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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *alho*

FROM : MR. S. B. DONAHOE *SD*

SUBJECT: ALBERT K. BENDER
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(Nationalities Intelligence)

DATE: December 12, 1958

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By letter 12/7/58 Mr. C. H. Marck, Jr., inquired whether we could furnish him any information concerning the "Bender Affair" and advised he was asking the Bureau since he had recently learned that the FBI is involved in this affair. Marck explained that Bender formed the International Flying Saucer Bureau in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1952 to look into the flying saucers mystery. In 1953 Bender allegedly stated that he knew what the saucers are. Then according to Marck "three men in black suits" silenced Bender to the extent that even today Bender will not discuss the matter of his "hush-up" with anyone. Marck pointed out he has learned that "the secret of the saucers lies the 'dreadful underground menace' that is threatening the world" and that he has important information concerning this menace. Marck also requested our help in getting in touch with Bender.

Bufiles contain no information on Marck. The only identifiable data in our files on Bender is a letter he wrote on 10/26/52 on the letterhead of the International Flying Saucer Bureau to a Mr. L. H. Frahm, Franklin, Indiana, in which he suggested how Frahm could organize a chapter of the Saucer Bureau in Franklin. Also in Bufiles is a copy of the January, 1953, magazine "Space Review" which apparently was put out by the Saucer Bureau. This magazine contains numerous articles and squibs concerning the sighting of flying saucers throughout the world. It does not appear to have any security significance.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is a possibility that Marck may be suffering from delusions; however, in view of the fact that he stated the FBI is involved in a matter of which we are not cognizant as well as the implications in his description of the "hush-up" of Bender, it is recommended he be interviewed and all information in his possession concerning this incident be obtained so that we can decide whether the facts warrant investigation. At the same time his letter will be orally acknowledged.

A letter to Phoenix is enclosed. REC-37

Enclosure
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