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TO : Chief, Security Research Staff  
FROM : Chief, Technical Branch  
SUBJECT: Interview with Secret Contact.

DATE: 2 February 1954

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1. On Monday, 1 February 1954, between 2:00 and 3:00 PM, [redacted] and the writer interviewed [redacted] head of the [redacted] [redacted] had previously been contacted and had requested [redacted] and the writer to return for further discussions. A

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2. [redacted] was extremely co-operative and gave a list of various individuals whom he regarded as of interest to the ARTICHOKE work and made certain suggestions in connection with botanicals that had ARTICHOKE possibilities. [redacted] while [redacted] and the writer were present, called one of his contacts and requested him for certain plants which are known to have strong toxic qualities and which could not be easily obtained through "open" channels. [redacted] stated he could do this without disclosing Agency interest in any way whatsoever and he would be glad to procure botanicals where he could use [redacted] channels and interests.

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3. [redacted] stated he would call [redacted] in the next few days and give him additional contacts which he regarded as valuable. He also requested [redacted] to furnish him with a list of plants which [redacted] felt would be valuable and would make an effort to A) either procure the plant or B) determine where it could be obtained and how it could be obtained if he himself could not do it. A  
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Chief, Security Research Staff

Chief, Technical Branch

Request for Secret Contact Clearance.

1. [redacted] He is regarded by many individuals as an outstanding authority on ornamental and various types of plants and has specialized in certain plants which are of extreme interest to the ANTICOR program. He has been with [redacted] for a number of years.

2. In recent conversations at [redacted] was informed by several individuals of high professional standing that [redacted] would be of great assistance in the obtaining, of and propagation of certain botanicals in which this Branch is particularly interested.

3. [redacted] was also informed that [redacted] has access to certain [redacted] facilities and numerous private facilities which could in the future supply us with botanicals peculiar to the ANTICOR program. In addition, [redacted] was informed that [redacted] is a loyal, patriotic American citizen and that if properly cleared, he would be co-operative and would undoubtedly give a great deal of thought and effort to our particular problems.

4. In view of the above, it would be suggested if you would request through the proper channels that [redacted] be cleared for secret contact with the highest possible priority assigned in this case.

5. I am attaching herewith a brief statement of the background of [redacted] as obtained from [redacted] through [redacted]

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