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TO : MR. D. H. LADD

DATE: October 23, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MICROPHONE AND TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS  
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You will recall that, as a result of deliberations of an IIC-ICIS Ad Hoc Committee, the Senior Staff of the various diplomatic missions and the heads of the appropriate military commands abroad have been alerted to the fact that new-type listening devices are being used by the Soviets. They were further advised that they would be visited shortly and briefed in this connection including countermeasure equipment.

ONI, G-2 and OSI have been designated by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to see that the appropriate military commands abroad receive the necessary briefings. General Carroll has advised that he is having a regular OSI District Commanders Conference beginning October 27, 1952, and that representatives from the overseas commands will be present. He advised that the OSI technical men from the overseas commands will be present and will have a special conference on or about November 4, 1952, in Washington. He stated these will be the men who will ultimately handle this matter for OSI abroad, and he inquired if Mr. Parsons or another qualified Laboratory representative could brief this group of technical men at their meeting on or about November 4, 1952. He stated he did not desire that they be given detailed technical data at the meeting, but instructed as to the nature of this "gadget," in general terms the countermeasure equipment being developed, the necessary technical efficiency of individuals to operate the equipment, and general information concerning this project. This is, of course, in line with the briefings to be given by the State Department to its security and technical people.

Special Agent Edward S. Sanders discussed this matter with Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Parsons advised that either he or a representative from the Laboratory could give this briefing if approval were given therefor.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mr. Parsons or another

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qualified Laboratory man give the briefing outlined above  
inasmuch as this procedure is in line with the plan which  
has been established by the Ad Hoc Committee.

If this recommended approval is given, the Laboratory  
will be advised of the exact date for the briefing by Special  
Agent Edward S. Sanders.

SA R.W. Swartz  
Sanders 11/2/57

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