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TO : [REDACTED]
 Via : Mr. R. L. Bannerman
 FROM : Mr. Morse Allen
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Interview With

DATE: 11 March 1952

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1. Reference is made to my memorandum dated 6 February 1952 requesting permission to interview [REDACTED] in connection with the Artichoke problem.

2. On 7 March 1952, [REDACTED] was interviewed from 10:00 AM to 11:50 AM by [REDACTED] and the writer in [REDACTED]

3. Although [REDACTED] is a fully cleared Agency employee and holds a responsible position in [REDACTED] and the writer discussed random subjects with [REDACTED] until it was established that he was competent, had a general interest in Artichoke type work, and appreciated the necessary secrecy involved in this type of discussion. Having established these premises, [REDACTED] was interviewed along Artichoke lines. [REDACTED] after having been given a brief resume of the Artichoke work, stated that, whereas he was interested in the problem, he wanted it clearly understood that he felt morally opposed to the application of these techniques insofar as he personally is concerned. He stated, however, that he recognized the fact that we are at war and the [REDACTED] are using Artichoke techniques and even more brutal methods for obtaining their ends. He stated that while he could not carry out such techniques as injecting drugs into an individual, he, nevertheless, felt that he could quite legitimately study the problem from a scientific point of view and from the point of view of one who is attempting to understand how the [REDACTED] obtained the results they did in cases like the [REDACTED] trial.

4. [REDACTED] thereafter, discussed at considerable length certain views that he holds on the psychological conditioning of individuals and how individuals could be conditioned to achieve most any result provided time enough were taken and the individuals were studied in a clinical psychological manner. He suggested that, whereas psychologists and psychiatrists work toward the restoring and building up of a personality, it is obvious that the reverse of this would be true -- that a personality could be changed, intense mental confusion could be produced by deliberately attacking an individual along psychological lines.

5. [REDACTED] stated that, whereas he had studied the [REDACTED] case, it had never occurred to him that he would ever consider using these techniques from an Agency point of view, but he felt that as far as he was concerned, he would gladly assist by attempting to figure out from a [REDACTED] point of view how they conditioned men like [REDACTED] before their trials.

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