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## Office Me rorandum. UNITED STATES GOV RNMENT

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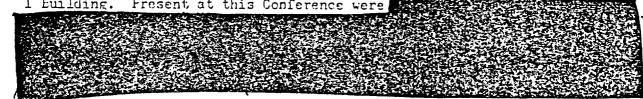
DATE: 16 November 1953

FROM : Chief, Technical Branch

SUBJECT: ARTICHICKE Conference, 22 October 1953.

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On Thursday, 22 October 1953, between 2:00 HW and 3:25 HH, an ARTICHOKE Conference was held in the SO Conference Room, 2065 I Euilding. Fresent at this Conference were



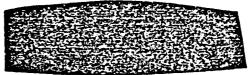
opened the Conference by introducing who is to represent we In the future, replacing who is leaving the United States.

then pointed out the known facts in the alleged offer of the to sell ten (10) kilos of LSD. A general discussion followed which resulted in an agreement of all hands that:

- 1) The Agency should purchase the LSD if possible and as soon as possible.
- 2) Furchase price estimated to be \$240,000 or less.
- 3) to handle methods and details of purchase, cover, etc. for the purchase operation and to conduct same.
- to present the purchase plans to the proper Agency officials and obtain necessary support (fiscal or otherwise) and authorization for the operation.
- - 5) offer to assist in any way possible in connection with 4) above was accepted and the second Agreed to work out details in the immedi-

ate future.

For matter of record, it should be noted that it was agreed by all hands that the purchase of this material was a risky operation but since the dangerous potentials of the chemical were known and the



rmount offered of such size the purchase was regarded as sound if for no other reason than a proclusive situation.

leaving for the following week on personal business and had volunteered to visit some manufacturing firms and noted specialists in connection with ARTICHORE. Ind offered to make these visits on his own time and if necessary at his own expense, provided he had prior approval from Security and the ARTICHORE Conference. read a list of the firms and individuals that that a had proposed to visit. After some discussion, it was decided in view of the pending LSD transaction in that it would be unvise to permit to conduct any business along ARTICHOKE lines in for elsewhere in at the present time although his generous offer was greatly appreciated. It is stated that if it was later decided that the contact of these firms and individuals appeared essential to the ARTICHOKE problem, could be sent officially on this business from Headquarters, Lashington.

Conference decision in this matter on Friday, 23 October 1953 by

- 5. Then briefly re-introduced the subject of the aims and the functions of the ARTICHCKE program and announced that drafts of a paper in this connection would be given to all AUTICHCKE Conference members for their study prior to the next ARTICHCKE meeting. In addition, stated a draft of the proposal for an experimental project using specially screened traince volunteers would also be given to the ARTICHCKE Conference members at the same time. The requested all members to examine the drafts, make any notes, corrections, additions, atc. and be prepared to discuss the proposals at the following ARTICHCKE Conference.
- 6. explained in greater detail the proposal for the use of trainee volunteers. pointed out that such research would be of benefit in two main areas:
  - A. It would very clearly demonstrate to certain select Agency personnel the effects of chemicals, hypnosis and possibly other elements, etc. upon themselves and their associates.
  - B. It would give the ARTICHCRN members an opportunity to study the reactions of good subjects under more or less ideal and very

