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3 June 1951

Chief, Contact Division, OS  
Support Branch, [REDACTED]  
Chief, Technical Branch

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Request for Information re Document [REDACTED]

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1. The Technical Branch of OS recently received a copy of a document entitled [REDACTED]. Since the information set out in the document, and particularly the source are of considerable interest to the Technical Branch, it would be greatly appreciated if you would make available all details (including source) in this connection if this can be done without embarrassment to the Contact Division.

2. As you know, this Office has been for several years covering the general field discussed in the instant document and also covered in the other document referred to under heading "SOURCE AND CLASSIFYING STATEMENT" etc. In view of the contents of the instant document and its obvious relation to our interests, this office would like to study further exploitation of the source both in the immediate subject matter of this document and in related areas if this can be developed.

3. In addition to the above, it is conceivable that source is at present being processed by this office for highly classified contact and possible future use and any information that can be made available will be of considerable value.

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Chief, Contact Division, OO

17 September 1954

Attn

Chief, Technical Branch, SO

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The Technical Branch, SO is definitely interested in the work of [redacted]. At the time of our original inquiry, 28 May 1954, this Office did not know whether or not you were setting up a contact with [redacted] for another Division of the Agency or whether [redacted] was to be used solely by the Contact Division. Because of this, we asked for clarification of [redacted] future status in order to take advantage of his work in psychiatry and along other lines of interest to the Technical Branch.

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If [redacted] is a direct contact or information source of the Contact Division, we would very much like to have a resume statement of his work, particularly in the fields of hypnosis, narco-analysis, use of drugs in connection with psycho-therapy, etc. If you are in possession of any reports prepared by [redacted] relating to the above mentioned fields, we would like to have the privilege of examining these reports. If after examination of these reports and resume of his work, it is felt that [redacted] should be approached for specific information, this Office will supply you with with a comprehensive set of questions, answers of which we would like very much from [redacted].

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Chief, Contact Division, 82  
Chief, Technical Branch, 80

17 September 1954

Attn:

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It is our understanding that [redacted] has worked in the fields of interrogation using both hypnosis and chemicals, particularly on [redacted] subjects. If this is true, we have considerable interest in [redacted] and if he is given Security clearance and any way lined up with Contact Division, we would very much like to have your representatives in [redacted] interview him for us.

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We will gladly furnish a very comprehensive set of questions to be asked [redacted] if he is cleared and is to be contacted by your Division.

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As you are well aware, this is a very sensitive field and our interests along the lines mentioned above must be very cautiously handled. Please keep us advised as to [redacted]'s status and any further use or contact you may have with him.

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Chief, Contact Division, OO  
Chief, Technical Branch, SO

17 September 1954

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It would be greatly appreciated if your Division could interview or have interviewed the subject of the attached newspaper clipping plus the other individuals referred to in the same article.

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At the present time, SO is supporting an extremely sensitive project which requires extensive information on the treatment, interrogation techniques, indoctrination (brain washing) of any and all individuals coming out of Communist-held areas in the . . . We wish to know if all such reports that you would have in your files could be made available for this project. It would be particularly advantageous if this information has been prepared in a sterile form and could be referred to fully cleared individuals but non-Agency employees.

The writer desires to discuss this problem with you at your earliest possible convenience.

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A/B, 5, 57/5

Chief, Contact Division, OO

22 September 1954

ATTN

Director of Security

Collection Requests

1. At the present time, the Security Office is engaged in a very sensitive long-range project involving advanced techniques in the assessment and control of personnel of interest in future operations.

2. The information required, details of which are set out below, is purely for scientific purposes in connection with ARTICHOKE. No commercial or business-type information is desired nor is specific information other than of a general background type required regarding sources.

3. This special project requires information in sterile form of the broadest type covering nationalities, minority groups, religious groups and the areas concerned are [redacted] or any other Red-controlled area in the [redacted]. Specifically, we would like first-hand (eye-witness) reports of Communist interrogation methods, "brain washing" techniques, physical and psychological harassment and any other methods, techniques, etc. which are aimed at either the obtaining of information from individuals seized behind the Iron Curtain or the conversion of individuals to the Communist way of thinking. While low-level informants are of interest, we will be particularly interested in individuals who have been "processed" by the [redacted] who are either intellectuals, technical people, religious or academic types (such as the Maryknoll group).

4. While the Office of Security does not wish to place any undue burden on the facilities of the Contact Division, it is pointed out that this project is being carried out with the highest priority and any assistance along the above lines which Contact Division can provide will be greatly appreciated.

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