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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Summary of West Coast Trip (6-8 Aug 79) (U)

1. (U) Purpose: This MFR highlights significant items covered during the visit that COL Hamel and I made to SRI International and to Hunter Liggett Army Base, California from 6-8 August 1979. Schedule of events is contained in Incl 1.

2. (S) The primary reasons for the visit were to:

a. Receive evaluation of first phase of training and then select individuals for additional training at SRI.

b. Coordinate requirements/tasking with CDR, Experimentation Support Command, Hunter Liggett Army Base.

3. (S) Although all the sessions of the six trainees have not been judged, SRI personnel were able to give us the following preliminary evaluation. (Note: A formal written evaluation will be submitted by SRI in the near future.):

a. *#155 - Has to learn to say less. Must learn to restrict viewpoint. Too much overlay. Of six sessions, individual gave good descriptions concerning four of them. However, even then, three of the sessions had too much other data contained therein. Embellish too much. Use on targets that you already have knowledge about.

b. #292 - "On is on - off is off." Demonstrated some precognitive ability. Had three very good sessions. Overall, did well -- has definite potential.

c. #372 - The best! Good individual for detail. Did not try precognitive session. Had four sessions that were judged "1's" and two sessions that were rank ordered "2".

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d. #468 - Very nervous and up tight at beginning of week. Started poorly but improved constantly throughout the week. Drawings better than verbalization. Sorry to see individual go because progress being made every session.

e. #518 - Nervous, not relaxed. To some degree stayed that way throughout the week. Didn't do as well as expected. SRI personnel (Russell Targ) concerned about individual's "deep concentration" ability and expressed worry that he (RT) did not know how to handle situation. Hal Puthoff, on the other hand, was very anxious to do further training with the individual.

f. #690 - Always gave short, concise responses. Usually very little "noise" in answers. Does not try to be analytical. Shows great potential. Demonstrated ability to pick up emotion!

*Names withheld for security reasons; #'s are the ones assigned by SRI.

4. (S) Hal Puthoff and Russell Targ agreed that a decision to drop any of the above personnel (from the program) would probably be a mistake. Therefore, we agreed that all six individuals would receive an additional two weeks of training but that the training cycle would be expanded to finish up in December 1979 vice October 1979 as originally agreed upon. We also agreed that the two weeks' training cycle would be tailored to meet the apparent abilities of the respective individuals and that flexibility in the training program was very desirable. However, we agreed that some of the following types of sessions should be given to all trainees:

a. Work with coordinates.

b. Local "beacon" sessions. However, we insisted that once a target was used it would not be repeated for any other individual. Further, SRI personnel agreed to put 30 new targets into the target pool.

c. Slide training -- include retest wherein the Remote Viewer will be given some feedback as to accuracy of initial response.

d. Precognitive sessions.

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e. Repeating target sessions for given individual. Attempting to see if images and details can get better as the day progresses.

f. Tracking exercises.

5. (S) Hal Puthoff discussed recent visit by DOD Evaluation Team headed by Mr. Manfred Gale. PUthoff and Targ were very upset as they felt they had not been given the opportunity to adequately present their side of the issue. They have prepared a memorandum for the committee and we were given a copy (see Inclosure 2).

6. (S) SRI suggested that it might be beneficial if we provided them some copies of our reports so that they could judge them using their own particular methodology. We agreed to send them any six copies of reports already completed and "graded" by our personnel (of course, we would not send them results of our grading) and that we would also send them copies of the last six reports generated by #372.

7. (S) We asked SRI to give some thought to developing a program using some sort of biophysical monitoring techniques. Such a program might give evidence of when data being provided by a Remote Viewer is apt to be more accurate than at other times. This request was in no way a formal requirement or commitment for further contracting from INSCOM.

8. (S) On Tuesday, 7 August, COL Hamel and I drove to Hunter Liggett Army Base for a meeting with COL Moses, CDR, Experimentation Support Command. COL Moses is already monitoring a program for SRI in conjunction with a work contract from AMSAA. Since this work is already being done, MAJ Stoner, OACSI, had suggested INSCOM might like to satellite themselves onto the program. We felt that the program offered another unique method of improving our training program and the meeting with COL Moses was arranged after I coordinated with John Kramar's office (AMSAA) to insure that they posed no objections.

COL Moses agreed to send us the necessary Test Event Data using the format previously developed by AMSAA. After the session is over, COL Moses will then mail us the necessary feedback information. We will do our own judging and do not have to forward data to COL Moses' office unless we desire to. An example of an "Expected Test Event Information Sheet" is attached as Inclosure 3.

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9. (S) Overall, the trip was very successful and we are anxious to get on with the training--not only at SRI but to see what develops from the very realistic challenges that will be provided by the Hunter Liggett training program. Dr. Puthoff had no objections to INSCOM GRILL FLAME project management personnel being present during the upcoming training cycle and we will probably have someone visit the West Coast once or twice over the next five months.

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WEST COAST TRIP
(6 - 8 August 1979)

Schedule of Events:

Monday, 6 August 1979

0900-0930 Introductory Remarks (Hal Puthoff, MAJ Watt)

0930-1200 Evaluation presentation concerning trainees

1200-1300 Lunch

1300-1500 Evaluation presentation concerning trainees

1500-1730 Objectives for new training cycle

1730-1800 Presentation concerning Gale Committee

Tuesday, 7 August 1979

0630-1030 Enroute to Hunter Liggett Army Base (Rental Car)

1030-1200 Meeting with COL Moses, CDR, Experimentation Support Command

1200-1300 Lunch

1300-1530 Tour facilities and base exercise area

1530-1600 Requirements meeting with COL Moses

1600-1900 Enroute to Menlo Park (Rental Car)

Wednesday, 8 August 1979

0800-1015 General Discussions Concerning:

a. Time schedule for future training

b. Biophysical monitoring techniques

c. Report requirements

d. Transposing data into computer format

e. SRI evaluating some INSCOM reports

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