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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 20, 1947

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: ^① FLYING DISCS

[REDACTED] Informant b7c

Reference is made to your letter dated August 11, 1947 in the above captioned matter.

[REDACTED], McHenry County, Woodstock, Illinois, advised that he had received no reports of flying discs in the community of Lily Lake, Illinois. He further stated that he had no record or knowledge of [REDACTED] of Lily Lake. b7c

[REDACTED], Lily Lake, Illinois, advised that he was personally acquainted with [REDACTED] whom he described as a successful writer of mystery stories. He said he had no information to the effect that CHAVER was mentally unsound and he believed him to be a substantial citizen. b7c

[REDACTED] advised she had sold property to [REDACTED] on two occasions and was well acquainted with [REDACTED] and his wife. She knew of no derogatory information concerning him. b7c

[REDACTED] was interviewed at Lily Lake, Illinois and advised that he was the featured writer of mystery stories for [REDACTED] magazine, which magazine is edited by [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] at the outset stated that PALMER had told him the FBI would contact him regarding flying discs. b7c

[REDACTED] indicated that the telegram received by the War Department, referred to in referenced letter, was probably sent by one of his readers, unknown to him. He said that he wrote mystery stories based on his firm conviction that under the earth are various caverns formerly inhabited by a super race, who have since fled to other planets. This region of caverns he calls Lemuria. He stated he believes there is valuable machinery and other resources in these caverns. He therefore explained flying discs, which he calls "space ships", as the mode of travel of the Lemurians coming from other planets to reclaim the valuable machinery. [REDACTED] indicated that his theories had aroused a wide following among readers of [REDACTED] magazine. b7c

[REDACTED] exhibited an article from an edition of the "Chicago Times" for Sunday, August 3, 1947. The article stated that on June 24, 1947, on Murray Island, off the Washington Coast, there had occurred a mysterious explosion which was believed to have been caused by a guided missile or rocket. It further stated that the date of the explosion was the same date on which one KENNETH JOHNSON, a private pilot, sighted the first flying disc at Boise, Idaho. b7c

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