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In response to requests for information with regard to the psychic research program at SRI International, this memo is to state for the record that this program does not involve the use of hypnosis, drugs, or other psychopharmacological agents, or treatment of research subjects by subliminal technologies or other means of stimulation unknown to them.

This policy statement derives from a broader SRI policy statement concerning requirements governing activities with human subjects (SRI International Administration Manual, Topic 812, Complete Revision 2 May 1977). This policy statement applies to all uses of human subjects at or under the sponsorship of SRI International. It is intended to comply with Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) rules and regulations for the protection of human subjects, and is concerned with the protection of any individual who may be at risk as a consequence of participation as a subject in an experimental activity. An individual is considered to be at risk if he or she "may be exposed to the possibility of injury, including physical, psychological, or social injury, as a consequence of participation as a subject in any research, development, or related activity which departs from the application of those established and accepted methods necessary to meet his needs, or which increases the ordinary risks of daily life, including the recognized risks inherent in a chosen occupation or field of service."¹ A Human Subjects Committee appointed by the Vice President and Chairman, Office of Research Operations, SRI International, is responsible for the enforcement of this policy.

SRI adheres to the statement of principles issued by the World Medical Association, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, New York 10019, and known as the Declaration of Helsinki. Copies are available from the Chairman of the SRI Human Subjects Committee.

¹ Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 46.