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17 June 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED] A

SUBJECT: Briefing [REDACTED] on Project ARTICHOKE on 17 June 1952

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1. [REDACTED] called asking for you in connection with a meeting to be held in [REDACTED]'s office concerning the future of Project ARTICHOKE. He particularly wished to know your attitude concerning the role of [REDACTED] in this matter.

2. I told [REDACTED] that I believed your position with regard to ARTICHOKE was as follows:

a. Under the leadership of [REDACTED] very little progress had been made toward developing any useful techniques for "Operations."

b. There was a need for further research and further definition of the objectives of such research in the area of Project ARTICHOKE.

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c. Since techniques of special interrogations were of prime use to [REDACTED] and since [REDACTED] had established [REDACTED] to conduct research and development for [REDACTED], it was appropriate that [REDACTED] have a large part in any research program for Project ARTICHOKE.

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d. It was not clear whether operational use or operational testing of these techniques should be under the ultimate control of [REDACTED] or I & SS. Since [REDACTED] was deeply interested in the project, this interest should be borne in mind in allocating these responsibilities.

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3. [REDACTED] had the OSI staff study together with the comments of the various Assistant Directors to whom that staff study was addressed. Apparently, it was only [REDACTED] who suggested that [REDACTED] be brought in. Apparently, also, [REDACTED] has made some kind of a proposal to [REDACTED] for the future of Project ARTICHOKE. Presumably this proposal which I did not see involves placing the responsibility either for research only or for the entire program in [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] was arranging for a meeting at 1130 on 17 June 1952 for briefing [REDACTED] on Project ARTICHOKE so that he could make a decision with regard to the future of this project. This meeting was apparently to be attended by [REDACTED] and possibly [REDACTED]

5. I told [REDACTED]

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5. I told [redacted] that I would brief [redacted] about my
conversations with [redacted] but he said that he would brief [redacted]

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