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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Field Trip of Artichoke Team
20 August - September 1952

REFERENCE: Request 31 July 1952 of Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy, for assistance in testing
drug substances.

1. The CIA Artichoke Team comprised of Messrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of 1430, and [REDACTED], CIA Psychiatric
Consultant, visited the [REDACTED] area during the period
20 August - 11 September 1952.

2. The purpose of this visit was to observe the operations of,
and render support to a U. S. Navy Team performing field tests of a
substance designed to facilitate interrogation. The CIA [REDACTED] mission
rendered excellent support and cooperation to both teams.

3. Tests were performed on one known double agent, one suspected
Soviet agent and three defectors without any appreciable change in
or addition to facts already known about these subjects. The suspected
Soviet agent was also interrogated using standard Artichoke techniques
and considerable new information was acquired from him.

4. Currently, responsible officials of the Navy Department are
reviewing the research program which led to the development of the
above-mentioned substance with a view to determining whether or not it
will be continued, modified or terminated.

5. It is the consensus of opinion of Navy and CIA officials that
the substance offers nothing new to the field of interrogation and for
our purposes it is valueless.

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15 Aug 1952

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