

## **A controlled study of anomalous experience with PSI-conducive and PSI-inhibitory investigators: Part A: anomalous cognition; Part B: healing**

### **Results:**

#### PART A: Anomalous cognition:

This part of the project consisted of two studies. The first was a controlled replication of a remote viewing exercise by Lantz, Luke & May (1994). The original responses and targets were re-judged by two judges using identical procedures to those of Dr May. The results were passed to two intermediaries (Ray Hyman and Robert Morris). No statistically significant relationships between transcripts and targets occurred and the Lantz et al. (1994) were unreplicated.

In the second study seven remote viewing trials were videoed. No statistically significant associations between descriptions and targets were found. However there was strong evidence of subjective validation, a process by which the participant and the judge believes that there is a correspondence between a transcript and a target regardless of the accuracy of the matching (Marks, 2000).

#### PART B: Healing:

This part contained two studies. The first study involved a practitioner of “Pranic Healing” (Mr M). The healing involves no physical contact, yet the patient reports physical sensations and pain relief. Sessions with patients were videoed over their treatment. In the second study patients were interviewed at different points in their treatment. The patients reported positive effects including bodily sensations, deep relaxation, sleepiness and analgesia. A relationship between the healing and hypnosis is suggested, the basis for further studies.

The second study analysed patients’ accounts about their treatment from the viewpoint of discourse, categories and theories employed to explain the effect of the healing. The energy concept they employed was not a metaphorical one, but a category of physical energy outside of natural science.

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