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June 30, 1954

The Honorable Harold E. Talbott
Secretary of the Air Force
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Two years ago, on 2 July 1952, the Air Force issued Regulation 200-3, delineating the purpose, scope, policy, training requirements and responsibility for CIRVIS, the short title of a program for worldwide reporting of vital intelligence sightings from aircraft, both military and commercial. This was the subject of our discussion on April seventh. At that time you expressed a great interest, due to one of your own personal experiences. Because of your interest I am encouraged to invite your attention again to this problem.

To collect as much information as possible and to prevent the unnecessary movement of defensive and investigative forces, the requirements of this original directive should be enforced. There is no question that the Navy is as much interested in unidentified floating objects as the Air Force is in unidentified flying objects. Recently the procedure has been revised and extended to include reports from U. S. flag vessels and fishing vessels of U. S. registry. Well over one hundred thousand copies are being printed.

This moment affords the golden opportunity to reiterate, reenforce, revitalize, and reemphasize the importance of this activity. No funds are necessary to make this program effective. Compliance can be insured within the framework of present military organizations. A meeting of one representative from each of the major Air Commands, and one from each of the regularly scheduled U. S. airlines, could insure this.

I would be pleased to defray this expense and would be delighted to hear that you or the Chief of Staff of the Air Force would convene and address such a meeting.

Respectfully,

/s/ Bernard M. Baruch, Jr.

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August 19, 1954

The Honorable Harold E. Talbott
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Recently I was asked by the senior officer of an airline pilots' group to outline recommendations for indoctrination in the Air Force CIRVIS program.

Last April when you and I discussed CIRVIS; you expressed great interest in the procedure and stated that it would be implemented. Therefore, I do not wish to make suggestions which might contravene anything you have in mind, particularly since I have not had a reply to a letter I wrote to you in this connection on June thirtieth.

My desire, naturally, is to be of assistance, but I feel I must hold in abeyance my answer to this group of pilots until I hear from you.

Respectfully,

/s/ Bernard M. Baruch, Jr.