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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Project Artichoke

REFERENCE : Memo from AD/SI to DD (Plans), subj: Special Interrogations dated 13 March 1951.

1. PROBLEM:

To establish an integrated CIA program for the development of special interrogations or other techniques for the purpose of controlling an individual without his knowledge.

2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM:

a. Reference memorandum, concurred in by the Assistant Directors for SI, SO, PC and I&S, and approved by you, established Project Artichoke. This project is an outgrowth of CIA activities formerly under the code name "Fluebird" and having to do with the development and use of special interrogation techniques including techniques for the purpose of controlling an individual without his knowledge.

b. Reference memorandum states that all phases of Project Artichoke are under the supervision of a Project Coordinator designated by CSI. Each of the offices noted above is charged with carrying out certain specific phases of the project under the general supervision of the Project Coordinator.

c. The project is jeopardized by lack of coordination between various activities of the agency having an interest in this or related fields.

d. This situation exists because of the fact that the interested offices look upon CSI and the Project Coordinator only as another participant in the project, and not, as charged in the basic directive, as:

"responsible for the aggressive and active development of
all phases of CIA activity in this field and coordination of the IAC Agencies in related programs".

e. The CIA situation is in sharp contrast to that existing in the Department of Defense where the IAC agencies have accepted CIA leadership in this field and are working in close coordination with the Project Coordinator.

f. The CIA situation if permitted to continue will not only result in wasteful duplication of effort, within the agency, but will disrupt the coordinated IAC program with resultant embarrassment to the agency.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Project Artichoke be made the responsibility of a single component of the Agency and that this component have the authority to insure the aggressive and active development of all phases of CIA activity in this field and coordination of the IAC agencies in related programs.

b. That a Project Coordinator, with the necessary technical background and administrative ability be selected to run the program.

c. That the interested components of the agency, (OSI, I&S, CSO, OPC, TSS, and CIA Medical Staff) be advised of the above and be directed to provide guidance and assistance in accordance with their assigned missions and responsibilities.