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TO: Security Officer  
VIA: Deputy Security Officer  
VIA: Chief, Security Research Staff, I&S  
FROM: Chief, Technical Branch, SRS, I&S  
SUBJECT: Report on ARTICHOKE by \_\_\_\_\_, Summary of,  
dated 2 February 1953)

DATE: 16 February 1953

1. The writer has made a very careful study and analysis of the \_\_\_\_\_ report on the ARTICHOKE problem. In general, the writer agrees in the overall statements set out by the \_\_\_\_\_ group but wishes to point out certain elements in the \_\_\_\_\_ report that are subject to dispute and tend to indicate that the \_\_\_\_\_ group has not been totally informed as to the nature of ARTICHOKE or the present status of the ARTICHOKE work insofar as the Technical Branch is concerned.

(1) The \_\_\_\_\_ group continually stresses long-range experimentation, particularly of a psychological and psychiatric nature. The writer agrees with this as a general premise but while conducting this long-range research it appears absolutely essential that we develop, and have ready for instant use, techniques, etc. that will or at least will assist in obtaining information in vital cases. The writer believes that involved, complex, and cumbersome research such as \_\_\_\_\_ carried on at \_\_\_\_\_ will not be productive (certainly in the immediate future) and is unrealistic and will not be of use to the operations people when it is needed.

(2) The \_\_\_\_\_ discusses the use of various chemical agents.

While in a general sense <sup>this statement is</sup> accurate, it does not specifically get to the core of the problem. The writer assumes that the

\_\_\_\_\_ group is familiar with most of the <sup>then</sup> techniques but

it is possible that \_\_\_\_\_ has never considered or possibly never heard of <sup>subliminal problems, hypnosis, and other</sup> it some. The writer believes that the

\_\_\_\_\_ group is looking for a weapon that will make an

individual talk at great length on pertinent matters while

there is nothing in their report to indicate the extreme value of a chemical agent if it will produce only one small bit of

verifiable information. <sup>The</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ comments that individuals

when they realize they are drugged tend to become taciturn

is not accurate. Individuals may become taciturned under

certain circumstances if they feel that they have been drugged

or attempted to be drugged surreptitiously, but one of the

established ~~ARTIFICE~~ techniques is to conceal the fact of the

drugging behind a medical cover and then use drugs as a medical

cover treatment in <sup>a specially designed case</sup> specific cases.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ discusses the use of drugs, hypnosis, and brain

damaging processes and calls them elaborate, impractical, and

unnecessary. Without, it appears, going into specific reasons

why these processes might be used. They comment that equivalent

results could be accomplished by experts using simple techniques

of interrogation. The writer does not agree with this at all and

can cite instances where absolutely new information was turned up

using chemicals that was unavailable before the chemicals were

used and where "expert" interrogators had attempted to obtain  
all information. *... / ...*

- (4) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ apparently supports the "textbook theory" that individuals under hypnosis will not act against their will in repugnant acts <sup>of</sup> violence and acts of disloyalty. This is a very moot question and the writer wishes to point out that there ~~are~~ no tests made that can be regarded as definitive in this matter. The writer <sup>wishes</sup> to point out that experts in the field of hypnosis are not agreed on this point and ~~actual professors and~~ <sup>not doctors</sup> feel that there is a good chance that these things can be accomplished through hypnosis.

- (5) The ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ group comments on methods of combating the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ techniques and their recommendations in general appear, to the writer, to be fairly ~~sound~~ sound although again tests to support these recommendations would take a great deal of time, money, and effort before anything definitive could come of it.

- (6) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ recommendations that large extensive studies be made in psychological effects, human behavior, studies of seduction, persuasion, and persistence are, undoubtedly, worthy projects but would be time consuming and results would not be forthcoming for extremely long periods of time.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That ~~if~~ and when the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ group ever meets as a unit that ANTICHOKE Team members be permitted to talk personally to the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ group members and lay before them specific examples and certain items <sup>or subject paper covered</sup> which possibly the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ members can give pertinent advice. The writer

(particularly operational work)

feels that the [redacted] group has never been thoroughly briefed or indoctrinated in ARTICHOKE AND THAT their report quite clearly reflects that.

H 3. The writer cannot agree with the [redacted] opinion that "little threat, if any, to National Security exists because of special interrogation techniques or agents." The writer wishes to point out that <sup>it</sup> ~~the~~ only requires one break for the successful compromising of one individual to cause extreme damage to a nation. There are numerous recent classic examples of this.

H [redacted] does not brush up on the only way of living & means of making individuals

1. Not efficient, lazy, sloppy etc.
2. Fogginess, memory problems
3. Confusion
4. Reorientation - or re-adjusting clock (not particularly after or called "brain washing")
5. The problem of what to do with the body after chemicals have been used