CIA Files: Parapsychologist Dr. Stanley Krippner, pioneering research in dream telepathy

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Tart's injunctions of the mid-sixties were being heeded at Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, by a team of researchers that included Dr. Montague Ullman, who was director of research for the hospital; Dr. Stanley Krippner; and, later, Charles Honorton. These three worked together for several years on experiments on the occurrence of telepathy in dreams. In the course of a half-dozen experimental series, they found in their week-long sessions a number of subjects who had dreams that consistently were highly descriptive of pictorial material that a remote sender was looking at throughout the night. This work is described in detail in the experimenters' book Dream Telepathy [33]. Honorton is continuing work of this free-response type in which the subject has no preconceived idea as to what the target may be.
STARFISH GARDNER MURPHY FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

Dr. Gardner Murphy, a former president of the American Psychological Association and current president of the American Society for Psychological Research, has given the Dream Laboratory a special fund to allow college students to engage in research activities. The first students to be awarded the Murphy Fellowships are James E. Rice (Wofford College, S.C.) and Mildred G. R. Brown (Northern University, N.Y.). Other students at the laboratory this summer include Richard Davidson (New York University), Gordon Goodman (California University, N.Y.), Bill Hughes (Oregon State College), Gayle M. Osborn (San Diego State College), and Diane Schneider (Hunter College, N.Y.). Test-time workers have included Ralph Blackman, Robert Harris, Dale Irwin, Ron Vicini, and Brian Washburn.

LAB STAFF TO PRESENT SIX PAPERS AT LSD CONFERENCE

Several research reports will be presented by Dream Laboratory staff members at the annual meeting of the Parapsychological Association in New York City, September 6-9, 1969. Dr. Montague Ullman, Dr. Stanley Krippner, and Charles Honorton will read a total of six research briefs and experimental reports. Dr. Krippner’s paper summarizes results from 55 experimental nights and 79 pilot nights in which a single subject and a single agent (who attempted to “send” a picture) were used in telepathy studies. Outside judges (who did not know which art print was used for any given night) assigned “hits” and “misses” to the sessions. The most successful combinations involved a male subject and a male agent -- or a male subject and a female agent.

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OBSERVATIONS

- Vivid, potent, dynamic material is best
- Must be relaxed, passive with increase of inner attention
- Female participants are more sensitive to colors
- Rapport, bonds, emotional tones important
- Motivation, goals are important
- Openness, self-acceptance is important
- Waking PSI experience is not important

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