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A/B, IV, 10, 8

Questions for Case 9096

1. Background:

a. We are interested in locating the possible place of manufacture or sales outlets in [REDACTED] for a surgical needle which would fit the description as follows:

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outside diameter - .040 inches\*  
inside diameter - .027 inches  
length - .792 inches

b. Prior analysis of the needle indicates that it is made of high carbon tool steel. It is composed of scattered spheroids of cementite in a matrix of tempered martensite with traces of impurities of Hf, Al, Mo, Sn, Cu, Ca, Cr, Si, Mg, Mn.

c. The needle is imbedded in a brass cap with a machine threaded ferrule designed to screw onto the top of a collapsible tube. The whole device appears to be designed to inject an unknown jelly-like substance.

2. Specific questions:

a. Is this type of needle and cap arrangement common to any known domestic or foreign manufacture, either present or past?

b. If so, what are the locations where it might be available, including the most likely location and any other possible ones.

c. What would a needle of this type normally be used for? What other cases might it be used for? (intravenous or random injection?)

d. Any other suggestions on the subject?

\*Are we correct in assuming that the standard needle size is .0/2 inches and this is, therefore, a non-standard needle?)

[REDACTED]

Encl. 1

A/B, IV, 10, 5

Contact Division/00  
Attention: [redacted]

6 June 1952

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Case 9096

1. Reference is made to our efforts to establish contact with a large surgical needle firm. Attached are some questions which your representative in the area might be able to put to the firm. I suggest a classification of Confidential for these questions but trust that your representative will solicit their personal confidence so that the matter will not be discussed elsewhere by them.

2. I am enclosing the remnants of the needle. (Encls 2 + 3rd org only)

3. It is possible that this item might be of interest to your [redacted] although all of our information to date points to [redacted] origin. However, I shall be pleased to go over the case with one of your Staff if there is an interest.

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Enclosures: (3)

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- Orig. & 1 - Addresses
- 1 - Subject File - AF 400
- 1 - Chrono ✓
- 1 - Daily Reading File - "Plastic"