

**P5,** Since Wilkins' location and task were known to Sherman, it probably wasn't too hard for him to "record" some thoughts that coincided with what Wilkins was doing and thinking—for instance, that he was cold, and seeing a lot of snow and "continuously bad weather." Guessing at "thought impressions of what was happening to [Wilkins]" could, it seems, be much easier in this scenario than, for instance, trying to guess what someone in a nearby building is thinking. (*Explain . . .* ) Placing this experiment in the arctic might actually make it easier to get matches. (*continued*)

## **P5 continued,**

Moreover, if the results were only confirmed by people with an interest in psychic phenomenon: Wilkins, Sherman, and Dr. Alexander Edmund Ronald Strath-Gordon, then it remains to be verified that 60 percent of the thoughts matched exactly between what Sherman recorded and Wilkins' diary.

So, whatever the actual percentage of matches, another explanation for the data is that Sherman was guessing, and that explanation is at least as good as (or better than) the hypothesis.