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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/2/50

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: ALF E. HIXENBAUGH's Photographs
of Flying Saucers;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On June 28, 1950, the Louisville Times, a newspaper of general circulation published at Louisville, Kentucky, carried a two column cut showing three frames of a movie camera film of what purported to be a moving picture of a flying saucer. The photographs, taken by ALF (AL) HIXENBAUGH, Times staff photographer, were taken, HIXENBAUGH said, on a 16 mm magazine-loading movie camera.

The news article, accompanying the photographs, stated HIXENBAUGH took 50 feet of film in which "the bright flying object shows clearly." The photographer, according to the article, was at Longest and Everett Avenues near his home, 2205 Longest, at 4:15 p.m., June 27, 1950, on his way to take some moving pictures of birds. The article relates that HIXENBAUGH "suddenly heard the roar of a big plane -- a twin-motored DC-3 -- and glanced overhead. At first he thought it was a jet plane then he looked to the west of the plant, which was flying southwest toward Standiford Field -- and saw the large disk. It had a slight corona around it and seemed to be lower than the plane."

According to HIXENBAUGH, the object appeared "motionless for about ten seconds ... then it began to get smaller, finally vanishing into the west." The article notes that while the "saucer" appeared on all the film HIXENBAUGH took, the airplane was out of the picture field quickly, appearing on only about 10 feet. HIXENBAUGH, according to the article, advised military officers at Godman Field who in turn notified flight headquarters at Wright-Patterson Field. A copy of the newspaper article and photographs are being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures.

A subsequent newspaper article stated that representatives of the military would fly to Louisville to examine the films. In addition to being printed in the Louisville Times, the movie film taken by HIXENBAUGH was carried on a national television network and received national comment from WALTER WINCHELL. HIXENBAUGH has received telephonic and written queries concerning subject matter of the picture

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