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SECURITY INFORMATION

20 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/YRS

VIA: DCT/YRS

SUBJECT: Medical Disposal Case at the KMKimono Site,  
Project ZEElope

1. Attached hereto find original copy of a memorandum from the Covert Medical Officer who has examined Petro Panomarenko, FI-489. Attention is invited especially to the last sentence of paragraph 2 and to paragraph 3 of the attached report.

2. No positive decision has been reached as yet as to whether this student should be made a disposal case. On 15 February 1952, I discussed the case with the Medical Technician at the Site. He told me that the student is having grave difficulty sleeping at night because of pains in his chest and difficulty in breathing and is forced to sit propped up in bed several hours each night in spite of being under medication of phenobarbital, nitroglycerin, and other medications designed to give him relief.

3. Comment concerning the security hazards in the event of heart failure and death involved on the part of this student would seem superfluous. If death should occur while he is in his room, it is probable that we could remove him successfully without word leaking to the unwitting service personnel; if, however, he should drop dead in a classroom, the lounge, the dining-room or on the grounds of the school, it would be almost, if not totally, impossible to conceal the fact from the unwitting service personnel. Under the circumstances, we would not dare to ask such personnel to keep quiet about the matter, as this alone would unquestionably blow the cover. On the other hand, such personnel undoubtedly would spread the information which would have the unpleasant effect of bringing in the county coroner and the police.

4. I put the question ~~concerning~~ to the desk officer in the SE Division concerned ~~as to~~ what operational use this student would have upon completion of his training, should he live through the entire period of training. His response was instantaneous that the man would have absolutely no operational use in the field.

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5. Considering the security responsibility resting on TRS in connection with the HMKinson Site, I must recommend most emphatically that pressure be brought to bear on the divisions concerned to reach an agreement to make this student a disposal case as quickly as possible.

  
Chief, Special Branch #1, TRS

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1 Enclosure

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