PROJECT LOOTS RECORD NO. (Incident. #266

ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 1420

SHAPE Round

SIZE 8" Dinner Plate

COURSE NNE to NNW

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

Preliminary ATIC Form 329
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DATE OF INFO 4 March 1949

LOCATION Red Bank, New, Jersey.

SOURCE Civilians

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Dull White

SPEED Very Rapid

ALTITUDE 450 Elevation

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 60 Seconds

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Made ARC and Slight Turn

Aircraft

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 4 Mar 49 Date of Interview 4 Mar & 12 Apr 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 1420

3. Place of Observation : Watson Laboratories, Red Bank, New Jersey
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Ground - parking lot of Watson Laboratories.

5. What attracted attention to object: B-29.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: 1

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i. e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Smaller than full moon. About size of 8-inch dinner plate on table.

8. Color of object: White as a man's shirt but of a dull color - no reflection of light.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round as a plate.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
45° angle.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
Travelled from 0002 to 2300.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Unknown - appeared to be a great distance.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
NNE to NNW.

14. Time in sight:
60 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Unknown - appeared to be travelling at a very rapid rate.

16. Sound and odor:
None.

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Guide to Investigation

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

None.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

None. Sunny day, no reflection.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

No appurtances.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path):

Came into sight at 0002 making an arc, made a slight degree turn to 2300 and went out of sight at the same level of altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Went out of sight.

22. Effect on clouds:

No clouds.

23. Additional information concerning object:

None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Bright sunny day.

Name and address of observer: [redacted] **Watson Laboratories, AMC**

Occupation and hobbies:

All Electronic Repairmen with exception, [redacted] of [redacted] - Adm. Asst.
Hobbies - electronics.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

The four observers are above average in intelligence and all have been favorably investigated for access to classified information and have been employed at these Laboratories for a minimum of two years.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground **No radars in operation.**

   a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airbourne, when object was sighted **Not airborne.**

   a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, manouvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
   2 Mar 49 - sunny, moderate NW to W winds.
   3 Mar 49 - fair, gentle Westerly winds.
   4 Mar 49 - fair, gentle Westerly winds.

2. Winds aloft report:

   See No. 1.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

Unknown. B-29(believed to be from All Weather Group) flying from NE to SW and object was to rear of this travelling from NE to NW at 90° angle to plane.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other:

None reported by Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Lakehurst Naval Station, or Watson Laboratories.
(See Note below)

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Did not apply.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements. **See report dated 18 Mar 49, Subj: Aerial Phenomena.**

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

Does not apply.

NOTE: **Evans Signal Laboratory (U. S. Signal Corps) located at Belmar, New Jersey, approximately 11 miles South and to the West of Watson Laboratories, reported that on 4 Mar 49, the Meteorological Division made one test balloon flight which lasted from 1352 to 1432 at 54,000 feet. At the time, the prevailing wind was in a general Westerly direction. This flight would be 11 - 12 miles South of Watson Laboratories and the direction of the test balloon would be to the East. The unidentified phenomena mentioned in this report was first seen coming from a NNE direction and disappearing in a NNW and was many miles North of this point of observation and it is remote that this phenomena was identified with the balloon flight mentioned above.**

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INCIDENT NO. 266

1. Date of Observation 4 March 49 Date of Interview 4 March 49
2. Exact time (local) 1430
3. Place of Observation NE Watson Lab, Red Bank, New Jersey
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object & -
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size ~~Snxxx~~White~~xx~~
8. Color of object Snow White
9. Shape Disc
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) NE
14. Time in sight 1 Minute
15. Speed Rapidly
16. Sound and Odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Object moved rapidly to left then wheeled to right
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared into space.
22. Effect on clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather conditions

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Incident: 266

[redacted]

Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:
Radio Mechanic, Watson Labs, Red Bank, New Jersey

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Considered to be qualified observer.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On Friday, 4 March 1949, at about 2:30 P.M., I and three other employees of Watson Laboratories were looking skyward at an approaching B-29, when my attention was attracted to a snow white disc-like object which appeared at that moment to be under the port wind of a B-29. I called it to the attention of the other fellows with me and they saw it, too.

The object was moving to the left of the plant and, wheeling to the right, it disappeared into space. I had the impression that it was moving under its own power. The total time of observation was approximately one minute. We all agreed that it was different from anything we had even seenin the sky before.

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INCIDENT NO. 266A

1. Date of Observation 4 March 1949 Date of Interview 4 March 49
2. Exact time (local) 1420
3. Place of Observation NE Watson Lab, Red Bank, New Jersey
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object & - [redacted]
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object Very bright or shiny
9. Shape Disc
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer Northeast
12. Distance from observer Northeast to North
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed High Rate of Speed
16. Sound and Odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather conditions

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INCIDENT NO. 266B

1. Date of Observation 4 March 1949 Date of Interview 4 March 49
2. Exact time (local) 1420
3. Place of Observation NE Watson Lab, Red Bank, New Jersey
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object [redacted]
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer Northeast
12. Distance from observer 3 to 5 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) West, then NW
14. Time in sight 1 Minute
15. Speed Rapidly
16. Sound and Odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared from sight.
22. Effect on clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather conditions

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Name and address of observer: [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies:
Radio Mechanic, Watson Lab, Red Bank, New Jersey

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

Considered to be a qualified observer.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 4 March 1949 at 1420 I spotted an object Northeast of Watson Laboratories. I was standing in the west side of the parking lot.

To me this object appeared disc-shaped and traveling at a very high rate of speed from Northeast to North. This appeared to be a very bright or shiny look. It did not appear to change shape while it changed its course.

Name and address of observer: [redacted]

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		4 Mar 49	4 Mar 49 & April 12
		1421	INCIDENT NO. _____
1.	Date of Observation	NE Watson Lab, Red Bank, New Jersey	Date of Interview
2.	Exact time (local)	Ground, thru eyeglasses	
3.	Place of Observation	[redacted]	
4.	Position of observer	One	
5.	What attracted attention	Silver dinner platen, smaller than full moon	
6.	Number of objects	White light or aluminum	
7.	Apparent size	Metallic like disc	
8.	Color of object	45°	
9.	Shape	NE	
10.	Altitude	great distance	
11.	Direction from observer	NNE to NNW	
12.	Distance from observer	1 Minute	
13.	Direction of flight	Jet like rate of speed	
14.	Time in sight	None	
15.	Speed	None noticed	
16.	Sound and odor	Non luminous	
17.	Trail		
18.	Luminosity	Made half loop turn and headed N.W.	
19.	Projections	disappeared in haze	
20.	Maneuvers		
21.	Manner of disappearance		
22.	Effect on clouds		
23.	Additional information concerning object		
24.	Weather conditions		

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Name and address of observer: [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies:
Administrative Assistant, Watson Lab, Red Bank, New Jersey

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

Considered to be quabified observer.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 4 March 1949, at approx. 1421 o'clock, I, along with [redacted], all employees of 3151st Electronics Station, Watson Laboratories, AMC, Red Bank, New Jersey, were about to enter Mr. Silverstein's car which was parked in the west side of the main parking area, to ride out to Camp Woods in line of duty. Mr. [redacted] suddenly drew our attention to something unusual in the sky. I didn't see anything at first, but a B-29 approaching from a general northerly direction, but after putting on my glasses, I soon saw what appeared to be metallic like disc of a non-luminous white or light aluminum color, well in back and to the west of the plane. Within a few seconds after I saw the object it made a half loop-like turn and headed Northwest at a jet like rate of speed. Due to its shape it did not resemble anything that I had ever seen before in the sky, nor was there any apparent propulsion vapor or heat waves.

When seen, the object was so far away that it would be impossible to estimate its size and then again it was in sight for about a minute before it disappeared in the haze of the horizon.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding Officer
Fiflat Electronics Station
Watson Laboratories, AMC
Red Bank, New Jersey
ATTN: WILCO2

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 13 March 1949, subject "Aerial Phenomena".

2. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer initiate an investigation of the sighting of an unidentified aerial phenomena as reported in referenced letter.

3. It is particularly desired that weather units and research organizations in the area be contacted for possible releases of balloons or other testing devices during the period preceding and following 1130 hours, 4 March 1949.

4. As an aid to the interviewing officer in recording the desired data four copies of our Guide to Investigation are inclosed herewith.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY

1 Incl
Guide to Investigation (quad)

A. J. HEMSTREET, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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18 March 1949

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SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCIM

1. Reference is made to Unnumbered United States Air Force Public Relations Letter dated 13 August 1948, requiring all reports of aerial phenomena received by USAF to be forwarded to Headquarters Air Material Command for evaluation and study.

2. The attached statements made by four civilian employees of this installation are forwarded in accordance with cited reference.

3. Messrs. [redacted] are employed at this installation as radio mechanics, while Mr. [redacted] is an administrative assistant, all being employed in the Base Directorate, Electronic Engineering, for a minimum of two years and are qualified observers.

4 Incls
1-Statement of [redacted]
2-Statement of [redacted]
3-Statement of [redacted]
4-Statement of [redacted]

GILBERT HAYDEN
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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Basic ltr fr Hq AMC to CO, Watson Labs., Subject: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, 30 Mar 49

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3151st Electronics Station, Watson Laboratories, AMC, Red Bank, New Jersey
12 April 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attn: MCIAXO-3

Reference paragraph 2 of basic communication, inclosed herewith are three copies of report of incident, as contained in letter dated 18 March 1949, Subject: Aerial Phenomena.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
Rpt of Incident
(3 copies)

LABAT T. FLETCHER
Major, USAF
Inspector General

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4 March 1949

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(See attached sketch)

4 MARCH, 49

FRIDAY, APPROX. 1620 P.M.

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OBJECT SIGHTED

B-29

APPROX. 5 TO 5 MI.

CAMP WOOD BARRACKS

OBSERVATION POINT

WEST SIDE OF PARK. LOT

EAST SIDE OF PARKING LOT