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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] 6

SUBJECT: Disposal of Maximum Custody Type Defectors of all Categories

PROBLEM

X Defectors disposal of

1. To dispose of blown agents, exploited defectors and defecting trainees who have such sensitive knowledge of our operation as makes it necessary to hold them in maximum custody until either (a) operations have progressed to a point where their knowledge is no longer highly sensitive or (2) the knowledge that they possess in general will be of no use to the enemy.

DISCUSSION

X Drugs amnesia-producing

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CONCLUSION

1. It would appear that we are faced with either setting up a very difficult and expensive mechanism for the holding of defectors

in maximum custody over a period of time or of developing a drug which would not cause permanent harm to the taker for the purpose of arriving at the same end result, i.e. a secure situation for extremely sensitive defectors. It might well be that defectors could be afforded their choice of being held in maximum custody for the period of reorientation or to take the drug with the guarantee that they will be completely normal within the 18 month period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that [redacted] to determine whether or not the development of such a drug is both feasible and desirable.

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