(Suggested message to field regarding)
data from psychic sources.

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Subj: ~~overview of~~ Data from Psychic Sources (S)

1. (S) DIA continues to receive information from psychic sources regarding B.G. Dozier. Some of these reports are from people who have demonstrated statistical significance in controlled parapsychological laboratory experiments, ~~sources it be~~ ~~able to~~ other reports are from people previously unknown to the parapsychological research community. It is difficult to interpret such data, even from tested psychics, since laboratory investigations usually do not simulate an operational problem such as locating missing people. It is even more difficult to assess data from an unsolicited, unevaluated, source ~~who~~ above ~~no~~ laboratory data or operational track record exists. Nevertheless, the potential of such data, especially when information from conventional sources is not available, ~~need to be~~ should be considered ~~for possibly leads or clues.~~ This judgement is based on review of laboratory results, with specific individuals that demonstrate a consistent statistical significance ~~for specific~~

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meaningful clues in police work. Some of these accounts are credible and are reasonably well documented. Consequently, such data cannot be dismissed out-of-hand. In the case of a search problem, such data may have the potential of narrowing down search possibilities and possibly providing additional ideas for the investigation.

3. (s) While an initial assessment of the reliability or credibility of the person providing the data may be possible, based on previous laboratory testing and/or operational track record, there still remains the major problem of assessing or interpreting the raw data. laboratory experiments in free-response type experiments using pictorial targets (i.e., describing concealed drawings, unknown geographic locations, etc) indicate that the descriptive elements such as shape or form, are generally of higher reliability than judgements or analysis (or labels) given by the psychic to what is being perceived. For example, an aircraft fuselage may be identified as a "submarine", or a natural cave as an "underground facility" of some sort. It also seems that scale judgements (distances, height of mountains, etc) are of low reliability. The data often

contain gaps and not all the elements of the intended target area are perceived. For example, only one or two buildings may be described in a 3-building complex, or only one "spire" may be perceived when several are in the area. There are also erroneous additions, possibly from memory associations to a similar place or from a tendency to fill-in via imagination. For example, an airport might be added to a train station target, since rail lines may suggest "long runways" or "parking aprons".

4 (S) Another major source of error in this type of data is with verbal responses. Laboratory results to date suggest very low reliability in direct correlations between concealed words and psychic impressions. In some cases, possibly depending on the individuals' background, training, and personal preferences, some target words are more likely to be perceived than others. In most cases (with poor psychics) there may only be a partial correspondence between target words and impressions. For example, the first few letters may correlate, or the perceived word may be a "sound alike". Sometimes the similarity is only symbolic or very indirect. This seems to be even more of a problem if the target words are in a language foreign to the psychic

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5. (S) therefore, a degree of finess must be exercised in attempting to apply data from a psychic source. Some aspects may be literal and direct, others may be incomplete, mislabeled or even totally incorrect. Only repeated work with a proven psychic source can help resolve data reliability, to evaluate the individuals various biases and type of errors, and to identify the individuals' strengths and weaknesses. Usually, the psychic person is likely to make most errors in analytical judgements regarding his or her own perceptrons; whereas people accustomed to work in pattern recognition type tasks appear to be better suited to interpret such data.

6. (S) In order to help assess strengths and weaknesses of psychic data, speaker feedback is required on initial data inputs. therefore, it is important to know what aspects of a perception were reasonably correct, only partially correct, or totally incorrect. With this information, efforts of the source must be re-directed along more fruitful lines of query, and the data accumulated can be reevaluated, perhaps with additional (and possibly more reliable) interpretation, the importance of

be overemphasized. In addition, details such as the

thoroughness of the search, the actual area covered, etc., are also important. It may be the correct area was actually searched, perhaps not at the right time (person moved), or not thoroughly enough, or it may be the search concentrated in one specific area, and was not expanded to cover other likely possibilities in the general vicinity.

7. (S) In addition, data from several independent psychic sources may ultimately prove to have common elements that form into an overall pattern, with some specific search options. Should this be observed, new interpretation of previously obtained data, regardless of thoroughness of feedback, may become possible. This "data integration" approach would examine new possibilities that fit the majority of the data and narrow down (or identify new search options. Additionally, data analysts might be able to list options in a most-to-least likely manner. This approach is believed to be a fruitful one for search cases where the target area has much terrain redundancy, is large, and where the target may be moved frequently.

8. (S) Therefore, since a data base from many psychic sources is now accumulating in this search area, an integrated assessment step can now be taken in the hope that ~~one set of scores~~, ~~and with a higher confidence level~~. ~~Additional search possibilities including after a previous~~ higher confidence can be given to the various possibilities. This would not exclude a previously identified areas, if ~~not~~ (moreover) searched thoroughly enough or if ~~the~~ a move into (this area) away has occurred. In addition to these assessments, specific new raw data will also be supplied for information to field users, ~~in the event it~~ since some aspects of the data might be of more significance to people at the scene than analysts far removed.

9. (S) Consequently, it is anticipated that at this stage in the search, such an integrated approach to use and interpretation of ~~psychic~~ data from psychic sources will provide more reliable inputs for a field use. Specific feedback and some search details will continue to be referred, however, for continuing evaluation. Ground states would also be useful of previously identified search areas; also, an awareness (by the data users) of some of the issues and problems in attempting to interpret such data, as discussed in this

interpretation in the field. It is hoped that

an iterative process, ~~with feedback from the field~~.
↳ between psychic ~~and~~ sources,
data analysts, and field users will lead to better
utility of such data, especially in the event
no ~~direct~~ data regarding ~~where~~ location of
G. Dozier ~~becomes~~ available.

10 (s) A follow-up message with integrated
data from various psychic sources will follow
shortly. this is not to preclude data
from individuals should this ~~data~~ appear to
be time-urgent or very specific in nature, and
readily easy to check-out. Ultimately, this
~~individual a order~~ data will also be
integrated in the total. on-going assessment
of data from various psychic sources. also request that
all other data received outside of DIA channels
be sent to DIA for evaluation and ~~possibl~~ possible
integration in the on-going assessment.

11 (u) appreciate your cooperation in this matter. —