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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Sightings of Flying Saucers or Unconventional Aircraft

All four participants in the observation of the flying saucers
unconventional aircraft have now been debriefed and the following
is a summary of their observations.

2. The party was travelling by train [REDACTED] at
the specific request of [REDACTED] who tried to use rail
transportation whenever it was at all feasible. The sightings were
noted about ten minutes beyond [REDACTED] 1910 hours when it was
already dark. [REDACTED] was resting alone in his compartment
with the lights out when he noted a small greenish-yellow glowing
ball rising quite rapidly. He informed the other members of the
party who were occupying the other compartment and a few minutes
later they too observed another object.

3. [REDACTED] never saw the form of the object only the
luminescent ball. [REDACTED] saw only two lights resembling eyes.
[REDACTED] saw a slightly object with a single light in the
middle at the top and a rotating light or lights similar to exhausts
at the base. [REDACTED] had the impression that the object
could have been as small as a rocket although there were no objects
available to produce a satisfactory scale and no trail was left by
the rising ball. [REDACTED] considered the size
of the object to be comparable to that of a U.S. jet fighter.
However, [REDACTED] believes that the object did not resemble
any aircraft, rocket or missile that he had ever seen. All observers
expressed the impression that the object was rotating or whirling
during its rise along its initial steep trajectory. Neither [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] noted any change in this trajectory, but
[REDACTED] stated that the object altered
its pattern to horizontal flight quite sharply. Neither [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] saw any objects on the
ground with the exception of the search light, but [REDACTED]
reported the presence of a tetragonal object with three lights
which appeared to be ejected from a launching site.

4. In view of the interviews so far, the only testimony which
would support the existence of flying saucers or radically
unconventional aircraft is that of [REDACTED]. All other

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characteristics can probably be explained as steep climbing aircraft or missiles. Further observations will probably be required before the matter can be completely resolved. In the meantime, however, the evidence does not appear sufficiently firm to warrant the conclusion that the Soviets have developed and have in operation a radically new type of aircraft.

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