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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit with Dr. H. Puthoff and Mr. R. Targ,
Stanford Research Institute (SRI), 12 August 1976

1. The above investigators were visited to review their current R&D technical and administrative status. Several items of interest are recorded below. In brief, Targ and Puthoff have changed divisions within SRI, have received data replicating several of their experiments, remain in financial difficulties and believe they can more accurately and reliably produce paranormal phenomena.

2. The latest reorganization of SRI has affected Targ and Puthoff. The Bioengineering and Information Science Division is now headed by Earl Jones who replaced Bart Cox. Cox was replaced because of his divisions unsatisfactory financial performance. Jones has decided because he has a financially weak division, Targ and Puthoff would be better off in a financially stronger division. Accordingly, they moved to the Radio Physics Division (RPD) which is concerned with various telemetry and communications problems. Within the division are numerous intelligence and military projects. An SI/TK conference room is part of the RPD facility housed in Building 44. It is my opinion that Targ and Puthoff will be better off with this arrangement. After talking with their new management, it became clear they will not be treated as special cases. They will interact more strongly with other people in the division and will be given the benefit of the division's marketing contacts. Their access to IR&D money will be the same as any group and their direct exposure to pressures from Charles Anderson, President of SRI, and others will be minimized by the RPD management. The only disadvantage is that Targ and Puthoff will be given a finite time to develop a funded program and then will be forced into support of other funded projects within RPD.

3. The financial situation of Targ and Puthoff is once again precarious. They have 100K from the Air Force which is being applied to remote viewing of AF intelligence problems. They have spent almost all of the 50K from the Office of Naval Research (ONR) as described below. They expected 80K now and 200K soon from the Navy. This Navy support has all disappeared because a Dr. S. Kaslof of the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for R&D has decided the research is not worth the potential adverse publicity. (SRI actually had 30K in hand

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when it was recalled by the Navy.) It seems inevitable that when this R&D field is reviewed at high levels the politics becomes overwhelming.

4. The Office of Naval Research funded a replication of one aspect of our former program. The experiment was a remote flashing light used to induce changes in the brain wave activity of a sensitive subject. This experiment produced positive results when done by another institute under conditions specified by ONR. It recently even produced results when the observer of the flashing light was removed. In general, a very controlled replication of an objective effect seems to have been accomplished. If true, this effect has profound implications for science and intelligence. It means that objective information can be passed and sensed in an unconscious mode by an unidentified means.

5. Although they could not share the details with me, SRI claimed the AF contract has already produced results. Supposedly, operationally significant experiments as well as analysis experiments have been successful. Dale Graff, the AF project officer, will share these results with me after he returns from a month's leave. It is noted that Ed Levett provided some of the significant results. We shall see.

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