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Conversations with [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] in accordance with arrangements made by [REDACTED] liaison officer for Project Artichoke. Purpose: to discuss the [REDACTED] Project as it relates to Project Artichoke and to discuss certain specific points raised by [REDACTED] directly with [REDACTED].

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2. [REDACTED] outlined [REDACTED] background and certain outstanding projects he has completed for the [REDACTED]. Specific mention was made of [REDACTED]'s survey and evaluation of mortality rates of various anesthetics which has resulted in standardization of anesthesia in [REDACTED] medical facilities. Also he has developed a morphine substitute [REDACTED] which is of strategic importance because of our lack of an opium stockpile. [REDACTED] evaluates [REDACTED] as one of the king pins of [REDACTED] medical research today. He is at present working on narcoanalysis and claims to have achieved success in obtaining substances which will loosen the tongues of otherwise discreet individuals.

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3. [REDACTED] described Project Artichoke in general terms and the importance of obtaining an objective evaluation of the feasibility of various techniques from a national security standpoint. It was indicated that, without jeopardizing the cover or existence of various projects such as [REDACTED]'s, we would like to be sure that [REDACTED] research in the field is proceeding as directly as possible and with no unnecessary duplication.

4. [REDACTED] promised his full cooperation and agreed that the best way to achieve coordination is to bring together the key personnel such as [REDACTED] and others active in the field and let them explore the matter completely. [REDACTED] feels that [REDACTED] is ideally suited for our evaluation of the feasibility of the drug techniques.

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5. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that we are most appreciative of his cooperation and in anticipation of this we have made arrangements already with the [REDACTED] Project personnel to bring the two projects in phase. Prior to [REDACTED] meeting the [REDACTED] Project leader, a preliminary meeting might be in order with the [REDACTED] officials. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] present to discuss general aspects. [REDACTED] agreed and is prepared for such discussions.

6. The specific questions raised by [REDACTED] were discussed.

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a. The availability of [REDACTED] who will report for two years duty with the [REDACTED] in the near future. [REDACTED] agreed to contact [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] and see if arrangements can be made for assignment to [REDACTED] under [REDACTED].

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b. The security status of [redacted] of [redacted] will pass information which may be available on [redacted] to [redacted] in order that he may give [redacted] informal guidance.

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c. The security status of [redacted] is cleared through Secret only. Clearance for TOP SECRET is considered essential if he is to be brought further into the project. [redacted] may initiate TOP SECRET clearance but this will take time. An interim TOP SECRET clearance may be requested as an emergency measure. [redacted] emphasized that the reason [redacted] is not TOP SECRET cleared is because it was permitted to lapse after the last war and just was not continued.

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