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Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Security Research Staff

DATE: 24 July 1953

FROM : Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]; Conference with. C

1. On Tuesday 21 July 1953, [REDACTED] and the writer talked for approximately three hours with [REDACTED] specialist in plant diseases and mycology. [REDACTED] Most of the discussion was of a technical nature after the writer had briefed [REDACTED] on the necessary security aspects.

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2. [REDACTED] was very co-operative and offered certain suggestions and recommended several individuals for future contact in connection with the study and possible culture of narcotic and toxic mushrooms. [REDACTED] stated he did not know if he would be able to grow any mushrooms himself since he had very heavy commitments at the present time and his staff of technical employees were engaged in many projects involving "war work". [REDACTED] stated, however, that he would gladly co-operate with this Agency if official requests were made upon him along these lines. [REDACTED] and the writer informed him they did not believe this would be necessary and that the mushroom study of the ARTICHOKE work was in the basic research stage at present.

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3. [REDACTED] particularly recommended that a clearance be obtained on [REDACTED] mycologist and [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would be co-operative and was an outstanding specialist in the identification of and culture of mushrooms of all types and his library is probably the finest in the world. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] and it was essential that [REDACTED] be studied in all types of research on mushrooms, particularly the odd and unusual types and those having qualities that might affect the human mind.

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4. For matter of record, it should be noted that [REDACTED] is in the process of being cleared for Secret contact clearance and an estimate obtained 22 July 1953 indicates that the final clearance on [REDACTED] should be available in the next week to ten days.

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CC: [REDACTED]

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