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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Conversations with [redacted] 6 December.

C 1. [redacted] called [redacted] on 6 December to pass along some information. As background [redacted] while in [redacted] on 27 November, had suggested to [redacted] that it might be advisable to get together a team of pharmacologists to review the drug aspects of Project Artichoke. We have noted that all of the large pharmaceutical houses have investigated drugs from this standpoint. A properly selected group of pharmacologists who might have access to the research done in the various business concerns would save us a lot of time and effort. [redacted] agreed and advised that he would discuss the point with [redacted].

2. In his telephone call, [redacted] stated that he thought the idea has merit and suggested individuals for our consideration as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

C 3. [redacted] stated that he has consulted with his colleagues and the concensus is that these individuals would be far better than any pharmacologists in industrial laboratories. They are considered to be the fountain heads of the most important work that has been done on the pharmacological work to Project Artichoke.

4. [redacted] stated that he was not personally acquainted with any of the men but suggested them as contacts we might want to develop. [redacted] expressed our appreciation for his suggestions and advised that we would go ahead with these individuals.

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Not known, whether this or another nauseating sensitizing drug could be safely combined with an anti-emetic drug, so as to make it capable of sensitizing more subjects.

8. He did not know whether enough of a volatile anesthetic or other drug could be given by inhalation, to sensitise a majority of subjects to flicker-convulsion (or confusion).

9. If the subject were to be surrounded by a wall of a plastic substance like Lucite, a strong enough light behind this would be effective through it, regardless of the subject's direction of gaze (closed eyelids do not protect).

10. He had no experience of any anti-convulsive drug peculiarly prophylactic against photogenic seizures. Numerous well-known anti-convulsants could be tried.

11. He thought that interrupted sound, being less effective than interrupted light, was hardly worth a trial. Combining sound with light seemed to him to add more complication than it offered gain-- either toward making subject more sensitive, or making more subjects sensitive.

12. Smell, continuous or interrupted, seemed to have been far less experimented with; such experiments as the literature offered had been unpromising in his opinion.

C 13. ~~His~~ interest has seemed sufficient, equally with his status as an EEG authority, for me to offer the suggestion that the Agency consider his use as a consultant.

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