

stated that while it was highly improbable that aircraft could sustain flight at an altitude of 100,000 feet, it was absolutely possible from a scientific and engineering standpoint. Therefore, it was his opinion that the matter should be followed closely. He arranged for Captain CROSS, whom he termed a radar expert, to observe with ADCOCK during the evening of March 3, 1950 the radar equipment on which ADCOCK had detected the object.

Immediately following this conference, Special Agent McSWAIN contacted Mr. CHARLES WHITE, Physical Security and Plant Protection Branch, U. S. AEC, and Mr. FRANK CALLAGHAN, Assistant Chief, Security Division, U. S. AEC, to advise them of the findings and to determine what action was being taken by AEC. Both WHITE and CALLAGHAN advised that the matter had been referred to 3rd Army authorities and that beyond this, no steps had been taken. It was their belief, however, that a radar technician was being sent down, probably from Washington, to inspect the equipment owned by ADCOCK. It was erroneously reported that a CIA technician would come to Oak Ridge.

Also, immediately following this conference above stated, Special Agent PRICE, OSI, called his headquarters at Maxwell Field, Alabama to determine if any action were being taken with regard to having radar equipment flown to this area to verify or disprove the findings of ADCOCK. PRICE was advised that he should act only in the capacity of an observer in the matter but that such radar equipment would be flown up, if requested by the AEC.

Special Agent SEACRAVES, CIC, stated he had also been advised by his headquarters at Atlanta to act in the capacity of an observer and that, accordingly, he had not as yet been advised whether or not the 3rd Army intended to send mobile radar equipment to the area to verify or disprove the findings of ADCOCK. Inquiry was made by Special Agent PRICE, OSI, of AEC as to whether or not they would request having radar equipment flown in by OSI authorities, and he was told by AEC that while the AEC was, of course, vitally interested in anything which directly affected the safety of the area, they nevertheless did not feel that they had the authority to make a specific request for such action inasmuch as the protection of the area from assault was the responsibility of the 3rd Army. Accordingly, they could not make any direct request for such equipment.

During the evening of March 3, 1950, Special Agent CHARLTON C. McSWAIN and myself, together with SA PRICE (OSI), remained at the Naval Reserve Armory, Alico Highway, during which time search was being conducted by the radar equipment at this installation. Captain ROBERT CROSS, NEPA, and Special Agent SEACRAVES, CIC,