

Chief, Security Research Staff

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Chief, Technical Branch

ARTICHOKE Conference, 19 February 1953.

1. On Thursday 19 February 1953, an ARTICHOKE conference was held in the Conference Room in "I" Building between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Present at the conference were REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED representing I&S; REDACTED and REDACTED representing OSI; Dr. Gottlieb representing OTS; and REDACTED and REDACTED representing the Medical Division.
2. The conference was opened with REDACTED delivering a progress report on the ARTICHOKE work to date. REDACTED discussed the various subjects as follow:
  - A. REDACTED pointed out that REDACTED had returned bringing a quantity of material with him and which is presently in the process of being prepared for the handing over to REDACTED for analysis.
  - B. REDACTED pointed out that REDACTED and REDACTED had come aboard and both REDACTED and REDACTED discussed the project at REDACTED involving REDACTED and the using of his facilities for a testing and research ground for our material. It was pointed out that REDACTED was to be our liaison between Headquarters and REDACTED since he knows REDACTED personally and has numerous contacts in the essential city.

REDACTED pointed out that REDACTED [a consultant] was to be used in a very broad survey of the entire field. He also pointed out that REDACTED was not going to be used specifically to dig into one particular field but would study all ideas across the board and in connection with REDACTED, Dr. Gottlieb and REDACTED would help determine where important lines of interest lie and whether or not discoveries in the scientific and medical field are worthy of our interest, research and study.
  - C. REDACTED stated that REDACTED had come on duty and was being given special training for the ARTICHOKE position REDACTED.
  - D. REDACTED stated that REDACTED, a doctor from the Surgeon General's Office had had a conference with REDACTED and himself on a general study of "brain washing." REDACTED pointed out that REDACTED had discussed ways and means of building this study and REDACTED asked him to submit a list of questions to ARTICHOKE and we would attempt to give him answers which would be of assistance in his work.

- E. REDACTED discussed briefly the question of CIA personnel being briefed on Soviet "brain washing" techniques and how to withstand being interrogated by the Soviets. (See below.)
  - F. REDACTED then discussed conversations with REDACTED relative OTS activities in the field and stated that REDACTED will talk later on this matter.
  - G. REDACTED stated that the H experiments by REDACTED were continuing and new "talent" was being developed since we had recently lost practically all of our assistants, primarily due to marriage and people leaving the Agency.
  - H. REDACTED discussed the SR request regarding counteracting agents for use by our people in resisting drugs. REDACTED had prepared a non-technical reply to it and the matter is to be referred to the Medical Division for a professional reply thereafter.
3. At the conclusion of the general progress report, REDACTED stated that he and REDACTED had had a conference with REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED concerning the re-establishment of liaison channels between Air, Army, and this Agency. As a result of this conference, REDACTED stated that he and REDACTED had learned that neither the Army nor the Air Force is carrying on advanced work in any related field to ARTICHOKE. Both services clearly indicated that they would not give any money to this type of work in the immediate future. However, they asked that "the door be left open" for them on this project and they would like more information on ARTICHOKE. Both services stated that they had read the RDB Report and on the basis of this they would not set aside any time and money or commit men to the project but felt this Agency's work was eminently worthwhile.
4. REDACTED at this point asked if the Navy had been invited to the liaison conference and REDACTED stated that REDACTED, our liaison with the Navy, had been out of town at the time of the meeting but our liaison channels with the Navy had been continuously in operation for a long time. In this connection, the discussion between REDACTED established the fact that both the Army and the Air Force would like a "paper" requesting re-establishment of the liaison channels so they could spend time officially in this connection whenever necessary. REDACTED stated he had informed them that a paper along this line would be prepared and forwarded to them through the proper channels.
5. REDACTED requested if any official paper had been previously developed on this and REDACTED stated he would check the matter. (Insofar as REDACTED files are concerned, REDACTED has to date been unable to discover any official document along these lines.)

6. At this point REDACTED talked on OSI interests and stated that REDACTED (?) who was in some way connected with REDACTED had made certain reports in that connection. REDACTED stated that these would be made available to ARTICHOKE. REDACTED also stated that REDACTED would do everything possible to get Soviet ideas along ARTICHOKE lines and give them to REDACTED. REDACTED also is preparing a paper for REDACTED REDACTED and general ARTICHOKE study. (Paper given to REDACTED.)
7. REDACTED spoke on the activities of OTS at this point. He stated that OTS, from time to time, will report on psycho-chemicals and announced that, in his opinion, several of the materials they were now using were safe enough for field testing. OTS will keep in touch with ARTICHOKE and REDACTED would like to attend the conference and to bring REDACTED when he is available.
8. At this point, REDACTED stated he would like to know where OTS is working and in what field and REDACTED stated that at the present time they have five major points at which chemicals are being tested and ARTICHOKE work is being carried out:
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9. At this point, REDACTED asked the nature of REDACTED's work in the above hospitals and REDACTED explained it involved testing of any developed psycho-chemicals. REDACTED commented there might possibly be a duplication of efforts and his staff will review all medical literature in connection with this effort. REDACTED felt a clarification of each sphere of activity in the ARTICHOKE work is necessary and REDACTED expressed concern over the work of REDACTED (SR) and REDACTED (OTS) along lines of overlapping, duplication, confusion, etc.
10. REDACTED explained that REDACTED is in the collection field and is collecting primarily from Soviet and Satellite sources and specializes in Soviet medical information. He stated that this information, as it comes in, will be made available to all hands. He stated he does not work in any American medical fields. REDACTED pointed out that they were vitally interested in what they could obtain in regard to Soviet "medicine." This discussion was continued for some time involving fields of interest and a certain clarification seemed to have been established at this time.
11. Following the above, a general discussion was held concerning the RDB Report and the REDACTED Reports. REDACTED pointed out certain differences in the point of view of the members of the Ad Hoc Committee and those engaged in actual operation work. REDACTED stated that the RDB Report was an overall survey of

projects going on in the field and was not pointed at the type of work ARTICHOKE is engaged in since this was at the operations level and not in the broad research-experimental field. During the discussion, REDACTED pointed out to REDACTED and REDACTED that he anticipated receiving from Dr. Gottlieb the bibliography attached to the REDACTED Report soon and he would have it photographed and would turn over a copy to REDACTED for study. Dr. Gottlieb stated he expected the report soon and he would turn it over to REDACTED when he received it. (Bibliography is now being processed.)

12. At this point, REDACTED and REDACTED discussed the REDACTED case which involved the work of the REDACTED Intelligence and their use of narcotics in interrogation of the alleged Communist agent REDACTED. REDACTED pointed out there were many defects in their work and that many facts were missing—the man's condition, amount of third-degree, time intervals, fatigue, amount of dosages, controls, etc.
13. At this point (3:00 PM), REDACTED stated he had to leave the meeting. In parting, he suggested that he felt it would be a good idea to have Mr. Dulles and two or three of his deputies briefed by various individuals interested in the ARTICHOKE work. REDACTED agreed with REDACTED's suggestion and all hands admitted there was a great deal of value in such a briefing. However, no details relative arrangements were made.
14. At this point, REDACTED introduced the REDACTED case. He pointed out the present problems involving REDACTED and the request of the SR people in regard to this. REDACTED stated that it would be appreciated if REDACTED would arrange for a meeting with REDACTED to obtain the professional opinion necessary in the REDACTED case and REDACTED agreed it would be arranged in the immediate future. (REDACTED interviewed at his office on 2 March 1953 at 10:00 AM.)
15. Along the same lines, REDACTED announced that the case of the Russian presently in Washington who was to be given ARTICHOKE treatment was cancelled upon instruction from very high officials in the REDACTED division although all operations people agreed that this was a case in which ARTICHOKE treatment would have been very valuable.
16. REDACTED at this time pointed out the strong need for an ARTICHOKE program in the field. He stated that in many instances there had been a great waste of time, effort, and money that might have been spared had a full program concerning ARTICHOKE methods and techniques been available to the field. He also stated that numerous demands and requests had been received from various Agency divisions concerning the briefing of personnel on how to resist interrogation by the enemy. He stated that I&S had many times been requested to develop techniques that would

increase resistance to enemy interrogation either with or without drugs.

17. REDACTED stated he had investigated the problem and felt a study should be begun at once in this matter and he suggested that the ARTICHOKE group consider ways and means to lay on such a study possibly by reviewing all existing information and the appointment of a committee to examine this problem specifically.
18. REDACTED stated that with the return of REDACTED, he wanted to make certain REDACTED was briefed in and brought up to date on all the ARTICHOKE work since he wanted REDACTED to participate fully in the ARTICHOKE program. (REDACTED is currently engaged in working fully on ARTICHOKE experimental matters, particularly plants and seeds brought back from his trip REDACTED. He is being informed of all ARTICHOKE development and, in the immediate future, will be brought into conferences with REDACTED, Mr. Gottlieb, REDACTED, and others, attacking the problem from all possible angles.
19. It was agreed by all hands that the next conference would be held on Thursday, 19 March at 2:00 PM.
20. The conference concluded at 3:30 PM.