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Via: AIR

[Redacted] F/H

2 January 1954

To: Chief, [Redacted] G

From: Chief of [Redacted] F

Subject: General - Operational, [Redacted] J
Specific - Request for Technical Assistance

1. This dispatch is concerned primarily with an urgent request for [Redacted] action, but because of the nature of the request it would be a waste of time to route it directly to [Redacted]. Instead, it is requested that the appropriate [Redacted] officer discuss the problem with [Redacted] or his designee and that they together approach [Redacted] with a request for action. J
2. This station is convinced that the [Redacted] approach is the most probably productive way of obtaining information on [Redacted] plans and activities vitally affecting our national security. We have accordingly placed a great emphasis on [Redacted] activities, and seven of the eight staff members of the [Redacted] station have been spending the majority of their time on [Redacted]. The Chief of [Redacted] also devotes a large proportion of his time to [Redacted] designed to increase the effectiveness of [Redacted] operations. We are aware from discussions with visitors from Headquarters and other stations that [Redacted] is probably unique in devoting so large a proportion of its efforts to [Redacted], and we desire to move ahead as rapidly as possible in order to determine whether or not our decisions has been wise. F/H
3. We appreciate the guidance Headquarters has been supplying designed to encourage direct defection approaches to [Redacted] in [Redacted] and under no circumstances will we forget that the defection of a [Redacted] is the major purpose of [Redacted]. We believe, however, that a successful defection will probably be a result of our taking advantage of a target of opportunity when it suddenly arises; of course, our extensive [Redacted] and [Redacted] coverage puts us in an excellent position to learn of such targets and to exploit them effectively when the time does come. In the meantime, however, we believe that we can stage effectively non-defection-type [Redacted] operations which will, unlike our present [Redacted]. J

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cc: [Redacted] G 5410 [Redacted] H [Redacted] H
 cc: [Redacted] A [Redacted] H
 cc: [Redacted] A [Redacted] H

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I [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] operations, produce significant intelligence information on [REDACTED] activities in [REDACTED] and not merely further "operational" information. At the moment by far the most promising approach would seem to be the use of drugs designed to induce [REDACTED] to answer questions which they would not otherwise answer.

4. A [REDACTED] has discussed the use of such drugs with [REDACTED] in A Headquarters last April and again when [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] and at both times was given the promise of support if we could demonstrate that [REDACTED] here could be predictably maneuvered into locations controlled by our personnel for a reasonable length of time while not in the presence of any other unfriendly bodies; this condition has now been met beyond all question. [REDACTED] A
A [REDACTED], of [REDACTED], has informed us that the Chemical Research element of [REDACTED] has already developed drugs of some proven value in attaining the result we desire. We urgently request that whatever drugs may be now available be supplied [REDACTED] as soon as possible, together with instructions and guidance for use.

5. It should again be emphasized that [REDACTED] is not in the same position in regard to [REDACTED] as are other stations; we have competent personnel with a wide variety of [REDACTED] talents and experience; we have "operational" [REDACTED] information probably unequalled in quantity and in scope by any other station, which can enable us to ascertain with certainty (by the use of test questions) the effectiveness on the subject of the drug being used; we can produce any one of a large number of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] probably [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] controlled locations with no other persons present except our own nationals. How long this extremely favorable [REDACTED] situation can be maintained is not certain and thus urgent and prompt action is requested.

6. Our [REDACTED] contacts are more than anxious to cooperate in smoking American cigarettes in large quantities and in drinking our whisky, brandy and beer. At least one [REDACTED] and we have reason to suspect that [REDACTED] might be another, time after time cooperates to the extent of drinking enough to make him definitely intoxicated even with un-doped drinks.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7. We fully understand that the ultimate objective of [REDACTED] is to develop an easily administered drug which will cause the victim to respond to questions and then come out of the effects of the drug without remembering anything about what he has done. We would like to request, however, that [REDACTED] operations not be delayed until such a miracle drug is perfected. It is enough that the victim may not be entirely sure what he said, even though he knows he was talking loosely, or even that he remain aware of having made the answers he did provided that he not be certain that he was drugged (but merely think that it was the result of the alcohol). It is not necessary that we be certain that the drug will produce truthful answers, for we are in a position to check this in great detail by reason of our present [REDACTED] operations. J
8. Please keep us advised of the progress made in acting upon this request in order that we may be accurately guided in developing our controlled social contacts with likely victims. F

[REDACTED] A
31 December 1953