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There is also new testimony from a living senior former CIA official and others who worked for the Agency confirming that Geller was exhaustively laboratory tested on behalf of the CIA, and was used as an intelligence asset of the CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency – and that under President Carter's presidency, using psychics in intelligence matters was known about and accepted at the White House.

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"Regardless of where the truth lies, Uri Geller is one of the most fascinating people of all time and has created a great debate. THE SECRET LIFE OF URI GELLER is such a great book and really brought some new things to light about the importance of Geller and how the government looked at him and utilized him." - www.ringsidereport.com (November 20, 2013)

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