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Funding Continuity for Remote Viewing Effort

HPSC(I) Classified Intelligence Addendum, Pages 66 and 67.

"The Committee notes that the fiscal year 1980 budget includes no funding to continue the small effort in "remote viewing" which has been conducted under the sponsorship of DIA. . . . It is concerned, however, whether sufficient understanding of the subject can be maintained to assess Soviet work in this area if all "remote viewing" funding ceases. The Committee suggests, therefore, that the current research and analysis contractual efforts in remote viewing be continued on a limited basis through fiscal year 1980. Also, the Committee asks that the 1981 budget submission address the utility of remote viewing projects with a justification for either continuing or discontinuing the research program."

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DIA concurs with the Committee's views on remote viewing. To stop this research and development activity would severely hamper U.S. efforts to assess Soviet and Warsaw Pact research in this area. Similarly, U.S. efforts to keep pace with foreign researchers and to develop possible countermeasures would be adversely affected without continued funding. If the Committee desires to have a program in remote viewing that firmly establishes the existence or non-existence of the phenomena, delineates the important variables, and explores possible applications, then a much larger program with adequate funding and sufficient time is needed. The current level of funding, even if extended to include FY 1980, will permit only limited gains in understanding of the phenomena.

Prior year funds have established that remote viewing appears to be a real and usable phenomenon. Current year funds will allow us to pursue further its existence and permit some exploitation into the many variables associated with its functioning.

Although no funds are currently programmed for FY 80, current contract efforts will continue into the second quarter of FY 80. Funds are requested in FY 81 to research the variables that would affect the use of remote viewing and establish procedures that enhance or affect it. If funding is stopped after FY 80, we likely will have only proved that the possibility of using remote viewing does exist, and that it has some potential for intelligence collection.

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