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Office Memorandum

TO: File
FROM: A
SUBJECT: Case

DATE: 25 January 1952

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On Friday, 25 January 1952, the writer was called to the office for the purpose of a conference with one concerning the instant case.

explained in substance the case as follows:

(whose real name is, and was the head of a small political party based and extensively working for independence. was described by as being young, ambitious, bright (elementary college education), a sort of a "man-on-a-horse" type but a typical politician. According to our people discovered the Intelligence Service were attempting to bribe and make him a double agent and was looking with favor upon the offers. Accordingly, a plot was rigged in which was told he was going to be assassinated and as a "protection", he was placed in custody of the Police who threw into a prison. was held in the prison for six months until the authorities decided that was a nuisance and they told our people to take him back. Since our people were unable to dispose of they flew him to wherever, through arrangement, he was placed in a sanitarium as a psychopathic patient. now has been in the hospital for several months and the hospital authorities now want to get him out since he is causing considerable trouble, bothering other patients, etc. is not a psychopathic personality.

explained that they can dispose of by the simple process of sending him to a friend of his in prison, and as far as they are concerned, that type of disposal is perfectly o.k. However, because of his confinement in prison and his stay in hospital, has become very hostile toward the and our intelligence operations in particular. Hence, considering an "Artichoke" approach to see if it would be possible to re-orient favorably toward us. This operation, which will necessarily involve the use of drugs, is being considered by with a possibility that will carry out the operation presumably at the hospital. Also involved in this would be an interpreter who is a consultant to this Agency since neither

pointed out to that this type of operation could only be carried out with the authorization of Security and that, under no circumstances whatsoever, could anyone but an authorized M.D. administer drugs to any subject of this Agency of any type. pointed out that there was a strong possibility that the military
authorities would not permit their hospital to be used for this type of work and also that a re-conditioning operation of this type might take as long as 30-60. Further pointed out that if such an operation were carried on, Security would have to be cognizant of it, would have to be co-ordinated into the organization and would possibly take over and run the operation themselves since this type of work is one in which Security handles.

It was agreed between [redacted] and the writer that a conference would be held on Monday afternoon when representatives and the interpreter return from [redacted] and their talk with [redacted]. At which time, the angles would be explored and a dispatch would be forwarded to our people in [redacted] directing them to find out whether the [redacted] would permit such an operation and whether the [redacted] would allow the Agency to have the use of the necessary rooms, medical facilities, etc. as would be required for the type of operation. At this time, it was also to be determined whether the disposal of [redacted] could in fact be laid on.

Comment:

This particular operation was mentioned in general terms to the writer by [redacted] approximately thirty days ago on an informal basis but no significant details were given at this time.

While the technique that [redacted] are considering for use in this case is not known to the writer, the writer believes the approach will be made through the standard narco-hypnosis technique. Re-conditioning and re-orienting an individual in such a matter, in the opinion of the writer, cannot be accomplished easily and will require a great deal of time and the fact that an interpreter is necessary in the case complicates it considerably more. It is also believed that with our present knowledge, we would have no absolute guarantee that the subject in this case would maintain a positive friendly attitude toward us even though there is apparently a successful response to the treatment. The writer did not suggest to [redacted] that perhaps a total amnesia could be created by a series of electro shocks, but merely indicated that amnesia under drug treatments were not certain.
1. On Wednesday, 30 January 1952, at 9:30 AM, the writer called 
relative the case. Stated that the 
official and interpreter had made a trip to and had seen 
and the interpreter had reached complete 
accord on the handling of the situation. then stated 
that he was trying to arrange that the case could be lined up 
completely before he set up conferences with I & SO relative the trip 
promised to call the writer at the end of the week.

2. On February 1952, at 12:15 AM, called the writer 
relative the case. Stated that in the top level, 
some opposition had arisen to the handling of the case in the 
manner that had been proposed. Stated that since this opposition 
of the higher-ups had arisen, nothing would be done relative the case. Stated that he would call immediately upon any new 
developments along these lines. The writer informed that 
I & SO would be glad to consider the matter and would wait until it 
was brought up again and would await his call relative any new de-
velopments.