

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

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Subj: Cut-off Date for Investigating UFO Reports

Lt Marano, Aerial Phenomena office, and Jo Turnure, SAFOICC, discussed the cut-off date for accepting UFO reports. The following paragraph from a letter that SAFOICC wrote on December 6, 1967 to Miss Paula Elikofer of Evansville, Indiana was discussed.

"In the event the observer, however, sends his report to this office, we refer it to the technical people at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. If enough information is not given, and the sighting occurred in the past thirty days, we send the observer a questionnaire (sample inclosed), and ask that it be completed and sent to the technical people at Wright-Patterson for evaluation. If the sighting is more than thirty days old, the observer is sent a Project Blue Book and asked to use it in identifying what he saw; after thirty days, he would probably not remember enough details for a technical evaluation."

Lt Marano asked Jo Turnure if this policy was acceptable with Col Stiles and she replied that it was acceptable. Marano said it would make our job a lot easier to cut the reports off at 30 days instead of accepting them for 90 days. Lt Marano asked Jo to obtain Lt Col Hippler's permission and this would be the new policy to only accept cases for thirty days, after that, sightings will be insufficient data for evaluation because they are too old to investigate.

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