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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- 1. Transmitted herewith is a copy of the report (Tab A) of the scientific punel convened as a result of the action taken by the Intelligence Advisory Committee on a December (IAC-M-90, paragraph 3A) on this subject. Attached to the report are a summary of evidence presented (Tab B) and a list of the personnel participating (Tab C).
- 2. It is proposed to transmit copies of this report to the Secretary of Defense; the Director, Federal Civil Defense Administration; and the Chairman, National Security Resources Board for their information and such action as they may feel necessary.
- 3. The results of the panel's studies have moved CIA to conclude that no National Security Council Intelligence Directive on this sub-
- 4. Please inform the undersigned by 25 February 1953 if you do not concur in the action and conclusions contained in paragraphs 2 and 3, above.

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REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON TO SEE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- 1. Pursuant to the request of the Assistent Director for Scientific Intelligence, the undersigned Panel of Scientific Consultants has met to evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by Unidentified Plying Objects ("Tlying Saucers"), and to make recommendations thereon. The Panel has received the evidence as presented by cognizant intelligence agencies, primarily the Air Technical Intelligence Center, and has reviewed a selection of the best documented incidents.
 - 2. As a result of its considerations, the Panel concludes:
 - a. That the cvidence presented on Unidentified Flying THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE Cojects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security. to national security.

We firmly believe that there is no residum of cases which indicates pheropena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile The transfer of the second , acts, and that there is no evidence that the phonomena indicate a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.

3. The Panel further concludes:

- That the continued emphasis on the reporting of these phenomena does, in these parlous times, result in a threat to the orderly functioning of the protective organs of the body politic.

We cite as examples the clogging of channels of communication by irrelayant The state of the s reports, the danger of being led by continued false alarms to ignore real

indications of hostile action, and the pultivation of a merbid national psychology in which skillful hostile propaganda could induce bysterical behavior and beneful distrust of duly constituted authority.

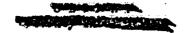
- 4. In order most effectively to strengthen the national facilities for the timely recognition and the appropriate handling of true indications of hostile action, and to minimize the concomitant dangers alluded to above, the Panel recommends:
 - a. That the national security agencies take immediate steps
 to strip the Unidentified Flying Cojects of the special status they
 have been given and the nurs of mystery they have unfortunately
 acquired;
 - b. That the national security agencies institute policies on intelligence, training, and public education designed to prepare the material defenses and the morels of the country to recognize most promptly and to react most effectively to true indications of bostile intent or eaties.

We suggest that these sims may be achieved by an invegrated program designed to ressaure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomena, to train paraconal to recognize and reject false indications quickly and effectively, and to strangthen regular channels for the evaluation of and pro-pt resettion to true indications of hostile measures.

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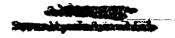
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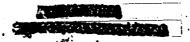
- 1. Seventy-five case histories of sightings 1951 1952 (selected by ATIC as those best documented).
- 2. ATIC Status and Progress Reports of Project GRDUCE and Project BLUE BOOK (code names for ATIC study of subject).
- 3. Progress Reports of Project STORK (code name for Pattelle Memorial Institute contract work supporting ATIC).
- 4. Samary Roport of Sightings at Hollowan Air Force Base, New Mordee.
- 5. Report of USAF Research Center, Cambridge, Ness., Investigation of "Green Pireball" Thenomena (Project TWINGLE).
- 6. Outline of Investigation of U.F.O. to Proposed by Kirtland Air Force Base (Project POUNCE).
- 7. Notion Picture Films of sightings at Transnton, Utah, 2 July 1952 and Great Falls, Montana, August 1950.
- 8. Surmary Report of 59 selected cases of sightings of various categories /formations, Plinking Lighte, Hovering, etc.).
- 9. Draft of Danual: "How to Make a FLTOERFT", prepared at ATIC.
- 10. Chart Showing Plot of Geographic Location of Unexplained Sightings in the United States during 1952.
- 11. Chart Showing Balloon Launching Sites in the United States.
- 12. Charts Showing Selected Actual Balloon Flight Paths and Relation to Reported Sightings.
- 13. Charts Showing Frequency of Reports of Sightings, 1948 1952.
- 14. Charts Showing Categories of Amplanations of Sightings.
- 15. Rodachrome Transparencies of Polyethylone Film Palloons in Eright Sunlight Showing Kigh Reflectivity.

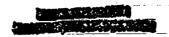




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- 16. libtion picture of accoulin in bright sunlight showing high reflectivity.
- 17. Intelligence Reports Relating to U.S.S.R. Interest in U.S. Sightings.
- 18. Samples of Official USAF Reporting Forms and Copies of Pertinent Air Force, Army and Navy Orders Relating to Subject.
- 19. Semple Polynthylone "Pillow" Balloon (54 inches square).
- 20. "Variations in Radar Coverage", JANP 101 (Varual illustrating unusual operating characteristics of Service radar).
- 21. Miscellaneous official letters and foreign intelligence reports dealing with subject.
- 22. Cepies of popular published works dealing with subject (articles in periodicals, newspaper clippings and books).





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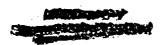
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