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EMMANITUM POR: Director of Control Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Evaluation of UTO's

- 1. This remorandum is for your information in response to your request.
- 2. As you know, there has been a recent spate of reports of UPO's (which third flying chiecks) in news socia. Eidely publicated UPO reports during the past 18 conthat include: the July 1003 careywrie, California, incident in which the UPO was later identified as an strengt; the UPO's reportedly susceisted with the Gerini launching in April 1004 which probably were due to frequents causing rader reflection; and the Paturent, Maryland, incident in Beamber 1004, in thich the objects were apparently tracked by rader, but later analysis attributed the sighting to maken, but later analysis attributed the sighting to other reported phenomena reveals no evidence that UPO's are of fereign origin or are a threat to the security of the Buitze States.
- 3. The Office of Scientific Intelligence/ID SAT contors reports of UPO's, including the official Air Force investigation reports, and common with the Air Force concludions, which are unclassified and evailable to nelectific inventigations. Of some LIL WO reports towestigated during 1504, only UP are classed as unidentified; il inventigations are still possing. Attached are the official Air Perce statistics for the time period half-1933 by your and for NG4 by month.

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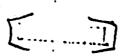
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TO : Ch. ... Pontact Division

72-65 DATE: 25 Jenuary 1965

: Chief, FROM

SUBJECT: National Investigation Cormittee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)

This confirms conversation 19 January 1965, at which time various semples and reports on UFO sightings procured from NICAP were given to for transmittal to OSI. The information was desired by OSI to assist them in the preparation of a paper for the preparation of UFO's.

- In accordance with request, we met on 19 January 1965 with Mr. Richard Herris Hall, Acting Director of NICAP. Though Major William Kehoe, founder of NICAP, is still listed as Director of the organization, we gather that he is present on the premises at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., only infrequently.
- The material which was given to us on loan by Mr. Hall is representative of the type of information available at NICAP. Their past and present correspondence from all over the US relative to UFO sightings is voluminous. They have slack periods, as was the case in December 1964, thus there were no "Investigators" reports immediately available for the month of December. NICAP has active Committees scattered throughout the US. Investigators active with these committees=call-upon the sources of reported ... UFO sightings to obtain first hand, eye witness accounts of the sightings. A printed form, prepared by the Air Force for NICAP's use, is utilized during the interview, and submitted to NICAP headquarters along with the source's eye witness account as told ..... to the investigator. It was our-understanding that copies of these reports go directly to various Air Force bases. There apparently is a strong feeling on the part of NICAP officials, i.e., Kehoe and Hall, that the Air Force tends to downgrade the importance of UFO signifings because they (the Air Force) does not care to have too much made of the sightings by the US press. We were told by Mr. Hall that there have been instances where the Air Force has attempted to intimidate witnesses and get them to sign false statements relative to UFO sightings.







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4. The most recent UFO sighting of considerable interest to NICAP was the series of pick-ups of UFO's on the radar screen of the Patuxent Naval Air Station between 1500 and 1530 on 19 December 1964. This incident was reported in the press as a single sighting, a UFO approaching Patuxent at speeds up to 3500 miles per hour. The Air Force a day or so later stated in the press that the blip was caused by faulty-radar equipment. Actually, according to Hall, who talked with an unidentified person close to the situation, there were three separate sightings:

(a) Two UFO's about 10 miles apart, southeast of Patuxent, approaching at a high rate of speed, disappeared from the screen:

(b) A single UFO picked up 39 miles southeast of Patuxent, altitude estimated somewhere between three thousand and 25 thousand feet, approaching base at estimated speed of six thousand miles per hour. UFO lost from screen about, 10 miles out;

(c) A single UFO eight miles northeast of Patuxent, approaching at high rate of speed, made 160° turn, and dropped off the screen.

The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) station at Salisbury, Maryland, was contacted to determine if any reported UFO's; a radio operator had received a message from a US Coast Guard ship reporting "visual objects sighted" in same locale at approximately the same time of day. Hall did give us the name of one of the radar operators at Patuxent -- a Chief Pinkerton.

- 5. There was another UFO sighting reported in the area by the Washington Post within the last week or 10 days. Several men watching from the windows of the old Munitions Building on Constitution Avenue watched several UFO's on the horizon traveling at high rates of speed. They have promised to fill out NICAP's sighting questionnaire, which Hall says we are welcome to see when evailable.
- 6. informed us that she is requesting a security clearance on Mr. Hall predicated upon biographic information provided by





