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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DLA*

DATE: 5-23-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: LARRY W. BRYANT
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA
ARTICLE ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Flying Discs

W. J. Bryan

BACKGROUND:

On 5-21-64 the Department of Defense delivered at the Bureau a manuscript by captioned individual entitled "Let's Challenge the UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) Censors." The Department of the Army, according to the transmittal form from the Department of Defense, has no objection to the publication of the article. The FBI's attention was directed to page 6. Also included with the manuscript was a copy of the author's transmittal letter to the Department of the Army stating he would like to know the name, rank/grade, title and office of each person who actually conducts the review of Bryant's article. A review of the article revealed it is a criticism of the Department of Defense's policy with regard to issuing clearances of articles relative to Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), particularly when the author is employed by the U. S. Army as in the case of Bryant. The article is in essence a history of Bryant's problems in getting articles published on UFO.

References to the FBI are as follows: On page 2, Bryant indicates he will reveal the role played by the FBI in monitoring UFO research activities of Army civilian employees. On page 6, Bryant refers to his being interviewed on 9-17-63 by Special Agent John S. Castles of our Norfolk Office. Bryant states SA Castles contacted him in response to Bryant's letter of 7-23-63 to the Sheriff of Sussex County, Virginia, requesting UFO sighting data. Bryant alleged that SA Castles inquired about Bryant's letter to the Sussex County Sheriff as well as to a similar letter dated 8-8-63 to the Commander of the Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Base. Bryant claims he asked SA Castles if it was customary for the FBI to question people who expressed an interest in UFO. SA Castles replied in the negative and added that "Since his office was queried by the addressees of the two letters he was just seeking information on which he could write a memorandum for the files." Bryant also states that SA Castles volunteered the following: "If the FBI has any such data (on UFO sightings), it is probably of an intelligence nature and thus would be unavailable to the public and to private individuals!"

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

Bureau files reveal an inquiry from Bryant to the Director in February, 1959, regarding the investigation of UFO. He was informed the FBI does not investigate matters of this nature ^{and} the jurisdiction of UFO is within the Department of the Air Force.

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