

CRISE

90. Do you wish to continue with the training program? Please check those categories you would be willing to work within? *WE'LL DISCUSS THIS.*

- Full time 9-4:30 _____
- Part time 1/2 day _____
- Only for training exercises _____
- Record filing _____
- Site preparation _____
- Site evaluation _____
- Site analysis _____
- Housekeeping _____
- Map selection _____
- Map filing _____
- As a course instructor for new trainees _____
- As a site monitor _____
- As a training monitor _____
- As a tech training researcher _____
- Secretarial duties _____
- Report preparation _____
- Labor for materials support _____

91. Would you rather just "do your psychic thing" and leave the present project commitment to investigate the CRV training procedure to someone else?

Yes No

92. Do you think that basic R&D work should continue relevant to:

ARE WE ENGAGED IN R AND D. WORK HERE?

- (a) Tech training Yes No
- (b) Stage four Yes No
- (c) Stage five Yes No
- (d) AOLs Yes No

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WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE ALL OF THESE AREAS.

93. Would you rather work in general experimental ESP studies, rather than engage in the specific and controlled methodologies implied by the CRV training course?

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Yes Usually Sometimes No

94. Do you feel that your natural gifts at psi are being interfered with in any way by participation in the CRV training program?

Yes No

95. Do you feel that any part of the CRV methodology is harmful to you in any way?

Yes No (EXCEPT FOR BREATHING CIGAR SMOKE)

96. If you answered "yes" to question 94 or 95 please specify.

97. What specific aspects of the CRV methodology do you think should be changed?

SEE MEMO.

98. What specific aspects of the CRV methodology do you think should not be changed?

A STEP BY STEP APPROACH MAKES SENSE - PARTICULARLY WITH NOVICES.

99. If you have comments that are not handled by the foregoing categories, please state them below.

SEE MEMO.

I AM MAINLY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT CLASS A PRODUCT FOR OUR CLIENTS, AND IN FURTHERING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PSI FUNCTIONING. IF THE ONLY WAY TO WORK ON THIS IS ¹⁴ THROUGH THE CURRENT CRV PROGRAM I WILL DO LIKE I CAN TO CONTRIBUTE



MEMO

TO H.E. Puthoff, Project Director

DATE 9.15.81

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SUBJECT CRV Training Program Evaluation

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The techniques that we have been using in the CRV program are based upon some genuine insights into certain aspects of remote viewing and have, for the most part, been fairly useful. I am concerned, however, that we are not progressing as well as we might in this program. The reasons for this include:

- (1) Lack of adequate evaluation procedures: Are apparently improved CRV results a function of extensive practice by already experienced viewers, or are they based upon adherence to the specific methods that we have been employing? Are there objectively measurable differences between CRV results obtained before and after using these methods? While our clients are apparently not interested in a complete scientific analysis of the specific system we have been studying, as compared to other approaches to remote viewing, it would still be wise to conduct this program on as solid a scientific footing as possible. In this way, we may provide our clients with what we consider to be the most valid, reliable, and efficient means of reaching their objective based upon our own learning and experience.
- (2) Use of coordinates for targeting: Two major problems are posed by the use of coordinates to designate remote viewing sites. (a) Coordinates contain analytic information that viewers must cope with in addition to whatever psi information they are responding to. (b) The communication of analytic information about sites through the use of coordinates invalidates some of the psi functioning that occurs during remote viewing sessions. It is not always possible to assess whether certain information reported by viewers was obtained through psi functioning or through a simple analysis of coordinate locations. This uncertainty is detrimental to the development of steadfast psi functioning capabilities and is not necessary since there is no evidence to support the notion that coordinates provide a more effective means of focusing psi attention than do other methods of site delineation.
- (3) Ambiguous nature of methods and procedures: Is this a research and development program or a program to evaluate certain established procedures that are said to improve psi functioning in remote viewing? Does a clearly defined outline of methods and procedures exist anywhere for this program? The approach we have taken to various aspects of psi functioning (such as our approach to aesthetic impact) has been changed, on occasion, without directly informing program participants about the nature of these changes, or the reasons for them. On other occasions, participants have been left to recognize, after the fact, that in a given session they may be asked to report only very general features of a location while in other sessions they may be expected to describe highly specific

details of certain structures. Feedback is contingent upon providing remote viewing descriptions that conform to these expectations. Yet, when participants have not been informed about the level at which they are expected to respond (such as in the use of the radio telescope as a site following weeks of work focused upon general site descriptions) they can not be expected to automatically make their site descriptions conform to the latest feedback requirements. In such instances, participants are more likely to provide descriptions that are at a level similar to the descriptions that have been requested in recent previous remote viewing sessions. (This occurred in the radio telescope example.) Not clearly informing participants about changes in methods, procedures, and expectations leads to unnecessary confusion and frustration that is detrimental to our progress.

(4) Lack of a team approach: The program would be more productive if an emphasis were placed upon developing a team effort, rather than upon attempts to foster an aggressive competitive spirit among program participants. We are all capable of contributing important skills and background to this program, and motivating ourselves to put forth our best efforts, without such attempted interpersonal manipulations. A spirit of aggressive competition would simply impede progress. Suggestions that new participants may be brought into the program to replace existing team members who do not behave docilely represent a poor management strategy. We all have invested a considerable amount of time and effort in this program, just as the program has invested a considerable amount in each of us. Working on this program has, for all of us, not been a privilege, but is a responsibility that we all approach seriously and with integrity. We agreed to participate in this program, to evaluate the procedures that we have been employing, of our own free will. We can sign off of this program of our own free will also. Our efforts should not be focused upon childish attempts to establish interpersonal dominance, but rather upon providing an excellent product for our clients, using current procedures or whatever other approaches will help us to meet this objective. The program currently relies too heavily upon the direction and input of a single individual, while not drawing sufficiently upon the skills, expertise, and experience of other participants who may not always be available for consultation in the future.

(5) Security violations: I have been under the impression that the CRV program is classified and is not to be discussed with anyone who does not have a clear need to know about it. This is contradicted by events that transpired at the 1981 Convention of the Parapsychological Association in Syracuse, New York.

During this conference, I was approached separately, by two individuals, who presented me with essentially the same statements on different occasions: "Ingo Swann tells me he is training you to do remote viewing," and "Martin Ebon tells me that Ingo Swann says he is teaching you to be psychic." Project security has, apparently, been violated -- but not without the usual distortions.

This leads to several critical points: (a) We have been constantly reminded that the CRV program is not to be discussed outside of SRI, or even the laboratory chamber, Is this directive being contradicted by someone who is acting independently to divulge information about the SRI Project? Is the CRV program part of the overall SRI psychoenergetics effort, or is it the property of a single individual? (b) Participants in the CRV program are not being trained. We are evaluating certain techniques and procedures that have been suggested, just as we should be

also examining other approaches as well. (c) Participants in the CRV program had been assured anonymity through the use of assigned numbers, in lieu of their names. I object, in the strongest possible terms, to the attempted use of my name and reputation in this fashion. I would appreciate your resolving this matter within the Project, so that it will not become necessary to pursue a resolution at a higher level.

(6) General Project atmosphere: For reasons that we both know well, the working conditions on the overall Project have been something less than optimal. Project members have had more than a usual share of financial and interpersonal problems. It is difficult for us all to "keep to the helm" when we are not at all certain of where our next meal will be coming from, or what it may consist of. It is also not easy to provide our best efforts in an atmosphere distinguished by factionalism, rumor spreading, and almost non-existent communication among various Project members. Personally, I miss the esprit de corps that was present in other laboratories, even under the most adverse conditions.

If the past two years provide an indication, it is unlikely that working conditions here will ever improve significantly, despite the best efforts of some of us. I am, nevertheless, totally committed to what this Project is intended to accomplish, and will contribute all that I can toward the fulfillment of our objectives.