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TO : Asst. Deputy Director for Inspection and Security
FROM : Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

DATE: #50

SUBJECT: Conversations with [redacted] on Saturday, 24 March 1951

1. The conversations with [redacted], concerning the possible availability of [redacted], took place in New York as planned.
[redacted]

2. Conversations covered only part of the defensive aspects of Project BLUEBIRD. [redacted] was convinced that:

a. The project was of such importance that it was to the interest of national defense to have it successfully carried out,

b. That [redacted] was competent to undertake the assignment as coordinator, and

c. That [redacted] would be given the opportunity to decide whether or not he would undertake the CIA assignment. If he so decided the company would not stand in his way.

3. [redacted] felt that [redacted] was not uniquely qualified for the job, and he felt that there must be somebody else who could carry it on as successfully as [redacted]

4. The conversation developed the company's policy, to take to Secretary of Defense Marshall's level any call to uniformed service of [redacted] on the basis that he was an indispensable man in an indispensable industry.

5. [redacted] plans to be in Washington on Saturday, 31 March for further conversations with me. I would judge our chances of getting his services as not higher than 50-50.

6. Please accept my thanks for the arrangements you made with me to permit me to speak freely with [redacted]

H. Marshall Chaffell
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