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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT - [REDACTED]
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1. For fiscal year 1955-56 will be financed out of TSS regular research funds (\$189,000).
2. 39 alien [REDACTED] have been assessed from psychological - anthropological medical standpoint. Minimum of 16 hours each individual. This program continues.
3. Study of brain function and physiology.
4. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] cases covered by staff members of [REDACTED]. They are both now rehabilitated and willing to talk to representatives of U. S. Government about their experiences. They both have good insight into their previous condition.
5. [REDACTED] cases were handled by staff members [REDACTED]. One of them was about the same condition as [REDACTED], the other three had cooperated closely with [REDACTED] in indoctrination process. As result of [REDACTED] cases and subsequent adverse publicity, [REDACTED] have put heavy pressure on subsequent repatriates not to talk to U. S. officials but only to their families and friends. They have been told they will be arrested or placed in mental institutions upon their return to U. S. if they talk.
6. The three [REDACTED] were accompanied from [REDACTED] to U. S. by a doctor provided by [REDACTED] under cover. After their defection they received seven months indoctrination by [REDACTED] and were then assigned to [REDACTED] at which time they became disillusioned and unhappy. They did not expect arrest by the [REDACTED]
7. a.) Originally the [REDACTED] were to be released on [REDACTED]. They [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to make psychological background studies on these men about [REDACTED]. This was accomplished in seven days by use of faculty members and department heads of university medical school psychiatric departments on a nation-wide basis through requirements set out [REDACTED].
b.) During medical processing of these men in [REDACTED] they were debriefed by [REDACTED] staff members working closely with [REDACTED] personnel.

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c.) There was very little effort made to indoctrinate [redacted] he was thoroughly exploited as a source of intelligence.

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d.) At various times during first eighteen months of imprisonment [redacted] They were confined with [redacted] and were with them again for picture taking on [redacted] This was only time other [redacted] from the day they were shot down.

e.) Of [redacted] group cooperated with the indoctrination, another group claims they did not. Evidence of hard feelings between these groups. All are being extremely cautious in talk about indoctrination procedures.

8. Indoctrination effects were found to be strongest on:

a.) Intellectual types with an interest in Communism.

b.) Poorly educated individuals who felt inferior about their intellectual ability. [redacted] built up their confidence in their intellectual capabilities.

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9. A signal trait in indoctrinees was a lack of belief in God. At least [redacted] profess to be atheists.

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10. During past year [redacted] were debriefed by [redacted] concerning Soviet and Satellite methods of interrogation and prisoner handling.

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11. Experimental work is being done on a tranquilizing drug known as MEP-17. This type drug does not disturb motor processes but disorients the mental processes.

12. Experimental work is being done on LSD in conjunction with alcohol with some significant results.

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13. Testing facility in [redacted] about to start operations.

14. Work was done on so-called antidote to LSD which proved ineffective.

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15. [redacted] will become headquarters case officer (in TSS) for [redacted] effective 1 September 1955, assisted by [redacted] of [redacted].

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16. [redacted] and [redacted], have been added to [redacted] working committee.

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17. Field test work by joint [redacted] team will take place in [redacted] September - October 1955.

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18. [redacted] experiments - hypnotic experimental work courier type situation.

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