

Memo for : Executive Director

Via: DD/S&T

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From:  D/ORD

Subject: Response to CDA on Stargate

1. The conference report contained language that transferred ten civilian billets and \$500k from DIA to CIA and directed the DCI to submit a status report to the appropriate committees by March 1, 1995. This status report is to include a management strategy, transfer status, and identification of a program manager. I have been asked to pull this activity together and to prepare a response to the CDA. Because of the many issues associated with this program and the potential for some disagreement between us and our oversight committees I seek a corporate (i. e. all directorates) buy-in to the proposed approach, which is: (a) Seek to decompartment all aspects of the program, (b) Convene a Blue Ribbon Panel of outside experts to review the program and make recommendations to CIA regarding our next step (c) Develop a program plan including needed funding and personnel resources. We should be able to respond to the proposed Congressional date for action of 1 July 1995..
2. Language in the SAC report, originally directed at DIA but incorporated by reference in the conference report, requests that funds be applied equally to foreign assessment,

was to complete declassification

research, and operational viewing. The SAC report expresses concern that Congressional direction in the past regarding the "solicitation of users across the NFIP and DOD and development of joint programs with the Russians and Chinese has only been sporadically pursued." They further note "obvious reluctance on the part of DIA leadership for this program" and direct pursuit of liason activities and a relook at the tight security classification for the program. It also directs a retrospective review and technical analysis of the data that has been produced by the program "since its inception 20 years ago."

3. On 14 December, during a briefing arranged by CMS and given by the current DIA program manager, the program was described as an operational activity that is accepting requirements, conducting remote viewing operations, and disseminating intelligence based on these "operations." Over 90 such operations had been conducted during the past year. Staffing consists of three remote viewers, a program manager, a technical advisor and a secretary. Asked his opinion for the reasons the Congress had transferred the program to CIA, the program manager stated his belief that he had failed to respond to previous direction to conduct objective reviews and pursue foreign liason activities. He also told us that all of the program funds had been expended and that their contractor (SRI) had stopped work on the R&D activities.
4. Our proposed approach in responding to the CDA is to conduct a multiphase program, beginning with the formation of

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a blue ribbon panel to assess the current program and make recommendations to us regarding how to proceed. With U. S. Army support, we plan to contact the chairman of a panel that did a review (circa 1988-1990) for the Army of unconventional techniques (including remote viewing), for enhancing human performance. We intend to ask him to convene a similar group for our blue ribbon panel review, and to include in the panel members who represent a cross section of opinion on the scientific validity of remote viewing.

5. D/OCA described our approach to Mr. Richard D Amato, the congressional staffer responsible for the language effecting the transfer, and Mr DAmato expressed concern about the DIA people, in particular the three remote viewers, during the period that the panel is conducting our review. Our approach to this is to tell DIA that we do not need a program manager and will provide our own technical and administrative support for the activity. The three operational remote viewers should be kept as DIA employees until the Blue Ribbon Panel reports and our program plan is developed. This would enable them to continue to conduct operations without any gaps, since they need to use the tasking and dissemination methods already in place in DIA.

6. There are several potential issues that could arise and need to be anticipated, and that cause me to raise this subject with you at this time. (a) Parapsychology is a very controversial subject. It has been studied for at least the past hundred years by many renowned scientists without