(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, ~~in contrast to laboratio~~ other reports are from people previously unknown to the parapsychological research community. It is difficult to ~~usually~~ 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 ~~exist~~ data or operational track record exists. (S) Nevertheless, the potential of such data, especially when information from conventional sources is not available, ~~need to be~~ should be considered ^do 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 (ie. describing concealed
drawings, unknown geographic locations, etc)
indicate that the descriptive elements
such as shape or form, as relations locations,
are generally of higher reliability than judgements
or title 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 correlation between concealed words and psychic impressions. In some cases, possibly depending on the individual's 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 ~~the~~ fineness 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 ~~How serious becomes~~ ~~types of data which is of higher~~ data reliability, ~~and to~~ evaluate the individual's various biases and ~~even~~ types of errors, and to identify the individual's strengths and weaknesses. Usually, the psychic person is likely to make most errors in analytical judgements regarding his or her own perceptions; whereas people accustomed to work in pattern recognition type tasks appear to be better suited to interpret such data.

6. (S) In order to ~~assess~~ self assess ~~an individuals'~~ strengths and weaknesses of psychic data, ~~a~~ specific 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, ~~the as the~~ efforts of the source must be re-directed along more fruitful lines of query, and the data accumulated ~~to data~~ can be reevaluated, ~~and~~ perhaps with additional (and possibly more reliable) interpretation, ~~to~~ the importance of

be overemphasized. In addition, details such as the

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thoroughness of the search, the actual area covered, etc,
are very also important. It may be some 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 on in one specific area,
and was not expanded to cover other likely possibilities
in the same general vicinity.

7. (S) In addition, data from several independent psychic sources
may ultimately have prove to have common elements,
that form into an overall pattern, with some specific
search options. Should this be observed, or the various
data, new interpretation of previously obtained
data, regardless of thoroughness of feedback, may
be now become possible. This "data integration"
approach would examine new possibilities that fit
the majority of the data and narrow down (or identify new
prediction search options. Additionally, one data
analysts might be able to list options in a most-to-least
likely manner, including general and specific. This
approach is believed to be a fruitful one for search area
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 case, an integrated assessment step can now be taken in the hope that ~~one objective~~, ~~and with a higher confidence level~~. ~~additional search possibilities including after some 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/new way has occurred. On 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 on 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

~~This~~ an iterative process, ~~with~~ feedback ~~from the field~~. between psychic ~~as~~ sources, data analysts, and field users will lead to better utility of such data, especially in the event no ~~other~~ direct data regarding ~~where~~ location of G. Dozier become 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's~~ order data will also be integrated in the total on-going assessment of data from various psychic sources. also request the all other data received outside of DIA channels be sent to DIA for evaluation and ~~possibly~~ possible integration in the ongoing assessment.

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