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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Club formed in summer of 1954, and has since reported sightings of saucers by its members. Purpose and activities of club set out. One club director claims they will cooperate with anyone on flying saucer information and two of them may go to Washington, D. C. to furnish to Air Force information on saucers as well as to obtain information. No indication this club has any subversive connections.

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The purpose of this report is to set forth the information available on the Detroit Flying Saucer Club and its activities. No active investigation of this club has been conducted by the FBI and the information was voluntarily furnished by those submitting it.

On May 18, 1954, through Mr. HAROLD TYLER, Assistant City Editor, Detroit Free Press, a Detroit daily newspaper, Mrs. JEAN PEARSON, Aviation writer, Detroit Free Press, advised she had been attending meetings concerning flying saucers, rockets to the moon, etc., which she felt could be subversive.

Mrs. PEARSON and Mr. BUD GOODMAN, Detroit Free Press Editorial writer, advised on May 18, 1954, that one GEORGE ADAMSKI had talked in Detroit on flying saucers. They were alarmed at the nature.

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of the remarks; such as "We are Americans, but..... and that we should reduce our arms or would blow ourselves up with the H-Bomb, because visitors from outer space said we had started something that would get out of hand or that we could not control." Another lecturer in Detroit was TRUMAN BETHURUM. The sponsors of these speakers were HELEN REEVE, LAURA MARXER, HENRY MADAY and RONALD COOK. According to pamphlets furnished by Mr. GOODMAN a "Flying Saucer Review Group" was to be formed. This was headed by HENRY MADAY, 364 West Lewiston, Ferndale, Michigan, who uses the pen name, JARED LYON. He is Editor, Bresser Cross Index Directory, Detroit. They also advised that LAURA MARXER was formerly the one portraying the personality "MIDGE" in the program "Playschool" over Station WWJ-TV.

On July 13, 1954, Mr. GOODMAN advised that MADAY was bringing to Detroit someone who had talked to people from Venus, Clarion, etc., who are more highly advanced than earth people. These people allegedly advocated the Golden Rule as the only workable rule. Mr. GOODMAN said a meeting was to be held of this "Saucer" group on July 15, 1954. Mr. GOODMAN felt such an organization could use the flying saucer "scare" as political propaganda or that it may have a psuedo-religious view. He said they opposed the atomic bomb and warfare.

Miss LOUISE MOONEY, 8854 Stoepel, Detroit advised that she attended the July 15, 1954, meeting of the flying saucer group. The purpose was to organize a flying saucer club in Detroit. She said HENRY MADAY was behind it. She first became acquainted with him when he purchased books on flying saucers in a store where she then worked. At this meeting an organizational letter was passed out stating the purpose of the "Flying Saucer Club of Detroit" was:

1. To spread, enlighten and share in programs dealing basically with information pertaining to flying saucers.
2. To attend, whenever possible, regular periodic programs wherein local neighborhood leaders, chairmen and members could comment on sightings, exchange ideas and in general become aware of the saucer picture.

3. To invite qualified national "Saucer" speakers to Detroit, that the populace may be enlightened by authoritative information unavailable elsewhere; also to act as "reservoirs of resource" when called upon, by our furnishing competent non-professional speakers of our own to enlighten areas wherever such information may be sought.
4. To engage in whatever aspect of saucer interest that especially appeals to you: (viz, some are attracted to this subject thru their study of Astronomy; others Engineering; still others approach the Subject from a philosophical or spiritual basis. Or if you are merely curious as yet and have no special preference, that is all right too). It would be a particular aim not only to supply and recommend at all times the latest Flying Saucer literature, but to purchase books for libraries over the city and state, as a freewill project of the Flying Saucer Club of Detroit.

The Temporary Committee setting forth these aims were: HENRY MADAY, LAURA MARXER, BRYANT REEVE, N. D. HUNTER, HOWARD KEHL, HELEN REEVE and JOHN HOFFMAN. At this July 15, 1954, meeting GEORGE ADAMSKI introduced one CLARENCE O. TROUT of East Outer Drive, Detroit, who reported seeing a flying saucer July 14, 1954, at 10:30 p. m.

Mrs. JEAN MYRUS, 8848 Stoepel, Detroit advised that the first official meeting of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club (DFSC) would be held August 19, 1954.

The Detroit Times of August 20, 1954, in an article on the August 19, 1954, meeting, said that "Scientists were wrong in discounting the flying saucer theory" and that the club would act as a clearing house for local sightings and submit reports to the Army test center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton.

Miss LOUISE MOONEY advised that the August 19, 1954, meeting consisted mostly of people saying they had

seen saucers. Mr. REEVES, an engineer, commented on each reported sighting. JOHN HOFFMAN, an advertising man, and a Mr. TROUT, of Continental Motors, reported sightings.

Informant Detroit T-1, a Detroit businessman who is associated with the DFSC and their activities, advised on September 29, 1954, that the officers of the DFSC, 6432 Cass Avenue, Detroit were:

HENRY MADAY, President
LAURA MARXER, Vice-President
DOLORES M. COYNE, Secretary
JOHN C. HOFFMAN, Treasurer

He said the club was going to petition the President of the United States to make public all government information on flying saucers. He also stated that on September 25, 1954, LAURA MARXER advised him he was a group leader in the club and his duties would be to keep up with the latest developments and advise his group, the names of which he would receive from Miss COYNE.

The Detroit Free Press of September 29, 1954, said in an article that the DFSC met September 28, 1954, and DESMOND LEBLIE, British Flying Saucer authority, spoke, stating that GEORGE ADAMSKI made contact two years ago with space people in a California desert.

T-1 advised on October 13, 1954, that LAURA MARXER had asked him to call a meeting of one group in the DFSC. At this time the Informant said he felt he knew less about the club than anyone, but that it would make a good cover for subversive activities. He advised that, according to MARXER, the object of group discussions was:

1. To indoctrinate people to receive space people.
2. Mass landings in Detroit in October (not further explained.)
3. A saucer landed at 4:30 a. m., September 30, 1954, at Rotunda Drive and Southfield (Detroit) with strange greenish men in brown uniforms.

4. Unseen psychic forces (no further explanation).

T-1 stated that this group meeting took place October 24, 1954, with most of the discussion about religion, science, and just double talk. The Informant said one person at this meeting, one RUTH BAILEY, said she was an athiest. At the meeting it was stated twenty such groups exist. LAURA MARXER, who was there, said there would be landings of saucers in Detroit in October, but she could be wrong.

This Informant advised that a group leaders meeting was held November 6, 1954, at the home of one EDWARD ANDREWS, 7323 Mayburn, Dearborn. Seventeen group leaders were there and the Informant said he did not consider it in any way subversive. The complete Board of Directors of the DFSC are:

HENRY MADAY, President
LAURA MARXER, Vice-President
DOLORES M. COYNE, Secretary
JOHN C. HOFFMAN, Treasurer
HOWARD KEHL
RANDALL COX Directors
MADELINE MENDE

The Informant said the purpose of this leaders meeting was to discuss how to handle issues arising in group meetings. These were:

1. Religious
2. Group representation to the Board of Directors of the club.

The group leaders are supposed to control discussion and not offend any religious group.

The Informant said that at this meeting one FRANK R. SCHUSTER, a group leader, 3022 Chalmers, Detroit, said that JOHN HOFFMAN opposed group meetings because of accusations against them of subversive activities. An unidentified person said he did not think it true, but it was alleged one member of the Board of Directors

was a Communist. MADAY answered this by saying he would mention no names, but the accuser should see him about this, and the accused was not a Communist. He said fellow travellers could get in or infiltrate the club, but he was at a loss as to any way of controlling that. As a result of this meeting, the Informant felt the group might be subversive, or else a new religious group. He felt it all stems from ADAMSKI in California. Informant said it was mentioned that one RIC. WILKINSON, a flying saucer speaker, had moved to Detroit.

At this same meeting MADAY said that had saucer landings occurred in Detroit in October, the group leaders would have been the first to know it. MADAY said he reported to ADAMSKI the predictions of MARXER and ADAMSKI felt she should not predict more than 30 days in advance, and even that was no good sometimes.

T-1 said that on November 8, 1954, LAURA MARXER said she was resigning from the Board of Directors of the club as she had too many outside interests and she had to eat. She said she was going to show the film "The Day the Earth Stood Still" around Michigan as a result of having met two men (not named). She said ADAMSKI in California was her God, even admitting his earthly faults.

This Informant advised on January 5, 1955, that MADAY told him LAURA MARXER was to be considered an inactive member and officer, but that she would retain her position as Vice-President, although inactive, and no one else would fill this position. The Informant said the organization of the club is very loose and that its address, 6432 Cass Avenue, Detroit, was in fact only a secretarial service which accepted the mail and telephone calls for the club. He said this secretarial service also did the DFSC mimeographing and stenographic duties. The DFSC had no office space of their own.

The Informant said that the DFSC owed one Mrs. SMITH, who owned the secretarial service at 6432 Cass Avenue, \$150.00 about two months ago and that had now amounted to \$500.00. The Informant said there has never been any organized attempt to obtain members for the club or any fund raising appeals. He said anyone

going to the DFSC meetings, especially those where admission is charged due to the appearance of a more or less well known speaker, and registering their attendance might be considered a member. At this time the Informant felt the Officers of the club must have more information than they have indicated at any of the meetings. He felt either they knew more than they have said about flying saucers or that it could be a hoax. He did not think the latter was the case, since so many people were involved, but could not be sure.

The Informant said he did not think Communists or Communism had any connection with the club.

T-1 advised that on December 6, 1954, a meeting was held at Hancock and Second, Detroit with HENRY MADAY as chairman. Other Directors present were, JOHN C. HOFFMAN, HOWARD KEHL, MADELINE MENDE and RANDALL COX. The remainder present were group leaders.

This Informant said that much of what was said was double talk and as an example various officers of the club stated:

HENRY MADAY - Speaking on the subject of God said "The Master is the cosmic high. We in this room, are being used by the Master. Once we get into this thing there's no turning back". He added that group leaders should not sell saucer information to groups but should encourage discussion about sightings, literature, tape recordings of speeches, religious and scientific angles.

HOWARD KEHL - He mentioned he had a business acquaintance who he did not want to know he was a member of the DFSC as he would be considered a crack pot. He said he was in this searching for a way to get off the earth. People are tired of what has been going on here on earth for a long time and were looking for a way out.

MADLINE MENDE - Said she was a student of the 4th dimension and that her aim in the DFSC was to spread the gospel of the coming of the people of other

worlds and the massed landings.

JOHN HOFFMAN - Said flyers from Selfridge Field took pictures of flying saucers with nose gun cameras. The pictures were flown to the Pentagon and the people acted as if these pictures were old and repetitious, indicating they had more important information regarding space ships. One of three planes (at Selfridge Field) involved in taking pictures had run out of gas and crash landed up north. HOFFMAN said, when asked why he did not write a book, that there would be a better source of revelation soon, but he couldn't talk about it at this time. He said that everyone in this room wonders what part he or she will play in this thing. When the time comes we will know, until then we should just build up to it.

The Informant said it was mentioned at this meeting that LAURA MARXER was showing the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still" in Pontiac on December 12, 1954, presented by the "Saucer Research Society", which has not been previously mentioned.

On January 11, 1955, T-1 advised he had been in conversation with HENRY MADAY. One member of the DFSC had received a letter from one THISSALY MILLER, 8645 Bridge Lake Road, Clarkston, Michigan, which stated MILLER was the "contact for Groth of Venus" and a contact with some of the officers of the DFSC would be made by GROTH on January 11, 1955, at 6432 Cass, Detroit. No such contact took place. MADAY said it was wrong for MILLER to send out a letter such as this and he had phoned her and asked her not to do it as it was not according to the Master's plan. He said the trouble with the Michigan State College Professor's recent incident (mentioned later herein) with the newspapers and with the lady in Chicago (possibly DOROTHY MARTIN mentioned hereinafter) was that only one person knew of the things he advocated. MADAY said it failed because "its not according to the Master's plan that only one person has the answer as to what is going to take place."

On January 8, 1955, the Informant said that DOLORES COYNE, the secretary of DFSC said that LAURA MARXER was doing no good in her showings of the movie she had. MARXER mentioned that she was putting on the programs because she had to do something, that she was getting down to her last dollar. The Informant mentioned that the more he hears MARXER talk the more concerned he feels about her mental stability.

The DFSC will show a film, according to a circular sent out, entitled "We Have Seen the Saucers" on January 26, 1955, at the Detroit Art Institute. Also on this program will be a speaker, TOM EICHOFF, independent saucer investigator and businessman from Cincinnati, Ohio.

On November 18, 1954, Informant Detroit T-2, a reputable businessman in Detroit, furnished literature put out by Dr. CHARLES A. LAUGHEAD, 407 Clarendon Road, East Lansing, Michigan. This material was obtained by Informant's son in a flying saucer discussion or class. LAUGHEAD's material is in the form of two letters with attachments, to American editors and publishers, stating he feels they should publish it. He claims messages are received by extra sensory perception from other planets, which are watching the earth. He said one Mrs. DOROTHY MARTIN, Oak Park, Illinois receives the messages mostly as lessons for flying saucer clubs. He said she, one day, picked up her pencil and it began to write for her in the form of these messages. LAUGHEAD's letters to editors are dated August 30, 1954, and September 17, 1954. MARTIN's writings are set out as recordings, all in 1954, from April to August 27, 1954. One, dated April 24, 1954, captioned "Telepathy Our Common Means of Communication Dr. SEARLE BEIGLOW of Lansing, Michigan" states that BEIGLOW was a physician and psychiatrist who suffered much, and was persecuted for his unorthodox lessons in mental disease. He seems to be the contact with outer space.

A sample of the recordings of MARTIN as set out by LAUGHEAD are:

"The saucers are over West Virginia taking listings of the world's industrial people that make war material and profit from war assets. They are going to land and make contact with you people of Earth in May". Recorded April 24, 1954.

"When you go to the lecture you will be contacted by a man from Langley Field. He has been to our planet for a brief stay. He will say to you 'You are early'. That will be his sign to you that he knows you. He came through the atmosphere as a beam of light....." Recorded April 24, 1954.

(The "you" in above recording is unidentified, but may refer to Dr. BEIGLOW mentioned in a recording on same date).

"This is to say that we are coming into your earth vision in numbers and will be seen by many over the city of New York, Washington, D. C., Seattle, and Chicago. We will land in various places, including West Virginia, the Carolines and Vermont. We have contacts there....." Recorded May 19, 1954.

In an August 15, 1954, recording, a warning of a great catastrophe is mentioned. Then in a recording August 25, 1954, the following:

"This is not limited to the local area, for the cast of the country of the United States of America is that it is to break in twain. In the area of the Mississippi, in the region of Canada, Great Lakes, and the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, into Central America will be changed. The great tilting of the land of the United States to the East will throw up mountains along the Central States, along the Great New Sea, along the North and South."

Then again on August 27, 1954, the following:

"The uprising of the Atlantic bottom will submerge the land of the Atlantic seaboard. The cast of the risen land will be as the new mountain range of the East..... At the high point they will stand as 13,000 feet.... The mountain range will extend to the Equator. The land of England will be as nothing seen; the land of France to the bottom of the Atlantic; the cast of great Russia will

be as the sea of one which is now called the Black Sea extending to the Mediterranean...."

In his letter of September 17, 1954, LAUGHEAD predicted the date all this was to occur would be December 21, 1954. He said there would be earthquakes, tall buildings would fall (in Chicago and the midwest), and the waters of Lake Michigan would rise in a wave covering the city and extending to Lake Erie.

Many of the writings of MARTIN are incomprehensible.

The December 18, 1954, issue of the Detroit News carries an article stating that Dr. CHARLES LAUGHEAD had warned of a coming world catastrophe and predicted the end of the world on December 21, 1954, had lost his job at Michigan State College Hospital due to this. He said he got his information from Mrs. DOROTHY MARTIN, a 53 year old grandmother from Oak Park, Illinois.

The December 21, 1954, Detroit Free Press carried a similar article about LAUGHEAD and Mrs. MARTIN regarding the end of the world.

The January 1, 1955, issue of the Detroit News contains an article stating that Dr. CHARLES A. LAUGHEAD had been pronounced sane after a court hearing in Lansing, Michigan while Mrs. MARTIN agreed to be placed under psychiatric care rather than face prosecution. She was to have been charged with inciting a riot and contributing to the delinquency of children by frightening them with her forecasts.

The January 4, 1955, issue of the Detroit Free Press contains a letter to the editor by LAURA MARXER stating that she speaks for "the countless volunteer civilian flying saucer researchers who are conducting a serious investigation of the presence of unidentified flying objects in the skies...." "There are over 1,500 volunteer civilian saucer researchers in Detroit and surrounding areas. Some of us have gone into personal financial debt because our own physical saucer experiences were of such substantial and serious nature that we feel that all that can be known about flying saucers should be known.. It would appear, under the circumstances, that we are in the ignored minority....."

She goes on to say that LAUGHEAD, in his enthusiasm, used bad judgement and allowed his ego to be appealed to by what he felt were authentic messages. She ended her letter "The editors who refuse to fairly differentiate between the LAUGHEAD's 'grievous human error' and the physical research that is being done by civilians everywhere deserve a like fate."

On December 27, 1954, Informant T-3, a law enforcement officer who is familiar with the DFSC, advised that RANDALL COX, one of the club officers, had said he was working "in conjunction with the FBI" and that COX was to go to Washington, D. C. for a conference. He reportedly was to bring with him one JOHN C. HOFFMAN, another club officer.

On January 11, 1955, COX, who is a partner in a used car business at 17177 Livernois, Detroit, advised SA PAUL M. W. STERNER and the reporting Agent that he had made no statement that he was working with or had any connection with the FBI. He felt some such allegation could have resulted from questions asked during flying saucer meetings as to whether information had been furnished the FBI or other Government agency. COX said the club would be willing to cooperate with anyone at any time. COX said that he and HOFFMAN were going to Washington, D. C. to present their information "to the Pentagon" and they hoped to see "someone in Air Force Intelligence". He said they hoped to take with them one or two who had actually seen flying saucers. If no one who had seen them would go, then they hoped to produce affidavits from sighters of saucers. COX explained their purpose in going to Washington as being to furnish what information they have on flying saucers, including affidavits and possibly photographs as well as to obtain what information they could on saucers from the Government.

COX said he knew of no information they had which might effect the national defense or internal security of the United States. He claimed that one JOHN FRY, a technician now assigned to Sandia, New Mexico Air Force Base has actually flown in a saucer from Sandia Base to New York City, the round trip lasting only 30 minutes. COX said FRY was to come to Detroit in the future to speak. COX claims saucer clubs have actually received messages from outer space and although says he does not

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know, he feels they do exist. He says they have been seen by many people and claims he has seen them himself. He feels the purpose of contacts with earth is limited at this time to preparing people to receive landings from outer space. He said the saucers are friendly to the United States. He said all planets but earth have conquered outer space and outer space people consider those on earth the lowest form of universal existence. COX said he felt that LAUGHEAD was misunderstood, but had allowed his thinking to dwell too much on the possibilities of flying saucers and outer space. COX felt LAUGHEAD's wife was the one who was irrational rather than LAUGHEAD.

T-1 advised on January 10, 1955, that even though he knew of no activities of a subversive nature as far as the DFSC was concerned, he still was mistrusting of them. He felt they could be a new religious cult or just fanatics. He said he could not dispel the one possibility that the club or saucer organization generally, either nationally or internationally, could be controlled or directed by a foreign power. One purpose of the Club is to prepare people for saucer landings. The Informant felt this would be an excellent medium to prepare for landings of any type craft of a more or less unfamiliar nature and they need not be too remote in appearance from ordinary craft. Informant felt if the people were prepared to accept such craft it might be much easier for a foreign power, such as Russia, to suddenly invade the United States. The Informant said the people would actually be accepting an enemy force as friends when it would be too late to take other effective action.

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T-1 is [redacted] Farmington, Michigan, a business representative, who made available his information voluntarily for loyalty reasons on September 29,; October 13, 25; November 4, 6, 8; December 6, 1954; January 5, 8, 10, 11, 1955, to SA R. B. SMITH.

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T-2 is [redacted]
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[redacted] who furnished the information by letter November 18, 1954.

T-3 is [redacted] Detroit, a Detroit Police Department Patrolman, who furnished the information to SA ROBERT RANGELEY on December 27, 1954.