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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

June 30, 1994

SARD-ASB

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, OFFICE FOR GROUND FORCES, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-5100

SUBJECT: STAR GATE Program (U)

In reference to your letter, subject as above, dated June 20, 1994, the Army Science Board (ASB) must decline your offer to participate on the proposed Scientific Evaluation Panel (SEP).

Because our Board members lack the prerequisite background knowledge of the STAR GATE technology area, it is felt that the ASB could not provide an individual who could review the program's R&D objectives in a 1-2 day time frame and determine if the objectives are viable and executable. It is feared that such an attempt would result in the individual "voting his/her initial prejudices" which would in all probability be unfair to the program. It is felt that a rigorous scientific and technical review of the program should involve an effort by a 5-10 person panel over a more extensive period of time. Unfortunately, due to existing and proposed taskings from Army customers, it would be extremely difficult for the ASB to commit to support such an undertaking.

As an alternative to utilizing representatives from the Service Scientific Advisory Boards to review the program, you may want to consider tasking the DIA Scientific Advisory Board to perform a detailed program review and ask the Service Boards, along with the Defense Science Board, to comment on their findings and recommendations. This may be more manageable to the Service Boards from a resource and expertise perspective.

Herbert JL Gailagher COL, GS Executive Secretary