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ALBERT K. BENDER
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re Bureau letter 12/16/58.

On 12/19/58, CLAUDE HAROLD MARCK, JR., 7834 No. Loma Land Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona, stated to SAs GEORGE HOLLINGSWORTH and WILLIAM M. DREW that he had a hobby of gathering information concerning flying saucers and also gathering information concerning mysteries of the sea. He stated that any literature written he obtains in order to pursue this hobby. He referred agents to books written by Major DONALD E. KEYHOE entitled "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" and a book entitled "Flying Saucers Conspiracy." Both of these books were published by Henry Holt Company, 383 Madison, New York, 17, New York. Major KEYHOE is a retired Major of the U. S. Marine Corps.

Concerning the "Bender Affair", he referred agents to the book entitled "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", written by GRAY BARKER and published by University Books Publisher, April, 1956, third printing June, 1956. According to MARCK, GRAY BARKER resides at Clarksberg, West Virginia, P. O. Box 2228 and is a person with whom MARCK corresponds concerning flying saucers as BARKER is alleged to have a civilian investigative agency handling investigations concerning flying saucers.

MARCK related that he has corresponded with various harbor masters and the U. S. Navy relative to the "dreadful underground menace which relates to the disappearance of crew and passengers of various ships found floundering in the open seas out of control." He stated that BARKER has also shown interest in this subject matter, however, was unable to furnish any further amplifying details. The "Bender Affair" is related in the book published by BARKER.

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