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SUBJECT: Location of Large Cylindrical Silvery Object  
in Sinaloa Province, Mexico

TO: Chief, Western Office  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
P. O. Box 378  
Pasadena, California

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 20 March 1959 requesting that this office attempt to recover the object described in letter, this district office, dated 11 March 1959.

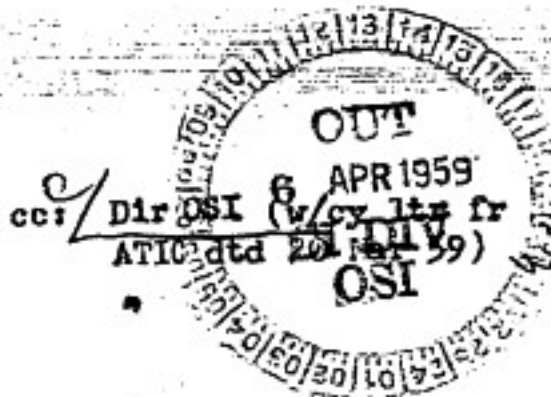
2. On 23 March 1959 the OSI Detachment Commander at San Diego interviewed [redacted], the daughter of [redacted]. She advised that she had received a letter dated 28 February 1959 from her cousin, [redacted] (a relative of [redacted]). The letter stated in part: "A Colonel in the Mexican Army from the State of Chihuahua had picked up all the equipment and letters."

3. Evidently the unidentified individual who first found the object had also reported its location to local Mexican police authorities. The present location of the object is unknown to our Detachment Commander at San Diego.

4. The classification of [redacted] is required on this letter for protection of investigative information against unauthorized disclosure which could be prejudicial to further investigative efforts.

9 APR 1959

F. P. DUNNINGTON, JR.  
Colonel, USAF  
District Commander



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TO: District Commander  
18th District OSI (IG) USAF  
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1. Reference telephone conversation between Special Agent James C. Harris, your activity, and Lt Colonel Max O. Mitchell, this office, 20 March 1959, and letter your headquarters, above subject, dated 11 March 1959.
2. It is requested that your headquarters attempt recovery of the article located in Mexico. If recovery cannot be accomplished, it is requested that positive identification of the object be made. Every effort should be made to not dismantle or mutilate the object in any way.
3. This office is prepared to immediately advance the sum of \$200.00 in contingency funds for accomplishment of this mission. If an amount greater than \$200.00 is required, this office should be notified.
4. It is requested that your office maintain liaison with the Western Office, ATIC, regarding this operation.

MAX O. MITCHELL  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Western Office, ATIC

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