

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: October 8, 1952

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
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- Tracy _____
- Harbo _____
- Belmont _____
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Reference is made to an article which appeared in "The ~~New~~ Yorker" dated September 6, 1952, which is attached. This ~~article~~ which was written by Daniel ~~Lang~~ contained inaccurate information regarding FBI investigations, indicating that the FBI conducts certain inquiries regarding flying saucers at the request of the Air Force. It is pointed out here that, although the Bureau did at one time conduct some investigations regarding flying saucers, a present agreement has been set up with the Air Force whereby the Air Force conducts all investigations pertaining to flying saucers and the Bureau, upon receiving complaints of this nature, merely turns the complaints over to the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), which in turn transmits the information to Air Intelligence. Air Intelligence has set up the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, for the purpose of coordinating and handling of research pertaining to flying saucers.

Inquiry was conducted in order to determine, if possible, the source for the information appearing in the attached article regarding FBI investigations. Lieutenant Colonel L. L. Free in charge of the Espionage Branch, Counter-Intelligence Division, Office of Special Investigations, advised that no one in OSI has been contacted by Lang, and he suggested direct contact by the Bureau Representative with Air Intelligence to determine if Lang had been in touch with anyone in that organization in order to gather information for his article.

Colonel C. M. Young, Executive Officer to Major General John A. Samford, Director of Air Intelligence, advised that Lang has not contacted General Samford's office.

Colonel Young also telephonically contacted Captain Ruppelt of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, on September 30, 1952. Captain Ruppelt advised Colonel Young that they have never indicated in any way to Mr. Lang that the FBI has an interest in flying saucers. Captain Ruppelt stated that the FBI to his knowledge has never been called upon to furnish reports on flying saucers. Ruppelt is under the impression that Mr. Lang made the story up or picked it up from some magazine or newspaper article sometime back. Both Colonel Young and Captain Ruppelt are thoroughly familiar with Bureau policy pertaining to flying saucers.

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