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TO : Chief, Security Research Staff

DATE: 2 February 1954

FROM : Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE Interviews with Contacts.

*Notes*

1. On Tuesday, 26 January 1954, between 9:30 and 11:30 AM, [redacted] and the writer talked with two contacts who have been cleared to the Secret level in connection with the ARTICHOKE work. Set out below is a very brief discussion and the results thereof.

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1) [redacted] and is a specialist on the effects of drugs and chemicals on the Central Nervous System. He is also a specialist on animal experimentation. [redacted] had previously been contacted by [redacted] and the writer and had offered encouragement and assistance along ARTICHOKE lines. [redacted] explained at this contact that he had been endeavoring to work out some type of measuring device which could be used in accurately measuring the sedative and hypnotic effect of certain drugs and chemicals on small animals which would be along lines of interest to ARTICHOKE experimentation. [redacted] stated that so far he had not been able to develop what he regarded as a sensitive enough apparatus but would continue this work as new ideas came to him. He stated that certain use could be made of the electroencephalograph in animals down to the dog level, and that this device could be used in connection with certain types of monkeys but this would, of course, entail heavy expenses and a considerable amount of time. [redacted] again offered to test any "new" chemicals that would be developed and stated he would consider further types of animal experimentation as he found time to handle this. [redacted] requested that we furnish him with new materials and he would watch the various reports that moved across his desk in connection with new and modified chemicals and drugs which he was studying for the [redacted]

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2) [redacted] and had previously been interviewed by [redacted] and the writer. [redacted] who had been extremely [redacted]

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co-operative previously, again volunteered his services in searches for new and promising materials and stated he personally would attempt to locate new chemicals and drugs or set in motion methods that would turn up new chemicals and drugs of interest to ARTJCHORNE. He stated that since the first meeting with [REDACTED] and the writer he had given the matter considerable thought and he definitely was interested in the possibilities of lysergic acid. [REDACTED] and the writer acknowledged that lysergic acid and derivatives therefrom were of considerable interest to us but informed [REDACTED] we had little if any access to the material and little technical knowledge of testing, etc. being carried on by [REDACTED] or any other organizations using the substance in the U.S. [REDACTED] stated, through the ramifications of the [REDACTED], he could make legitimate, extensive inquiries regarding lysergic acid to the [REDACTED] people or any other organization handling it, including hospitals, clinics, etc. where it might be used in the United States and he would immediately start doing this without disclosing any Agency interest.

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[REDACTED] again referred to [REDACTED] of his Staff and suggested that [REDACTED] be used whenever possible. [REDACTED] stated that he personally would insure the co-operation of his staff in this work but that the secret nature of the work would not be disclosed.

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[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] at the present time, [REDACTED] is undergoing a special type of investigation for this Agency and, hence, ARTJCHORNE matters were not discussed with him. However, [REDACTED] on a general pretext was able to talk to [REDACTED] along special matters of interest to OSI. It was ascertained in this interview that [REDACTED] was actively employed by this Agency doing chemical analyses for [REDACTED]. This work is apparently being handled through [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. The conversation disclosed that [REDACTED] staff made analyses of chemicals and studies of certain things obtained by this Agency from behind the Iron Curtain and made reports in this connection to this Agency. [REDACTED] stated that the services of his chemists were paid for at a rate of \$5.00 per hour per individual which included all the necessary laboratory

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A facilities and materials for testing. [REDACTED] stated that although his work was heavy, he would be glad to do analytical work for [REDACTED] but that should be laid on through the same channels he has been using previously. The bulk of the conversation between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was of general interest to ARTICHORE but of primary interest to OSI and [REDACTED] was not briefed on ARTICHORE or cut into the ARTICHORE program in any way whatsoever.

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