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Field study location: At Residence of the participant, Capitol Hill, Seattle, WA

CONSENT FORM

The Role of Automated Open Source Information in Intelligence Analysis by a High-Level Domain Expert.

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RESEARCHER'S STATEMENT

We are asking you to give consent to use data we collected in our session on October 24th, 2008, where we performed a think aloud research protocol during your analysis of political instability in Niger's uranium mining region. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether to give consent or not. Please read this form carefully. You may ask questions about what we are asking you to do, the risks, the benefits, your rights as a volunteer, or anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When all of your questions have been answered, you can decide if you want to give consent to use the data we collected or not. This process is called "informed consent." We will give you a copy of this form for your records. We will keep the original and send a copy to Veratect Corporation.

PURPOSE, PROCEDURES, AND BENEFITS

As part of the study entitled "Think-aloud of Socio-Political Analysis" we took photographs and made an audio-video recording of your think-aloud verbal data during the analytic session.

If you agree, we would like to save copies of the photographs and audio-video recording. We also would like to keep a copy of the written transcript of the think-aloud data. The data will be kept at the University of Washington and made available, if requested, to the Veratect Corporation, the sponsor of this study. The data will only be used for research dealing with mapping mental processes involved in an expert's analysis of political situations.

The University of Washington researchers will also share information about your identity and academic credentials in publications of study results. This information will include things like your career achievements and affiliations to establish the fact that you are a genuine expert in Political Analysis.

The research that is done with the data we collected with your participation will probably not provide you with any direct benefit. It might help in training novice analysts and improving systems designed to aid political analysis.

The choice to let us keep and publish data derived from your think aloud protocol is up to you.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

We will label the data from your think-aloud protocol with personally identifiable information about you including your name. This data will be archived and published. Your name and professional affiliations will be disclosed in the publications to establish that we studied a genuine expert.

One of the risks of allowing us to identify you and publish the data is that this might expose the nature of your work to people beyond your current professional community.

OTHER INFORMATION

As per the advice of Karen Adams, Human Subjects Review Administrator, this study does not require to go through Institutional Review Board for human subject approval as this is a single subject case-study.

The data will be kept archived and published by the library of the University of Washington. The data could be used by other researchers in ways we could not control. Neither the University of Washington nor Veratect Corporation anticipates any profits from this activity, but if there were any, there are no current plans for how they would be shared.


Even if you decide now that your personally identifying information and data can be archived and published for the research, you can change your mind later. Just let us know that you do not want us to use your data for any new research.

Your name could be used in any published reports about this study.

We will archive and publish the data collected in this study.

QUESTIONS


If you have questions about this research or about this study, please contact one of the people listed on this form.

 10/23/09
Signature of person obtaining consent Date

Mark Haselkorn 10/23/09
Printed name of person obtaining consent Date

SUBJECT'S STATEMENT

I agree to allow the University of Washington researchers and Veratect to store and publish data collected during my think-aloud protocol and my personally identifying information for future research concerning the mental processes involved in an expert's analysis of political situations.

 10/23/09
Your signature Date

Daniel Chirrot 10/23/09
Your printed name Date