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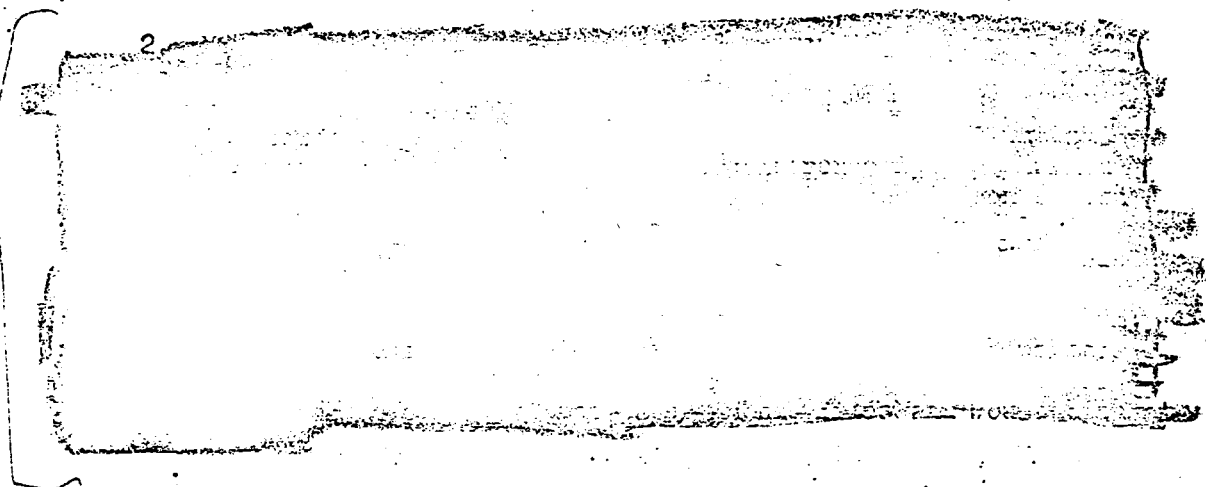
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Chief, Technical Branch

ARTICHOKE Conference, 19 March 1953.

1. On Thursday, 19 March 1953 between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, a general conference was held on the ARTICHOKE program in the SO Conference Room with the following individuals present: ~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~ representing SO; ~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~ representing OSI; ~~_____~~ and Dr. Sidney Gottlieb representing OTS; and ~~_____~~ present as a representative of the Director's Office and an observer.

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3. ~~_____~~ then discussed the proposed trip of ~~_____~~ to Los Angeles and San Francisco in connection with the recruitment of personnel for ARTICHOKE field teams.

4. ~~_____~~ stated that ~~_____~~ who is to be the ARTICHOKE representative ~~_____~~, is being presently trained in advanced Russian.

5. ~~_____~~ then discussed the question involving Soviet PCs and a general discussion followed thereafter in connection with the available information on "brain washing" by the Chinese and Soviets.

6. ~~_____~~ stated that he had arranged a number of contacts with individuals who are specializing and maintaining a constant study of interrogation techniques and hoped that these contacts would turn up information of benefit to the ARTICHOKE Project.

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7. At this point, [redacted] referred to the documents that [redacted] had last year on interrogation and especially the report of [redacted] in China, who was interrogated by the Chinese some eighteen months ago.

8. [redacted] again stated that he felt it would be proper and important if members of the committee briefed Mr. Dallas and certain of his top assistants on the ARTHUR work, plans and future ideas. [redacted] proposed that a date be set (this was not done) and he further stated that the subject was being discussed at the present time.

9. [redacted] spoke of the excellent work accomplished by [redacted] and commented it was a rare thing indeed for his group to receive actual materials in great quantities on which to work.

10. [redacted] then explained the relationship of [redacted] to the program and [redacted] commented on "brain washing" and the study of "brain washing" techniques being considered by the Department of Defense. A discussion followed in which [redacted] and [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] of the National Academy of Science was setting up a committee to study "brain washing" and psychological warfare tactics used by the North Koreans and the Soviets in relation to the POW problem. The discussion developed that [redacted] is handling the Agency's interests at this time and [redacted] apparently is collecting Agency documents for this study. [redacted] stated that this committee headed by [redacted] is Top Secret and is to receive all available information from this Agency as well as all interested defense organizations.

11. [redacted] suggested that one of the problems would be whether or not a public offensive could be started to combat the fears and questions arising from public discussions of "brain washing" in regard to POWs held in North Korea. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had seen some of the material on "brain washing" and suggested to [redacted] that "brain washing" be used offensively by this Agency. At this point, there was some discussion whether "brain washing" as such was or was not an ARTHUR province and it was agreed that "brain washing" was not purely an ARTHUR subject but was closely related. In this connection, [redacted] stated he felt that any information in this connection should be funneled into the ARTHUR committee before any Agency activity along these lines be started. A discussion followed and [redacted] stated it would be a valuable idea to brief [redacted] in connection with the ARTHUR work. [redacted] pointed out this "brain washing" was public knowledge since General Mark Clark had publicly commented on same and it had appeared in various newspapers and magazines over the United States and that [redacted] had been briefed in regard to ARTHUR. [redacted] stated that the matter is before the National Security Council for discussion. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] paper in this connection be sent to [redacted]

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13. Thereafter there was a discussion between [redacted] and [redacted] and others in which the question of [redacted] and his possible use to the ARTICHOKE program was discussed.

14. At this point, [redacted] discussed the chemical "Seramin" and gave a detailed report of TSS efforts along these lines. [redacted] also discussed the material from [redacted] obtained by [redacted] and stated it was now being tested and would be fully exploited. [redacted] played a tape recording of the tests on "Seramin" which lasted from 3:20 PM to 4:00 PM and which proved to be a very effective method of presenting in question and answer form the various properties and uses of this new chemical. Upon conclusion of the tape recording, [redacted] answered many questions in connection with the chemical "Seramin".

15. [redacted] at this point named three individuals whom he stated were, in his opinion, highly competent men in connection with "brain washing" and POW work and in addition were probably thoroughly familiar with the ARTICHOKE work. He gave the names of [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] whom he stated would be valuable and who is a [redacted] residing and working in [redacted]

16. The date for the next meeting was set for Thursday, 16 April at 2:00 PM in the SO Conference Room and all present were asked to contribute any information they had in connection with the ARTICHOKE work at the next meeting.

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