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Statement of Work

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been tasked to review a technical program which currently resides with another sponsor. This program seeks to employ "remote viewing," a paranormal phenomenon, for intelligence applications. The CIA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) will contract with the American Institutes of Research (AIR) to assemble and manage a "blue ribbon panel" of outside experts to perform this review. The panel will contain a variety of experts with expertise peculiar to the issues in question in order to achieve the objectives stated below.

The issues to be addressed include program utility and validity of technical approach, and evaluation of the research and development in this area (within the program). The AIR panel must render a finding as to whether the program achieves its stated objectives, (i.e. does it facilitate the collection of intelligence?) and whether any changes in the operational, experimental, and assessment activities of the program might bring about a better result. Recommendations should be made as to appropriate strategies for this program in the future. These recommendations should be based on the data and information presented in the context of the program, including experimental designs, results obtained, proposed future research, etc. The recommendations should address which technical areas have potential for future research and identify areas not useful for further consideration.

To facilitate this retrospective review, we ask AIR to perform the following tasks:

- Assemble an objective, unbiased, panel of world-class experts to investigate the operational, experimental, and assessment activities of the program.

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- Review selected contract research and development studies relating to the technical program in for which unclassified reports are available.

- Interview and interact with the past principal investigators to the extent possible in order to develop a comprehensive understanding the program's current approach including its successes and failures.

- Interview, if necessary, past principal expert evaluators of the technical data since external evaluation has been utilized in the past to facilitate experimental design and validate results.

- Attend unclassified presentations in the Metro area by the existing program manager.

- Draft an interim report incorporating mid-term panel findings.

- Draft a final report incorporating all panel findings, and participate the extent appropriate in briefing these findings to various sponsor audiences.

- Provide 15 days of ad hoc consulting from senior AIR personnel on behavioral science related issues, including the preparation of a draft management strategy for any future program work in this area if warranted by the review.

- Support a final presentation of the findings of this review to appropriate members of Congress or their staff, if necessary.

AIR will be provided with a preliminary annotated bibliography of technical program studies. The panel will be able to select reports for review from this bibliography and

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gauge the appropriate scope of information necessary to complete the review's objectives.

AIR's panel review will be unclassified, but it cannot be released until the sponsoring Agencies have been briefed on the final results.

The anticipated level of effort for this review is less than one-half man year. The anticipated schedule is to complete this study by end of September, 1995.

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