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Organization of SO components dealing with ARTICHOKE

I. The Special Research Staff (SRS) has two branches

- A. Technical Branch
- B. CE Branch

II. The Technical Branch has two functions

- A. Top Agency technical work
- B. ARTICHOKE

ARTICHOKE

1. Four and one-half years ago interest in brainwashing, interrogation techniques, etc., used by the Communists and their defensive and offensive use began.
2. The main work of ARTICHOKE falls into four fields:
 - A. Extraction of information from unwilling subjects.
 - B. Preventing extraction of information from our agents.
 - C. Control of activity of individuals whether they wish it or not.
 - D. Preventing control by others of our agents.
3. It was necessary to explore the following fields:
 - A. Hypnosis: Four years of experimentation have continued to the present.
 - B. Chemicals: In cooperation with OSI and with 60 or 70 scientific contacts throughout the U.S., Technical Branch has kept abreast of the latest developments, including reports on use of chemicals with psychotics, etc., other experimental work.
 - C. Psychiatry: [REDACTED] who has just retired, conducted broad research in all aspects of the medical chemical area. [REDACTED] and others also worked on this research.
 - D. Other fields: In addition to hypnosis, chemical and psychiatric research, the following fields have been explored:
 - 1) Natural drugs
 - 2) Biochemical and dietary effects
 - 3) Gases
 - 4) Sound..
 - 5) Light
 - 6) Electricity, electro-shock narcosis, high frequencies
 - 7) Other physical manifestations, including heat and cold, atmospheric pressure, radiation.

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- 8) Physiological fields, including fatigue
- 9) Surgical (e.g. lobotomy)

4. Present methods of obtaining information quickly:

- A. A barbituate and stimulant combination is given to the subject, in combination with narco-analysis. At present we have no better method, no information to indicate new chemicals are useful.
- B. Attempt hypnosis (narco-hypnosis) using sodium amytal and barbituates, combined with "special technique."

5. Experiments in Control of Activity by hypnosis:

- A. Under clinical, laboratory conditions, working with people known to them, subjects can be made to do what they would not do otherwise -- set fires, shoot people, etc. These people were controlled by pure hypnosis, unaided by chemicals.

6. Sources of data to support research:

- A. The Technical Branch has a net or web of cleared contacts who give them ideas; these are "top level specialists" in all fields from gun design to uses of mushrooms.
- B. The Technical Branch makes constant requests to the library for information, and has placed a continuing requirement with the Agency library.
- C. cooperates in work on chemicals.
- D. OSI teams are engaged in botanical and other work.
- E. Medical, police and intelligence literature has been combed for information pertinent to the subject.

7. Bibliographies (selected) have been drawn up in the following categories:

- A. Drugs of value in the area of interest
- B. Hypnosis and hypnotherapy
- C. Interrogation and interviewing techniques
- D. Lie Detectors and Lie Detection
- E. Legal Medicine
- F. Narco-analysis
- G. Toxicology

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d. The Technical Branch has the following materials and facilities, any of which can be made available to [REDACTED]

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- A. Audio coverage of any area.
- B. Chemicals and drugs, including rare ones not easily available, as well as information concerning these substances.
- C. Selected case records of ARTICHOKE field cases.
- D. Books. Technical Branch will loan any of the books in its library, some of which are very hard to get, or which should be procured covertly.
- E. If [REDACTED] requires an interview with an expert, the Technical Branch can clear him, introduce him, etc., on a higher priority than a routine request.
- F. In the brainwashing field, if the project does not already have it, Technical Branch can furnish a full set of the results of [REDACTED]
- G. Films and film projectors. The Technical Branch can get any film, domestic or foreign, and may have information on films of interest, since it regularly examines films in pertinent fields.
- H. Photographs. The Technical Branch can furnish technical support, photographic instruction or actual taking of photographs, two-way mirrors, development of classified photographs, etc. They can advise on photographic problems.
- I. Cover for activity. The Technical Branch can advise on covers for interrogation and how they have been developed by the branch.

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