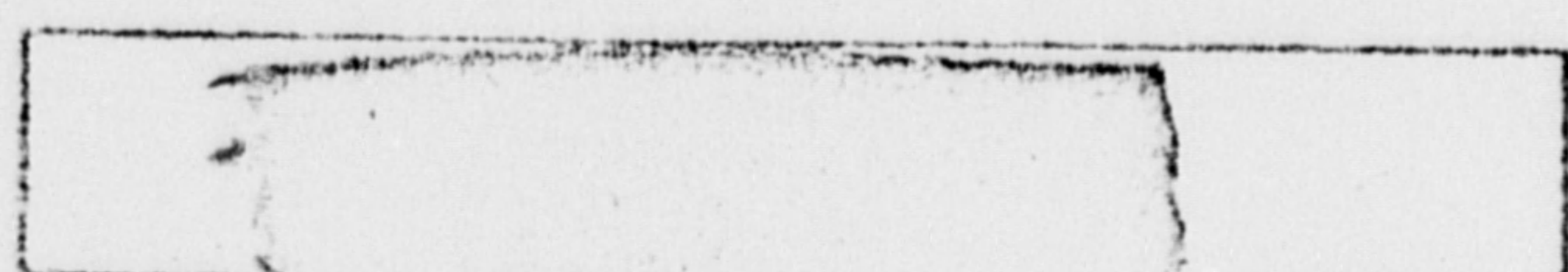


FROM AF 10072 () Incident #251

ATIC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 20 Jan 49
AF NO. _____ LOCATION San Antonio, Texas
REPORT NO. _____ SOURCE Army EM
DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC _____
TIME OF OBSERVING 1835 GST COLOR Pink with red sparks
SHAPE Sphere SPEED _____
SIZE _____ ALTITUDE 15° Elevation
COURSE ESE to NNW LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 5 Sec.
NO. OF STROBES 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual - Ground
MANEUVERS Descended gradually
REMARKS: Had trail.

Standard ATIC Form 329
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Astro (Meteor)

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INCIDENT NO. 251

1. Date of Observation 20 Jan 49 Date of Interview 7 Feb 49
2. Exact time (local) 1835
3. Place of Observation 6.2 miles NE San Antonio, Texas - between
reading of 325° to 295° off magnetic north
4. Position of observer ground
5. What attracted attention to object : :
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape Sphere
10. Altitude 15° elevation dropping to 12°
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) ESE to NNW
14. Time in sight 5 seconds
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail Varied in length from approx 3 times diameter of obj to 6 or 7 times
diameter. Color appeared a light pink with bright red sparks
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared over a small sand hill
22. Effect on clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather conditions

(over)

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
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Incident: 251

Name and address of observer: M/Sgt Ellis C. Stone, Hq, 4th Army AG Sec,
Ft Sam Houston, Texas

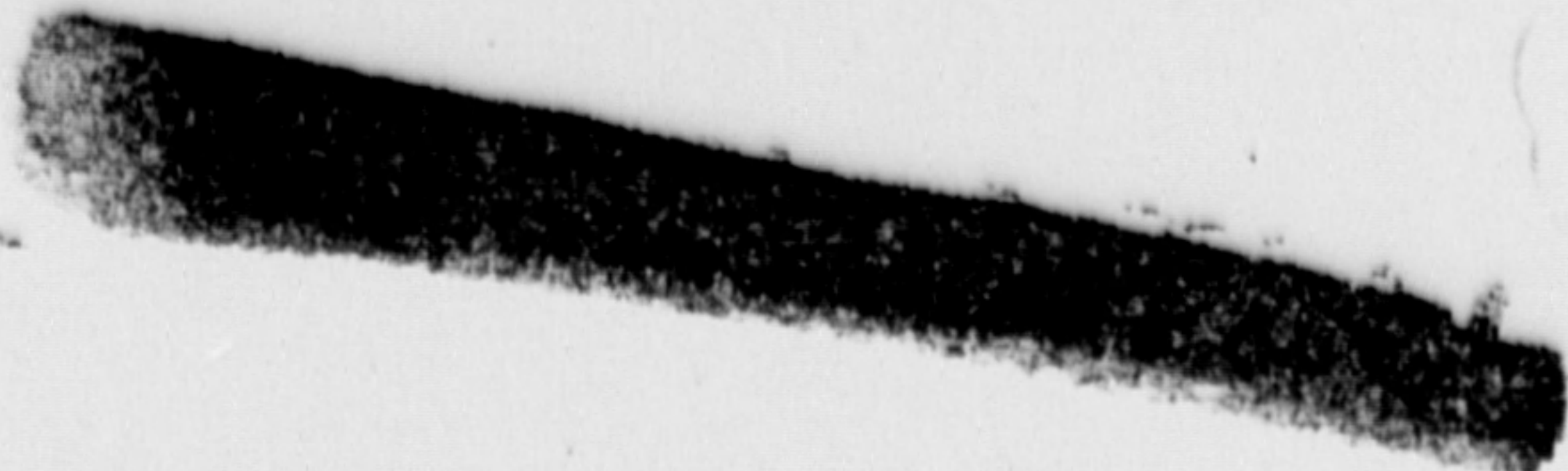
Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

At a point 6.2 miles NE of San Antonio, Texas, about 150 yards on Judson Road off intersection of Judson Road and Macogdoches Road, M/Sgt Ellis Stone saw an object which appeared to be in the form of a sphere, the color of which appeared a luminous bluish green intermingled with a yellow tinge. Object was seen between the reading of 325° and 295° off magnetic north and was believed to have been traveling from ESE to WNW. Time of travel in this azimuth was estimated as 5 seconds. Object was first observed at an elevation of 15° and as it disappeared over a small hill the elevation had dropped to about 12° . It was moving with a gliding effect from the observer's right to his left and slightly away from the point of observation. The trail varied in length from approximately three times the diameter of the object to six or seven times the diameter. Color of the trail appeared a light pink with bright red sparks spraying from the trail at about $1/2$ the distance of the length. (The trail was a straight shot-back trail with these sparks emitted making the only irregularity).

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452.1-AXADB

7 February 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

1. Reference letter Intelligence Division, General Staff, U. S. Army, CSOID 452.1, subject as above, 25 March 1948, and to Control No. A-1917.

2. The Inclosed Summary of Information, this Headquarters, subject and file as above, dated 7 February 1949, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1. Incl
As stated

EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

7 February 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

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Office of the AG of S, G-2, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

SUBJECT

Unconventional Aircraft
(452.1-AKADB)

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
USUALLY RELIABLE B
FAIRLY RELIABLE C
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D
UNRELIABLE E
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
PROBABLY TRUE 2
POSSIBLY TRUE 3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
IMPROBABLE 5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

M/Sgt Ellis C. Stone, Headquarters Fourth Army, AG Section, reports observing an unidentified aerial phenomena on 20 January 1949 between the hours of 1800 and 1900 (closer estimate given to be about 1835 hours).

The point from which this observation was made is 6.2 miles northeast of the city of San Antonio, Texas, about 150 yards on Judson Road off the intersection of Judson Road and Nacogdoches Road.

In making compass sightings on the azimuth of the observation it was determined that the object was seen between the reading of 325° to 295° off magnetic north with the object traveling in a path believed to have been from the ESE direction to the WNW. Time of travel in this azimuth is estimated to be about 5 seconds. Object when first observed was at an elevation of about 15° and as object went out of sight over a small hill, the elevation had dropped to about 12°.

The object appeared to be in the form of a sphere the color of which appeared to be luminous bluish green intermingled with a yellow tinge. It was moving with a gliding effect from the observer's right to his left and slightly away from the point of observation.

The trail from the object varied in length from approximately three times the diameter of the object to six or seven times the diameter. Color of the trail appeared to be a light pink with bright red sparks spraying from the trail at about one half the distance of the length. (The trail was a straight shot-back trail with these sparks emitted making the only irregularity.)

On investigation it was determined that the following named persons may have seen the object since they are known to have been in the same vicinity as Informant at the time of his observation. They will be interviewed.

Mr. [REDACTED] Route 3, San Antonio, Texas

Mr. [REDACTED] believed to be of Converse, Texas. (He handles most of the telephone installation on the Austin Highway between San Antonio and Converse, Texas.)

Two boys identified as sons of Mr. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED], wife of M/Sgt Stone, and their son.

The persons in charge of the CAA Office, Control Tower, and Airport Manager of the San Antonio Municipal Airport were interviewed. These persons had received no reports of any unusual aerial activity. The port was closed to all but commercial aircraft and "one or two" special flights during the evening.

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