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[redacted] GP Branch

27 January 1953

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Meetings of OSI Advisory Group on Unidentified Flying Objects,
14-17 January 1953

1. At your request I represented P&E Division at the subject meetings. I was present at nearly all meetings of the group with the exception of the afternoon of Friday, the 16th and the session on Saturday, the 17th. During the latter two sessions the Advisory Group went into executive session for the preparation of their report to AD/SI.

2. The following OSI Consultants formed the Advisory Group:

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[redacted] (missed morning session on 16th)
(present only on afternoon of 16th and 17th)
Dr. J. A. Hynak (an ATIC consultant - he sat in all the sessions after the first day, but did not sign the report to AD/SI as an official group member)

3. The following OSI staff members attended:

Dr. H. M. Chadwell (most of the first day only)
(first day only)

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[redacted] (although now an OSI consultant, he functioned as a staff member for the conference and attended all sessions including the executive sessions)

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[redacted] Weapons Division

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[redacted] P&E Division

4. The following persons were invited to present certain background information to the Advisory Group:

Captain Edward Ruppelt, ATIC who presented information on the work of Proj. Bluebook (and its predecessors "Grudge", "Saucer", and "Sign") and discussed in detail many of their specific investigations.

Major Fournay, AFON (by now on inactive status and with The Ethyl Corp.) who presented findings independent of ATIC, representatives of the Navy Photographic Labs who presented their analysis of films of a "Sighting."

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5. The first business on the agenda was a welcome by and a charge (Att. #1) to the Group by Dr. Chadwell. This was followed by a statement of the CIA interest by [redacted] CIA had been requested by IAC to look into the "flying saucer problem" because of three related national security problems: (a) possible exploitation to produce mass hysteria, (b) the confusions and dangers inherent in observations of "flying saucers" by the U.S. radar and observer systems, (c) the danger of "flying saucer reports" overloading the emergency communication facilities of the Department of Defense.

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6. Because of the quality of the consultants and the excellence of their introduction to the subject by Dr. Chadwell and [redacted] the Advisory Group never lost sight of its goals inspite of the fact that the discussion took many excursions.

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7. The Advisory Group submitted its report to AD/SI on 17 January 1953. Their principal finding was that at the present time the unidentified flying objects pose no threat to the security of the United States. They recommended the establishment of program of education regarding the sightings particularly as concerns the U.S. radar and observer system, and for the general public as well.

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9. If GP Branch, R&E Division is given the responsibility for the files mentioned in paragraph 8, above, one (1) additional safe will be required.

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1 - DRF
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POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

A. Hysteria, hallucinations, hoaxes, etc. (Psychological)

B. Misidentifications of conventional objects:

- X₁ 1. Aircraft, missiles, searchlight reflections, etc. (man-made, controlled)
- X 2. Balloons, kites, etc. (man-made, uncontrolled)
- X₂ 3. Birds, bugs, etc. (animal)
- X 4. Dust, seeds (e.g. dandelion), paper, etc. (foreign matter)

C. Natural Phenomena:

- X₁ 1. Light aberrations, reflections, refractions, etc.
- X₂ 2. Anomalous radar propagation.
- X 3. Ionization, static electricity, ball lightning, etc.
- X₃ 4. Planets, meteors and other astronomical bodies.
- 5. Others.

D. Unconventional man-made devices:

- X_a 1. US
- X_a 2. USSR and other foreign

E. Extraterrestrial origin

- 1. Animal
- 2. Machine

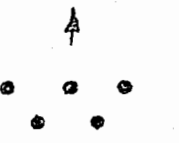



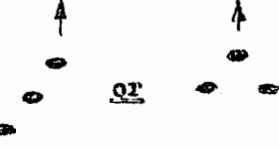

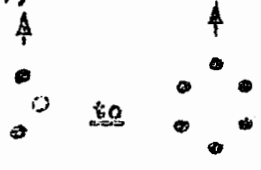


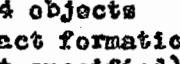

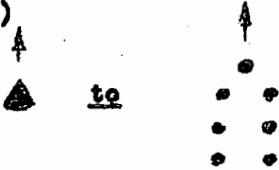



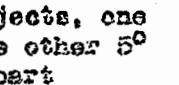
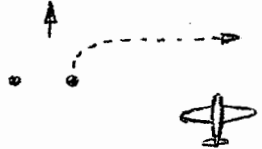
*Basis of Maj. Fournier's presentation
to OSI Adv. Grp 14-17 Jan 53
(given on 16 Jan)*

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FORMATIONS

<p>(1) </p> <p>(2 in rear darted around in circular or zig-zag manner)</p>	<p>(2) </p> <p>(All objects had a swerving motion from side to side)</p>	<p>(3) </p>	<p>(4) </p>
<p>(5) </p>	<p>(6) </p>	<p>(7) </p> <p>(Presumed)</p>	<p>(8) </p> <p>(Presumed)</p>
<p>(9) </p> <p>2 in general trail formation (trailing object varied position)</p>	<p>(10) </p> <p>4 objects (exact formation not specified)</p>	<p>(11) </p> <p>("perfect formation")</p>	<p>(12) </p> <p>(Presumed)</p>
<p>(13) </p> <p>(Presumed)</p>	<p>(14) </p>	<p>(15) </p>	
<p>(16) </p> <p>2 objects, one above other 5° apart</p>	<p>(17) </p>		

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