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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

FROM : Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT : Consultants for Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects

1. PROBLEM

To obtain the services of Dr. Luis W. Alvarez and Dr. Thornton Page as ad hoc consultants to the O/SI Advisory Panel on "Unidentified Flying Objects", scheduled to convene 14 January 1953.

2. ASSUMPTIONS

It is assumed that Dr. Alvarez and Dr. Page will accept employment as consultants.

3. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

a. Item 3 of the Minutes of IAC Meeting, 4 December 1952, states that: "The (Agency) will enlist the services of selected scientists to review and appraise the available evidence (of "unidentified flying objects")...."

b. Dr. Luis W. Alvarez is an outstanding scientist in the fields of radar operation, characteristics and anomalies.

c. Dr. Thornton W. Page is a particularly competent astronomer and astrophysicist. Moreover, he has given considerable thought to the subject of "unidentified flying objects".

4. DISCUSSION

a. Every effort has been made to consider the most competent scientists whose dispositions are suitable to this complex study. It is believed that the above men would be eminently satisfactory for the task.

b. A check of the Consultants' Registry disclosed that consultants presently employed by CIA either did not have the proper qualifications or were currently unavailable.

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c. At this time it is desired to utilize the services of these men in this advisory panel only rather than process them as regular CIA consultants.

d. The rate of compensation is expected to be \$50.00 per day for each consultant.

e. Approval of use of these men on matters through SECRET has been obtained from FSO.

5. CONCLUSION

It is concluded that Dr. Alvarez and Dr. Page are particularly well suited to serve on the O/SI Advisory Panel on "Unidentified Flying Objects".

6. ACTION RECOMMENDED

That permission be granted to approach Dr. Luis W. Alvarez and Dr. Thornton W. Page with regard to service as ad hoc consultants on the subject of "unidentified flying objects" and to initiate the necessary personnel action.

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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

Date

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ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

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