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Office Memorandum

113Z 52-1

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Security Research Staff
FROM : Chief, Technical Branch
SUBJECT: Report of Trip to California Re ARTICHOKE and Related Matters.

DATE: 31 April 1953

1. Between 24 March and 30 March 1953, the writer visited Los Angeles and San Francisco, California for the purpose of interviewing individuals for the ARTICHOKE program and in addition interviewing certain individuals at the request of Interrogation and Research Branch. Furthermore, the trip was to be used to brief Recruiting and Contact Officers for certain possible future requirements of the ARTICHOKE program and the program of the Polygraph Branch of the Security Office.

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2. In connection with the above, the writer spent Wednesday, 25 March and Thursday, 26 March 1953 at Los Angeles. During the stay at Los Angeles, the writer interviewed _____ or a number of _____ hours who is being considered for the GS-13 slot _____ in the ARTICHOKE Project. The writer also interviewed several individuals for the technical GS-9 slot, in connection with the ARTICHOKE field project at _____ and several other individuals in connection with the Polygraph Project and at the specific request of _____

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3. The writer furthermore examined a great number (at least twenty) of case histories of individuals held in the recruiting offices at Los Angeles in connection with both the ARTICHOKE and Polygraph programs and briefed recruiting officers at Los Angeles on the requirements and needs of both programs.

4. For the record, the writer wishes to state that _____ of the Los Angeles Contact Office was extremely helpful and courteous in arranging the various interviews and making all the necessary contacts. The writer also greatly appreciated the fine assistance of _____ of the same office.

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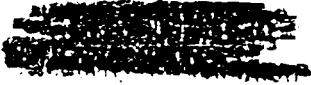
5. On Friday morning, 27 March 1953 the writer flew to San Francisco from Los Angeles and through previous arrangements made by _____ and _____ the writer was met at the airport by one of their _____ in connection with recruitment for ARTICHOKE and the Polygraph programs.

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A proved exceptionally courteous and helpful in connection with the above problems. H was briefed by the writer on the ANTICORRE and Polygraph recruitment requirements and he and the writer went through numerous case histories in this connection. He agreed that he would maintain a careful watch for possibles (particularly a reserve in case H did not join the Agency). He also promised to study all possible sources in connection with the desired language specialists as required by the Polygraph Branch.

A 7. The writer talked with H from approximately 9:30 AM until about 4:00 PM in the afternoon on Friday, 27 March 1953 and thereafter broke off contact with him since his work for the Agency was not to be discussed with any individuals on the West Coast (by agreement A with H and H at Washington).

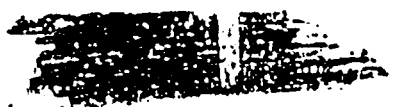
A 8. On Saturday morning, 28 March the writer talked with H and H of the San Francisco Contact Office for approximately four hours. The writer presented the requirements for both the ANTICORRE and Polygraph Branch to these gentlemen and both assured the writer that a careful survey would be made of all sources with a view toward finding the required personnel. In addition, A and the writer examined a great number of case histories in H's files in this connection but none were immediately suitable to either program.

9. As in Los Angeles, the individuals contacted by the writer in the San Francisco area were extremely courteous and helpful and promised immediate assistance in the problems presented to them.

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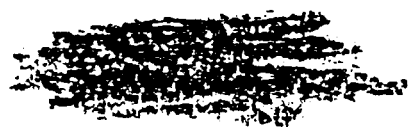


12. Attached are brief comments on various individuals interviewed by the writer in connection with the ARTICHONE and Polygraph programs. The writer will handle the cases of _____ and _____ as soon as all personnel papers in these cases are processed. _____ will personally handle the cases of _____ and _____ both of whom the writer interviewed at the specific request of _____

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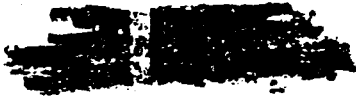
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7 January 1953

OUTLINE OF TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS AND DETROIT

1.
 - C A. Reason for trip -- talk to _____ and
his associate.
 - C B. Ascertaining _____ future interest in work.
 - C B C. Examine physical setup of _____ and _____ at
 - B D. Find out if _____ could carry out
experimental work and any interests, if possible.
 - C E. Obtain from _____ names of individuals of interest to us.
 - C F. Renew discussions with _____ at Detroit and see if he
still maintains interest.
 - C G. Examine _____ physical plant and determine if it is
suitable for experimental program for ARTICHOKE.
 - C H. Obtain information, details, names, etc. from _____
2.
 - A. Discuss each of above in detail.
3.
 - A. Present personal views relative above, future ideas.



4.

A. Submit tentative proposals for:

1. Continued experimentation and assistance to

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2. Set up full-scale project with possible use of

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at Detroit with

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