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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Security Research Staff

DATE: 11 August 1954

FROM : Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: Technical Supplies; Request for from [redacted] G

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1. The ARTICHOKE Team, at the request of the [redacted] is going to [redacted] to conduct special operations on three urgent and sensitive cases between 25 August and 3 September 1954. We have discussed the cases involved with Headquarters' Case Officer, [redacted] and it is believed that these cases make ideal test subjects for research using LSD-25. G

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2. As you know, we have recently received from a very well informed and authentic source detailed information that the [redacted] have had an initial success in using LSD in direct intelligence-type interrogation. In view of this, we feel that after the standard ARTICHOKE work is performed by the Team, experimentation should be carried out using this new and potent chemical on the three aforementioned subjects. [redacted] officers having knowledge of these cases support this view.

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3. We have at present a small amount of LSD stockpiled but we do not feel that it is sufficient to properly carry out these interrogations. Therefore, we request specific authorization from you or [redacted] if necessary, to request from [redacted] the following amount of LSD for this work:

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Three (3) boxes, each containing six (6) ampoules, 1 cc size, 0.10 mg per ampoule, for a total of 18 ampoules (standard Sandoz package).

4. Since our stockpiling of unusual chemicals is carried out in an extremely covert manner and large amounts are not procured or kept at hand, we prefer not to secure this chemical ourselves although we believe we can do so, if necessary.

5. Since our medical consultant will leave for [redacted] ahead of the ARTICHOKE Team, probably on or about 16 August, a high priority is requested for this matter. F

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