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TO : Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : Chief, Inspection and Security Staff  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 15 May 1950

1. I am very desirous of obtaining the covert detail of [REDACTED] to this staff for the period of one year in connection with Project "Bluebird," which you recently approved. [REDACTED] is himself a practicing hypnotist and has done considerable work on the other techniques involved.

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2. [REDACTED] is willing to come. He is a Reserve Officer on active duty and has an office in Washington. All that would be needed would be for Admiral Clarence Brown to issue orders placing him on a research assignment in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for the period of one year. [REDACTED] is a flight surgeon but we could arrange for him to continue to get his flying time. He would not be known as assigned to CIA.

3. Would you be willing to call Admiral Brown and ask him if I could come over and talk to him about it, or, of course, you may wish to handle the matter yourself. My idea would be to explain to him our worry over the possible use of drugs and hypnosis against our people in the field and to stress the need for conducting research on what the dangers are and possible preventatives.

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