Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:   Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:  Chief, Inspection and Security Staff

SUBJECT: Project Bluebird

There is submitted for your approval and authorization for allocation of funds Project Bluebird. In view of the extreme sensitivity of this project and its covert nature, it is deemed advisable to submit this project directly to you, rather than through the channel of the Projects Review Committee. Knowledge of this project should be restricted to the absolute minimum number of persons.

This project is now extremely important because of the expressions of interest in this type of a program developing in various areas of the Agency. It is most important that these varied interests be brought into a single project where appropriate controls can be exercised. This will avoid compromise of our techniques and interest in this field.

It is requested that this project be approved and authorization granted for the necessary funds as set forth in the attachment.

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Concurrences:

AD/OCF

(See attached memorandum of concurrence)

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Approved for 65:5:6

20 Apr. 1950

R. H. HILLENKOETTER

REAR ADMIRAL, USN

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
PROJECT BLUEBIRD

Type - Operational Support

1. References.

Meeting of representatives of ADGSO, ADOPC, ADOSI, and Chief, I&SS, on 14 March, where agreement was reached on the following proposal.

2. The purpose of this project is to provide for the immediate establishment of interrogation teams for the operational support of CSO and OPC activities. The teams will utilize the polygraph, drugs, and hypnotism to attain the greatest results in interrogation techniques. It is important that this project be established inasmuch as a considerable public and government interest has recently developed in the use of hypnotism for interrogation and for personality control purposes. This interest stems from the recent spy trials in Hungary and other satellite countries. Within a number of areas of CIA there has developed considerable interest in the field of hypnotism and one of the basic purposes of this program is to bring all such interests within the purview and control of a single project. It is extremely important that any action by CIA in these fields be restricted to the knowledge of a minimum number of persons on a Top Secret basis to prevent compromise and unfavorable repercussions. Further, activities in this field are so highly specialized that untrained personnel should not experiment or attempt to apply the techniques of hypnotism under any circumstances. This project will provide highly qualified and technical personnel to perform all aspects of interrogation for all areas of the Agency.

The immediate purpose of the program is to provide interrogation teams utilizing the cover of polygraph interrogation to determine the bona fides of high potential defectors and agents, and also for the collection of incidental intelligence from such projects. A team is to be composed of three persons consisting of a doctor — psychiatrist, a polygraph — hypnotist, and a technician.

It is proposed that two teams be established to meet current anticipated requirements. As it will require approximately five months to adequately train two polygraph — hypnotists, I&SS will make available immediately its hypnotist — specialist for field assignments in order that a team will be immediately available for service. To complete the team a doctor and a technician will also be required for immediate service. In order to provide for two teams it is proposed that two doctors — psychiatrists, two polygraph — hypnotists and two technicians be authorized under this project. In this manner one team will be available for immediate service and within six months two full time teams will be established. It is further proposed that the doctors — psychiatrists be set up in an office in Washington which will serve as a cover for training, experimentation, and indoctrination purposes in the use of drugs and hypnotism. The doctors will be available for field assignments with the interrogation teams. All training of the team personnel will be conducted by I&SS. The team personnel, when not on
field assignments, will be utilized for defensive training of covert personnel, study, and experimentation in the application of these techniques. This project is for the defensive use at this time of drugs and hypnotism. However, positive application of hypnotism will not be used until further experience in this field has been obtained and subject to approval of the DCI.

3. Operational Control.

The ADSO, ADOPC, and Chief, I&SS, will serve as a board for the operational control on the use of interrogation teams. OEO and OPC will submit to the board proposals for the use of interrogation teams on specific projects. Board approval will be granted only for specific projects and will not be granted for general assignment to a geographic area without a specific project in mind and without adequate controls.


The use of interrogation teams will be considered as Top Secret and knowledge of such activity within CIA will be restricted to only those who of necessity must have knowledge of such operations. The use of interrogation teams for operational support projects will in each case be granted only upon consideration of all security factors involved to prevent compromise of their use and techniques and to avoid repercussions to CIA.

5. Team Control.

The personnel of the teams will be assigned to Chief, I&SS, and will remain under I&SS control except when on specific assignments to the field. When not on field assignments the teams will be utilized for training, indoctrination, and experimentation purposes on mutually agreed projects in support of the covert offices.

6. Training.

All training of team personnel in polygraph, drugs, interrogation, and hypnotism will be conducted by I&SS.

7. Field Support.

Field support for interrogation teams will be provided on specific projects by either OEO or OPC, in accordance with the decision and control features of the operational control board.

8. Budget.

The estimated budget for this project for one year is as follows. Details are contained in Attachment A.
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## Transportation:

- $1500.00 per trip per person (3) = $18,000.00
- 4 trips per year average

## Rent:

- Doctor's office (1/2 $200.00 per month) = $2,400.00
- Telephone (Private line) = 100.00

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Total Cost: $105,515.00
The following constitutes the allocation of funds in support of this project:

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.01 (Personal Services)
Covert Consultants (Contractual)
- 1 GS-15 (psychiatrist) $10,000  Assigned to I&SS
- 1 GS-12 (psychiatrist) 6,400

2 Security analyst GS-13
(Polygraph Operators $7600  15,200 I&SS T/O Unvouchered
2 Technicians GS-9 (4,500) 9,200)

.02 (Travel)
$1500 per trip per person (3) 18,000 UV LS-2 (Inspection of Foreign Installations)
4 trips per year average

.04 (Communications)
Private telephone line 100

.05 (Rents and Utilities)
Doctor’s Office (½ 200.00 per mo.) 2,400 Paid by I&SS as operating expense of consultant

.08 (Supplies & Materials)
Polygraph
Paper 300
Ink (1 quart) 10
Pen tips, sponges, electrode plates 15
Drugs 100
Photographic (film, bulbs) 400
Processing chemicals 400
Recording Tape (tape) or (Belts) 200

.09 (Equipment)
Polygraph Machine (Keeler) 1295
Spare part kit 100
Syringes 25
Towels, etc. 5
Physical exam. equipment 100

2 recorders 900
Microphones 75

Absorbed in Services Budget

Paid by I&SS as operating expense of consultant

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                   AW/CSC
                   CPC

FROM: 

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e. A control list will be established for all persons who have a need to know and are briefed on this project. The list will be maintained by I&S and each office (CSC, CPC, CSI) will keep I&S informed of those persons who have been briefed and should be added to the control list. For coordination and implementation purposes the control list will be available to the respective offices to determine those persons who have been appropriately briefed and cleared to participate in this project.

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REPLACES FORM 36-8 WHICH MAY BE USED.
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TO DIRECTORS and personnel
they designate

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SUBJECT: Project "Bluebird"

1. It is desired to call a meeting at 2:00 P.M., 14 March, in Room 230, 2310 E. 17th St., of one or two designated persons from each of the offices to discuss operational requirements for highly specialized interrogation teams to be known as Project "Bluebird".

2. This project is regarded as of the highest security classification and to be known only to the persons specifically designated by Assistant Directors. It is being considered at the definite request of your operating officials.

3. The agenda for the meeting will contain discussion on the procurement, training, and control of the "Bluebird" teams, the research to be conducted by these teams, and their availability for operational use from a defensive standpoint outside the United States.

4. It is hoped that a concurrence of opinion may be arrived at on a plan which can then be submitted for the required covert administrative support, including funds and personnel to organize these teams. It would be appreciated if you would send representatives who would be empowered to speak fully for you.

5. If any Assistant Director above desires further briefing on this matter before the meeting, either or I will be glad to come see you.

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Colonel, CSC

Chief, Inspection & Security Staff

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Deputy Chief, I & 3 Staff
FROM: 
DATE: 27 February 1950

SUBJECT: Problems Involved in Obtaining a Psychiatrist

Some of the problems involved in the procurement of a consultant or full time psychiatrist are as follows:

1. A reputable civilian psychiatrist could not afford to be available to us on short notice.
   a. Even the highest government salary would not begin to compare with his private income.
   b. He would be obligated to keep appointments with patients which have been scheduled weeks in advance.

2. He might not have the interest or motivation to be active in such a narrow scope of the over all psychiatric field.

3. His ethics might be such that he might not care to cooperate in certain more revolutionary phases of our project.

4. Very few psychiatrists are now on active duty and are, therefore, difficult to procure through that channel.

5. Very few psychiatrists are really capable in the application of hypnosis and have no interest whatsoever in E.S.P.

It is believed that we are fortunate in having located a candidate to fill such a billet in CIA. This man is now on active duty at his own in town and a two-day a week private practice. He has the following points in his favor as far as overcoming the above mentioned difficulties:

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1. He is on active duty working toward retirement (five years to go).

2. He is extremely interested in the use of hypnosis, drugs and E.S.P.

3. His ethics are such that he would be completely cooperative in any phase of our program, regardless of how new or revolutionary it may be.

4. He has an office in town which could be used as a remote location for some of our work.

5. He would be willing to go on trips whenever necessary.

The disadvantage in obtaining on a part time basis is as follows:

1. He is the only medical officer at the base during week days and, therefore, would have to have a set time each week during
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To: Deputy Chief, I & S Staff  From:
Subject: Problems Involved in Obtaining a Psychiatrist  27 February 1950

which he could work with us. For this reason, he would not be available on short notice.

In view of the above, it is recommended that he be obtained for work with CI on a full time basis and it is felt that his time will be well spent between the periods where he is being utilized for active drug injection work. Some of his projects would be as follows:

1. Detailed research into the use of various drugs for subconscious isolation purposes.

2. Liaison with other medical men with various agencies engaged in similar projects.

3. Instruction in medical aspects of the Polygraph.

4. Aiding in the instruction of persons being trained in operational subconscious isolation.

5. Helping in the ESP research program.

6. Giving a physical examination to certain individuals with respiratory or heart conditions, before they take the Polygraph test.

7. Rendering psychiatric opinion in conjunction with the perversion cases being tested on the Polygraph.

In view of the heightened activity and interest in subconscious isolation techniques, it is highly recommended that we obtain as quickly as possible.

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Colonel, GSC
TO: Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence
FROM: Deputy Security Officer/CIA
SUBJECT: Special Interrogations.

REFERENCE: TS 80070 dated 15 May 1952, Staff Study on Special Interrogations (Project ARTICHOKE).

1. This Office concurs in the Staff Study dated 15 May 1952 to the DD/CI on special interrogations, Project ARTICHOKE.

2. This Office will assume, upon appropriate approval, the responsibilities placed on it in the Staff Study and at the expiration of the six months period a meeting will be called to determine the results achieved during the interim six months period and determination made as to whether I&S0 or some other office should assume permanent responsibility for the conduct of this Project.

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EYES ONLY

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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

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9 May 1950

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SUBJECT: Project Bluebird

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On 9 May a meeting was held in the office of Dr. Chadwell, OSI, between
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OSI, and [redacted] of IASS. The meeting was
called for the purpose of determining the method by which OSI might lend
support to Project Bluebird, the overt collection of information from the
U. S. Government sources. The following points were agreed upon:

1. IASS would provide [redacted] with a copy of the IASS
collection request which was sent to OSI for information on
drugs and police interrogation methods.

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2. [redacted] will arrange for the Surgeon General of the
Army to place on the search list of the Hunsburg Trials papers
request for information on drugs, narcoanalysis, and special
interrogation techniques.

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3. It was agreed that [redacted] would set up a program for
the collection of intelligence from U. S. Government agencies
and from public sources using an adequate cover to screen out
direct CIA interest. The following are the categories of
information:

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a. Speech inducing drugs.

b. Narcoanalysis and hypnotism.

c. Soviet and satellite trials where
suspected that a or b above was used on
or other special drugs or interrogation.

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4. [redacted] will advise [redacted] of various sources
of information in Government where arrangements may be made
for the collection of information set forth in paragraph 3
above.

5. Upon completion of the preliminary stages of the above
steps a meeting will be set up between [redacted]
Office of Secretary of Defense, and IASS wherein
and [redacted] will divide up the fields of collection of information
set forth in paragraph 3.
6. Upon development of the above collection activity, consideration will be given to estimates on this field as a method of unconventional warfare with further consideration of the presenting of this paper to the Office of Secretary of Defense for consideration. This latter program is one which will be subject to consideration dependent upon developments of the program set out in paragraphs 1 to 5.
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AD/GPC

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R. H. Hillekloetter  
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Director of Central Intelligence
PROJECT BLUEBIRD

Type - Operational Support

1. References.

Meeting of representatives of ADGSO, ADOPC, ADOSI, and Chief, IASS, on 14 March, where agreement was reached on the following proposal.

2. The purpose of this project is to provide for the immediate establishment of interrogation teams for the operational support of CSO and OPC activities. The teams will utilize the polygraph, drugs, and hypnotism to attain the greatest results in interrogation techniques. It is important that this project be established inasmuch as a considerable public and government interest has recently developed in the use of hypnotism for interrogation and for personality control purposes. This interest stems from the recent spy trials in Hungary and other satellite countries. Within a number of areas of CIA there has developed considerable interest in the field of hypnotism and one of the basic purposes of this project is to bring all such interests within the purview and control of a single project. It is extremely important that any action by CIA in these fields be restricted to the knowledge of a minimum number of persons on a Top Secret basis to prevent compromise and unfavorable repercussions. Further, activities in this field are so highly specialized that untrained personnel should not experiment or attempt to apply the techniques of hypnotism under any circumstances. This project will provide highly qualified and technical personnel to perform all aspects of interrogation for all areas of the Agency.

The immediate purpose of the project is to provide interrogation teams utilizing the cover of polygraph interrogation to determine the bona fides of high potential defectors and agents, and also for the collection of incidental intelligence from such projects. A team is to be composed of three persons consisting of a doctor — psychiatrist, a polygraph — hypnotist, and a technician.

It is proposed that two teams be established to meet current anticipated requirements. As it will require approximately five months to adequately train two polygraph — hypnotists, IASS will make available immediately its hypnotist — specialist for field assignments in order that a team will be immediately available for service. To complete the team to the ratio of one doctor and a technician will also be required for immediate service. In order to provide for two teams it is proposed that two doctors — psychiatrists, two polygraph — hypnotists and two technicians be authorized under this project. In this manner one team will be available for immediate service and within six months two full time teams will be established. It is further proposed that the doctors — psychiatrists be set up in an office in Washington which will serve as a cover for training, experimentation, and indoctrination purposes in the use of drugs and hypnotism. The doctors will be available for field assignments with the interrogation teams. All training of the team personnel will be conducted by IASS. The team personnel, when not on
field assignments, will be utilized for defensive training of covert personnel, study, and experimentation in the application of these techniques. This project is for the defensive use at this time of drugs and hypnotism. However, positive application of hypnotism will not be used until further experience in this field has been obtained and subject to approval of the DCI.

3. Operational Control.

The AD30, ADCPC, and Chief, I&SS, will serve as a board for the operational control on the use of interrogation teams. O30 and OPC will submit to the board proposals for the use of interrogation teams on specific projects. Board approval will be granted only for specific projects and will not be granted for general assignment to a geographic area without a specific project in mind and without adequate controls.


The use of interrogation teams will be considered as Top Secret and knowledge of such activity within CIA will be restricted to only those who of necessity must have knowledge of such operations. The use of interrogation teams for operational support projects will in each case be granted only upon consideration of all security factors involved to prevent compromise of their use and techniques and to avoid repercussions to CIA.

5. Team Control.

The personnel of the teams will be assigned to Chief, I&SS, and will remain under I&SS control except when on specific assignments to the field. When not on field assignments the teams will be utilized for training, indoctrination, and experimentation purposes on mutually agreed projects in support of the covert offices.

6. Training.

All training of team personnel in polygraph, drugs, interrogation, and hypnotism will be conducted by I&SS.

7. Field Support.

Field support for interrogation teams will be provided on specific projects by either O30 or OPC, in accordance with the decision and control features of the operational control board.

8. Budget.

The estimated budget for this project for one year is as follows. Details are contained in Attachment A.
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ATTACHMENT A

Personnel:

1 Doctor - GS-15 (Psychiatrist) ($10,000.00) $10,000.00
1 Doctor - GS-12 (Psychiatrist) ($6,400.00) 6,400.00
2 S.I. and Polygraph Specialists - GS-13 ($7,600.00) 15,200.00
2 Technical - GS-9 ($4,600.00) 9,200.00

Supplies:

Polygraph
  Paper 300.00
  Ink (1 qt.) 10.00
  Pen tips, sponges, electrode plates 15.00
Clerical (usual channels)
Medical
  Drugs 100.00
Photographic (film, bulbs) Processing chemicals 400.00
  Recording (Tape) or (Belts) 200.00

Equipment:

Polygraph
  Machine (Keeler) 1,295.00
  Spare part kit 100.00
Medical
  Syringes 25.00
  Towels, etc. 5.00
  Physical examination equipment 100.00
  Monitoring and recording equipment
    2 recorders 900.00
    Microphones 75.00
    Wire 15.00
    Repair and installation kit 75.00
Photographic
  Still camera - 35 mm 250.00
  Movie camera 300.00
  Developing equipment 50.00

Transportation:

$1500.00 per trip per person (3) $15,000.00
4 trips per year average

Rent:

Doctor's office (1/2 $200.00 per month) 2,400.00
Telephone (Private line) 100.00

$65,515.00
The following constitutes the allocation of funds in support of this project.

Covert consultants - contractual
Services (Services Budget) $16,400
I&SS UV and (Pears. Services) 24,100
Rent (Office covert consultants) 2,400
I&SS LR2 inspection travel (U.V.) 18,000
I&SS Voucher funds 160-101 Equipment (09) 3,190
I&SS Voucher funds 160-101 Supplies (08) 1,025
$65,515

.01 (Personal Services)
Covert Consultants (Contractual)  
- 1 GS-13 (psychiatrist) $10,000 Assigned to I&SS
  1 GS-12 (psychiatrist) 6,400

2 Security analyst GS-13
  (Polygraph Operators $7,600 15,200) I&SS T/O Unvoucheded
2 Technicians GS-9 (4,600) 9,200

.02 (Travel)
$1500 per trip per person (3) 18,000) I&SS UV and (Inspection of Foreign Installations)
4 trips per year average

.04 (Communications)
Private telephone line 100

.05 (Rents and Utilities)
Doctor's Office ($ 200.00 per mo.) 2,400) I&SS as operating expense of consultant

.08 (Supplies & Materials)
Polygraph
Paper 330
Ink (1 quart) 10
Pen tips, sponges, electrode plates 15
Drugs 100
Photographic (film, bulbs)
  Processing chemicals 400
Recording Tape (tape) or (Belts) 200

.09 (Equipment)
Polygraph Machine (Keeler) 1295
Spare part kit 100
Syringes 25
Towels, etc. 5
Physical exam. equipment 100

2 recorders 900
Microphones 75
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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/GSI
AD/GSC
GOC

FROM: Assistant Deputy/Inspection and Security

SUBJECT: BLUEBIRD

1. Documents pertaining to the Project BLUEBIRD require special handling because of the extremely sensitive nature of the information pertaining to this project. For the control of documents pertaining to this project the following security requirements are set forth:

a. All documents within CIA will be classified TOP SECRET and will be handcarried in transmission from one office to another on an "Eyes Only" basis.

b. It will be possible to classify some documents as SECRET when the subject matter of a document does not specify the true purpose of this program nor does it make direct reference to the materials and means utilized in furtherance of this program.

c. Arrangements should be made with key officers in Army, Navy, Air and FBI who will serve as contact points in their respective departments for exchange of information concerning this program.

d. Documents sent from CIA to the above departments should be on a TOP SECRET "Eyes Only" basis to the contact officials in each department. The contact officials should be advised that further dissemination should be limited to only those persons who have "need to know."

e. A control list will be established for all persons who have a need to know and are briefed on this project. The list will be maintained by I&S and each office (GSC, GOC, GSI) will keep I&S informed of those persons who have been briefed and should be added to the control list. For coordination and implementation purposes the control list will be available to the respective offices to determine those persons who have been appropriately briefed and cleared to participate in this project.

SHEFFIELD EDWARDS
Colonel, GSC

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