

SG1J Notes on **conversation with** [redacted] (DIA/OGF/PAG) 1 Feb 95:

In general:

SG1J [redacted] is program manager at DIA of Stargate. He and his staff are currently housed at Ft. Meade [redacted] He said DIA has been involved formally managing the Stargate program since 1990 and that it was inherited from the US Army [General Stubblebind?]; there it had been a primarily operations oriented program since the early 1980s.

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We discussed what CIA's initial approach to the program transfer would be [from my perspective], and the current state of the DIA program from his perspective. I said that the first thing CIA is going to do is set up a Blue Ribbon Review panel. I mentioned the National Research Council as a leading contender for this, based on the previous work they had done for the Army Research Institute. I said the second thing we would do, and in parallel, was to formally look at the issue of declassification. I asked for cooperation in both of these efforts. I made no discussion and no commitments in terms of dates, milestones, nor discussed any other aspect of program transfer (i.e., billets, dollars, etc.), despite [redacted] intense curiosity and questions on these issues. I asked for all the supporting documentation [redacted] [redacted] has said was available during a previous meeting. This included: 1] [redacted] DIA program retrospective (just submitted in draft to CMS), 2] [redacted] 20 year retrospective draft 3] ED May's (SAIC principal investigator) unclassified retrospective of R&D in parapsychology, and 4] 45 documents relating to R&D which [redacted] claimed he had declassified. He said he would bring these to the meeting Monday, but later hesitated about the R&D material, and the 20 yr retrospective saying it might be difficult to find. [redacted] described these documents during our conversation confirming what [redacted] had said them.]

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[redacted] described some general highlights of the DIA program. TO conduct operations, [redacted]

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It is worth noting that [redacted] believes that he has already responded to the CDA in preparing his LIMDIS report which he recently has submitted to the CMS and which he is discussing

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with DIA's OCA liaison. He said he didn't object, however, to the CIA Blue Ribbon panel, and that it was a good idea because this work is so important. He also said he drafted a report going back to 1973 on the history of the program which he said was the 20-yr retrospective Congress asked for.

He also pledged to be very cooperative in our Blue Ribbon Panel review. He was not too keen on the issue of "declassification", but he has equities in mind of which I am unaware. He said that "program declassification is not good," especially if it addresses who we have been doing this work for (the customers?). I didn't push the discussion on declassification other than to name [redacted] and to say that I thought [redacted] would be attending some of the meetings.

Highlights:

• We agreed that [redacted] would briefing his program at ORD on 6 Feb, 10:00.

• [redacted] agreed to bring relevant documentation to the meeting

• I told [redacted] CIA's approach was Blue Ribbon Panel up front, with no other commitments

• [redacted] may resist declassification, but otherwise pledges cooperation

• The program is currently an operations program, collection and research have ceased.