BRIEF HISTORY OF PHENOMENOLOGY

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STUDY OF THE PSYCHE

PARANORMAL RESEARCH

*Psychical Research
*Parapsychology
*RV

Psychology
*Depth Psychology

Mesmerism Hypnotism ASC's

1700

1800

1900

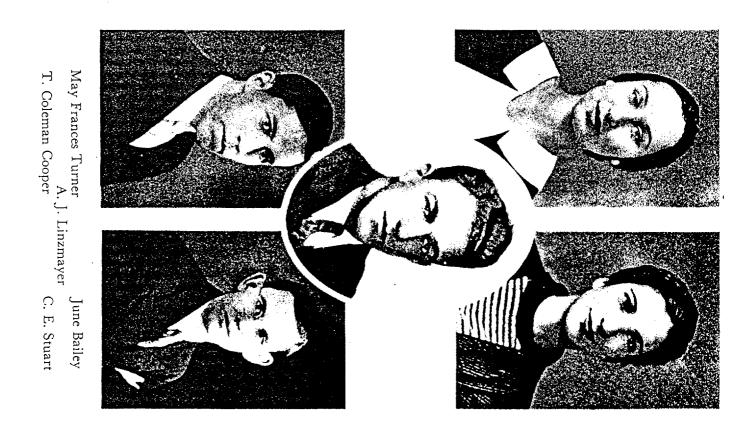
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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE SOCIETY

- 1. The investigation of telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, veridical hallucinations and dreams, psychometry, and other forms of paranormal cognition; of phenomena bearing upon the hypothesis of survival of bodily death; of claims of paranormal physical phenomena such as psychokinesis and poltergeists; the study of automatic writing, trance speech, alterations of personality, and other subconscious processes insofar as they may be related to paranormal processes; in short, all types of phenomena called parapsychological or paranormal.
- 2. The collection, classification, study, and publication of reports dealing with the above phenomena. Readers are asked to report incidents and cases. Names and places must be given, but on request will be treated as confidential.
- 3. The maintenance of a library on psychical research and related subjects. Contributions of books and periodicals will be welcomed.

PSYCHIC RESEARCH/PARAPSYCHOLOGY

- <u>1850's</u>
 - Fox sisters (1848); W. Crooks (1875)
 - Society for Psychical Research (SPR 1882)
 - ASPR (1886)
- 1920's / 1930's
 - E. J. Garrett
 - J. Dunne
 - M. Sinclair / A. Einstein / W. McDougal
 - J. B. Rhine (Duke Univ. / FRNM)
 - R. Warcollier / L. Vasilliev
 - H. Sherman



J.B. RHINE'S OBSERVATIONS

- Most subjects can do clairvoyance, telepathy
- Daily fluctuations occur
- Drugs, coffee affects
- Works at a distance
 - Performance increases noted
- · Rational, sensory processes interfere

J.B. RHINE'S OBSERVATIONS Cont'd

- Abstraction, "concentration" required
- Major procedure changes disturb
- Conflict of purpose spoils concentration
- Self-consciousness lowers results
- Dissociation lowers capacity to concentrate
- ESP use over time does not decline
 - May be cyclic
 - May be below chance for negative attitude

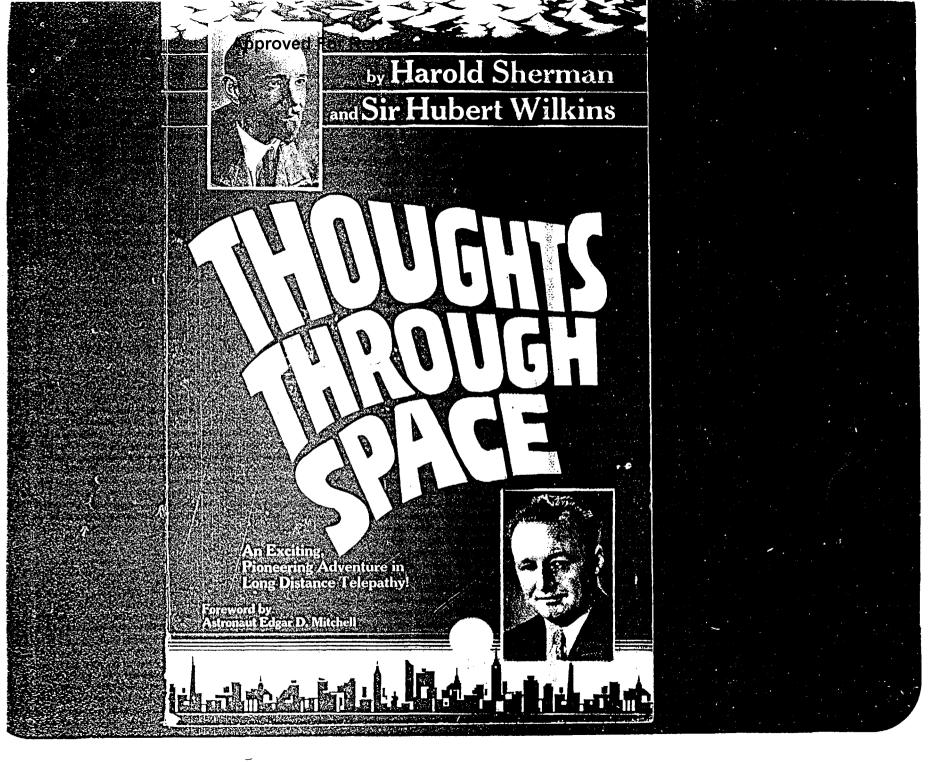
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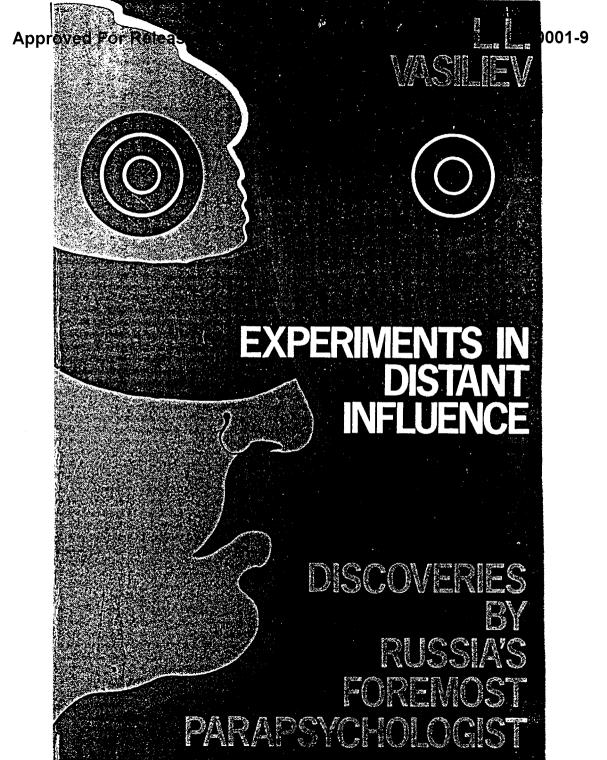
C W RHINE'S OBSERVATIONS Cont'd

- Interest, effort, attention cause variations
- Light humorous mood best No evidence of further development after

J.B. RHINE'S OBSERVATIONS Cont'd

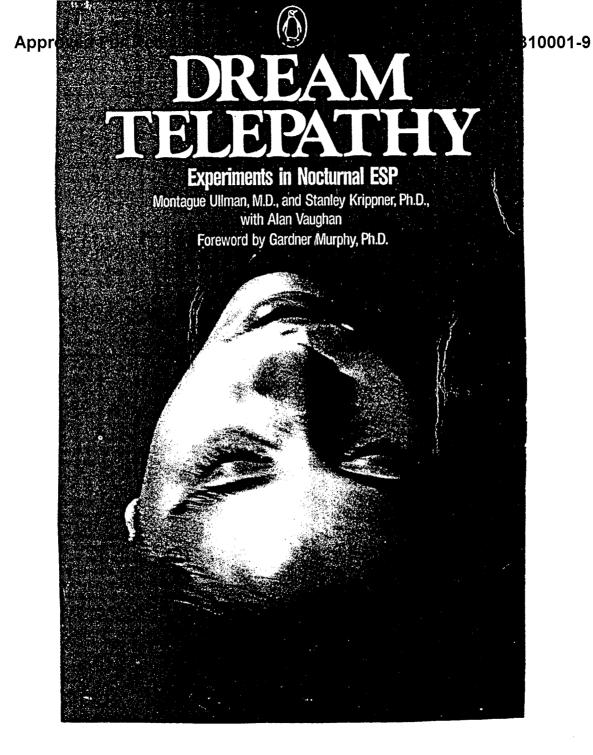
- Best results when both "sender and "receiver" have talent
 - Even if the "sender" is fatigued
- Results somewhat positive, even if the "sender" has no talent
- Poor results if "receiver" has poor talent, even with good "sender"





PSYCHIC RESEARCH/PARAPSYCHOLOGY Cont'd

- <u>1950's</u>
 - E. J. Garrett / F. Bolton (PF)
 - A.S.P.R. (J. Kidd Case)
- 1960's
 - C. Carlson / M. Ullman
 - Maimonides Medical Center (MMC)
 - A & O Worrell / G. L. Martin / J. McDonnell
 - G. Honorton (PRL)



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PLATE 13: An Attic vase (Foot Race), another form of target used in the dream studies (see page 129). (The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. The Rogers Fund, 1914)

MAIMONIDES MEDICAL CENTER OBSERVATIONS

- · Vivid, potent, dynamic material is best
- Must be relaxed, passive with increase of inner attention
- Female participants are more sensitive to colors
- Rapport, bonds, emotional tones important
- Motivation, goals are important
- Openness, self-acceptance is important
- Waking PSI experience is not important

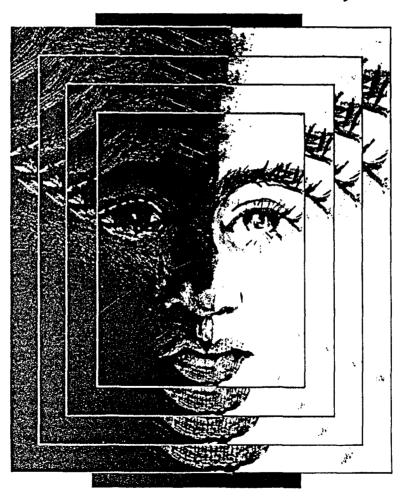
PSYCHIC RESEARCH/PARAPSYCHOLOGY Cont'd

- 1970's
 - B. Dunne / Dean Jahn (Princeton Univ. Lab)
 - Y. Geller / P. Price / I. Swann
 - Puthoff / Targ (SRI)
 - T. Crowe / W. Church
 - W. Braude (MSF)
 - Others
- <u>1980's</u>
 - A. Kostler
 - B. Morris (Univ. of Edinburo, UK)

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HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Issues, Theories, and Techniques



NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

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PHENOMENA TERMINOLOGY

- INFORMATIONAL
 - Extrasensory Perception (ESP)
 - Telepathy
 - Clairvoyance
 - Precognition
 - Other
 - RV
- ENERGETIC
 - Psychokinesis (PK)
 - "B-I-T-N"
 - Healing?

DIFFICULTIES

- No adequate theory
 - Limits in current understanding
 - Interdiciplinary needs
- Acceptability
 - Lack of formal proof
 - Replication difficult
 - Cultural constraints
 - Counterfits
- Person dependent
 - Individual style
 - Complex psychodynamics
 - Support

PHENOMENA OCCURRANCE SITUATIONS

- Waking State
 Intuitions
- Synchronicity
- Day dreams

Ganzfeld

Altered/Dissociated State

Dreams Hypnosis

Trance

SUMMARY

- Phenomena have deep roots
- Spontaneous phenomena keep occurring
- A wide variety of research exists
 - Reality demonstrated
 - Progress is slow
 - Goal orientation
- Application interests continue