MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division/OSI

SUBJECT: Air Force Request to Declassify an OSI Paper on UFO's

REFERENCE: CIA/OSI "Report of the Scientific Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects" dated February 1953

1. Mrs. Sara B. Hunt, of the Office of Information, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, visited Dr. D. B. Stevenson on 19 July 1986 to discuss an Air Force request to declassify the referenced report.

2. Mrs. Hunt indicated that this request was triggered by the 12 May "CBS Reports" program. Dr. E. P. Robertson, Chairman of the panel, was on the show and reportedly made sufficient references to CIA involvement in UFO analysis to cause a press reaction.

3. A review of the documents supplied by Mrs. Hunt showed that Dr. Phil Strobel approved a similar Air Force request in December 1957. This resulted in a sanitized version of the original consultants' report. This report presented most of the conclusions but did not refer to the original meeting minutes, case histories, or indicate CIA involvement. (Mrs. Baldwin has OSI copies of the report and correspondence).

4. Although the Air Force request now in OSI does not request additional declassification, Mrs. Hunt expressed the view that this was intended. Mrs. Hunt said that the Air Force is now trying to declassify all U.S. Government work on UFO's.

5. Inasmuch as my review of the original material showed that significant deletions would be required for further declassification, I suggested that Mrs. Hunt ask the Air Force originator to submit a second request, if they wanted declassification of additional material from the minutes and case histories.

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6. Mrs. Hunt said that a more specific request would be sent to us in the near future.

7. Mr. Loome is holding the recent Air Force request until Mrs. Hunt contacts us.

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