

(Suggested message to field regarding
data from psychic sources.

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Subj: ~~assessment~~ Data from Psychic Sources (S)

4. (S) DIA continues to receive information from psychic sources regarding B.G. Pozier. Some of these reports are from people who have demonstrated statistical significance in controlled parapsychological laboratory experiments. ~~Some reports are from~~ other reports are from people previously unknown to the parapsychological research community. It is difficult to ^{initially} interpret such data, even from tested psychics, since laboratory investigations usually do not simulate an operational problem such as locating missing people. It is even more difficult to assess data from an unsolicited, unevaluated, source ~~who~~ ^{where} no laboratory ~~data~~ or operational track record exists. Nevertheless, the potential of such data, especially when information from conventional sources is not available, ~~needs to be~~ ^{possibly leads or clues.} should be considered. This judgement is based on review of laboratory results ^{with specific individuals} that demonstrate a consistent statistical significance ~~for specific individuals~~ and a ~~consistency~~ ^{where such data has been recorded}.



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contain gaps and not all the elements of the intended target area are perceived. For example, only one or two buildings may be described in a 3-building complex, or only one "spire" may be perceived when several are in the area. There are also erroneous additions, possibly from memory associations to a similar ~~to~~ place or a ~~from~~ tendency to fill-in ~~blank~~ via imagination. For example, an airport might be added to a train station target, since rail lines may suggest "long runways" or "parking aprons".

4(s) another major source of error in this type of data is with verbal responses. Laboratory results to date suggest very low reliability in direct correlations between concealed words and psychic impressions. In some cases, possibly depending on the individuals' background, training, and personal preferences, some target words are more likely to be perceived than others. In most cases (with power psychics) there is only ^{high} partial correspondence between target words and the impressions. For example, the first few letters ~~are~~ may correlate, or the ~~was~~ perceived word may be a "sound alike". Sometimes the similarity is only ~~the~~ symbolic or ~~very~~ ordered. ~~the~~ This seems to be even more of a problem if the target words are in a language foreign to the psychic.

5. (S) therefore, a degree of ~~for~~ finess must be exercised in attempting to apply data from a psychic source. Some aspects may be literal and direct, others may be incomplete, mislabeled or ~~even~~ totally incorrect. Only repeated work with a proven psychic source can help resolve ~~these various biases~~ ^{data} ~~types of data~~ ^{are} ~~which is of higher~~ reliability, ~~to~~ ^{to} evaluate the individuals various biases and ~~even~~ types of errors, and to identify the individuals' strengths and weaknesses. Usually, the psychic person is likely to make most errors in analytical judgments regarding his or her own perception; whereas people accustomed to work in pattern recognition type tasks appear to be better suited ^{to} interpret such data.

6. (S) In order to ~~even~~ help assess ~~on individuals'~~ strengths and weaknesses of psychic data, ~~a~~ speaker feedback is required on initial data inputs. Therefore, it is important to know what aspects of a perception were ^{reasonably} correct, only partially correct, or totally incorrect. With this information, ~~the~~ ^{efforts of the} source might be re-directed along more fruitful lines of query, and the data accumulated ~~to date~~ can be reevaluated, ~~and~~ perhaps with additional (and possibly more reliable) interpretation, ~~noting~~ the importance of ~~specific feedback~~ ^{feedback} ~~is not~~ ^{is} ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~overemphasized~~. In addition, details such as the

thoroughness of the search, the actual area covered, etc., are ~~may~~ also important. It may be ~~some~~ the correct area was actually searched, perhaps not at the right time (person moved), or not thoroughly enough. or it may be the search concentrated ~~to~~ in one specific area, and was not expanded to cover other likely possibilities in the ~~same~~ general vicinity.

7.(s) In addition, data from several ^{independent} psychic sources may ultimately ~~have~~ prove to have common elements that form into an overall pattern, with some specific search options. Should this be observed, ~~to the various data~~, new interpretation of previously obtained data, regardless of thoroughness of feedback, may be ~~now~~ become possible. This "data integration" approach would examine new possibilities that fit the majority of the data and narrow down (or identify new ~~possibilities~~ search options. Additionally, ~~and~~ data analysts might be able to list options in a most-to-least likely manner, ~~including general and specific~~. This approach is believed to be a fruitful one for search areas where the target area has much terrain redundancy, is large, and where the target may be moved frequently.

~~There~~
 a iterative process, ~~with feedback from the field.~~
 ↳ between psychic ~~ps~~ sources,
 data analysts, and field users will lead to better
 utility of such data, especially in the case
 of ~~no~~ ^{direct} data regarding ~~where~~ location of
 G. Dozier however available.

10 (5) a follow-up message with integrated
 data from various paper source will follow
 shortly. This is not to preclude data
 from individuals should this data appear to
 be time-urgent or very specific in nature, and
 possibly easy to check-out. Ultimately, this
~~individuals~~ ~~data~~ ~~will~~ data will also be
 integrated in the total on-going assessment
 of data from various psychic sources. Also request that
 all other data received outside of DIA channels
 be sent to DIA for evaluation or ~~possible~~ possible
 integration in the on-going assessment.

11 (i) appreciate your cooperation in this matter. —