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TO : Chief, Security Research Staff

DATE: 29 January 1954

FROM : Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: [redacted]

1. Reference is made to our discussion concerning [redacted] and his various interests, particularly including his work in the field of hypnosis. As you know, [redacted] and popular writer on a number of subjects.

2. The writer has examined all the written material in detail which you forwarded in connection with [redacted] case and for your information, this material may be broken down into three categories as follows:

1) Educational Material - [redacted] has written extensively in the field of education, testing, child psychology, college teaching, memory training, etc. His technical writings cover many fields and in general they are written more or less in a "popular" manner.

2) Popular Writing - In this field, [redacted] has made a number of contributions to commercial magazines and company magazines. In general, these subjects are of the "popular" type and have to do with such standard items as tolerance, how to get along with people, how to relax, personality traits, etc.

3) Hypnosis - [redacted] has been writing on hypnosis and related subjects [redacted] A very careful examination of his work fails to reveal anything new from our point of view and his writings in the field of hypnosis in general can also be regarded as of the "popular" type. (The writer has read [redacted]

In connection with 3) above, the writer very carefully examined the typewritten manuscrip submitted by [redacted] in connection with possible military uses of hypnosis. This is very similar to his

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article on hypnosis which appeared in the [redacted] thoughts are not new and if his material appears to be somewhat sensational, it is only because individuals who might read it are not particularly familiar with the subject. While [redacted] cannot in fact prove much of his material, the writer and his associates will support most of his allegations and ideas on the basis of their experimentation.

3. On the basis of the material at hand, the writer feels that those in the Training Division who are interested in this field should be referred to your Office for general discussions in these matters since your Staff has worked in this field for over three years, is familiar with the literature and has worked with and has continuously been in contact with professional consultants in hypnotism. It is believed that your advice, and recommendations and assistance, should be considered before any outside Agency activity be undertaken in this direction.

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4. In compliance with your request, we have written to [redacted] for information and his views in the above matter and his reply should be here in the immediate future.

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