EDWIN C. MAY

Edwin C. May spent the first part of his research career in his chosen Ph.D.-degreed discipline, Low Energy, Experimental Nuclear Physics, which he earned in 1968 at the University of Pittsburgh. Before leaving that career he had published 16 papers in the peer-reviewed physics literature including his report of the first measurement of the singlet state of the deuteron which appeared in the prestigious journal *Physical Review Letters.*

He became interested in serious research of parapsychological phenomena in 1975 when he joined the on-going U.S. Government-sponsored work at SRI International (formerly called Stanford Research Institute—a research organization then associated with Stanford University). In 1985, he became that program's director, but in 1991, he shifted the effort to Science Applications International Corporation, another US Defense Contractor. The overall program is now known as STAR GATE and its primary mission was to gather intelligence against our enemies during the cold war for various military and intelligence community organizations. These included: the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the intelligence arms of the army, navy, air force, and marines. In addition, the clients included the US Secret Service, the Department of State and the Department of Justice including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). While the primary mission of STAR GATE was to gather intelligence, Dr. May was given the responsibility of developing intelligence assessment tools, assessing foreign threats, and providing research in support of the overall mission. This research included proof-of-principle studies for extremely low observable communications systems and putative effects of mind-over-matter in order to disrupt guidance systems of in-coming enemy missiles, to name a few. Most all of the research was classified until 1989, and the existence of the program was finally declassified in 1995.

His association with government-sponsored parapsychology research ended in 1995, when the STAR GATE program was closed.

When the research was finally declassified in 1989, Dr. May was able to publish ground-breaking results and theories in the peer-reviewed literature — the latest of which appeared in an abstracted medical journal.[1] More recently Dr. May and his associates have made substantial progress toward developing a physic model to understand how it is possible to gain information from a random, unrealized future and non-inferential event. This model, which has appeared in the peer-reviewed literature, is based upon the well-known physics principle called the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics which informs us how our perception of time goes in one direction only; whereas, the underlying physics is insensitive to the direction of time.

To learn more about the STARGATE era and the research since then, including the complete set of publications, please visit www.LFR.ORG.

Dr. May's approach has earned him an international reputation for his research rigor and excellence even though the topic is considered controversial. He recently was honored to give a public talk about intelligence collection at the World War II famous site, Bletchley

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Park, in the UK. His technical presentations mostly to skeptical audiences, have been accepted worldwide where the venues include, Harvard University, the Universities of California at Los Angeles and at Davis, Stanford University, the University of Edinburgh, Trinity College—Cambridge, Eötvös Loránd University in Hungary, the University of Stockholm, and Imperial College London to name but a few.

More recently he has been invited twice to lecture to the Strategic Studay Group the director of which, reports directly to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). Located at the Naval War College in Newport, RI, this program has contributed leading-edge ideas some of which have been encorporated into management of the US Navy and Marines. More information about the SSG can be found at www.usnwc.edu/About/Chief-Naval-Operations-Strategic-Studies-Group.aspx.

In managing complex, interdisciplinary research projects for the US federal government since 1985, Dr. May has presided over 70% of the funding ($22 M) and 85% of the data collection for the government's 22-year involvement in parapsychological research. His responsibilities included fund raising, personnel management, project administration and planning, and he was the guiding force for and active in the technical research program.

Currently, Dr. May is the Executive Director of the Cognitive Sciences Laboratory, which now resides within the Laboratories for Fundamental Research. Since its founding in 1996, 13 of 17 research proposals to private foundations have been supported.

He accumulated over 12 years' experience in experimental nuclear physics research, which included the study of nuclear reaction mechanism and nuclear structure. Dr. May's accelerator experience includes a variety of tandem Van de Graaff generators and cyclotrons operating under 50 million electron volts. Other specialized experience includes four years of γ-ray spectroscopy, one year of trace-element analysis (x-ray, and α-particle techniques), numerical analysis, Monte Carlo techniques, digital signal processing, and cardiac blood flow research. In addition, he has conducted physiology research through the careful investigation of the efficacy of biofeedback in a clinical setting.

Dr. May is fluent in a variety of 3-G and 4-G computer languages including C, FORTRAN, IDL, Visual Basic, Matlab, SQL and various machine codes,

His Dissertation was *Nuclear Reaction Studies via the (p,pn) Reaction on Light Nuclei and the (d,pn) Reaction on Medium to Heavy Nuclei*. B. L. Cohen, advisor, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (1968). He is the author or co-author of a large number of papers, reports, proposals and presentations from both of his career activities, where are available upon request.

Dr. May's extensive technical and experimental knowledge has allowed him to apply these techniques to the study of parapsychological phenomena from the utmost critical, detailed, and reductionist perspective in accordance with the rules of the scientific method. This approach has contributed to his and his colleagues' success.

The Parapsychological Association, an affiliate member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, granted him the Outstanding Achievement Award in 1996 for his contribution and research excellence, and the Association presented him the Outstanding Career Achievement award in 2007. He was President of The Parapsychological Association in 1997 and has served often on its Board of Directors.

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