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BLUEBIRD PROJECT

I. Proposed Expansion of Project BLUEBIRD

- a. Establishment and training of additional teams.
- b. Method of operation and control of teams.
- c. Operational research program.
- d. Coordination of drug research with interested departments.
- e. Collection and estimates on foreign capabilities in interrogation fields.

II. Establishment and Training of BLUEBIRD teams.

At the present time one doctor and two technicians are employed on BLUEBIRD. A doctor is detailed from [redacted] to the Project. A personnel action is in process for the employment of an interrogator. G

In order to meet Agency requirements it is estimated that three full teams will be necessary to cover adequately the geographic areas. With a complement of three full teams the personnel of such teams can be utilized to train additional teams if Agency requirements deem an increase in this program to be necessary.

a. Experience to date has shown that an interrogation team operates most efficiently with the following trained personnel:

- (1) Medical doctor (trained in SI)
- (2) SI interrogator (language ability of extreme importance)
- (3) Polygraph operator (should possess working knowledge of SI and foreign language ability)
- (4) Interpreter (trained interpreter necessary if neither interrogator nor polygraph operator possess language ability)
- (5) Technician (trained in polygraph, communications and photography).

b. The functions of the interrogator, polygraph and interpreter may be interchangeable depending upon the qualifications of the personnel assigned. In order to fulfil the team requirements it is proposed that [redacted] and [redacted] each assign three employees possessing qualifications to meet the positions of interrogator, polygraph operator and interpreter. The six employees should be detailed to IASS. IASS will recruit a medical doctor to complete the medical complement of the three teams. G

IASS will train the personnel so detailed and will determine which of the team functions the individuals are best qualified to perform. If it is found that IASS is unable to train the personnel in multiple specialities as interrogator, polygraph operator and interpreter, IASS will call upon [redacted] and [redacted] for additional personnel to complete the team requirements.

c. Training. IASS will train the personnel so assigned at [redacted] and at the IASS covert office. Training will cover all aspects

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

of BLUEBIRD activity and will include special information and techniques developed in the course of the operational research program.

### III. Method of Operation and Control of Teams.

a. In order for [REDACTED] personnel to provide headquarters with proper subjects for BLUEBIRD application, it is recommended that field station chiefs be advised to submit to headquarters all cases which they deem worthy of special interrogation. The field should be advised that cases involving high intelligence potential or special operational interest will be considered by headquarters on the basis of full information submitted by the [REDACTED] chief. G

b. In order to eliminate low interest cases, the [REDACTED] should screen out by regular interrogation techniques all routine cases. BLUEBIRD techniques will only be employed in cases where headquarters determines that the intelligence and operational potential is great and where other means of extracting information are not feasible or have not been successful. Security considerations will be an important factor in this determination.

c. Approval for the application of BLUEBIRD techniques will be made only by the BLUEBIRD Control Board.

d. Teams will be dispatched to the [REDACTED] in support of approved projects. The interested area must provide full operational support to the BLUEBIRD team in the [REDACTED]. The BLUEBIRD team commander will make final determination as to the interrogation techniques to be employed and the degree of application of subconscious isolation.

e. Team personnel assigned to IASS will be employed full time in the BLUEBIRD Project and will be subject to IASS control for training and use on team projects approved by the BLUEBIRD Board.

f. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to submit cases requesting use of BLUEBIRD as soon as possible for Board consideration and for schedule of assignment of team projects. B

g. The Board to give consideration to assignment of teams to geographic areas for periods not to exceed two months to service special requests for BLUEBIRD interrogations and for team experience on routine cases under sound security conditions.

### IV. Operational Research Program.

a. Continued experimentation on the intravenous use of drugs for the inducement of SI on willing subjects.

b. Continued experimentation on the oral application of drugs as an inducement to (polygraph) SI on willing subjects.

c. Experimentation on the surreptitious oral application of drugs on unwilling subjects for speech inducement purposes.

d. Experimentation in the use of the hypnospray as an inducement (polygraph) to SI on willing subjects.

d. Experimentation with the hypnospray as a surreptitious speech inducing means on unwilling subjects without the use of polygraph or further intravenous injection of drugs.

f. Establishing specifications and the manufacture of drug ampules for use in hypnospray to cover the various types of uses in the above categories and to include application of stimulants to offset the effects of drugs.

g. Continued experimentation in basic SI techniques.

h. Obtaining the services of a security cleared trustworthy stage hypnotist as a consultant to determine those elements of stage hypnotism which might be utilized to produce a SI condition in an unwilling subject with or without the surreptitious use of drugs. In addition the hypnotist could be used to train the teams in the various techniques of hypnotism. The use of such a consultant would be under the cover of defensive training of our personnel.

V. Maintain close working relationships and support, if necessary, on drug research programs being conducted by other departments. These departments have facilities for extensive research in the use of drugs and appropriate cover under which to conduct research. These programs can be adapted to meet our operational problems in research in the field of drugs.

VI. After the programs have been developed, it is recommended that BLUEBIRD conduct experiments and develop techniques to determine the possibilities and the practicability of positive use of SI on willing and unwilling subjects for operational purposes. Positive use of SI would be for the purpose of operational control of individuals to perform specific tasks under post hypnotic suggestion and in addition would cover research in training fields and defensive conditioning against application by SI by unfriendly elements. This field, if it is found that the application of SI is possible and practicable, offers unlimited opportunities to the operating offices.

VII. BLUEBIRD personnel to prepare lectures for key operational personnel in [redacted] and [redacted] on aspects of BLUEBIRD which will permit them to consider possibilities and refer operational requests to the BLUEBIRD Board. In addition prepare training lectures for Agency field personnel on interrogation techniques as a defensive measure.

G VIII. [redacted] and OSI to accelerate the collection and estimate program in the fields of interrogation for greater coverage and more detailed data on foreign capabilities.

IX. [redacted] and [redacted] to encourage training and assignment of polygraph operators to [redacted] for screening of potential BLUEBIRD cases and to act in many cases in direct support of BLUEBIRD projects.