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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  
iridescent 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

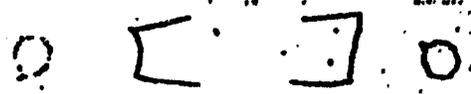
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characteristics can probably be explained as steep climbing aircraft or missiles. Further observations will probably be required before the matter can be completely resolved. In the meantime, however, the evidence does not appear sufficiently firm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

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