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STATUS OF PROJECT BLUE BOOK

I. OVERALL STATUSA. Briefings on Project Blue Book

On 8 and 9 May 1952, three briefings were given on Project Blue Book in Washington, D. C. The people briefed included Secretary of Air Finletter, Major General Stanford and Brig General Ackerman of the Directorate of Intelligence, Brig General Maxwell of the Research and Development Board, and members of the Office of Naval Research.

B. Field Investigations

During the month of May 1952, two field investigations were made.

1. 20-24 May 1952 - George Air Force Base, Calif.
2. 21 May 1952 - Pan American area at New York, New York

C. Visit by Representative of the ONR

A representative of the Office of Naval Research visited AINB on 28 May 1952. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the operation of Project Blue Book and to determine what aid, if any, the ONR could offer. It was decided that at the present time the Navy could best assist the Air Force by publishing some type of directive pertaining to reports of unidentified aerial objects. A liaison with the ONR was also established so that any contacts with the Navy can be expeditiously handled. (Action on the above Navy directive has been started.)

D. RCAP Interest in Project Blue Book

The RCAP personnel, members of the Directorate of Scientific Intelligence, Defense Research Board of Canada, visited Project Blue Book at AINB on 14 May 1952. Canada is setting up a project very similar to the U.S. Air Force project for the investigation of reports of unidentified aerial objects. The RCAP people were briefed on the operations of the project and the difficulties that have been encountered, and the proposed future plans were discussed.

Action is being taken to establish channels for communications between the Canadian and U.S. project personnel.

E. Current Directive for Reporting Sightings

On 29 April 1952, Air Force Letter 200-5, Subject: Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects was published. This AF's states the channels to be

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