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NOTE TO: Roger S. Boyd, Assistant Director, BWR's, DRL
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MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS, H. B. ROBINSON

In a discussion with Commander MacVean of Dr. Walske's office last week, I made reference to information in a CO letter dated May 13, 1971, which stated that Air Force aircraft are flying at altitudes between 1,000 to 2,000 feet over the H. B. Robinson facility as frequently as once a day.

On May 24, 1971, Commander MacVean phoned and gave the following information:

1. The nearest outer boundary of a low level aircraft route is about 3 miles from the H. B. Robinson facility. The nearest point on the centerline of the same corridor is 7 miles from the facility.
2. MacVean stated that he had learned that the question of an aircraft overflights was recently discussed between Mr. G. Beatty, Plant Manager, H. B. Robinson and representatives of Shaw Air Force Base. It is MacVean's understanding that Beatty informed the Air Force that they have seen only an occasional aircraft near the plant and could not accurately estimate the altitude or the type of aircraft.
3. The Air Force has asked Mr. Beatty to immediately notify the FAA regional representative, the Air Force, and Mr. Seidle of the Atlanta CO if another aircraft should be sighted. This would allow an absolute fix on the type of aircraft, its altitude, and point of origin.
4. The Air Force is also currently checking with the Marines to see if the aircraft could possibly be originating from a nearby Marine Base. He will inform me of this possibility in early June.

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Commander MacVean stated that he feels the overflights are isolated incidents and that this incident has alerted the military to another aircraft situation. He stated that since the military is now alerted to the situation, any future action will be determined by what the AEC deems necessary.

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