SRI International Memo

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Subject: Task for FY 1988

- 1. As agreed in our conversation on 29 October, this memo specifies what I believe should be done during FY 1988 that will maximize the probability for continued funding in FY 1989 and 1990. As it will be accomplished using USAR&D funds, it will be necessary to acquire the approval of Colonel McNelis.
- 2. The following items, while not currently specified in the SOW, can with only minor alterations be incorporated as part of that SOW. The alterations I suggest are being made for several reasons. The first is that the project's continued financing demands that applications of remote viewing be demonstrated now, rather than in the fifth year of the current program. Additionally, the DIA's continued support requires a demonstration that the issues that have been researched over the past 8-10 years are now ready and can be used by DIA to improve and sharpen the skills of the DIA personnel. The feeling being that if we are unable to successfully demonstrate that certain aspects of the remote viewing phenomenon are better understood now than they were 8-10 years ago the wisest thing to do would be to discontinue our applications research for 15-20 years while some advances in the basic research are made which would make our intelligence gathering applications research more fruitful.
- The following experiment is suggested:
 - a. Apply SRI's best screening and selection methodology to a large population of DIA and other DoD employees and identify a cadre of those showing the greatest potential for doing remote viewing. This should be completed by the end of the first quarter, FY 1988.
 - b. For those selected a short orientational training session would be conducted by SRI staff, which would include a number of practice sessions. This should be completed by the end of the second quarter, FY 1988.
 - c. The group would then be given a series of targets and their performance scored and statistically evaluated. Those that succeed would pass to the next stage. This should be completed by the end of the second quarter, FY 1988.
 - d. The final stage would consist of a series of real intelligence sites and the attempt would be to both describe the sites, using remote viewing, and, if possible, provide new intelligence. This should be completed by the end of the third quarter, FY 1988.
- 4. It should be noted that perfection is not anticipated on any of the above tasks nor is that the goal. What will be shown is that some progress has been made over the

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years in each of the categories (screening/selection, training, RV performance, evaluation, operational RV). It will also show where our flaws are and which areas need further work and how much work remains to be done, and in so doing provide decision makers and potential sponsors with a very accurate assessment of exactly where we are with regard to applying remote viewing to intelligence collection.

- 5. If time and staff permit, it would also be impressive to show that not only is the statistical analysis indicative of psychic performance but also apparent when compared to a control group.
- 6. To conclude, given that the experiment is successful a presentation will be given to decision makers and financial managers during the first month of the fourth quarter of FY 1988. If funding is still not provided, at least, you have given it your best shot and will have developed a package of data that can be shown to new or potential clients.

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