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Russell Targ, 40-year-old specialist in lasers and plasma research, as well as parapsychological and parapsychical phenomena, came to SRI as a senior research physicist in 1972.

A member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Physical Society, and the Optical Society of America, Mr. Targ did early work in the development of the laser, in the technology of ultra high vacuum and ion pump design and is the inventor of the tunable plasma oscillator at microwave frequencies. He has published more than 25 technical papers in the fields of laser research, gas plasma technology, and optical communications. His recent laser research includes work on the development of a multi-kilowatt compact, self-contained CO₂ laser, together with related techniques to achieve high-power visible and ultraviolet lasers.

Mr. Targ is also the co-founder and president of Parapsychology Research Group Inc., a non-profit Palo Alto-based organization which has conducted investigations and programs in the field of psychic research since 1962.

Mr. Targ graduated from Queens College, New York, in 1954, with a B.S. degree in physics and did graduate work in physics at Columbia University. He is a native of Chicago.

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