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SUBJECT : Brief Notes on 2 March 73 Paranormal Research Meeting

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1. [redacted] (TSD) and [redacted]

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[redacted] (DDS&T) met on 2 March to discuss plans/procedures for the joint program of paranormal research. Following were the salient decisions made:

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a. that TSD would sound-out SRI on the proposal to speed up basic research with GELLER & SWANN before the end of the 1973 Fiscal Year by having SWANN tested in the Washington area for the last two months or so (using tests devised by us & having an SRI rep present if they wished) and by moving GELLER into their lab for those two months for further testing--again using, in large part, tests devised by us; if SWANN is to be tested here we would also want to have before hand all of their raw test data on the work done with him so far;

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b. if SRI accepts the proposal, ORD will transfer to TSD the additional funds necessary and they will arrange with SRI for the necessary emeddations to their existing project (Note: on 1 March D/ORD allocated up to 50K of FY 73 funds for this purpose); (Note: [redacted] of ORD have stated that there is no managerial hindrance to such a transfer of funds)

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c. in preparation for the above testing ORD would prepare a basic requirements questionnaire to be sent to about a dozen selected officers in various components-- requesting their views/ideas on appropriate tests & procedures; once the replies are received, [redacted] to prepare a paper which: enumerates specific series of tests to be employed; defines appropriate lab-testing conditions; and makes specific proposals re timing/cost/facilities/procedures; (Note: the questionnaire is to be shown to TSD for approval before use and will not refer to TSD or its current program)

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d. If the actual existence of the phenomena is thus validated by end of FY 73 we will then consider jointly where and how to proceed from there--especially as regards elucidating the nature of the phenomena and identifying/training others with the capacity; [redacted]

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[redacted] and also of establishing an overt screening mechanism re other paranormal practitioners was discussed.

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2. On 5 March [redacted] called [redacted] to state that he had talked with Dr Puthoff on 2 March and that SRI agrees to the general program outlined above. [redacted] was told that the 'Paranowmal Research Questionnaire' has been completed and he suggested that, once the replies are in and we have drafted our testing proposal, it might be useful to have Dr Puthoff come to Washington and go over it with us.

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NOTE - Per [redacted] SRI has 60 people + 3 floors of space in a Rossy Building.