

that the federal government should not set up a major new agency for the scientific study of UFOs, we do not favor this suggestion and feel that UFO reports should be left to normal scientific and defense channels. If such a center is established, it should not perform an investigative function and should be initiated only on a trial basis for a specified lifetime.

- ✓ 8. Project Blue Book has accumulated records on over 13,000 sighting cases. During his study, Dr. Condon expressed concern about the possible loss of these records and their relative inaccessibility at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He was assured by Secretary Brown that we would look into the feasibility and desirability of relocating the files in the Washington area and that no action would be taken until the Colorado report was released (Atch 13).⁴ [If Project Blue Book is terminated, the records should be transferred to an appropriate archive and preserved for their historical value and to prevent charges that the Air Force is concealing facts.]

- ✓ 9. [To ensure the order and cooperation essential to the successful investigation of UFOs, the Air Force adopted a practice of confidentiality; with these records being kept in a secure area and not be used without their proper authorization. Records were never released and the publications in the area were kept under strict control.]
- SAFOI feels that an Air Force controlled archive away from the Washington, D.C. area is the most appropriate storage facility. Considering the existence of local, privately sponsored UFO investigative organizations, the ready availability of these records in the Washington area would result in an inordinate workload in clearing investigators, providing documentation, and reviewing and clearing manuscripts. Therefore, the Air University was queried about the possibility of storing these documents at the Air Force Archives (Atch 15). Air Force Air University will accept these records providing:]

- a. SAFOI will answer all requests about Blue Book, and not require AU research to answer such queries.
- b. SAFOI will rigidly limit the right of access to recognized, legitimate researchers, and
- c. SAFOI will screen researcher's notes to insure that "confidentiality" is maintained (Atch 16).

10. Project Blue Book should be terminated, and Blue Book records should be transferred to the USAF Archives at Air University. The attached memorandum would initiate these actions.

RECOMMENDATION

11. That the memorandum be signed.

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