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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : File

DATE: 25 January 1952

FROM : [REDACTED] A

A/B, II, 166, 1

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Case

On Friday, 25 January 1952, the writer was called to the office [REDACTED] for the purpose of a conference with one [REDACTED] concerning the instant case. A

[REDACTED] explained in substance the [REDACTED] case as follows: [REDACTED] (whose real name is [REDACTED], is a 29-year-old [REDACTED] and was the head of a small political party based in [REDACTED] and ostensibly working for [REDACTED] independence. [REDACTED] was described by [REDACTED] as being young, ambitious, bright (elementary college education), a sort of a "man-on-a-horse" type but a typical [REDACTED] politician. According to [REDACTED] our people discovered that [REDACTED] Intelligence Service were attempting to bribe [REDACTED] and make him a double agent and [REDACTED] was looking with favor upon the [REDACTED] offers. Accordingly, a plot was rigged in which [REDACTED] was told he was going to be [REDACTED] and as a "protection", he was placed in custody of the [REDACTED] Police who threw [REDACTED] into a [REDACTED] prison. [REDACTED] was held in the [REDACTED] prison for six months until the [REDACTED] authorities decided that [REDACTED] was a nuisance and they told our people to take him back. Since our people were unable to dispose of [REDACTED] they flew him to [REDACTED] where, through arrangement, he was placed in a [REDACTED] as a psychopathic patient. [REDACTED] now has been in the [REDACTED] hospital for several months and the hospital authorities now want to get him out since he is causing considerable trouble, bothering other patients, etc. [REDACTED] is not a psychopathic personality. A H F

[REDACTED] explained that they can dispose of [REDACTED] by the simple process of sending him to a friend of his in [REDACTED], and as far as they are concerned, that type of disposal is perfectly o.k. However, because of his confinement in [REDACTED] prison and his stay in [REDACTED] hospital, [REDACTED] has become very hostile toward the [REDACTED] and our intelligence operations in particular. Hence, [REDACTED] considering an "Artichoke" approach to [REDACTED] to see if it would be possible to re-orient [REDACTED] favorably toward us. This operation, which will necessarily involve the use of drugs is being considered by [REDACTED] with a possibility that [REDACTED] will carry out the operation presumably at the [REDACTED] hospital in [REDACTED]. Also involved in this would be a [REDACTED] interpreter who is a consultant to this Agency since neither [REDACTED]. A H F

[REDACTED] pointed out to [REDACTED] that this type of operation could only be carried out with the authorization of Security and that, under no circumstances whatsoever, could anyone but an authorized M.D. administer drugs to any subject of this Agency of any type. [REDACTED] pointed out that there was a strong possibility that the military A

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authorities would not permit their hospital to be used for/type of work
and also that a re-conditioning operation of this type might take as
long as 30-60. [redacted] further pointed out that ~~xxxx~~ if such an
operation were carried on, Security would have to be cognizant of it,
would have to be co-ordinated into the organization and would possibly
take over and run the operation themselves since this type of work
is one ~~in~~ which Security handles. *for this agency*

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It was agreed between [redacted] and the writer that a
conference would be laid on Monday afternoon when [redacted] representatives
and the [redacted] interpreter return from [redacted] and their talk with
[redacted]. At which time, the angles would be explored and a dis-
patch ~~change~~ would be forwarded to our people in [redacted] directing them to
find out whether the [redacted] would permit such an operation and whether
the [redacted] would allow the Agency to have the use of the necessary rooms,
medical facilities, etc. as would be required for this type of operation.
At this time, it was also to be determined whether the disposal of [redacted]
[redacted] could in fact be laid on.

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Comment:

This particular operation was mentioned in general terms to the
writer by [redacted] approximately thirty days ago on an in-
formal basis but no significant details were given at this time.

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While the technique that [redacted] are considering for use
in this case is not known to the writer, the writer believes the approach
will be made through the standard narco-hypnosis technique. Re-conditioning
and re-orienting an individual in such a matter, in the opinion of the
writer, cannot be accomplished easily and will require a great deal of
time and the ~~x~~ fact that an interpreter is necessary in the case com-
plicates it considerably more. It is also believed that with our present ~~x~~
knowledge, we would have no absolute guarantee that the subject in this
case would maintain a positive friendly attitude toward us even though
there is apparently a successful response to the treatment. The writer
did not suggest to [redacted] that perhaps a total amnesia could be created
by a series of electro shocks, but merely indicated that amnesia under
drug treatments were not certain.

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TO : File

DATE: 7 February 1952

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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1. On Wednesday, 30 January 1952, at 9:30 AM, the writer called [Redacted] relative the [Redacted] case. [Redacted] stated that the [Redacted] official and interpreter had made a trip to [Redacted] and had seen [Redacted]. [Redacted] stated that [Redacted] and the interpreter had reached complete accord on the handling of the [Redacted] situation. [Redacted] then stated that he was trying to arrange that the [Redacted] case could be lined up completely before he set up conferences with I & SO relative the trip [Redacted] promised to call the writer at the end of the week.

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2. On/February 1952, at 12:15 AM, [Redacted] called the writer relative the [Redacted] case. [Redacted] stated that in [Redacted] at the top level, some opposition had arisen to the handling of the [Redacted] case in the manner that had been proposed. [Redacted] stated that since this opposition of the higher-ups had arisen, nothing would be done relative the [Redacted] case. [Redacted] stated that he would call immediately upon any new developments along these lines. The writer informed [Redacted] that I & SO would be glad to consider the matter and would wait until it was brought up again and would await his call relative any new developments.

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