

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/19/66

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-2927)

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
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Re Bureau Bulletins No. 57 dated 10/1/47, and No. 38 dated 3/25/49, entitled "FLYING DISCS."

Enclosed are copies of an article entitled "Armed Forces - Focus on UFO", which was published in the This World supplement of the San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle, Sunday, October 16, 1966.

This article deals with the current controversy over the existence or nonexistence of flying saucers or Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), and quotes Michigan's Congressional Representative GERALD FORD as suggesting that Congress look into UFOs; also it announces that the Air Force, which is charged with investigating UFOs, has commissioned the University of Colorado and Physics Professor EDWARD U. GORDON to conduct an in-depth study of flying saucers for the next 18 months, at an estimated cost of \$300,000.

The article also points out that since last summer pressure has been mounting for the establishment of an independent, civilian controlled investigative agency to look into the UFO problem.

Also, for the Bureau's information, there was recently published (first printing June 1966) a book entitled "Flying Saucers - Serious Business", Lyle Stuart, Inc., publishers, authored by Frank Edwards. This book is now in its third edition and is available in paperback, published by Bantam Books, and it is probably a contributing factor to the current controversy.

In this book author Edwards points out that flying saucers were observed in the spring of 1946, in Scandinavia and Russia (which he points out is about a year from the date of the testing of the Alamogordo atomic bomb), and the book

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A few witnesses have reported seeing crewmen who ~~hand~~ landed from the objects, who are described as three and a half to four feet tall, wearing what appear to be space suits and helmets.

Author Edwards concludes this book with a prediction that in the near future UFOs will make an "overt landing" or deliberate contact with earth.

A copy of this letter is being directed to Denver, in view of the contract awarded to Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON.

The above is being called to the Bureau's attention in view of the press report of mounting pressure for a civilian controlled investigative agency to handle UFO matters.