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March 5, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT :

As indicated in my February 26 memorandum to you regarding the air sightings over Los Angeles, it has been learned by Army G2 that Rear Admiral Anderson, Director of Naval Intelligence, has informed the War Department of a naval sighting of an unidentified airplane off the coast of California, unlike the others, no bearing on conventional explanation. Further investigation has revealed that the Army Air Corps also recovered a similar object in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles which cannot be identified as conventional aircraft. This Headquarters has come to a determination that the mystery airplanes are in fact not earthly and according to secret intelligence sources they are in all probability of interplanetary origin. As a consequence, I have issued orders to Army G2 that a special intelligence unit be created to further investigate the phenomenon and report any significant connection between recent incidents and those collected by the director of the Office of Coordinator of Information.

I have further ordered thorough investigation of all War Department files regarding extraterrestrial aerial phenomena reported since 1897 and what extent they contain on the subject. At present, GHQ has no further information which would invalidate this conclusion. Pending any further information, investigation into this matter shall be limited to those which are authorized by you.

George C. Marshall

Chief of Staff

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