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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 11/18/58

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERT RHODES  
REPORT OF FLYING DISCS

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Belmont	✓
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Nease	_____
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Rosen	_____
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Trotter	_____
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For record purposes, SAC McMahon of the Phoenix Office advised at 3:21 p. m., 11/17/58, that on April 30, 1947, the above-captioned person reported to the Phoenix Office that he had taken photographs of what he believed to be flying discs, but he did not have the negatives of the pictures with him, promising he would bring them into the office the following day. On August 30, 1947, Rhodes brought negatives of the photographs he allegedly took at that time into the Phoenix Office and he was advised by SA J. Bailey Brower that the negatives were being accepted by the FBI for Air Force intelligence; that there was a question as to whether he would ever get the negatives back. With this understanding Rhodes left the negatives which were in turn turned over to George Fugate, Jr., military representative.

On April 17, 1950, Rhodes contacted the Phoenix Office for the return of the negatives at which time he was advised of the statement made to him in 1947 that the negatives were accepted for Air Force intelligence and it was doubtful if they would be returned, but that he should contact the Office of Special Investigations of the Air Force, San Francisco, California.

SAC McMahon advised that today the Arizona Republic newspaper was doing a column about flying saucers having been reported over the years and had interviewed Rhodes since their clips showed that he had been talked to back in 1947. Rhodes told the Arizona Republic that the FBI had borrowed the negatives of films he had taken but had never returned them. SAC McMahon desired advice as to what he should tell the Arizona Republic and he was informed that he should advise the paper that the negatives were received in 1947 from Rhodes with the understanding they would be turned over to Air Force intelligence and that there was doubt as to whether the negatives would ever be returned to Rhodes; that with this understanding Rhodes released the negatives; that the negatives in question were immediately turned over to Air Force intelligence representatives; and that should any further information be desired concerning the matter the Arizona Republic should contact the Office of Special Investigations of the Air Force. SAC McMahon was referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for its concurrence.

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