

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY OF PRESTIMULUS RESPONSE TO WHITE NOISE AUDIO STIMULI

You are invited to participate in research intended to determine whether the autonomic nervous system responds to a future audio stimuli. Previous research has shown that some people respond around 3 seconds *before* the sound occurs. The results of these experiments have implications for our understandings of physics, physiology and human performance..

At the beginning of the session, we will attach electrodes to two of your fingers using a hand-cream like paste (i.e., weak saline solution in a neutral base) and adhesive medical tape. Signals from these electrodes are collected by a electrically isolated skin conductance monitor and sent to a computer for storage and analysis. During The 20 minute experimental period you will hear approximately ten 1-second long bursts of loud (approximately 95 dB) white noise, similar to radio static. At the end of the session, an assistant will remove the electrodes. All reference to you in records of this experiment and in any published results will be in coded or in consolidated form.

Similar research in other laboratories has shown that no health risks are involved in participating in this type of experiment. This field of research, however, is deemed by some to have no scientific foundation. Some friends or colleagues, therefore, may consider your participation to indicate a belief in the occult or paranormal. While no one to our knowledge has suffered career damage from participating in research of this kind, you should realize that your credibility with some persons might be damaged if you should choose to reveal your participation in this experiment.

In addition, there is no reason to believe that, having participated in studies such as this you will be able to use your abilities for specific personal gain. Occasionally, participants come to believe that they possess so-called psychic skills which can be used for personal profit in games of chance or speculative investments. Thus, the risk exists that you may come to believe that you have a skill that you may not possess. You are advised of this risk and warned that you assume responsibility for any assumptions which you make about your personal skills or capabilities.

If this explanation leaves you with any unanswered questions, please ask and obtain answers satisfactory to you before signing below. If you have questions later, please call Mr. James Spottiswoode (310) 927 1054. Your participation in this research is voluntary and you are free to cease participation at any time. If you decide not to participate or later withdraw from participation, there will be no adverse consequences for you.

Consent Agreement

After receiving the information provided above and the answers to my questions, I agree to participate as a participant in the activity described. I consent to the use and publication of any data or information resulting from my participation, provided that I am not personally identified. I further understand that additional information regarding the experiment will be available to me on request and that I may withdraw my consent to participate in this experiment at any time. I further certify that I am an adult. Your signature indicates that you have read and understood the above information, that your questions have been answered to your satisfaction, and that you have decided to participate based on the information provided. A copy of this form can be furnished to you.

Signature of Participant

Name in CAPITALS

5/4/2003
Date