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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Discussion with Army Material Command Personnel
about Stanford Research Institute Paranormal
Perception Techniques**

1. On the afternoon of 19 November, [redacted] LSD/OSI informed me of a meeting that afternoon with the Scientific Advisor of the Army Material Command Dr. Richard Kaufman. The meeting was arranged after Dr. Steininger ADDS&T suggested Dr. Kaufman confer with [redacted] and myself about the parapsychology investigation completed at Stanford Research Institute (SRI). Other Army personnel included, Cols. William Fox, Nickel and Dupont Copp and Mr. George T. Myers. All present had verified SI and TK clearances.

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2. Dr. Kaufman explained Army interest. In a combat situation it was determine that a certain group of men were good point men, i.e. good men to lead a patrol. Good was self defined in that a good man was one that the troops would recognized and gladly follow. When these good point men lead troops into boobytrapped and mined areas, they claimed to be able to "sensed" a presence of danger and hence were able to avoid the traps. Debriefing and training has continued but no explanation of what abilities these men have has appeared. After doing some reading and following the claims of Geller, Dr. Kaufman has concluded that perhaps an answer to this unexplained ability lies in the para-psychology realm.

3. [redacted] and myself described some of our past experiences with SRI parapsychology investigations. The discussions were limited to high-lighting a few investigation and responding to specific questions. A copy of the SRI proposal was used to illustrated some of the past results. (Copies of the SRI proposal are available to the Army since DIA and NSA have received copies from SRI.)

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4. It was agreed during the meeting that although formal coordination and liaison between them and us was unlikely to develop, it would be useful to maintain informal communication. Since CIA have not yet funded the SRI group, the Army personnel would be free to solicit proposals of interest to them. Since the Army's main emphasis would be on the teachability aspect of these paranormal abilities, their efforts would likely complement our investigations.

5. I gave Dr. Kaufman the name of a theoretical physicist, Dr. Walker, working at the Ballistic Laboratory in Aberdeen, Md. who has published theoretical models for paranormal abilities and expressed my interest in meeting Dr. Walker. Dr. Kaufman will arrange such a meeting with his representative a Dr. Suskee in the near future.

6. It appears likely the Army will quickly evaluate the SRI group and begin an effort to investigate the teachability and learnability of paranormal perception techniques.

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