

TO: MR. A. H. BELMONT  
 FROM: V. P. KEAY

DATE: December 23, 1952

SUBJECT: PROPOSED STUDY ON THE  
 "FLYING SAUCERS" PHENOMENA;  
 INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FLYING

Reference is made to my memorandum December 5, 1952. You will recall that at an Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting held December 4, 1952, Dr. H.M. Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) directed the members' attention to some aspects of the "flying saucers" phenomena. He made reference to a presentation of a theory on "saucers" which had been made by a German atomic scientist and which fact had caused the British to initiate considerable intelligence effort into the matter. Chadwell also made reference to a recent "saucers" observation in Africa. He did not furnish details on the African observation.

The Liaison Agent contacted Messrs. Ralph Clark, (b) (3) (A) and Richard Helms, all of the CIA, for the purpose of obtaining additional details concerning the "saucers" report which centered in Africa. These individuals furnished information reflecting that a few weeks ago an explosion of large proportion was picked up on several seismographs and it was indicated that the explosion was centered in central Africa. According to Helms and Clark, reports of unknown reliability were received indicating that the explosion might have emanated from a flying saucer. More recent reports received from a broad indicate that the seismographs had picked up an explosion of a meteor. (b) (3) (B)

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The Liaison Agent inquired regarding the "saucers" theory which reportedly was presented by a German atomic scientist. Clark advised that the report on the scientist had not been received by the CIA as yet.

ACTION:

This matter will be followed by the Liaison Agent for the purpose of obtaining additional details concerning the "saucers" theory of the German scientist.

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