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DATE: 2 March 1953

TO: FILES

FROM: [REDACTED] A

SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE Conference [REDACTED] H-B/3

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1. On 2 March 1953, [REDACTED] and the visitor (later joined by [REDACTED]) interviewed [REDACTED] in connection with the [REDACTED] case. The reason for this visit was that the [REDACTED] people intend possibly to use [REDACTED] in an operation in [REDACTED] and wish to find out whether or not--

1. He had too much knowledge from a medical point of view (amnesia, dosages, techniques, drugs, etc.) from our previous ARTICHOKE work and
2. From a security point of view, could he give too much information to [REDACTED] if he sold out directly to them.

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2. [REDACTED] expressed the professional opinion insofar as the ARTICHOKE work in June 1952 was concerned that [REDACTED] would not have any valuable knowledge of the ARTICHOKE techniques. He stated that in his opinion [REDACTED] believed he was given a medical treatment and that questions asked of him were of a medical nature and not pure interrogation.

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3. [REDACTED] further stated that he felt that in considerable part [REDACTED] would have total amnesia for much that went on during June when ARTICHOKE treatment was applied. He also stated he would have no knowledge of the chemicals, techniques, personalities, etc. that would be of value to [REDACTED] if he sold out. In connection with the [REDACTED] trip in August 1952, [REDACTED] stated he believed [REDACTED] would know that he had been subjected to drugs since his behavior was not normal and [REDACTED] himself is an intelligent, shrewd, hard-core agent type. [REDACTED] stated it would not make any difference any way since [REDACTED] was not asked pertinent or intelligence-type questions and certainly would have no knowledge of chemicals given since they were put in coffee, beer, and in his food.

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4. [REDACTED] stated he felt, from a medical point of view, there would be no real harm in using [REDACTED] on another operation and that if [REDACTED] sold out to [REDACTED], he could give them no truly valuable information and if he did give them information, the information would do no more than confuse them since [REDACTED] could give no factual details.

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5. In connection with the statements made by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] where he stated he had been given drugs for interrogation, [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that [REDACTED] recognized the fact that he was given chemicals during the [REDACTED] process but that he would have very little other information and he felt that [REDACTED] statements were simply designed to serve his own ends and were based on an intelligent guess and not much more.

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6. [REDACTED] stated that it would be interesting if any other headquarters persons were visiting [REDACTED] to talk with [REDACTED] and try to find out by subtle questions just what [REDACTED] remembered of the June ARTICHOKE work and what his views were on the August-September [REDACTED] experimentation.

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