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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director Central Intelligence  
**CIA Management Committee**

**SUBJECT :** Biofield Measurement Project at  
 Stanford Research Institute

1. The following is a brief description of the scope, results, and goals of a current project involving biofield measurements at Stanford Research Institute. The initial project was a \$7,000 effort completed in January 1973. Currently, a \$60,000 effort is being completed and a \$19,000 increase in scope is requested. If the results justify continuance, a similar effort, shared between TSD and ORD, is envisioned for next year.

2. It has long been claimed that certain gifted individuals have had the ability to perceive and produce physical effects by paranormal means. Recently, two appear to have individuals, Mr. Uri Geller and Mr. Ingo Swann, demonstrated these abilities under controlled laboratory conditions. The abilities of these individuals are now being submitted to a serious scientific investigation, part of which is being supported by the above mentioned project.

3. The goals of the current project are to achieve unequivocal scientific verification of the existence of these abilities. Once verification is reasonably ensured, the nature of the phenomena will be investigated. ORD will undertake the task of investigating and measuring the phenomena, with the goal of establishing a physical basis so that further exploitation may proceed in a systematic manner. TSD will simultaneously explore the limitations and properties of the phenomena, attempting to establish cause-effect relationships which can lead to more immediate exploitation.

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4. For a more detailed examination of this project,  
a technical memorandum summarizing some of the results  
is attached. More complete and current information will  
gladly be furnished by [redacted] TSD/CD [redacted] or  
[redacted] ORB [redacted]

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Attachment:  
Technical Memorandum