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PROJECT 10073 SECOND CASE

Incident #160

ATIC NO. ---

DATE OF INFO 4 July 1948

APG NO. ---

LOCATION Dravosburg, Pa.

REPORT NO. ---

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE OF REPORT ---

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 2315

COLOR Same as star

SHAPE Looked like a star

Hovering-when mov- Estimated
SPEEDing, undetermined Measured
Estimated
Measured

BRIEF Of a star

ALTITUDE ---

COURSE ---

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 20 Sec. plus

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND ---

Moved across sky stopping
MANEUVERS and starting three times

PHOTOS ---

SKETCHES 1 vague

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

[redacted] JAH Age

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Incident #160 -- Bravosburg, Pennsylvania -- 4 July 1948

There is no astronomical explanation for this incident.

The date of occurrence, July 4, suggests that the object seen might have been a part of some celebration -- for instance, a lighted balloon, or even a "county fair" type of balloon.

Or there may be a much simpler explanation for the incident: the observer was very close to the Allegheny County airport. Does the airport have record of either pilot balloon or small aircraft in the air at the time of the sighting? Since when the object seemed to stop it also changed direction, the stopping may have been merely the effect of perspective.

This incident does not appear to have any relation to incident #161.

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On 4 July 48 at approx. 11:15 P. M., CST, witness and his wife thought they saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star which was moving. [redacted]. Then they thought it was a plane but it made no noise. The object moved across the sky, then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds, then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When the object stopped in the sky, it resembled a star and only by following its course could the difference be noticed.

NOTE: Witness states that he lives some 2-1/2 miles from the two woman (McKeesport, Pa.) who reported seeing a big silver plate zooming noiselessly overhead in the direction of Kennywood Park. See Inc. 161.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 160

1. Date 4 July 48
2. Time 11:15 P. M.
3. Location Dravasburg, Pa.
4. Name of observer [redacted]
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Box [redacted] Dravasburg, Pa.
7. Place of observation Dravasburg, Pa.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 20 seconds +
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Hovering - then moving on at undetermined speed
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics moved across sky, stopping three times and resuming movement
15. Sound No noise
16. Size of a star
17. Color same as a star
18. Shape looked like a star
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Vague sketch
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Attached civilian communication is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

2. This letter has been acknowledged by the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, but not by this Headquarters. It is assumed that your Command will make proper acknowledgement.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

1 incl
Ltr fr J. Jamnicky
dtd 9 July 1948 w/2 Incls.

MCIAXO-3

MCIAXO-3/HWS/aw
23 August 1948

Mr. [redacted]
Box 227
Dravasburg, Pa.

Dear Mr [redacted]

Your letter of 7 July 1948 concerning a strange aerial object has been forwarded to this Command.

The Air Force is interested in all reports on flights of unidentified aircraft and your action in reporting to the proper authorities is appreciated.

Your report is being evaluated at the present time and it may be determined that further contact with you is desirable.

It will be greatly appreciated if future correspondence in this matter is addressed to this Headquarters, attention: MCIAXO-3.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. HALSMAN
Lt Col, USAF
Actg Chief, Technical Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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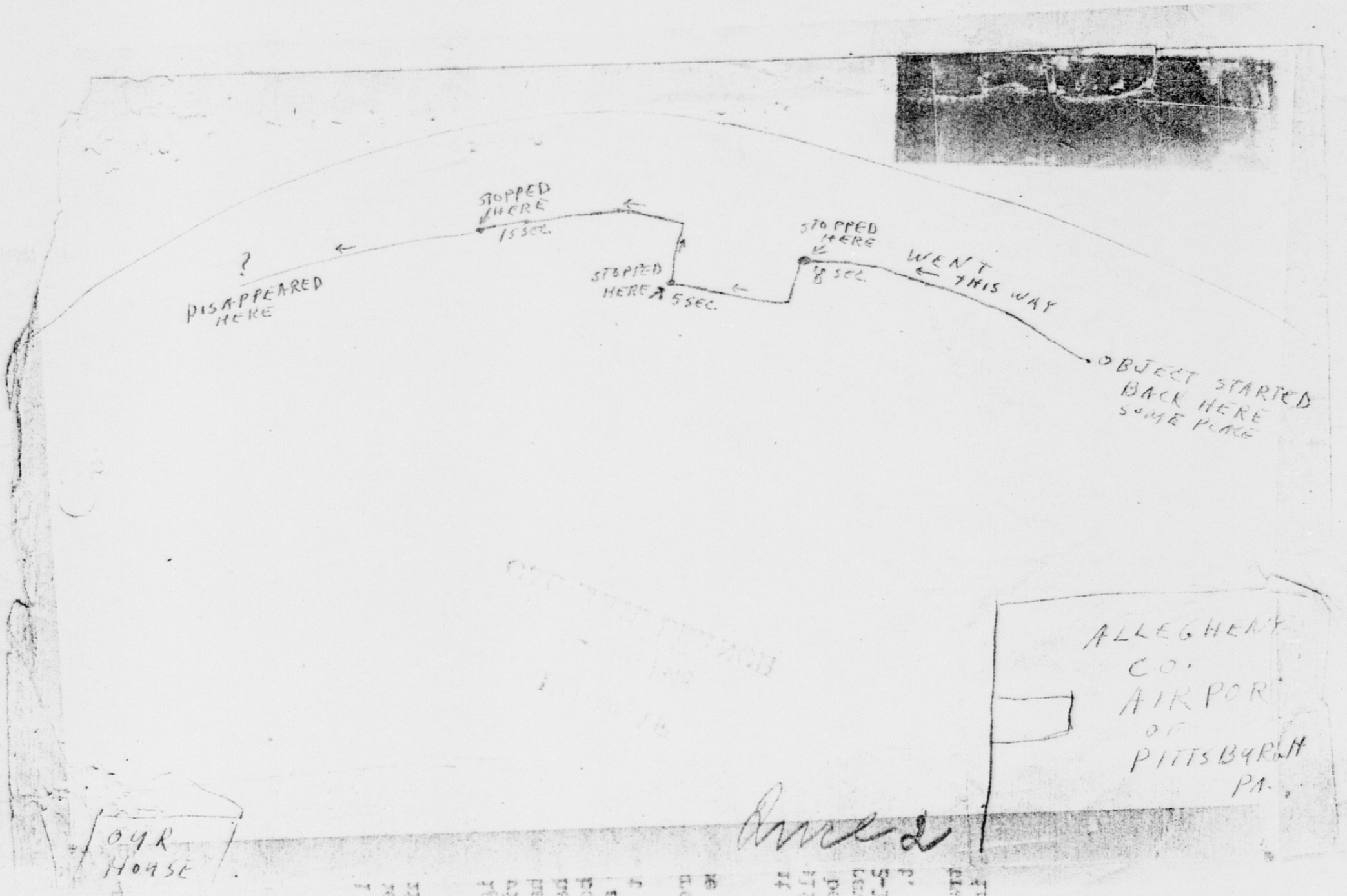
STOPPED HERE
15 SEC.
?
DISAPPEARED HERE
STOPPED HERE
5 SEC.
STOPPED HERE
8 SEC.
WENT THIS WAY
OBJECT STARTED BACK HERE SOME PLACE
ALLEGHENY CO. AIRPORT OF PITTSBURGH PA.
OUR HOUSE

Once 2

[redacted]
Dravasburg, Pa.
7/9/48

U. S. War Dept.
Washington D. C.

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sirs:

On the fourth of July (July 4, 1948) my wife and I were sitting on a bench on our lawn and we were watching the stars, planes, etc. At 11:15 P. M., O. S. T. we saw something very strange.

We thought we saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star and it was moving. We decided it was a plane but it made no noise. We soon changed our minds because this "thing" moved across the sky then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When this thing stopped in the sky, if you didn't know where it was at you would not tell it from a star as the resemblance was identical to a star.

After reading in the paper on July 8, 1948 about two women seeing "flying saucers" in the daylight July 8, I believe I saw a "flying saucer" or something in the night July 4, because I know it was no star or an airplane because neither cantravel and stop in the air like this "thing" did. I live above 2-1/2 miles from these women who saw the "diwcs" in the daylight.

Has the War Department any comments on these strange "discs"? They are not reported in the heart of the steel industry.

Yours

[redacted]
Dravasburg, Pa.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:
#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:
#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):
#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:
#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.