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- GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:
 - Individuals involved are sincere, dedicated
 - Non-sympathetic management impeded activity
 - No evidence of fraud, deception
 - Topic generates substantial inhibitions
 - Statistical analyses not as important as protocol
 - No meaningful theoretical explanation exists

- CRITIQUES
 - Early work had improper documentation, control
 - Current work is fragmented, has low-budget
 - Management is ambivalent, lacks focus

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- RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - Support research for proof-of-principle only if a credible approach is formulated
 - Do not support scientific understanding until phenomena existence is established
 - Intelligence community can pursue operational investigations if:
 - Monitored
 - Human use requirements observed
 - Adequate controls established
 - SRI dependence phased-out

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- RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - Exploratory work in DoD laboratories should be phased out
 - Private sector research should be monitored and periodically reviewed
 - Central DoD authority should be established
 - Intelligence Community should continue collection efforts to avoid surprise.