

The second Stork Status Report of June 6, 1952 stated that a preliminary analysis of existing reports had been completed and that a tentative sighter's questionnaire had been developed. It also described the IBM computer data analysis scheme that would be used in the statistical study which the Air Force had requested. It contained a list of about thirty characteristics of a report that would be coded onto IBM cards. Examples of these characteristics are geographical position, duration, observation method, color, speed, number, shape, brightness, evaluation of report reliability, and evaluation of observer reliability. In the final study some of the initially suggested characteristics were replaced by other characteristics.

The third Stork Status Report, July 7, 1952, stated that Dr. J.A. Hynek had been hired as an astronomical consultant and that while on a tour he would interview astronomers regarding their feelings toward UFO reports. (His "Special Report on Conferences with Astronomers on Unidentified Aerial Objects"⁴ was submitted to ATIC on August 6, 1952. It was marked "Restricted Security Information.") This status report also stated that work on the final sighting form and on analysis of existing UFO cases was continuing. The fifth Status Report (September 10, 1952) on Stork described the continuance of the work on the sighting questionnaire and on the analysis of UFO reports. With regard to the newspaper clipping service, it stated that "as requested by ATIC" the service would be discontinued in October.

The sixth Status Report (October 10, 1952) reiterated the continuance of work, but deserves special notice because it mentions the analysis of a 35 mm spectrographic film and a section of gun camera spectrographic film. Apparently these films were supplied to Battelle without enough data on how the films were obtained for the analysts to be able to make any positive conclusions. This Status Report also mentions the analyses of soil and vegetation samples (Pittsburgh, Kansas