

(Suggested message to field regarding
data from psychic sources.

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Subj: ~~overview~~ Data from Psychic Sources (S)

1. (S) DIA continues to receive information from psychic sources regarding B.G. Pozier. Some of these reports are from people who have demonstrated statistical significance in controlled parapsychological laboratory experiments. ~~Some reports~~ other reports are from people previously unknown to the parapsychological research community. It is difficult to ^{initially} interpret such data, even from tested psychics, since laboratory investigations usually do not simulate an operational problem such as locating missing people. It is even more difficult to assess data from an unsolicited, unevaluated, source ~~who~~ where no laboratory ~~and~~ data or operational track record exists. Nevertheless, the potential of such data, especially when information from conventional sources is not available, ~~needs to be~~ ^{possibly leads or clues.} should be considered. This judgement is based on review of laboratory results ^{with specific individuals} that demonstrate a consistent ~~statistical significance~~ ~~for specific individuals~~ ~~and~~ ~~assessment~~ when such data is provided

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 meaningful clues in police work. Some of these accounts are credible and are reasonably ^{well} documented, consequently, such data cannot be dismissed out-of-hand. In the case of a search problem, such data may have the potential of narrowing down search possibilities and possibly providing additional ideas for the investigation.

3. (s) while an initial assessment of the reliability or credibility of the person providing the data may be possible, based on previous laboratory testing and/or operational track record, there still remains the major problem of assessing or interpreting the raw data, laboratory experiments in free-response type experiments using pictorial targets (i.e., describing concealed drawings, unknown geographic locations, etc) indicate that ~~the~~ descriptive elements, such as shape or form, ~~are~~ ~~correlational~~ ^{operational} ~~features~~, are generally of higher reliability than judgments or ~~label~~ analysis (i.e. labels) given ~~to~~ by the psychic to what is being perceived. For example, an aircraft fuselage may be identified as a "submarine", or a natural cave as an "underground facility" of some sort. It ~~is~~ also seems that scale judgments (distances, heights of mountains, etc) are of low reliability. The data often

contain gaps and not all the elements of the intended target area are perceived. For example, only one or two buildings may be described in a 3-building complex, or only one "spire" may be perceived when several are in the area. There are also erroneous additions, possibly from memory associations to a similar place or from a tendency to fill-in ~~blank~~ via imagination. For example, an airport might be added to a train station target, since rail lines may suggest "long runways" or "parking aprons".

4(s) another major source of error in this type of data is with verbal responses. Laboratory results to date suggest very low reliability in direct correlations between concealed words and psychic impressions. In some cases, possibly depending on the individual's background, training, and personal preferences, some target words are more likely to be perceived than others. In most cases (with power psychics) there ~~is~~ ^{may} only ^{be a} partial correspondence between target words and ~~the~~ impressions. For example, the first few letters ~~are~~ may correlate, or the ~~was~~ perceived word may be a "sound alike". Sometimes the similarity is only ~~to~~ symbolic or ~~is~~ very indirect. This seems to be even more of a problem if the target words are in a language foreign to the psychic.

5. (3) therefore, a degree of ~~of~~ finess must be exercised in attempting to apply data from a psychic source. Some aspects may be literal and direct, others may be incomplete, mislabeled or ~~or~~ totally incorrect. Only repeated work with a proven psychic source can help resolve ~~the various biases~~ ^{data} ~~types of data which is of higher~~ reliability, ~~to~~ ^{able} evaluate the individuals various biases and ~~error~~ types of errors, and to identify the individuals' strengths and weaknesses. Usually, the psychic person is likely to make most errors in analytical judgments regarding his or her own perceptions; whereas people accustomed to work in pattern recognition type tasks appear to be better suited ^{to} interpret such data.

6. (5) In order to ~~assist~~ help assess ~~an individual's~~ strengths and weaknesses of psychic data, ~~a~~ speaker feedback is required on initial data inputs. Therefore, it is important to know what aspects of a perception were ^{reasonably} correct, only partially correct, or totally incorrect. With this information, ~~the~~ ^{efforts of the} source might be re-directed along more fruitful lines of query, and the data accumulated ~~to date~~ can be reevaluated, ~~and~~ perhaps with additional (and possibly more reliable) interpretation, ~~rather~~ the importance of ~~specific feedback~~ ^{is not} to be overemphasized. In addition, details such as the

Thoroughness of the search, the actual area covered, etc., are ~~not~~ also important. It may be ~~some~~ the correct area was actually searched, perhaps not at the right time (person moved), or not thoroughly enough, or it may be the search concentrated ~~to~~ in one specific area, and was not expanded to cover other likely possibilities in the ~~same~~ general vicinity.

7. (S) In addition, data from several ^{independent} psychic sources may ultimately ~~have~~ prove to have common elements that form into an overall pattern, with some specific search options. Should this be observed, ~~to the various data~~, new interpretations of previously obtained data, regardless of thoroughness of feedback, may be ~~now~~ become possible. This "data integration" approach would examine new possibilities that fit the majority of the data and narrow down (or identify new ~~possibilities~~ search options. Additionally, some data analysts might be able to list options in a most-to-least likely manner, ~~including general and specific~~. This approach is believed to be a fruitful one for search cases where the target area has much terrain redundancy, is large, and where the target may be moved frequently.

8. (S) Therefore, since a data base from many
 psychic sources is now accumulating in this
 search case, an integrated assessment step can
 now be taken in the hope that ~~one or two~~
~~will come with a higher confidence level~~ ~~additional~~
~~search possibilities including other sources~~
 higher
 confidence can be given to the various possibilities.
 This would not exclude ~~a~~ previously identified areas,
 if ^{these were} not searched thoroughly enough or if ~~the~~ a move into
^{the area} may have occurred. In addition to these assessments,
 specific new raw data will also be supplied for
 information to field users, ~~in the event it~~
 since some aspects of the
 data might be of more significance to people in the
 scene than analysts far removed.

9. (S) Consequently, it is anticipated that at this
 stage in the search, such an integrated
 approach to use and interpretation of ~~psychic~~ data from
 psychic sources will provide more reliable inputs
 for a field use. Specific feedback and some search
 details will continue to be required, however, for
 continuing evaluation. Ground photos would also be useful
 of previously identified search areas; also, an awareness
 (by the data users) of some of the ~~of~~ issues and problems
 in attempting to interpret such data, as discussed in their
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 interpretations in the field. It is hoped that

~~There~~
 an iterative process, ~~with feedback from the field.~~
 ↳ between psychic ~~ps~~ sources, data analysts, and field users will lead to better utility of such data, especially in the event no ~~data~~ ^{direct} data regarding ~~where~~ location of G. Dozier however available.

10 (s) a follow-up message with integrated data from various paper source will follow shortly. This is not to preclude data from individuals should this data appear to be time-urgent or very specific in nature, and possibly easy to check-out. Ultimately, this ~~individual~~ ~~data~~ ~~will~~ ~~also~~ ~~be~~ integrated in the total on-going assessment of data from various psychic sources. Also request that all other data received outside of DIA channels be sent to DIA for evaluation or ~~possible~~ possible integration in the on-going assessment.

11 (v) appreciate your cooperation in this matter.