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Excerpt from [redacted] diary, 22 April 1958

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Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] came in to discuss defector [redacted] from [redacted]. The question before the house was whether or not I should authorize the use of sodium pentothol, truth serum, to be injected into the subject next week end by one of Dr. [redacted] needle artists. This raised a question as to whether or not we had a firm requirement for establishing [redacted] bonafides. This is not included in old [redacted] and has never been done by Contact Division in this country. Mr. [redacted] said that he would get in touch with [redacted] and [redacted], the idea being that [redacted] as Defector Coordinator would place a requirement on OJ for establishment of bonafides and, after this, I would request Medical to do the necessary with the needle. Mr. [redacted] talked to [redacted] and telephoned me later to say that [redacted] was going to ask staff to establish the bonafides so I believe we are forcibly out of the needle business as far as the record is concerned even though it would be done at the [redacted].

cc: Chief, Contact Division

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