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1 November 1951

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief [redacted] G

FROM: Chief [redacted] G

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization for Use of Artichoke on [redacted]

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1. It is requested that authorization be granted to facilitate a drug-supported interrogation of an agent, [redacted], now being held in our custody at [redacted].

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[REDACTED] has changed to a relatively more co-operative attitude and he has begun to furnish considerably more information. Nevertheless the extent of truth and completeness of this information can not yet be determined. The field as well as Headquarters has agreed that the procedure of interrogation and treatment indicated above should be continued and that the Artichoke Technique should be applied at the conclusion of the debriefing sessions. [REDACTED] of I&SS will be notified when appropriate conditions materialize for briefing and dispatch of the Artichoke team. The Artichoke operators have asserted that Subject's cooperation is not required for successful application of Artichoke.

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6. Exhaustive debriefing of Subject is considered of crucial import to ascertain the extent of compromise of AIS personnel, installations and methods of operation. In addition, it is considered of immediate advantage to resolve the relationship between Subject, [REDACTED] and the minor principals indicated in paragraph four. Debriefing of Subject on [REDACTED] recruitment, training, personnel, classmates and modus operandi, and particularly of [REDACTED] penetration of [REDACTED] groups (an earlier mission of Subject) and western intelligence services may be effected by a successful drug-supported interrogation.

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7. The field is prepared to render the Artichoke team all possible assistance in availing it of a carriage operator, proper physical facilities to conduct Artichoke, and whatever other facilities which may be required.

8. The disposal of Subject is not immediately contemplated but exploratory investigations and discussions have been initiated. According to Subject's own confession to [REDACTED] he had twice enlisted and deserted from the [REDACTED] in 1948 and 1949. Fingerprints, photographs, and details of his confession in this connection

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have been forwarded to [REDACTED] for verification. In the event that these allegations are found to be true, that the [REDACTED] are willing to have custody of Subject, and providing that the penalty to be imposed is substantial, AIS may turn over Subject to the [REDACTED]. If this avenue of disposal does not materialize, AIS shall in any event attempt to provide disposal in terms of the most severe measures feasible so as to insure it from further compromise by Subject.

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