

Still stranger things were going on at the DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency) in the wake of the Geller research at SRI, according to Eldon Byrd, a lieutenant commander in the US Navy Reserve, who had left the full-time military to work as a civilian strategic-weapons systems expert at the Naval Surface Weapons Center in Washington DC.

With top-level secret security clearance, and contacts high in the CIA and DIA, Byrd was interested in non-lethal weaponry, especially biological warfare when used humanely to infect an enemy with *reversible* illness. To further his knowledge, he went back to school and in 1970, got a PhD in medical engineering, at George Washington University. He would later get involved in still more rarefied areas of defence, such as using electromagnetics as a weapon to confuse people, as a reversible process, and in experiments on thought transference.

It was only when Byrd, who the author interviewed before he died in 2002, started investigating Uri Geller and the whole psychic and remote-viewing arena, that he found himself in an area classified as beyond top secret and presented with a confidentiality document he had never seen before. 'The amusing thing about this document was there were twelve items on it saying I wouldn't do this and that, and the last item said, by signing this document, I agreed that the government would deny that I ever signed the document,' he recalled.

The reason for such paranoia, it turned out, was that one aspect of the most secret work Puthoff and Targ were doing (and still don't discuss) was even more challenging to science than remote viewing.

'They had a situation,' Byrd explained, 'where they had the remote viewer in some location covered by a satellite

going over and taking pictures so they could tell whether the remote viewer's data was correct. So the viewer drew a map of a compound at a location and there was a tank here and a building over here and when they got the photo back to compare there were some things he said were there that weren't on the photograph. That is, until two years later. That was what really got them going, *precognitive* remote viewing.'

To check out further whether this could really be the case, in 1974 when the eerie future-predicting viewing seemed to be occurring, they developed a way of ensuring completely random locations for the remote viewer to try to envision.

'The idea was for Puthoff, in a particular instance I knew of, not to know himself where he was heading. So Hal would drive along and if a car got behind them, they would slow down and let the car pass them. If the letter R or a couple of others appeared on the licence plate, they would turn right at the next intersection. Anything else, they would turn left, so they just randomly generated a location and when they got there, 30 minutes later they would take pictures and bring them back. So back at SRI, they would see there's the Chinese restaurant and Hal standing with his foot up with a blue jacket on and the marina and so on.

'But when they got back and listened to the tape of the remote viewer, it was mind-boggling. He was seeing what was going to happen half an hour before it did happen. One of the physicists, a friend of mine, said this is the most important thing we had discovered, and this was why we were ahead of the Soviets, because they can't believe in such phenomena because to them, *precognitive* remote viewing, *precognitive* anything, can't exist. The future hasn't happened yet. It cannot