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### Project 1947 - 'Ghost of the Estimate' III

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 Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Feb 1997 11:35:11 -0500  
 Subject: Project 1947 - 'Ghost of the Estimate' III

This posting should really be titled "Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the United State." With the release of the Project Sign documents and other documents from HQ, USAF Intelligence many events at this time become clearer.

The printed copy of the Top Secret study (Top Secret control # 2-7341) the title page reads: "Air Intelligence Report No. 100-203-79, ANALYSIS OF FLYING OBJECT INCIDENTS IN THE U. S., Air Intelligence Division Study No. 203, 10 December 1948, Directorate of Intelligence and Office of Naval Intelligence." The distribution was "C." There are lists prepared to tell the clerks where to send the documents this one used the "C" list. It is interesting to note that although this was a join Air Force-Navy document the warning statement cited Army Regulation 380-5, the security and classification regulation. The surviving document is copy 102 or 103 copies produced.

The document has the following attachments a Memo for Record by Maj. Dewey Fournet, a Top Secret "loan sheet," another two Memo Routing Slip concern the same subject as in the draft, an Air Force HQ form 6, Register of Personnel Handling Top Secret Material" which records all personnel handling this document since 5 Dec 1950. Fournet's Memo reads:

AFOIN-2B3  
 Capt Fournet/el/55894  
 Wrtn 5 Jun 52

#### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

#### PROBLEM

1. To declassify Study 100-203-79, "Analysis of Flying Object Incidents" dated 10 December 1948, if practicable.

#### FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. In accordance with a request from Col. W. A. Adams, AFOIN-2B, to declassify Study 100-203-79 if practicable, the following information is submitted. A search through D/I files was made, but no such study was found. However, a draft study bearing the same time and date, plus the designation "D/I-ONI Study No. 203" was located. This study is classified Top Secret and is presumed to be the study in question.

3. Two copies of the latter study were distributed to ONI.

4. Subject matter will not be submitted for inclusion in the Daily Staff Digest.

#### CONCLUSIONS

5. It is not considered advisable to declassify Study No. 203 inasmuch as it contain such speculation on the possible origin of unidentified flying objects, information on the Soviet AOB and atomic

energy activity. In addition, the study contains a treatise on possible Soviet intentions in utilizing controlled aerial missiles over the U. S.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

6. None; for information only.

COORDINATION

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The Memo was classified Confidential and declassified 5 March 1985.

COMMENTS: Apparently when looking through the files Fournet came upon the draft first. Later this Memo was filed with the printed copy. Ruppelt said that both Col. Adams and Maj. Fournet were "believers." You don't find that in this official statement.

The Top Secret Loan Sheet indicates that the document was due back on 8 July 1952

The first Memo Routing Slip has the following hand written message:

"All extra copies of this document were ordered to be destroyed.

"Cy being kept for record purposes only. Not to be disseminated without permission of AFOIN-A.

"see 2-6167"

It is signed by the same person as the draft the last name now looks like Buedolf. and it is dated 6 Dec 51.

The second Memo Routing Slip also hand written reads:

"T. S. Control Note:

"All published copies of this document have been ordered destroyed. This document for frecor purpose only not to be disseminated."

On the memo is there are initials in the same hand writing as the other instruction memos.

On the AF HQ Form 6, the Top Secret Register, there are 10 entries from 5 Dec 1950 to 24 Jun 1952. Except for Maj Fournet's entry all concern the administrative handling of the document.

The Study has been available since 1985 and has been sold by several organizations and individuals. We are attempting to have this placed on a web site.

More later.

Jan Aldrich

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