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Dear Mr. Gell:

This letter report describes progress for the period from December 21, 1952, to January 20, 1953.

Sighting reports have now been processed up to and including August 20, 1952. Reevaluation of sighting reports has been completed for sightings up to and including July 25, 1952. Reports for 1951 and 1952 were evaluated; these reports had been at Harvard University, and they had not been evaluated in chronological order. In our previous letter to you, dated December 15, 1952, it was stated that a preliminary analysis of Orin from all sighting reports made before 1952 would begin as soon as possible after the 1951 and 1952 reports were reprocessed and evaluated. It had been hoped that results of the preliminary analysis would be available by January 1, 1953. This has not been possible, because of the extensive work required in reprocessing the 1951 and 1952 sighting reports after their return from Harvard University. Reprocessing of these reports required more time than anticipated, because many of our forms had been lost. This has delayed our consideration of the 1952 sighting reports.

One two-day evaluation conference was held during this report period, on December 17 and 18, 1952. As mentioned in the last progress report, evaluation of later sighting reports has been more difficult than for earlier ones.

Preliminary analysis by IBM machines of data from sighting reports dated before 1952 will begin January 20, 1953. Results of this analysis will be sent to WAFB as soon as they are available. The results will be reported informally first to Captain Huggitt, as he has requested. Later, they will be included in a routine progress report.

Coding and evaluation of 1952 sighting reports is continuing, with evaluation conferences scheduled as they are necessary. All sighting reports dated prior to August 25, 1952, should be processed by February 15, 1953. (The period of August 20 to 25, 1952, was one during which a large number of sighting reports was received.) By this same date, all reports dated before August 1, 1950, are expected to be evaluated.

Very truly yours,



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