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SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

Rememo to you 10-18-55 advising that at Executive Session of Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) on 10-18-55, Mr. Dulles of CIA discussed report received from party of Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, traveling through Russia, that Senator Russell had seen a flying saucer.

The details were not clear and it was decided the matter should be kept quiet and all members of party interviewed. Attached memos from CIA received 11-3-55 advise members of party debriefed and following is summary of their observations: Party was traveling by train from Baku to Tiflis and after dark Russell noticed a small greenish-yellow glowing ball rising quite rapidly in sky. He informed other members of the party and a few minutes later they observed another object. Mr. Efron saw only 2 lights resembling eyes. Colonel Hathaway saw a shadowy object with similar light in middle at the top and rotating light or lights similar to exhausts at the base. Senator Russell had impression object could have been as small as a rocket, Mr. Gros and Colonel Hathaway considered size comparable to U. S. jet fighter, but Hathaway stated object did not resemble any aircraft, rocket or missile he had ever seen. All agree object was rotating during its rise along its initial steep trajectory. Based on interviews so far, CIA advises only testimony which would support existence of flying saucer or radically unconventional aircraft is that of Colonel Hathaway. All other observations can probably be explained as steep-climbing aircraft or missile or exhaust of normal jet aircraft in a dive, followed by a sharp pull-up in such a way nothing could be seen until exhaust visible to observers on train, but possible aircraft was indeed of the short or almost vertical take-off variety. CIA states further discussion will probably be required to completely resolve matter but indicates that evidence does not appear sufficiently firm to warrant conclusion that Soviets have developed a radically new type aircraft.

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