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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director Central Intelligence
CIA Management Committee

SUBJECT : Biofield Measurement Project at Stanford Research Institute

1. The following is a brief description of the scope, results, and goals of a current project involving biofield measurements at Stanford Research Institute. The initial project was a $7,000 effort completed in January 1973. Currently, a $50,000 effort is being completed and a $19,000 increase in scope is requested. If the results justify continuance, a similar effort, shared between TSD and ORD, is envisioned for next year.

2. It has long been claimed that certain gifted individuals have had the ability to perceive and produce physical effects by paranormal means. Recently, two individuals, Mr. Uri Geller and Mr. Ingo Swann, appear to have demonstrated these abilities under controlled laboratory conditions. The abilities of these individuals are now being submitted to a serious scientific investigation, part of which is being supported by the above mentioned project.

3. The goals of the current project ~~are~~ is to achieve unequivocal scientific verification of the existence of these abilities. ~~Once~~ SHOULD SUCH verification ~~is reasonably assured~~ BE OBTAINED, the nature of the phenomena will be FURTHER investigated. ORD will undertake the task of ~~understanding and measuring~~ INVESTIGATING THE UNDERLYING DYNAMICS the phenomena, with the goal of ~~establishing a physical basis so that further~~ permitting more precise and effective long-range exploitation, ~~may proceed in a systematic manner~~. TSD will simultaneously explore the limitations and properties of the phenomena, attempting to establish cause-effect relationships which can lead to more immediate exploitation.

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... using agency-prepared controlled materials which would permit us to eliminate the possibilities of, even, subliminal ine-giving on the part of the investigators.

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4. For a more detailed examination of this project, a technical memorandum summarizing some of the results is attached. More complete and current information will gladly be furnished by [redacted] TSD/CS [redacted] or [redacted] ORD [redacted]

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Attachment:
Technical Memorandum

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