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SUBJECT: INTERPLANETARY PHENOMENON UNIT (I.P.U.); U.S. Army (Sci. & Tech. Br.,
Counterintelligence Directorate, Dept. of the Army)

SOURCE: CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE "F"
via telecon: 5/83

"Eisenhower's people concerned about possible hostile aspects of UFOs. This unit was set up in response to that concern. It was established sometime in late 1950, and was essentially a planning group which created scenarios on what could happen and possible types of defense which ~~could~~ could be used."

According to source, possible codename for this project was "JIFFY".

** NOTE - NOTHING EVEN
LOCATED w/ RESPECT TO
THIS CODE NAME.*



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

July 19, 1983

Freedom of Information Office

Mr. Hugh L. O'Neal
4219 W. Olive St., #247
Burbank, California 91505

Dear Mr. O'Neal:

This is in response to your letter of July 7, 1983, in which you request copies of whatever records are available pertaining to the transfer of records on the "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit" (IPU) to AFOSI. Your letter was received in this office on July 13, 1983.

As you note in your letter, the so-called IPU was disestablished and, as far as we are aware, all records, if any, transferred to the Air Force in the late 1950's. However, the "unit" was formed as an "in-house" project purely as an interest item for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, and as such was never formally organized or reportable, had no investigative function, mission or authority, and may not even have had any formal records at all. It is only through institutional memory that any recollection exists of this unit, and no transfer record exists in the files of this office. Your fruitless search of the Project Bluebook files publicly available at NARS tends to indicate that there were never any formal files held in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, or at least that these were not retained by the Air Force if indeed any were transferred.

We regret that we are unable to be of more assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Dille
7h Donald P. Press

Colonel, General Staff
Director of Counterintelligence

4219 W. Olive St., #247
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7 July, 1983

Department of the Army
Office of the Asst. Chief of Staff/Intelligence
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Sir:

~~Pursuant~~ understanding that a unit known as the "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit of the Scientific & Technical Branch, Counter-intelligence Directorate, DA" (also possibly called "Operation Jiffy") was active for a period of time during the 1950s. It is also my understanding, according to a letter on this subject from Col. W.B. Guild to Mr. Richard Hall dated 25 September, 1980, that this unit was "disestablished during the late 1950s and never re-activated". This letter goes on to state that "All records pertaining to this unit were surrendered to the US Air Force Office of Special Investigations in conjunction with operation 'BLUEBOOK'."

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5-USC-552 as amended, I hereby request copies of whatever records are available pertaining to the transfer of these records to AFOSI. Presumably there should be a record of transfer which sets forth specific file folder numbers as well as a general description of the material transferred (perhaps a Standard Form #135, or similar), as well as copies of receipts from AFOSI as recipient agency. It is these that I am specifically interested in.

For your information and assistance in this matter, I am aware of the "Project Bluebook" files which are publicly available at NARS. Part of my reason for making this request is that I have searched the Bluebook files and can find no reference or indication that the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit files were ever made a part of this collection.

Fees and expenses generated in connection with this request are hereby guaranteed up to a maximum of \$50.00.

Yours very truly,

HLO/

Hugh L. O'Neal

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info via F - phone.
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STANDARD FORM 135 JULY 1961 EDITION GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6		RECORDS TRANSMITTAL AND RECEIPT		TO BE COMPLETED AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER	
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P. O. Box 4743
Arlington, Virginia 22204

October 1, 1980

The Adjutant General
Headquarters, Department of the Army
Attention: Freedom of Information Act Coordinator
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Adjutant General:

It is my understanding, recently confirmed in writing by at least one current Army official, that the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence operated, back in the 1950's, an "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit" within the Counter-intelligence Directorate.

Assuming that this Unit's organizational history and charter, like similar records of other Army agencies, are maintained as "permanent files," I request that, under provisions of the US Freedom of Information Act, you provide me with copies of all government records pertaining to the Unit, such records to include the following information:

- (1) The relevant Tables of Distribution and Allowances;
- (2) The Unit's organization chart/staff directory for each year of its activation;
- (3) Its standing operating procedure (including all revisions thereof);
- (4) Its Mission and Functions Manual (including all revisions thereof);
- (5) Its operating budget;
- (6) Its periodic Historical Reports as submitted to the Army's Chief of Military History;
- (7) Its legislative-liaison reports and evaluations;
- (8) Its project "case files." (If these case files no longer exist, or are in the custody of some other Federal Department/agency, please index them by title/date/subject/file number, and identify their departmental transfer record.)

The Adjutant General

Oct. 1, 1990

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It is understood that in fulfilling this request you might be moved to censor from the records certain information affecting the security of intelligence sources and collection methods.

Please note that the action you take in fulfilling this request should receive at least the same diligence and intensity of effort as you have expended on producing the records of atomic-bomb testing and "Agent Orange" application -- because the retrieval and release carry at least an equivalent weight in the records' public-interest value.

Sincerely,

Richard Hall

Copy sent to:

-- Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights,
United States House of Representatives



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

DAMI-CIS

25 SEP 1980

Mr. Richard Hall
P.O. Box 4743
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Mr. Hall:

This is in response to your letter of 6 September 1980 under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552, requesting information concerning Army intelligence records related to UFO-encounter reports.

To determine the existence of Army intelligence investigative records responsive to your request we have conducted an indepth check of files and indices maintained by this office.

We regret to inform you that no record system is maintained within the offices of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army to catalog, process, index or otherwise evaluate UFO information. This agency has not been a recipient of subject message.

Please be advised that the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit of the Scientific and Technical Branch, Counterintelligence Directorate, DA was disestablished during the late 1950's and never reactivated. All records pertaining to this unit were surrendered to the US Air Force Office of Special Investigations in conjunction with operation "BLUEBOOK".

We regret that we are unable to be of more assistance concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

John C. Mc Caffrey, LTC, GS
WILLIAM B. GUILD
Colonel, GS
for Director of Counterintelligence

September 8, 1980

Director of Politico-military Affairs
U. S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Director:

It is our understanding that the U. S. Department of State's various Defense Attache Offices overseas routinely dispatch to the United States a number of teletype-message reports on UFO encounters occurring in their respective geographical areas. For example, on June 2, 1980, the Defense Attache in Lima, Peru, dispatched a message discussing the events surrounding attempted UFO intercept-and-destroy missions on the part of Peruvian air force jets in southern Peru.

Under terms of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that you send me a copy of every UFO-related teletype message dispatched by any and all U. S. Defense Attache Offices during the period January 1, 1960, through September 8, 1980; and that you include in your response a copy of all State Department documentation generated as a result of the addressees' receipt of those messages.

It is presumed that as a representative of a public-interest organization I will be afforded the opportunity to request a waiver for all the records-search/reproduction fees you might choose to levy upon fulfillment of this request.

Larry E. Bryant

Copy sent to:

Peter A. Gersten, Esq.

Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, U. S.
House of Representatives

JOSEPH L. FISHER
10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

October 3, 1980

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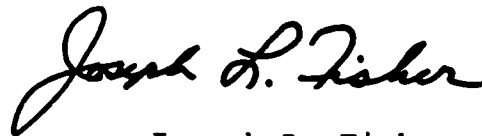
Dear Mr. Bryant:

Thank you for letter letting me know that you are still waiting to receive a reply from the FBI and the U.S. Air Force about evidence obtained from a crashed flying saucer and crew.

I have informed both the FBI and the Air Force of your request, and am waiting to received confirmation from them. As soon as I am contacted by these agencies, I will let you know.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Fisher
Member of Congress

JLF/kbd

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Mr. William L. Moore
P. O. Box 1845
Prescott, AZ 86302

first class u. s. mail

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WESTBURY
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24 Dec 82

Bill --

Well, here's some titillation fer
ya Let's hope '83 will set
you free.


Larry W. B.

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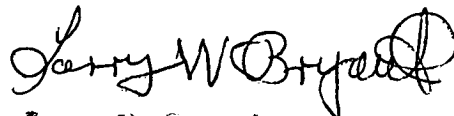
December 21, 1982

Re. Penny Interdal
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
U. S. Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20341

Re. Interdal:

Under terms of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby appeal your apparent denial (Dec. 8, 1982) of my FOIA request of November 26, 1982, concerning the records transferred to your agency by Headquarters, Department of the Army. Since, in your processing of my request, you apparently chose not to contact the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence about the mission/functions/personnel/records transfer of the Army's Interplanetary Communications Unit (ICU), you might wish to include that contact as part of your review of this appeal.

Sincerely,



Larry W. Bryant

Copy furnished to:

Peter A. Corsten, Esq.



DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

U-2,368/RTS-1B

8 DEC 1982

Mr. Larry Bryant
2904 South 13th Road, Apt. 2
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Mr. Bryant:

We are in receipt of your letter of 25 November 1982 concerning the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit.

This is to advise you that neither the mission, functions, personnel, nor records of that organization were absorbed by this Agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Penny Underdal", is written above the typed name.

PENNY UNDERDAL
Freedom of Information Act
Officer

2904 South 18th Road - Apt 2
Arlington, Virginia 22204

November 25, 1982

Director of Counterintelligence
U. S. Defense Intelligence Agency
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Sir:

It is my understanding that the mission, functions, personnel, and records of the 1950's-vintage "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU)" of the Scientific and Technical Branch of the Directorate of Counterintelligence in the Office of the U. S. Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence were absorbed by your agency some years ago.

Accordingly, I hereby request that you furnish me, under provisions of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, a copy of all U. S. Army, U. S. Air Force, U. S. Navy and DOD records pertaining to, and generated by, that "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU)" during the Unit's entire operational existence.

Yours sincerely,



Larry W. Bryant

Results of random check of DOD Telephone Directories from years 1949 — 1969: (on staffing of the Hq, Dept. of Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence; Counterintelligence Directorate; Scientific and Technical Branch; Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit):

There was no entry with that precise wording in any of the phone books checked; in the June 1954 book, there's a listing for "Counterintelligence Liaison Officer" (Major L. C. Pierson - Room 2P453, Ext. 56086), which you could query today about the possible existence of IPU (if he's locatable, of course).

Maybe the sought-after IPU really was part of the Directorate of Foreign Intelligence; Scientific and Technical Division; Scientific Branch (Lt. Col. C. R. Collins - Room 2P457, Ext. 55300), as listed in the summer 1965 edition.

The fall 1969 edition carries a Directorate of Counterintelligence, under which is listed a possible source: Deputy Director for Policy and Coordination, M. T. Kelly - Room 2D 513, X79871. That's the earliest reference to a "Directorate of Counterintelligence" that I could find in my necessarily hasty examination of the phone books.

SUMMARY: Chances are that the alleged IPU was part of the Foreign Intelligence Directorate (in the early fifties) rather than part of the Directorate of Counterintelligence (of the late sixties to present). Interesting, isn't it, that the current ACSI people use the CI Directorate identifier rather than the Foreign Intelligence Directorate one? Does this mean that the CI Directorate absorbed the IPU from the FI Directorate some time in the late sixties? Maybe the Army could be compelled via an FOIA suit to fill us in on the details.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995

August 31, 1988

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

FOI/Privacy Office

Mr. Brian Parks
3629 Emerald Street, #1
Torrance, CA 90503

Dear Mr. Parks:

This is in response to your August 13, 1988 letter, requesting, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5 U.S. Code 552, records pertaining to the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU). This correspondence was received on August 19, 1988.

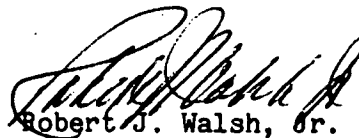
This is to inform you that a further files search pertaining to the IPU has been made by The Office of The Assistance Chief for Intelligence, now known as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DCSINT); and that the results of the search confirm what has been previously made available to you. Records of the IPU, which were permanently transferred to The Air Force in conjunction with operation "BLUEBOOK", became the property of The Air Force and their subsequent disposition has not been monitored by DCSINT.

We also wish to advise you that while this office was recently appointed as initial denial authority (IDA) for the release of DCSINT intelligence material to the public, neither we nor any other Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) element is responsible for any function relating to UFO matters.

In order to expedite a definitive response to your query, we have referred your case to the Air Force for a direct reply to you. Any further questions which you may have on the subject should be addressed to:

HQ AFOSI/DADF
ATTN: Freedom of Information
Bolling AFB
Washington, DC 20332-6001

Sincerely,



Robert J. Walsh, Jr.

Chief

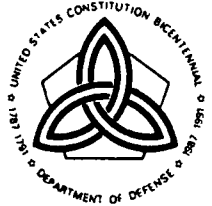
Freedom of Information/Privacy Office

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HQ AFOSI/DADF



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, DC 20310-1001

December 21, 1987



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Directorate of Counterintelligence
and Security Countermeasures

Mr. Jean Sider
17, rue Ferdinand Buisson
92110 -- Clichy
France

Dear Mr. Sider:

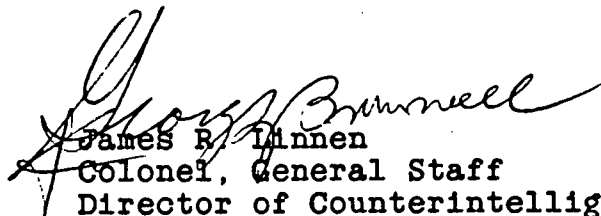
This is in reply to your letter of December 7, 1987 in which you referred to an earlier (25 Sep 80) letter, and inquired as to the whereabouts of records pertaining to an activity of the 1950s referred to as the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU).

As stated in the 1980 letter, a copy of which you provided, records of that unit no longer are maintained by this organization. Once surrendered, the records became the property of the gaining office (U.S. Air Force, Office of Special Investigations) and their disposition would not be monitored here. Consequently, the information you seek is not available through this office.

From your letter, it appears you have corresponded with the agencies (U.S. Air Force; National Archives and Records Administration) which would be most likely to have had control of the records you seek. At this time I am not aware of another possible source of the information.

I am sorry this reply cannot be more responsive to your request.

Sincerely,


James R. Linnen
Colonel, General Staff
Director of Counterintelligence
and Security Countermeasures