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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David Langbart
Life Cycle Management Division
National Archives and Records
Administration

SUBJECT: Review and Appraisal of STAR GATE
Collection

Dave:

1. This memorandum requests the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) assistance in reviewing, appraising, and preparing a SF-115 for the STAR GATE collection.

2. The STAR GATE program was a 20-year Intelligence Community program focusing on the use of paranormal phenomena (i.e. the use of psychics and remote viewing). On 1 July 1995, the STAR GATE program was officially transferred from the DIA to CIA completing the first step of a Congressionally Directed Action (CDA). The STAR GATE program records span the period 1972-1996 and consist of approximately 45 boxes of material including documentation of remote viewing sessions, training, internal memoranda assessments, and program reviews. The files that CIA created on STAR GATE are not covered by this request since they are already scheduled and disposition approved in accordance with NC1-263-85-1, Item 7a.

3. The CIA Declassification Center (CDC) is currently finalizing review of the STAR GATE collection. CDC is handling the declassification review in two tranches. Once CDC's review has been completed for the first tranche, CDC will provide the declassified and sanitized electronic documents in searchable electronic format on our "CREST" system (CIA Records Search Tool) currently installed at the

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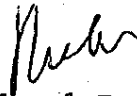
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NARA College Park library. Upon completion of the declassification review of the entire collection (2nd tranche), the Agency will transfer the remaining electronic format records to the CREST system and we plan to accession to NARA the original permanent hard copy records that are determined to warrant permanent preservation. Since NARA has advised that a separate SF-115 is required for this collection, we are requesting NARA's assistance in reviewing and appraising the original hard copy records in order to prepare a SF-115.

4. CDC has developed a schedule for the review of the STAR GATE collection and has tentatively established the end of calendar year 2001 as the release date for Tranche 1, with Tranche 2 to follow in calendar year 2002 (exact date TBD). Therefore, we would like your appraisal and assessment to begin as soon as it is convenient with your schedule.

5. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the outstanding assistance and support that you provide on a regular basis. We can always count on your excellent advice and guidance regarding NARA's policies and regulations, as well as your willingness to assist on all of our requests for NARA support.

6. We look forward to working with you in order to obtain a formal NARA appraisal and disposition for the STAR GATE collection. Please contact Mike Nicewarner at 703/613-1416 in order to schedule a date to begin this review.



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