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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED]

FROM : [REDACTED] A

SUBJECT: Development of Team Personnel

DATE: 17 March 1952

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1. Reference is made to our recent conversation concerning the development of a basic team for Artichoke operations on the operational level. The writer is in complete accord with the views of [REDACTED] and yourself in these matters and proposes the following as immediate steps to the establishment of such a team:

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1) [REDACTED]

Information has been received in the past several days that [REDACTED]. He is now, or will be in the next few days. [REDACTED]

It is proposed that authorization be obtained to permit the writer to personally interview [REDACTED] and to discuss with him his well-known interests in Artichoke type work and whether or not he personally would like an assignment directly to the Training Research Staff as [REDACTED] for Artichoke work.

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2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has, in the past few days, returned to his residence in [REDACTED] from a business and pleasure cruise in southern waters. In view of his professed interest in the Artichoke type work and in view of his well-known capacities, particularly [REDACTED] and with psychiatrists in [REDACTED] the writer proposes that every effort be made to grant a full security clearance to [REDACTED] and that the writer, thereafter, approach him with a view toward obtaining his services as a covert consultant to the Technical Research Staff.

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2. The writer believes that if we can obtain the services of [REDACTED] and at least the part-time services of [REDACTED] we will then [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

have available a basic team that can be thrown against any problem requiring advanced interrogation methods or related matters. Furthermore, the writer is of the opinion that this team, if so constituted, will be able to handle any new type of drug, new instrument, or new technique that OSI or any other source may develop for the Artichoke work.

3. The team would be set up as follows:

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[REDACTED] would handle the administration of the drugs, the anesthetic work, and the specific medical research required; [REDACTED] would bring to bear the best and most advanced stage and clinical hypnosis that is obtainable; [REDACTED] will procure, develop, and operate the necessary technical, electronic, and mechanical installations to support the work; and the writer will act as administrator for the team, will carry out research problems, will handle the basic interrogation in all cases, and will act as the IASO control when the team is actually operating at home or in the field.

4. The writer's schedule at this point is flexible enough for him to leave immediately on the matters set out above to approach [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if so authorized.

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