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Chief, Security Research Staff

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Chief, Technical Branch

Annual Conference, 19 February 1953.

1. On Thursday, 19 February 1953, an ARTICHOME conference was held in the Conference Room in "E" Building between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Present at the conference were [redacted] representing INS; [redacted] and [redacted]; representing OSI; Dr. Gottlieb representing O.S.; and [redacted] and [redacted] representing the Medical Division.

2. The conference was opened with [redacted] delivering a progress report on the ARTICHOME work to date. [redacted] discussed the various subjects as follows:

A) [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] had returned bringing a quantity of material with him and which is presently in the process of being prepared for the handing over to [redacted] for analysis.

B) [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] and [redacted] had come aboard and both [redacted] and [redacted] discussed the project at [redacted] involving [redacted] and the using of his facilities for a testing and research ground for our material. It was pointed out that [redacted] was to be our liaison between Headquarters and [redacted] since he knows [redacted] personally and has numerous contacts in the essential city.

C) [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] <sup>a consultant</sup> was to be used in a very broad survey of the entire field. He also pointed out that [redacted] was not going to be used specifically to dig into any one particular field but would study all ideas across the board and in connection with [redacted], Dr. Gottlieb and [redacted] would help determine where important lines of interest lie and whether or not discoveries in the scientific and medical field are worthy of our interest, research and study.

C) [redacted] stated that [redacted] had come on duty and was being given special training for the ARTICHOME position [redacted]

- D) [redacted] stated that [redacted] a doctor from the Surgeon General's Office had had a conference with [redacted] and himself on a general study of "brain washing". [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] had discussed ways and means of building this study and [redacted] asked him to submit a list of questions to [redacted] and we would attempt to give him answers which would be of assistance in his work.
- E) [redacted] discussed briefly the question of CIA personnel being briefed on Soviet "brain washing" techniques and how to withstand being interrogated by the Soviets. (See below.)
- F) [redacted] then discussed conversations with [redacted] relative to activities in the field and stated that [redacted] will talk later on this matter.
- G) [redacted] stated that the II encirclements by [redacted] were continuing and new "talents" was being developed since we had recently lost practically all of our assistants, primarily due to marriage and people leaving the Agency.
- H) [redacted] discussed the SA request regarding counteracting agents for use by our people in resisting drugs. [redacted] had prepared a non-technical reply to it and the matter is to be referred to the Medical Division for a professional reply thereafter.

3. At the conclusion of the general progress report, [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] had had a conference with [redacted], and [redacted] concerning the re-establishment of liaison channels between Air, Army, and this Agency. As a result of this conference, [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] had learned that neither the Army nor the Air Force is carrying on advanced work in any related field to [redacted]. Both services clearly indicated that they would not give any money to this type of work in the immediate future. However, they asked that "the door be left open" for them on this project and they would like more information on [redacted]. Both services stated that they had read the [redacted] Report and on the basis of this they would not set aside any time and money or commit men to the project but felt this Agency's work was eminently worthwhile.

4. [redacted] at this point asked if the Navy had been invited to the liaison conference and [redacted] stated that [redacted] our liaison with the Navy, had been out of town at the time of the meeting

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but our liaison channels with the Navy had been continuously in operation for a long time. In this connection, the discussion between [redacted] established the fact that both the Army and the Air Force would like a "paper" requesting re-establishment of the liaison channels so they could spend time officially in this connection whenever necessary. [redacted] stated he had informed them that a paper along this line would be prepared and forwarded to them through the proper channels.

5. [redacted] requested if any official paper had been previously developed on this and [redacted] stated he would check the matter. (Insofar as [redacted] files are concerned, [redacted] has to date been unable to discover any official document along these lines.)

6. At this point, [redacted] talked on OSI interests and stated that [redacted] (?) who was in some way connected with [redacted] had made certain reports in that connection. [redacted] stated that these would be made available to ARTECHMED. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] would do everything possible to get Soviet ideas along ARTECHMED lines and give them to [redacted]. [redacted] also is preparing a paper for [redacted] and general ARTECHMED study. (Paper given to [redacted].)

7. [redacted] spoke on the activities of OTS at this point. He stated that OTS, from time to time, will report on psycho-chemicals and announced that, in his opinion, several of the materials they were now using were safe enough for field testing. OTS will keep in touch with ARTECHMED and [redacted] would like to attend the conference and to bring [redacted] when he is available.

8. At this point, [redacted] stated he would like to know where OTS is working and in what field and [redacted] stated that at the present time they have five major points at which chemicals are being tested and ARTECHMED work is being carried out:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]
5. [redacted]

9. At this point, [redacted] asked the nature of [redacted] work in the above hospitals and [redacted] explained it involved testing of any developed psycho-chemicals. [redacted] commented there might possibly be a duplication of efforts and his staff will review all medical literature in connection with this effort. [redacted] felt a clarification of each sphere of activity in the ARTECHMED work is necessary and [redacted] expressed concern over the work of [redacted] (SI) and [redacted] (AF) along lines of overlapping, duplication, confusion, etc.

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10. [redacted] explained that [redacted] is in the collection field and is collecting primarily from Soviet and satellite sources and specializes in Soviet medical information. He stated that this information, as it comes in, will be made available to all hands. He stated he does not work in any American medical fields. [redacted] pointed out that they were vitally interested in what they could obtain in regard to Soviet "medicine". This discussion was continued for some time involving fields of interest and a certain clarification seemed to have been established at this time.

11. Following the above, a general discussion was held concerning the HSE Report and the [redacted] Reports. [redacted] pointed out certain differences in the point of view of the members of the Ad Hoc Committee and those engaged in actual operation work. [redacted] stated that the HSE Report was an overall survey of projects going on in the field and was not pointed at the type of work ATTICOME is engaged in since this was directed at the operations level and not in the broad research-experimental field. During the discussion, [redacted] pointed out to [redacted] and [redacted] that he anticipated receiving from Dr. Gottlieb the bibliography attached to the [redacted] Report soon and he would have it photographed and would turn over a copy to [redacted] for study. Dr. Gottlieb stated he expected the report soon and he would turn it over to [redacted] when he received it. (Bibliography is now being processed.)

12. At this point, [redacted] and [redacted] discussed the case which involved the work of the [redacted] Intelligence and their use of narcotics in interrogation of the alleged Communist agent [redacted]. [redacted] pointed out there were many defects in their work and that many facts were missing--the man's condition, amount of third-degree, time intervals, fatigue, amount of dosages, controls, etc.

13. At this point, (3:00 PM), [redacted] stated he had to leave the meeting. In parting he suggested that he felt it would be a good idea to have Mr. Bullock and two or three of his deputies briefed by various individuals interested in the ATTICOME work. [redacted] agreed with [redacted] suggestion and all hands admitted there was a great deal of value in such a briefing. However, no details relative arrangements were made.

14. At this point, [redacted] introduced the [redacted] case. He pointed out the present problems involving [redacted] and the request of the SR people in regard to [redacted]. [redacted] stated that it would be appreciated if [redacted] would arrange for a meeting with [redacted] to obtain the professional opinion necessary in the [redacted] case and [redacted] agreed it would be arranged in the immediate future. ([redacted] interviewed at his office on 2 March 1953 at 10:30 AM.)

15. Along the same lines, [redacted] announced that the case of the Russian presently in Washington who was to be given ANTI-COKE treatment was cancelled upon instruction from very high officials in the [redacted] Division although all operations people agreed that this was a case in which ANTI-COKE treatment would have been very valuable.

16. [redacted] at this time pointed out the strong need for an ANTI-COKE program in the field. He stated that in many instances there had been a great waste of time, effort, and money that might have been spared had a full program concerning ANTI-COKE methods and techniques been available to the field. He also stated that numerous demands and requests had been received from various Agency divisions concerning the briefing of personnel on how to resist interrogation by the enemy. He stated that IAS had many times been requested to develop techniques that would increase resistance to enemy interrogation either with or without drugs.

17. [redacted] stated he had investigated the problem and felt a study should be begun at once in this matter and he suggested that the ANTI-COKE group consider ways and means to lay on such a study possibly by reviewing all existing information and the appointment of a committee to examine this problem specifically.

18. [redacted] stated that with the return of [redacted] he wanted to make certain [redacted] was briefed in and brought up to date on all the ANTI-COKE work since he wanted [redacted] to participate fully in the ANTI-COKE program. ([redacted] is currently engaged in working fully on ANTI-COKE experimental matters, particularly plants and seeds brought back from his trip [redacted]. He is being informed of all ANTI-COKE development and in the immediate future, will be brought into conferences with [redacted] Dr. Gottlieb, [redacted] and others, attacking the problem from all possible angles.)

19. It was agreed by all hands that the next conference would be held on Thursday, 19 March at 2:00 P.M.

20. The conference concluded at 3:30 P.M.