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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: 14 December 1950

FROM : [REDACTED] A

SUBJECT: Special Training

Reference is made to our recent conversation regarding training of B staff members in hypnotic methods as an essential background to future S. I. work.

In this connection, it may be recalled that [REDACTED] A  
formerly of I & S, took a special short course in hypnosis from a so-called [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] attended from the end [REDACTED]

A special investigation was run on [REDACTED] prior to [REDACTED] A  
taking the course, which disclosed that in many ways [REDACTED] an unsavory  
character; however, judging solely upon results achieved in [REDACTED]  
case, the course apparently is successfully taught.

In connection with the above, a parallel investigation turned up the  
name of one [REDACTED] a professional hypnotist [REDACTED] who  
bears an excellent reputation both professionally and ethically. However,  
the investigative report did not disclose whether [REDACTED] taught hypnotism  
or would teach hypnotism for a fee.

Since time is the essence in this operation, it is felt that (along  
the lines of your original suggestion) two B staff members should be authorized  
to procure from [REDACTED] his special short course [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] starting as soon as possible [REDACTED] using what ever cover  
is necessary.

It is suggested that if possible [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
be designated to take this course.

It is furthermore suggested that immediately upon completion of this  
course, [REDACTED] recommendations to the Deputy Chief,  
I & S, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the B project, as to whether or not  
in their opinion [REDACTED] course gives the required background for this work.

In the event of a favorable recommendation by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
as set out above, this project will immediately designate other staff members  
for this special course. However, if the recommendation is unfavorable, it is  
suggested that immediate steps be taken to ascertain if [REDACTED]  
will teach hypnotism and under what circumstances this could be arranged.

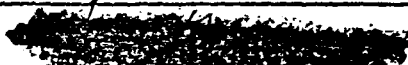
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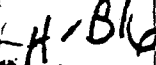

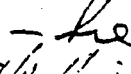
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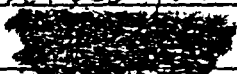
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REMARKS:

- 1. Recommend  H. B.  course
- 2. Advise of this next to your thinking - loan must be established for each.
- 3. Get more data & initially check on  - he sounds good - 

FROM:  *with them*

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