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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

15 FEB 1981

SUBJECT: PSI WARFARE ARTICLE

1. At 1020 on 6 February 1981, Mr. [redacted] of D4 called by phone on behalf of the Director who was concerned about the accusations aimed at NSA in the Jack Anderson column of 5 February 1981. Radio station WEEM called and asked if Mr. Anderson's comments about the Agency were correct. In order to draft an answer for the Director, Mr. [redacted] called Mr. [redacted] of R74 and myself, which is normal procedure in these matters.

2. I first assured Mr. [redacted] that the Agency was not engaged in using astrologists and palm readers. The Martin Gardner referred to in the column was most likely the instigator of this attack. Mr. Gardner and several other "Humanist" scientists were cited to the National Security Council in 1979 as a group of "spoilors" who have for years used any tactic to belittle, discredit, and prevent serious PSI research. Through their powerful positions, they prevented any PSI articles from being published in either The Scientific American or Science Magazine. Their campaign of lies, smears, and distortions against the SRI research effort is notorious. Their latest effort is probably aimed at preventing the continuation of the research into the new administration. Mr. Reagan has already read some of the work of Dr. Puthoff and Targ at SRI. He was interested in the research. Senator John Tower has promised to support the work in PSI.

3. Mr. [redacted] was informed that substantive and profound research was actually being performed by some world class scientists like Dr. Brian Josephson. The recent heavy involvement of physicists is caused by the fact that PSI structure and functioning is fully consistent with modern advanced Relativity and Quantum Physics models including The EPR Paradox, "Bootstrap" Theory, and S Matrix Theory. The respected Soviet scientist Dr. Tummerman reported that the Central Committee of the Communist Party, USSR, considered PSI research to be at the highest priority in the 1970's.

4. NSA's involvement presently is characterized by being aware of compartmented efforts under DIA control. Some projects such as those involving [redacted] have very serious implications. Currently, NSA's participants are trying to assess the implications to both SIGINT and COMSEC. We are formulating a COMSEC Threat and Vulnerability model and a SIGINT exploitation model. Both will be used to help us ask the proper kinds of questions of those currently doing DOD research. Principally, we plan to "piggyback" on existing research to acquire answers to NSA questions. Findings would then be assessed to determine future directions and impact. Information on this response was provided to Mr. [redacted] SAO/DDC (who approved of it), Dr. [redacted] SI, and Mr. [redacted], SII. Mr. [redacted] stated that he would probably be calling back to assure the reply to the WEEM question was properly framed.

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