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TO Chief, Security Research Staff

FROM Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE Conference, 20 March 1953

1. On 20 March 1953, between 10:00 and 11:00 AM, [redacted] and the writer discussed [redacted] recent trip to [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted].

2. [redacted] briefed [redacted] and [redacted] concerning the collection of botanical material and problems involved in this work. [redacted] explained where and how the material was obtained and discussed the many problems involved in obtaining botanical materials in countries in which there are few botanical experts and the country itself is not interested in developing and studying their natural resources.

3. [redacted] pointed out that he is quite familiar with [redacted] and stated he felt research and exploration along botanical lines in this area would be valuable. He thoroughly approved of the trip of [redacted] to [redacted] and offered full co-operation of his Division in any future work planned along these lines.

4. It is the opinion of the writer, based on [redacted] statements, that he would endorse botanical exploration carried out on a large scale if properly guided [redacted] and is of the opinion that such work would be highly productive.

5. It is the intention of the writer in the near future to propose an additional project for botanical research in [redacted] probably using post-graduate students in botany as [redacted] support along these lines is regarded as important. The writer feels definitely that [redacted] will support such a project without reservation on the basis of his own research, travel and knowledge.

Sounds practical, but first wait and check the results of this last trip before we encourage an extended project.

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