SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

REFERENCE: AD/ST Memorandum of 21 March 1950, same subject.

1. Major Briggs's question concerning alleged efforts by CIA to prevent UFO witnesses making public their sighting experiences, suggests a possible misinterpretation of the policy governing the relationship of Contact Division field personnel and their sources.

2. A deliberate effort is made to apprise each source of Contact Division that the relationship between the source and the Agency is confidential in nature. This caveat is not intended to impose a security restriction on the information imparted by the source but to minimize the disclosure of the Agency's relationship with the source. It is conceivable that some confusion may result through failure of a source to distinguish between revelation of his relationship with the Agency and revelation of whatever information he possesses. The former is and should be maintained on a confidential basis; the latter is the property of the source to reveal or withhold as his judgment dictates.

3. On 6 November 1957 a directed collection request for UFO information was levied on Contact Division by the Office of Scientific Intelligence under [Redacted]. Responses to the requirement were forwarded to Collection State, CIO on 14 November 1957.

4. Contact Division has a detailed history of Dr. Leon Davidson's activities in the field of UFO's and outer space communications. AIO has also communicated with Dr. Davidson to their mutual dissatisfaction.

5. Copies of the pertinent Contact Division field correspondence are enclosed.

[Enclosures]

- To Chief, CI/00 from Chief, Detroit Office, dated 7 Dec 57, Subject, Case
- To Chief, CI/00 from Chief, dated 12 Dec 57, Subject, Case
- Copy of SEC to NATO, WA-21401, Rejected CI/00-1234567 (2 April 58)

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