

The Air Force Inspector General's Report, dated 24 December 1959, contained a notice to all USAF Commanders that "they are serious business since they are directly involved in the Air Force's air defense mission. This Brief stressed that Commanders are responsible for seeing that UFO sightings are investigated and evaluated quickly, thoroughly and accurately. The Brief made no mention of the possibility of their being given credit as announced recently by some private UFO groups. The Brief referred to Air Force Regulation 200-8 concerning unidentified flying objects which outlines the Air Force's obligation to keep the public adequately informed on this subject and also stresses the fact that UFO sighting reports are not to be classified. If a UFO report is classified it is classified for a far longer time than the UFO sighting itself.

The Air Force is charged by many private UFO groups with possession of classified information which contradicts or proves that space ships from outer planets exist and are visiting our atmosphere. Evidence could be further from the truth. The Air Force possesses no information, classified or unclassified, which proves this contention. Many individuals associated with these private UFO organizations are self-declared subversives in the old broader sense never entitled to be official advisors to the United States Air Force Intelligence Community. Since they are not charged under law with these responsibilities it would be entirely inappropriate and even dangerous at times to entrust the Intelligence system in order to give them, or their organizations, any monopoly on publicity. It is an interesting fact that most of these individuals fail to recognize the fact that there is such a thing as legitimate classified security information. For the past thirteen years these groups have repeatedly stated that their organizations possess complete evidence proving the existence of alien ships from outer planets. However, when asked as patriotic citizens to deliver this evidence to the United States Air Force or other government agencies they have refused to do so. The opinion

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