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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Parapsychology Research
with DIA Personnel 25 August 1973

1. At the request of [redacted] Chief Biomedical Sciences Branch, OSI, I attended a meeting with three DIA personnel, [redacted] and [redacted] at CIA Headquarters. [redacted] Cybernetics and Behavioral Sciences Branch OSI was also present. The general topic discussed was parapsychological research.

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2. DIA is currently considering funding a program in parapsychology. DIA was being pushed to evaluate claims of paranormal abilities and felt a research program was necessary to provide reference information. Through various interactions with [redacted] (who is involved with Soviet paranormal abilities) it was discovered [redacted] knew personnel at Stanford Research Institute involved in parapsychology. Since some of the most interesting data available is being published by SRI, [redacted] was attempting to obtain [redacted] assessment of SRI and their potential for doing parapsychology research and verification for DIA.

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3. Since the personnel from DIA were all cleared individuals and were told by ARPA of some CIA involvement in paranormal research, some of CIA's investigations with SRI were discussed. Specifically DIA was told that we had a small classified contract which has been completed a few months ago. Many of the results of the contract are summarized in the film concerning the first studies with Uri Geller which was shown at Columbia University's physics department about six months ago. My copy of this film was loaned to [redacted] for his review.

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DIA review(s) completed.

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4. I advised [redacted] since we had no existing contractual relation with SRI, more details and other information about current research and future plans must necessarily come from SRI. CIA management has not yet decided the official policy with regard to paranormal research. Until and unless such a policy was formulated in CIA it would be presumptuous for me to speak for or about SRI and premature to discuss coordination and liaison of research with DIA or any other government agency.

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5. The background information provided by [redacted] and [redacted] Eyes Only Memorandum for the Record, Visit to FSTC/Charlottesville, Virginia, 8 August 1973 assures us that we will undoubtedly hear from and see more of these individuals. This memorandum describes, among other things, some strong pressure being applied to DIA to become involved in paranormal research.

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This background indicates that sensitive internal CIA matters should not be freely discussed with DIA and that coordination and liaison with DIA in parapsychology research should be treated cautiously.

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