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Research Update - ATIC History

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Greetings:

Wendy Connors and Michael David Hall have recently obtained a copy of the official Air Technical Intelligence history for 1 June 1951 to 31 December 1951 inclusive. This history adds much new data to how ATIC operated during the early years of the flying disc investigations.

The ATIC history was classified SECRET and included the following content headings: Foreword, Organization and Function, Accomplishments and Appendix. The history gives a complete synopsis of each sections responsibilities, chain of command, etc. Each section describes in general the accomplishments of the previous six months. Project Blue Book is not mentioned. Rather, the Technical Analysis Division gives a summary "Evaluation of Reports on Unidentified Aerial Objects." This is important for several reasons. First, the term unidentified "Aerial" objects is still being used prior to 1952. This adds some credence to the possibility that Captain Edward J. Ruppelt coined the usage of "Unidentified Flying Objects" soon after his taking over the flying saucer investigations under the old Project Grudge and coining the project "Blue Book," which was not an officially assigned designation for the UFO project. Secondly, a section of the evaluation states, "This project involves the collection of reports of unidentified aerial objects; the evaluation, as to source and content, of reports of visual or electronic sightings of unidentified aerial objects submitted by military or civilian sources; the investigation of reports of such sightings through field work when deemed necessary; and the preparation of periodic status reports for the information of the D/I, Hq. USAF." This confirms that Project's SIGN, Grudge and the unofficial project name, "Blue Book," relied heavily on radar (electronic) sources for the investigation of UFOs and that these project's did, indeed, report directly to the Directorate of Intelligence at the Pentagon. Thus, ATIC's chain of command was not through AMC per se, but through the auspices of Air Force Intelligence in the Pentagon.

Further, confirmation is contained within the history that a program designed to index and cross index all sightings of UFOs was underway in order to provide statistical data about the phenomenon prior to 1951. Also, the following passage illustrates that concentration would be on, "...those incidents that appear to have originated from high grade sources, such as pilots, technically trained people, etc. The exception to this was where a number of sightings occur in a certain area at about the same time." Although reports were taken from the public,

ATIC only did a cursatory look at those reports, relying instead on many in house (military) reports for detailed analysis.

Acquisition of this formal history, combined with the recent acquisition of the AMC Paperclip histories and the T-2 formal histories by Hall and Connors, begin to offer researchers a better look inside the operation and organizational structure of Air Technical Intelligence at Wright-Patterson AFB. This information gives an historical perspective for researchers, which in the past have been rather sketchy, to the elimination of previous best-guess scenarios as to just how the Air Force handled and perceived the investigations of UFOs.

It should be noted that there are some surprises within the ATIC history. A more formal and indepth analysis of this information will be shared by Hall and Connors in future updates. As with any new acquisition, new paths are discovered which necessitates more work in obtaining information about these new areas.

Thank you,

Wendy Connors and Mike Hall

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