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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME Program (U)

1. (U) Reference letter, DIA S-1922/DT-1, 7 Aug 80, subject as above.

2. (S) This is an interim reply to referenced letter. As you are aware, Army has been particularly active with regard to this program. Over the past 18 months the results of our in-house effort (INSCOM program) have been somewhat impressive and call for continued support. A recent trip (28 Jul-1 Aug 80) to SRI, [redacted] and FTD by OACSI action officers revealed that although some progress has been made, the joint program still remains fragmented and disorganized. Your personal attention as outlined in your 7 August letter is a positive step to correct the situation.

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3. (S) Because our in-house program is directed at refinement of RV, we are primarily concerned with the Advanced RV Technique training as briefed by an SRI consultant to Army ACSI on 28 Jul 80. It should be noted however that according to that consultant SRI will not be prepared to assume this training task until December 80 - March 81 time frame. We concur that because of the time constraints and expertise involved, SRI should remain as primary contractor. Further study/coordination will be required to determine if SRI will be able to support Army's efforts in the Advanced RV training. We believe that since the program was strongly criticized by the Scientific Evaluation Committee, followed by cut-off of all Program 6 funds by Mr. Perry, USDRE, an in/out-house program should be funded for a continuous systematic program review to ensure we maintain a solid effort.

4. (S) Army, specifically INSCOM, has budgeted \$150K, of which we can commit \$120K to a joint service effort, upon concurrence by MG Rolya, from P3 funds for FY 81 GRILL FLAME program. As stated above, our emphasis will continue to be directed at Advanced RV training techniques for our INSCOM program. At this time we expect to MIPR \$120K to DIA to support this effort with SRI. We plan to use the remaining \$30K to support the INSCOM operational effort.

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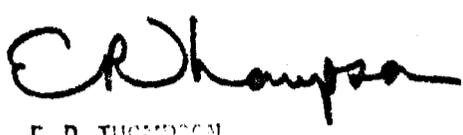
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5. (S) The positive action taken by DIA with regard to the joint action review proposal is commendable; however, we believe this action is premature. Although we could concur with much of the mission and objective statement and MOU, we see some room for disagreement. To comment on the proposed contract with SRI on such short notice would not do justice to the program. We will study each aspect of these documents and reply early as possible.



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