

approximate the transcript than would even Yankee Stadium, although no effort was made to do so.

Overall Summary of SRI Studies to Date

It is recognized that many details, interpretations, and comments regarding the SRI experiments would be lengthy and perhaps difficult to comprehend, certainly impossible to present in a short report such as this. However, several concluding statements appear warranted and justified. These are as follows.

Positive characteristics.

1. A protocol has been developed within which apparently successful remote viewing of local and long-distance targets has been demonstrated. (The weaknesses of this protocol were discussed in the above evaluation.)
2. Many of the results, particularly the long-distance results, are difficult to explain except by the presence of a paranormal, remote viewing ability (or by use of uncontrolled experimental procedures).
3. The demonstrated remote viewing ability appears to be insensitive to time and distance.
4. Real-time, movement-containing activities can apparently be seen through this ability.
5. Untrained subjects can apparently demonstrate this ability and improve with practice, often providing information as valid as that of known "sensitives."
6. The remote viewing channel is apparently quite noisy. Concepts of information theory pertinent to S/N improvement appear to apply to this channel as well.

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Negative Characteristics.

1. Research reports are of behavioral data, yet are not presented with sufficient, rigorous experimental detail appropriate to behavioral science publications and acceptable to behavioral scientists.
2. Conflicting, inaccurate reporting of experimental "facts" detracts from the acceptability of the results.
3. Large methodological weaknesses in the local target and long-distance U.S. target procedures provide alternate (i.e., non-paranormal) possibilities of explanation.

Conclusions

There is little doubt that SRI has done much to cause reputable scientists to accept the existence of the remote viewing phenomenon, yet simultaneously to question the validity of all the results. The main benefit of these studies has been to cause renewed attention to and interest in this phenomenon, and to encourage the allocation of substantial amounts of research monies to support future activities. *Without question, the SRI procedures must be replicated elsewhere to establish unquestionable validity of the phenomenon.*

Simultaneously, the procedures to be used must be improved upon and modified to eliminate questions deriving from the existing protocol and procedures. *Mere replication of the current protocol, without elimination of these methodological flaws, will provide no additional useful information or results.* Of primary importance in revision of this methodology is the need to establish objective report accuracies, based upon target elements rather than upon subjective matching. That is, an objective evaluation of all responses is required, one which is not subject to individual interpretation by judges or experimenters.