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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, COAPS  
FROM : Assistant Director, OCD  
SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

DATE: 26 September 1950

1. General Cabell has sent us the attached instructions for reporting upon unconventional aircraft, and has asked that CIA extend all possible cooperation to USAF in gathering such data as circumstances may make available.

USAF review(s) completed.

[Redacted Signature Box]

JAMES M. ANDREWS

Encl: 5 copies of AF memo, dtd 8 Sept. 50,  
Reporting of Info on Unconventional  
Aircraft

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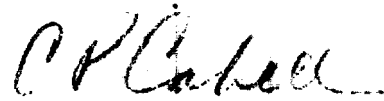
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