drank without objection.
- 12:05 to 12:10 PM - The poker session was ended and the conversation which apparently had been general from that point was changed from an entirely pleasant type of conversation to a more serious type and [redacted] asked some apparently pointed questions presumably both of a psychiatric and background nature. A
- 1:14 PM - Session ended.
- 1:20 to 1:35 PM - Conversation was held by all hands with no significant comments.
- 1:35 to 2:00 PM - Lunch.
- 2:20 PM - Another conference was held by all hands and at this point [redacted] and [redacted] left since [redacted] obviously had requested the Artichoke technique to be used. B/6 A
- 2:40 PM - Conference ended. B/3

NOTE: This first case was an extremely hard, intelligent, physically strong individual and the Case Officer, [redacted], was desirous of obtaining certain information. [redacted] felt that since the Artichoke technique had worked so successfully in June that he wished them applied to this subject. It had, therefore, been agreed previously by all hands that after the [redacted] system had been tried on this subject, the Artichoke technique would be brought to bear. It had been agreed by members of the Artichoke Team that since time was the essence, the drug-hypnotic approach would not be used in this case, but only the straight drug method using sodium pentothal and Desoxin. The medical report will fill in details in this connection. A B/6

The Artichoke Team agreed that they would permit [redacted] to assist [redacted] in view of the possible dangerous reactions of the subject who, as mentioned above, was a very powerful type and also to permit [redacted] to observe the technique since [redacted] was the representative B/6 A B/3

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present and was known to have absolute full security clearance. The Artichoke Team, however, specifically excluded [redacted]

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2:45 PM - The remaining group had a general briefing and then proceeded to rearrange the room for the Artichoke operation.

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3:10 to 3:14 PM - Both [redacted] and [redacted] went to the subject's room with [redacted] and the medical cover was laid on -- [redacted] being introduced as a specialist who would help the subject with his nervous condition.

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3:15 PM - [redacted] and subject entered operations room and subject placed on bed with all medical apparatus ready.

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3:21 PM - [redacted] inserted the needle in subject's right forearm and began injection of sodium pentothal under [redacted] instructions.

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3:22 to 3:30 PM - [redacted] makes necessary tests to determine effect of pentothal.

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3:30 PM [redacted] uses small syringe in left arm for about one to two minutes.

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3:31 to 3:34 PM - Lights turned on and off as [redacted] tests effect of drugs.

3:35 PM [redacted] started prearranged discussion with subject upon results from [redacted] effects of drugs.

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3:40 to 4:19 PM (approximately) [redacted] had conversation with subject and obtained significant material during this period. Subject had reached such a complete twilight state that [redacted] and [redacted] were capable of entering room and closely observing operation.

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NOTE: This discussion was primarily about one [redacted] and was carried on by [redacted] speaking in [redacted] with the subject.

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4:20 PM [redacted] (?) enters the room.

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[REDACTED]

smaller amount of sodium pentothal was used and hypnosis was induced by the same method quickly and easily due primarily to the post-hypnotic suggestions made during the previous day. At this operational session there were in the room at all times [REDACTED] (handling the actual intravenous injections) with [REDACTED] acting as general interpreter and interrogator and with [REDACTED] controlling the controlled hypnotic induction as dictated through the intercom by [REDACTED] who was again observing through the slot in the door. As stated above, the induction was very rapid and the entire period under narco-hypnosis lasted from 7:10 PM to 8:50 PM with about one hour of this time given to continuous questioning by [REDACTED]. It should be noted that from time to time the hypnotic control was reinforced by [REDACTED] cooperating through [REDACTED] who handled this difficult and sensitive technique in a commanding and highly intelligent manner. This test was concluded by [REDACTED] again directed by [REDACTED] bringing the subject out of the hypnotic trance in a directly controlled manner. A

6. In general, all the material necessary from an intelligence point of view was covered and [REDACTED] (case officer) and [REDACTED], who was familiar with the case, expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the results of the tests to such an extent that further tests were regarded as unnecessary although the Team, of course, was entirely willing to continue. It should be noted in this connection that this entire interrogation was covered by [REDACTED] with full tape recordings which are at present still being held [REDACTED]. A F

7. Following the ending of the interrogation of the subject and his awakening at approximately 9:00 PM, the entire Team and case officers discussed the interrogation and the case, in general, in full detail. At this discussion, as noted above, [REDACTED] stated that he could reach a decision in this case on the basis of the results of the interrogation and related work that had been accomplished at this point. In view of [REDACTED]'s statements, as mentioned above, this case was concluded -- all hands consenting. A

8. After the subject had been given his dinner and somewhat later the same evening [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] interpreting, questioned the subject at length to determine the extent of amnesia obtained in this case. In the professional opinion of [REDACTED] (and also in the opinion of all Team members), the subject had a total amnesia for this entire interrogation. A

9. For matter of record and based on actual observation by the writer, the subject at the end of the interrogation period and after he was awakened was confused, somewhat groggy, not nauseated, and hungry, but had no knowledge of the subject covered or the interrogation or techniques in general.

10. In the professional opinion of [REDACTED] In this case, the interrogation of the subject was ended at exactly the proper moment and at this time (one hour and forty minutes) the maximum time for the interrogation had been reached. [REDACTED] Specifically stated that hypnosis had been complete and total results in his opinion were excellent.

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