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H-B/3 A/R, SUPPLEMENTAL (6)  
12 November 1954

TO : [REDACTED]

FROM : Chief [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Status Report [REDACTED] from Stage I Case officer -

A [REDACTED]

H-B/6

1. As of 12 November 1954 the bona fides of [REDACTED] had not been established. It appears likely at this point that the bona fides of the Subject can not be established without recourse to hostile interrogation.

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2. After considerable development of the Subject in an effort to gain his confidence [REDACTED] was afforded examination by AMERICAN on 6 November 1954. [REDACTED] conducted technical preparation of the Subject. [REDACTED] conducted the actual examination assisted by [REDACTED]. The entire proceedings were recorded by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present in an adjacent room where they monitored the proceedings. Thus all persons most directly connected with the case were instantly available for discussion and guidance on proper handling of the case.

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3. As noted in the assessment of the Subject dated 2 November 1954, [REDACTED] possesses an unusually obdurate strength of will. For this reason the results of the examination may be considered only partially conclusive. Although it was possible to extract an admission from the Subject that he had had [REDACTED] training related to intelligence in 1950, it was impossible to pin him down to hard facts concerning his life in [REDACTED] from April 1954 to August 1954. His memory became strangely clouded at this point.

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4. In general, the AMERICAN examination went off very well. However, because of the Subject's tendency to evade questions concerning his life in [REDACTED] from April to August of 1954, [REDACTED] feels that he may have been exercising a form of self-hypnosis which tended to counter the AMERICAN effect. A

5. In view of all facts learned during almost three months of constant interrogation it is felt that there is nothing further to be gained by continuing Stage I interrogation in an effort to establish the Subject's bona fides. It is recommended that he be exploited immediately for whatever PI value he may have.

Attachment B

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6. Since the bona fides of [REDACTED] cannot be established, it is recommended that final disposition of his case be as recommended by [REDACTED]

7. In view of the facts stated above, [REDACTED] has discontinued Phase I interrogation of the Subject. Consequently the daily log on the Subject will no longer be issued.