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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: Dean Acheson's recent remarks at the National War College concerning a supposed air attack upon the US in 1950**

In response to your question as to what Mr. Acheson was referring to I asked  to look up the record. He reports as follows:

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Mr. Acheson in all probability was referring to an incident which occurred at noon on 6 December 1950. Air Force Headquarters in Washington was notified by Air Defense Command stations in Gander and some points in Labrador that a large flight of unidentified bombers was crossing the southern tip of Greenland. Air Force Headquarters intelligence speedily alerted the top echelons of government. However, within half an hour a false alarm was declared when the flight of "bombers" was identified as geese.

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