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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Conference

1. A meeting was held at the Department of Air Force, AFCIN, at 1330 on 17 Feb 1959, for the purpose of discussing the Air Force philosophy toward and policy regarding the Unidentified Flying Objects Program. The following persons associated with the program were present:

- Mr. A. Francis Arcier, AFCIN-4
- Col L. T. Glaser, AFCIN-4E4
- Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Scientific Consultant UFO Program
- Mr. B. L. Griffing, AFCIN-4E4
- Maj J. F. Byrne, AFCIN-X1A
- Maj L. J. Tacker, SAFIS-3
- Maj J. E. Boland, SAFLL
- Maj R. J. Friend, AFCIN-4E4g

served as chairman with competence & tact

2. Brief on Dr. Hynek:

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Astrophysicist, Ohio State University, presently on leave of absence to act as Associate Director of the Satellite Tracking Program for the Smithsonian Institute.

Dr. Hynek has been the Air Force's scientific consultant on the UFO Program for ten years and has been invaluable in this capacity.

Dr. Hynek suggested this meeting to allow him to air some of his views on the UFO Program and his personal problem of adverse publicity. (Letters and publications intimating his only interest in the UFO Program was for financial gain.)

Dr. Hynek indicated that he felt the Air Force had done a good job of handling a very difficult program with the limited resources available. The purpose of the meeting being to improve on these resources and other facets of the program in an effort to improve on our job.

3. The agenda is attached as TAB-A

4. Discussion, Conclusions and Suggestions:

a. Official Name of the Program:

It was concluded that the present name of "Unidentified Flying Objects" was not appropriate and that a name change was desirable. However, it was felt that this was not the proper time for a change due to the possibility of supplying the UFO fanatics with ammunition for a new attack. This subject is to be given further consideration. In this connection it was decided to no longer identify the unsolved cases as "unknowns" but rather as "unidentified."

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AGENDA FOR UFO POLICY MEETING

1. Introduction.

- a. Purpose of meeting - to discuss the Air Force philosophy toward and policy regarding the UFO Program, with an aim toward correcting deficiencies.
- b. Statistics.
- c. Cost and manpower estimates for January 1959. *all attempts made from now on*

2. Areas of Interest.

a. Public Relations.

- (1) Unidentified Flying Objects a misnomer, possibility of using Unidentified Aerial Phenomena as official name.
- (2) Dr. Hynek's problem of adverse publicity.
- (3) Education of public - advantage taken of all favorable publicity.
- (4) Rapid processing of information on reported cases to prevent possible "snow-balling" at SAFIS.

mistake to do this except slow process

3. Attacking the Problem.

a. Reporting.

- (1) Speed.
- (2) Accuracy and completeness.

b. Investigations.

- (1) Speed.
- (2) Completeness.

c. Analysis and evaluation of reports.

d. Suggested changes to AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, and change thereto.

e. Re-evaluation of old cases catalogued as "unknown" when bringing "Blue Book" up to date. The "unknown" cases, especially the more sensational, are being exploited over and over by organizations and individuals with some specific axe to grind.

f. Possible investigation of UFO Organizations and key personnel that have proved the most troublesome.

g. Conclusions.

4. Future Outlook.

a. What appears to be the normal extension of the "Flying Saucer" craze?

b. What can we do to lessen the impact of this new problem?

c. Conclusions.

5. Summary.

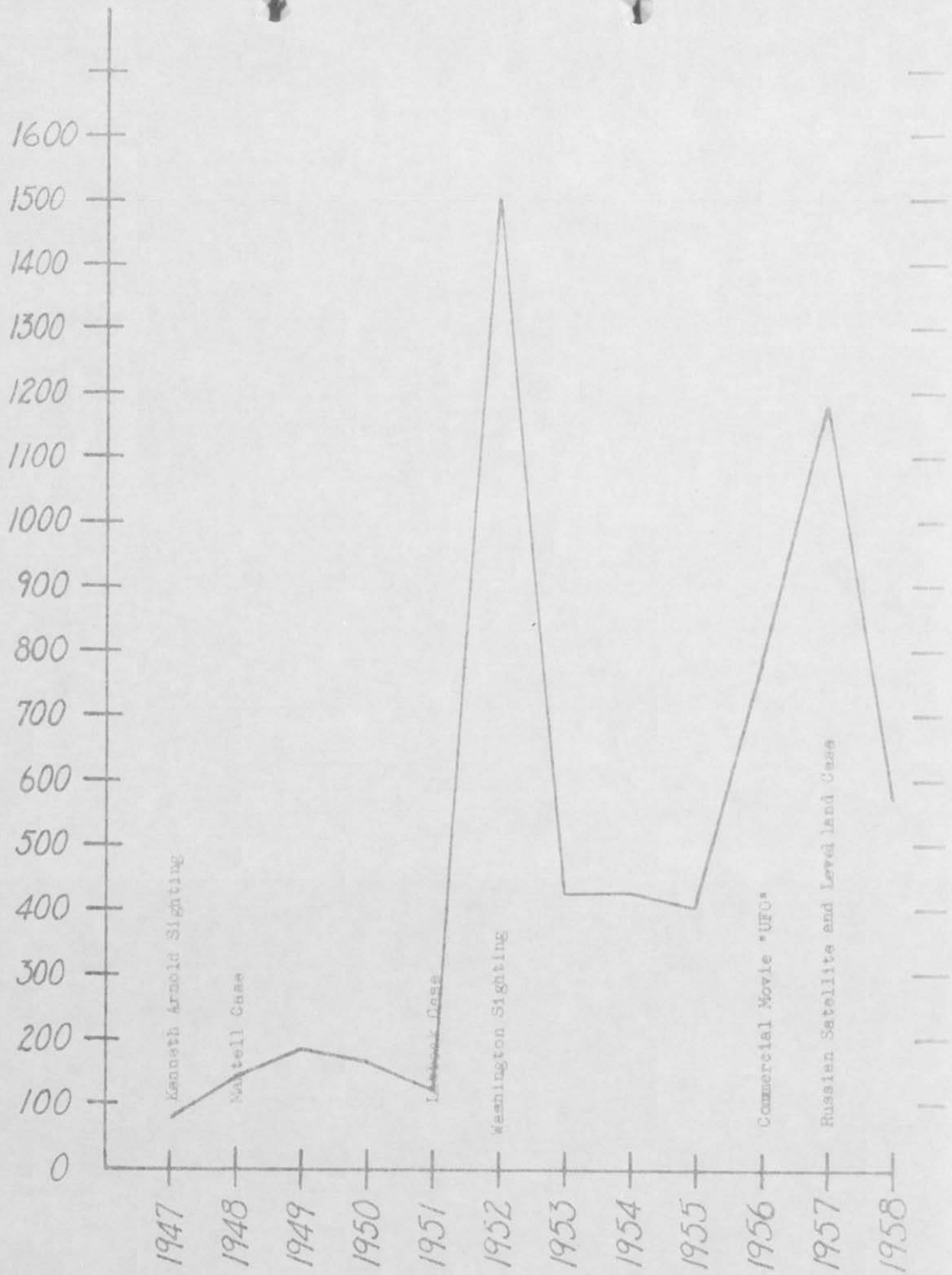
OBJECT SIGHTING

YEAR	# OBJECTS SIGHTED AND REPORTED
1947	79
1948	143
1949	186
1950	169
1951	121
1952	1501
1953	425
1954	429
1955	404
1956	778
1957	1178
<u>1958</u>	<u>573</u>
11½ years	5986

It appears that some incident is usually responsible for touching off a rash of sightings -

- 1952 - Washington Sighting
- 1956 - Commercial Movie "UFO"
- 1957 - Russian Satellite

The satellite was launched in October and 701 of the total **1178** sightings for the year took place in the last three months.



	1947-1952	1953-54	1955	1956	1957	1958	TOTALS	%
<i>ASTRONOMICAL</i>	479 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 21.8\% \end{array} \right.$	214 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 25.0\% \end{array} \right.$	85 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 21.0\% \end{array} \right.$	205 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 26.3\% \end{array} \right.$	326 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 27.7\% \end{array} \right.$	176 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 30.4\% \end{array} \right.$	1485	24.8%
<i>AIRCRAFT</i>	474 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 21.5\% \end{array} \right.$	170 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 20.0\% \end{array} \right.$	108 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 26.7\% \end{array} \right.$	192 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 24.6\% \end{array} \right.$	286 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 24.2\% \end{array} \right.$	120 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 21.0\% \end{array} \right.$	1350	22.6%
<i>BALLOONS</i>	339 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 15.4\% \end{array} \right.$	137 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 16.0\% \end{array} \right.$	109 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 27.0\% \end{array} \right.$	203 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 26.0\% \end{array} \right.$	209 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 17.7\% \end{array} \right.$	63 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 11.0\% \end{array} \right.$	1060	17.7%
<i>INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION</i>	240 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 10.9\% \end{array} \right.$	145 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 17.0\% \end{array} \right.$	33 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 8.2\% \end{array} \right.$	109 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 14.1\% \end{array} \right.$	169 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 14.4\% \end{array} \right.$	99 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 17.4\% \end{array} \right.$	795	13.3%
<i>OTHER</i>	233 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 10.3\% \end{array} \right.$	111 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 13.0\% \end{array} \right.$	59 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 14.7\% \end{array} \right.$	52 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 6.8\% \end{array} \right.$	168 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 14.3\% \end{array} \right.$	108 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 18.9\% \end{array} \right.$	731	12.2%
<i>UNKNOWN</i>	434 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 19.7\% \end{array} \right.$	77 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 9.0\% \end{array} \right.$	10 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2.4\% \end{array} \right.$	17 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2.2\% \end{array} \right.$	20 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.7\% \end{array} \right.$	7 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.3\% \end{array} \right.$	565	9.4%
<i>TOTALS</i>	2199	854	404	778	1178	573	5986	

Editor, The Journal of the American Astronomical Society
1900 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

January 1, 1959

J. Allen Hynek
Director Dept. of Astrophysics
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Dr. Hynek:

My name is Hayden Rowe, I am the associate director of the Interplanetary Intelligence Of Unidentified Flying Objects, which is a organization with head quarters in Oklahoma City. The purpose of our organization is to study and investigate all UFO sightings throughout the world, and try to prove if flying saucers are real or not.

The IIOUFO has a panel of men known as the technical advisory board. These men are highly recognized men in the flying saucer field. They help us come to a conclusion on our UFO reports that are sent in to us by members of our organization.

We are now endeavoring to organize a panel of men that are scientists in different fields. After our evaluation board has come to a conclusion, the findings will then be sent to our panel of scientific men, that way we can get all the facts and come to the right answer no matter what that answer is. Then when the conclusion of our scientific panel are received they will be published in our regularly publication, even if the flying saucer report turns out not to be a flying saucer.

We were wondering if you would become a member of our scientific panel, since you are highly recognized as an astrophysicist.

We understand that you are a busy man, but it would take no more than an hour about every six weeks. You would receive only those reports that are marked unknown.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,
Hayden Rowe
Hayden Rowe

NEWS RELEASE
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DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENCE
Office of Public Information
Washington 25 D.C.

Fact Sheet

November 5, 1957

No. 1083-58

Lt 5-6700 Ext. 75131

Air Force's 10 year Study of Unidentified Flying Objects

In response to queries as to results of previous investigation of Unidentified Flying Object reports, the Air Force said today that after 10 years of investigation and evaluation of UFO's no evidence has been discovered to confirm the existence of so-called "FLYING SAUCERS".

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of Astrophysics and Astronomy at Ohio State University is the Chief Scientific Consultant to the Air Force on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES WITH THIS PUBLIC PROMISE:

The Air Force, assigned the responsibility for the Air Defence of the United States, will continue to investigate, through the Air Defence Command all reports of of unusual aerial objects over the US, including objects that may become unidentified flying objects. The services of qualified scientists and technicians will continue to investigate and analyze these reports, and periodic public statements will be made as warranted.

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THE SPACE-CRAFT DIGEST charges that this is outright falsehood. Such an investigation is NOT being carried on as promised. Instance after instance of UFO violation of the air-space of US has gone uninvestigated such as these we have noted on the preceding pages. But more than that---Dr. HYNEK, who is on the public payroll to do a job, doesn't even answer a query from our radio stations concerning the UFO problem. His secretary wrote: but from the "feather-bedding" doctor there is no reply because he apparently is one of the Ph. D's hired by the Air Force to produce a "public whitewash" of this fantastic world-wide phenomena.

As a former Naval Radar-radio officer, a graduate electrical engineer the editor realizes that these charges are serious. BUT--at the same time--the possibility that the USSR or Red China discovering the secret of electrical flight is also serious. While the giant armed forces budget fools with rockets to the bankruptcy of this nation some voice must speak out. The least the fumbling military can do is to stop ignoring those who do fly in space with the vain hope that "they might go away".

SPACE CRAFT DIGEST SALEM, OREGON, USA po Box 766 page 7

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ATTACHED IS A PIECE OF THE MATERIAL FOUND WHERE SOME OBJECT BURNED AND/OR EXPLODED AND FELL TO THE GROUND ABOUT 2130G FEB. 7, 1959 ABOUT 1 MILE SOUTH OF JACKSON, TENN. YOU REQUESTED THROUGH MEMPHIS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, THAT THIS BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

PUBLIC REPORTS TODAY, INDICATE THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF A PRANKSTER WHO INFLATED A BALLOON WITH SOME EXPLOSIVE GAS AND ATTACHED A FUSE. THE BURNING FUSE PROBABLY APPEARED TO BE A MOVING LIGHT, AND WHEN THE FIRE REACHED THE BALLOON -- IT EXPLODED WITH A FLASH.

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
ATCS R/2
MCKELLAR AIRPORT
JACKSON, TENNESSEE

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BY JOSEPH L. MYLER

1959
UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

WASHINGTON, JAN. 27--(UPI)--PEOPLE ARE SEEING FEWER FLYING SAUCERS, AND A PSYCHIATRIST HERE THINKS MAYBE SAUCERS ARE GOING OUT OF FASHION. I. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, DR. ADDISON M. DUVAL IS SURE "SOMETHING ELSE WILL COME INTO STYLE."

DUVAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WASHINGTON'S FAMOUS ST. ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL, TOLD UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL THAT SEEING THINGS WHICH DON'T EXIST IS A COMMON RESULT OF ANXIETY GENERATED BY FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN.

AND THE TIMES AREN'T GETTING ANY LESS ANXIOUS OR THE FUTURE ANY LESS UNCERTAIN.

OF COURSE, NOT EVERYBODY WHO SEES WHAT THE AIR FORCE CALLS AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) IS MENTALLY SICK. BUT SOME SIGHTERS, DUVAL BELIEVES, ARE SUFFERING FROM DELUSIONS OR HALLUCINATIONS.

THE AIR FORCE REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT UFO REPORTS FELL OFF 14 PER CENT IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1958 TO A TOTAL OF 296. MOST OF THESE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS REAL THINGS--PLANES, BALLOONS, SHOOTING STARS, PLANETS, AND EVEN EARTH SATELLITES.

THE AIR FORCE FOUND THAT FOUR OF THE 296 UFO'S WERE ARTIFICIAL MOONS SIGHTED AS THEY WINKED THEIR WAY ACROSS THE SKY. IT LISTED FEWER THAN ONE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL AS "UNKNOWN"--MEANING THAT THE AIR FORCE COULDN'T FIND OUT WHAT THE THING REPORTED ACTUALLY WAS.

AS FOR NON-RATIONAL UFO SIGHTINGS, DUVAL SAID "WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREDICT" THE FLYING SAUCER CRAZE. WHENEVER SOMETHING CAPTURES THE INTEREST OF PEOPLE GENERALLY, HE SAID, IT USUALLY SHOWS UP IN DELUSIONS OF THE MENTALLY ILL.

DUVAL RECALLS A PERIOD WHEN A LOT OF PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY WERE PART OF THE "AMOS 'N' ANDY" RADIO TEAM.

IF THE FLYING SAUCER DELUSION IS ON THE DECLINE, ONE REASON MAY BE THAT SAUCERS ARE GETTING "TOO MUCH COMPETITION FROM REAL THINGS--SATELLITES, LUNAR PROBES, SUN ROCKETS," DUVAL SAID. AFTER A WHILE ANY WIDELY SHARED DELUSION TENDS, HE SAID, "TO GET OUT OF STYLE."

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HE THINKS THE NEXT DELUSION MAY BE AN ELABORATION OF THE SPACE-TRAVEL MOTIF. BUT JUST WHAT FORM IT WILL TAKE HE COULDN'T GUESS.

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b. Dr. Hynek's Problem of Adverse Publicity:

Several solutions for Dr. Hynek's problem of adverse publicity were proposed, the most drastic of which was to have Dr. Hynek withdraw from his present position as scientific consultant for one or two years. It was the consensus of opinion that any solution which cost the services of Dr. Hynek would be unsuitable due to his immense value to the program. The course of action decided upon to attempt to correct this problem was to omit the use of Dr. Hynek's name in any of the official release on the UFO subject. Further Dr. Hynek is to forward all letters received by him on the UFO subject to SAFIS-3 for reply. Dr. Hynek to maintain his present status until it can be determined if the new positive and more scientific approach to the program would reduce if not eliminate his problem of adverse publicity. The release of Dr. Hynek to be only a last resort solution.

c. Education of the Public:

It was concluded that the Air Force should direct positive efforts toward taking full advantage of all favorable publicity associated in any way with the UFO Program. That specific efforts should be made toward producing information which would educate the public and be advantageous to the UFO Program. Pictures and/or descriptions of the phenomena or objects determined as being probably responsible for a sighting should accompany the news releases. It was decided that a collection of such pictures should be made and filed for this purpose.

d. Rapid Processing of Information to SAFIS:

In all instances SAFIS should be notified as soon as possible what the probable Air Technical Intelligence Center's analysis will be and particularly in the case of those sightings which are being given the "full blower" technique by the press. It helps the Air Force's position if SAFIS can give positive information that the investigators are at the location of the sighting and the official investigation underway.

e. Investigation and Reporting:

It was decided that the Air Force's investigation and reporting processes in connection with the UFO Program needed revamping. The conclusions were that the investigations should be more scientific, faster and more complete. In order to accomplish this improvement in investigation techniques, it was decided that AFR 200-2, dated 5 Feb 1958, which outlines the responsibilities and requirements of the Air Force Agencies responsible for these investigations be revised. This revision to outline more specifically responsibilities, also to outline the desired qualifications of selected investigators, and to list equipment with which each investigation team should be supplied. Further, a suggested training course which should be given to all personnel selected as investigators should be supplied (See TAB-B). It was also suggested that the investigators from the 1006th AISS be brought to ATIC for an

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WASHINGTON, FEB. 10, 1959 (UPI)--MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM W. DICK JR., ARMY SPECIAL WEAPONS CHIEF, WAS ASKED IF HE HAD INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE FLYING SAUCER REPORTS. "I ANSWER THAT QUESTION WITH FEAR AND TREPIDATION," THE GENERAL REPLIED, "BECAUSE MY WIFE BELIEVES IN FLYING SAUCERS." HOWEVER, THE ARMY MISSILE EXPERT SAID YESTERDAY HE HIMSELF DID NOT-- ESPECIALLY AFTER CHASING ONE ONCE ONLY TO FIND OUT IT WAS A FLOCK OF BIRDS.

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WASHINGTON, JAN. 22.--(UPI)--THE AIR FORCE INDICATED TODAY THAT THERE AREN'T AS MANY "FLYING SAUCERS" AS THERE USED TO BE.

IT DID NOT PUT IT JUST THAT WAY, OF COURSE, BECAUSE IT HAS NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS SUCH A THING AS A FLYING SAUCER. IN FACT, THE AIR FORCE HAS SAID THERE IS NO SUCH THING.

WHAT THE SERVICE DID WAS TO ISSUE A NEW REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO) IN WHICH IT SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF "UNKNOWN" CASES HAD BEEN REDUCED TO A FRACTION OF ONE PER CENT AFTER INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTINGS.

IN THE LAST HALF OF 1958, THE AIR FORCE ANALYZED 296 UFO REPORTS AND CATALOGUED ONLY TWO AS CASES OF "UNKNOWN".

THE BREAKDOWN:

23 BALLOONS, 60 AIRCRAFT, 96 ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENON, 4 SATELLITES, 50 "OTHER" SUCH AS HOAXES, LIGHTS AND BIRDS, 61 IGNORED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT DATA SUPPLIED BY PERSONS REPORTING SIGHTINGS. SATELLITES BECAME A NEW UFO CATEGORY IN 1958.

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AFR 200-2 DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1958,
AND CHANGE THERETO DATED 3 JULY 1958

1. This regulation as it stands serves well the purpose for which it was written. However, the Air Force investigators are doing little more than meeting the minimum requirements of this document, and in many instances require prompting by the Air Technical Intelligence Center to deliver even this minimum data.

2. The shortcomings of the UFO investigation procedures probably are due mostly to the Air Bases assigning inexperienced and/or unqualified people to this task, and also to lack of interest in the Program. It is difficult to become fired up over a Program in which the boss shows little or no interest.

3. The ATIC proposes the following as a solution to the problems associated with UFO investigation.

a. Assignment of competent persons as investigators.

b. Short training program for the personnel proposed for use as investigators. The length of this training program should depend upon the basic qualifications of the personnel selected. However, it is suggested that such a training program not exceed twenty (20) hours. In all instances the program should include hours of instruction on the following:

- (1) History and philosophy of the UFO Program.
- (2) Introduction to Astronomy (Basic terminology and description of the more common astronomical bodies).
- (3) Methods of interrogation.
- (4) Use of equipment.
- (5) Reporting.

c. The following is a list of equipment with which every UFO investigation team should be supplied:

- (1) Geiger Counter
- (2) Camera
- (3) Tape recorder
- (4) Binoculars
- (5) Magnifying glass

4. The investigating teams should be authorized to make phone calls directly to the Air Technical Intelligence Center from the investigation area for the purpose of reporting high priority findings or preliminary conclusions.

UFO ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE UNITED STATES

1. Aerial Phenomena Research Organization
\$5.00 per year
2. Borderline Sciences Research Associates
Supposedly non-profit. Has bi-monthly publication.
3. Celestial Vehicle Investigation Committee
Little known re this organization.
4. Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects
Publication 50¢ monthly. Claims 5000 members.
(Springfield's organization)
5. Civilian Saucer Intelligence
Membership \$1.00. Dues 50¢ for bulletin
6. Civilian Saucer Investigation
Quarterly bulletins - 50¢ per copy
7. College of Universal Wisdom
Religious fanatical. Bi-monthly publication \$1.50 per copy.
8. Cup and Saucer Net
Little known re this organization.
9. Detroit Astronomical Society
Little known re this organization.
10. Essence of Khamon
Religious fanatical. Monthly report 50¢ per copy.
11. Extra-Terrestrial Research Organization
Claims to be non-profit.
12. Fate Magazine (Club)
Monthly magazine 35¢ per copy.
13. Flying Saucer Club of Detroit
Claims membership of over 2000.
14. Flying Saucer Investigative Associates
Little known re this organization
15. Flying Saucer International
Los Angeles organization. Claims 10,000 membership.
Monthly report 25¢

16. Flying Saucer News
\$2.00 per year subscription.
17. Flying Saucer Researchers
Subscription and 5 copies \$1.00. 700 members
18. Flying Saucer Research Society
Little known re this organization
19. Fortean Society
Oldest society. Philosophical and metaphysical.
20. Gravity Foundation
Little known, but active.
21. Great Lakes UFO Association
Little known. Attempting to organize better
22. Holloway School of Philosophy, Health and Religion
4 publications from 50¢ to \$1.00
23. International Flying Saucer Bureau
Very little known
24. Interplanetary News Digest
South California group. Little known.
25. Library Research Group
Little known, but active
26. Little Listening Post
Little known
27. Orgone Energy Institute (W. Reich Foundation)
Director now before Supreme Court for defrauding Government.
28. The 71 Research Association
Headed by individual claiming trip in flying saucer.
29. Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society
Little known
30. Saucer Research Foundation of Los Angeles
Little known
31. Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enquiry
Little known
32. Saucer Sentinel
Little known

33. Spheres, Incorporated (Los Angeles)
Rabble raising type of organization
34. The Roundhouse
Little known, but active.
35. UFO Research Organization
Claim to be scientists, but indicates low-level of education.
36. Waterbury Saucer Center
Publisher of (extremely sensational) quarterly, 50¢ per copy.
37. Wixells Labs of the Chemcraft Science
Claims to be non-profit
38. Space Observers League
Newly formed. Little known
39. Flying Saucer Council of America
Claims 2000 members.
40. Amarillo Flying Saucer Sighting Center
Newly formed
41. Saucer Research Bureau
Little known re this organization
42. Telonic Research Center
Quarterly bulletin 50¢ issue
43. Satellite Science
Membership \$2.00 per year.
44. Institute of Interplanetary Arts & Sciences
The Director of this impressive sounding organization
is not a scientist but a night watchman !!
45. UFO Research Council
Have written to President Eisenhower. Active but few details.
46. NICAP (National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena)
Cleverly organized. Man "behind the scenes" is Keyhoe.
Soliciting well-known personalities as members.
47. Pacific Luminous Society. Founder and Director - W. Gordon Allan
Periodical: "Space-Craft Digest"
48. National Committee for Investigation of UFO's
Director - K. T. Pfluck
49. Saucer Research Bureau of Rockville Center, N. Y.

ATIC,
Wright-Patterson, Ohio

RFD#3
Mansfield, Ohio
2/6/59

Dear Sirs,

In a renewed attempt to secure factual information concerning UFO's in general and, in particular, information concerning the Olden Moore sighting of a UFO landing near Huntsburg and Montville, Ohio, Nov. 6, '57, I am following General Fisher's suggestion that I again write your offices. I do this reluctantly, as I have found the ATIC adept at giving evasive answers or deliberate falsehoods to those who ask factual questions concerning UFO's.

You have received my reports on the case as well as many other reports. You know that the local C.D. report has been released. You know that the case was broadcast over television, radio and the press. You know that even Aime Michel gave a fair report of the case in his French text, "Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery." Too, you know that dozens of government agents were on the landing spot soon after the craft landed as reported by Olden Moore.

I mention these facts as I do not wish to be embarrassed by Herr Goebbels-like-statements that you know nothing about the Olden Moore Sighting or, that the facts are too sketchy!

Specifically, how do you explain the foot or shoe prints and the deep markings left by the craft and its occupants? More important, what caused the craft to leave a high degree of radioactivity?

This latter and most important question is most important as a friend of mine (among others) has been physically suffering for almost two years after viewing a UFO at close range and for a long period of time. This, sir, is a matter of civilian defense and I consider it worthy of serious consideration.

Your answer to these questions can help me and others to help our fellow men who may still believe that UFO's are harmless, or who are deluded by your and others propaganda that they do not exist.

Dr. Carl G. Jung, famed psychologist has stated, "If it is true that the AAF (American Air Force) withholds tantalizing facts then one can only say this is the most unpsychological and stupid policy one could invent. The public ought to be told the truth."

Sirs, UFO's have inflicted death and damage to many Americans. Some of this death and damage could have been avoided had Americans been given the truth concerning UFO's. You can give the Americans this truth if you are interested in civilian Americans. Hence, I again ask for specific answers to the specific questions in paragraph four. If you cannot give this are you brave enough to specify the specific governmental office and the specific persons responsible for keeping the UFO truths from a former free people?

Sincerely,

Dan B. Haber

On 14, 15 and 16 January 1953, upon request of the Director of Intelligence of the Air Force a Scientific Advisory Panel was established.

The general conclusions reached by the panel were that unidentified flying objects:

- a. Held no direct physical threat
- b. Were not foreign developments capable of hostile acts to the U. S.
- c. Were not unknown phenomena requiring the revision of current scientific concepts.

The panel further concluded that unless de-emphasized, UFOs did constitute a threat to the orderly functioning of the protective units of the body politic, because:

- a. Unwarranted mass of irrelevant reports could clog vital channels of communications.
- b. Skillful hostile propagandists could induce national hysterical behavior and harmful distrust of duly constituted authority.
- c. Continued false reports might hide indications of a genuine hostile action.

As a result, the panel made the following basic recommendations:

- a. That immediate steps be taken to strip UFOs of the aura of mystery which they had unfortunately acquired, to reassure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomena.
- b. That investigating and reporting personnel be trained to recognize and reject false indications quickly and effectively.

indoctrination course outlining those factors of investigation peculiar to UFO cases.

f. Analysis and Evaluation:

It was felt that in the past many cases were given an unscientific and "fast brush" treatment in an effort to get them filed. It was decided that the approach should be more scientific and positive. Unless the analyst could be sure of his conclusions beyond doubt, then a statement in the vein of the following should summarize his analysis:

"There is no evidence available to indicate that the object sighted in this case was not a meteor" or "In view of all the available evidence, the object of this sighting was probably a meteor."

It was also suggested that a panel of qualified men, in diversified fields be formed and used for consultation. The men on this panel to be qualified in the following areas:

Sociology
Astronomy
Psychology
Physics
Public Relations

This panel to be used on an "on-call" basis, but to meet at least once each month; at which time a summary of the months activities will be presented to them. The purpose of this panel is to review some of the more troublesome cases, spot trends in the program and make suggestions as to the future outlook. The formation of this panel to be given further consideration by the ATIC.

g. Re-evaluation of Old Cases:

Many UFO organizations have been constantly reopening the more sensational of the old cases to the further embarrassment of the Air Force. It was decided that the Aerial Phenomena Group, AFCIN-4E4g, would review these old cases, which in view of greater scientific knowledge and experience, may be removed from the "unknown" category and reclassified as a "probable."

h. Claims of UFO Organizations:

In many instances the private UFO organizations, or their sponsors, have made claims that some individual, usually a person held in high esteem by the public, has made some statement sympathetic with the views of the organization. It was decided that SAFIS-3 would write letters to each person so quoted and ask for corroboration or denial, and for further detail if in the affirmative.

5. Summary:

- a. That the Air Force needs to take a more positive approach toward the UFO Program.
- b. The Air Force investigations be more scientific and thorough.
- c. The analysis be scientific and thorough.
- d. The public be kept more abreast of the UFO Program by an approach of pre-education.
- e. An expansion be made of the resources available to the ATIC to help with the overall analysis of the program.

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AGENDA FOR UFO POLICY MEETING

1. Introduction.
 - a. Purpose of meeting - to discuss the Air Force philosophy toward and policy regarding the UFO Program, with an aim toward correcting deficiencies.
 - b. Statistics.
 - c. Cost and manpower estimates for January 1959.
2. Areas of Interest.
 - a. Public Relations.
 - (1) Unidentified Flying Objects a misnomer, possibility of using Unidentified Aerial Phenomena as official name.
 - (2) Dr. Hynek's problem of adverse publicity.
 - (3) Education of public - advantage taken of all favorable publicity.
 - (4) Rapid processing of information on reported cases to prevent possible "snow-balling" at SAFIS.
3. Attacking the Problem.
 - a. Reporting.
 - (1) Speed.
 - (2) Accuracy and completeness.
 - b. Investigations.
 - (1) Speed.
 - (2) Completeness.
 - c. Analysis and evaluation of reports.
 - d. Suggested changes to AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, and change thereto.
 - e. Re-evaluation of old cases catalogued as "unknown" when bringing "Blue Book" up to date. The "unknown" cases, especially the more sensational, are being exploited over and over by organizations and individuals with some specific axe to grind.

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f. Possible investigation of UFO Organizations and key personnel that have proved the most troublesome.

g. Conclusions.

4. Future Outlook.

a. What appears to be the normal extension of the "Flying Saucer" craze?

b. What can we do to lessen the impact of this new problem?

c. Conclusions.

5. Summary.

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AFR 200-2 DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1958,
AND CHANGE THERETO DATED 3 JULY 1958

1. This regulation as it stands serves well the purpose for which it was written. However, the Air Force investigators are doing little more than meeting the minimum requirements of this document, and in many instances require prompting by the Air Technical Intelligence Center to deliver even this minimum data.

2. The shortcomings of the UFO investigation procedures probably are due mostly to the Air Bases assigning inexperienced and/or unqualified people to this task, and also to lack of interest in the Program. It is difficult to become fired up over a Program in which the boss shows little or no interest.

3. The ATIC proposes the following as a solution to the problems associated with UFO investigation.

a. Assignment of competent persons as investigators.

b. Short training program for the personnel proposed for use as investigators. The length of this training program should depend upon the basic qualifications of the personnel selected. However, it is suggested that such a training program not exceed twenty (20) hours. In all instances the program should include hours of instruction on the following:

- (1) History and philosophy of the UFO Program.
- (2) Introduction to Astronomy (Basic terminology and description of the more common astronomical bodies).
- (3) Methods of interrogation.
- (4) Use of equipment.
- (5) Reporting.

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c. The following is a list of equipment with which every UFO investigation team should be supplied:

- (1) Geiger Counter
- (2) Camera
- (3) Tape recorder
- (4) Binoculars
- (5) Magnifying glass

4. The investigating teams should be authorized to make phone calls directly to the Air Technical Intelligence Center from the investigation area for the purpose of reporting high priority findings or preliminary conclusions.

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- From Detroit? 1006^d
- Better still from Detroit? from Basel also
- (y no select than other. will compare)
- 1006 must to give better (with)
- What happened in Gaffik - Engstrom
- (Nothing - could not see article)
- The "unintended" not "unknown"