



THE BLACK VAULT

This document was obtained from The Black Vault, an online database of declassified government documents. This particular record is housed in the MKULTRA/Mind Control Collection, a compilation of more than 20,000 pages declassified by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The entire collection is free to download and online at:

<http://mkultra.theblackvault.com>

A/B, V, 162, 1

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: Conference, [REDACTED] ARTICHOKE,

24 March 1954.

H

1. On 24 March 1954, between 8:30 and 12:30 PM, [REDACTED] and the writer visited [REDACTED] and conferred with [REDACTED] ARTICHOKE consultant in hypnosis, and [REDACTED]

A
C

2. In general, the conference was for two purposes: the first, to introduce [REDACTED] and; the second, to obtain a very general idea of [REDACTED] opinions on certain matters concerning the use of hypnosis in connection with proposed ARTICHOKE [REDACTED] operations in the fall of 1954. [REDACTED] Briefed [REDACTED] in general terms concerning the [REDACTED] project and told him his ideas of what he considered the possible uses of hypnosis for indoctrination, orientation, development of new personalities, control of activities, etc., etc. of individuals to be used in the future in connection with the [REDACTED] ARTICHOKE work.

A
C

H

3. [REDACTED] answered and discussed all questions at length with [REDACTED] and gave his views on the use of hypnosis in a project of this type. For the record, it may be said it closely parallels the views previously set out by ARTICHOKE. In certain cases, [REDACTED] admitted the answers were not known since to his knowledge no one in the field of hypnotic work had attempted such experiments. [REDACTED] very clearly indicated in his professional opinion that the overall [REDACTED] ARTICHOKE work, as outlined, by [REDACTED] had great merit and that he felt that a large percentage of the discussed ideas could be carried out successfully.

C
A
H

4. [REDACTED] indicated a willingness to co-operate in this work in any way he could and arrangements were made so that he and [REDACTED] and, possibly later, [REDACTED] could get together and discuss the problems further.

C
A

5. In connection with the above, [REDACTED] very clearly stated that he and the writer are most desirous of talking with [REDACTED] and setting up a series of conferences in which the more specific aspects and technical ramifications of the [REDACTED] ARTICHOKE work could be carefully examined.

A
C

[REDACTED] returned from a lecture tour, which he at this time was making, another conference would be arranged.

[REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] was very definitely convinced that by using the hypnotic techniques and if they were properly laid on, remarkable strides could be made in the use of this method in intelligence work. [REDACTED] stated he was certain [REDACTED] could arrange and would arrange his work so that he could accompany a team into the field for a test in support of the [REDACTED] ARTICHOKE work. A
C

7. [REDACTED] and the writer left [REDACTED] apartment, where the conference was held [REDACTED] at 12:35 PM and [REDACTED] stated that he would leave a few minutes later. This had previously been agreed upon as a sound security precaution by all hands. A
C

[REDACTED] A

26 March 1954.

[REDACTED]