

PROPOSED WORK STATEMENT

Introduction

The general goals of this project may be divided into two categories of investigation: applied research and basic research. Approximately equal (50%) effort will be expended on both categories. Specific suggestions for the pursuit of both categories of investigation are provided in the next two sections but it should be understood that these are offered as general guidelines. Both the contractor and the sponsor desire the effort to be flexible enough to permit either one to suggest the need for redirection as appropriate. In view of the peculiar sensitivity attached to this area of research, the interests of both the contractor and the sponsor will be well served by the observation of particular administrative procedures; these are suggested in the final section.

Applied Research

Approximately 50% of the total effort will be to experimentally explore the potential for applications of paranormal abilities. The existence and validity of the abilities will, in this context, be assumed and the goal will be successful measurement of the parameters of such abilities. Four general areas of applications are described below. Within the constraints of the available subjects, paranormal abilities are to be tested and the results summarized in a complete and detailed manner. The summaries should be presented in formats which permit statistical interpretations. In some cases a statistical interpretation may mean nothing more than a single positive or negative result. But in most experiments there will be sufficient data to permit traditional statistical summaries and comparisons.

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In determining the potential utility of such abilities, the most important characteristics are accuracy and reliability. Accuracy will be defined as the agreement with predetermined sets of properties. The emphasis is on predetermined sets. Only a selected group of properties should be tested and they must be selected before the tests. During the course of the experiments, data may be obtained on interesting properties not previously selected but these cannot be retroactively included in accuracy statements or conclusions. Reliability will be defined as reproducibility of a task performed on request. These narrow definitions are chosen to focus experimentation on the practical aspects of the applications and utilization of paranormal abilities. It is not suggested that negative results will imply the non-existence of paranormal abilities-- but merely that there is little potential for control and utilization of such abilities at the present time.

The following types of experiments are suggested:

1. Perception of information stored in sealed envelopes, packages, boxes, etc. The experiments should, for both numeric and alphabetic material, measure quantitatively such factors as:

- a. resolution
- b. bit rate
- c. accuracy
- d. reliability
- e. variation with density

2. Determine remote viewing capabilities on a microscopic level; for example, in room-to-room remote viewing, determine the contents, personnel and activities. The determination must, once again, be in quantitative form and should include but not necessarily be limited to:

- a. accuracy
- b. reliability
- c. resolution

3. Characterize and determine the abilities for locating arbitrarily chosen objects such as, for example, items of electrical or other equipment-- both metal and non-metal. The measurements should focus on:

- a. the range at which located
- b. reliability and accuracy

4. Determine the characteristics of remote viewing and interactions such as the capacity to remotely locate people and remotely assess their abilities, occupations, attitudes and their potential for paranormal ability.

5. And, finally, such other experiments as may be designed to measure other paranormal characteristics suggested as being of interest.

Basic Research

This 50% of the effort will be devoted to:

1. Identification of measurable characteristics possessed by gifted individuals ^{approx} (20%).
2. Identification of those neurophysiological correlates, if any, which relate to paranormal activities ^{approx.} (20%).
3. Establishment of experimental protocols which either validate the paranormal nature of the activities undertaken or identify the nature of the energy responsible for the phenomena ^{approx.} (10%).

Specific details of the experimental protocols will be determined by agreement between the sponsor and contractor's technical personnel.

Particular Administrative Procedures

In view of the special sensitivity of (and the unusual degree of interest in) the phenomena being investigated, it is imperative that the normal contractual obligations (concerning, for instance, the need-to-know principle and the handling of reports to and queries from the sponsor's organization) be scrupulously observed. In addition to thorough ^{INTERIM (MAY 74 + SEPT 74) -- (w/ SRI refs to DC. each time)} quarterly progress reports, brief monthly progress and financial reports will be submitted to the project officer or his designee.

It is expected that some data and analyses will be worthy of publication in the open literature but these will be submitted to the project officer for review and will be published only after his agreement has been obtained to the effect that such material does not contain sensitive information.

In view of the history of related research in this field and the involvement of other government agencies and other sponsor personnel, it is to be expected that the contractor will be confronted with awkward queries or expression of interest concerning continuing research. For the benefit of both the contractor and the sponsor, we should attempt to agree upon procedures which will preclude disruption or confusion of the effort. It is suggested that, since we cannot possibly anticipate all the forms which this might take, the contractor should simply attempt--in the first instance--to fend off such queries and that, should it become necessary, he confer with the project officer before making commitments or disclosures to other parties.