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SUBJECT: STAR GATE (U)

1. (U) History:

a. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) Since 1986, Congressional Committee action has authorized the Defense intelligence Agency to pursue investigations into parapsychological phenomena. This action resulted from evidence of growing activity in paranormal research in the former Soviet Union and China, and from findings derived from DoD-sponsored exploratory research on this topic. The direction given in FY86 was for DIA to develop an operational capability in this area for the Intelligence Community.

b. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) In the FY 1991 Defense Authorization Act, the Defense intelligence Agency (DIA) was identified as the executive agent for initiating a new program to investigate parapsychological/anomalous phenomena. One of the initial steps taken by DIA following the FY91 direction was to establish a limited distribution (LIMDIS) project, codenamed STAR GATE, to provide security and access control for the program. A funding level of \$2 million was authorized for DIA to undertake specific research and relative to this activity.

c. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) The FY 1992 Defense Appropriations Act provided DIA with an additional \$2 million in R&D research funds to further enhance Project STAR GATE research and other activities. The Act stressed that DIA develop an even balance with foreign assessment, research, and operational activities. The FY 1992 Act further directed DIA to realign 10 civilian billets for project staffing.

d. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) The Joint House/Senate FY 1993 Authorization Conference Report authorized the Director, DIA, to provide \$.6 million from available resources for Project STAR GATE. The conferees further recommended that DIA study the issue of moving the project to DIA's Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

2. (U) Execution.

a. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) As a result of the FY 1991 Congressional guidance DIA developed a scientifically rigorous research and investigative program. Basic and applied research projects were initiated with the objectives of phenomena understanding and improving application capabilities for potential operational areas. An all-source collection strategy was developed and requirements levied. In addition, a Congressionally requested Long-Range Comprehensive Plan was published which identified activities for optimizing research and application investigations in this phenomological area.

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b. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) As a result of the FY 1992 Congressional guidance, DIA developed and implanted a project architecture plan in order to further evaluate the activities of foreign governments, particularly the activities of Russia and China and [REDACTED] emphasis regarding the Russian and Chinese programs should include efforts towards weaponization. This effort is continuing in concert with the Long-Range Plan.

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c. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) Basic and applied research. The research effort is being accomplished under contract with the Science Applications International corporation (SAIC), Menlo Park, CA. The basic and applied research effort centers on two basic areas: theoretical explanation of the phenomena; and methodology for developing and applying the phenomena for operations activities. Major findings are related to target/task selection, data enhancement methods, foreign data base development and foreign assessment support.

d. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) Foreign Assessments. The foreign assessment effort is being conducted in accordance with Congressional Direction. Emphasis continues to be placed on military/intelligence applications of parapsychology within the People's Republic of China, Russia, and the former Soviet Union (FSU) and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Activates are being [REDACTED] other countries such as the Republic of China, and geographical regions to include the Middle East, Latin America [REDACTED]

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Since 1990, DIA has published five major assessments on foreign activity and conducted briefings for numerous high-level DoD/USG officials and selected foreign intelligence agencies.

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e. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) In-house investigations. In-house investigations are currently being performed by three DIA personnel. In-house activity consists of applications investigations and proficiency projects. Applications focus on special assessment support, select operational tasks, and exploratory /simulated cases. Application activity interface has included Joint Task Force involvement; special operational areas and counternarcotics projects and continued specialty activity support. Proficiency projects explore area/object identification, personality description, and message communication potential.

f. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) Project STAR GATE funding. During the period FY 1986-1989, the program was funded by the Army Surgeon General for a total of \$6350k. In FY 1990 the program received no outside funding. From FY 1991-1992, the funding was as a result of a Congressional plus up (\$4000k). For FY 93 no outside funds were received. The program is GDIP funded.

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