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SUBJECT: INSCOM GRILL FLAME Project (U)

1. (S) TASKING: In October 1978, the ADCSOPS-HUMINT, USAINSCOM, Fort Meade MD, was tasked by the Commander of USAINSCOM to establish a program using psychoenergetics for intelligence applications. Specifically, utilizing that field of psychoenergetics referred to as Remote Viewing (RV). In response to this tasking, the INSCOM GRILL FLAME Project (IGFP) has evolved encompassing the following:

- a. Establishing a training program in RV utilizing selected INSCOM personnel.
- b. Establishing procedures for intelligence collection techniques utilizing RV.
- c. Establishing a mechanism for responding to intelligence collection requirements (tasking) using RV.

2. (S) SELECTION OF PERSONNEL: In order to accomplish this task it was necessary to find personnel who might possess the

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qualities thought to be desirable for participation in this unique intelligence program. Two hundred fifty-one INSCOM personnel in the greater Baltimore/Washington D.C. area were considered for participation in the IGFP. One hundred seventeen were interviewed under the guise of a "survey" to determine attitudes about the possible use of psychoenergetic phenomena in the intelligence field. During these interviews IGFP management personnel were looking for individuals who were well thought of by their peers, had above average intelligence, displayed self-confidence, were articulate, adventurous, open-minded, successful and were mature and emotionally stable. In addition to these qualities IGFP management personnel were looking for individuals who had an artistic talent. Consideration was also given to individuals who related their own previous psychoenergetic experiences. Individuals who had objections to the military use of psychoenergetics were not considered for final selection for the IGFP. Additionally, individuals who displayed an unreasonable enthusiasm for psychoenergetics, occult fanatics and mystical zealots, were not considered for final selection. Twelve individuals were finally selected for participation in the IGFP.

LESSONS LEARNED:

- a. Thirty to forty individuals of the 117 interviewed met the basic criteria detailed above. It was difficult to

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reduce this number on these criteria alone. Assignment availability was the major factor. There would appear to be little problem in getting more participants if the IGFP was expanded.

b. More than 90% of the individuals interviewed considered psychoenergetic phenomena to be real and of some practical value.

3. (S) TRAINING: When ADCSOPS-HUMINT was given the IGFP, a contract had been funded with SRI International, Menlo Park, CA, to train personnel to do RV. On 14 February 1979, SRI personnel selected six of the final 12 candidates for training. Training at SRI is now ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of December 1979. In-house training at Fort Meade, MD, has been in progress since February 1979 and is expected to continue indefinitely. RV training at Fort Meade has generally followed the protocol established by SRI. Training is designed to orient RV capabilities towards military intelligence applications. To this date there have been more than 150 RV training sessions conducted at Fort Meade. Results of these RV sessions have been moderately successful. Some of the trainees can now be expected to provide meaningful information via the RV technique about selected targets. These

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individuals are now being utilized in an OJT role against actual real-world designated intelligence targets.

LESSONS LEARNED:

a. The SRI contract has served well as a technology transfer mechanism to enable IGFP management personnel to conduct in-house training sessions.

b. Factors which appear to be helpful in doing successful RV include:

(1) A seriousness of purpose for the task at hand:

A RVer needs to be motivated by telling him that the information he provides is important beyond simply validating his psycho-energetic experience.

(2) An environment conducive to psychoenergetic performance: This environment must be structured so that the RV process becomes both psychologically and sociologically permissible. A physical environment which allows the RVer some privacy, a sense of security and an atmosphere free of disturbing sensory interruptions is also helpful.

(3) A positive attitude for successful RV coupled with a feeling that RV is the most important event of the day's activities: RV appears to involve an intense amount of mental concentration. If a RVer feels like he will succeed and is not disturbed by outside influences such as family problems,

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physical illness, or job related conflicts, his RV seems to improve. The concept here is similar to that for athletic achievement. The trainee must feel that he can accomplish the task at hand and be undisturbed by outside influences so he can direct all his effort and attention towards the performance of the assigned task.

c. It is difficult at this point to say that training improves RV. At this point there is not enough data. It can be stated, however, that all personnel involved in the IGFP have learned a great deal about the RV process. The personnel doing the RV are beginning to be able to differentiate between relevant psychoenergetic target impressions and fantasy, "analytical overlay" or "noise".

d. Training experience has shown that a major problem has been the lack of appropriate space to conduct RV sessions. To establish the appropriate physical and psychological environment for RV, an area separate from administrative offices which affords some privacy and acoustical isolation is necessary. Many of the RV training sessions have been disrupted by outside influences as a result of the present location of the RV area. Operational flexibility has been constrained due to the unavailability of office space.

e. Availability of personnel has also been a problem in training. No formal organization exists for the IGFP. For

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this reason, all IGFP trainees are part-time participants. Many times they are assigned duties (TDY, etc.) by their parent organizations which make them unavailable for RV. This lack of personnel continuity has hindered the progress of the IGFP. It also has been dysfunctional to the RV process itself because the individuals attempting the RV has difficulty engendering a seriousness of purpose about his RV knowing that his RV activity will take a back seat to his duties with his parent organization.

4. (S) OPERATIONS: Introduction of the RV process into actual intelligence operations has been done in a very few cases. At this point the IGFP is not capable of full operational employment. Further training is necessary to establish procedures for intelligence collection techniques utilizing RV. Also, no mechanism for responding to intelligence collection requirements exists. Operational capability is expected by 1981.

5. (S) COMMENTS: The RV process appears to be a valuable intelligence tool. Given adequate resources and appropriate

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command emphasis this esoteric technology could be added to present day intelligence methods. The use of this additional source of information could result in the production of a superior intelligence product.

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