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1. (U) PURPOSE: To provide an overview of CENTER LANE.
2. (U) RECOMMENDED POSITION: That CENTER LANE operations, training, and development continue within the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.
3. (U) POINTS SUPPORTING RECOMMENDED POSITION:

a. (S/CL-3/NOFORN) Since October 1978, when ACS1 (then MG Thompson) tasked INSCOM to develop a parapsychology program (then GRILL FLAME), INSCOM has through strictly controlled, thoroughly documented, and carefully monitored training, operations, and development established the feasibility and soundness of the remote viewing phenomenon as an intelligence collection tool. Without continuation, this crucial momentum would be lost.

b. (S/CL-2/NOFORN) Since May 1981, when I assumed command of INSCOM, the project (now CENTER LANE) has provided the U.S. Army and such agencies as DIA, CIA, NSA, FBI, and the Secret Service critical intelligence unavailable from other sources. Without continuation, the Intelligence Community would lose a valuable collection capability which now allows penetration of intelligence targets inaccessible to any conventional system.

c. (S/CL-2/NOFORN) Continuing work in the academic and R&D communities has refined the methodology, demonstrating far greater accuracy, control, and reliability than ever before. Without continuation, CENTER LANE would be kept from realizing its true potential.

d. (S/CL-2/NOFORN) A current collection project is focused on providing information to the CIA in their efforts to locate William F. Buckley who was kidnapped from Beirut on 16 March 1984. An SOI on that project is attached as Inclosure 1. At Inclosure 2 is an MFR from the CIA commenting on the value of CENTER LANE.

4. (U) OTHER VIEWS:

a. (S/CL-2/NOFORN) "The phenomenon is not real." This argument simply does not stand up in the face of many valid scientific replications conducted by reputable institutions such as Princeton University, Maimonides Medical Center, Bell Laboratories, and McDonnell Douglas Corporation and SRI-International, among others. In addition, a congressionally directed independent scientific review panel concluded in October 1983, "The evidence shown to us is too impressive to dismiss as mere coincidence."

b. (S/CL-2/NOFORN) "The phenomenon is not well understood and therefore has no practical value." The users of intelligence produced by CENTER LANE feel that it does have value.

c. (S/CL-2/NOFORN) "The phenomenon is the work of the devil and should not be exploited." This is an emotional statement that critics and skeptics of the CENTER LANE project occasionally use because they do not accept an explanation of the phenomenon.

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY
84-04

1.(S/CL3/NOFORN) From 21 March to 20 April 1984, INSCOM CENTER LANE Project (ICLP) conducted 11 Remote Viewing interviews at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concerning SUBJECT. On 20 March the CIA provided ICLP with the three following essential elements of information (EEI):

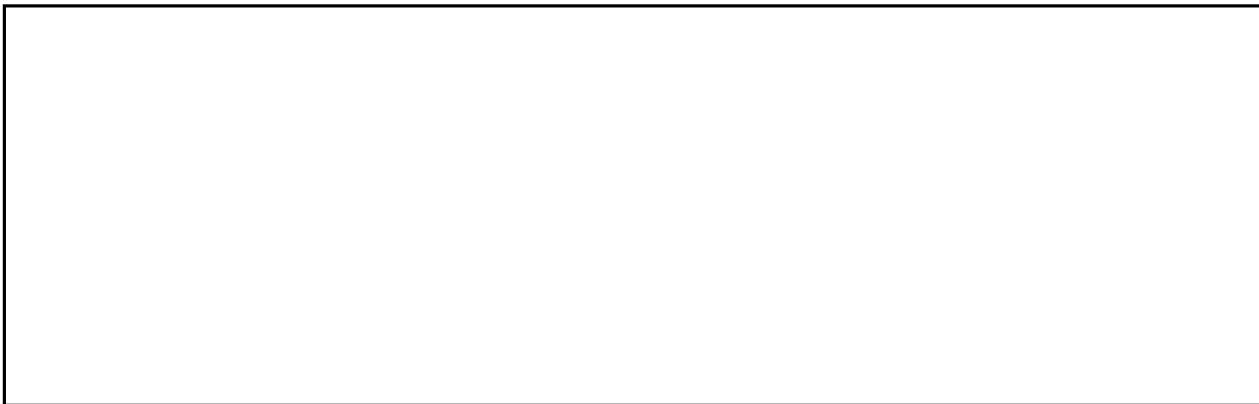
- a. Determine the location of William Buckley.
- b. Determine his physical and mental condition.
- c. Determine the identity of his captors.

On 10 April a fourth EEI was added: Determine who the CIA should contact to arrange for Buckley's release. A photograph of Buckley, taken before his apprehension, was used as cuing material for the first few remote viewing interviews. Subsequent interviews were cued by using Buckley's name, date and place of birth, and by a photograph of Buckley allegedly taken by his captors. The photograph was provided ICLP by the CIA.

2.(S/CL2/NOFORN) Contact and cooperation between the CIA and ICLP is close, constant and timely. Frequently information provided by ICLP was "on the streets" in Lebanon hours after being passed to the CIA. Much of the information provided by ICLP has been verified later by other CIA sources. Other information provided by ICLP will not be able to be verified until Buckley is returned, if then.

3.(S/CL2/NOFORN) Information provided by ICLP has been used in three different ways by the CIA.

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a. It has been used to cue other intelligence collection means.

b. It has been used to confirm or deny information gathered by other collection means.

c. It has been used by CIA intelligence analysts and collection managers to develop intelligence and to target conventional resources.

4. (S/CL3/NOFORN) The difficulty inherent in a "search problem" such as the Buckley case is in identifying precisely where on the earth the object or person is once contact has been made. During the course of the Buckley case ICLP personnel used several new techniques to resolve the "search problem". These new techniques appear to have been successful and will add to the state-of-the-art knowledge of the problem. Research is currently ongoing in the R&D Community on the search problem. This should offer help in this area in the future.

5. (S/CL3/NOFORN) No remote viewing interviews have been conducted on the Buckley case since 20 April because the ICLP exhausted all current leads. Additional interviews will be conducted when the CIA provides information from other sources which needs to be confirmed or when additional EEI is provided.

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Central Intelligence Agency



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Comments on Recent CENTER LANE Experience

1. CIA's relationship with the US Army activities covered under the designator of CENTER LANE has been that of a customer. We have no Agency people or funds assigned to or otherwise designated in support of those activities. We do have contact for the purpose of querying and tasking the Project's capabilities when we believe we have an appropriate matter to investigate.

2. Appropriate "targets" for us might include such as locating individuals or describing mysterious facilities in foreign countries. Our aim in consulting Subject Projects would be to obtain leads to develop access with more conventional sources. Staff advisers inform me that during such tasks for us, CENTER LANE sources have often "made contact" far beyond what might be expected by probabilities and coincidence. Significant problems of course remain. To use analogy, they are best described as a less than hoped for signal-to-noise ratio and a less than photographic resolution, as well as some outright misses. Nevertheless, the attitude of Project personnel has always been professional, helpful, and receptive to our concerns. I am confident that they have a good grip on where they are in the state of their art as an applied technology.

3. We would like to continue to call upon CENTER LANE, especially in those special instances where, for the moment, we have no other recourse and still feel a need to act. With shared practical experiences, it seems likely that CENTER LANE can build further capabilities as a collector, and we can sharpen our ability to use this product in the analytical process.

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