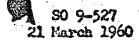
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FROM

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Chief, TSD/Security

SUBJECT 👋

Identi-kit

1. Attached to this mesorendum is a copy of an article appearing in the February 1960, issue of "Science and Mechanics" magazine. Fage 2 reflects a comment to the effect that the U. S. Intelligence under wrote the development of the Identi-kit to the amount of \$87,000.

2. TSD/EB under RD-177 and under the _____Program has invested \$82,531 into the Identi-kit. <u>Chief Hugh C. MoDONAID</u>, who is mentioned in the article, is a cleared TSD consultant. He was initially briefed by Er. ANDERSON, TSD/EB. The Agency sponsored Mr. McDONAID's visit to Washington and arranged his trip to Homolulu, Hawaii, all in connection with the development of the Identi-kit. The Townsend Corporation, working with McDONAID, has built a number of these kits and will advise the Agency of these sold to foreign powers, etc. Mr. <u>Courtney OWEMS</u>. Sales manager of Townsend Engineering Corporation, is a and understands the Agency's interest in the Kit. Townsend has also opened a school for Identi-kit users. Three persons from TSD have attended this school.

3. The TSD project engineers are very inbious that McDONALD disclosed classified information to unauthorized persons and speak highly of him. They have especially noted his esperness to assist us on various orash-type projects of an unclassified nature.

4. Therefore, we have no desire to alienate his feelings. Novertheless, I would suggest that Mr. JONES, during his forthcoming visit to the Mest Coast, interview Mr. MoDONALD to determine, if possible, the reason for inclusion of U. S. Intelligence interest in the attached article, whether or not CIA was mentioned during his interview with the author and to further brief MoDONALD if necessary. Furthermore, the Identi-kit is expected to receive considerable publicity as the sales program is stepped up.

5. A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded to FSD (Atta: Robert SWENDINAR) to determine whether or not any other components of the Agency are or have used MaDOMALD (possibly contacts or SSD).

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