

that every effort must be undertaken in order to run down and ascertain whether or not the flying disks are a fact and, if so, to learn all about them. According to General Schulgen, the Air Corps Intelligence are utilising all of their scientists in order to ascertain whether or not such a phenomenon could in fact occur. He stated that this research is being conducted with the view that the flying objects might be a celestial phenomenon and with the view that they might be a foreign body mechanically devised and controlled.

General Schulgen also indicated to Reynolds that all Air Corps installations have been alerted to run out each reported sighting to obtain all possible data to assist in this research project. In passing, General Schulgen stated that an Air Corps pilot who believed that he saw one of these objects was thoroughly interrogated by General Schulgen and scientists, as well as a psychologist, and the pilot was adamant in his claim that he saw a flying disk.

General Schulgen advised Reynolds that the possibility exists that the first reported sightings of the so-called flying disks are fallacious and prompted by individuals seeking personal publicity, or were reported for political reasons. He stated that if this was so, subsequent sightings might be the result of a mass hysteria. He pointed out that the thought exists that the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon.²

General Schulgen indicated to Reynolds that he is desirous of having all the angles covered in this matter. He stated that reports of his scientists and findings of the various Air Corps installations would be available in his office. He advised that to complete the picture he desired the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying disks in order to ascertain whether or not they are sincere in their statements that they saw these disks, or whether their statements were prompted by personal desire for publicity or political reasons. General Schulgen assured Reynolds that there are no War Department or Navy Department research projects presently being conducted which could in any way be tied up with the flying disks. General Schulgen indicated to Reynolds that if the Bureau would co-operate with him in this matter, he would offer all the facilities of his office as to results obtained in the effort to identify and run down this matter.

Reynolds advised General Schulgen that this request would be made known to the Bureau and an answer made available to him as soon as possible. Reynolds also discussed this matter with Colonel L. R. Forney of MID. Colonel Forney indicated that it

was his attitude that in as much as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request.

Immediately below this FBI Memorandum, there appears the following ADDENDUM, signed by the Assistant Director of the FBI, Mr D. M. Ladd:—
 "I would recommend that we advise the Army that the Bureau does not believe it should go into these investigations, it being noted that a great bulk of those

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TO : S. K. LADD

FROM : E. C. FISHER

SUBJECT: PLATED DISCS

DATE: 7/10/45

At request of Commander General George T. Schwelb, Chief of the Requirements Intelligence Branch of Army Air Corps Intelligence, Special Agent [redacted] discussed the above captioned matter with him on July 9, 1947. General Schwelb indicated that the Air Corps has taken the attitude that every effort must be undertaken in order to run down and ascertain whether or not the flying discs are a fact and, if so, to learn all about them. According to General Schwelb, the Air Corps Intelligence is willing all of their elements in order to ascertain whether or not such a phenomenon exists. General Schwelb stated that he has been in contact with the thought that the flying objects might be a scientific phenomenon or with the view that they might be a foreign body mechanically derived and controlled.

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General SCHMIDT advised that the possibility exists that the first reported sightings of the so-called firing lines were false and prompted by individuals seeking personal publicity, or were reported for political reasons. He stated that if this was so, subsequent sightings might be the result of a mass hysteria. He pointed out that the thought exists that the first report sightings might have been by individuals of Germanian sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon.

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