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SUBJECT: Offer of Transfer of Air Force Documentation

TO: The Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
General Services Administration
Washington, DC 20408

Acc. No. NN-375-209

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Federal Property Management Regulations 101-11.411-3, the Department of the Air Force offers for direct transfer to the National Archives, the following collection:

a. Approximately thirty-seven (37) cubic feet of documentation consisting of case files on unidentified flying objects (UFO) covering the period Jun 1947 - Dec 1969. Arranged chronologically by date of UFO sightings. This function has been known as Project Sign, Project Grudge, and Project Blue Book.

b. Documentation was created and acquired by the Aerial Phenomena Branch, Foreign Technology Division (FTD), Air Force System Command (AFSC). During the period 1951-1961, FTD was designated the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center under Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence (ACS/I), Hq USAF. Prior to that it was the Intelligence Department of Air Material Command.

c. The UFO function at FTD was cancelled Dec 1969 by the Secretary of the Air Force.

2. During the study of UFO activity, in order to obtain candor and cooperation from witnesses, the Air Force assured them that their names would not be publicly disclosed. Therefore, we recommend appropriate deletions of the following identifying data be made before permitting public access to these records:

a. Names of witnesses and other data which would identify the witness.

b. Those portions of investigating reports regarding the individuals who reported sightings, such as:

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(1) Conclusions of the investigator.

(2) Confidential sources of information, i.e., credit bureau reports, neighbors, etc.

(3) Investigative techniques.

3. We believe this material to be of such historical value to warrant its continued preservation by the U. S. Government.

Herbert G. Geiger

HERBERT G. GEIGER, Chief
Documentation Systems Division
Directorate of Administration

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May 28, 1975

Lee R. Johnson

Accession of Air Force UFO sightings
NN-375-209

Director, Records Appraisal Staff - NNA

These records are located at the Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

I have discussed the offer with Bob Bolton and with William Cunliffe, who has surveyed other records at Maxwell Air Force Base.

The amount of material does not seem excessive given the time span covered, and I believe that the records would be of great interest to researchers—particularly to social and cultural historians. My main concern is with the restrictions proposed.

I discussed "public access" provisions of the offer on May 27 with Mr. Bielek of the Documentation Systems Division. 2b1 relates to "conclusions" about the UFO witness, 2b2 relates to "sources of information" about the UFO witness, and 2b3 relates to "techniques" to establish the reliability of the witness or the information given by the witness. It is impossible, of course, to know without direct examination of the records how difficult it will be to segregate the 2b information from other information in the files.

There are at least three alternatives available in handling this offer. We could have a sample sent to the Archives Building in order to establish the nature and degree of interspersed information. We could have William Cunliffe view the records when he completes his survey of records at Maxwell Air Force Base. Or we could waive a formal appraisal and bring all

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APPRAISAL REPORT ON TRANSFER OFFER

Job No. NN-375-209

June 19, 1975

Custodian: Department of the Air Force
Air University (Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama)

Location of Depository: Records have been shipped to the National Archives Building and are presently located in 13E-1.

Persons with whom to confer: Jim Eastman, Chief of Research
Albert F. Simpson Historical Archives
Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
(Phone: (205) 293-7324)

or

Lee R. Johnson, NNA
(Phone: Code 13, Ext. 23262)

(1) Identification of Records:

Documentation of the Air Force's UFO Program covering the years 1947-1969 and referred to as Project Sign, Project Grudge, and Project Blue Book.

(a) Case files (Sighting reports)

Consist of correspondence, memoranda, narrative reports, investigative reports, questionnaires, maps, charts, graphs, indexes, news releases, newspaper clippings, photographs, audio-tapes, motion picture film, and a small number of "physical specimens." In chronological order. (Cases are grouped together in folders covering a specific time period.)

(b) Project files:

Consist of correspondence, memoranda, plans, briefing material, congressional hearing reports, staff studies, status reports, articles, transcripts of staff interviews, guides for "follow-up" investigations, media presentation material, aids for identifying aerial objects, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Not systematically arranged.

(c) Two reels of 16mm film. These are separate television documentary films. According to Jim Eastman, the films include clips turned over by observers to the Air Force. A large number of these clips, no doubt, duplicate material found in the case files.

(2) Estimated Volume:

(a) 37 cubic feet. (b) 2 cubic feet. (c) Less than 1 cubic foot.

(3) Finding Aids:

The Project files contain a set of xeroxed index sheets which list for each UFO sighting a date, a location, the observer, and an "evaluation." The originals of these sheets can be found in each Case file folder.

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PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

Department of Physics, University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Enclosed are the original and two copies of the report
of the Committee on the Status of the Department of Physics

for the year 1950-51. The report is being distributed
to the members of the Department of Physics and to the
Faculty of the University of Chicago.

Very truly yours,
Chairman of the Committee

Enclosed are also two copies of the report of the
Committee on the Status of the Department of Physics

for the year 1949-50.

The report of the Committee on the Status of the
Department of Physics for the year 1948-49 is also
being distributed to the members of the Department
of Physics and to the Faculty of the University
of Chicago.

Very truly yours,
Chairman of the Committee

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Faculty of the University of Chicago.

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of Physics and to the Faculty of the University
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Very truly yours,
Chairman of the Committee

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Committee on the Status of the Department of Physics

for the year 1945-46.

The report of the Committee on the Status of the
Department of Physics for the year 1944-45 is also
being distributed to the members of the Department
of Physics and to the Faculty of the University
of Chicago.

(4) Interspersion of Valueless Material:

None.

(5) Condition:

Textual records are in good condition. The quality of audio-tapes and motion picture film has not been determined.

(6) Frequency and Nature of Use:

The records will be of interest to social, cultural, and military historians. The records are of considerable interest to a large number of UFO enthusiasts, some of whom are serious researchers, some of whom probably are not. Jim Eastman told me that J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Astronomy Department of Northwestern University and scientific consultant to Project Blue Book, has expressed an interest in using these records for continued research. NNA has already received one FOI request for these records and William Cunliffe reported that a group of researchers has already visited the Archives, seeking information from these files.

(7) Restrictions on Use:

The Air Force attempted to establish the credibility of UFO witnesses through background investigations. A typical form used in these investigations included the following: "Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s) (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.)." A large percentage of the case studies contain no information of this sort because no background investigation was carried out. However, some cases do contain conclusions which would certainly prove embarrassing to the observer(s). For example, one observer is described as having "limited intelligence and powers of observation...he has a strong desire for attention and publicity, and it is probable this desire has led him into exaggeration." The disclosure of such conclusions would certainly constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and should be restricted under the 6th exemption of the Freedom of Information Act. The Air Force has also requested that the names of witnesses not be publicly disclosed. (See enclosed letter of offer.)

(8) Evaluation:

As the military agency charged with the air defense of the country, the Air Force began its UFO Program in 1947 after the sensational accounts of the appearance of "flying saucers" near Mount Rainer in Washington State. Originally all reports were sent routinely by the Air Force to Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson AFB). In December of 1947 Project Sign was established. Its "main purpose," according to David Jacobs, who has just completed a study of the controversy over the Air Force's handling of the UFO Program, was "to determine whether UFO's were a threat to the national security." (Much of the information which follows is based on a reading of Jacobs' book. Jim Eastman told me that he was in agreement with most of Jacobs' conclusions.)

One year later the name of the project was changed to Project Grudge, and in 1952 the code name was changed to Project Blue Book and the formal title to Aerial Phenomenon Group. Through all the name changes, the records were maintained at Wright-Patterson AFB.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the importance of using reliable sources and ensuring the accuracy of the information gathered.

3. **Methodology**

The methodology section describes the specific steps and procedures followed during the research process. It details the selection of participants, the design of the study, and the methods used for data collection and analysis. The authors explain how they ensured the validity and reliability of their findings.

4. **Results and Discussion**

This section presents the findings of the study and discusses their implications. The authors analyze the data collected and identify key trends and patterns. They provide a detailed explanation of the results and how they relate to the research objectives.

5. **Conclusion**

The conclusion summarizes the main findings of the study and offers suggestions for future research. The authors emphasize the significance of their work and its contribution to the field.

6. **References**

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8. **Appendix**

The Air Force UFO Program, except for a short period after the establishment of Project Blue Book, was hampered not only by limited funds and manpower, but also by a public relations approach which was based on the belief, fostered principally by the CIA, that for reasons of national security the number of UFO reports should be reduced to avoid public hysteria and the under-mining of public confidence in the military. Therefore the Program often became more concerned with debunking UFO reports than systematically studying them. Until the termination of Air Force control of the UFO Program, no information was released to the public which could not be identified positively as a hoax or misidentification. This approach naturally bred distrust, particularly among those groups that believed in the existence of extraterrestrial flying saucers. They believed that the Air Force, was deliberately hiding spectacular information.

The Air Force wasn't--at least these files contain little more than routine reports on the sightings during the period. The more spectacular sighting reports in the files were regularly reported in the newspapers. Nonetheless, the evaluation section on these cases is often marked "unidentified" or "insufficient data" and such cases will be of particular interest to researchers.

The case files contain narrative material on the individual sightings which is often quite detailed. Also, the Case files provide evidence of the Air Force's report investigation and identification procedures.

The Project files provide evidence of the Air Force's approach to the Program. Unfortunately these files are not complete. There is probably no way to establish whether all of the files were shipped from Wright-Patterson AFB to Maxwell AFB. And, according to a June 1956 memo in the Project files, "records disposition was undoubtedly taken many times since 1947." No doubt additional disposition took place between 1956 and 1969. Finally, since there was some public access to these files both at Wright-Patterson AFB and at Maxwell AFB, it is possible that additional documentation is missing.

The restrictions requested may prove to be somewhat cumbersome, as investigatory material compiled on UFO observers is often included on the same form as narrative reports on the sighting. However, as stated above, many of the reports contain no such investigatory data. To be candid, the restriction on names seems to be excessive given the fact that many of these names appeared in the pages of daily newspapers and given the additional fact that many of these names have been released already, probably unwittingly, while in Air Force custody.

(9) Recommendations:

Despite restrictions, these records should be transferred to the National Archives. These records provide documentation relating to a unique and baffling phenomenon and how one agency chose to approach it. While I am not totally convinced that all of the records in item (a) should be considered as permanently valuable, given the unique background of these records and the demand on the part of users to see them, I believe that it would be unwise not to accession them. (See, however, comments below)

Appraiser: Lee R. Johnson
Lee R. Johnson

6-19-75
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Action on Appraiser's Recommendations:

() Approved () Disapproved: Meyer H. Fishbein 6/19/75
Meyer H. Fishbein
Director
Records Appraisal Staff
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() Approved () Disapproved: Mabel E. Deutrich 6/20/75
Mabel E. Deutrich
Director
Military Archives Division
Date

() Approved () Disapproved: James W. Moore 6/20/75
James W. Moore
Director
Audiovisual Archives Division
Date

Comments:

The records should be deposited in the Military Archives Division with item (c) records and other audiovisual records contained in items (a) and (b) to be transferred to the Audiovisual Archives Division.

Item (a) records should be reviewed for internal disposal in 20 years. It is possible that partial destruction could be effected at that time.

Lee R. Johnson 6-19-75
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ALLOCATION REPORT

Accession Job No. NN-375-209

These records should be allocated to Record Group 341, Records of Headquarters United States Air Force, and deposited in the Military Archives Division.

Appraiser: Lee R. Johnson 6-24-75
Lee R. Johnson Date

Approved () Disapproved: Meyer H. Fishbein 6/24/75
Meyer H. Fishbein Date
Director
Records Appraisal Staff

Approved () Disapproved: Mabel E. Deutrich 6/27/75
Mabel E. Deutrich Date
Director
Military Archives Division

Comments:

The Air Force UFO Program was under Headquarter's control about half the time of its existence, under Command control about half the time. If the records were allocated to Record Group 342, Records of United States Air Force Commands, Activities, and Organizations, they would be transferred to WNRC and deposited in the General Archives Division. I don't believe transferring the records from the National Archives Building would be appropriate given the controversy over the records and the consequent heavy reference use anticipated.

Lee R. Johnson 6-24-75
Lee R. Johnson Date

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Access to Records of Project Blue Book

FROM	TO	DATE AND MESSAGE
NNMP	ND	<p>August 26, 1975. For your information I am attaching copies of three letters (and one draft reply) recently received in NNMM from individuals anxious to examine the records of Project Blue Book and a little perturbed about restrictions on the records; a letter from Mr. Geiger of the Department of the Air Force outlining its position on restrictions on these files; and Frank Heppner's report on the background, nature, and content of the files and the results of NNMP's experiment in sanitizing four out of 141 archives boxes of Project Blue Book records.</p> <p>After discussing the entire matter, Bob Wolfe, Frank Heppner, Charles Shaughnessy, and I are agreed on the following points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Although we could, we should not send the records back to the Air Force. Whatever their long-term historical significance, the case files comprising Project Blue Book have been well publicized. The UFO buffs are enthusiastic numerous, vociferous, and very unhappy and suspicious with the Air Force's handling of the entire project from its inception. Thus far, NARS has not become a target for their unhappiness and suspicion, but this could easily occur, especially if it appears that NARS is involved in the "conspiracy" to withhold information from these records.2. The problem of access is not NARS' alone. The Air Force is at least as deeply involved. Their help should be solicited without any hesitation on NARS part. We should not formally accession the records until we have received some firm promise of help in this matter. We are more likely to

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		get Air Force help now than at a later time--another reason for not sending the records back to the Air Force.
		3. We should move at once towards making the records available for public examination, and we should notify all concerned of our intentions. Perhaps a form letter could be devised for reference requests.
		4. We should open all the files as soon as we have made copies of the documents with the names of observers and other restricted data deleted. Frank Heppner's report spells out the details and costs of this task.
		5. We should then microfilm the entire series. It will probably sell well, cut down the NNMP reference load, and, within limits, satisfy the UFO buffs.
		6. The screening and related work should be done in NNMP under Mr. Heppner's direction. The Air Force should be asked for and should provide manpower to help in the screening of the files. The records should not be sent back to the Air Force to be worked on.
		7. NATT should provide NNMP with the services of a full time copier and machine to turn out the electrostatic copies of the files. NNMP does not have access to any reproduction machine except on a part time catch-as-catch-can basis which proved most unsatisfactory in the four-box test.
		8. During the course of the screening, NNMM should screen small numbers of files in response to specific requests from the public.
<p>INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER CONTINUATION - If a series of messages on one subject requires more than one page, front and back, continue it on additional sheets, consecutively numbered. Arrange all such sheets with page one on top and strap them together. Begin a new series for messages written after a different type of document is added to the dossier.</p>		

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9. The cost in man-hours and money to make copies of the entire file and to delete names will be great. We assume there will be appeals by researchers against our decision to delete the names. Although we believe that the restrictions are in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974, none of us feels informed enough about the FOI and the Privacy Acts to venture a prediction as to the outcome of any such appeal. Can someone help us? A request to the GSA Office of Legal Counsel will probably arrive too late to be of any value in deciding whether to undertake the screening.



GARRY D. RYAN
Chief
Military Projects Branch
Military Archives Division

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Time study of Project BLUE BOOK case files

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FJH	GDR	<p>August 25, 1975. In offering to the National Archives the records of its study of unidentified flying objects, called Project BLUE BOOK, the Air Force asked that we withhold both the names of the observers of UFO's who furnished information to the Air Force and some of the information the Air Force gathered in its investigation of the observers. The report form which observers of UFO's filled out for the Air Force contained the statement, "Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission". About half of the case files do not contain report forms signed by observers, but they usually contain the name, address, and other information about the observer. The Air Force believes that these observers were orally promised the same confidentiality. The Air Force now wishes to honor this promise although it permitted unrestricted public examination of the case files while they were in the custody of the Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, from 1970 to 1974. The files were closed to the public shortly before they were offered to the National Archives. The Air Force admits that it made an error in releasing the files and does not want to perpetuate that error.</p> <p>The series of observers' reports consists of case files for each observation of a UFO. If several persons reported the same UFO, all the reports are in the same case file. The type of documentation in the case files varies over life of the project from 1947 to 1969. In the early</p>

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		<p>years of the project the Air Force had not developed a report form for observers to use. Even after the report form was adopted, many case files did not contain the form but instead contain a report made by an Air Force officer who interviewed the observer. These Air Force reports vary from telegraphic reports to lengthy Air Intelligence Information Reports. Almost all the records contain the name, age, sex, address, and telephone number of the observer. Many of the reports contain a conclusion made by the Air Force investigating officer about the reliability of the observer. These reliability reports vary from one word such as "unknown" or "good" to full investigatory reports of information obtained about the observer from the FBI, local police, banks, credit bureaus, and neighbors. The number of full investigations appears to have been small.</p>
		<p>The number of documents in each case file varies but probably averages 3 or 4. The names of the observers may appear once or many times in a document. In the report form filled out by the observer, the name and identifying information about the observer appears in response to 4 questions. The telegraphic reports were made in a prescribed form and contain the name of the observer at a particular place. In the other documents in the case files which include correspondence and narrative reports, the names of the observers may appear anywhere and often appear many times. The conclusion of the Air Force investigator about the reliability of the observer usually appears at the end of the report.</p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER CONTINUATION - If a series of messages on one subject requires more than one page, front and back, continue on additional sheets, consecutively numbered. Arrange all such sheets with page one on top and staple them together. Begin a new series for messages written after a different type of document is added to the dossier.

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The only way to make the BLUE BOOK case files available to the public without releasing the names and identifying information about the observers is to delete that information. The information appears in so many places that the research value of the files would be destroyed if whole pages or whole documents were removed from the files. The deletions have to be made on copies of the documents in order to maintain the integrity of the original records.

In the time study we xeroxed the case files in 4 boxes and deleted the information to be withheld on the xerox copies. As the type of documentation in the case files varies over the years 1947-69, sample boxes were selected for 1951, 1956, 1961 and 1966. In order to minimize the time spent at the xerox machines, archives technicians removed staples and acco fasteners before the case files were xeroxed and reassembled them later. Four different archivists each reviewed a box and deleted the names and other information on the xerox copies by marking over it with black grease pencils. We found that felt tip pens would not completely black out words. We also tested an electric eraser, but found it to be a slower method. We tested for the possibility of a researcher erasing or scraping off the grease pencil marks but found that this only left an illegible smudge. While it might be possible to remove the grease pencil marks by soaking the xerox copy in a solvent, a researcher could not do this in a National Archives research room.

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		<p>We tried to delete as little information as possible but still make it impossible for a researcher to use identifying information in the file and match it up with information from other sources to identify the observer. In deleting this information, the archivists had to read or skim through all the documents and make judgments about identifying information to be deleted. They also had to use their judgment in deleting some of the conclusions of the Air Force investigating officer about the reliability of the observers. We decided to eliminate derogatory remarks, medical and financial information, and the names of persons, other than public officials such as police officers, who supplied information about the observers to the Air Force investigating officers. It is necessary to delete such information even after deleting the name of the observer because researchers may still be able to match up these case files with observers by comparing the information in the case files with other sources such as newspaper reports.</p>
		<p>The average time per archives box for each step of the operation was as follows:</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrangement work in preparing the case files for xeroxing and reassembling them later - 5 hours. 2. Xeroxing each box containing an average of 950 pages - 6 hours. 3. Reviewing the xerox copies and deleting information - 15 hours.
		<p>According to the time study each box will require about 11 hours of archives technician time and 15 hours of archivist time. As there are 137 more archives boxes of case files to be processed, the whole project</p>

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will take about 1500 hours of archives technician time, including 800 hours of xerox machine time, and about 2050 hours of archivist time. As the two xerox machines in this division already appear to be fully utilized, the 800 xerox hours would have to be on some other machine.

The end product of a project to delete the names of the observers would be a complete xerox copy of the Project BLUE BOOK case files which could be made available for public examination. As it appears that the reference demand for these records will be high, the reference work on them could be decreased by microfilming the xerox copies. A microfilm copy would also eliminate the possibility of a researcher removing the grease pencil marks. If the xerox copies are microfilmed, certain reproduction problems will have to be overcome. Some of the original documents do not reproduce well on xerox copies and would be completely illegible on microfilm. These include many telegrams which are faint in the originals, writing in light pencil and colored ink, and original documents which are themselves reproductions.

Another job that needs to be taken on the BLUE BOOK files is the removal of the FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY stamps. While this is not a security classification, MND advises us that under Air Force regulations it must be removed by drawing a line through the stamp and initialing and dating

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SEP 4 1975

Dr. Stanley L. Falk
Acting Chief
Office of Air Force History
Forrestal Building
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Stan:

The Department of the Air Force recently transferred to the Military Archives Division the records of its study of unidentified flying objects, Project Blue Book. At the same time, we were requested to withhold the names of the observers of UFO's who furnished information to the Air Force as well as some of the information the Air Force gathered in its investigation of the observers themselves. We agree that these restrictions are in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 which goes into effect in a few weeks.

We are daily receiving letters or phone calls from UFO buffs, asking us to make the records available for examination as they were at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base from 1970 until very recently. Before we do so, we believe that the names of observers and the other personal investigative matter should be deleted. To do this and not mutilate the records, we have decided that we will have to make electrostatic copies of all the records comprising Project Blue Book and to sanitize these copies by deleting the restricted information. These copies would then be used for reference purposes. In order to arrive at an estimate of the number of man-hours of work required to accomplish this, we ran a sample test and discovered that it would take about 2,000 man-hours to screen all the files and another 1,500 man-hours to prepare the electrostatic copies.

Unfortunately, we do not have the manpower available to screen the records. We are prepared to furnish the manpower for the preparation of the electrostatic copies and to cover the cost of the electrostatic copies, if the Air Force will furnish us with manpower in the form of reserve officers to do the screening. We think that 25 to 30 officers on two-week tours of duty or some equivalent help can do the job.

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Working together and quickly we can reopen these records in the near future, saving the Air Force and ourselves from what could easily (and soon) develop into a rather unpleasant situation.

Sincerely,



JAMES E. O'NEILL
Acting Archivist
of the United States

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314



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J. E. O'Neill

Dr. James E. O'Neill
Acting Archivist of the
United States
National Archives and Records Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Jim

Please excuse the delay in my response to your 4 September 1975 letter concerning help in screening the Project Blue Book collection. As I told you during our telephone conversation, I have discussed the matter with Major General Guy E. Hairston, Director, Office of Information (SAF/OI), and we are agreed that the matter should be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

SAF/OI is now investigating several possible ways to secure the necessary manpower. Within the next few days, Captain Arnold Gebler will contact Dr. Ryan and I trust we can proceed with the work at hand. Thank you for your patience. I know you are as interested as we in getting the records in condition for release to the public.

Best regards.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stanley L. Falk".

STANLEY L. FALK
Chief Historian
Acting Chief
Office of Air Force History



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/10/50

TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

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Project BLUE BOOK Xeroxing and Screening.

FROM	TO	DATE AND MESSAGE
FJH	GDR	<p>October 8, 1975. In response to Dr. O'Neill's letter of September 4 to Dr. Falk in the Office of Air Force History, the Air Force has agreed to send us 4 persons for 3 months to screen BLUE BOOK case files. At the end of their tour of duty here, they will be replaced by another 4 persons for an additional 3 months if necessary. The Air Force cannot give us a date when the first group will be sent but will give us advance notice of one week.</p> <p>In preparation for the Air Force screeners, we need to have some xerox copies of the case files ready when they arrive and have a scheduled xeroxing program to keep ahead of them. According to our time study, the 4 Air Force screeners will be able to review from 11 to 15 boxes per week. At the maximum rate of 15 boxes per week, the 4 Air Force screeners could complete their work in 10 weeks.</p> <p>As the 4 Air Force screeners will review 15 boxes per week or 3 boxes per day, we must keep ahead of them by xeroxing at the same rate. If the Air Force screeners do not arrive for several months, we could build up a reserve supply of xeroxed case files at a slower rate, but we cannot count of this delay. The Air Force can give us the one week advance notice at any time.</p>

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FROM	TO	DATE AND MESSAGE (Continuation)
		<p>The immediate problem is how to xerox daily 3 boxes of BLUE BOOK case files each averaging 950 pages. Our time study showed that an archives aid/technician can xerox a box in 5 to 6 hours. If we had access to 2 xerox copiers for 5 to 6 hours per day, we could use 2 of our staff to produce 2 boxes of xeroxed case files per day.</p>
		<p>The third box might be xeroxed by the photolab. According to Robert Fisher in NATA, which does the photolab xeroxing, there is only one xerox copier in the lab, and it is used mainly for multiple copying. At present there is slack time on that copier, and some of our copying could be done there. We have no assurance that NATA could xerox one box per day for 10 weeks.</p>
		<p>NNMP now is using the xerox copier in 8W-2 for 2 to 4 hours per day to copy less than a box per day. This is not enough. What we need for the next 10 weeks are:</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of 2 xerox copiers for 6 hours each per day. 2. Allocation of 12 hours per day of NNMP time to xerox. 3. Allocation of 2 hours per day of NNMP time now and about 6 hours per day after the screening has started to prepare the records for xeroxing and then to reassemble the case files. 4. Cooperation of NATA in xeroxing one box per day.
		<p>We also need to plan a work area for the 4 Air Force screeners. As 15W-1 is fully utilized by Guide-Index and other project personnel,</p>

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



DATE: November 19, 1975

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20408

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Francis J. Heppner

SUBJECT: Air Force legal opinion on BLUE BOOK deletions

NNMP

After Maj. Bruce McCarthy, who is in charge of the Air Force officers reviewing the BLUE BOOK sighting files, raised questions about deleting certain categories of names from the xerox copies of the sighting files, he called Lt. Col. Johnson (OX 3-5750) for an opinion. Col. Johnson is the legal officer in Air Force JAG who had been designated by Capt. Gebler, USAF/SAFOI as the contact on BLUE BOOK legal matters. Col. Johnson made certain decisions about the categories of names which should be deleted by Major McCarthy's group. I also called Col. Johnson and received the same information given earlier to Major McCarthy.

Col. Johnson said that the names of persons in the following categories who made UFO sighting reports should not be deleted:

1. Military personnel who made reports in the line of duty.
2. Civilian employees of Federal, State, and local governments who made reports in the line of duty.
3. Ground Observer Corps (GOC) personnel who made reports while acting in their capacity as volunteer sky watchers for the Air Force.

Col. Johnson said that military personnel and government employees who made reports of UFO sightings in the line of duty are accountable for their statements. They were making reports of factual matters, and these reports are in the public domain. Only the names of private citizens not in military

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5. The fifth part of the document discusses the foreign relations and the role of international cooperation in the development process.

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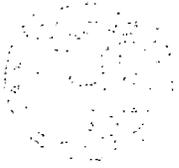
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service and not connected with Federal, State, or local governments should be deleted.

Col. Johnson said that the names of persons who made negative reports should also be deleted or left on record in accordance with the above

rules. Negative reports were received from persons such as radar operators and Air Force pilots who were asked by Air Force investigators if they had seen any evidence of UFO's which other people had reported. These persons made negative reports to the effect that they had seen nothing and had no information about the reported UFO's.

Col. Johnson also gave the opinion that the names of all observers should be deleted who provided information on the Air Force form which contained the statement that the observer's name would not be used without his permission. Because these observers signed the form containing a confidentiality statement, their names should be deleted even if they were military personnel or government employees making the reports in the line of duty.

These legal opinions do not basically change the review procedures but only provide detailed instructions for deleting names in accordance with the letter of March 31, 1975, from the Directorate of Administration, USAF to NARS. As Col. Johnson is the USAF legal adviser for the Air Force project to delete names and certain other information from the BLUE BOOK sighting files, Major McCarthy's group will follow his opinion.

Francis J. Heppner
FRANCIS J. HEPNER
Assistant Chief
Military Projects Branch
Military Archives Division

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...the names of writers of 3d party

For the 12-29-75. I asked Col. Johnson if the names of writers of 3d party record

letters should be deleted. Such letters in the sighting case files came from non-observers who wrote to the Air Force giving their opinions on sightings. The letters usually were from members of private UFO study groups and often contain strong opinions which might be interpreted to adversely reflect on the writers.

Col. Johnson said that such names should not be deleted. The letters were not solicited by the Air Force and the writers were not promised confidentiality.

F. J. Heppner

WILLIAM J. BURNETT
Lieutenant Colonel
Military Personnel Division

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Restrictions on BLUE BOOK photographic records.

FROM

TO

DATE AND MESSAGE

NNME

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May 13, 1976. After the audiovisual records which had been removed from the case files of BLUE BOOK sighting reports were transferred to NNV, William Murphy (NNV) questioned the restriction statement in the appraisal report and accession inventory. He pointed out that the restriction statement does not mention the photographic records which were sent to the Air Force by private citizens to accompany the written reports of UFO sightings. He said that it was the practice in NNV to show to researchers photographic records which originated with private citizens but not to reproduce them without the permission of the persons who submitted them to the Government.

At your request I called Lt. Col. Johnson (693-5750) in Air Force JAG who has been our consultant on BLUE BOOK legal problems. He said that the National Archives should handle BLUE BOOK photographic records in the same way it handles other photographic archives. However, the Air Force policy on photographic items submitted by private citizens is to reproduce them on request and handle them like textual records unless the photographs have been copyrighted or were submitted on condition of confidentiality. If the Air Force still had custody of the BLUE BOOK records, he said, it would make them available and sell copies to the public of both textual and photographic records because they are all records in the possession of the Government.

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FROM	TO	DATE AND MESSAGE (Continuation)
		As NNV deals with the Department of Defense, rather than the military services, on policy matters, Mr. Murphy will request a legal opinion on this matter from the Audio-Visual Division, Directorate of Defense Information, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, DOD. That office has agreed to refer his request to the DOD legal counsel.
		<i>Francis J. Heppner</i> FRANCIS J. HEPPNER Assistant Chief, Military Projects Branch Military Archives Division
<i>NNM</i>	<i>NNV</i>	<i>5/14/76. We are not bound by DOD opinion. I do not believe we should discriminate between information sent to Fillmore Post. or by airt or other from unless privilege is requested and accepted. WDJ</i>
<i>NNV</i>	<i>NNM</i>	May 19, 1976. No opinion from DOD will be requested. Clearances must be obtained from CBS or NBC before reproductions of their programs can be made. All other audiovisual records are available for reproduction without restriction. <i>James Square</i>

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TO: JACL

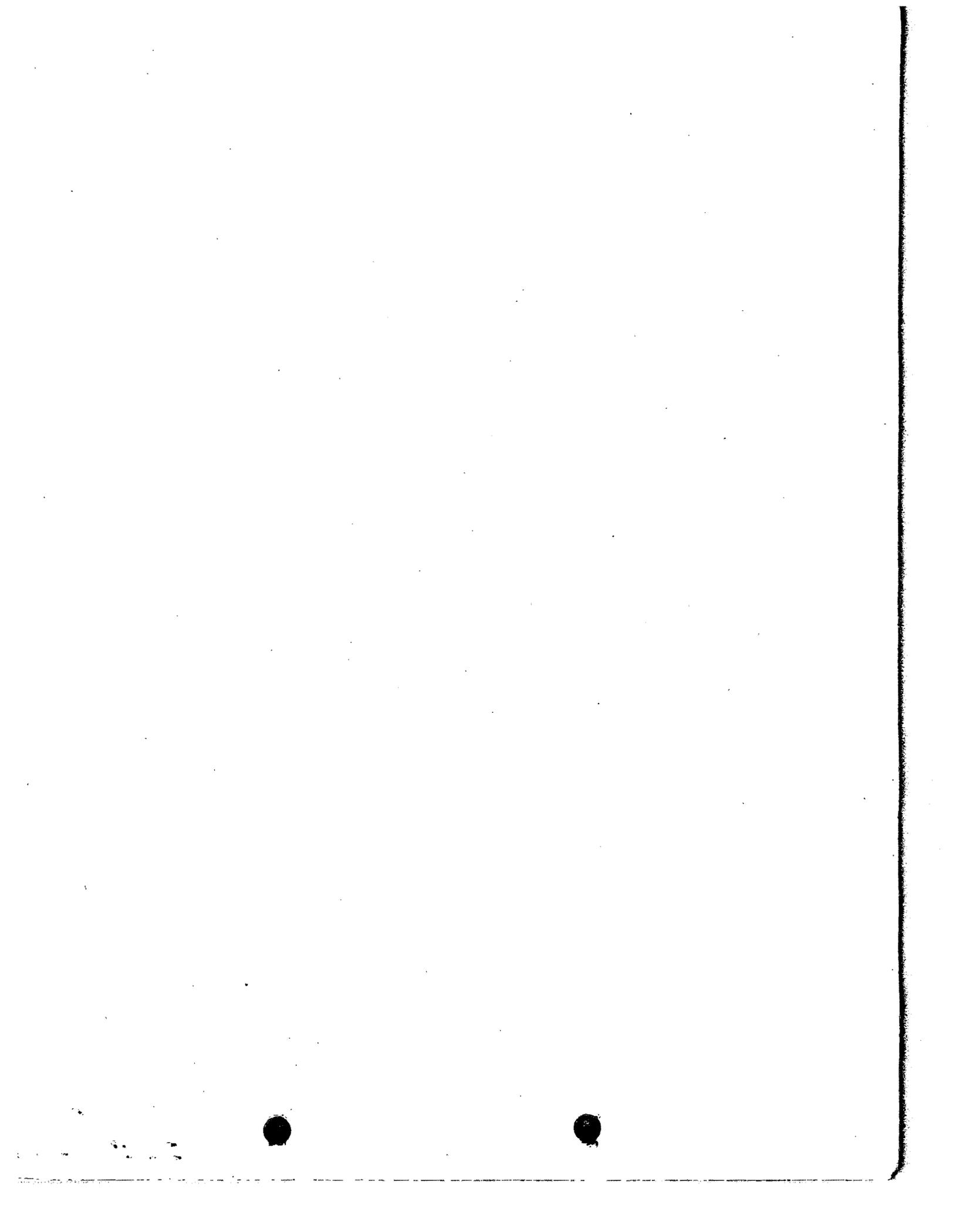
RE: Release of Information, Project Blue Book

TO: AU/JA

1. This is in reply to your inquiry regarding what information contained in Project Blue Book should be disclosed, upon request, to the public. The Freedom of Information Act as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552, requires the release of all records in the possession of the Air Force unless they fall within one of the nine stated exemptions. Under the amended act, if only a portion of a record is exempted from mandatory disclosure it must be excised and the remainder of the record disclosed.

2. In responding to requests for information, the Air Force has declined to release information which it either obtained or received under an implied or expressed promise of confidentiality. The basis for such refusal is that the information was exempted from mandatory disclosure by exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. 552, Subsection b. See paragraph 4d AFR 12-30; Evans v. Department of Transportation, 446 F.2d 821 (5th Cir. 1971) cert. denied 405 U.S. 918, 1972; Sterling Drug, Inc. v. F.T.C., 450 F.2d 698 (D.C. Cir. 1971); Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp. v. Renegotiation Board, 425 F.2d 578 (D.C. Cir. 1970). Therefore, those documents in Project Blue Book which were obtained or accepted by the Air Force with the understanding that the identity of the person submitting the information would not be disclosed, should be excised of all identifying data and the remaining portions of the document disclosed. We believe that the Air Force is obligated to honor its promise of confidentiality and to protect the personal privacy of the individuals involved.

3. The information in the investigative reports regarding the individuals who submitted reports consisting of (a) conclusions (b) sources of information, i.e., credit bureaus, neighbors, etc. and (c) any investigative techniques, should not be disclosed. They are exempt from mandatory disclosure under exemptions 5 and 7, Subsection b, 5 U.S.C 552, and paragraphs 4e, and 4h, AFR 12-30. Therefore, the portions of the investigative reports described above should be deleted before they are disclosed to the public.

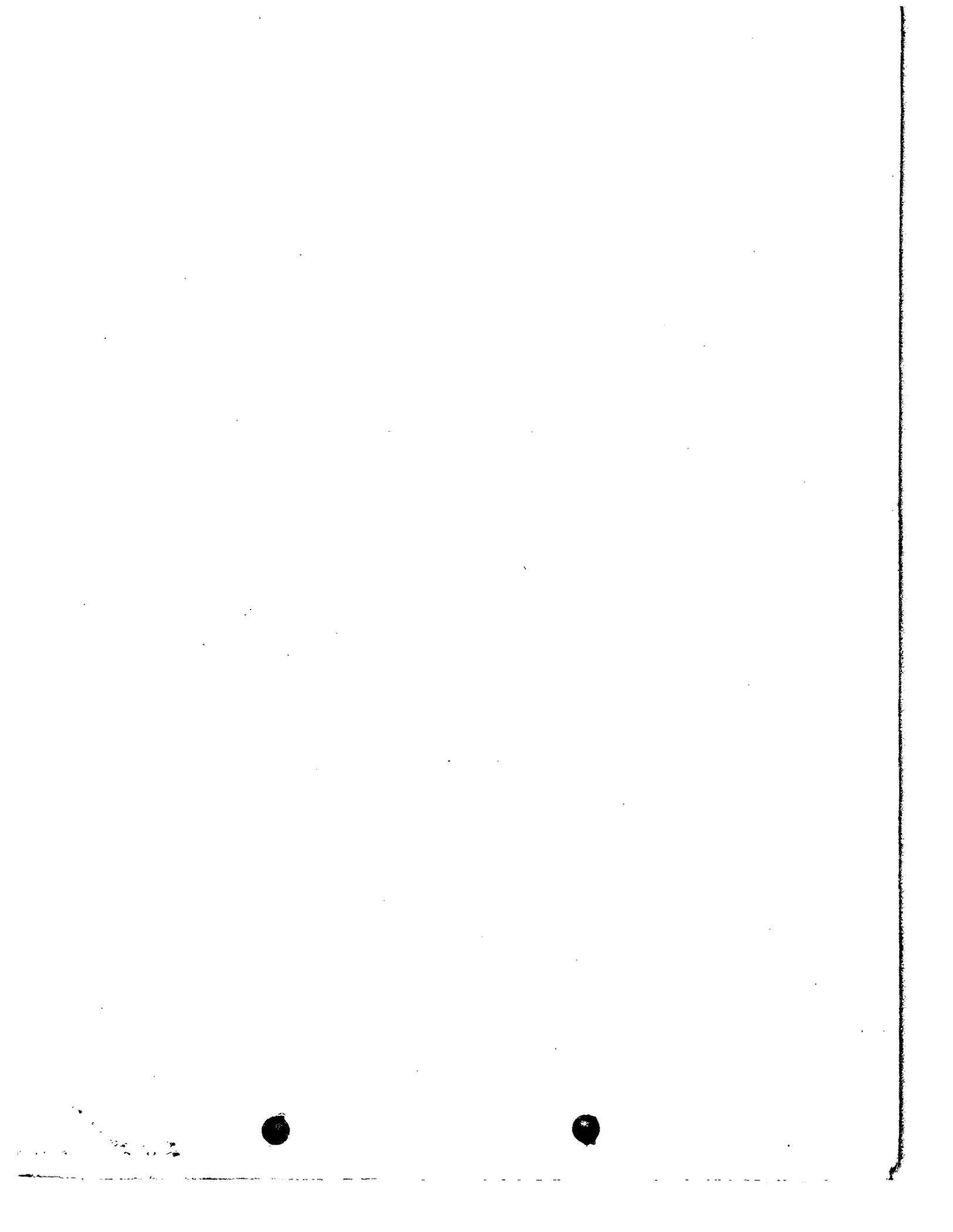


4. We recognize that the implementation of the above recommendations will be administratively burdensome and costly. It may well be that two copies of the documents will have to be microfilmed. One record set which is complete and one "sanitized" version available for public examination. In view of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, we are aware of no procedures, short of destroying the records, which would alleviate the research center from editing these records. When identifying data is withheld, the research center should fully explain to the requestor that it was done only to protect the personal privacy of the individuals involved and that no "substantive" information was deleted. This should be done in order to allay fears that the Air Force may be withholding facts about unidentified flying objects.

5. Although the SAF/OI bulletins, which appear to be for internal usage, could be interpreted to mean a complete file of Project Blue Book is available, we do not believe that the deletion of identifying data and portions of the investigative file would be so contradictory to this announcement that significant adverse publicity would result. However, for future guidance to the public we would suggest that the research center advise SAF/OI to insure that their announcements reflect what portions of the records are not available and the reasons therefore.

6. If you have any further questions regarding this matter please contact us.

Michael J. Barrett Jr.
MICHAEL J. BARRETT, JR., Colonel, USAF
Chief, Litigation Division
Office of The Judge Advocate General



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



18 NOV 1975

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DADMD

SUBJECT: Offer of Transfer of Air Force Documentation
(DADMD Ltr, 31 Mar 75)

TO: The Archivist of the United States
National Archives & Records Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20408

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1. Pursuant to the provisions of Federal Property Management Regulations 101-11. 411.3, the Department of the Air Force offers for direct transfer to the National Archives, the following collection:

a. Approximately three (3) cubic feet of documentation consisting of case files and correspondence on unidentified flying objects (UFO) covering the period from 1948 to 1968.

b. Documentation is directly related to the material previously accepted by your office (see referenced letter). It represents the holdings of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) which conducted some of the early Air Force investigations on UFO sightings.

c. A random sampling conducted by a representative of AFOSI with the assistance of Mr. Francis J. Heppner, Assistant Chief, Military Projects Branch, National Archives, disclosed that while some of the AFOSI material may be duplicative of your holdings, AFOSI files contain some of the early correspondence regarding Air Force policy on UFO investigations which is not in your collection.

2. It was noted in the referenced letter, during the study of UFO activity, in order to obtain candor and cooperation from witnesses, the Air Force assured them that their names would not be publicly disclosed. Therefore, we again recommend appropriate deletions of the following identifying data be made before permitting public access to these records:

a. Names of witnesses and other data which would identify the witness.

THE SUBJECTS:

1. NAMES OF WITNESSES WHO WERE CALLED TO THE STANDS:

These were the witnesses who were called to the stands during the trial. The names of the witnesses who were called to the stands are listed below. The names of the witnesses who were not called to the stands are listed in the appendix.

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b. Those portions of investigative reports regarding the individuals who reported sightings, such as:

(1) Conclusions of the investigator.

(2) Confidential sources of information, i.e., credit bureau reports, neighbors, etc.

(3) Investigative techniques.

3. We believe this material to contain significant supplemental information to warrant its continued preservation by the U.S. Government.

4. AFOSI's holdings have not been declassified. If you accept this material, AFOSI will expeditiously declassify the material prior to transferring it to you.

Herbert G. Geiger

HERBERT G. GEIGER, Chief
Documentation Systems Division
Directorate of Administration

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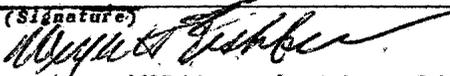
Air Force offer of additional BLUE BOOK records.

FROM	TO	DATE AND MESSAGE
NNMP	NNA	<p>November 24, 1975. By letter of Nov. 18, 1975, from Herbert G. Geiger, Chief, Documentation Systems Division, Department of the Air Force to the Archivist, the Air Force has offered to the National Archives three cubic feet of records of the Office of Special Investigations relating to Project BLUE BOOK. These are records of the office which conducted the formal investigations of sightings of unidentified flying objects.</p> <p>The records now offered complement the records being accessioned in job NN-375-209. Although copies of many of the investigative reports being offered are in the sighting case files in that accession, other reports and correspondence are not so duplicated. The offered records have equal value to the sighting case files in Accession No. NN-375-209 for documenting the Air Force investigation of UFO's.</p> <p>I recommend that this new offer be accepted and be included in Accession No. NN-375-209 for RG 341. It can be included in the same accession inventory which will not be signed until the Air Force group making deletions on xerox copies of the BLUE BOOK case files has completed its work. The offered records should be brought into the National Archives</p> <p><i>Approved: W. A. Fisher 11/25/75</i></p>

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COVER SHEET - TRANSACTION DOSSIER

ACCESSION

TRANSACTION	
NUMBER NN 375-209	OTHER IDENTIFICATION RG 341, Records Relating to Project BLUE BOOK, 1948-1968
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DATE December 15, 1976	BY (Signature)  Director, Military Archives Division
CONSOLIDATED WITH	
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November 25, 1975

Mr. Herbert G. Geiger
Chief
Documentation Systems Division
Headquarters U.S. Air Force-DAD
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Mr. Geiger:

The records of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations which you offered to the National Archives in your letter of November 18, 1975, will be processed as part of Accession No. NN-375-209. When we prepare the accession inventory, we will include these records and the Project BLUE BOOK case files already here.

After the records have been declassified, we would like to bring them into the National Archives Building so that the Air Force team working with us can review them along with the other part of the accession.

Sincerely,

MEYER H. FISHBEIN
Acting Director
Military Archives Division

cc:

Official File - NN-375-209 ✓

Day File - NNM

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STANDARD FORM 135 JULY 1961 EDITION GENERAL SERVICES ADMIN. FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.4	RECORDS TRANSMITTAL AND RECEIPT	TO BE COMPLETED AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER	
		ACCESSION NO. NN-375-209	RECORD GROUP NO.

INSTRUCTIONS Send original and two copies to appropriate Federal Records Center. EXCEPTION —Send original and three copies to the Alexandria, Virginia, Center.	SIGNATURE <i>Francis J. Heppner</i>	DATE RECORDS RECEIVED 12-19-75
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FROM: (Name and address of Agency transferring records) HQ AFOSI/HO Rm 1-H-053, Forrestal Bldg 1000 Independence Ave., SW Wash, DC 20314	TO: Federal Records Center, GSA The Archivist of the United States National Archives & Records Service General Services Administration Wash, DC 20408
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8. MAY THE RECORDS BE DESTROYED AS SCHEDULED WITHOUT FURTHER AGENCY CONCURRENCE? YES NO

9. AGENCY OFFICIAL (Signature) <i>David H. Ferguson</i> David H. Ferguson, Maj, USAF	10. TITLE Chief, Documentation Div, Directorate of Administration, HQ AFOSI	11. DATE 19 Dec 75
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		<p>Source documents dating from 1948 to 1968 concerning the USAF investigation of Un-identified Flying Objects (UFOs). These records contain documents on investigative policy and Air Force Office of Special Investigation reports of investigations on UFO sightings.</p> <p>SOURCE DOCUMENTS</p> <p>1 File folders 24-185-1 through 24-185-27 (Note: There is no file for 24-185-3; there are two files under the number 24-185-17; and there is no file for 24-185-26) These files contain policy guidance and AFOSI District reports of investigation concerning UFOs (filed primarily by district).</p> <p>2 File folders 24-185-001 through 24-185-008 containing policy guidance and AFOSI District reports of investigation concerning UFOs (filed primarily in chronological order.).</p>	

AUDIOVISUAL RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO THE AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES DIVISION

RG 341
Project Blue Book

AUDIO TAPES

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer</u>	<u>Description</u>
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1003419	" " "	" " "	"	" " " " "
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1003474	Oct. 23, 1957	Polk Co., Fla.	Multiple	one 5" reel, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ IPS half track
1003480	Nov. 6, 1957	Boerne, Texas	McGregor	one 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " reel
1003586	July 20, 1961	Houston, Texas	Civil Airline	one 4" reel, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ IPS
1003595	Oct. 2, 1961	Salt Lake City, Utah	Multiple	one 7" reel
1003666	Sept. 5, 1964	Sacto. Area, Calif.	Schrum	one 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " reel
1003676	March 2, 1965	Brooksville, Fla.	Reeves	one 7" reel, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ IPS
1003686	July 25, 1965	Bloomington, N.Y.	Morrow, Shaver	one 5" reel
1003706	Oct. 7, 1965	Edwards AFB, Calif.	Military	one 7" reel
1003707	" " "	" " "	"	" " "
1003708	" " "	" " "	"	" " "
1003732	Aug. 15, 1967	Ft. Smith, Ark.	Gilbreth	one 7" reel
1003733	" " "	" " "	"	" " "
1003734	" " "	" " "	"	" " "
1003735	" " "	" " "	"	" 5" "
1003736	" " "	" " "	"	" " "
1003737	" " "	" " "	"	" " "
1003738	" " "	" " "	"	" " "
1003759	Mar. 11-13, 1967	Tillamook, Ore.	Multiple	one 5" reel, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ IPS half track
1003760	" " "	" " "	"	" 3" " " " " "

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<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer</u>	<u>Description</u>
1003323	Aug. 15, 1950	Great Fall, Mont.	Not Listed	one 16mm color movie, 3" reel one 16mm b&w movie, 7" reel*
1003345	July 2, 1952	Tremonton, Utah	Newhouse	one 16mm color movie, 3" reel**
1003357	July 29, 1952	Osceola, Wis.	Multiple	
1003374	Nov. 16, 1952	Landrum, S.C.	Chop	one 16mm b&w movie, 3" reel
1003382	Mar. 3, 1953	Luke AFB, Ari.	Air Visual	one 16mm color movie, 3½" reel
1003400	Mar. 7, 1954	Keesler AFB, Ala.	Military	one 16mm b&w movie, 3" reel
1003406	July 3, 1954	Bermuda	Military	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip
1003407	July 3, 1954	Fairchild AFB, Wash.	Military	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip
1003412	Oct. 29, 1954	Olmstead AFB, Pa.	Military	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip
1003460	May 2, 1957	Edwards AFB, Calif.	Gettys & Bittick	two 35mm neg. b&w filmstrips
1003473	Oct. 16, 1957	Almagordo, N.M.	APRO	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip
1003482	Nov. 6, 1957	Montville, Ohio	Olden, Moore	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip
1003492	Dec. 10-12, 1957	Duncansville, Tex.	Multiple	one 8mm color movie, 2¼" reel
1003494	Jan. 1-10, 1958	River Forest, Ill.	Mathews	one 8mm color movie, 2¼" reel
1003523	Feb.-Apr., 1957	Coburn, Va.	Not Listed	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip
1003528	Mar. 13, 1959	Duluth, Minn.	Military	two 35mm b&w filmstrips, one neg., one pos., on 3½" reels
1003533	June 21, 1959	Macao, China	Military	one 35mm pos. b&w filmstrip, 3½" reel
1003535	July 28, 1959	Corpus Christi, Tex.	Not Listed	one 16mm color movie, 3½" reel
1003538	Aug. 28, 1959	Qn. Charlotte Islands	Military	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip, 3½" reel
1003551	Apr. 25, 1960	Shelby, Mon.	Clark	one 8mm color movie, 2¼" reel
1003554	June 7, 1960	Champaign, Ill.	Block	one 16mm b&w movie, 2¼" reel
1003591	Sept. 1, 1961	Sandusky, Ohio	Schikler	two pieces of 35mm filmstrip, one 3½" , other 7½"
1003614	Sept. 1962	Snohomish, Wash.	Not Listed	one 35mm pos. color filmstrip
1003620	Oct. 6-7, 1962	Naha, Okinawa	Cox	two 35mm neg. b&w filmstrips
1003648				one green plastic flexible phono disc, 5¼"***
1003659	July 29-31, 1964	Binghamton, N.Y.	Multiple	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer</u>	<u>Description</u>
1003661	Aug. 9, 1964	Colorado Sprgs, Colo.	Blessing	one 8mm color movie, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " reel
1003689	Aug. 1, 1965	Topeka, Kans.	Johnson	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reel
1003690	Aug. 1, 1965	Topeka, Kans.	Johnson	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reel
1003691	Aug. 2, 1965	Tulsa, Okl.	Hatcher	one 35mm neg. color filmstrip
1003704	Oct. 7, 1965	Edwards AFB, Cal.	Military	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reel
1003705	Oct. 7, 1965	Edwards AFB, Cal.	Military	one 35mm neg. b&w filmstrip, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reel
1003715	Mar. 1, 1966	Australia	Not Listed	one 35mm neg. color filmstrip
1003753	Jan. 1967	Camarillo, Cal.	Goldstone	one 16mm color movie, 3" reel
1003761	Mar. 19, 1967	Yonkers, N.Y.	Beitz	one 16mm color movie, 5" reel
1003785	Nov. 18, 1967	Covington, Ind.	Doss	one 16mm b&w movie, 3" reel
1003867				one 16mm b&w movie, 12" reel
1003868				one 16mm b&w movie, 13" reel

* The 16mm b&w movie with the number 1003323 on its box has the notation "b&w Tremonton" on its reel and may actually belong to case #1003345.

** See * above.

*** The phono disc with file #1003648 is apparently unrelated to any particular case, and when played in MNV seemed to be some kind of Air Force training aid (see note of M. Kurtz accompanying disc).

ADDITIONAL AUDIOVISUAL RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO THE AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES DIVISION

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<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer</u>	<u>Description</u>
1003489	Dec. 1, 1957	Montebello, Calif.	Benn	one 8mm color movie, 2 3/4" reel
1003490	Dec. 5-10, 1957	Cincinnati, Ohio	Geiger	one 8mm color movie, 2 3/4" reel
1003757	Mar. 6-11, 1967	Galesburg, Moline, Illinois	Fisher	one 8mm color movie, 2 3/4" reel

February 6, 1976

WNMP (Acc. No. WN-375-209)

Accession of Project BLUE BOOK records

Mr. Herbert G. Geiger
Chief, Documentation Systems Division
Directorate of Administration
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington, DC 20330

The enclosed accession inventory covers the records of the Air Force program to study unidentified flying objects which were offered for transfer to the National Archives in your letters of March 21, 1975, and November 18, 1975.

We have included in this accession as item 3 the electrostatic copies which we made for the review team of Air Force Reserve officers. They have nearly completed the task of deleting from the electrostatic copies the information described in the accession inventory under "Restrictions on the Use of Records." We plan to make these sanitized copies available to the public and hold the original records in our stack area.

If the accession inventory is satisfactory, please sign and date both copies and return the carbon to this office. I can be reached on 523-3089.

FJH

FRANCIS J. HEPPNER
Assistant Chief
Military Projects Branch
Military Archives Division

Enclosure

cc:
Official File - WNMP
Reading File - WNMP

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330



1 MAR 1976

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DAD

SUBJECT: Accession of Project BLUE BOOK Records (Acc. No. NN-375-209)
(Your letter, 6 Feb 76)

TO: Mr. Francis J. Heppner
Assistant Chief
Military Projects Branch
Military Archives Division
National Archives and Records Service
General Services Administration
Washington, DC 20408

The attached accession inventory for Project BLUE BOOK records is satisfactory. The signed and dated carbon copy is returned as requested in your 6 Feb 76 letter.

It is our understanding that NARS will make sanitized versions of the case files available to the general public and refer requests for other information to this headquarters for review and processing. Requests for other than sanitized case files should be forwarded to:

Secretary of the Air Force
Office of Information
Washington, DC 20330

Your cooperation in the transfer of these records to NARS is greatly appreciated.

Herbert G. Geiger
HERBERT G. GEIGER, CHIEF
Documentation Systems Division
Directorate of Administration

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Accession Inventory

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Accession Inventory

Agency of Custody: Department of the Air Force

Subdivision: Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

The following Accession Inventory is hereby agreed to by the undersigned duly authorized representatives of the agency named above and of the Archivist of the United States, respectively; and the records are accepted for deposit with the National Archives of the United States.

Description of Records:

1. Records of the Department of the Air Force program at the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio to study unidentified flying objects conducted under the names Project Sign, Project Grudge, and Project Blue Book, 1947-69, consisting of:

a. Reports, correspondence, news briefings, issuances, and other documentation of the office operating the program.

b. Case files of sighting reports containing statements of witnesses, audiovisual materials, physical evidence, and Air Force correspondence and reports.

c. Two commercially produced 16 mm motion picture films about unidentified flying objects and the Air Force program.

2. Records of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations consisting of correspondence and investigative reports on unidentified flying object sightings.

3. Electrostatic copies of items 1.b and 2 above from which the information listed below under "Restrictions on the Use of Records" has been deleted.

Restrictions on the Use of Records:

The following information shall not be made available to the public in order to avoid an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of persons who furnished information to the Air Force under an implied or expressed promise of confidentiality:

1. The names of witnesses and other data which could identify witnesses who, as private citizens not acting in line of duty as United States military personnel or as employees of the Federal Government or of state or local governments, furnished information to the Air Force about their observations of unidentified flying objects.

2. Those portions of investigative reports regarding witnesses who reported sightings that show:

- a. Conclusions of the investigator about witnesses.
- b. Confidential sources who furnished information about witnesses.
- c. Information of a personal and private nature, chiefly medical and financial data, that was gathered about witnesses.

These restrictions are specified by the Director of Administration, Department of the Air Force.

Condition of Records: Good

Volume of Records: L.a 1 cubic foot

L.b 39 cubic feet

L.c one one-thousand foot reel
one sixteen-hundred foot reel

2. 2 cubic feet

3. 41 cubic feet

Executed in duplicate at Washington, D. C. this 1st day of March,
A. D., 1976.

Herbert B. Reiger

Representing the Department of the Air Force

Francis J. Heppner

Representing the Archivist of the United States

APR 5 1976

Brig. Gen. H. J. Dalton, Jr.
Director of Information (SAF/OI)
Department of the Air Force
Washington, DC 20330

Dear General Dalton:

The records of Project BLUE BOOK which the Air Force deposited in the National Archives last year will soon be opened to the public. We wish to thank the Office of Information for its cooperation and especially for the thorough and efficient work done here in the National Archives by the team of Air Force Reserve officers who screened the records and prepared the public copy of the UFO sighting case files. This team, under the leadership of Maj. Bruce McCarthy, included Maj. Chester J. Loewe, Capt. Robert F. Meffert, Jr., Capt. Judith K. Silverman, Lt. Richard F. Cashman, Lt. Gary L. Ferguson, and Lt. Richard L. Gaylor.

They produced a copy of the Project BLUE BOOK records which will both protect the privacy of persons who furnished UFO information to the Air Force and also release to the public the information which the Air Force gathered about UFO sightings. From the large number of requests for access to these records which this agency has already received, we conclude that the public will be well served by their efforts.

Sincerely,

James E. O'Neill

JAMES E. O'NEILL
Acting Archivist
of the United States

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

RECORD GROUP LEVEL

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RG NO.	FOR NNB USE			UNIT OF ARCHIVAL CONTROL	ORIGINATOR'S TRANSACTION NO.	TOTAL NO. OF ATTACHMENTS
341	LEVEL 1	ACTION	STEP	NNM	NNM-577-37	14

TRANSACTION CODING

(Check appropriate box for each type of transaction and indicate number of attachments for each)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. ACCESSION	7	11, 13, 14, 17, 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. DISPOSAL		40, 42, 45, 48, 49
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. ACCRETION		21, 23, 24, 27, 29	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL		50, 52, 55, 58, 59
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. REMEASUREMENT		34	<input type="checkbox"/> 7. REMEASUREMENT		65
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. OTHER INCREASE (Explain under remarks)		31, 33, 34, 37, 39	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. OTHER DECREASE (Explain under remarks)		60, 62, 65, 68, 69

OTHER TRANSACTION

TYPE OF TRANSACTION	ATTACHMENTS	FOR NNB USE	TYPE OF TRANSACTION	ATTACHMENTS	FOR NNB USE
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY		79	<input type="checkbox"/> 15. N. A. GUIDE NARRATIVE		03, C2, C3, C9
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP (Show RG nos. under unit of physical custody)		86, 8A, 8B, 8C	<input type="checkbox"/> 16. RESTRICTION STATEMENT		C2, C3, C9
<input type="checkbox"/> 11. CHANGE OF ARCHIVAL CONTROL (Show new unit under remarks)		99	<input type="checkbox"/> 17. PRIVACY STATEMENT		03, C2, C3, C9
<input type="checkbox"/> 12. NEW RECORD GROUP		01	<input type="checkbox"/> 18. FINDING AID CITATION		C2, C3, C9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13. INITIAL INPUT	7	01, 03	<input type="checkbox"/> 19. CHANGE SERIES LOCATIONS		C2, C3, C9
<input type="checkbox"/> 14. CORRECTION (Explain under remarks)		C2, C3, C4, C5, C9	<input type="checkbox"/> 20. OTHER (Explain under remarks)		

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	CHECK ONE		VOLUME (Indicate cu ft or m ³)		TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS		FOR NNB USE
	ADD	SUB-TRACT	THIS CHANGE	AFTER CHANGE		THIS CHANGE	AFTER CHANGE	ITYPE CODE
NNM	X		7.00m ³	119.50m ³				
RECORD GROUP TOTAL AFTER CHANGE (To be completed by NNB)								

REMARKS
Accession NN-375-209 (Project BLUE BOOK)

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS	PREPARED BY		REVIEWED BY		APPROVED BY	
	Francis J. Heppner <i>FJH</i>					
	UNIT	DATE	UNIT	DATE	UNIT	DATE
	NNMP	12-14-76				

CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

FOR NNB USE

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

1. RECORD GROUP	2. SUB-GROUP A	3. SUB-GROUP B	4. SUB-GROUP C	5. SUB-GROUP D	6. SUB-GROUP E	7. SUB-GROUP F	8. SUB-GROUP G	9. SUB-GROUP H	10. SERIES	11. SUBSERIES	12. SUBSUBSERIES	
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10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSION	<input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL INPUT	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION						
ENTRY NO. 63A		<input type="checkbox"/> ACCRETION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER CHANGE						

TITLE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS	BEGIN DATE 1948
	END DATE 1968

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY				
UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT <i>(ft, in, m, or cm)</i>	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE ITYPE CODE
NNM	3 ft.			
BUILDING	STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE <i>(Optional)</i>
A1	1 2 W 2 -	1 7 / 1 6 / C - -	1 7 / 1 6 / D - -	
IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				

FINDING AID CITATION (Short Form)

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ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Arranged in two subseries: geographically by Air Force district and overseas commands and thereunder chronologically; and chronologically.

These are copies of investigative reports and related correspondence concerning sightings of unidentified flying objects which were sent to headquarters for information purposes from Air Force districts and commands in which the sightings occurred. The originals were sent to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and some of them are in the case files described in entry 294D.

The files relate to investigations of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects made in the United States and abroad as part of the Air Force study of unidentified flying objects called Project BLUE BOOK. The investigative reports are in narrative form and were prepared by Air Force officers and civilian employees who obtained information from observers of unidentified flying objects and from other sources such as weather stations and airport radar operators.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

FOR NNB USE

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

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LEVEL	FOR NNB USE	TYPE OF TRANSACTION									
	ACTION										
10	STEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSION	<input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL INPUT	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION						
ENTRY NO.		<input type="checkbox"/> ACCRETION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER CHANGE						
	63B										

TITLE	BEGIN DATE
PHOTOCOPY OF REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS	1948
	END DATE
	1968

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY				
UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT (ft, in, m, or cm)	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE (TYPE CODE)
NNM	3 ft.			
BUILDING	STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE (Optional)
A /	1 2 W 2 -	8 / 5 / A - - - -	8 / 5 / B - - - -	

IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE? YES NO IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? YES NO

FINDING AID CITATION (Short form)

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ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

On this photocopy of the reports of investigations of unidentified flying objects described in entry 63A, the Department of the Air Force deleted the following kinds of information to protect the privacy of observers of unidentified flying objects and others who furnished information to the Air Force: (1) the names, addresses, and other information which identifies the observers; and (2) portions of investigative reports which identify persons who provided information about the observers and which include information of a personal and private nature, chiefly medical and financial data, that was gathered about the observers.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

FOR NNB USE

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

1. RECORD GROUP	2. SUB-GROUP A	3. SUB-GROUP B	4. SUB-GROUP C	5. SUB-GROUP D	6. SUB-GROUP E	7. SUB-GROUP F	8. SUB-GROUP G	9. SUB-GROUP H	10. SERIES	11. SUBSERIES	12. SUBSUBSERIES
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LEVEL	FOR NNB USE	TYPE OF TRANSACTION										
10	ACTION	STEP										
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ENTRY NO.			<input type="checkbox"/> ACCRETION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP						<input type="checkbox"/>	
294A												

TITLE	BEGIN DATE
PROJECT BLUE BOOK ADMINISTRATIVE FILES	1948
	END DATE
	1967

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY				
UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT (ft, in, m, or cm)	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE (TYPE CODE)
NNM	1 ft.			
BUILDING	STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE (Optional)
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IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		

SENDING AID CITATION (Short form)
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ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Arranged by type of record.

Correspondence, staff studies, status reports, congressional hearing reports, press releases, public and Air Force briefings, newspaper clippings, and photographs concerning Project BLUE BOOK, the Air Force study of unidentified flying objects. The files relate to the organization and staffing of the project, the release to the public of information about unidentified flying objects, and the progress and findings of the study.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

FOR NNB USE

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

1. RECORD GROUP	2. SUB-GROUP A	3. SUB-GROUP B	4. SUB-GROUP C	5. SUB-GROUP D	6. SUB-GROUP E	7. SUB-GROUP F	8. SUB-GROUP G	9. SUB-GROUP H	10. SERIES	11. SUBSERIES	12. SUBSUBSERIES										
3	4	1	0	9	0	6	0	5	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
LEVEL		FOR NNB USE		TYPE OF TRANSACTION																	
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ENTRY NO.		294B																			

TITLE	BEGIN DATE
LIST OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS	June 1947
	END DATE
	Dec. 1969

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY				
UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT <small>(ft, in, m, or cm)</small>	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE ITYPE CODE
NNM	2 in.			
BUILDING	STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE <small>(Optional)</small>
A /	1 2 W 2 -	1 8 / 3 / A - - -	1 8 / 3 / A - - -	
IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		

READING AID CITATION (Short Form)

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ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Arranged chronologically.

This is a list of sightings of unidentified flying objects for which case files were prepared. For each sighting the list shows the date, the location, the name of the observer, and an evaluation of the sighting report. The case files on this list are described in entries 294D and 294E.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

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BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

1. RECORD GROUP	2. SUB-GROUP A	3. SUB-GROUP B	4. SUB-GROUP C	5. SUB-GROUP D	6. SUB-GROUP E	7. SUB-GROUP F	8. SUB-GROUP G	9. SUB-GROUP H	10. SERIES	11. SUBSERIES	12. SUBSUBSERIES
3 4 1	0 9 0 6	0 5 0 4	0 5 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 3			

LEVEL	FOR NNB USE	TYPE OF TRANSACTION										
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ENTRY NO.												
294C												

TITLE	BEGIN DATE
PHOTOCOPY OF THE LIST OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS	June 1947
	END DATE
	Dec. 1969

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY				
UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT (ft, in, m, or cm)	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE ITYPE CODE
NNM	2 in.			
BUILDING & STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE (Optional)	
A / 1 2 W 2 -	1 8 / 4 / A - - -	1 8 / 4 / A - - -		
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/				
IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		

ENDING AID CITATION (Short form)

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ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

On this photocopy of the list described in entry 294B the Department of the Air Force deleted the names of the observers to protect the privacy of observers of unidentified flying objects who furnished information to the Air Force.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

FOR NNB USE

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

1. RECORD GROUP	2. SUB-GROUP A	3. SUB-GROUP B	4. SUB-GROUP C	5. SUB-GROUP D	6. SUB-GROUP E	7. SUB-GROUP F	8. SUB-GROUP G	9. SUB-GROUP H	10. SERIES	11. SUBSERIES	12. SUBSUBSERIES					
3	4	1	0	9	0	6	0	5	0	4	0	5	0	4		

LEVEL	FOR NNB USE ACTION	STEP	TYPE OF TRANSACTION												
10			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSION	<input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL INPUT	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCRETION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER CHANGE					
ENTRY NO.															
294D															

TITLE	BEGIN DATE
CASE FILES ON SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS	June 1947
	END DATE
	Dec. 1969

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY

UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT (ft, in, m, or cm)	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE ITYPE CODE
NNM	3 ft.	G	30	
NNM	58 ft.			

BUILDING	STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE (Optional)
A	12W2	- 18 / 3 / A - - -	17 / 16 / C - - -	
A	7W2A	- 14 / 3 / C - - -	14 / 3 / D - - -	

IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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LEADING AID CITATION (Short form)

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ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Arranged chronologically by date of sighting.

These case files contain the information the Air Force gathered about sightings of unidentified flying objects during its study of unidentified flying objects called Project BLUE BOOK. Each case file relates to one sighting or to a group of closely related sightings. The files contain reports from observers of unidentified flying objects, correspondence between the observers and the Air Force and between Air Force investigative offices, reports of Air Force officers who investigated the sightings, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, physical evidence, and reports of analyses of photographic and physical evidence received with reports. Some reports were made by letter or telegram, but most reports of sightings were submitted on an Air Force questionnaire which shows the name and address of the observer, date and hour of the sighting, and a description of what the observer saw. The physical evidence consists of objects such as pieces of metal and rocks which were submitted with reports. Each case file begins with a control sheet which summarizes the sighting report and shows the conclusion of the Air Force as to the explanation for the sighting. Cross reference sheets contain citations to the photographs, motion pictures, and sound recordings which were submitted with reports and which are described in entries 294F, 294G, and 294H. Lists of sightings of unidentified flying objects covered by these case files are described in entries 294B and 294C. Some additional reports of Air Force officers who investigated sightings are in entry 63A.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

FOR NNB USE

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

1. RECORD GROUP	2. SUB-GROUP A	3. SUB-GROUP B	4. SUB-GROUP C	5. SUB-GROUP D	6. SUB-GROUP E	7. SUB-GROUP F	8. SUB-GROUP G	9. SUB-GROUP H	10. SERIES	11. SUBSERIES	12. SUBSUBSERIES								
3	4	1	0	9	0	6	0	5	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	5		

LEVEL	FOR NNB USE	TYPE OF TRANSACTION									
10	ACTION	STEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSION		<input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL INPUT		<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY		<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION		
ENTRY NO.			<input type="checkbox"/> ACCRETION		<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF LOCATION		<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER CHANGE		
294E											

TITLE	BEGIN DATE
PHOTOCOPY OF THE CASE FILES ON SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS	JUNE 1947
	END DATE Dec. 1969

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY

UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT <i>(ft, in, m, or cm)</i>	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE ITYPE CODE
NNM	110 ft.			
BUILDING	STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE <i>(Optical)</i>
A /	1 2 W 2 -	1 8 / 4 / A - - -	1 8 / 1 / F - - -	
A /	1 2 W 2 -	9 / 1 5 / A - - -	9 / 1 5 / D - - -	
IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				

ENDING AID CITATION (Short Form)

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ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

On this photocopy of the case files described in entry 294D the Department of the Air Force deleted the following information to protect the privacy of observers of unidentified flying objects and others who furnished information to the Air Force: (1) the names, addresses, and other information which identifies the observers, and (2) portions of investigative reports which identify persons who provided information about the observers and which include information of a personal and private nature, chiefly medical and financial data, that was gathered about the observers.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD				FOR NNB USE		UNIT OF ARCHIVAL CONTROL NNM		SHEET NO. 341	
RECORD GROUP LEVEL <i>(Summary of instructions on reverse)</i>				ORIGINATOR'S TRANSACTION NO. NN-375-209		TOTAL NO. OF SHEETS ATTACHED 3			
STATISTICAL TRANSACTIONS <i>(Enter code from table below in left column)</i>						OTHER TRANSACTIONS <i>(See instructions on reverse)</i>			
INCREASE		DECREASE		TRANSFER					
1. ACCESSION		5. DISPOSAL		9. CHANGE PHYSICAL CUSTODY		<input type="checkbox"/> 11. CHANGE UNIT OF ARCHIVAL CONTROL <input type="checkbox"/> 12. NEW RECORD GROUP <input type="checkbox"/> 13. INITIAL INPUT <input type="checkbox"/> 14. CORRECTION <i>(Explain below)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 15. NATIONAL ARCHIVES GUIDE NARRATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> 16. RESTRICTION STATEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> 17. PRIVACY STATEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> 18. CHANGE FINDING AID CITATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 19. CHANGE SERIES LOCATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 20. OTHER <i>(Explain below)</i>			
2. ACCRETION		6. PERM. WITHDRAWAL		10. CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP					
3. REMEASUREMENT		7. REMEASUREMENT		<i>(Enter R₁ nos. in unit of physical custody column)</i>					
4. OTHER <i>(Explain below)</i>		8. OTHER <i>(Explain below)</i>							
TRANS. ACTION CODE	NUMBER OF SHEETS ATTACHED	UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	CHECK		VOLUME (m ³)		ITEMS		
			+	-	Check here if cu. ft. <input type="checkbox"/>		ITYPE CODE	NUMBER OF ITEMS	
					THIS CHANGE	AFTER CHANGE		THIS CHANGE	AFTER CHANGE
1	1	NNVM	X		0.15	0.15		20	20
1	1	NNVR	X		0.00M ³	0.00M ³		23	28
1	1	NNVP	X		0.03	0.03		350	350
TOTAL VOLUME AFTER CHANGE <i>(To be completed by NNB)</i>									

REMARKS

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS								FOR NNB USE	
1. PREPARED BY CAT Charles A. Thomas		3. REVIEWED BY <i>WMM</i> William Murphy		5. REVIEWED BY <i>WMM</i>		7. ARCHIVAL CONTROL DIVISION		REVIEWED	
UNIT NNVM	DATE	UNIT NNVM	DATE 12-7-76	UNIT NNVP	DATE 12-14-76	UNIT	DATE		
2. REVIEWED BY		4. REVIEWED BY		6. REVIEWED BY		8. APPROVED BY		POSTED	
UNIT	DATE	UNIT	DATE	UNIT	DATE	UNIT	DATE		

CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

FOR NNB USE

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

CONTROL NUMBER AND LEVEL

RECORD GROUP	2. SUB-GROUP A	3. SUB-GROUP B	4. SUB-GROUP C	5. SUB-GROUP D	6. SUB-GROUP E	7. SUB-GROUP F	8. SUB-GROUP G	9. SUB-GROUP H	10. SERIES	11. SUBSERIES	12. SUBSUBSERIES
4	1	09	06	05	04	05	00	00	00	00	06
LEVEL		FOR NNB USE		TYPE OF TRANSACTION							
10		ACTION STEP									
ENTRY NO.		294F		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSION <input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL INPUT <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION <input type="checkbox"/> ACCRETION <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF LOCATION <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER CHANGE							

TITLE	BEGIN DATE
PHOTOGRAPHS OF SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.	1954
	END DATE
	1966

COMPLETE THIS AREA FOR LEVELS 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY

UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY	LINEAR MEASUREMENT <i>(ft, in, m, or cm)</i>	TYPE OF ITEM	NUMBER OF ITEMS	FOR NNB USE ITYPE CODE
NNVP		Still pictures	350 7578	
BUILDING & STACK AREA	BEGIN LOCATION	END LOCATION	LOCATION REFERENCE <i>(Optional)</i>	
A / 1 8 E 3	1 0 / 1 8 / B	1 0 / 1 8 / B		
IS LOCATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				

SPENDING AID CITATION (Short form)

ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Arranged numerically by case number.

Still photographic 35mm negatives of 21 alleged sightings of UFO's collected by the ^{a Branch} Aerial Phenomena Group or its predecessors, ~~1954-66~~ ^(298 items). The photographs were received from Edwards, Keesler, Fairchild, and Olmstead Air Force Bases as well as from Wichita, Kansas; Duluth, Minnesota; Alamogordo, New Mexico; Binghamton, New York; Montville and Sandusky, Ohio; Coburn, Virginia; Snohomish, Washington; and from Australia; Bermuda; Queen Charlotte Island, Canada; Macao, China; and Naha, Okinawa. Eight of the sightings ^(7280 items) are recorded on roll film, which totals 500 feet and shows timed radar responses of the observed phenomena. Some of the frames are blank. The case files to which these photographs relate are described in Entries 294D and 294E.

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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD

A. TYPE OF TRANSACTION

BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL

1. ACCESSION 2. INITIAL INPUT 3. CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY 4. CORRECTION
 5. ACCRETION 6. CHANGE OF LOCATION 7. CHANGE OF RECORDED GROUP 8. OTHER CHANGE

B. CONTROL NUMBER, LEVEL, ENTRY	1. ENTRY	SERIALS								SERIES AND SUBSERIES			13. LEVEL	14. ENTRY NO.													
		2. A	3. B	4. C	5. D	6. E	7. F	8. G	9. H	10. S	11. SS	12. SSS															
		3	4	1	0	9	0	6	0	5	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7			10	294G

C. TITLE & DATES	1. TITLE Project Blue Book Motion Pictures.													2. BEGIN DATE 1950	
														3. END DATE 1967	

D. STATISTICS <i>Complete Linear Measurement and Items for levels 10 - 12 only.</i>	1. UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY NNVM	2. LINEAR MEASUREMENT Indicate m, cm, ft, or in	3. ITEMS		
			TYPE CODE	NUMBER OF ITEMS	TYPE OF ITEM
				20	Motion pictures
IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N					

E. LOCATIONS	1. BLDG. & STACK	2. BEGIN LOCATION	3. END LOCATION	4. LOCATION REFERENCE (Optional)
	A / 20 E / 3 C	03 / 02 / A	03 / 04 / A	
	/	/	/	/
	/	/	/	/
	/	/	/	/
ARE LOCATIONS CONTINUED ON REVERSE? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N				

F. ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Motion pictures received by the U.S. Air Force during its official investigations into the existence of unidentified flying objects, filmed by military personnel and civilians. Included are two television documentaries on the subject of "UFO's." The case files to which these motion pictures relate are described in Entries 294D and 294E.

Arranged numerically by case number.

G. FINDING AID CITATION (Short form)	CHECK IF APPROPRIATE <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATE APPENDIX	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED ON REVERSE	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED ON SEPARATE PAGE
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CHANGE OF STATUS RECORD		A. TYPE OF TRANSACTION															
BELOW RECORD GROUP LEVEL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. ACCESSION		<input type="checkbox"/> 2. INITIAL INPUT		<input type="checkbox"/> 3. CHANGE OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY		<input type="checkbox"/> 4. CORRECTION		<input type="checkbox"/> 5. ACCESSION		<input type="checkbox"/> 6. CHANGE OF LOCATION		<input type="checkbox"/> 7. CHANGE OF RECORD GROUP		<input type="checkbox"/> 8. OTHER CHANGE	
B. CONTROL NUMBER, LEVEL, ENTRY	1. RG	SUBGROUPS								SERIES AND SUBSERIES				13. LEVEL	14. ENTRY NO.		
		2. A	3. B	4. C	5. D	6. E	7. F	8. G	9. H	10. S	11. SS	12. SSS		10	294 H		
C. TITLE & DATES	1. TITLE												2. BEGIN DATE				
	Project Blue Book Sound Recordings.												1955				
													3. END DATE				
												1967					
D. STATISTICS <small>Complete Linear Measurement and Items for levels 10 - 12 only.</small>	1. UNIT OF PHYSICAL CUSTODY			2. LINEAR MEASUREMENT <small>Indicate m, cm, ft, or in</small>					3. ITEMS								
									I TYPE CODE	NUMBER OF ITEMS		TYPE OF ITEM					
	NNVM									23		Sound recordings					
IS ACCESSIONED MICROFILM LISTED ON REVERSE?																	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N																	
E. LOCATIONS	1. BLDG. & STACK			2. BEGIN LOCATION					3. END LOCATION				4. LOCATION REFERENCE (Optional)				
	A/1,8/E/3			09/107/B					09/107/B								
	/																
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	/																
ARE LOCATIONS CONTINUED ON REVERSE?																	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N																	

F. ARRANGEMENT AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Interviews recorded or acquired by the U.S. Air Force with individuals claiming to have seen unidentified flying objects, and maintained under Project Bluebook **BLUE BOOK** and its predecessor projects. The case files to which these recordings relate are described in Entries 294D and 294E.

Arranged numerically by case number.

G. FINDING AID CITATION (Short form)	CHECK IF APPROPRIATE	<input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATE APPENDIX	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED ON REVERSE	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED ON SEPARATE PAGE
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