Recipe for Successful Innovation

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Fun Facts about Julia Child*

1. Born August 15, 1912, Pasadena CA
2. 1934 graduated Smith College with a major in History
3. Joined the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) because she was too tall
4. Her first recipe was shark repellant
5. 1948 Moved to Paris where she studied cooking because she loved to eat
6. 1951 began to teach cooking, research and repeated tested recipes
7. 1961 published Mastering the Art of French Cooking
8. 1963 debuted on TV in The French Chef

...and the rest is history.

* Taken from Wikipedia
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Yes or No

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4. Share, compare and combine
   (Repeat steps 3 and 4 until success is achieved)
5. Update the recipe
6. Move on (Variety is the spice of life!)

Serves: Your Agency  From: you
Bon Appétit!

"I always give my bird a generous butter massage before I put it in the oven. Why? Because I think the chicken likes it - and, more important, I like to give it."

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Thank you