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Hypnosis

TO : Director of Security
VIA : Deputy Director of Security
VIA : Chief, Security Research Staff

FROM : Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE Case #1 F
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1. Set out below is a resume statement of the first case handled by the ARTICHOKE Team between mid-February 1954 and 7 March 1954 at [redacted]. According to cover memorandum from [redacted], "the results obtained by [redacted] (ARTICHOKE Team Chief) in his use of ARTICHOKE far exceeded the expectations of the Chief [redacted] = G

CASE DESCRIPTION

B/3 2. After two and one-half years of employment as [redacted] agent of [redacted] was brought out of [redacted] or debriefing and planning of future operations. He was brought to [redacted] and isolated in a safe house. ARTICHOKE operations were conducted at this site. F

B/3 3. [redacted] is an important covert operational asset [redacted] and to properly evaluate his past reports; to accept or not accept his past accounts or future budgets; to determine his future potentialities and clearly re-establish his bonafides, it was decided to employ the ARTICHOKE techniques. F

4. Because of the extreme importance of [redacted] if his bonafides were established, exceptional consideration was given to the treatment of this individual by the ARTICHOKE Team as may be seen from the following. B/3

COVER FOR ARTICHOKE OPERATION

A 5. On 18 February 1954, [redacted] became ill with influenza (and other complications) and on the following days this illness became progressively worse. In view of the illness, [redacted], who is a medical doctor, felt this afforded a most opportune situation to establish rapport with [redacted] on a professional basis. [redacted] treated [redacted] with various injections and medications and by 22 February, [redacted] stated he was feeling fine. Due to the medication and its successful application, [redacted] became grateful to and apparently very friendly with [redacted]. Taking advantage of this, A [redacted] advanced a pseudo-explanation to [redacted] that part of his medical problem undoubtedly was due to his poor nutritional condition incurred by B/3

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F living [redacted] accepted [redacted] explanation completely. [redacted] recommended daily injections of vitamins, etc. "to build up the poor, weakened condition" of [redacted] from 26 February 1954 until 4 March 1954, daily visits and intramuscular injections of vitamins were given to [redacted] by [redacted]

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6. On 4 March 1954, it was decided by [redacted] and [redacted] (Associate) that the most opportune moment had arrived to submit [redacted] to ARTICHOKE. [redacted] by this time, had fully recovered and was in excellent spirits. On 4 March 1954 at 1630 hours, an intravenous injection of "fluids and vitamins" was started at the request of [redacted]. From 2000 hours, 4 March to 0800 hours, 5 March, ARTICHOKE was performed.

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7. On 6 March, to cover the condition in which [redacted] found himself because of ARTICHOKE, he was told that he had "suddenly been stricken with a virus and had become irrational and had a fever of 103°." [redacted] was again treated and brought "back to health" by 7 March 1954.

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ARTICHOKE INTERROGATION

8. As stated above, [redacted] was held under ARTICHOKE techniques for approximately twelve hours from 2000 hours, 4 March, to 0800 hours, 5 March. The direct interrogation, which lasted approximately one and one-half hours during this period was conducted in [redacted] by [redacted] and [redacted]. Full details of this interrogation, including a complete tape recording, are held in the ARTICHOKE files. A study of this interrogation, without actual knowledge of the operations involved very clearly reflects that [redacted] and [redacted] obtained significant material on a considerable number of subjects. This interrogation record and the tape recording [redacted] are available for study, if required.

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9. It should be noted that the entire interrogation was conducted using standard ARTICHOKE techniques and chemicals and [redacted] application of these techniques was entirely successful.

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10. It should also be noted that his attempt at hypnosis, according to [redacted] own report, was unsuccessful. In this connection, [redacted] application of hypnosis in the last fifteen minutes of the interrogation after extensive use of chemicals and after [redacted] had vented is not a recommended procedure based on past experience by the ARTICHOKE group. However, in view of the successful use of chemicals, [redacted] deviation from usually prescribed techniques is not to be criticized.

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CONCLUSIONS

11. [redacted] report reflects, that, in his opinion, [redacted] gave the information "spontaneously, truthfully and unwittingly" and there is "no reason to doubt the success of ARTICHOKE in this case" for the following reasons:

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- A. [redacted] mode of speech, choice of words, context of answers, reactions and behavior indicate a true response to ARTICHOKE.

B. Physical signs exhibited by ██████████ could not be feigned and are the known and expected reactions to ARTICHOKE. B/3 :

- (1) Increased heart rate (120 to 125).
- (2) Flushed and hot skin.
- (3) Increased respiration rate.
- (4) Dilated pupils, no reaction to light and accommodation.

C. ██████████'s answers checked out against pertinent and established material on file.

D. Certain new items of information were given which had previously been withheld on the grounds of security. B/3

E. Spontaneous queries made by ██████████ during his recovery period indicated clearly that ██████████ had no recollection of what had transpired other than the fact that he had been very ill.

F. A subsequent monitored session between ██████████ and ██████████ agent, ██████████ apparently on 8 March indicated that ██████████ had accepted the "cover story" given him and had no suspicion that anything was amiss. In support of this, ██████████ also was impressed by the authenticity of the story and assigned a cook from his personal staff to act as nurse for ██████████ during his recovery. B/3

A 12. ██████████ concluded his report as follows:

A. That the benefides of ██████████ are in order based on operational and technical information obtained under ARTICHOKE.

B. ██████████ made recommendations to improve certain elements surrounding ██████████ which ██████████ felt would build up the morale of and improve the future loyalty and effectiveness of ██████████. Apparently ██████████ recommendations were accepted and implemented in this connection. B/3 A A A

SPECIAL COMMENTS

A A. As noted above, ██████████ use of the H techniques during the last fifteen minutes of a very long interrogation and after massive use of chemicals is not regarded by the ARTICHOKE group as optimum procedure.

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B. Professional consultants to ARTICHOKÉ, in examining [REDACTED] report, particularly the medical descriptions, are agreed that [REDACTED] did not use previously tested medications or the approach that had been made in other ARTICHOKÉ problems; however, it is admitted that this again must be left to the judgment of the ARTICHOKÉ representative in the field at the time of the operation. Professional consultants, however, are agreed that [REDACTED] took certain (probably calculated) chances in using the massive dosages of chemicals in connection with this case, although ultimate results apparently justified the measures taken.

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C. It is recommended a letter be forwarded via [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] congratulating him on the successful handling of this case and following this up with "routine" suggestions concerning a different use of the H technique and a lessening of dosages or changing of the dosages of the chemicals.

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