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TO : Assistant Director/Scientific Intelligence      DATE: 19 May 1952

FROM : Chief, Medical Staff

SUBJECT: Special Interrogations

1. Reference is made to the attached draft, subject "Special Interrogations."

2. At the meeting of 14 May 1952 the Medical Office outlined its position regarding the Artichoke Project and requested that the term "narco-hypnosis" be used to define those responsibilities within the interim program that are basically medical. This was agreed, and it was with such understanding that further concepts of responsibilities were evolved.

3. The attached draft provides the delegation of authority in regard research to the Medical Office, and lists in its "description" varied techniques pertinent to such research. This would extend the scope of medical responsibilities beyond the previously agreed definition.

4. It was also agreed at the meeting of 14 May 1952 that field activities would be under the command of the chief of field station concerned, provided that instances of this agreement would be referred back to headquarters for final decision. Paragraph 2a(3) does not provide for the qualifying phrase.

5. It is requested that the project draft more closely outline the concept of medical responsibility as originally defined and that Paragraph 2a(3) be changed to provide for the necessary qualifying phrase.

Attach.: 1  
1. Project Draft

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REMARKS:

Joe:

I have read the enclosed TS document and, as ~~Joe~~ knows, an inconsiderable disagreement with it. It seems to me to be a belated attempt to make up for 2 or 3 years confusion and ineffectiveness. I question the security in doing the study in this way, if it is to be done at all. If this is supposed to be covered up as a defensive feasibility study, it's pretty damn transparent. There is a ~~lot~~ of obvious experimental work that needs to be done. ~~The study says it must~~

FROM: begin to get it done.

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