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 DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20310

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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14 JAN 1982

MEMORANDUM THRU VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY  
ARMY GENERAL COUNSEL

FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME (U)--DECISION MEMORANDUM

1. (S/NOFORN) The US Army intelligence and Security Command's (INSCOM) Project GRILL FLAME investigates and applies remote viewing phenomena in support of important foreign intelligence and US counterintelligence requirements. INSCOM employs active duty military and Department of the Army civilians in the execution of the project. Both the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and INSCOM purchase the services of private contract personnel in support of GRILL FLAME. During FY 82, INSCOM plans to train two newly assigned personnel in remote viewing techniques and continue to conduct operational sessions against important foreign intelligence and counterintelligence requirements.

2. (S/NOFORN) The Army General Counsel determined that GRILL FLAME activities constitute experimentation on human subjects under Procedure 18, DOD Regulation 5240.1-R. Section 4 of Procedure 18 requires approval of the Service Secretary or Under Secretary for intelligence components to engage in or contract for experimentation involving human subjects.

3. (S/NOFORN) The US Army INSCOM GRILL FLAME activities satisfy the human use standards of Section 3, Procedure 18. All Army GRILL FLAME participants are volunteers who have executed written statements of informed consent. Representatives from the Army General Counsel and the Office of the Army Surgeon General provide legal and medical oversight. All contracts entered into by INSCOM contain the written commitment that the provisions of Procedure 18, DOD Regulation 5240.1-R will be followed. The DIA contract monitor ensures the contracted party executes their Procedure 18 responsibilities. The Deputy Secretary of Defense authorized DIA participation in GRILL FLAME on 11 Dec 81 (Incl 1).

ARMY review(s) completed.

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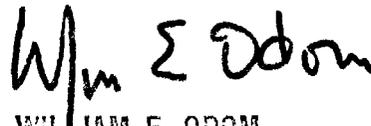
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4. (C) Congress eliminated Army FY 82 funding for GRILL FLAME. At the same time, Congress approved the Army request for five permanent personnel positions for GRILL FLAME. With the Commander, US Army Intelligence and Security Command, I am exploring the various options for maintaining a GRILL FLAME effort in FY 82. I will, by separate correspondence, keep you informed on the future status of GRILL FLAME FY 82 funding. In the meantime, Army's authority to conduct GRILL FLAME operations under the provisions of Procedure 18, DOD Regulation 5240.1-R past 14 Jan 82 must be renewed.
5. (C) Request the Secretary of the Army approve our continued participation in GRILL FLAME activities within INSCOM and with the DIA and its contractor. Army participation will be in strict accordance with the provisions of Procedure 18, DOD Regulation 5240.1-R.

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301



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11 DEC 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME - ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

(S/NOFORN) In FY 1981, a Memorandum of Understanding (enclosure 1) established a jointly funded Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and U.S. Army three-year contractual effort known as GRILL FLAME. This effort has been investigating for the last year certain parapsychological phenomena, such as remote viewing (the ability of individuals to mentally collect data at a distance), that have potential military applications. Emphasis in FY 1981 was on evaluating potential applications and limitations of such phenomena, and to evaluate the significance of foreign work, particularly as it may pose a threat to the United States.

(S/NOFORN) The U.S. Army has proposed that the FY 1982 joint contract with SRI International include the training of selected Army personnel who have had no prior experience in remote viewing. It has been determined by DoD General Counsel that this activity requires permission under Procedure 18 of DoD Directive 5240. 1-R. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Army has approved Army participation in the program. A copy of the approval is enclosure 2.

(S/NOFORN) In compliance with this determination, all contracts entered into and under the auspices of the DIA/Army GRILL FLAME program will contain the written requirement that the provisions of Procedure 18, DoD Directive 5240. 1-R will be followed. The contract monitor will ensure that the contracted party executes its Procedure 18 responsibilities. Informed consent of all subjects will be obtained in writing and only in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. These guidelines set conditions safeguarding the welfare of the subjects.

(S/NOFORN) The Defense Intelligence Agency, as joint participant and contracting agent of the GRILL FLAME program, requests permission to proceed with those portions of the joint DIA/Army GRILL FLAME program determined to constitute human experimentation pursuant to Procedure 18 of DoD Directive 5240. 1-R.

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Enclosures:  
GRILL FLAME MOU (S/NF), 1 Cy  
Memo for Sec of Army, 8 May 81,  
(S/NF), 1 Cy

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OSD(GC) *WHT*

Prepared by [Redacted box]

SUBJECT  Human Use Coordination for Project GRILL FLAME (U)	OFFICE SYMBOL DAMI-ISH	SUSPENSE
	DATE 12 Jan 82	

**ACTION REQUIRED**  
ACSI signature of memo at TAB A.

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD.** (Describe briefly the requirement, background and action taken or recommended. Must be sufficiently detailed to identify the action without recourse to other sources.)

1. (C/NOFORN) BACKGROUND: The Army GRILL FLAME Project requires annual Secretary or Under Secretary of the Army review and approval.
2. (U) DISCUSSION:
  - a. (C/NOFORN) The Army General Counsel determined that Army participation in Project GRILL FLAME constitutes "human use" UP Procedure 18, DOD Regulation 5240.1-R (TAB B).
  - b. (U) Procedure 18 (TAB C) requires:
    - (1) (U) Certification that an important foreign intelligence or counterintelligence purpose is served.
    - (2) (U) Subjects execute written informed consent.
    - (3) (U) Experimentation is conducted IAW applicable HHS regulations and guidelines.
  - c. (U) Representatives from the Army Surgeon General's Office and the Office of the Army General Counsel provide medical and legal oversight of INSCOM GRILL FLAME activities.
  - d. (S/NOFORN) INSCOM contracts with the Stanford Research Institute (SRI) for GRILL FLAME support. SRI policy re human use is described in memo at TAB D.
  - e. (S/NOFORN) INSCOM's GRILL FLAME activities in FY 82 include:
    - (1) (S/NOFORN) Train two newly assigned personnel in remote viewing techniques.
    - (2) (S/NOFORN) Continue performing operational remote viewing in support of valid Army intelligence collection and counterintelligence requirements.

(Continue on plain bond) (Cont'd)

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COORDINATIONS			APPROVALS		
OFFICE	NAME	PHONE	INITIALS	DATE	
Army GC	CPT Hatch saw drafts & made comts. His comts are included in final product attached.		BR		
			DIV ISH	12 Jan 82	
			DIR IS	13/15/82	
			EX ZX	14 Jan 82	
			ACSI RA	14 JAN 1982	
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<b>ACTION OFFICER</b> (Name, grade, phone and signature) Dennis M. O'Keefe DENNIS M. O'KEEFE, MAJ, GS, 30114	CLASSIFIED BY DIAM 58-11 ENCL 3, 5 Dec 78 REVIEW ON: 12 JAN 2002 REAS: 2-310c DOD 5200.1-R(3)
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f. (C) The Army General Counsel maintained that GRILL FLAME activities involved human use and required Secretariat review and coordination UP Procedure 18, DOD Regulation 5240.1-R. The DOD General Counsel initially disagreed. The issue was decided on 17 Nov 81 with the DOD General Counsel accepting the Army position. A detailed review of this "human use" question is at TAB E.

g. (S/NOFORN) The future of the Army program has been complicated by the elimination of Army FY 82 GRILL FLAME O&M funds during the Congressional HAC - SAC conferees' hearing. However, it appears that the Army request for five permanent GRILL FLAME personnel positions for FY 82 remained in the program. DIA's GRILL FLAME effort for FY 82 was fully funded for \$330K. Army GRILL FLAME activities are contained in our FY 83 program submission and this will allow us to fully air the issue with Congress. In the interim, INSCOM plans to keep the effort alive by internal reprogramming until a final decision on future funding can be reached.

h. (U) The current Army Secretariat authority to conduct GRILL FLAME activities UP Procedure 18, DOD Regulation 5240.1-R requires renewal in Jan 82 (TAB F). Army GRILL FLAME activities will be continued subsequent to 14 Jan 82 pending resolution of the above described FY 82 funding issue. The ACSI memo at TAB A seeks this authority from the Secretary of the Army.

3. (U) RECOMMENDATION: That ZA sign memorandum at TAB A.  
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