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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Parapsychology briefing
for the U.S. Navy

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1. On 17 February 1976, I joined [_____] of OSI   SG1I
in briefing [_____] of U.S. Naval Intelligence, on the
status of parapsychology. [_____] explained that he wears
several hats in direct support of the Secretary of the Navy and
that one of these involves the funding and monitoring of all
joint projects with the Agency. I subsequently learned that he
played a role in [_____]

2. [_____] was particularly interested in our past
association with Stanford Research Institute in California
because his office is looking into the possibility of continu-
ing this kind of research. He indicated that his office was in
the final stages of recommending support to SRI's efforts at
somewhere between 100 and 150 thousand dollars, but that he was
looking for some measure of Agency interest in the final pro-
duct. He stated that if the Agency were willing to provide
nominal financial participation and assist in monitoring the
project, the Navy would provide the bulk of the funding re-
quired and also serve as a cutout for Agency participation in
the event of a flap. In effect [_____] was telling the   SG1I
Agency that the Navy was willing to supply the money and the
manpower and absorb any unfavorable publicity, if necessary.

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3. I advised [_____] that my component of the Agency,
as an operating element, did not wish to support research in
the field of parapsychology in general or to lend its approval
or endorsement of the work done at SRI. I indicated that we
are continuing to monitor research in the general area of para-
psychology for potential breakthroughs which we can adapt to   SG1I
our primary concern, which is to uncover information which
others wish to keep secret. [_____] who briefed [___]   SG1I
SG1I   [_____] on the recent rash of serious Soviet research in Para-
psychology, said he would check with his office to see if they   SG1I
are interested in cooperating with the Navy on this project.

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