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The mind is a mysterious entity. It is not restricted by the walls and chains of this physical world. There is a theory which states that the mind is contained in a universe parallel to that of ours, where time is one of the fundamental physical dimensions. Similar to the way we can move right, left, up, down, front and back in the 3 physical dimensions, in the universe of the mind, it is possible to move front or back in time. The reason this is possible is because thoughts move instantaneously, unlike anything in the physical world which is limited by the speed of light ($\sim 3 \times 10^8$ m/s).

Dr. Stephan and I had been researching about out-of-body experiences for a few years now. Several times, the subjects claimed that they were able to catch a glimpse of themselves 2-3 seconds prior to the event. This led us to believe that if we were able to modulate the thoughts by transforming them into the frequency domain and sampling them, we should be able to send a person's thoughts into a 'negative frequency', thus sending them backwards in time.

The basic procedure involves the discharge of a high pulse through the subject's body while in the REM stage of sleep. It induces them into an 'out-of-body experience'. During this stage, we monitor the brain signals and produce a 'personality imprint' of the subject. We modulate the frequency into a negative state, thus sending it back in time.

After two years of intensive research, technology in the field has reached a new level of sophistication. With simply the 'personality imprints' of two people (where one of the subjects is from the same timeline as the observers), we can transfer their personalities with a reasonable rate of success. Transmitting them back in time is simply a matter of modulating their frequencies. The real challenge lies in identifying the personality imprint of the vessel. Unless the thoughts of the vessel are transmitted into the universe, there is no way of catching the imprint, and identifying the vessel. Essentially, this means that the vessel in question would also need to be in an out-of-body experience at the time - something that was not in our hands. We discovered that near-death experiences can dislodge a person's mind from his body, causing an out-of-body experience. Hence, the easiest way to proceed would be to scan backwards in time for the personality imprint of our choice - assuming that he had been in an accident at some point of time - and quickly insert our own personality imprint before the experience ended. Memories, however, cannot be transmitted all at once, due to their vast size. Hence, they need to be continuously fed to the subject as and when required. For doing this, a constant link is maintained with the personality imprint in the frequency domain, so we are able to feed in memories as well as read the thoughts of the vessel, in order to monitor progress.

To
Department of Psych
University of Berlin

13 November 2041

CLASSIFIED
Dr Konigsberg is hereby given full authority to undertake Astral Drive of subject Joshua Klein to Pre-World War II Germany so as to infiltrate Hitler's Inner Circle and eliminate Hitler.
Dr Konigsberg is hence to be given Clearance level 6 resources to perform Astral Drive.

What would the world have been like if not for the gas chambers?

- Annalise Bertram

The New York Times

Friday, July 21 1944

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON HITLER

RATSENBURG: Hitler cheats death once again as a bomb planted in a briefcase goes off, but fails to kill him. The explosion which took place yesterday in the Wolf's Lair, Hitler's Eastern Front Military Headquarters left 3 Nazi military officers and one stenographer seriously injured. Nazi officials say this was yet another attempt on the German Führer's life by the German resistance movement. Unfortunately, Adolf Hitler escaped unscathed, except for a few wooden splinters in his leg and injuries to his right arm. He even managed to keep his appointment with Italian leader Benito Mussolini.

The German News Agency said the German people were deeply grateful that no serious harm had come to their leader and that fate had allowed him to "accomplish his great task".

"The attempt which has failed must be a warning to every German to redouble his war effort," said the newsreader.

The explosion took place sometime between 12:40 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Hitler and his officers are believed to have been shielded from the blast by a leg of the conference table.

It is presumed that Col. Heinz Brandt, who was standing next to Hitler, used his foot to move the briefcase aside by pushing it behind the leg of the conference table, thus unwittingly deflecting the blast from Hitler. Col. Brandt, however, was one of the three officers injured in the blast.

Stauffenberg told the other conspirators that Hitler was dead. Following this, there was an attempted military coup by General Friedrich Olbricht, head of the General Army Office headquarters at the Bendlerblock in central Berlin and his co-conspirators. General Olbricht controlled an independent system of communications to reserve units throughout Germany.

General Olbricht announced that the Führer had been assassinated and initiated operation Valkyrie. The reserve army was instructed to disarm the SS, and arrest the Nazi leadership by Olbricht.

But when Hitler was sufficiently recovered, he was able to phone Goebbels at the Propaganda Ministry. Goebbels arranged for Hitler to speak to Major Remer, commander of the troops surrounding the Ministry. After assuring him that he was still alive, Hitler ordered Remer to regain control of the situation in Berlin.

As word spread that Hitler was alive, the less resolute members of the conspiracy in Berlin began to change sides. As they grew weaker, their attempt to overthrow the Nazi regime was suppressed.

General Fromm convened an impromptu court martial consisting of himself and sentenced General Olbricht, Lt. Col. Stauffenberg and Oberleutnant Haeferten to death.

It is planned that Hitler would make a radio broadcast on Friday detailing the failed assassination and military coup attempt.



The shattered remains of the Wolf's Lair after the explosion.

The conspirators planned to set up provisional government by arresting SS officials under pretext that the SS would try to stage a d'état y utilizing Valkyrie.

Operation Valkyrie is an emergency code of government operations plan developed by the Nazi Germany for the Territorial Army of Germany to execute and in case of a general breakdown in civil the nation.

This is the third attempt on Hitler's life, which underlines the tension in Germany with a two-front war as the northern France and the Red Army.

You will never learn what I am thinking. And those who boast most loudly that they know my thought, to such people I lie even more.

- Adolf Hitler

Phase I of Project Valkyrie: Astral Projection
Initiator: Classified
Supervisor: Dr. Isaac Konigsberg
Clearance Level 6 Required

18 November : Subject for Astral Drive identified as Joshua Klein, Ex- Field Intelligence Officer, Mossad. Fluent in German. Subject is cooperative and passes preliminary physical endurance tests.

19 November : Cognitive Analysis initiated. Sympathy levels to be studied. Subject is shown images from the Holocaust and World War II. Functional Neuro-imaging confirms increased activity in Lateral Orbitofrontal Cortex. No Pro-Nazi sentiments detected.

21 November : Subject meets Initiator. Mission briefing completed. Subject is given access to data on Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg, whose identity the subject will assume after Astral Drive. Subject to undergo personality studies for successful identity switching.

26 November : Evaluation of cohesion levels during Astral Drive initiated. Post-sedation. Subject's brain is linked to the Astral Portal. Subject projected to hyper-space without associating himself to any specific vessel for 2 hours without interruption. Brain activity consistent. Successfully monitored brain activity through the Portal. Subject stable and cohesive.

12 December 930 am : Subject prepped for the procedure. To minimize cognitive impairment, Lorazepam administered to sedate Subject. Subject's brain is linked to the Astral Portal. Destination co-ordinates set as: Vessel - Claus Von Stauffenberg, Place - Tunisia, North Africa, Time - 7th April 1943. Projection initiated. Delta waves recorded. Deep REM sleep confirmed. Subject to wait for infiltration until the vessel is injured in the air-raid by British fighter-bombers.

21:7 pm: Incoherent outburst of beta-1 waves. Subject experiencing lucid dream confirms completion of Astral Projection into the vessel of Stauffenberg. Identity switching has been completed and Stauffenberg's consciousness has been eliminated. Severe wounds to the vessel. Brainwaves attenuate. Subject lapses into Alpha-Coma.

26 December: Consistent beta-1 waves observed. Subject resumes contact through signature brainwaves. Mission activation requested and granted. It's the 21st of April 1943. Subject relocated to 1st General Military Hospital in Munich. Astral Transfer is complete and is successful.

Log 1 - Projected Coordinates - 11 August 1943, General Friedrich Olbricht's Office.

4 months since the switch. Stauffenberg has recovered from his injuries. Phase II of the Operation has started. Stauffenberg meets General Friedrich Olbricht, part of the resistance against the Fuhrer - Adolf Hitler.

Olbricht: This man (points to the portrait of Hitler) is one of the slimiest bastards I've ever known. And there are more than 30 assassins who have failed and share the same sentiment. Are you sure you are up for the task, Colonel?

Stauffenberg: I am very well aware of the complexities. But I'm also convinced that if there is anything that is imminent, it is that the man be eliminated. Für Deutschland.

Olbricht: Then I guess it is time you met some people; people who dream of the same; people who know wiser; people you can trust.

Stauffenberg: How close can they get me to Hitler?

Olbricht: Close enough. But then, you are on your own.

Stauffenberg (mockingly): Heil Hitler!

Olbricht: Claus. A decorated war veteran joining the Widerstand. Tell me, was it the war wound? Or was this brewing in your head for long?

Stauffenberg: Does old man Beck still head the Widerstand? I guess that's why you haven't had any success yet. (chuckles)

Olbricht: You will know soon enough.

Log 2 - Projected Coordinates - August 21 1943, Widerstand meeting at house of Ludwig Beck.

Stauffenberg introduced to the rest of the Resistance. Apart from Stauffenberg and Olbricht, people present at the meeting were: Ludwig Beck, Henning von Tresckow, Erwin von Witzleben and Carl Friedrich Goerdeler. After a few rounds of exchanging pleasantries:

Beck: Olbricht here holds you with much respect, Claus. He seems to be convinced that you are the kind of central figure we need. What do you have in mind young Colonel?

Stauffenberg: Assassinate the Fuhrer.

Witzleben: You make it sound so easy. Why don't you ask von Tresckow here the reality? The man boasts of more failed assassination attempts than the titles of Goebbels.

Tresckow: What's worse? Every time an assassination attempt goes wrong, Hitler is led to believe that it is an act of Divine Providence. It further cements his belief in what he is doing.

Beck: Let the Colonel speak. Claus, tell me what have you decided.

Stauffenberg: Gentlemen, do you know of Operation Valkyrie?

Olbricht: Operation Valkyrie is an emergency operations plan for the Territorial Reserve Army to execute and implement in case of a breakdown in civil order of the nation. Tresckow can modify Valkyrie with the intention of disarming the SS in the event that Hitler is assassinated.

Stauffenberg: We get Hitler to sign the newly drafted Valkyrie and assassinate him the same day.

Witzleben: And who do you think is capable of doing that?

Olbricht: I have just promoted Stauffenberg to the post of Chief of Staff of Reserve Army. That will grant him the much needed proximity to Hitler. Oberleutnant Werner von Haefen will help Stauffenberg in the assassination.

Log 3 - Projected Coordinates: October 20 1943 Stauffenberg's Office

Stauffenberg: Oberleutnant, do you know why you have been called?

Haefen: No, but if it makes the Fuhrer unhappy, I am sure to participate. Olbricht briefed me on the situation.

Stauffenberg: (smiles) I like people who talk straight. Do you know of the British Operation Foxley?

Haefen: I know people in the resistance who were contacted by the British and spoke highly of the operation but it was so rarely discussed that I thought it was just another story of the resistance's high hopes.

Stauffenberg: There is a reason why so few know and talk about it. It is because the plan never materialized as the British could never find an inside man. But we are right for the job. Our Operation Foxley would be to assassinate Hitler during his morning exercise at his Berghof residence. A sniper would infiltrate the Berghof compound and move to a spot where he would be concealed. You do know how to snipe, Oberleutnant?

Haefen: You underestimate me, sir. But may I ask, how can I be sure that the Fuhrer would walk right into my crosshairs?

Stauffenberg: Leave that to me. This is the modified copy of Operation Valkyrie. I will be meeting Hitler for his approval and signature of the newly drafted version of Valkyrie. After obtaining the signature, I shall accompany him to the tea-house while briefing him about the deployment of the reserve army. That should be enough to distract him and get him into your crosshairs.

Haefen: What do you think are the chances of success?

Stauffenberg: (chuckles) Lets go through the map and the plan once more, shall we?

Log 4 - Projected Coordinates: December 2nd 1943, Berghof.

Hitler, Dr. Goebbels and Stauffenberg present at the meeting.

Goebbels: So tell me, Colonel, do you miss all the action from the front lines?

Stauffenberg: (smiles politely) I did try convincing Olbricht, but the General wouldn't agree. He claims that I am two fingers short to fire a gun. (shows his left hand)

Hitler: (looks at Goebbels) I wish more of my men were as brave as you. For what reasons have you scheduled this meeting, Colonel Stauffenberg?

Stauffenberg: Mein Fuhrer, General Olbricht has sent the revised version of Operation Valkyrie for your approval.

Hitler: (sternly) And why would the General assume it needs revision?

Stauffenberg: The priority here is the complete exclusion of SS.

Goebbels: Ha! This must be one of Bormann's wicked ideas.

Hitler: Doctor, you don't speak ill of Bormann, not in front of me, not in front of anyone! Show me the document. Himmler's SS are a bunch of dishonest criminals who have no knowledge or appreciation of National Socialism. There is no doubt in my mind that once I am dead, there will be a power struggle.

Stauffenberg passes the papers. Hitler inspects it thoroughly.

Hitler: Die Walküre, one of Wagner's several masterpieces. "Whoever wants to understand National Socialist Germany must know Wagner". (signs the documents after thorough inspection and hands it over to Stauffenberg) Doctor, Colonel, it is time for me to meet Eva at the tea-house.

Goebbels nods and leaves the room. Stauffenberg stays.

Hitler: It seems you have something to say.

Stauffenberg: As Chief of Staff of Reserve Army, I'd like to brief you in detail about the deployment of Reserve Army. I think it is imminent we discuss the several scenarios that might come up. The British almost penetrated Berlin air-space on the 21st of November.

Hitler: Walk with me, will you?

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Hitler, two of his personal entourage and Stauffenberg exit the Berghof compound and start walking towards teahouse. After leaving the Berghof they walk downhill along the wooden walkway. They reach the famous overlook at the Mooslahnerkopf. Stauffenberg is supposed to stall the Fuhrer here, but the Fuhrer himself stops to enjoy the beautiful view of the Berchtesgaden valley below. Stauffenberg expects von Haefen to make the kill anytime now. An unknown army general walks into the meeting. Hitler introduces him to Stauffenberg as SS-Major Herr Otto Flick.

Flick: Pleased to meet you too, Colonel Stauffenberg.

Stauffenberg: (slightly distracted) Er. Yes. Mein Fuhrer--

Hitler: Stauffenberg here was elaborating upon the deployment of the Reserve Army during the Allied invasion of Berlin.

Flick: With all the 88 mm Flaks that surround Berlin being put on alert, I doubt your contingency plan will ever be put into motion. (Smiles confidently)

Stauffenberg: As Chief of the Reserve Army, it is my responsibility not to overlook these scenarios.

Hitler: (ignoring Stauffenberg) Flick, what news do you bring? The SS seem a lot more secretive nowadays. Is Himmler plotting something behind my back? (Laughs)

Hitler and Flick lead the group towards the tea-house. Stauffenberg knows that the moment has passed.

There ought to be something very special about the boundary conditions of the universe and what can be more special than that there is no boundary?

- Stephen Hawking

Any problem on Earth can be solved with the careful application of high explosives. The trick is not to be around when they go off.

-Colonel Quirnhelm

Projected Coordinates: January 14 1944 - Widerstand meeting at house of Ludwig Beck

Witzleben: What happened to the Berghof shooting, Colonel? We were expecting good news before Christmas.

Von Haefen: I had him. I had him in my crosshairs. But before I could pull the trigger, that huge general walked in and blocked my line of sight.

Goerdeler: It's a good thing you didn't shoot him. Hitler alone, dead won't serve our motives. We need to wipe out as many of his Inner Circle as possible.

Tresckow: With the war situation deteriorating, Hitler plans to shift his residence to Führerbunker. Then on it will become extremely difficult to even get close to him, let alone assassinate him and the whole bunch of fanatic Nazis.

Beck: I hate politics, but I must say the politician is right. (Goerdeler approves) We must assassinate most of his Inner Circle. Especially Himmler. Himmler, even more than Hitler.

Goerdeler: With the war turning against us, Hitler is becoming less of the tactical strategist he was before. With him gone, if Himmler were to seize power, the war would prolong and Germany will have to pay a much steeper price.

Stauffenberg: The meetings of the Inner Circle have been shifted to the Wolf's Lair, the Führer Headquarters in the East Prussian town of Rastenburg. We will have to plant a bomb during one of these meetings.

Olbricht: I know some people who can assist us with the explosives. Stauffenberg, von Haefen and I will go through the details of the mission and report back. In the meantime, Beck, you must try to convince Fromm and other high ranking officials to join the resistance. We have to install a trustworthy government, in the hopeful possibility that the plot goes through successfully.

Beck: Yes. Carry on with the mission. But remember, Himmler must be killed too. Him being alive can only worsen our cause.

Projected Coordinates: 7 July 1944, Wolf's Lair, East Prussia

Von Haefen and Stauffenberg are in the army quarters. They arm the explosives which are set to detonate in 20 - 30min. Stauffenberg, carrying two slabs of explosive, approaches the Führerbunker, while von Haefen waits outside.

On entering the Führerbunker, Stauffenberg observes that most of Hitler's Inner circle is present. Hitler joins in too, but Himmler is absent. Stauffenberg decides to wait a little longer.

Hitler: Where is the Reichsführer of the SS? Have the Reds gotten to him?

Keitel: The Schutzstaffel seems to be indifferent to the needs of the hour. I think the SS should divert their resources from the concentration camps to the front.

Jodl: Mein Fuhrer, we intercepted some radio transmission regarding possible defectors within the SS. SS-Major Herr Flick found the transmissions really crucial and insisted that Himmler look into that. They are in a meeting with Erich Fellgiebel at the communications superintendent's post.

Hitler: Then we shall break the meeting for now and meet in an hour's time.

Amidst shouts of Heil Hitler, Stauffenberg excuses himself from the meeting and comes out of the Führerbunker. Signaling von Haefen, they both go back to the army quarters and defuse the bomb in time. The 2nd attempt is also a failure.

Projected Coordinates: 20 July 1944, Wolf's Lair, East Prussia

Stauffenberg and von Haefen reach the Wolf's Lair at 10 am. The conference is scheduled to start at 1230 am. Stauffenberg receives notice that the meeting has been shifted to Speer's conference hut. He plans not to arm the bomb until he is absolutely confident of success. At 1220 am, he reaches the conference hut. Everyone is present, including Himmler. At 1230 he excuses himself to use the washroom. He arms the first slab of explosive but before he arms the second one, there is a knock at the door. He abandons the second charge and goes back to the conference hut.

He stands a few feet away from Hitler and places his bag underneath the table. A few moments later, he gets a message that an urgent phone call from Berlin just came through and that he is expected. He excuses himself again and walks out of the conference hut to the communications office. Von Haefen is waiting for him outside in a staff car.

At 1245, the bomb detonates. The conference hut is shattered and a plume of smoke engulfs it. Stauffenberg joins von Haefen and makes the getaway. They pass the checkpoints before the alarm is sounded and reach Rastenburg Airport. Here they board the flight back to Berlin.

20 July 1944 - Bendlerblock, Berlin.

Stauffenberg observes that Operation Valkyrie has not been initiated yet. Olbricht informs him that Fellgiebel called from the Wolf's Lair stating that "Hitler is wounded but alive". Stauffenberg is convinced that there is no way the Fuhrer could have survived the detonation a few feet from him. They go ahead just as planned. Olbricht arrests Fromm and Valkyrie is initiated. Major Remer of the Reserve Army is informed about Hitler's death and the coup by SS officials. According to Valkyrie, a state of emergency is declared and the Reserve Army has absolute control. They start rounding up and arresting SS officials and other Nazi leaders. Berlin is secured in a matter of hours. Vienna, Prague and other cities follow suit.

But soon, news breaks out that the Fuhrer is alive. Major Remer turns his forces against the conspirators. The coup fails. Stauffenberg and his co-conspirators are caught and are sentenced to death in a court-martial by Fromm.



Claus von Stauffenberg

Dr. Isaac Konigsberg

We have been closely monitoring you and your subject and the changes you've sought to bring on the timeline of our universe, and have been actively countering them. "Why" you may ask, "What is wrong with killing the most reviled figure in history?" The fact of the matter is, people in your time have but an infinitesimal understanding of the intricacies of time travel and the ripple effects a change such as the assassination of Hitler would cause. While I understand that the possibilities unlocked by your newly developed technology may appear fantastic, I urge you to heed our warning and cease meddling with this nascent science.

Terrible calamities have long been a mainstay of our history and it's natural that, as human beings, we feel it's our moral imperative to alter them if given the power to do so. But our universe, being a deterministic universe, would be greatly destabilised by doing so, perhaps even ceasing to exist. Hence, it's the duty of our organisation, the 'Ministry of Temporal Affairs' to maintain the status quo, and it is to this end that we thwarted your assassination attempt.

Our organization is endowed with a technology which allows us to obtain snapshots of impending tears in the timeline. The first tear we detected corresponded to your first assassination attempt. We immediately moved to prevent it by sending one of our operatives back in time, who took over the identity of SS Major Otto Flick for that purpose. The scene of the sniper scoring his kill was analysed to determine the projectile's trajectory and the location where the assassination would be carried out. The operative was then duly instructed to block the line of sight of the sniper. He was also told to keep track of the activity of the other person in the picture, Claus von Stauffenberg as we'd surmised he may well have had a role to play in the attempt.

In his ensuing investigation, he discovered that this was indeed the case, on bugging one of the clandestine meetings Claus held with his fellow conspirators. Immediately after this revelation we received our second warning – a snapshot of a bomb exploding in the Wolfhouse. We instructed our operative to peruse Claus's schedule, where he discovered Claus planned to visit the army quarters of the Wolf's lair on the 7th of July. Our operative moved to remove Hitler from there by handing over pressing information on the Red Army's movements to Himmler, the commander of the SS, thus distracting and delaying him, knowing full well that without Himmler, Hitler would not continue the meeting.

After an interval, we received the inevitable third tear warning. This one contained an image of an explosion at the conference hut. History dictates that this explosion did happen, yet due to only one charge being armed and Col. Heinz inadvertently pushing the bag containing the charges away from Hitler, his life was saved. Our operative quickly went to ensure this occurred by interrupting Claus in the washroom, preventing him from arming sufficiently and pushing Col. Heinz onto the bag in the conference hut. Once Hitler was sufficiently recovered from the assassination attempt, our operative advised him to slightly delay the news that he was alive from being broadcast so the conspirators who planned his death would be revealed, thus ensuring everything happened just as history said it had happened.

We hope through the above we have conveyed our message across clearly enough, and we trust Project Valkyrie will no longer seek to change the past. Please "Let bygones be bygones" as the old adage goes.

- Ministry of Temporal Affairs



"Yeah, but what if you went back and killed your own grandfather?"

He stared at me, baffled. "Why the hell would you do that?"

- Stephen King

*As the frayed knots of time unravel,
As the sands drift, the ropes untangle,
Twas a vision for long, dreamful, dear,
But now a clear chance to time-travel.*

*Seizing the chance to manipulate
Distort our history, and demonstrate-
The scope of our vision, a world of dreams
A world with a time disparate.*

*With the astral world on our side
A suitable target identified,
The soul of promise, sent into a trance
Ordered - till the chance beckons, abide.*

*The Fuhrer was not meant to be
History has shown for all to see
Inhuman, insidious. Thus we decide
To leave him in time's debris.*

*But try as we might, we cannot,
The forces do not allow our lot
Divine projection? Astral protection?
This battle, to the death, must be fought.*

*Once more we failed, and as we fled,
Our vision's not wrong, O! The bloodshed!
But let him have his guardian devil
Rest not till his coal-stained heart lies dead.*

*A final gamble - a prayer to the Norse
Visit us, O muse, atop a white horse,
In this battle against the Nazis, we plead,
Grant us the power. Your heavenly force.*

*The plan is set, treason implied;
Our forces stand ready to take down his pride
As we signal the start with the explosion of our might
The Valkyries swoop in to join the riptide.*

*But treason follows treason. Our ship now sank.
The goddesses, they had chosen their flank.
Only the devil himself could return from hell,
To round us up to walk the plank.*

*The game is up, as time's decree
The past remains what it was meant to be,
Our lamenting breath, we face our death
As the future retains its integrity.*

Narmada Hostel

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