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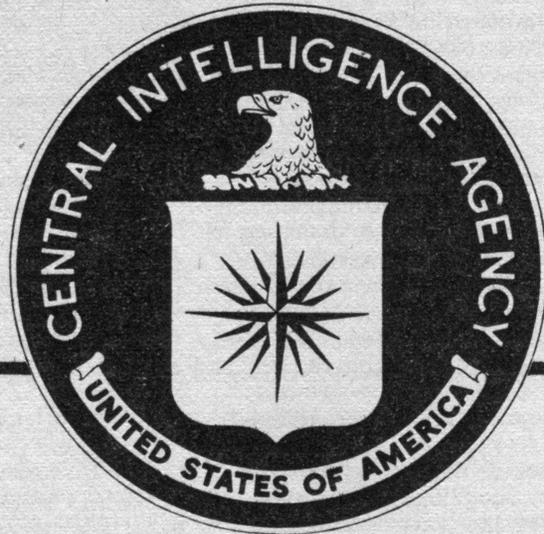
UFO REPORTS DIRECT FROM SECRET CIA FILES

The following incidents are reprinted from internal memos of the Central Intelligence Agency. Beginning in 1950 and ending in 1977, they show an active but informal interest in unidentified flying objects by the Agency even when they said they had none.

COUNTRY: At Sea—North Atlantic

DATE:—4 Aug 1950

SOURCE:—(Deleted) reported the following observations at 10 a.m. E.D. T. on



On Dec. 18, 1978, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency released approximately 1,000 pages of documents, memos, and field reports related to UFOs. The material was released by the agency in response to a court order that followed a Freedom of Information lawsuit filed by Ground Saucer Watch, Inc., a private group devoted to the study of UFOs. The CIA said that the released papers contain all the information that is "releasable," but has acknowledged that it is withholding 57 documents for security reasons. The agency insists that it is not the information itself in these withheld documents that is sensitive but what the documents reveal about agency methods.

GSW is pursuing the release of the withheld material in court and at the same time is asking the CIA to process approximately 200 other documents that GSW says it knows exist in CIA files. Meanwhile, suits are also planned against the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the FBI, the State Department, and, possibly, NASA, seeking the release of UFO-related documents in their files.

Reprinted below are the texts of more than a dozen of the documents the CIA has released so far, selected as a representative sample of the material the CIA collected over 30 years. They are broken into two groupings: reports of UFO sightings themselves, and internal directives and memos regarding the CIA's interest and involvement in UFO research. ★

4 Aug 50 at 39° 35' North, 72° 24½' West.

1. On 4 Aug 50 at 10 a.m. my ship, while on a heading of 245° true, with a smooth sea and clear weather, visibility 14 miles, barometer reading 30.03, was underway from Walton, Nova Scotia, to an East Coast U.S. port. I was in the chart room just aft the bridge when Third Mate, who was at mid-bridge checking the compass, shouted that there was a flying object off the starboard bow. I immediately ascended the conning tower and by this time the object was on our starboard beam. It was traveling on a reciprocal course to ours about 50 or 100 feet above the water at an estimated speed of over 25 m.p.h. From the conning tower I observed it with my binoculars for a period of approximately a minute and a half when it disappeared into the horizon in a northeasterly direction. I would estimate that the closest it approached my ship was 1,000 feet and it was an ovular, cylindrical shaped object the like of which I have never seen before.

THE CIA'S INVOLVEMENT

2 October 1952

MEMORANDUM TO:

Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Assistant Director

Office of Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

1. **PROBLEM**—To determine: (a) Whether or not there are national security implications in the problem of "unidentified flying objects"; (b) whether or not adequate study and research is currently being directed to this problem in its relation to such national security implications; and (c) what further investigation and research should be instituted, by whom, and under what aegis.

2. **FACTS AND DISCUSSION**—OSI has investigated the work currently being performed on "flying saucers" and found that the Air Technical Intelligence Center, DI, USAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, is the only group devoting appreciable effort and study to this subject, that ATIC is concentrating on a case-by-case explanation of each report, and that this effort is not adequate to correlate, evaluate, and resolve the situation on an overall basis. The current problem is discussed in detail in TAB A.

The object was quite small and I would judge that its diameter was approximately 10 feet. It had depth but to what extent I was unable to observe. The object made no noise, and, as it passed abeam our ship, it appeared to pick up considerable speed. It was not flying smoothly but impressed me as having a churning or a rotary motion. It had a shiny aluminum color and sparkled in the sunlight.

2. I was on the main deck, port side, just forward of the bridge when the Third Mate shouted there was an object on our starboard bow. I looked off to the starboard and saw an object of elliptic shape looking like half an egg cut lengthwise traveling at a great rate of speed on a course reciprocal to our own. I immediately ran to the stern, port side, and with my glasses was able to observe the object disappearing into the horizon. From the time I was first alerted to its presence until it disappeared from sight, 15 seconds elapsed. I believe that it was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed, possibly faster than 500 m.p.h. During the time I saw it, it was approximately 70 feet off the water and I judge it was approximately 10 miles away. I clearly saw its shadow on the water. I last observed it off the starboard quarter and it seemed to be increasing its

speed and ascending. It had an elliptic shape and I could clearly see that it had three dimensions. It wobbled in the air, made no noise, and was a metallic white in color. The length was approximately six times the breadth and its belly had a depth of possibly five feet.

(Deleted)

3. At 10 a.m. on 4 Aug 50 as I was checking the compass at mid-bridge through a bridge port hole, I observed a flying object off the starboard bow. I immediately shouted to the Captain, who was in the chart room, and the Chief Mate, who was below on the port deck, of my observation and went out on the flying bridge myself. The object was approximately 70 feet above the horizon at a distance of 12 miles. It came toward us, then ran on a course reciprocal to ours and turned off into the horizon in the northeast. I clearly saw its shadow on the water. My impression of the object was that it was elliptical, not unlike a Japanese diamond box kite in shape. I have no idea of its size but the length was about six times the breadth and it had a depth of from two to five feet. It made no noise and was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed. As it traveled through the air, it made a spinning or wobbly motion. After it

disappeared in the horizon, I saw it reappear several seconds later, ascending at an even faster speed than when I first observed it. I have no idea what this object was, I never saw anything comparable to it before, and it was one of the most frightening experiences I have ever had. I roughly estimate that the object traveled 28 miles during the 15 seconds I had it under observation.

Collector's Note: The Chief and Third Mates were interviewed on 8 August by two Intelligence Officers. The Captain, who was absent at that time, was interviewed on 9 August by only one of the two Intelligence Officers. In describing the occurrence, the Chief and Third Mates reenacted their behavior at the time of sighting, and the period from the time the Chief Mate saw the object abeam until he reached the after deck and saw it disappear off the starboard quarter was timed at 15 seconds. In laying the angles of observation out on a chart and assuming the object was 10 miles distant and taking the time into account, it is evident it was certainly traveling at a very high rate of speed, which approximated 400 to 500 miles per hour. It will be noted that there is a tremendous discrepancy between the Captain's estimate of the speed and the estimate of the two officers which could

21 January 1953

Meeting of OSI Advisory Group on UFO Jan. 14 through 17, 1953

At 0945 on Jan. 14, 1953, an ad hoc panel of scientific consultants was convened to review the "Unidentified Flying Objects" problem. A detailed statement of the problem presented to the group by CIA is attached as Appendix A. The panel consisted of the following:

Dr. Robertson, CIT

Dr. Luis-Alvarez

Dr. S. Gondsmit, Brookhaven

Dr. Thornton Page,

ORD Johns Hopkins

Dr. J.A. Hynek, consultant to ATIC.

A final report on the results of the meeting is being prepared for the AD/SI but it is believed that the following is a fair statement of the conclusions reached:

1. No evidence is available to indicate any physical threat to the security of the United States.
2. No evidence is available to indicate the existence or use of any as yet unknown (to us) fundamental scientific principles.
3. The subject "UFO" is not of direct intelligence interest. It is of indirect intelligence interest only insofar as any knowledge about the innum-

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erable unsolved mysteries of the universe are of intelligence interest.

4. The subject "UFO" is of operational interest for three reasons:

(a) Interference with air defense by intentional enemy jamming or by lack of ability on the part of operating personnel to discriminate between radar anomalies and actual airborne weapons.

(b) Related to (a), interference with air defense observation stations.

(c) Possibility of a psychological offensive by the enemy timed with respect to an actual attack could conceivably seriously reduce the defense effort of the general public.

It is noted that these general conclusions as stated here do not specifically answer the needs presented in Appendix A. However, it is anticipated that comment on these points will be presented in a written statement from the scientific panel to AD/SI.

17 January 1953

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC
PANEL ON UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS

not be explained as they were very careful in making their statements and asserted that their observations had been correct. All three men were quite evidently very much upset by the sighting. Aside from the discrepancies, it was quite evident to the Intelligence Officers who interviewed these men that they had certainly seen some very unusual object which they could not identify but was just as certainly not any conventional type of aircraft. (Deleted) (No further information released.)

Country: W. Germ.

Date: 8 Aug 52

Source: Agence France Press, Paris

Radio teletype in French to the Americas on 8 August 1952, carried the following item: (Deleted) Bonn. Writing in the German magazine "Der Flieger", Dr. Waldermar Beck says that a flying saucer which recently fell at Spitsbergen has been studied by eminent Norwegian and German rocket experts. He writes that Dr. Norsal, a Norwegian expert in rocket construction went to the place where the flying saucer had fallen a few hours after it had been discovered in the mountains of Spitsbergen by Norwegian jet planes.

In the wreck of the apparatus the expert is said to have discovered a radio

piloting transmitter with a nucleus of plutonium transmitting on all wave lengths with 934 hertz, a measure that has been unknown so far.

The investigation has also shown that the flying saucer crashed because of a defect in its radio piloting system. The saucer which carried no crew has a diameter of 47 meters. The steel used in the construction is an unknown alloy. It consists of an exterior disc provided at its periphery with 46 automatic jets. This disc pivots around the central sphere which contains the measurement and remote control equipment. The measurement instructions have an inscription in Russian.

(No further information released.)

DESCRIBES SAUCER

EXPERIMENTS—Capetown, Die Landstem, 9 Jan 54

A German newspaper (not further identified) recently published an interview with George Klein, famous German engineer and aircraft expert, describing the experimental construction of "flying saucers" carried out by him from 1941 to 1945. Klein stated that he was present when, in 1945, the first piloted "flying saucer" took off and reached a speed of 1,300 miles per hour within three minutes. The experiments resulted in three designs: one, designed by Miethe, was a disc-shaped aircraft, 135 feet in diame-

ter, which did not rotate; another, designed by Habermohl and Schreiber, consisted of a large rotating ring, in the center of which was a round, stationary cabin for the crew. When the Soviets occupied Prague, the Germans destroyed every trace of the "flying saucer" project (there) and nothing more was heard of Habermohl and his assistants. Schreiber recently died in Bremen, where he had been living. In Breslau, the Soviets managed to capture one of the saucers built by Miethe, who escaped to France. He is reportedly in the U.S. at present.

From—Acting Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

To—Chief, Physics & Electronics Division, SI

Subject—Unusual UFO Report

Date—12 July 55

1. The attached copy of a cable is a preliminary report from Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland reporting on what appears to be an unusual "unidentified flying object" sighting.
2. Essentially, the "object" was apparently simultaneously observed by a tanker aircraft (KC 97) pilot (visually) and by a ground radar (type unknown) site (electronically). While such dual (visual and electronic) sightings of UFOs are reported from time to time,

this particular report is somewhat unique in that:

a. the "pilot of Archie 29 maintained visual contacts with object calling direction changes of object to (radar) site by radio. Direction changes correlated exactly with those painted on scope by controller."

b. In previous cases the dual (visual and electronic) sightings are mostly of a few minutes duration at most. This one was observed by radar, at least, for 49 minutes.

3. It is reasonable to believe that more information will be available on this when complete report (AF Form 112) is issued.

(No further information released.)

Country—(Deleted)

Date—4 Oct 55

Source—(Deleted)

1. At 1630, 4 Oct 55, I boarded a train at (Deleted) for (Deleted) in the company of (Deleted), one of whom shared a Wagon-Lit compartment with me; the other two occupied the adjoining compartment. The train ran very slowly, making every stop; I would estimate its overall speed at 20 m.p.h.

reason that the entire report cannot be declassified. This was agreed to in the meeting. In addition, it was pointed out... that several of the panel members specifically requested that while they had no objection to their names being used in connection with the report, they did not want their names connected to the Central Intelligence Agency. So far it is believed that all connections between the panel members and CIA have been made by unofficial personnel...

5. Mr. [Philip] Strong [Deputy Assistant Director, CIA] pointed out that perhaps the best way to forestall any future inquiries along these lines was to put out a press release covering the subject of unidentified flying objects, utilizing the panel report as much as possible...

W.E. Lexow
Chief, Applied
Science Division

29 July 1970

SUBJECT:
Vartorella's letter on UFOs

A little background for a discussion on the Vartorella letter:

1. The central theme of this letter is "that the CIA has used—or is using—the Condon Report as a whitewash designed to cover a

Exactly two hours and 40 minutes out of (Deleted) one of our group in the compartment next door entered my compartment and said, "Did you see that out there? I just saw a flying saucer." I and my compartment companion were about to laugh it off when the man from next door pointed out of the window again, and then we all saw the following sight.

2. On the left-hand side of the train, between the train (Deleted) was a large air field. The evening was dark but clear. A huge search (Deleted) on the field itself, (Deleted) on a triangular object on the ground which I would say was probably not more than two miles distant from the railroad. (Collector's comment: Source first estimated that the air field was about five miles away but, on further reflection, changed the distance to the object to two miles). The size of the object was comparable to that of (Deleted) jet fighter, with a squat shape and in the form of an equilateral triangle. There were three lights on the object, one on each point of the triangle, presumably two wing lights and a tail light. As we watched, it was ejected from its launching site, making not less than three and not more than seven fast spirals in the air, after which it climbed

extremely fast at about a 45 degree angle. We watched it climb and saw it reach a high altitude; the search (Deleted) followed it all the way.

3. I wish to emphasize that this was no ordinary take-off but a launching procedure more like a missile ejection. Our companion from next door reported that this was the second launching in rapid succession.
4. I believe that the train at the time of the sighting was between 50 and 65 miles south of (Deleted). While the four of us were still watching the object ascending, the steward came in and pulled down the blinds. When I began to protest, the steward pointed toward the rear of the car and shook his head, (Deleted).

Country—USSR/India

Date—6 Dec. 1958

Source—(Deleted)

On 6 Dec. 1958 between 1838 and 1840 local time source observed, by telescope, an artificial object having a continuous brightness of magnitude 3 (same as the Belt of Orion) cross his position (field of vision) while source was observing Mars. The object traveled north to south. There was no

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1. Pursuant to the request of the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, the undersigned Panel of Scientific Consultants has met to evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by Unidentified Flying Objects ("Flying Saucers"), and to make recommendations thereon. The Panel has received the evidence as presented by cognizant intelligence agencies, primarily the Air Technical Intelligence Center, and has reviewed a selection of the best documented incidents.

2. As a result of its considerations, the Panel concludes:

- a. That the evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security.

We firmly believe that there is no residuum of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicate a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.

3. The Panel further concludes:

- a. That the continued emphasis on the reporting of these phenomena does, in these parlous times, result in a threat to the

orderly functioning of the protective organs of the body politic.

We cite as examples the clogging of channels of communication by irrelevant reports, the danger of being led by continued false alarms to ignore real indications of hostile action, and the cultivation of a morbid national psychology in which skillful hostile propaganda could induce hysterical behavior and harmful distrust of duly constituted authority.

4. In order most effectively to strengthen the national facilities for the timely recognition and the appropriate handling of true indications of hostile action, and to minimize the concomitant dangers alluded to above, the Panel recommends:

- a. That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired;
- b. That the national security agencies institute policies on intelligence, training, and public education designed to prepare the material defenses and the morale of the country to recognize most promptly and to react most effectively to true indications of hostile intent or action.

We suggest that these aims may be achieved by an integrated program designed to reassure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomena, to train personnel to recognize and reject false indications quickly and effectively, and to strengthen regular channels for the evaluation of and prompt reaction to true indications of hostile measures.

16 May 1958

SUBJECT: Meeting with Air Force Personnel Concerning Scientific Advisory Panel Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, dated 17 Jan. 1953 (Secret)

1. A meeting was convened this date with representatives of the Air Force to discuss what steps should be taken concerning the subject report in order to take care of inquiries such as the letters written by Mr. Leon Davidson. Mr. Davidson has been most insistent upon getting the entire Robertson report released. The full report is classified "Secret." A declassified version is available, a copy of which was given to Mr. Davidson...
3. Paragraph 3 of the report cites examples of actions that could be taken by an enemy with possibly dangerous consequences to national security. This is the principal

lay in the danger of overloading the air defense structure needlessly and in mass hysteria and the like.

3. This was the high point in CIA involvement in the UFO matter. We had no organized effort on the subject. One or two analysts maintained some kind of watch on reports under Phil Strong's general guidance.
4. On 5 May 1955 the Air Force issued its Special Report No. 14, "Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects"—a project BLUE BOOK publication. This report goaded the UFO enthusiasts into renewed activity and considerable pressure was put on the Air Force to declassify the Special Report, as well as the earlier Robertson Panel Report. In 1958 Phil Strong got the Panel members to agree to the declassifying of the conclusions of the Robertson Panel and to the release of their names in connection with it. But CIA connections with the Panel review was not to be revealed at their request. The pressure continued, however, and on 7 Aug. 1966 the Air Force commissioned the Condon Committee to make the "final" review of the two-fold problem. By that time we had long since closed our files on the subject... ★