ATIC NO. - - -

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DATE OF REPORT - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING Betw. 1615 and 1645

SHAPE Ball similar to A/C fuselage

SIZE - - -

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NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND - - -

PHOTOS - - - SKETCHES - - -

DATE OF INFO 11 May 1949

LOCATION Watertown, N. Y.

SOURCE Public Utilities

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

COLOR Silver tipped

SIZE - - -

ALTITUDE - - -

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 15 Min.

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

RAINSIVERS - - -

REMARKS: Sources saw silver colored object, maintaining a constant altitude move slowly across sky and then begin to "dissolve" from tail forward. Investigation revealed Rpr meteorologic balloon released at Griffiss AFB 11 May 1949.

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

Balloon

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from The Watertown Daily Times
Watertown, New York
issue of May 12, 1949

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FROM: 5D-CSI | DATED 8/3/49 | DATE

TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 1

RECORDING DESK AXT-1 | DATE RECORDED 8/10/49 HOUR 0900

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R - 161 | Project GRUDGE CONF...

FROM: 5D-CSI | DATED 6/2/49

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CONTROL NO. C- 376 | SUBJECT: Ltr Project GRUDGE C F.. | DECIMAL FILE NO. | FOLLOW UP ON

FROM: 5D-CSI | DATED 9/7/49

TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 2

RECORDING DESK AXT-1 | DATE RECORDED 9/8/49 HOUR

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS	N/R		
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

TRANSMITTAL AMC FORM NO. 10-2 (23 NOV. 47) BEE OTHER SIDE FOR REMARKS

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 5D 24-21Q	DATE 2 June 1949
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REPORT MADE AT DO #5, W/PAFB, Dayton, Ohio	
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PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Watertown, New York
11 May 1949

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Information received reflects Watertown Daily Times, Watertown, New York released information on 12 May 1949 indicating a silver tipped object was observed moving in the sky between 4:15 and 4:25 P.M. on 11 May 1949. Observers who saw this object identified as Mrs [redacted] Waterto[redacted] her small so[redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] mother, Mr[redacted], Watertown, RD 2.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a Routing & Record Sheet, dated 24 May 1949 from Lt. Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department (MCIAXS) Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who received information hereinafter set forth, regarding sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena reported by news clipping in the vicinity of Watertown, New York on 11 May 1949. Information transmitted by [redacted] Watertown, New York.

2. Report from the Watertown Daily Times, Watertown, New York, issue of 12 May 1949:

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Two others who were riding with Mrs. [redacted] saw this phenomenon, her small son, [redacted] who was fascinated by the sight, and her mother, Mrs [redacted], Watertown, R. D. 2.

3. Request return of completed leads to reach this office not later than 1 July 1949.

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FOR DISTRICT OFFICE No. 22, GRIFFISS AFB, ROME, NEW YORK

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AT WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

Will conduct such investigation as necessary to adequately answer all questions set forth in attached Guide to Investigation.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-4

DATE [illegible]

REPORT MADE BY GORDON R. DALEY

REPORT MADE AT DO #22, Griffiss AFB

PERIOD 17 June, 14 July 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

STATUS REFERRED UPON COMPLETION

TITLE

PROJECT "GRUDGE"
INCIDENT, WATERTOWN, NEW YORK
11 MAY 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent Oliver R. Rupert, DO #5, dated 2 June 1949, File 24-210

SYNOPSIS

Interviews and checks made regarding unidentified aerial objects reportedly seen between 1545 and 1700 hours EST on 11 May 1949 in the Watertown, New York area by Mrs. [redacted], her mother, Mrs. [redacted], and Miss [redacted] all of Watertown, New York.

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DETAILS:

1. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent [redacted] and the writer.

AT WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

2. On 17 June 1949, the writer interviewed Mis[redacted] Huntingtonville Road, Route 2, Watertown, New York, a grammar school student, concerning her alleged observation of an object in the sky on 11 May 1949 from 1545 to 1600 hours, EST, along a rural route near Watertown, New York. The geographic location of this point of observation is the St. Lawrence River area, (263) Longitude 75 degrees 48', Latitude 44 degrees. This informant stated that while riding in a vehicle, heading northeast through a rural area, another passenger in this vehicle observed an object traveling through space and brought this observation to the attention of occupants of the car. The vehicle was stopped and closer observation was made again after getting out of the car. [redacted] stated that this object appeared to be approximately a foot in length, rectangular in shape, similar to a shoe box, and white in color. She further stated that there seemed to be only one object, appearing from the south, gradually gaining altitude for about three minutes, leveling off, and moving to the northeast slowly, until it completely disappeared. The approximate time the object was visible was estimated at from ten to fifteen minutes by this informant. [redacted] noted that the weather was excellent on this date, with no clouds affecting the visibility, making it possible for her to discern that the object was smooth-surfaced, reflecting the sun's rays, similar to the surface of a conventional aircraft, that it neither made any sound nor left any apparent trail of smoke, or odor of any kind. The writer checked with the Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York and there was no information concerning this informant. The writer interviewed SUBJECT's mother and she advised that [redacted], is twelve years of age, attends a local grammar school, and that concerning her daughter's accuracy of vision, she related that in a recent eye examination her vision had proven above normal.

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3. The writer also interviewed Mrs. [redacted] Huntingtonville Road, Route 2, Watertown, New York, a housewife living on a farm, concerning her alleged observation of an object seen while driving along a rural area near Watertown, New York. The geographic location of the point of observation is St. Lawrence River area, (263), Longitude 75 degrees 48', Latitude 44 degrees. Upon being interviewed by the writer, Mrs. [redacted] stated that while driving along a rural area near Watertown, New York on 11 May 1949, she observed an object soaring through the sky. She stated that at first she thought she was "seeing things" so she immediately called the attention of the other passengers, Mis[redacted], and Mrs. [redacted], her daughter [redacted] to the object. After alighting from the vehicle, M[redacted] related further that she observed an object in the air resembling an automobile hub cap at a distance, and upon closer scrutiny it seemed to be a silver ball, similar to aircraft fuselage. She stated that the object seemed to appear over a nearby hill about one-half mile away to the southeast, was visible as it moved slowly for ten or fifteen minutes, gaining altitude for two three minutes, then leveling off, leaving a forty foot gray smoke trail which gradually diminished. She said that as the object moved from southeast to north-

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east the smoke gradually disappeared and the object seemed to dissolve gradually. She commented that the visibility that day was excellent as there were no clouds present to affect it whatsoever, therefore she could see the object was not illuminated by its own source but seemed to reflect the rays of the sun, rather like the fuselage of a conventional aircraft. The writer made checks at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York and they proved negative. It was disclosed to this writer that Mrs [redacted] is between sixty and sixty-five years of age and he found that she lives in a poor locality and does not seem to be very well educated. The writer asked this observer about her vision in order to determine its accuracy and she stated that she is far-sighted and wears glasses but that her vision was not obstructed in any way at the time of this observation.

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4. Mr [redacted] Huntingtonville Road, Route 2, Watertown, New York was interviewed by the writer on 17 June 1949, concerning her alleged observation of an object seen in space at approximately 1615 to 1625 hours EST, 11 May 1949. Mr [redacted] was driving the vehicle traveling along a rural route near Watertown, New York, northeast of Watertown, New York she related. The geographic location of this point of observation is St. Lawrence River area, (263), Longitude 75 degrees, 48', Latitude 44 degrees. She stated that her attention was drawn to the object by her mother, a passenger in the vehicle she was driving, sho first noticed this object by the reflection of the sun upon it. Upon disembarking from the vehicle in which they were riding, this informant stated that she saw an object in aerial flight, that it seemed to be approximately two feet in diameter, although the exact distance was undetermined. She continued that this object was disc-shaped, appeared to be smooth and shiny, similar to an automobile hub cap, that the object seemed to appear over a nearby hill and then moved slowly until it was over Black River, New York about five miles northeast of observation point. She added that the object appeared in the southeast, gained altitude for two to three minutes, moved slowly north maintaining a constant altitude, leaving a trail of light smoke the exact width of the aerial object, extending about one hundred and fifty feet to the rear. Then, she said, the object seemed to dissolve from the tail and work forward until it completely disappeared leaving a smoke trail, which also gradually thinned out and finally disappeared. She noted that there were no violent movements of the object and that the appearance and final disappearance described happened within a period of approximately fifteen minutes. Mrs [redacted] further related that the object did not seem to be illuminated by its own source of power but seemed to reflect the rays of the sun in a manner similar to a reflection on the surface of a conventional aircraft, also that the object seemed to produce neither sound nor odor. She remarked that this day, 11 May 1949, was clear and the weather excellent with no clouds present to restrict their visibility. A check of the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York was made by the writer with negative results and due to the nature of the small community in which they all lived, neighborhood investigations were not made on any of these informants. This writer asked Mrs. [redacted] about her vision in order to determine its accuracy and she related that she is far-sighted but does not wear glasses, adding that her vision was not obstructed at the time of this observation.

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5. The writer interviewed Captain [redacted], 648th Aircraft Control Warning Squadron, Pine Camp, New York regarding the possibility of any unusual aerial activity on 11 May 1949. Upon interview Captain ULK stated that Air Force Radar Equipment was in operation on 11 May 1949 from 0800 to 1630 hours, EST and that no unusual activity was indicated during this period. He related that a flight of P-51's departed from Pine Camp, New York on a "Round Robin Flight" at 1500 hours, 11 May 1949, however, he added there were no U. S. Air Force or Royal Canadian Air Force jet aircraft in the vicinity on that date.

6. Flight Lt. [redacted] Royal Canadian Liaison Officer with the 648th Warning Squadron, Pine Camp, New York stated when interviewed by the writer, that Royal Canadian Air Force Vampire type jets were located at Mohawk, Ontario, Canada and Rock Cliff (Ottawa) Ontario, Canada at this time, 11 May 1949. Flight Lt. [redacted] concluded that if these Royal Canadian Air Force Fighters had been in the Pine Camp, New York area they would have been picked up on the Radar Equipment.

7. Mr. [redacted] Forecaster, CAA Station at Watertown, New York was interviewed by the writer concerning weather conditions at 1615 hours EST, on 11 May 1949 and he stated that conditions were as follows: Wind - Northeast at six miles per hour; Temperature - 57 degrees; Dew Point - 23 degrees; Visibility - clear at fifteen miles.

8. A check by the writer of local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying at the time of the alleged observation, proved negative.

9. Mr. [redacted] Assistant Technical Director of the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Buffalo, New York was interviewed by the writer and he stated that the Cornell Laboratory did not have any experimental operations in the Watertown, New York area during May 1949.

10. A check was made at the Weather Station, Pine Camp, New York, by the writer, and attendants stated that there had been no weather equipment released by that Weather Station on 11 May 1949 but advised of the possibility of weather equipment being released at the Weather Station, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York.

AT ROME, NEW YORK

12. In view of the possibility that objects seen by Miss [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] of Watertown, New York, on 11 May 1949 between 1545 and 1700 hours, EST may have been weather equipment released by the Weather Station, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York, a check was made on 14 July 1949 by Special Agent [redacted] at the Weather Station, Base Operations, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York. This Agent, upon checking the records at this Weather Station, learned that four Rawinsonde Balloons were released at Griffiss Air Force Base on 11 May 1949 at 0400, 1000, 1600 and 2200 hours, EST.

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13. On 14 July 1949 Special Agent [redacted] interviewed Captain [redacted] Assistant Station Weather Officer, Griffiss Air Force Base, who stated that the records which would indicate the flight course of the Rawinsonde Balloons which were released on 11 May 1949, had been inadvertently destroyed. He advised further, however, that copies of these records could be reviewed at 2059th Air Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 11, TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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Will check records at the Office of 2059th Air Wing, Tinker AFB, to determine flight course of four (4) Rawinsonde Balloons which were released from Griffiss AFB, Rome, New York on 11 May 1949, one each at 0400, 1000, 1600, and 2200 hours, EST.

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