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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 5, 1959

FROM : SAC, Seattle (62-1729)

SUBJECT: ~~AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH GROUP~~
MISCELLANEOUS

Re Birmingham letter 4-21-59.

The address of 5108 Findlay Street, Seattle 18, Washington, is the residence of ROBERT GRIBBLE, who is the so-called national director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group. In connection with inquiries made concerning this group in 1957, GRIBBLE advised that he was regularly employed as a fireman for the City of Seattle and that his hobby is acquiring information regarding unidentified flying objects. He advised that the Aerial Phenomena Research Group has a national and an international membership of about 350 members, and that they charge a membership fee of \$5.00 per year for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a publication which the group issues periodically and for other incidental expenses of the organization. According to GRIBBLE the organization is a non-profit one and was established primarily as a hobby for persons like himself who were interested in acquiring information regarding flying objects. GRIBBLE stated that the organization was centered in Seattle, and he provided the names of other officers, all of whom were residents of this city.

Twentieth District OSI, McChord Air Force Base, is aware of the existence of this group and has been furnished all pertinent information in our files regarding it.

There is no Russian Consulate or other establishment of the U.S.S.R. in the City of Seattle. Lt. Col. HERTEL's recollection of the address of 5108 Findlay Street, Seattle, having something to do with the residence of a chauffeur for the Russian Consul in Seattle is completely erroneous.

No information regarding the activities of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group has come to the attention of the Seattle Office since June 1958.

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