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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Chief, Inspection and Security Staff
SUBJECT: Project Bluebird

DATE: APR 5 1950

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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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WILLIAM EDWARDS

Colonel, GSC

Chief, Inspection and Security Staff

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Concurrences:

[Redacted concurrence box]

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Approval for 65,515

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20 Apr 1950

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
REAR ADMIRAL, USN
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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PROJECT BLUEBIRD

Type - Operational Support

1. References.

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2. The purpose of this project is to provide for the immediate establishment of interrogation teams for the operational support of OSO 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

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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. OSO 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.

4. Security.

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 OSO 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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Personnel	\$40,800.00
Supplies	1,025.00
Equipment	3,190.00
Transportation	18,000.00
Rent	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$65,515.00

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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)	18,000.00
4 trips per year average	

Rent:

Doctor's office (1/3 \$200.00 per month)	2,400.00
Telephone (Private line)	100.00

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The following constitutes the allocated funds in support of this project.

Covert consultants - contractual	\$16,400	
Services (Services Budget)	100	
I&SS UV .01 (Pers. Services)	24,400	
Rent (Office covert consultants)	2,400	
I&SS IS2 Inspection travel (U.V.)	18,000	
I&SS Vouchered Funds 160-101 Equipment (09)	3,190	
I&SS Vouchered Funds 160-101 Supplies (08)	1,025	
	<u>\$65,515</u>	
.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 (4,600)	9,200)	
.02 (Travel)		
\$1500 per trip per person (3)) To be included in I&SS UV
4 trips per year average	18,000)	JV IS2 (Inspection of Foreign Installations)
.04 (Communications)) Absorbed in Services Budget
Private telephone line	100)	
.05 (Rents and Utilities)) Paid by I&SS as operating
Doctor's Office ($\frac{1}{2}$ 200.00 per mo.)	2,400)	expense of consultant
.08 (Supplies & Materials)		
Polygraph		
Paper	300)	
Ink (1 quart)	10)	I&SS Vouchered Funds
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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Wire	15
Repair and Installation kit	75
Still Camera 35 mm	250
Movie Camera	300
Developing Equipment	50

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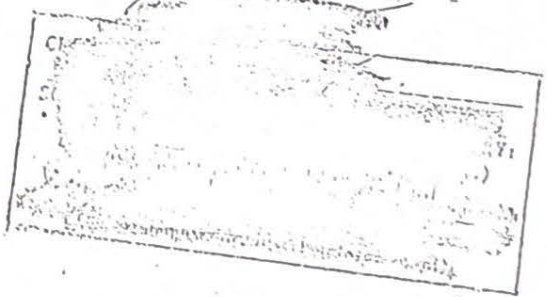
Concurrences:

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(1) *Approved for* *[Signature]*

20 April 1950
R. H. HILLENROETTER
HEAD AD/CSO
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE



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PROJECT IDENTIFIED

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