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CONFIDENTIALV. STATUS OF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

In the spring of 1958 the Air Technical Intelligence Center established a project with a civilian contractor to make a statistical analysis of all incidents. As of 31 Oct 58, all reports for 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, and 1951 had been reviewed and coded for IBM punch cards. By the end of October the data to date on 1952 incidents will be on punch cards ready for a preliminary analysis by statisticians.

When this is completed, the contractor will begin work on the coding of the 1950 reports. No completion date has been established for this phase. It is not contemplated that the 1952 reports will be completed in the near future, because, as was stated in Section I of this report, the total for the year of 1952 exceeds the total number of reports for all previous years.

VI. TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

A questionnaire or technical information sheet to be filled out by observers making a visual sighting was completed in Oct 58. Preliminary work on this questionnaire began in May 58. A panel, consisting of Elize Hook personnel and several civilian scientists and engineers met and drafted a list of questions whose answers would be needed in evaluating reports. These questions were then given to a panel of psychologists who reworded them and made them into questionnaire form. Test samples of these questionnaires were reproduced and sent to persons reporting sightings. As test questionnaires were completed and returned by observers they were studied by the psychologists and others. Several such test questionnaires were developed before a final form was established. The final questionnaire is included in this report as appendix II.

These questionnaires are now being sent directly from ATEC to all persons making reports, if a mailing address is in the report. This includes both reports made by military in accordance with APL 800-5 and reports made directly to ATEC by civilians.

VII. COOPERATION OF AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

Excellent cooperation has been received from the Air Defense Command in the utilization of their radar, fighter aircraft and the Ground Observer Corps.

ADC has directed all their radar sites that are equipped with operational radar scope cameras to keep these cameras at a 24-hour alert basis. It has been found that scope photos are of extremely valuable aid when it is necessary to evaluate reports of extremely high speed or unusual radar tracks.

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