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been submitted to the FBI staff. On 24 and 25 April 1953 another meeting Executive Conference was held; 250 reports were examined jointly and 2166 files reexamined.

The FBI contractor has estimated that a final report will be submitted to Project Blue Book on 15 August 1953 in which statistical surveys of physical objects, indexes of comparison on unidentified objects, and a general commentary on the results of the FBI study will be included. It is believed that this study will be extremely significant in the future evaluation of reports of unidentified objects and, perhaps to the operation of Project Blue Book itself.

#### VI. VISION GRIDS USED

On June 1951, 73 Wilson cameras were distributed to AECG tower sites and AECG radar sites strategically located throughout the United States with relation to frequency of sightings. The original plan for these cameras was to take a photograph of an object through both an open lens and a lens equipped with a diffraction grating. The diffraction grating would enable a spectroscopist to attempt to identify the object in question by means of a spectrum bar recorded on the film. It was found, however, that the diffraction gratings began to deteriorate soon after being received by AECG. It was concluded that the cameras would be available without gratings immediately as an instrument for obtaining photographic intelligence on unidentified objects. When a suitable grating is obtained, the cameras will be recalled from the field and the subject grids mounted.

#### VII. UNIDENTIFIED RADAR REPORTS

For the year 1950 82.1% of all reports were classified as unidentified, none for evaluation, or not containing enough information to even attempt an analysis. Thus far in 1951 this category has reduced itself to 15.4. This is a noticeable improvement, but still is believed to be too high.

Upon receiving such a report, AECG usually forwards the originating base, but in the past has received little additional information. The problem is significant enough to mention in this status report as an attempt to decrease the number of reports with negative information. Listed below is a "FISHER" received by AECG which had to be classified as unidentified due to reporter's "OBJECT found with ball, yellow, smaller in size and shape to ball cap, bearing trail of bright yellow flame with an observed propulsion system over my head before hand, in straight flight bearing slightly downward, speed very slow - object disappeared behind cloud. Then" starting by individual in Gresham, Georgia. Object was striking north of observer and was traveling from south to north in the path of Interstate, Georgia. Report submitted by a civilian observer, Gresham, Georgia. Birds and's 20000-290/430; 20000-290/430 20000-290/430; 20000-290/430.

The reported object would be astronomical in nature, possibly a meteor. Its size moment seems to conflict with this solution, however. The information submitted in analyzing this sighting followed: 1) What time was the object seen? 2) How long was it seen? 3) What was its altitude and direction at appearance and disappearance? 4) Any other activity around the sky. 5) The time

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