RENEWAL OF SOVIET INTEREST IN PARAPSYCHOLOGY EXCHANGE WITH US (U)

Description:

(C/WNINTEL) During October of 1976, Cosmonaut Vitaliy I. Sevastyanov, who flew on both the Soyuz 4 and Soyuz 9 missions, and professor Lev N. Lupichev, Chief of Laboratory, Institute of Control Sciences, Academy of Science, USSR, Moscow, met with US scientists involved in remote viewing research. The two Soviets were in the US attending the Aerospace Science Symposium held in Los Angeles, California. Although the meeting with the US scientist was billed as "unofficial" and purely for information gathering, it became obvious to the US personnel that for reasons known only to the Soviets, they were interested in re-establishing an interchange of ideas in the field. It also became obvious that Cosmonaut Sevastyanov had been briefed and was probably following an agenda of items to be discussed. Since that meeting a Soviet parapsychological researcher has initiated technical correspondence with a US scientist.

Comment:

(C/WNINTEL) To put the foregoing in perspective, it should be pointed out that as of early 1974 the internationally recognized scientists and un-official spokesman for Soviet parapsychology, Doctor Edward Naumov, Director of the Institute of Technical Parapsychology in Moscow, was arrested and jailed by the authorities, ostensibly for not severing communications with US scientists as he apparently had been ordered. From that time until October 1976, nearly all communications between Soviet and US parapsy-chologists ceased. However, Naumov was released from detention sometime during the spring of 1976. Since that time limited communications with Soviet parapsychologists have been resumed. The reestablishment of tech-nical exchanges between US and Soviet parapsychology researchers apparently has official sanction which represents a reversal of Soviet policy since 1974.

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