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HEADLINE: SUPERPOWERS SAID STUDYING PSYCHIC PHENOMENA FOR MILITARY USE

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BODY:

... STUFF OF SCIENCE FICTION -- BUT A U.S. DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA) REPORT EXPRESSES FEAR THAT A MAJOR SOVIET 'PSYCHOTRONIC' RESEARCH EFFORT MAY BE DEVELOPING JUST SUCH MENTAL POWERS.

'SOVIET AND CZECH PSYCHOTRONIC RESEARCH ... HAS POWERFUL POTENTIAL FOR USE AS AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON AGAINST GROUPS OF MEN AND LEADERS,' ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, A COPY OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO REUTERS BY A PRIVATE SOURCE.

SOME SCEPTICS HAVE DISMISSED REPORTS ABOUT SOVIET PSYCHIC EXPERIMENTS AS 'DISINFORMATION' AIMED AT CONFUSING THE WEST. MANY MAINSTREAM SCIENTISTS REJECT PSYCHIC RESEARCH.

EVEN SO, ...

... TESTS IN WHICH PSYCHICS, SITTING IN A LABORATORY AND GIVEN MAP COORDINATES OF MILITARY BASES AND NUCLEAR PLANTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, DESCRIBED THOSE SITES IN DETAIL THAT WAS CONSISTENT WITH CIA DATA.

A CIA SPOKESMAN WOULD NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT SUCH TESTS HAD BEEN ...

... FOR 13 YEARS SRI HAS CARRIED OUT A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SERIES OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENTS IN 'REMOTE VIEWING', WHICH THEY DESCRIBE AS 'THE PERCEPTION OF EVENTS, OBJECTS OR PEOPLE WHICH ARE HIDDEN FROM THE FIVE SENSES.'

IN THESE EXPERIMENTS, THEY SAY, A PSYCHOLOGIST WOULD SIT WITH A ' ...

... PINS -- WERE REMARKABLY ACCURATE, THE EVIDENT RESULT OF SOME TELEPATHIC MENTAL PROCESS NOT YET UNDERSTOOD.

TARG TOLD REUTERS SOVIET SCIENTISTS HAVE SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN THEIR RESEARCH, HAVE MET THEM IN THE UNITED STATES AND INVITED THEM TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR TALKS. THE RUSSIANS WERE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO SCREEN OFF SECRETS FROM PSYCHIC INTRUSION.

THE DIA REPORT, 'SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PARAPSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH', IS BASED LARGELY ON SOVIET SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE AND DESCRIBES A LARGE-SCALE KREMLIN PROGRAMME INCLUDING MIND-OVER-MATTER EXPERIMENTS, A FIELD KNOWN AS PSYCHOKINESIS.

IT SAID IN ONE SET OF EXPERIMENTS A SOVIET PSYCHIC STOOD IN A LABORATORY BESIDE A FROG'S HEART WHICH HAD BEEN SURGICALLY REMOVED AND KEPT BEATING

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ARTIFICIALLY. 'AS SHE CONCENTRATED ...

... STOPPED ITS BEAT ENTIRELY,' THE REPORT SAID.

HER ABILITY 'MIGHT BE USED AGAINST HUMAN TARGETS,' IT SAID. THE REPORT SAID SOVIET SCIENTISTS HAD REPORTED ON EXPERIMENTS IN WHICH PSYCHICS MOVED OR LEVITATED OBJECTS THROUGH MIND-POWER.

IT SAID IN OTHER EXPERIMENTS REPORTED BY SOVIET SCIENTISTS PSYCHICS HYPNOTIZED PEOPLE HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY BY TELEPATHY.

MUCH SOVIET RESEARCH DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT DEALS WITH A THEORY THAT PSYCHIC ABILITIES STEM FROM A FORM OF BRAIN ENERGY THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED. SOVIET SCIENTISTS HAVE DEVELOPED A MACHINE THEY SAY CAN EXTRACT ENERGY FROM THE BRAIN, AND REPORT THAT FLIES EXPOSED TO A BEAM OF SUCH ENERGY ' ...