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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADPC

SUBJECT: OSI Proposal for an Interim Field Program and for
Organizational Changes With Respect to Project ARTICHOKE

1. Project ARTICHOKE is a research Project with the objective of developing special interrogation techniques such as narco-hypnosis. By a memorandum from ADSI to DD/P dated 13 March 1951 concurred in by ADSO, ADPC and the Security Officer, CIA, responsibility for initiating and coordinating activity in this field within CIA and for coordinating such activities with the IAC community was placed in OSI.
2. Enclosed is a memorandum for your signature in response to a memorandum from ADSI requesting your comments on a proposed interim field program for special interrogations. This memorandum was addressed to ADSO, ADPC, ~~Chief of CIA Medical Staff~~ Chief of CIA Medical Staff.
3. The OSI staff study proposes an interim field program and appears to place ultimate responsibility for Project ARTICHOKE on I & SS. The organizational arrangements proposed appear to provide that I & SS will, with the help of medical personnel provided by CIA Medical Staff, conduct covert special interrogations in the field on personnel supplied by OSO all under the command of the OSO station chief. TSS is left out of the picture entirely.
4. In my opinion, the proposal is an effort to cover up the lack of accomplishment in this field by OSI and to block TSS from undertaking any program.
5. On 13 February I arranged for a meeting between ~~and~~ and ~~Subsequently~~. Subsequently, TSS has let some research contracts in this field with the prior concurrence of ~~OSI~~.
6. Because the objectives of Project ARTICHOKE are closely connected with "Operations" and because DD/P now has a research organization to support covert operations, I believe that TSS should have a primary interest in this field. The memorandum to ADSI recommends consultations between OSI and TSS to determine the future of this Project.
7. I recommend that you sign the enclosed memorandum.