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DATE: December 5, 1952

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STUDY ON THE
"FLYING SAUCERS" PHENOMENA;
INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to instructions, Supervisor M.W. Kuhrtz of the Liaison Section attended the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting on December 4, 1952.

None of the agenda items are of direct interest to the Bureau; however, [redacted] directed the members' attention to some aspects of the "flying saucers" phenomena. He said that a recent presentation of a theory on "saucers" was made by a German atomic scientist, which fact has caused the British to initiate considerable intelligence effort into this matter. According to [redacted] efforts are being made to obtain the German scientist's paper on this theory. Also, it was stated that a recent "saucers" observation in Africa presents some evidence that the "saucers" are not a meteorological phenomenon, which theory has been held to date by the Air Force. Instead, this latter incident indicated the possibility of the "saucers" being a scientific development. The details of this African observation were not presented; however, appropriate contact will be made by the Bureau's Liaison Section with the Air Force to determine the details of this latter report.

As a result of the above, the Military members suggested a logical approach which would call for a group of scientists to make a study of the new "saucers" data in an effort to identify the phenomena. If an identification can be made by the scientists and it can be determined that the "saucers" are a scientific development, then IAC should determine a further course of action for the U.S. Government. It was further suggested that the IAC should only concern itself with this matter on the basis that a competent scientific group might determine the "saucers" to be a scientific development under the control of our enemy.

[redacted] was directed to draft a paper on this problem for IAC consideration. Upon receipt of this draft, appropriate Bureau recommendations will be made prior to IAC approval.

ACTION: Liaison will obtain the details of the "flying saucers" observation in Africa from the Air Force.
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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