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SUBJECT: Night Phenomena

11 September 1949

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Night-Entrenchment AF
Horton, Ohio

1. Show the establishment of the special subject at AF, Project 50710, to investigate and analyze reports of so-called "flying saucers" and unidentified aerial phenomena, many reports have been received. A group of individuals from various air bases observed what they considered to be unusual light phenomena. Research in this category have been taken which are described as "green fireballs".

2. Analysis by various specialists has indicated that some of the incidents involving light phenomena were undoubtedly observations of natural phenomena. Particular attention was given to the "green flame" variety by Dr. Joseph Kaplan, member of the NRP Scientific Advisory Panel. Dr. Kaplan has concluded that the "green fireballs" are natural phenomena.

3. Correspondence relative to Dr. Kaplan's conclusions in the phenomena and correspondence relative to a request from the Commanding General, AF, Horton, Ohio, for scientific investigation of similar phenomena, are forwarded for your information.

4. The Air Materiel Command has under contract several organizations in the Horton area that are available in observing phenomena and the interpretation of unusual phenomena. It is desired that these organizations be consulted regarding the "green fireballs" phenomena. If necessary, consultation should be given to the scientific staff of an observational program designed to obtain additional information necessary to an evaluation of the phenomena.

5. A meeting at Horton in the near future area is scheduled for the middle of October to discuss discussion of the light phenomena. It is suggested that representatives from the Horton area and investigators from Headquarters for Geophysical Research attend.

6. This correspondence should be reviewed at the progress of the evaluation and the results of the meeting as soon as possible.

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