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To: [redacted]

Date: 26 October 56

From: [redacted]

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Re: Proposed Use of ARTICHOKE for [redacted]

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1. Background. [redacted] are a father-son combination who have worked as [redacted] for approximately 2 years. [redacted]

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[redacted] he was picked up (11 September 56) and since that time he was subjected to interrogation in an effort to clear up a number of discrepancies which clutter his explanations.

2. Present Status. After prolonged interrogation, there is still no satisfactory explanation about the initiation, duration, reasons for and content of [redacted] which appears to be the crux of the problem. [redacted] has resorted to hostile interrogation and to [redacted] an interrogation aid, but to little avail. [redacted] is pessimistic about the prospects of breaking [redacted] by conventional means and has repeatedly asked that a team be dispatched to [redacted] to administer ARTICHOKE. F

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3. Comments. [redacted]

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Although the [redacted] operation is no longer considered viable, it is believed that we should now concentrate on getting as much truth as possible from [redacted] before eventually releasing him in order to (1) Exercise the maximum amount of control over him; (2) [redacted] effectively; (3) Learn as much as possible regarding [redacted] as regards this case.

4. Attachment. Summary of developments in the form of pertinent cable extracts.

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"2. INTERROGATION CONTINUING BUT WE PESSIMISTIC POSSIBILITY BREAK SUBJ. STRONGLY URGE HQS CONCURRENCE SOONEST USE ARTICHOKE PER [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]."

6) DIR 34792 (OUT 91817) dated 12 October 56:

"1. CANNOT JUSTIFY ARTICHOKE UNTIL IT APPARENT TRUTH CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS. PRESENT STATUS SUBJ-ADMISSIONS DIFFICULT RECONSTRUCT HERE FROM PAST TRAFFIC. THEREFORE REQUEST SUMMARY SUBJ PRESENT STORY WITH HIS ALLEGED REASONS FOR ACTIONS, PLUS STATION COMMENTS THEREON. ASK SPECIFIC ATTENTION FOLL:

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"2. WE CONCERNED AT DURATION SUBJ CONFINEMENT BOTH FROM ASPECT POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES WITH [REDACTED] AND IN VIEW GROWING IMPOSSIBILITY REESTABLISH CONTACT BETWEEN SUBJ AND [REDACTED] ON CREDIBLE BASIS FOR ANY PURPOSE. WE CANNOT HOLD SUBJ UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS INDEFINITELY."

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7) [REDACTED]:

"1. FOLL SUMMARY SUBJ STORY TO DATE, WHICH BASICALLY UNCHANGED SINCE FIRST 'BROKEN' 11 SEPT: . . .

"6. WISH REITERATE THAT INTENSIVE INTERROGATION SUBJ TO DATE HAS NOT BROUGHT ABOUT ANY CHANGE IN SUBJ ATTITUDE OR PRODUCED ANY NEW ADMISSIONS TO SUPPLEMENT VERSION WE MOST PESSIMISTIC POSSIBILITY BREAK SUBJ CONVENTIONAL MEANS. SEE ARTICHOKE AS ONLY WAY OUT OF PRESENT IMPASSE.

"7. AGREE CONCERN DURATION SUBJ CONFINEMENT

"8. NOTE OBTAINED 11 SEPT SUBJ SIGNED REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE CUSTODY."

8) [REDACTED] dated 20 October 56:

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"1. OUR VIEW SUBJ'S PERSISTENT RESISTANCE AND EVIDENCE HE SEEKING PHOTO [REDACTED] INDICATE [REDACTED] CONTROL RATHER THAN INDEPENDENT UNDERTAKING BY SUBJ. WHETHER [REDACTED] CONTROL OF LONG OR SHORT HISTORY, FEEL [REDACTED] LONGER VIABLE ANY

THEORY AND PRIME REMAINING INTEREST BREAK SUBJ COMPLETELY. HENCE CONCUR [REDACTED]
REQUEST ARTICHOKE OR SIMILAR INTERROGATION AID BE AUTHORIZED AND RECOMMEND
USE AT SUCH TIME AS [REDACTED] DEEM'S APPROPRIATE BASIS INTERROGATOR'S ASSESSMENT. WE
G AWARE SPECIAL TECHNIQUES NOT OPERATIONAL PANACEA OR SUBSTITUTE FOR CONVENTIONAL
INTERROGATION BUT INCLINED DEFER [REDACTED] WHICH SHARES PREFERENCE FOR CONVENTIONAL
INTERROGATION, ON QUESTION(?) WHEN POSSIBILITIES SUCH INTERROGATIONS ARE
EXHAUSTED.

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F "3. PLEASE NOTE DIFFICULT PROBLEM DISPOSAL SUBJ UNLESS HE QUITE BROKEN.
FEEL CONTINUED HOLDING WARRANTED IN EFFORT BREAK HIM. [REDACTED]
KNOWLEDGE SUBJ OUR MAN AND ~~SEE~~ SIGNED REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE CUSTODY REDUCE
EVENTUAL EMBARRASSMENT POSSIBILITIES.

"4. REQUEST [REDACTED] (SIC) TEAM SOONEST."

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