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TO : Deputy Chief, I & S Staff

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FROM :

SUBJECT: Desired Qualifications of Candidate for S. I. Indoctrination

This is just a little informal ideation concerning this subject. As a matter of fact, I have learned from talking with you about various personalities, that you would be readily able to select the best available people for this work without my evaluation of qualifications.

The ideal candidate would be a scholar, linguist, well-trained interrogator, polygraph expert, physician, psychologist and psychiatrist. Of course, it would be impossible to obtain one with all of these qualifications so the best that can be done is to select a man with some of these attributes and train him as much as possible in the others.

Concerning education, it would be preferable to select a college graduate but native intelligence is more important than formal education, although a combination of both would be advantageous. In addition to intelligence, necessary qualities are courage, initiative and energy.

Concerning speech, the individual must have a good command of at least one language. Talking should be expressive of emotional reactions and at times, should be modulated to almost a monotonous quality.

Emotionally, the candidate should be sensitive and free from lethargy, yet capable of control of his feelings at all times. If a man cannot govern his own emotions, he will have difficulty in the desired relationship with other people.

The general appearance and attitude of the S. I. operator should be one to inspire confidence and perhaps some fear although this may seem paradoxical.

The most important personality element desired is one which is difficult to describe. I have a theory that we human beings are like radio transmitters and receivers and tune in with one another to obtain harmony, discord, static or sometimes commercials and that the ability of the operator to successfully "tune in" with the people with whom he is working is the thing that counts the most. In other words, there must exist a dynamic inter-personal relationship.

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On Wednesday, 22 September 1954, [redacted] asked the writer if he knew [redacted]. The writer informed [redacted] the name was not familiar to him and asked [redacted] for details. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was apparently a close friend of [redacted] and he had met [redacted] several times and described [redacted] as apparently a [redacted] a man who always had plenty of money and a man who is interested in the work [redacted] is doing. [redacted] stated he did not understand or like men of [redacted] type and could not understand his motives for being interested in [redacted] work.

The writer told [redacted] that he would check out the name of [redacted] and that for the present the writer would advise [redacted] to be cautious in talking with anyone such as [redacted] or individuals whose background could not be properly ascertained.

On 23 September 1954, [redacted]'s office furnished the writer with some material on [redacted] and a quick survey of the material indicated [redacted] had a very unusual background and had many links with persons of questionable loyalty.

In view of this, the writer called [redacted] being absent the writer informed [redacted] who is associated with the [redacted] project to pass the word to [redacted] that [redacted] is a highly dubious character and [redacted] should be informed to use extreme caution and care in any meeting with this man. No other details were given pending further discussion with [redacted].

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is attached to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], in the [REDACTED]
He is regarded as highly capable and intelligent and has done
advance work in numerous drug and chemical agents. He has
particularly done experimental work in Mescaline and in Cannabis,
and its derivatives.

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[REDACTED] is known to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
on a personal basis and has been met by [REDACTED] and the writer.
[REDACTED] is a young man, quite enthusiastic and has made numerous
tests on drugs and chemicals on himself.

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[REDACTED]'s connection with the ARTICHOKE program officially
is unknown, but it is assumed he is well aware of this Agency's
work in the ARTICHOKE problem and our continuing interests in
chemicals, drugs, etc. that bear on ARTICHOKE problems.

(see [REDACTED] report on Mescaline (file))