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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24-185 5 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEVY: HRR

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Release of Information to the Press Concerning an Unidentified Flying Object, 11 September 1951 - SPECIAL INQUIRY.

1. With further reference to the above matter the Director of Intelligence has made available copies of various radnotes which were dispatched by OIN, Hq USAF to AMC directing AMC Intelligence to conduct a full field investigation of reports that unidentified flying objects had been cited in New Jersey 10 and 11 September 1951. The report and conclusions were to be in the Director of Intelligence's office not later than 1 October 1951. The information contained in these radnotes is summarized as follows:

> On 10 and 11 September 1951 several unidentified flying objects were sited by radar at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. These objects varied in speed up to 700 miles per hour and were observed at altitudes up to 90,000 feet. On the same date an unidentified object was sited by pilots of a T-33 Aircraft over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. This object disappeared at sea and was flying at a speed estimated at 1,000 miles per hour. Sighting time and location as given by the T-33 pilots coincided with radar sitings. All radar contacts were described as unusually strong. At times the objects moved at such a rate of speed that aided azimuth tracking which normally is fast enough to track jet aircraft had to be abandoned, and the radar manually operated.
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> OIN, Hq USAF felt the possibility existed that the object was an experimental aircraft belonging to Gruman, Republic or Fairchild Aviation Corporations. This possibility has not as yet been resolved.

2. Lt. Col. Milton D. Willis, Technical Capabilities Branch, telephonically advised on 2 October 1951 that Air Intelligence is

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highly interested in these latest reports concerning these objects. He will furnish OSI with a copy of the OIN evaluated report when completed. With regard to a possible Security Violation in releasing the story to the press, Col. Willis indicated that General Cabell felt no such violation had occurred. He said that the classification of Secret as indicated by the wire of Lt. Col. Rosengarten was erroneous and that full details of the matter including the radar sitings were classified no higher than Confidential which after evaluation of all reports would probably be changed to Restricted.

3. With your concurrance, I propose to advise DO #2 to close their 34 case in the matter.

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