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FROM: AD/SI	TO: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Approval in Principle--External Research Project	

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2. Channing	12/1	Approval		
3. Admin.	12/2	Review		
4. Exec.		Review		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

THROUGH : Assistant Director, Intelligence Coordination

SUBJECT : Approval in Principle--External Research Project Concerned with Unidentified Flying Objects

REFERENCE

1. It is proposed that an external research project be established so that the available evidence on Unidentified Flying Objects can be analyzed and evaluated by an Ad Hoc Panel of top-level scientists in order to recommend what further action should be taken toward solution of this problem.

2. The proposed project is an important part of the effort of this office to improve intelligence relating to Unidentified Flying Objects and would materially assist the O/SI Task Force which has been working on this problem in cooperation with the Air Force at the request of the DCI since 20 August 1952.

3. It is anticipated that the proposed project would be established through CENIS and would utilize their facilities to obtain the services of the personnel required for the panel. Discussions have been held on this matter with Dr. Max Millikan, Director of CENIS, who has indicated his approval.

4. The proposed project would cost approximately $5,000 which is the amount estimated to be necessary to pay for the expenses of the Panel members (travel, per diem etc.) and the administrative overhead cost for CENIS.

5. The proposed project would not duplicate any known CIA activity.

6. The proposed project will not duplicate any known Department of Defense efforts. U.o S. Air Force personnel will participate in meetings with the Panel.

7. Classification of the proposed project would be SECRET.

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8. It is requested that approval in principle be given for the proposed project so that preliminary negotiations may be undertaken. In due course, the project will be submitted for final approval.

H. MARSHALL CHADWELL
Assistant Director
Scientific Intelligence

CONCURRENCES:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

Approved (disapproved) in principle.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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REMARKS: Returned per our talk of 8 Dec for action in light of IAC action

Dick - of 4 Dec. RWD

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