13 October 1953

On Friday, 13 October 1953, between 3:30 and 4:10 pm, the
writer talked with [redacted] in his office at [redacted]
concerning [redacted] and the problems arising
from his work in connection with the ANTECHS project.

[redacted] stated he had been facing a complete
dilemma. He pointed out that [redacted] had worked almost 100
of the time on the ANTECHS problem for the past few months and
therefore this has not caused him any particular embarrassment as he
had other employees to carry out the work but now [redacted] states
with the new budget and personnel ceilings, he has lost two services
of the employees and that he has received specific instructions from
his division concerning a number of problems which require absolute
deadlines. [redacted] stated that to complete these projects he
needs the services of a man who can carry out the work that should be done.

[redacted] stated the services are outstanding in that he is a brilliant re-
search man but he has for many months continued in exhaustive research
work connected with ANTECHS including the trip to [redacted] and
the further work that resulted from this trip after his return.

[redacted] stated he in no way minimized the work of the
ANTECHS project and he knew, of course, that much of the work
of the ANTECHS project went across the board into many projects
that his division is working on. He stated he felt that definitely
ANTECHS required more research and that he was concerned in trying
to find a way whereby the ANTECHS work and his division could
both have the benefit of [redacted] ability and background.

[redacted] proposed that consideration be given to some-
thing along the following lines. He stated that [redacted] had
retired a number of years ago and was subsequently taken back to
OSI. He stated that he could retire at any time and there was
no problem involved. He stated he had talked to [redacted] con-
cerning the possible transfer of [redacted] to another role and
this subject had been turned down (possibly) on the basis that [redacted]
the position and salary.

In view of the following idea had occurred to him:
Arrangements could be made for [redacted] to be used
in the Agency as a consultant to both OSI and Security, particularly
the ANTECHS project. He stated that in that way he merely
work he could devote to OSI work and the rest of the time he could
give fully to [redacted].
He stated that in that way, it would give him a chance to bring another man in to fill the slot so occupied by A, and would not encumber a slot in OSI or Security. The writer asked the writer if he had been made cognizant of these ideas and he stated emphatically that he had not been informed of these ideas since they were merely thoughts being expressed to the writer at this time.

The writer assured the writer that he would certainly not mention this matter to B. The writer then asked the writer whether or not he would support the idea of a consultant who would be used in connection with the ARTICHOKE work and whether they both would support A in a consultant capacity. He stated he would support A for such a consultant position and stated, furthermore, he was absolutely certain that he would also support A in this connection.

The writer made it very clear that he could do nothing along these lines himself since it was a policy matter, but stated that he would not support anything that would affect his position unless it was with his consent.