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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME Program - ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

(S) The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) proposes contracting for tests of a procedure known as remote viewing. This procedure is an intellectual endeavor by which a person is asked to mentally perceive characteristics of a remote location. For example, an individual would be provided with map coordinates and asked to locate, identify or describe targets within the coordinates. Remote viewing does not involve any electronic sensing devices at or focused at the target site nor interpretation of photographs obtained from overhead or oblique means. No special equipment or environment is required for the testing, and individuals tested will not be given drugs or other stimuli. While it is arguable that this contract itself would not require approval under Procedure 1B of DoD Directive 5240.1R, prudence would dictate that it be so treated, and it is clear that the underlying Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and any further development would require such approval.

(S) Enclosure 1 is a proposed MOU which would establish a joint service (DIA, Army and Air Force) three year effort known as GRILL FLAME, to determine the operational parameters and usefulness of the phenomenon of psychoenergetics. This term, psychoenergetics, includes both the programs discussed below. The total program would be jointly funded by DIA, Army and the Air Force. This program will include contracting for tests to examine remote viewing (clairvoyance) and psychokinetics (remote perturbation). As an example of the former, an individual would be provided with map coordinates and asked to locate, identify or describe targets within those coordinates. Psychokinetics is the ability to move inanimate objects from a distance; many examples can be hypothesized.

(S) Enclosure 2 contains the minutes of a meeting of the Army Surgeon General's ad hoc subcommittee of the Human Subject's Research Review Board. While these minutes state that there is no "known hazard to the persons involved," the possibility of psychological or physical harm to an individual from the clairvoyance or psychokinetics experience was not categorically ruled out. Moreover, while the subcommittee addressed the existing protocol of the Stanford Research Institute (the proposed contractor), and concluded that the present state of the project is such that it does not envision research or clinical investigations involving human subjects, they indicate that it is possible that follow on work may be so categorized.

(S) Enclosure 3 is an Army paper for the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on GRILL FLAME which, at page 2, discussed an ad hoc panel review of this area of research. The most significant results of this panel review are

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that the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering ordered curtailment of all program monies, but posed no objection to continuance of nonresearch and development intelligence application efforts.

(S) Approval by the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense of DIA participation in the foregoing proposal would be required by Procedure 1B if the tests undertaken as part of the contract or extensions of the contract or later contracts pursuant to the MOU, "may expose an individual to the possibility of injury (including physical, psychological, or social injury) that increases the ordinary risks of daily life for the subject...or that temporarily adversely affects a person's mental or physical condition."

(S) The proposal merits your approval in order to assess the practicality in applying paranormal functions to military and intelligence goals. Further, the research would determine if functions can be utilized by intelligence analysts to enhance their grasp, understanding and knowledge of areas of military interest through application of psychoenergetic techniques to military targets.

Enclosures:

GRILL FLAME proposed Memorandum
of Understanding (S) 1 Cy
DoA Memorandum, 2 April 1979
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DoA OACSI Memorandum, 22 July
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