

4 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Project Artichoke - Conversations with Col. Hitchin.

1. On 4 October ~~_____~~ briefed Lt. Col. G. Z. Hitchin, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Unconventional Warfare Matters, on the general aspects of Project Artichoke. (b)(3)
2. ~~_____~~ advised Col. Hitchin that Mr. Dilles has assigned to Dr. Chadwell the responsibility for developing all aspects of the project (which was described in general terms). The Director of Central Intelligence has briefed the heads of the intelligence agencies at an executive session of the Intelligence Advisory Committee. The heads of the intelligence agencies have promised their support, and the Army, Navy, and Air Force have designated liaison officers to work with Dr. Chadwell on the project. Dr. Chadwell also represents the interests of the other components of the agency and is developing the project with them. (b)(3)
3. ~~_____~~ indicated that his position in this project is that of coordinator or action man for Dr. Chadwell and that he is most anxious to establish the closest possible relationships with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Research and Development Board. ~~_____~~ indicated that there are certain specific research matters which should be followed up with the utmost vigor and that they should be developed with the advice and assistance of RDR. It would be most helpful if we could develop our contacts on a very limited basis with RDB through the services of Col. Hitchin. Col. Hitchin suggested that Dr. Perkins, who is the principal assistant to Dr. Whitman, Chairman of RDB for Unconventional Warfare Matters, would be the best contact on this subject. Dr. Perkins is aware that something is going on in the field, but would prefer that CIA approach him rather than taking the initiative himself. Col. Hitchin suggested we prepare a briefing memorandum which he could refer to Dr. Perkins, after which we would sit down with Dr. Perkins and develop specific lines of attack. (b)(3)
4. Since Col. Hitchin will be in Sanjin the coming week, it was arranged that he would call ~~_____~~ on Monday, 15 October, at which time ~~_____~~ would provide him with the briefing memorandum and arrangements would be made for conversations with Dr. Perkins. (b)(3)

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5. During the discussions it was emphasized that this project is being conducted by the agency on a closely controlled "need to know" basis and the orientation was confined to the defensive aspects.

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Mr. Harvey,
Mr. [REDACTED]

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