

declassification of SR 14, according to a letter to Congressman Moss, dated July 5, 1956, and signed by Donald A. Quarles, the Secretary of the Air Force. The cutoff date for computerized analysis of reports was set at December 31, 1952; however, it seems reasonable to assume that Battelle did computer-aided analysis on at least some of the cases that occurred after that date.

On the Lack of Report Number 13

Projects Grudge and Blue Book published a series of reports number 1-12, the last being dated September 30, 1953. There is scant evidence of any Blue Book-Battelle interaction from then on for a year and a half, and then on May 5, 1955 Project Blue Book completed Special Report #14. The question which has arisen is, was there a Report #13, and if so, what happened to it? Researcher Stanton Friedman has reported⁹ that he was told of a copy of Report #13, classified Top Secret, at a SAC base. He has also reported being informed by the Air Force, "in response to many inquiries," that either Report #13 did not exist, or else it "was written in draft form" and was included in SR 14.

The Content of SR 14

Special Report #14 consists of a two and one-half page summary that is followed by about 45 pages of text and illustrations, about 37 pages of statistical graphs and charts (within the main text), and about 130 pages of tables of statistical data. The summary, which may have been written more than a year after Battelle completed the main text, contains six paragraphs that pertain to the Battelle study; the remaining six paragraphs discuss the data obtained after the December 31, 1952 cutoff date for the Battelle study. The summary emphasizes the opinion that better reporting and