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11 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ATTENTION: Lt. Col. C. E. Hutchin

SUBJECT : Special Project

1. With reference to our discussions of 4 October 1951 on the subject, I am enclosing a briefing memorandum on Project Artichoke. I trust that this will be helpful to you as a concise statement of the aims and scope of the project.

2. It is understood that you will use the attached memorandum to brief the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman, Research & Development Board, and key personnel in their respective offices having a "need to know". (Since, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the memorandum, this is a controlled project, I would appreciate your providing me with the names of those who have been briefed on the subject.)

3. I shall look forward to meeting with you and the individual designated by the Chairman, Research & Development Board. Dr. Chadwell has indicated that he would like to attend the initial discussions also.

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Project Coordinator

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1. CIA has established and is actively pursuing a project to determine Soviet capabilities for eliciting information or otherwise controlling the actions of individuals through the use of drugs or other new scientific techniques.

2. The purpose of the project is to permit the development of countermeasures in this field for the protection of U. S. Government Officials, including military and other U. S. personnel who might fall under Soviet control as well as high level officials who might be subjected to control without their knowledge.

3. The Chiefs of the Intelligence Agencies of the Department of Defense have been briefed on the project and have assured CIA of the cooperation of their departments. Individuals from these departments have been designated to provide interagency coordination in this matter.

4. Due to the sensitive nature of the project, only those having a specific "need to know" in the interested agencies are briefed on the existence or the aims of the project. A key list of those having knowledge of the project is maintained in CIA.

5. The coordination of the project on an inter- as well as intra-agency basis is the responsibility of the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, Dr. E. H. Chadwell. Dr. Chadwell has designated ~~_____~~ of his staff as project coordinator.

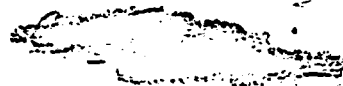
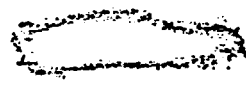
6. A panel of consultants headed by ~~_____~~ ^{a ~~_____~~ CIA consultant} has been established to advise and assist in the program.

7. In developing the project, CIA is undertaking:

a. A careful review of all available information on Soviet activities both in interrogations and in research on special scientific materials or techniques which might be adaptable to interrogations.

b. A parallel review of U. S. research and development on special scientific materials or techniques which might be adaptable to this purpose and might therefore be expected to be used by the USSR.

c. Specific research programs aimed at developing the full potential of materials or techniques as they are uncovered and the countermeasures, therefore.



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8. In establishing the specific research programs, CIA recognizes the necessity for full coordination with other agencies. Where gaps in research are known to exist, attempts will be made to orient existing projects toward these gaps. Failing this, efforts will be made to establish new projects to cover the required research area.

