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Chief, Security Research Staff

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Chief, Technical Branch

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Interview with Cleared Contacts.

1. On Wednesday, 27 January 1954, between 9:30 and 10:30 AM, [redacted] and the writer talked with [redacted]

[redacted] in connection with ARTICHOKE work. Set out below is a very brief summary of the discussion and results thereof: [redacted]

2. [redacted] Both men were strongly recommended to the ARTICHOKE program by [redacted]

3. [redacted] who had been previously contacted by [redacted] and the writer, introduced [redacted] and requested that the writer again explain, in general terms, the problems of the ARTICHOKE program. After this had been done, [redacted] both agreed that such a study should have been made along time ago and they would co-operate fully in an effort to discover chemicals or drugs of use to ARTICHOKE-type work. [redacted] who had previously given [redacted] technical leads, again brought up the subject of lysergic acid and promised that he and [redacted] would examine this matter with particular reference to the [redacted] interest in certain medicines which were closely related to ergot and ergot derivatives. [redacted] stated that actually the [redacted] does not get by-products but quite often they received information regarding new discoveries and changes in formulas which would undoubtedly be of interest to us. He stated that he would re-examine his contacts with the various chemical and drug houses in the United States and would give us the benefit of his thoughts in this matter in the near future.

4. [redacted] stated he and [redacted] would attempt to find out the chemical houses that are doing advanced work in psycho-chemistry and attempt to find out the names of the best researchers in this field. This information, they promised, would be given to us as soon as possible.

5. [redacted] stated he had talked with [redacted] [redacted] had again displayed unusual enthusiasm in this connection and stated he hoped his Staff would produce results of interest along ARTICHOKE lines.

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED] suggested

[REDACTED] be approached since his Staff had done a considerable amount of work along these lines and had good labs and exceptionally good library facilities particularly in connection with narcotic drugs. [REDACTED] is in the process of being cleared and will be contacted as soon as official clearance has been received by this Branch.)

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