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(UNCLASSIFIED) Project TWINKLE

Directorate of Intelligence

Attention: Colonel John G. Erickson, Chief
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Research Division, Directorate of Research and
Development, Office, DCS/DevelopmentLt Col Clayton/8jh/
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1. Attached is a copy of a letter from the Air Research and Development Command requesting declassification of Project TWINKLE, a project which was carried out by AMC and ARDC for investigation of unusual light phenomena in the general area of Holloman Air Force Base and Vaughn, New Mexico.

2. The Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat has suggested that this project not be declassified for a variety of reasons, chief among which is that no scientific explanation for any of the "fireballs" and other phenomena was revealed by the report and that some reputable scientists still believe that the observed phenomena are man-made.

3. In view of the great interest of the Directorate of Intelligence in such phenomena and the related manifestations, evaluation of the final report of Project TWINKLE with a view to its declassification is requested.

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1. cy ltr fr ARDC
to Hq 14 Jan 52
2. cy of Proj TWINKLE
Final Report

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