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21 June 1950

WEYES OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM TO: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/CSO

SUBJECT: Priority Requirement for Bluebird Team

1. Reference to request contained in memorandum of 19 June 1950, ISS is prepared to send a Bluebird Team to [redacted] between 24 July to 1 August 1950.

2. Prior to the dispatch of such team, recommend the following matters be considered in implementation of the project:

(a) The team to be sent is the basic team which has just been completed by the addition of a doctor-psychiatrist. For development of the whole project, and training of a second team, it is felt that the stay in Japan should not be over four weeks.

(b) This will be the first project of this bluebird team and the captain of the team must be allowed considerable latitude by your operating officials. The project will serve as a training and research project in addition to its operational significance.

(c) Urge your consideration from both policy and security standpoint as to possibility of performing project without knowledge of REC. I feel that REC should not be briefed on entire project but that intensive Polygraph interrogation be used as a cover.

(d) I urge that the exact nature of the Bluebird Project, even in the Area Division and in [redacted] mission, be kept on an Eyes Only basis to the very fewest both in headquarters and in the field and that cables to and from the field on the subject be similarly treated.

3. I suggest that at an early date, a conference with you, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] on the details would be helpful to us.

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Colonel, GSC  
Chief, Inspection & Security Staff

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