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A [REDACTED]  
: BLUEBIRD, SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS  
: AD/SI MEMO DATED 10 MARCH 1951 ENTITLED "SPECIAL INTERROGATIONS"

Reference is made to our recent conversation and your oral instructions to restate certain matters concerning recruitment of BLUEBIRD team personnel, necessary qualifications for such personnel, required qualification by training before such personnel can become operational in the field and specifically what courses of training are necessary and the estimated time required for each course.

As you are well aware the recruitment of individuals for BLUEBIRD teams as carried on by Personnel (and to a great extent by [REDACTED] has been to date unsuccessful. This is undoubtedly due to a number of reasons but primarily the problem is one of background. We have examined a great many personnel jackets and biographical statements and although some men have been selected, there are very few men who initially have the combined experience we need - i.e., polygraph training, investigative work, some language qualifications, considerable interrogation experience, some technical skills, and a working knowledge of communist techniques and patterns. In view of this it is felt that in the future we will have to recruit for BLUEBIRD work men who have <sup>only</sup> some pertinent *but because of personality or background have* experiences or technical skills ~~with~~ a high future potential. Set out below therefore is a brief resume of BLUEBIRD requirements and training as proposed in our earlier conferences and currently modified to suit present training facilities.

A. PERSONNEL.

1. Personnel for teams.

(Best estimate for team strength for most efficient operation is 3 or 4 officers for each B team - see below. Minimum number of teams required is three plus Washington (Edqtrs) training staff and reserve). *Each team will be composed of:*

a. Medical Officer. ~~Personnel~~ trained in use of drugs, hypnosis, advance SI techniques, anesthesia, etc. *(Any psychiatric training would be of considerable value.)* also trained in use of polygraph.

b. Interrogator. Trained in use of hypnosis, advanced SI techniques, special interrogation, polygraph operation, investigation. (Probably designated as *Team co. train*)  
c. Technician (high level). Trained in use of advanced technical aids, general technical work, field improvisation, technical interrogation, polygraph operation and repair, photography, regular and infra-red.

G d. Linguist. Same duties as interrogator but with special language qualifications. Possibly unnecessary as most case officers in field can act as interpreters and it is presumed that [redacted] officers sent to BLUEBIRD for training will have some language qualifications.

2. Personnel for training.

B team candidates at Hdqtrs prior to operational assignments. (The following personnel will be recruited to train candidates for B teams and to assist operationally in the field when required.)

H-6/b a. Staff medical officers. This officer should have expert knowledge of anesthesia, drug usages, legal and criminal medical work, hypospray, hypnosis and advanced SI techniques, medical chemistry, *psychiatry*, etc. (Proposed officer, [redacted], now in process of being recruited.) (*Prindle* Consultant and staff adviser, [redacted])

B/b b. Hypnosis - SI specialists. These officers should have professional or other expert knowledge of H techniques and its practical use. These officers will be hired either in consultant or contract capacity and used as required. (proposed: [redacted])

3. Personnel currently assigned to BLUEBIRD, as Hdqtrs, Staff.

A a. [redacted] BLUEBIRD STAFF.

b. [redacted] - Assigned to [redacted] but associated for technical reasons.

c. [redacted] BLUEBIRD STAFF.

4. Personnel currently assigned to BLUEBIRD as trainees or probable candidates for teams.

- a. [REDACTED] M.D., Trainee, [REDACTED] G
- b. [REDACTED], Trainee, [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED], I&SO, will probably report within one week.
- d. [REDACTED]. Personnel is attempting to recruit this man (for staff Medical Officer).
- e. [REDACTED] Recruitment being handled via [REDACTED] (for Team Medical Officer). AG
- f. [REDACTED] Now assigned to [REDACTED] for polygraph training. Being considered as B team interrogator for [REDACTED] B team, permanent assignment. Is [REDACTED] employee. G

5. Personnel required for full scale operations on basis of 3 field teams.

[REDACTED] - probably a part time operation coupled with other duties - [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] 2 medical officers, 4 interrogators, 4 technicians.

It is proposed that [REDACTED] be each requested to nominate one medical officer, two interrogators, two technicians for BLUEBIRD training and assignment.

B. QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED IN BLUEBIRD TRAINEES.

1. General qualifications - Should be reasonably young, single or married, with small family only, desire overseas assignment, intelligent, aggressive, good command of English language and if possible working knowledge of foreign language - German, Polish, Russian, Arabic, Japanese, Chinese, Slavic tongues (Serb, Jugo, Roumanian) etc., college education (psychology), or wide experience background and travel, full security clearance. (Reserve or active military status might be valuable).

2. Specific qualifications -

- a. Medical officer - M.D. and internship with possible anesthesia specialty or psychiatry.

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3. Training by I&SO BLUEBIRD.

a. Polygraph. All B team candidates will be trained in using the polygraph as cover for SI work including fake reports, charts, etc. Candidates will also be trained in field use of the polygraph to check admissions or information obtained under SI when possible.

b. Hypnosis

1. Basic training. All B team candidates will be sent under cover to NYC for special H course under [redacted] (Length of course - 4 days).

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2. Headquarters training. Since it is an established fact that no individual can <sup>reach proficiency in</sup> master H and SI techniques without actual practice, the following is proposed: BLUEBIRD will attempt to secure from carefully screened and briefed volunteers, a panel of subjects for simple, basic experimentation in H, Post-H and SI techniques. These tests will be carried on under clinical conditions and will be carefully controlled. All personnel involved will be either I&SO or under I&SO security control. *This training will be at the Hdqtrs area.*

3. Advance training (USA). It is proposed to set up, under suitable cover, a base for advance training and experimentation in H and SI techniques. This base will be developed along the lines as outlined in the [redacted] proposal. All B team candidates will be assigned to the base and will participate in and conduct advanced practical "field type" tests prior to either overseas or hdqtrs assignment. In addition this base will carry out advanced experimentation in H, post-H and SI techniques under specific instruction from I&SO BLUEBIRD and the coordinator. (Probably along the lines set out previously in the [redacted] proposal). (Estimated length of time for this base to become operational - 30 days after necessary agreements with [redacted] (Estimated length of assignment of B team candidates to this base - 30-60 days).

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4. Advanced training (Overseas). Working with [REDACTED] I&SO will send B teams (and I&SO BLUEBIRD personnel) who are trained to overseas bases to participate in and develop research, testing and actual operational work as required.

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c. Drugs. All B team candidates will be given all available information on drugs and the use of drugs in connection with H, post-H and SI techniques. This information will be obtained from I&SO BLUEBIRD files, [REDACTED] sources, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] etc. Candidates will be instructed in techniques involving drugs and special lectures will be arranged by I&SO BLUEBIRD and OSI by authorities in these fields. Basic instruction will be given by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (This instruction will be carried on during periods of training at TRD and Hdqtrs).

A [REDACTED]