

Robert Todd's file on  
December 1950  
Air Defense Alert

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From Jerry Greenwald

Bob,

Maybe you wouldn't  
be surprised at this.

Sent by a local guy  
Bill LaParo, it pretty  
well blows apart Zechel's  
claim that the FBI Telex  
of 12-8-50 was fairly  
mundane.

Greg

# National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

October 22, 1992

Reply to: NNRM93-00533-KS  
NNRM93-00695-KS

This is in response to your letters of October 12 and 15, 1992.

Enclosed is a copy of JCS Nr 98172, dated December 6, 1950, which we located in Record Group 218. Records of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, 381 (1-24-42) Sec. 23.

The U.S. Force has retired to our custody its records on Project BLUE BOOK relating to the investigations of unidentified flying objects. Project BLUE BOOK has been declassified and the records are available for examination in our research room. The project closed in 1969 and we have no information on sightings after that date.

Enclosed is a description of the records in our custody relating to Project BLUE BOOK, and a U.S. Air Force fact sheet on "UFOs and Project BLUE BOOK." The BLUE BOOK records contain the technical and status reports of Projects Sign, Twinkle, and Grudge. These are all on roll #85 of the microfilmed records (T-1206). National Archives microfilm publications are available for \$23.00 per roll from our Publication Division. Remittance should be made payable to the National Archives Trust Fund (NATF-NEPS) and sent to the National Archives Trust Fund Board, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384. Please complete and return the enclosed NATF Form 36 with your remittance.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth D. Schlessinger".

KENNETH D. SCHLESSINGER  
Military Reference Branch  
Textual Reference Division

Enclosures

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEP. SEC. OF DEFENSE

6 December 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Attention: Colonel Kreps

SUBJECT: Air Alert - 1030 Hours, 6 December 1950

*Handwritten:* 216 3 30 1950  
CIA - 10. 7

1. The ConAC Air Defense Controller notified the Headquarters USAF Command Post that at 1030 hours a number of unidentified aircraft were approaching the northeast area of the United States and that there was no reason to believe the aircraft were friendly.
2. This information was further amplified at 1040 hours as follows. By radar contact it was determined that approximately 40 aircraft were in the flight, at 32,000 feet, on a course of 200 degrees, in the vicinity of Limestone, Maine.
3. The emergency alert procedure went into effect immediately.
4. The Office of the President was notified. Brigadier General Landry returned the call and stated that the President had been notified and that:
  - a. All information in this matter was to be released by the Department of the Air Force.
  - b. Office of the President would release no information.
  - c. The substance of a and b above was to be passed to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
5. At 1104 hours the ConAC Air Defense Controller stated that the original track had faded out and it appears that the flight as originally identified is a friendly flight.
6. ConAC took immediate action to dispatch interceptors on the initial contact.

*Signature:* Charles B. Winkle  
CHARLES B. WINKLE  
Colonel, USAF  
Asst Executive, Directorate  
of Plans

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By *WJ* NAES, Date *7/1/67*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
STAFF MESSAGE CENTER  
OUTGOING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
REAR ADMIRAL W G LALAN  
NAVY 72073

TO: CINCENR MEIDELBERG GERMANY, CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN,  
CINCAL P. RICHARDSON ALASKA, CINCLANT NORFOLK  
VIRGINIA, CINCARIB QUARRY HEIGHTS CZ, CINCPAC  
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CINAC OFFUTT AFB OMAHA NEBRASKA

NR: JCS 98172

6 DEC 50

From JCS PERSONAL FOR all addressees.

The JCS consider that the current situation in  
Korea has greatly increased the possibility of general war.  
Commanders addressed take such action as is feasible to  
increase readiness without creating atmosphere of alarm.

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DISTR: GEN VANDENBERG, GEN COLLINS, ADM SHERMAN

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FBI, RICHMOND

12-8-50

12-09 PM MEW

DIRECTOR URGENT

RE FLYING SAUCERS. THIS OFFICE VERY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED BY ARMY INTELLIGENCE, RICHMOND, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PUT ON IMMEDIATE HIGH ALERT FOR ANY DATA WHATSOEVER CONCERNING FLYING SAUCERS. CIC (COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS) HERE STATES BACKGROUND OF INSTRUCTIONS NOT AVAILABLE FROM AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, WHO ARE NOT AWARE OF REASON FOR ALERT LOCALLY, BUT ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER MUST BE TELEPHONED BY THEM IMMEDIATELY TO AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE. CIC ADVISES DATA STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED.

AUERBACH

END ACK

12-11 PM OK FBI WA NRJ