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17 November 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED]
FROM: [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: BLUEBIRD Project

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1. On 15 November 1950 Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with representatives of [REDACTED] and I&S concerning the above project. An earlier meeting had been held at which time I&S furnished a report concerning the successful use of BLUEBIRD techniques in the [REDACTED]. The present meeting was to discuss the development and implementation of this project. Attached is a memorandum submitted by I&S, setting forth a proposed program.

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2. It is noted that among other things the proposal calls for the assignment by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of three qualified employees from each organization. These three persons, plus a medical doctor and an SI interrogator to be recruited by I&S, will function as a team. It is understood that the BLUEBIRD duties will constitute a full time assignment. [REDACTED] has a medical doctor on its staff who will be assigned to their "team".

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3. It is estimated by I&S that the training time for the teams will be approximately six weeks, at which time they would be available for assignment to specific operations.

4. Although the entire field is still in an exploratory stage, the developments to date and the purported possibilities of BLUEBIRD techniques make it imperative that [REDACTED] be as fully advised as possible concerning all developments. The use of these techniques present operational possibilities and it is equally important that we be informed of the possibilities from a defensive standpoint. Some research in this field is being conducted by [REDACTED] and possibly other Government agencies.

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5. The following is recommended:

- a) Division Chiefs and necessary desk personnel to generally be briefed on the possibility of BLUEBIRD techniques. At some future date, depending upon the progress made, it will be necessary to alert our field personnel;
- b) [REDACTED] attempt to procure or assign experienced personnel to this project. An outline of the qualifications considered

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desirable in the light of past experience will be submitted by I&S. In this connection it is noted that the person to serve as the SI interrogator will be furnished by I&S. [REDACTED] anticipates considerable difficulty in recruiting and/or training such persons to an adequate degree of proficiency.

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