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TO : MR. S. B. DONAHOE *JD*

DATE: October 13, 1958

FROM : E. S. SANDERS *W.S.*SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS *plh*

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This memorandum summarizes Bureau policy regarding unidentified flying objects commonly referred to as "flying saucers."

Reports of "flying saucers" became prevalent in 1947 and at request of Army Air Forces Intelligence, Bureau agreed to cooperate in investigation of flying discs. By Bureau Bulletin Number 42, 7-30-47, field instructed to investigate each instance to determine if bona fide sighting, a prank, or hallucination. Coordination with Army through liaison channels in field and at SOG.

By letter 9-3-47 from Headquarters Air Defense Command addressed to Commanding Generals of the various Air Forces it was noted original intent of Air Force was that Air Force would interview responsible observers and Bureau would investigate incidents of so-called discs found on ground. Letter stated services of the FBI were enlisted in order to relieve the numbered Air Forces of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be "trash can covers, toilet seats and what not." As result, Bureau Bulletin Number 57 of 10/1/47 instructed "all future reports connected with flying discs should be referred to the Air Forces and no investigative action should be taken by Bureau Agents." Letter of 9-27-47 advised Air Force that personnel and time of FBI could not be dissipated in this manner (62-83894-121).

SAC Letter Number 38, 3-25-49, advised that from reliable source it had been determined the USSR had been experimenting for four years on unknown type of flying disc. SAC Letter listed for field data desired by Air Force in connection with reports of sighting of flying saucers. Letter again called attention to fact no investigation should be conducted by Bureau but if reports made, information should be taken and furnished to Air Force.

SAC Letter Number 83, 8-29-52, referred to prior Bulletins and SAC Letters and cautioned that the type of information desired by Air Force should be obtained from complainants and furnished promptly to OSI locally. This SAC Letter again reminded field investigation is responsibility of Air Force. *ml*

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