

AFOIR-CO-5

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SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCI

1. Reference is made to Colonel McCoy's informal proposal that certain fighter aircraft be maintained on a continuous alert status, within the Zone of the Interior, to aid in gathering information on Flying Discs.

2. This proposal is considered unfeasible for the following reasons:

a. The outlay of aircraft and personnel would be too great in relation to the results obtained.

b. Proper interception is not possible, except by accident, without complete radar coverage. The Air Force is incapable of providing such coverage.

c. It is doubtful if fighter aircraft would be able to follow up reports emanating, for the most part, from civilian sources.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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