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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Report of Visit to SRI International, 18-20 October 1978 (U)

1. (S-ORCON) Lynne Taylor, Scott Phillips and Harris Walker visited SRI on 18-20 October 1978 for discussions on Project Grill Flame. Personnel contacted at SRI were Hal Puthoff, Russ Targ, Charles Tart and Ed May. The major points of our discussions are summarized in the following paragraphs.
2. (S-ORCON) The majority of our discussions centered on AMSAA's Grill Flame replication of the original SRI protocol for remote viewing, particularly the problems we have encountered in trying to remain true to the protocol.
 - a. SRI maintains a very comfortable, privately accessed lab for remote viewing sessions. Subjects and interviewers thus know exactly where and under what comfort conditions their sessions will take place. AMSAA's Grill Flame sessions have rotated between conference rooms and offices, depending on their availability; comfort conditions have significantly varied with the location.
 - b. In addition to the availability of conference rooms or offices, AMSAA's Grill Flame sessions have been dependent on the availability of the team members, due to meetings, travel plans, etc. Additionally, the Grill Flame participants are not totally dedicated to just Grill Flame but have other responsibilities that oftentimes must take priority over a session. Thus, trying to set up a schedule for our sessions is next to impossible. SRI does not have the same constraints on their sessions, although this does not imply that everything works perfectly all of the time at SRI, even though their level of dedication far exceeds ours.
 - c. A significant amount of time was spent philosophizing on the critical relationship between the subject and interviewer. Our feelings on this subject are detailed in the Memorandum For Record of Ingo Swann's visit to AMSAA, so there is no need to repeat all of that in this memorandum.

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Apart from our discussions, Scott and I had the opportunity to listen to several of SRI's tapes of their early remote viewing sessions. Listening to the tapes was a real education above and beyond just talking about subject/interviewer relationships and was perhaps the most valuable part of the trip for us. We have definitely carried this learning to our own sessions and can already see the positive differences.

d. The judging procedures of remote viewing experiments are critical to the statistical success, or failure, of the experiments. In prior conversations with Ed May and Hal Puthoff, we had established the best number of sessions to be judged as a package, i.e., 6 or 7 sessions. We now established the amount and type of information to be given to the judges: a copy of the protocol, copies of the edited transcripts in random order, a list of target sites and target pictures in random order, a judging matrix for the recording convenience of the judges, and a statement explaining what the judges should do at the sites. Hal Puthoff provided us with an example of what should be included in this statement, along with a caution to be extremely careful about the contents of the statement so as not to prejudice the judges.

3. (S-ORCON) Russ Targ, Hal Puthoff and I discussed the proposed training contract for FY 79. The revised statement of work was again revised. Subsequent to this visit, the new statement of work has been coordinated with and agreed to by all parties concerned and the contract is being processed.

4. (S-ORCON) We provided SRI with copies of our session transcripts available at that date. We did discuss several of the transcripts, particularly noting the differences between the two subjects, the target sites, and the pattern of improvement starting to emerge, based on experience and increased awareness of what works best for us.

5. (S-ORCON) Charles Tart, a psychologist who just recently joined the staff of SRI, introduced us to the Ten Function Random Number Generator Testing Facility. This is an impressive piece of equipment. Scott and I had a chance to try it out and are looking forward to spending more time working with it. An important point to be aware of about this facility is people who tend to do well on this facility tend to do well in remote viewing sessions, but the reverse does not hold true. Russ Targ offered to loan us their Four Function Testing Facility and we have graciously accepted his offer.

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6. (S-ORCON) Hal Puthoff showed Scott, Harris and myself the Jack Perkins NBC film, shown on the NBC Nightly News last year, on the SRI remote viewing protocol. It's an excellent introduction to remote viewing.

7. (S-ORCON) Russ Targ has agreed to visit AMSAA during the first week of December to continue our discussions, particularly on our future work and the screening we are planning to do, as well as review our judging. He is also going to bring the NBC film with him at our request.

8. (S-ORCON) The trip to SRI was a definite boost to our Grill Flame project. SRI was impressed by both the amount of effort we are devoting to the project and the results we have obtained under less than ideal conditions. We learned a great deal about the feelings, perceptions, ideas and helpful hints that are not recorded in print and have implemented our new found learning in our sessions, with encouraging success. We are looking forward to a continuation of this rapport.


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