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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (RESEARCH,  
DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH,  
ENGINEERING AND SYSTEMS)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (RESEARCH,  
DEVELOPMENT AND LOGISTICS)

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME Activity (U)

(S) This note is for the purpose of establishing policy with respect to OUSDRE support of investigations into parapsychology and its potential military applications.

(S) Based upon the December 1979 report of the GRILL FLAME Scientific Evaluation Committee and upon my own sense of priorities for efforts within the OUSDRE, I believe it appropriate that the Recommendations of Chapter 3, pages 10 and 11, relating to OUSDRE activities be implemented.

(S) The substance of those recommendations as they relate to OUSDRE is that it was found to be not appropriate to fund technology programs aimed at scientific demonstration of the existence of the subject effects, and that as a consequence future work at AMSAA and Huntsville in these areas not be authorized by USDRE. Therefore, no new work will be initiated under the sponsorship of OUSDRE in the areas of potential military application of parapsychology effects.

(S) Other recommendations in the report deal with intelligence related R&D and suggest a continuation of low level efforts within the INSCOM. These activities clearly are outside the responsibility of OUSDRE and therefore are neither endorsed nor denied. When intelligence related parapsychological efforts require support by OUSDRE personnel or facilities, I would like to be advised, but interpose no objection if the level of their requests are not an appreciable fraction of the work of the facility involved.

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