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Minutes
of
Branch Chief's Meeting of
11 August 1952

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It was stated that [Mr. S. Fossony] who may be a special officer in

A-2, may be able to contribute something to this problem. [Mr. Sullivan] (b)(3)
gave a summary of the 5 years that Mr. Strong spent ~~at the Smithsonian Institution~~
~~at this time, so~~
There was no specific problem to be discussed. The meeting was
adjourned.

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* where so many "flying saucers" have been
reported of late. Although Mr. Strong knew
many people there and traveled the area
extensively, no unusual phenomena were
ever mentioned or seen.