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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/15/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24442)

SUBJECT: TOD KITTREDGE
FLYING SAUCERS

The following is being furnished to the Bureau for its information in the event an inquiry should be received from the Air Force:

On 8/14/56, Lt. LOUIS SAUTER and Sgt. CHARLES M. HOWARD, 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California, called at this office, accompanied by Captain DAMON ECKLES of the Air Information Service.

Lt. SAUTER stated he had received a teletype from his headquarters, reflecting that TOD KITTREDGE, 1430 Hatteras Street, Van Nuys, California, had reported that on 7/16/56, a spherical vehicle had landed in his back yard, splitting a large tree in two. On 7/30/56, this vehicle returned and on this occasion some little green men emerged from the vehicle and invited KITTREDGE to ride in their ship. He supposedly went up with them for approximately 20 minutes.

Lt. SAUTER stated he had no additional information except that KITTREDGE was believed to be employed in some minor technical capacity for the Columbia Broadcasting System. *

Captain ECKLES stated he recalled that the incident reported by KITTREDGE was presented on a CBS television newscast about the time it occurred, and that during the telecast, the split tree was shown, and an interview was had with KITTREDGE. According to Captin ECKLES, the tenor of the comments by the television announcer was that he placed little credence in the story, but was presenting it for what it was worth.

Lt. SAUTER stated that he believes the incident reported by KITTREDGE to be utterly ridiculous, but, in accordance with instructions from his headquarters, he must make some inquiry concerning KITTREDGE in such a manner as not to result in any publicity indicating an Air Force interest. He inquired if the FBI would conduct investi-

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