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SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding Officer
AF Cambridge Research Laboratory
Attn: Base Directorate, Geophysical Research
230 Albany St.,
Cambridge, Massachusetts

1. Per request of Dr. A. O. Mirarchi, during recent visit to this base, the following information is submitted.

2. Sightings were made on 27 April and 24 May 1950 of aerial phenomena during morning daylight hours at this station. The sightings were made by Land-Air, Inc., personnel while engaged in tracking regular projects with Askania Photo-theodolites. It has been reported that objects are sighted in some number; as many as eight have been visible at one time. The individuals making these sightings are professional observers therefore I would rate their reliability superior. In both cases photos were taken with Askanias.

3. The Holloman AF Base Data Reduction Unit analyzed the 27 April pictures and made a report, a copy of which I am enclosing with the film for your information. It was believed that triangulation could be effected from pictures taken on 24 May because pictures were taken from two stations. The films were rapidly processed and examined by Data Reduction. However, it was determined that sightings were made on two different objects and triangulation could not be effected. A report from Data Reduction and the films from the sighting are enclosed.

4. There is nothing further to report at this time.

4 Incls:

- Incl #1-Data Red Rpt #1
- Incl #2-Data Red Report #2
- Incl #3-Film, P-10, 24 May 50
Film, P-8, 24 May 50
Film, P-10, 27 Apr 50
- Incl #4-Map of HAFB Range

film report with APOC in 001C

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Objects observed following MX 776A test of 27 April 1950

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report "undampel"
Dec. 89,
Ruppel's Book*

1. According to conversation between Col. Baynes and Capt. Bryant, the following information is submitted directly to Lt. Albert.

2. Film from station P10 was read, resulting in azimuth and elevation angles being recorded on four objects. In addition, size of image on film was recorded.

3. From this information, together with a single azimuth angle from station M7, the following conclusions were drawn:

- a. The objects were at an altitude of approximately 150,000 feet.
- b. The objects were over the Holloman range between the base and Tularosa Peak.
- c. The objects were approximately 30 feet in diameter.
- d. The objects were traveling at an undeterminable, yet high speed.

WILBUR L. MITCHELL
Mathematician
Data Reduction Unit

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The other two movies were made at the White Sands Proving Grounds with Askania Cine theodolites—scientific tracking cameras for following guided missiles. The first was made on April 27, 1950. Shortly after a missile was fired and had soared into the stratosphere and fallen, someone spotted an object in the sky. The theodolites were hooked up by an intercom system, and several stations were instructed to try to get pictures. Unfortunately, only one camera had film. The pictures showed a smudgy, dark object, not very well defined. It was moving.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific information required.

1. The above information was obtained from a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past.

1. The following information was obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., on the date of the report, and is being furnished to you for your information.

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There is no other information in the file concerning the
subject's activities in the United States. The subject has
not been seen since his departure from the United States in
1954.

4. Additional information, which was obtained from the
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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March 11, 1958

Captain Wallace C. Marley, USA
Production Branch
Audio-Visual Division, OPI, OASD(PA)
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Captain Marley:

Thank you for your cordial and informative communication of 28 February. Your continued cooperation - and patience - is appreciated.

Naturally, I shall keep in touch with your office as the script to my projected documentary progresses. However, the narrative will gradually develop as the material for the production is successively screened, edited and timed. Therefore, much of script of this post-narrated film will depend precisely on what film is available, including the stock footage to be made available by the Department of Defense.

So you can see that I am in a rather nebulous position at the moment. But I am certain that time will resolve everything. I would wonder if you would be kind enough to tell me just what the purchase of stock footage entails? Thank you.

There is another point that I wish you would clarify. With reference to my inquiry into the availability of four motion pictures of UFO's reportedly in the possession of the Air Force, you responded: "...The specific footage that you have requested has been checked by the Department of the Air Force and there is no record of its existence."

This reply has me a bit mystified. One of the films about which I inquired was allegedly taken by a cine-theodolite crew at Edwards AFB, Calif., on 3 May, 1957, and I have a letter from Major Robert F. Spence, USAF, describing the film in some detail.

As to the gun-camera shot near Wright-Patterson AFB on 20 August, 1952, let me here quote the caption to frames from this movie as reproduced in True Magazine for December 1952: "Hovering object that was scanned by radar and seen by ground watchers was caught on film by a climbing jet pilot. These unretouched 35 mm. gun-camera movie frames, released to TRUE by the Air Force, were taken at 30,000 feet, near Wright Field, at 11 a.m. on August 20, 1952." From the appearance of the enlarged frames, I believe the movie was shot on 16mm and not 35mm film.

And the White Sands cine-theodolite films were referred to by Edward J. Ruppelt, Capt., USAF, former chief of Project Blue Book in his book, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects (p. 279: "...We had or knew about four strips of movie film that fell into the 'Unknown' category. Two were the cine-theodolite movies that had been taken at White Sands Proving Ground in April and May of 1950..."). Capt. Ruppelt's book was supposedly cleared by DOD Security and Review on 5 December, 1955.

*Major Spence says
he never wrote a
letter giving any
such info.*

14 April 1953

Dear Mr. Miller:

Captain Marley has requested that we answer your letter of 11 March 1953, since some of the information you request is in our area of responsibility.

First, regarding your request for the procedure to procure stock footage from the military services for motion picture films -- footage may be purchased by representative of recognized motion picture and television agencies, on the basis of scripts submitted to the Department of Defense and approved in advance of film production. Approved scripts are forwarded to the appropriate film depository where the producer may select for purchase such footage as is commensurate with the production of the specific script.

I should caution you again, that good motion picture footage of UFO is not available from any official sources. As was pointed out in earlier correspondence, exhaustive research was conducted by and for the producers of the Armstrong Circle Theatre with no success in finding even a small piece of film that would register on a television screen.

If you will re-read your correspondence, dated 11 June 1957, from Major Robert F. Spence, you will note that there is not any mention of motion picture footage of the Edwards incident. I should also add, since you cited Mr. Ruppelt's book, that it was cleared only for security purposes and in fact a disclaimer for factual accuracy was made at that time by the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

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