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Director, FBI

SAC, Seattle (8-172)

AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH GROUP
ALBUQUERQUE

Re Birmingham letter 4-21-59.

The address of 5100 First Street, Seattle, 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 flight instructor for the City of Seattle and that he is receiving instruction 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 engage 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 individual expenses of the organization. According to GRIBBLE, the organization is a non-profit one and was organized primarily as a hobby for persons like himself who were interested in studying 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.

Seattle District OSI, Richard 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. HERTZEL, stationed at the base of 5100 First Street, Seattle, is being requested to do with the residence of a candidate for the Russian Consulate in Seattle in complete accordance with the information regarding the activities of the

No information regarding the activities of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group has been received from the Seattle Office since June 1958.

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