

DOCUMENTS & REPORTS

from USA

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS, PROJECT "SIGN"

F-TR-2274-IA (1949, 46 PP)

The first comprehensive report prepared by "Project Sign," initiated by the Technical Intelligence Division, Air Materiel Command in 1948, it is a progress report of the U.S. Air Force study of UFOs. Originally classified "Secret," it includes a discussion of "Considerations Affecting Analysis and Evaluation," especially methods of propulsion. The appendices contain graphs of object sightings by shape and dates, "Some Considerations Affecting the Interpretation of Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects" by G.E. Valley, a member of the Scientific Advisory Board to the Chief of Staff, USAF, and a letter from J.E. Lipp of the Rand Corp. regarding possible places of origin of UFOs.

PROJECT "SAUCER" (1949, 22 PP)

This is the press release issued by the USAF in response to demands for details of Project SIGN. It summarizes the sightings of the period 1947-1949, and includes discussions of the Arnold, Mantell, Chiles-Whitted and Gorman sightings, as well as astronomical, balloon and hoax reports.

PROJECT "TWINKLE" FINAL REPORT, by L. ELTERMAN (1951, 28 PP)

A report of an attempt by the U.S.A.F. to concentrate some of its resources for observing UFOs into two locations for a limited time. The instrumentation was never completed as planned and the results were essentially negative, although summaries of nine sightings and a more detailed analysis of one are included. Some relevant correspondence is attached.

REPORT OF MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, CONVENED BY OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE, C.I.A.

by F.C. DURANT (1953, 42 PP) ["ROBERTSON REPORT"]

The report of these meetings, called by the CIA, established the government attitude toward the subject of UFOs, based on the material furnished the panel by the U.S. Air Force. Included herein is a brief history of this report written by Ann Druffel, who was instrumental in bringing about the declassification of this report by the CIA.

PROJECT "BLUE BOOK" SPECIAL REPORT No. 14

ANALYSIS OF REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Released May, 1955 by Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. (This edition, 110 pp)
Accompanied by a 17-page analysis and historical introduction by Dr. Bruce Maccabee.

This is Battelle Memorial Institute's analysis of UFO reports, undertaken to determine if the details of sighting reports that were later identifiable in terms of known objects were different in any significant way from those that remained unexplained. The conclusion depends upon the interpretation. The report describes 12 sightings that were analyzed in some detail in order to determine if there were such a thing as a "model UFO" and concludes there was not. Many tables and charts are included.

Omitted from this reproduction is Appendix A, 147 pages of detailed tables and Appendix B, 65 pages of working paper forms, although an 11-page index of the Appendix and several sample pages of the tables are included.

RAND DOCUMENT UFOs: WHAT TO DO? (1968, 41 PP)

A "Think Tank" report that includes sections on the historical, astronomical, and phenomenological aspects of UFOs, the character of reports, and recommendations for the collection and scientific investigation of reports, and of the resulting statistics.

from Canada

PROJECT "MAGNET" REPORT AND PROJECT "SECOND STOREY" (1953, 47pp)

The Second Storey Committee was sponsored by the Canadian Defense Research Board to collect, catalog and correlate data on UFO sightings. The report includes guidelines for reporting UFOs, lists of normal phenomena commonly mistaken for UFOs, sighting report forms, formulae for weighing sighting reports, sighting analysis charts, and a summary of the reports analyzed in 1952. The Project "Magnet" committee utilized this report in making its study of the saucer phenomena and in reaching its conclusions on the real existence of extra-terrestrial vehicles.

from France

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS, from THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES OF NATIONAL DEFENSE; ASSOCIATION OF FORMER SENIOR OFFICIALS AND AUDITORS. 1977

An analysis of the UFO phenomenon, of the attitude of governments toward it, of its socio-psychological aspects (regarded in the report as more important than the phenomenon itself) and of considerations of national defense and UFOs. It concludes with recommendations for the collection and further study of UFO reports.

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from USSR

OBSERVATIONS OF ANOMALOUS ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA IN THE U.S.S.R.: A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, by Gindilis, Menkov, and Petrovskaya. (INSTITUTE OF SPACE RESEARCH REPORT PR. 473, 1979) (63 pp)

Based on the UFO reports collected by Felix Zigel, the authors analyze the general characteristics of the sightings, the circumstances of observation, the witnesses, spatial and temporal distribution of the events, and their duration. They classify the phenomena by types of objects, by object structure and/or nature of luminosity, by angular dimensions of objects and by their characteristics.

They include estimates of distance, altitude, size and velocity, discuss associated effects and phenomena, and conclude with a discussion of the reliability of the material and observational characteristics of the phenomena, and finally, they state their conclusions about the nature of the objects and the need for further research.