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## HELLO WORLD



It seems that every time I travel somewhere, I come across a connection with SRI International. On a recent visit to the Original 16 to 1 Gold Mine in Alleghany, California (near Grass Valley), I found another connection to SRI. The Original 16 to 1 Gold Mine annual shareholder report states: "The Mountain is transparent to radar!" This was the surprised remark of Lambert Dolphin, SRI's Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) expert. Dr. Dolphin worked at SRI for over 30 years and left in 1987 to pursue small-scale independent geophysical consulting services. SRI has continued to perform research on GPR to find landmines and other concealed items of interest. Although using GPR to find gold would be great, I'd trade a ton of gold to save lives any day.

One of the miners snapped my photo while venturing down to the 1,000 foot level, about two miles in the mine. Close (but not close enough) to where they recently found a pocket of 125 ounces of gold! They wouldn't let me get any closer. Having always wanted to own a gold mine, I started doing some Internet research on GPR technology. This led me to another SRI reference where I discovered that, in 1977, the U.S. National Science Foundation funded a project involving SRI at the Great Sphinx in Egypt. Several anomalies were observed behind the rear paws. It was claimed that hidden chambers were confirmed with SRI being credited for determining their locations in the project's early stages.

I did get a chance to talk to a retired SRI employee who knew Lambert Dolphin and set me straight about the true story. There were no hidden chambers. Instead there was a technical issue with the GPR in Egypt. The Pyramids are built out of sandstone and stay moist due to the Nile River. The samples sent to SRI had dried out by the time they got to Menlo Park and thus the GPR appeared to work. When the actual field studies were done, the moisture caused the anomalies. Lesson learned: Beware of the stories from the Internet!

If you are traveling near or far, you are likely to find references to SRI (just double-check the facts). I can confirm that it is a fact that SRI Federal Credit Union pays the 1% Visa® international currency conversion fee when using your SRI FCU debit or credit card. This can save you real money – not false gold. If you do find that magical GPR that detects gold (or have an interesting story), give me a call!

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