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TO : MR. NICHOLS *NR*

DATE: 4-10-56

FROM : W. G. EAMES *E*

SUBJECT: SYLVIA L. RICHARDS
GS-5, Name Check Unit
EOD 4-14-47

o Flying Saucers

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Miss Richards on 4/9/56 reported the following rather unusual occurrence which is in the "Flying Saucer" category.

7/6039 22nd Rd. N. Ar. Va

On 4/5/56 Miss Richards left Washington by car with her fiance, Joseph L. Morris, Jr. (employee of National Security Agency), to go to Morven, North Carolina to meet the Morris family. Around 5 a.m. on 4/6/56 as dawn was breaking and while driving on Route 1 north of Henderson, North Carolina, the pair was startled by what appeared to be a round low-flying object coming directly towards the car. The object appeared to pass over the car and Miss Richards turned to see it appear to speed up and then veer off out of sight. She and Mr. Morris both felt they had seen something unusual which was difficult to explain and certainly did not appear to be an optical illusion.

Miss Richards stated the object as she saw it appeared round, was spinning and was bright as though containing a series of lights in a zig-zag pattern. The object appeared to be flying very low as it came towards them, moving at great speed and gave off no particular sound. The object, to the best of her belief, was at least as wide as the highway and appeared no more than two to four feet in thickness.

Miss Richards, who is one of our best employees, stated heretofore she has placed little credence in "flying saucer" stories and felt that had she and her boyfriend not seen the same object she would be inclined to think she had imagined something. She appreciates that what they saw may have been some kind of optical illusion; however, at the time the object appeared very real to them.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, it is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Liaison Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division for possible referral to any interested military agencies.

*Miss Belmont to get out
Washington 4-16-56
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