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Dear Rima,

Ed Dames has passed along to me your interest in being taught remote viewing. Unfortunately this is probably economically unfeasible, since the CRV training I evolved at SRI is very labor intensive and time extensive. Since I don't want you to feel this is a matter of mere obstinacy on my part, I'd like to say the following.

CRV training was evolved over an eight year period. Both the development of it and the training of certain preselected individuals was possible only because of the existence at the time of adequate facilities and a rather large and continuing amount of funding. Adequate training for a given individual may take as long as two years, but the time needed is completely dependent on given individuals and the speed with which they can accommodate the radical departures of thinking necessary to achieve proficiency. I evolved certain standards for achieving this proficiency, although second and third generations of trainees not under my direct supervision may not adhere strictly to these standards.

There are two major complexities involved. The first is that there is nothing in parapsychology or popular psychical lore which remotely resembles the CRV training methodology, goals, or proficiencies achieved. Second, success in the training requires the formation of new neural pathways or adaptation of existing ones which will accept, monitor, control, and apply the accessing of extra-sensory signals, while at the same time "learning" how to discriminate them amongst the noise which arises from several different sources.

The trainee cannot at all do this at first, and so the trainer must control that focus for the trainee, and do so on a repetitive basis, until the neural pathway becomes strong enough to act alone. There is no way the trainee can adapt what they think they already know about psi functioning, since nothing known resembles this new stuff. The training and the proficiencies which result are precision processes, and any deviation from the demanded precision will not only bring about failure, but probably disorients the new forming pathways.

The training is also cumulative, and was divided into seven "stages", each of which addresses a different aspect of signal.

Each stage builds upon the former, and when successfully acquired by the trainee, also predicts the emergence of the next stage - which duly appeared in all my trainees. The procedures which I isolated thus constitute some kind of natural and predictable developmental ESP - which, of course, is no longer a good acronym. The whole of this is dramatically different from all other kinds of psychic "development" courses which might be pursued in less than precision goal oriented ways, and none of which have isolated so much as one standard psychic principle.

The financial incentive would have to be very good to inspire a trainer to undertake training others in the commercial, public arena. I doubt very much that the transfer of this technology, due to its labor intensiveness, will ever really be achieved outside the formal, SRI-client auspices which once existed. There is another factor to be considered also.

For the research, development, and training to proceed, certain contracts were entered into by myself, SRI, and with binding implications among the clients. To sum these up, while the training technology was transferred to preselected trainees provided by the clients, and for in-house usage by those clients, the development and methodologies devised remained, by contract, exclusively propriety to me, and are in no way owned either by SRI, the clients, nor by the trainees, but are owned solely by myself. The technology was never intended to be offered for training on a commercial basis outside of the in-house usage by the clients, and stipulations in my contracts clearly establish this. I took great pains and a good deal of effort to establish this, because it is very easy for the precision nature of the training to become less than precise - and end up in a mess.

While this kind of training is unfeasible for all the above reasons, I have continued research into these matters, and during the last five years have made certain progress which establishes that the labor intensive methodology of RV, as designed by myself, can be undercut by other approaches which speed up the RV potential acquisition, and have larger implications beyond it. These new discoveries have a certain labor-intensiveness about them, but since the over-all yield is much larger, an effort of technology transfer based on them is more feasible. In effect, the building or readapting of neural pathways to accommodate the shifting of psi capabilities into applied abilities can probably be achieved much faster and even more perfectly than via the time consuming RV training approaches.

I am considering, and have been so doing for some time, offering these new developmental precision techniques to a selected nuclear group of people. But I have certain stipulations which must be met or resolved before this effort could come into existence. These new methods do not at all obviate any of the CRV processes, but the basis for them is quite

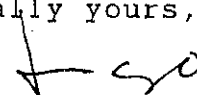
different. When RV was developed at SRI under my direct and sole auspices, we were without adequate knowledge of the full and important meaning of holographic foundations of time, existence, the mind, and what might be called "operating" within holograms. During the last five years, I have undertaken to understand holograms in their psychic context, and have made a good deal of progress in working with them. Certain precision-oriented approaches have become clear as a result, and these, when neural pathways have been constructed to accommodate specific holographic processes, yield faster and higher quality (in terms of magnitude) results.

But if these new developments were to be offered to a nuclear group, the effort would have to be on some solid and not an ad hoc basis. An organized school of some sort is certainly called for, one to which all members of the nuclear group would have to be committed for some time into the future. At my increasing age, I am not sure how of if to proceed.

In my twenty-year's experience, I can say one very sure thing about these capabilities. They exist naturally, and thus have a precise natural way of developing. When this natural developing is not precisely adhered too, then the whole psi system breaks down. Thus there is only one way to develop applied psi, and this way is determined by the ways which are inherent in the processes themselves. No amount of intellectual theorizing about these ways will do anything at all, unless intellect is first informed that the natural developmental ways exist, and that intellect must hone itself as a mirror image of these ways. I am sure you will recognize the compatibility of this statement in the light of all our other faculties and processes, each of which have their own precise ways of operating, and which, if deviated from, result in failure of those faculties and processes.

I'll be glad to discuss these matters with you more fully if you wish, but I hope you will now understand my reluctance to embark on a RV training regime.

Cordially yours,


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cc: Ed Dames