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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Special Interrogations

1. The attached Staff Study (Tab A) was circulated to the other offices of the Agency interested in the subject of Special Interrogations (Project Artichoke). The purpose of the Study is to obtain concurrence in and approval of the initiation of field testing of special techniques for interrogations utilizing such resources and talents as exist within the Agency. The Study proposes, also, that research and development in this field stem from the office providing field medical support, the CIA Medical Staff.

2. Also attached are:

a. A copy of the original memorandum charging OSI with the over-all responsibility for this project (Tab B).

b. Copies of Memoranda from Chief, Plans Staff, CSO, and Deputy Security Officer, I&SO, indicating the concurrence of their respective offices, (Tab C and Tab D).

c. A copy of a memorandum from the Chief, CIA Medical Staff, indicating partial concurrence, but requesting clarification of certain aspects (Tab E).

d. A memorandum from AD/PC questioning the desirability of undertaking the field program until the research objectives are clarified as they relate to those of Technical Services Staff (Tab F).

3. It is evident from the question raised by AD/PC that there is a conflict in the responsibilities assigned by the memorandum of 23 March 1951 establishing Project Artichoke (Tab B) and the general mission of Technical Services Staff as stated by AD/PC in paragraph 2 of Tab F. This question goes beyond the matter of collaboration with Technical Services Staff with whom liaison has been established in order that Project Artichoke may benefit by any developments they may run across.

4. Since the clarification requested by CIA Medical Staff (Tab E) has been discussed with Dr. [redacted] and a basis for agreement has been reached, we are prepared to undertake the field testing once the more fundamental question raised by AD/PC has been resolved. I suggest, therefore, that this matter be taken up with the Deputy Director (Plans) and Deputy Director (Administration) for the purpose of clarifying the responsibilities of the offices concerned.

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