

entirely satisfactory, due to the fact that the number of personnel available was not sufficient to cover each report adequately and have time for recording and analyzing material collected. Furthermore, it was learned that project personnel could not be well enough versed in all the technological and scientific fields involved in this study to effectively examine all phases of this work. Therefore, in September 1955 the method of operation of the project was revised. Though opinions had been gained to the effect that a large proportion of case reports arose from sightings of unfamiliar objects and failures to recognize known objects for what they were. The course then before apparent. It has since been the endeavor to have adequate investigators of all reports, systematic tabulation of all information, and analysis of information by competent technical personnel in all branches of science and engineering into which the reported object may conceivably fall. In this way misrepresentation and generally unfamiliar objects, hoax reports, and psychopathological reactions may be identified, and those reports eliminated from the study. With these out of the way, the succeeding steps would develop.

In implementing the above plan, the following general procedure was established and followed:

A. Receipt of Initial Reports

1. Personal letter and personal contact.
- 2) Newspaper clippings and radio news broadcasts.
3. Reports from military and naval installations, (as a result of official directives) these make up the largest bulk of reports).

B. Investigation of Reports

1. A few reports are investigated by Headquarters, Air Materiel Command personnel, AFM field teams or project personnel.
2. When a sighting involves only military personnel, especially in out-of-the-way locations, local base intelligence officers are requested to investigate.
3. The largest number of reports are investigated by the appropriate OSI District, by request through 3rd District OSI.
4. All investigators are instructed to use SAC Form titled, "Guide to Investigation Unidentified Flying Objects" to assure collection of all available, pertinent information. The Guide to Investigation is frequently revised to incorporate recommendations of technical consultants to the project.

C. Recording of Information After Receipt of Report of Investigation

1. Upon completion of investigation, the reported sighting is then treated as an incident and assigned a consecutive number.