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I have charged the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit with the
investigation of this matter.

As indicated in my February 25 memorandum to you regarding the
aircraft over Los Angeles, it has been learned by Army C2 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 that which has no bearing on conventional
explanation. Further investigation has revealed that the Army Air Corps
also recovered a similar object on the San Bernardino Mountains east of
Los Angeles which cannot be classified as conventional aircraft. This
Headquarters has come to the 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 C2 that 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 a thorough investigation of all War
Department files regarding extraterrestrial aircraft phenomenon reported
since 1897 and what evidence there is within on the subject. At present,
GHQ has no further information which would invalidate this conclusion.
Pending any further investigation into this matter shall be,
limited to those which may be authorized by you.

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