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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

A/B, 42/3

TO :

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DATE:

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FROM :

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SUBJECT:

1. This appears to be OK.

2. Recommend 1(c) to read as follows - "Develop defensive techniques against application by the enemy of antichoke systems."

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A/B, 4, 2/4

TO : DCI  
FROM : Director of Security  
SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE  
Experimental Project Utilizing Trainee Volunteers

1. PROBLEM:

- a. In perfecting the ARTICHOKE technique, it is considered essential that in the training of personnel participating in this program they have an opportunity to employ this technique, under controlled circumstances, to selected male volunteer trainee personnel.
- b. Test situations can thereby be created which will be of great value in perfecting ARTICHOKE techniques and training of the personnel who will utilize ARTICHOKE in future field operations.

*\* c. Protection of defense against such techniques.*

2. DISCUSSION:

- a. It is planned that the Office of Security, Medical Division,  and Office of Training will participate actively in this program.
- b. Representatives of  and  will participate in an observer status.
- c. Through the cooperation of the Office of Training, selected male trainees will be screened by the Medical Division and Office of Security, and volunteers will then be obtained.
- d. Through cooperation of  test situations will be prepared for indoctrination of volunteer subjects.
- e. Office of Security will furnish safe-house premises for conduct of the experimental work.

f. Medical Division will furnish medical support and necessary substances for use in experiments.

g. [redacted] will furnish new substances and advice as to their utilization.

G h. It is not anticipated that this program will require a large expenditure of funds as no personnel are to be procured nor any large quantity of equipment purchased. Transportation to the safe-house can be provided from Agency facilities and purchase of food for personnel involved will probably be the only major expenditure. It is estimated that \$2,000 will cover operating expenses of this project during FY 1953-54 and \$1,000 will cover cost of essential medical equipment.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. That above-mentioned experimental program be authorized.
- b. That Office of Training be authorized to make volunteer subjects available for program.
- c. That requested funds be made available.
- d. That concurrence of General Counsel be secured.

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Director of Security

CONCURRENCES:

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G OSE (Cashin)  
Medical Division

ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

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Director of Central Intelligence

[redacted]  
Office of Training

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Date