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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT: Change of Responsibility within CIA with Respect to Project ARTICHOKE

1. Your concurrence as CPP (Chief, Staff 2) has been requested in the enclosed memorandum, which proposes transferring the responsibility for Project ARTICHOKE from OSI to I&SO.

2. By memorandum dated 15 May 1952 ADSI requested the comments of Col. [REDACTED] ADPO, ADPC and the Chief, CIA Medical Staff on a proposal to transfer the ultimate responsibility for Project ARTICHOKE from OSI to I&SO.

3. ADPC's reply of 22 May 1952

a. asserted OPC's interest in the Project,

b. questioned the advisability of the proposed interim program of field testing without a fuller understanding of the objectives of the Project and

c. recommended that ADSI discuss the Project with Chief, TSS toward developing a line of collaboration.

4. On behalf of DD/P, Mr. [REDACTED] arranged a meeting on 14 July 1952 between representatives of OSI, OSO, OPC, OTS and I&SO. The agreements reached at this meeting were summarized in a memorandum from ADSI to DD/P dated 14 July 1952 which was concurred in by Mr. [REDACTED] on ADPC's behalf. The agreement may be summarized as follows:

a. Overall project responsibility was to be transferred from OSI to I&SO.

b. Full responsibility for research was allocated to OTS.

c. Training, staffing and directing all field teams was to be the responsibility of I&SO with the understanding that all field activities were to be under the control of the CIA mission chief concerned.

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d. The scope of the Project is research and testing to arrive at means of control rather than the more limited concept embodied in "special interrogations."

5. In a memorandum from [REDACTED], dated 15 July 1952, OTS declined to undertake the full research responsibility but agreed to undertake certain research discussed with Col. Edwards.

6. The enclosed memorandum for DD/P from ADSI dated 29 August revises the 14 July memorandum to reflect the position of OTS. It does not spell out the responsibilities in quite as much detail as the 14 July memorandum. Your concurrence is requested. The proposed changes are to be effectuated by a memorandum from DD/P to [REDACTED] and ADSI.

7. Mr. [REDACTED] has seen the memorandums and recommends your concurrence.

8. It is understood that Dr. [REDACTED] does not want to concur in this memorandum for OTS without [REDACTED] approval. CSI plans to send the memorandum for DD/I's and DD/A's approval with the statement that the paper is believed to be consistent with the position of OTS.

9. Your concurrence is recommended.

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