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s Flying Saucors

1. PROBLEM

To determine:

a. Whether there are national security implications in the problem of fundamentalist flying objects' i.e. flying access:

b. Whether edequate study and remearch is convently being directed to this problem in its relation to such matical accuraty implications; and

e. What further investigation and research phould be implifuled, by since, and under what social.

2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

- a. OSI has investigated the work currently being performed on flying amoors and has found that:
 - (1) The only unit of forerment currently studying the problem is the Directorate of Intelligence, USAY, union has charged the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATA) with responsibility for investigating the reports of signtlega-
 - (2) At ATIC there is a small processoristing of a receive Captain, two Licuterants and two secretaries to make come all reports of similars through official channels, and which conducts investigation of the reports either Itaalf or through consultation with other Air Force officers or with civilian technical consultants.
 - (3) A world-wide remorting system has been instituted and rajor hir cores cases have been ordered to make intercaptions of unidentified flying objects.
 - (h) The research toing carried on is strictly on a case basis and expects to be derived solely to attempt a splinfactory explanation of each individual sighting as it occurs.
 - (5) ATE has concluded an arrangement with Esttelle Mesorial Institute for the latter to establish a machine indexing system for official reports of mightings.



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(6) Since 1947, ALE has received approximately 1907 official reports of sighting plus an enormus volume of letters, please calls and press reports. Furing the north of July 1952 alone, official reports totaled 290. Of the 1907 reports, Air Force carries 20. as upon belief and of those received January through July 1952 it carries 20. anarylained.

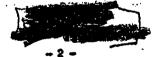
3. Diccuttion

a. CSI entered into its inquiry fully mare that it was coming into a field already charged with particonable, one in which objectivity had been overridden by moments constituted without an entered for extravagant explanations as well as for oversimplification. The CSI Team consulted with a representative of Air Force Feedial Itulian Groupy discussed the problem with those in charge of the Air Force Project at Wright field; reviewed a considerable volume of intelligence reports; checked the Soviet press and breadcast indices; and conferred with three CSI consultants, all leaders in their scientific fields, who were chosen because of their broad knowledge of the technical areas concerned.

b. CEI found that the ATE sindy is probably valid if the purpose in limited to a case-by-case explanation, becover, the study makes no attempt to solve the nore fundamental aspect of the problem which is to determine definitely the mature of the various phonomena which are causing these signtings, or to discover means by which these causes and their visual or electronic effects may be immediately identified. Our consultant permi stated that these solutions would probably be found on the markins or just beyond the frontiers of our present knowledge in the fields of electronic, incomparing, and extraterrestrial phonomena, with the suici possibility that our present dispersal of madeur waste products might also be a factor. They recovered that a simp group be formal to perform three functions:

- (1) Lumiyes and systematize the factors of information which form the fundamental problem;
- (2) Determine the Fields of funktionial science which must be investigated in order to reach an universtanding of the phonomena involved; and
- (3) Nako recommuniations for the initiation of appropriate research.

Dr. Julius A. Stratton, Vice President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has indicated to UT that much a group could be constituted at and Amstitute. Similarly, Project Almoolog, the Air Force air defense project at AIR, could be charged with these responsibilities



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a. The flying gracer citation contains two elements of danger which, in a citation of intermational tension, have national security implications. These are:

- (1) Prochotorical With world-wide eightings reported, it was found that, up to the time of our investigation, there had been in the Eureian press no report or commune, even naturical, on flying saucors, though Amire Growko had nade one humorous mention of the midject. With a State-controlled press, this could result only from an official policy decision. The question, therefore, trises as to whether or not these signings:
 - (a) Could be controlled,
 - (b) Could be prodicted, and
 - (c) Could be used from a psychological warfare point of view either offentively or defensively.

The public concern with the chemesons, which is reflected in the United States press and in pressure of inquiry upon the Air Force, indicates that there is a fair proportion of our population which is restally conditioned to the acceptance of the incredible. In this fact lies the potential for the tenching-off of mass hysteria and punic.

(2) Liv Valuerability - The United States Air Warning System will undoubtedly always depend upon a constitution of reder screening and visual observation. We give impose the present depolility of delivering an air statek against us, jut at any given moment now, there may be current a dozen official unbiantified slightings plus pany unafficial. At any moment of attack, we are now in a position where we cannot, on an instant basis, distinguish hardware from pacentom, and as tousion mounts we will run the increasing rick of false elects and the even greater danger of falsely identificing the real as phantom.

b. Foin of there problems are orimarily operational in makers but each contains readily apparent intelligence factors. From an operational point of view, three actions are requireds

(1) Immediate steps should be taken to improve identification of both visual and electronic mannon so that in the event of an attack, immented positive identification of energ places or missible can be made.

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(2) A study should be instituted to determine that, if any, utilization could be made of those themseem by united States payabological various planners, and must, if any, defenses should be planned in ancicipation of Soviet etempts to utilize them.

(3) A national policy should be established as to that should be told the pullic regarding the phenomena, in order to minimize risk of panic.

c. Intalligame problems includes

- (1) The present level of Puszian knowledge regarding these phonocens.
- (2) Fossible Soviet intentions and capabilities to utilize these phenomena to the delibent of US security interests.
- (3) is a reasons for silance in the Foriet Press regarding flying sincars.
- d. Intelligence responsibilities in this field as regards both collection and one-year can be discourred with maximum effectiveness only after much more in known regarding the exact mature of thece phonomena.
- o. The problem transcends the level of individual departmental responsibilities, and is of such importance as to marit cognizance and scient by the Estimal Security Council.
- f. Additional research, differing in chereter and emphasis from that presently being performed by Air Force, will be required to meet the specials needs of both operations and intelligence.

S. RECEREMENTATIONS

It is recommended test:

a. The Eirector of lamiral intelligence edvice the intianal Scourity Council of the security isolications inherent in the flying select product with the request that, under his statutory coordinating authority, the Director of Central Intelligence be expected to inhibite through the Exprendate agencies, either within or without the contractat, the investigation and research measure; to solve the product of instant positive Mentification of municatified flying objects.

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e. On the beside of these programs of recovery CLE develop and recommend for succession by the initial featility Council a policy of public intermation which with minimize the risk of panic.

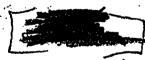
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