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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ACSI/INSCOM GRILL FLAME Status Review, 28 July 1980 (U)

1. (U) PURPOSE: This MFR covers the major points discussed during the ACSI/INSCOM Grill Flame Status Review held on 28 July 1980. The meeting commenced at 1300 hrs, and adjourned at 1530 hrs. The following personnel attended the meeting:

MG THOMPSON	–	ACSI
MG ROLYA	–	CG, INSCOM
COL WHITE	–	ADCSOPS-HUMINT, INSCOM
MR. KELLY	–	Special Assistant, ACSI
LTC SASAI	–	OACSI
LTC WATT	–	INSCOM, GF Project Manager
MAJ STONER	–	OACSI
MAJ HAY	–	OACSI

2. (C) LTC Watt reviewed the progress/development of the INSCOM Grill Flame program. Several operational tasks were discussed in detail. See Incls 1 and 2. LTC Watt also discussed the following:

   a. (U) Status of recommended DOD joint program being suggested by DIA. Currently, DIA is preparing draft MOU that all primary elements will be asked to approve. This MOU should shortly be released by DIA.

   b. (C) Status of new area that INSCOM Grill Flame project will be moved to. LTC Watt announced that they will move the 1st week of August and that operational sessions should commence again NLT the middle of August.

   c. (U) Status of individuals assigned to the INSCOM GF Project, including fact that all personnel (military) will be subject to rotation by July 81.

3. (U) COL White mentioned that POM item for creation of formal TDA unit had been cut by DIA and that smaller 5 man effort was being proposed in its place. MG Thompson indicated that he was aware of the action.

4. (U) COL White briefed on the recent personality profile tests that the INSCOM GF personnel had taken under the supervision of the INSCOM Staff Psychologist. Results should be available within the next 45 days. The objective of these tests was to see if there are any "common threads" among the people involved in the GF program. Also, the tests might help in screening people if and when INSCOM tries to expand the program.

5. (S) MG Rolya gave the following guidance:

   a. (U) That after the Staff Psychologist finishes his study, we are to brief him on the results and then he will look at the possibilities of expanding the program.

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b. (C) That it appeared to him that CIA was our "biggest" tasker and he wanted a more balanced effort.

c. (S) That over the next few months he will look at the personnel situation as regards possible losses due to rotation. (NOTE: Everyone agreed that doing remote viewing on a full-time basis would not be an acceptable approach.)

6. (U) MAJ Stoner stated that the Under Secretary of the Army was scheduled to review the Army Grill Flame Program on 14 Nov 80.

7. (S) After the formal review portion of the meeting ended, Mr. Ingo Swann, independent consultant from SRI, was introduced to the members. Mr. Swann briefed on the progress he has made in developing a new method for improving remote viewing results. Basically, Mr. Swann's findings revolve around the principle of separating the components of SIGNAL/NOISE from one another and being able to improve the ratio between the two items. Prior to training the ratio is 20% signal and 80% noise, but after training the ratio is reversed. He stated that his research had led him to place "noise" in the following categories:

<u>NOISE</u>

TYPES & FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE

1.	Analytical Overlay	75%
2.	Session Conditions	15%
3.	Allegorical Overlay	5%
4.	Peripheral Overlay	3%
5.	Miscellaneous	2%
6.	Monitor Overlay	0

NOTES: Analytical: 99% start with qualifier:"like...."
Allegorical: "This reminds me....."
Peripheral: Room should be sterile.

He then broke the "signals" into the following categories:

1. Major Signals (Gestalts)
2. Sensory Signals
3. Motion Signals & Mobility
4. Minor Signals (within Gestalts)
5. Special Characteristics Signals
6. Sonic Signals: Reading signs, language
7. Change of state

NOTE: It took Swann 4 months to train people on the 1st two stages.

Finally, he presented training steps that helps one identify what is going on.

TRAINING

SIGNAL RECOGNITION & DISCRIMINATION OF NOISE CHARACTERISTICS

STEPS

1. Recognition & decoding of gestalts.
2. Acceptance of sensory signals.
3. Achieving mobility within target signals.
4. Recognition and decoding of minor signals while sustaining major gestalts.
5. Decoding special characteristics of target.
6. Analytical recognition and decoding of non-physical aspects of the target.

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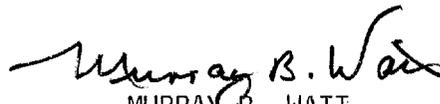
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