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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Chief, Inspection and Security Staff
SUBJECT: Project Bluebird

DATE: APR 5 1950

There is submitted for your approval and authorization for allocation of funds Project Bluebird. In view of the extreme sensitivity of this project and its covert nature, it is deemed advisable to submit this project directly to you, rather than through the channel of the Projects Review Committee. Knowledge of this project should be restricted to the absolute minimum number of persons.

This project is now extremely important because of the expressions of interest in this type of a program developing in various areas of the Agency. It is most important that these varied interests be brought into a single project where appropriate controls can be exercised. This will avoid compromise of our techniques and interest in this field.

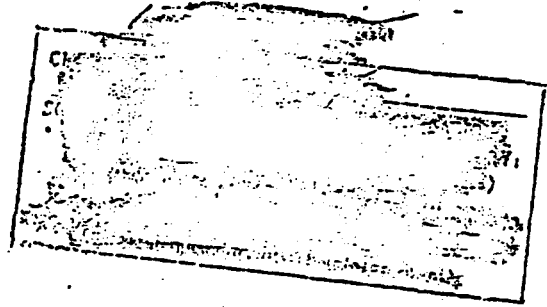
It is requested that this project be approved and authorization granted for the necessary funds as set forth in the attachment.

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Colonel, GSC
Chief, Inspection and Security Staff

Concurrences:

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Approved for *[Redacted signature]*

20. April 1950
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REAR ADMIRAL, USN
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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PROJECT BLUEBIRD

Type - Operational Support

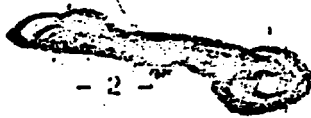
1. References.

Meeting of representatives of ADFSO, ADOPC, ADOXI, and Chief, ISSS, on 14 March, where agreement was reached on the following proposal.

2. The purpose of this project is to provide for the immediate establishment of interrogation teams for the operational support of CGO and GPC activities. The teams will utilize the polygraph, drugs, and hypnotism to attain the greatest results in interrogation techniques. It is important that this project be established inasmuch as a considerable public and government interest has recently developed in the use of hypnotism for interrogation and for personality control purposes. This interest stems from the recent spy trials in Hungary and other satellite countries. Within a number of areas of CIA there has developed considerable interest in the field of hypnotism and one of the basic purposes of this program is to bring all such interests within the purview and control of a single project. It is extremely important that any action by CIA in these fields be restricted to the knowledge of a minimum number of persons on a Top Secret basis to prevent compromise and unfavorable repercussions. Further, activities in this field are so highly specialized that untrained personnel should not experiment or attempt to apply the techniques of hypnotism under any circumstances. This project will provide highly qualified and technical personnel to perform all aspects of interrogation for all areas of the Agency.

The immediate purpose of the program is to provide interrogation teams utilizing the cover of polygraph interrogation to determine the bona fides of high potential defectors and agents, and also for the collection of incidental intelligence from such projects. A team is to be composed of three persons consisting of a doctor -- psychiatrist, a polygraph -- hypnotist, and a technician.

It is proposed that two teams be established to meet current anticipated requirements. As it will require approximately five months to adequately train two polygraph -- hypnotists, ISSS will make available immediately its hypnotist -- specialist for field assignments in order that a team will be immediately available for service. To complete the team a doctor and a technician will also be required for immediate service. In order to provide for two teams it is proposed that two doctors -- psychiatrists, two polygraph -- hypnotists and two technicians be authorized under this project. In this manner one team will be available for immediate service and within six months two full time teams will be established. It is further proposed that the doctor -- psychiatrists be set up in an office in Washington which will serve as a cover for training, experimentation, and indoctrination purposes in the use of drugs and hypnotism. The doctors will be available for field assignments with the interrogation teams. All training of the team personnel will be conducted by ISSS. The team personnel, when not on



field assignments, will be utilized for defensive training of covert personnel, study, and experimentation in the application of these techniques. This project is for the defensive use at this time of drugs and hypnotism. However, positive application of hypnotism will not be used until further experience in this field has been obtained and subject to approval of the DCI.

3. Operational Control.

The AD30, AD30C, and Chief, I-SS, will serve as a board for the operational control on the use of interrogation teams. OCO and OEC will submit to the board proposals for the use of interrogation teams on specific projects. Board approval will be granted only for specific projects and will not be granted for general assignment to a geographic area without a specific project in mind and without adequate controls.

4. Security.

The use of interrogation teams will be considered as Top Secret and knowledge of such activity within CIA will be restricted to only those who of necessity must have knowledge of such operations. The use of interrogation teams for operational support projects will in each case be granted only upon consideration of all security factors involved to prevent compromise of their use and techniques and to avoid repercussions to CIA.

5. Team Control.

The personnel of the teams will be assigned to Chief, I-SS, and will remain under I-SS control except when on specific assignments to the field. When not on field assignments the teams will be utilized for training, indoctrination, and experimentation purposes on mutually agreed projects in support of the covert offices.

6. Training.

All training of team personnel in polygraph, drugs, interrogation, and hypnotism will be conducted by I-SS.

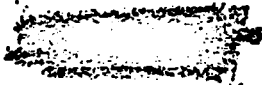
7. Field Support.

Field support for interrogation teams will be provided on specific projects by either OCO or OEC, in accordance with the decision and control features of the operational control board.

8. Budget.

The estimated budget for this project for one year is as follows. Details are contained in Attachment A.





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