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On Friday, 25 January 1952, the writer was called to the office of Mr. Bannerman for the purpose of a conference with one Mr. [Prichett], EE/OPC, concerning the instant case.

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Mr. [Prichett] explained in substance the Kelly case as follows: Kelly, (whose real name is Dimitrov), is a 29-year-old Bulgarian and was the head of a small political party based in Greece and ostensibly working for Bulgarian independence. Kelly was described by [Prichett] 03 as being young, ambitious, bright (elementary college education), a sort of a "man-on-a-horse" type but a typical Balkan politician. According to [Prichett], our people discovered that French Intelligence Service ~~was~~ attempting to bribe Kelly and make him a double agent and Kelly was looking with favor upon the French offers. Accordingly, a plot was rigged in which Kelly was told he was going to be ~~assigned~~ *associated* and as a "protection", he was placed in custody of the Greek Police who threw Kelly into a Greek prison. Kelly was held in the Greek prison for six months until the Greek authorities decided that Kelly was a nuisance and they told our people to take him back. Since our people were unable to dispose of Kelly in Greece, they flew him to Panama where, through arrangement, he was placed in a U.S. Military Hospital as a psychopathic patient. Kelly now has been in the U.S. military hospital for several months and the hospital authorities now want to get him out since he is causing considerable trouble, bothering other patients, etc. Kelly is not a psychopathic personality.

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[Prichett] explained that they can dispose of Kelly by the simple process of sending him to a friend of his in Caracas, Venezuela, and as far as they are concerned, that type of disposal is perfectly o.k. However, because of his confinement in a Greek prison and his stay in a military hospital, Kelly has become very hostile toward the United States and our intelligence operations in particular. Hence, OPC is considering an "Artichoke" approach to Kelly to see if it would be possible to re-orient Kelly favorably toward us. This operation, which will necessarily involve the use of drugs is being considered by OPC with a possibility that Dr. [Ecke] and [Mike Gladych] will carry out the operation presumably at the military hospital in Panama. Also involved in this would be a Bulgarian interpreter who is a consultant to this Agency since neither [Ecke] nor [Gladych] speak Bulgarian.

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Mr. Bannerman pointed out to [Prichett] 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. Bannerman pointed out that there was a strong possibility that the military

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authorities would not permit their hospital to be used for type of work and also that a re-conditioning operation of this type might take as long as 30-60. Bannerman 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 for this agency.

03 patch It was agreed between ⁰³[Prichett], Bannerman, and the writer that a conference would be laid on Monday afternoon when OPC representatives and the Bulgarian interpreter return from Boston and their talk with ⁰³[Mike Gladych]. At which time, the angles would be explored and a ~~dis-~~patch would be forwarded to our people in Panama directing them to find out whether the Army would permit such an operation and whether the Army would allow the Agency to have the use of the necessary rooms, medical facilities, etc. as would be required for this type of operation. At this time, it was also to be determined whether the disposal of Kelly Venezuela could in fact be laid on.

Comment:

This particular ⁰³operation was mentioned in general terms to the writer by Mr. ⁰³[Walter Driscoll] approximately thirty days ago on an informal basis but no significant details were given at this time.

While the technique that ⁰³[Ecke] and ⁰³[Gladych] 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 ⁰³[Prichett] 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.

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