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ARTICLE Conference, 16 June 1953

~~_____~~ representing SO; ~~_____~~ and Dr. Sidney Gottlieb representing T33; ~~_____~~ representing the Medical Staff and ~~_____~~ representing the Director's Office and OGI. In addition, ~~_____~~ who is special assistant to ~~_____~~, attended the conference as a special representative from DDP. ✓

5. Following this, Dr. Gottlieb gave a very brief report on some of the activities of the special work carried on by ~~himself~~ ~~in California~~ in California in which his division is materially interested and also commented on the work of the Army Chemical Corps in lines of interest to AGRICULTURE.

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6. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ commented concerning the fact that there are numerous drugs that affect the autonome and central nervous system of the human being and suggested that it would perhaps not be wise to waste too much time in research along lines where there is little established information.

7. Following this, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ explained that the literature on mushrooms clearly indicated that the Russians had used mushrooms for centuries for their narcotic effect, that drinks made of mushrooms had been used to produce intoxication in Russia and possibly have been used for other purposes. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ also commented on the use of narcotic mushrooms by Mexican Indians in tribal ceremonies and in other interesting uses. Following this, there was a general discussion concerning mushrooms.

8. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{He is} pointed out that the proposed experimental work to be carried on in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ had run into a security problem since one of the key men to be used in the project was involved in a current CMI investigation and that his office was bringing every pressure to bear on CMI to find out the results of their investigation and to find out whether we can use the individual involved ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

9. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ stated that his office was exploring the possibility of using similar setups or setups having good potentials. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

10. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ followed this up by stating that proposed work at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ was probably cut on Security grounds as one of the key figures involved could not be security cleared.

11. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ discussed the spreading out of the ARTICONE work and the ways and means by which ARTICONE was securing information and assistance. He stated at the present time we had cleared twenty to thirty top-level experts in certain scientific fields and perhaps thirty more were in the investigative mill that would be used in the future for contacts.

12. Following this, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ discussed the Valley Forge JGZ question and stated that nothing of ARTICONE value had turned up at Valley Forge. He stated there was a chance ARTICONE techniques could be brought to bear in the future on a few of the "hardcore" cases, but these few cases would be scattered over the United States and he personally doubted if ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ would be interested in having these men handled by ARTICONE methods. *they*

13. At this point, there was a general discussion concerning the so-called [redacted] and [redacted] reported that [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] and had obtained [redacted] from [redacted] all of the material which he then held. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was making every effort he could but, to date, [redacted] had been unable to obtain even the medical histories on the individuals involved and for this reason his work was proceeding very slowly. [redacted] stated that this represented a typical example of governmental red tape and the lack of action and co-ordination was possibly costing the United States Government a great deal of intelligence information.

14. [redacted] then stated that [redacted] report on certain victims of the poisoning whom he [redacted] had examined at [redacted] was now in [redacted] office and [redacted] stated that after [redacted] had finished with the report, he would make it available to [redacted].

15. Following this, there was a discussion on the handling of the [redacted] and all hands agreed that one of the weaknesses of the Agency apparently was the fact that there was a great deal of difficulty in getting factual information quickly from all sources.

16. [redacted] reported on some of the botanicals that had been obtained by [redacted]. [redacted] stated that the first work on some of these botanicals had shown some good results but that considerable work was still to be done before positive results could be obtained.

18. [redacted] then commented on the Evans case which had appeared in the "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT". [redacted] stated

that certain angles to the [redacted] and Hayes cases were similar in regard to their handling although they were handled thousands of miles apart. It seemed significant that both were forced to testify against their friends and in [redacted] opinion this indicates that similar patterns and procedures seem to be employed by the Soviets and their satellites.

19. Following this, [redacted] commented on the very interesting angle that interrogations of the individuals who had come out of North Korea across the Soviet Union to freedom recently had apparently had a "blank" period or period of disorientation while passing through a special zone in Manchuria. [redacted] pointed out that this had occurred in all individuals in the party after they had had their first full meal and their first coffee on the way to freedom. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] was attempting to secure further confirmatory facts in this matter since drugging was indicated.

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20. At this point, there was a general discussion in connection with the development of AMTICORNE "Teams" and [redacted] explained that Team personnel were gradually being assembled. [redacted] pointed out that the chief of the team had been obtained for the [redacted] post. [redacted] then explained that a widespread effort was being made to find an especially equipped technician for the [redacted] post to team up with [redacted] who would be chief there. At this point, [redacted] asked for further clarification in regard to the teams and [redacted] then explained to [redacted] the composition of the teams and explained that the chief of the team or chief interrogator and the technician of the three-man team were to be furnished by SO and that the medical officer who is to be associated with the team is to be furnished by [redacted] as per prior agreement. [redacted] stated he did not know if [redacted] intended to draw up new medical officers for the teams or use medical officers in the field to associate with the team but that the doctors for the teams were now up to [redacted]

21. Following this, there was a brief discussion of the team proposal and [redacted] and [redacted] again discussed the entire overseas AMTICORNE program including the uses of the teams and how the teams tied in with the work overseas.

22. At this point, [redacted] stated that he had given the whole matter of testing of new chemicals and new techniques and methods a considerable amount of thought and [redacted]

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23. [REDACTED] stated that for a long time Security had felt that this procedure was too dangerous but with the drawing in of a number of men of great scientific capacity and with a record of very cautious work in the past, he felt this proposal could probably be successfully carried to the Director's Office. [REDACTED] suggested all members present consider this proposal and that it be discussed at the next meeting and suggestions and ideas along these lines be submitted. Following this, all hands agreed if it were properly controlled and very cautiously handled, this suggestion had a great deal of merit and that a discussion on [REDACTED] proposal would certainly be warranted at the next meeting.

24. At the conclusion of the conference, [REDACTED] discussed the problem of brain washing and its relation to the ARTICHOKE work. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was making a certain exploratory effort in the overall field of "brain washing" and sources on brain washing material and in the near future we would have a report on that and its future relation to the ARTICHOKE work.

25. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM after Thursday, 16 July 1953 had been selected as the time of the next meeting. The meeting will be held as usual in the SO Conference Room.