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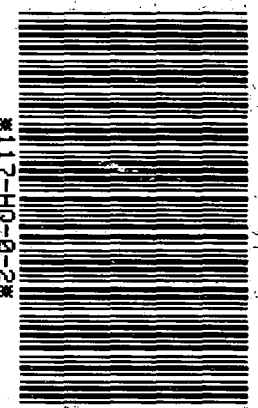
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First Presbyterian Church

REV. CHARLES C. BARNES, PASTOR
BOX 391

McMinnville, Oregon

January 31, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Here is a bit of information which may be of great significance, or may be merely an observation of a scientific experiment. It may be known by military authorities and the A.E.C. or only a few may have seen it and none reported it to the right place. Here it is. Can you pass it to the right persons?

Last May one afternoon I saw four beams in the sky passing from the northwest to the southeast and converging in the Cascade mountains. In those four narrow beams small clouds were forming. And where the beams met apparently against the mountains a great explosion effect was to be seen. I would say that they were visible for at least 10 minutes or longer.

The sight brought to mind an article read before the war about experiments carried on in Europe with various types of radio beams to effect rainfall. I would guess that I had seen the article in the Science Digest.

The Columbia River flood of last summer and the unusual precipitation this winter have forced me to feel that this observation of mine should be sent somewhere in the interest of national security.

I have one son in the Air Corps and another works with the A.E.C. at Hanford which causes me to pray for peace, as well as the fact that as a minister I deplore the waste and tragedy of war. That is one reason that I have refrained from passing on information and ideas that might incite warlike attitudes.

May I add these words to paragraph two. The explosion effect seemed to rise to a height of about ten thousand feet.

Sincerely,

C. C. Barnes

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Reverend Charles C. Barnes
First Presbyterian Church
Box 391
McMinnville, Oregon

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I have received your letter of January 31, 1949,
and want to thank you for sending the information with
reference to the matter you mentioned. It was indeed
thoughtful of you to communicate with me in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date: March 3, 1949

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To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A letter has been received from Reverend Charles E. Barnes of
Hollisville, Oregon, advising that last May he observed four beams of
light in the sky passing from the northwest to the southeast and converging
over the Cascade Mountains. In these beams small clouds were forming.
According to Reverend Barnes, where these beams met an explosive effect
was to be seen. This was visible for approximately ten minutes. The
explosive effect seemed to rise to a height of about 10,000 feet.

Reverend Barnes requested that this information be passed on
as he felt it might be merely an observation of a scientific experiment
known to the military authorities or the Atomic Energy Commission.

This is furnished for your information.

cc - Atomic Energy Commission
Room 30
Public Health Building
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Rear Admiral John E. Gingrich
Director of Security and Intelligence

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