

(181)

F

15 AUG 1956

Colonel Gerald B. Jorgensen
Chief, Community Relations Division
Office of Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Attention: SAEGIC

Dear Colonel Jorgensen:

Consideration has been given to your request of 27 July 1955 for the declassification of the "Report of the Scientific Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects." The Office of Scientific Intelligence feels that the report, as originally drafted, cannot be downgraded. As an alternative, an unclassified version has been prepared which omits names of personnel and participating organizations, and we are agreeable to the release of this version. It should be noted that permission for release has not been obtained from persons or organizations involved in the original panel report, and that the panel members themselves agreed only to the release of the edited summary and conclusions indicated by Mr. P. G. Strong in his 20 December 1955 memorandum to AFOSI.

We are most anxious that further publicity not be given to the information that the panel was sponsored by the Central Intelligence Agency. Further, we cannot authorize the listing of personnel participating in the discussions in any unclassified releases.

Sincerely,
Karl H. Heber
Karl H. Heber
Deputy Director of
Scientific Intelligence

Distribution
Orig. and 1 - Addressee
2 - SA/OSI
2 - IPS/OSI

OSI/IPS [Beland] Heber [no] [5511] (12 August 1956)

B3

Approved for Release 180
2/20/00

This document is made available through the declassification efforts
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault



The Black Vault is the largest online Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are responsible for the declassification of hundreds of thousands of pages released by the U.S. Government & Military.

Discover the Truth at: <http://www.theblackvault.com>