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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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Serial 13-49 at Kodiak, Alaska Date 25 April, 1949  
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From DIO-17ND WATERBURY, PAUL HERRING, IPI (See Special Note)  
(Ship, fleet, unit, district, office, station, or person) Make separate report for each main title. See O. N. I. Index Guide.

Reference DIO-17ND Secret WNI-96, Serial 4-S-49, dated 13 February 1948  
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BRIEF. (Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

POSSIBLE METEOROLOGICAL OR CELESTIAL PHENOMENA.

BRIEF: A manifestation of luminous energy was observed on the night of 8 April 1949 passing over the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska.

NOTE: This information is as of 8 April 1949.

SPECIAL NOTE: Inasmuch as the Intelligence File Index, 1948 Edition, does not contain an index relative to celestial or meteorological phenomena, as related in this report, no Index Guide Number has been incorporated.

ENCLOSURE: (A) Photostatic copy of a drawing made by Paul Herring indicating course of atmospheric disturbance on 8 April 1949.

1. Deputy U.S. Marshal Paul HERRING, Kodiak, Alaska, reported to the Intelligence Officer on 11 April 1949 that he observed a celestial manifestation crossing the sky above the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, 8 April 1949 at approximately 2030 hours. According to Mr. HERRING, he saw a flaming greenish-blue object plummet across the sky at an altitude of 2,500 feet at an estimated speed of 1,600 miles per hour. This disturbance, stated Mr. HERRING, was first observed above Anton Larson Bay, (See Enclosure (A)), moving from West to East on a course that approximately paralleled the East-West runways of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Kodiak, Alaska, and was visible for approximately 15 seconds when the flame disappeared in the vicinity of Puffin Island, Chiniak Bay. In the opinion of Mr. HERRING, the object was not a meteor as it was too large and there were no sparks which are generally observed associated with such phenomena. He stated that his first impression was that it was either a jet fighter or that an aircraft was on fire. This opinion was dissipated when he

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