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MEMORANDUM FOR: LTC Murray B. Watt

SUBJECT: Psychological Evaluations

1. Eleven (11) subjects participated in Phase I of the testing process. Testing began 25 February 1980 and was completed 10 June 1980. Each subject was assigned a number so that the identity of the participants was unknown. A blind analysis of the test results was made by the Command Psychologist. The detailed results for each individual are on file with the Command Psychologist. Two of the subjects tested were known to be administrators of the program. The remaining nine were considered to be active participants. One participant (55) refused to complete the EPPS stating that it was not relevant to him and that he couldn't make choices between silly irrelevant statements. This was the only deviation in the testing.

2. The primary questions of concern were:

- a. What are the unique characteristics of this particular group?
- b. Do these characteristics compare with the original list used in the initial selection process?
- c. Are there any individuals in the group who may have unusual psychological profiles, i.e., are group members "normal"?

3. The tests administered were:

- a. Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
- b. Gordon Personal Profile Inventory
- c. Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation - Behavior (FIRO-B)
- d. California Psychological Inventory
- e. Edwards Personal Preference Schedule
- f. Personal Orientation Inventory

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4. Attached are copies of the group profiles for each test used. Those factors which characterize the group by test are given in attached enclosure.

For the most part the group presented as emotionally stable with no marked trends. There does appear to be an interesting similarity in defensive style, a tendency toward artistic, aesthetic, cultural interests, and an introverted style of emotional expression. The capacity to stand back from one's feelings, observe them, analyze them, even to savor them is common among artists and writers.

Interestingly the group demonstrated a similarity to the six subjects who took a battery of psychological tests at SRI in the following ways. Both groups demonstrated a certain defensive about psychological testing and defensive styles in general. Second, both groups scored high on the masculine-feminine scales of the MMPI indicating a preference for aesthetic, cultural, artistic interests.

There existed a striking similarity to the original characteristics used to select the group members, not to be unexpected. Four additional characteristics merged to be added to this list: Independent thinking; dominance, intellectually curious, preference for aloneness.

Follow-up testing should include a measuring of intellectual functioning and a measure of spatial relationships and right hemisphere functioning. Several studies support the concept that RV is primarily a function of the right hemisphere. Relationships between left and right hemispheres can be examined through the administration of the Halstead-Reitan Battery.

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