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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Parapsychology briefing
for the U.S. Navy

1. On 17 February 1976, I joined [redacted] of OSI in briefing [redacted] of U.S. Naval Intelligence, on the status of parapsychology. [redacted] explained that he wears several hats in direct support of the Secretary of the Navy and that one of these involves the funding and monitoring of all joint projects with the Agency. I subsequently learned that he played a role in [redacted]

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2. [redacted] was particularly interested in our past association with Stanford Research Institute in California because his office is looking into the possibility of continuing this kind of research. He indicated that his office was in the final stages of recommending support to SRI's efforts at somewhere between 100 and 150 thousand dollars, but that he was looking for some measure of Agency interest in the final product. He stated that if the Agency were willing to provide nominal financial participation and assist in monitoring the project, the Navy would provide the bulk of the funding required and also serve as a cutout for Agency participation in the event of a flap. In effect [redacted] was telling the Agency that the Navy was willing to supply the money and the manpower and absorb any unfavorable publicity, if necessary.

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3. I advised [redacted] that my component of the Agency, as an operating element, did not wish to support research in the field of parapsychology in general or to lend its approval or endorsement of the work done at SRI. I indicated that we are continuing to monitor research in the general area of parapsychology for potential breakthroughs which we can adapt to our primary concern, which is to uncover information which others wish to keep secret. [redacted] who briefed [redacted] on the recent rash of serious Soviet research in Parapsychology, said he would check with his office to see if they are interested in cooperating with the Navy on this project.

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