Stargate Project

This article is about the U.S. government project on psychics. For other uses, see Stargate (disambiguation).

The **Stargate Project** was a secret U.S. Army unit established in 1978 at Fort Meade, Maryland, by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and SRI International (a California contractor) to investigate the potential for psychic phenomena in military and domestic intelligence applications. The project, which was compartmentalized and operationally secret by various code names – "Gondola Wish", "Stargate", "Grill Flame", "Center Lane", "Project CP", "Sun Streak", "Scanate" – until 1991 when they were consolidated and rechristened as the "Stargate Project".[1]

The Stargate Project's work primarily involved remote viewing, the purported ability to psychically "see" events, sites, or information from a great distance.[2] The program was overseen until 1987 by Lt. Frederick Holmes "Skip" Atwater, an aide and "psychic headhunter" to Maj. Gen. Albert Stubblebine, and operated out of the Fort Meade Intelligence Center.[3] The unit was small scale, comprising about 15 to 20 individuals, and was run out of "an old, leaky wooden barracks".[4]

The Stargate Project was terminated and declassified in 1995 after a CIA report concluded that it was never useful in any intelligence operation. Independent reviews by the American Institutes for Research and Stanford Research Institute, and numerous data, analyses and inter-judge reliability,[5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15] [16] [17] [18] [19] [20] [21] [22] [23] [24] [25] [26] [27] [28] [29] [30] [31] [32] [33] [34] [35] [36] [37] [38] [39] [40] [41] [42] [43] [44] [45]