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TO : Mr. J. P. Coyne *copy*

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: Mrs. A. G. Sarbanis
Informant

DATE: 9/17/47

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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You will recall that a letter was received from the above captioned individual dated July 10, 1947, in which she inclosed a newspaper clipping signed "Radio Ham." This newspaper clipping contained a coded message which Mrs. Sarbanis decoded. The FBI Laboratory checked Mrs. Sarbanis' decoding of this message and advised that it was substantially correct. The Laboratory's decoding of the message is being set forth below:

"TIRED OF HUMAN NONSENSE WONT AWAIT ATOMIC WAR
DISRUPTING ORDER SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING
DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD ORDER UNDER MARTIANS
LATE THIS YEAR."

The New York Office was asked to interview Mrs. Sarbanis to determine from what newspaper the clipping in question was obtained. They were further instructed to contact this newspaper in an effort to ascertain the identity of the person who sent in the coded message, in order that the person might be interviewed for information concerning the alleged receipt of the coded message.

By letter dated September 4, 1947, the New York Office advised that they had ascertained from Mrs. Sarbanis that the coded message had appeared in "Newsday," the local newspaper of Nassau and Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. The City Editor of this newspaper stated that the original had been signed only "Radio Ham" and knew of no way of determining the identity of the writer. It was the City Editor's opinion that the code had been made up by some local "screwball" who had been affected by all of the newspaper publicity that had been given to stories concerning "flying discs."

The FBI Laboratory has now advised that the FCC maintains their amateur records by a geographical breakdown as well as by call letters and that the Laboratory could possibly get the names of all amateurs in the Bellmore, Long Island, New York Section in the event it is desired that another attempt be made to identify the person who sent this coded message to the "Newsday."

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that no further action be taken in connection with this matter in view of the opinion expressed by the City Editor of the "Newsday" that the letter received by him signed "Radio Ham" was from some local "screwball."

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