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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Plans

AUG 29 1952

VIA : Deputy Director/Intelligence
Deputy Director/Administration

SUBJECT : Project ARTICHOKE

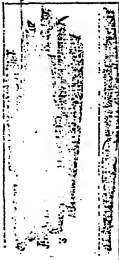
1. PROBLEM. — To allocate within CIA over-all responsibility for Project ARTICHOKE.

2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM. —

a. Responsibility for the project was assigned to the Office of Scientific Intelligence by the Deputy Director/Plans in March 1951. (Annex 3, TAB B)

b. On May 15, 1952, the Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence circulated to the participating CIA office representatives a Staff Study (Annex 3, TAB A) proposing an interim field testing program, and recommending transfer of over-all responsibility for the Project from the Office of Scientific Intelligence to Inspection and Security Office with research responsibility delegated to CIA Medical Staff. The desirability of these actions, until the Project research objectives as related to the Office of Technical Services had been clarified, was questioned by the Assistant Director, Policy Coordination. (Annex 3, TAB F) AD/SI therefore addressed a memorandum to the Deputy Director/Intelligence suggesting that this matter be taken up with the Deputy Director/Plans and the Deputy Director/Administration for the purpose of clarifying the responsibilities of the offices concerned. (Annex 3)

c. By memorandum of June 11, 1952 to the Deputy Director/Plans, the Deputy Director/Intelligence indicated his feeling that responsibility for the entire Project should be transferred from the Office of Scientific Intelligence to the Office of Technical Services. (Annex 4) At a consequent meeting with DD/P, representatives of OTS, ILSO, and CSI were directed to hold further discussions with all CIA components concerned and to submit to DD/P specific recommendations for his decision. (Annex 5) Such discussions were held and resulted in a tentative memorandum of agreement, (Annex 6) to assign over-all Project authority to ILSO with delegation of full research responsibility to OTS. This agreement was concurred in by OSO, OPC, ILSO, and OSI, but OTS by memorandum of July 15, 1952, (Annex 7) limited the amount of research responsibility it could accept.



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3. DISCUSSION. —

a. There is now general agreement among the CIA offices concerned that:

- (1) Over-all responsibility for the Project should be transferred from OSI to IASO;
- (2) IASO should call upon the research and support facilities of CIA Medical Staff and of the Office of Technical Services as required;
- (3) Liaison with the Research and Development Board and with the Service components concerned in this problem should be the responsibility of IASO;
- (4) Responsibility for the foreign intelligence aspects of the subject should remain in OSI.

b. Status of field testing is outlined in the attached memorandum to DD/P dated August 7, 1952 from the Security Officer, CIA. (Annex 2)

4. ACTION RECOMMENDED. — It is recommended that, with the concurrence of the Deputy Director/Intelligence and the Deputy Director/Administration, the Deputy Director/Plans sign the attached memorandum (Annex 1) addressed jointly to the Assistant Deputy (Administration) for Security and the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, directing the actions indicated in 3 above.

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Assistant Director
Scientific Intelligence

ANNEXES: 7

1. Memo to AD(Admin) for Security & the AD/SI, from DD/P, subject: Project ARTICHOKE, ~~SECRET~~, undated
2. Memo to DD/P, from Security Officer, CIA, subject: ARTICHOKE Field Interrogation, Secret, ~~SECRET~~, 7 August 1952
3. Memo to DD/I, from AD/SI, subject: Special Interrogations, ~~SECRET~~, 6 June 1952
4. Memo to DD/P, from DD/I, subject: Project "ARTICHOKE", ~~SECRET~~, 11 June 1952
5. Memo to AD(Admin) for Security, AD/SO, AD/PO, CIA Medical Staff, TSS, from Asst. for Ops./SI, subject: Project ARTICHOKE, ~~SECRET~~, 27 June 1952
6. Memo to DD/P, from AD/SI, subject: Project ARTICHOKE, ~~SECRET~~, 14 July 1952
7. Memo to AD/SI, from ~~SECRET~~ subject: CIA Control Secret, 15 July 1952

CONCURRENCES:

[REDACTED]
Assistant Deputy (Admin) for Security

[REDACTED]
Chief, Staff 1

[REDACTED]
Chief, Staff 2

[REDACTED]
Office of Technical Services

[REDACTED]
Deputy Chief, Medical Staff

ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

Approved (disapproved), exceptions if any.

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Deputy Director/Intelligence

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Deputy Director/Administration

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