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Minutes  
of  
Branch Chief's Meeting of  
11 August 1952

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The meeting was at 0835 in Mr. Steele's office with a quorum consisting of Mr. Sullivan, Chairman, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Engle, Dr. Fairchild, Dr. Fondiller, <sup>Mr.</sup> Gordon, Dr. Harkin and Mr. Rajala.

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Mr. Sullivan opened the meeting by saying that a project is to be started in the P&E Division on "Flying Saucers." It was suggested by

Dr. Odarenko that this project be set up to maintain ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> files to ~~establish~~ <sup>establish</sup> outside contacts on such matters and to build up the up-to-date knowledge of the available facts to permit the Division and office to take a stand and to formulate an opinion as might be required.

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ATIC has the job of finding out about these "flying saucers" and keeping records. ~~ATIC~~ <sup>ATIC</sup> is responsible for getting information for CIA. All members of the P&E Division are to look into this project and see what they can contribute to this problem. Each Branch ~~was~~ appointed a representative:

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Mr. Elby for Physics, and Mr. Barnard for Electronics and Communications.

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Mr. Ray Gordon is Project Officer for the P&E Division. <sup>Mr. Sullivan</sup> He is to find out who is handling the project in ~~ORE~~ <sup>ORE</sup> and get a past history of what has been found out in the field of meteorology, radar and the other sciences. He should secure reports from ATIC and bring us up-to-date on what has been done.

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Mr. Steele wanted to know if P&E should be in the position to answer requests coming to us. Since ATIC has a standard form for reference purposes, requests would be answered through contact with them. Air Force has local agents to look into any questions coming to them. ATIC has a record, it was believed, to cover the whole world.

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It was stated that Mr. S. Fossony, who may be a special officer in

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A-2, may be able to contribute something to this problem. [Mr. Sullivan] (b)(3)  
 gave a summary of the 5 years that Mr. Strong spent ~~at the~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~mission~~ <sup>mission</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup>.  
 There was no specific problem to be discussed ~~at~~ <sup>at the time, so</sup> the meeting was  
 adjourned.

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\* There are so many "flying saucers" have been reported of late. Although Mr. Strong knew many people there and traveled the area extensively, no unusual phenomena were ever mentioned or seen.