PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 June 49 07/1710Z	2. LOCATION Springfield, Mass.
4. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object flew directly overhead at what appeared to be a very high altitude. Object appeared to be white, round in shape, apparently of metallic construction. When first sighted object was flying horizontaly, then it took an abrupt vertical ascent and later descended to its former position. Information indicates weather balloon from Bedford AFB, Mass. could have been in that area during the time of the sighting. Observer was evidentally off on his estimate of the duration of the sighting since it could not have gone throught the motion he described in 5 seconds.
3. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE E and NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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HEADQUARTERS, WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE
(1600TH AIR TRANSPORT WING, ATLD-MATS)
WESTOVER FIELD, MASS.

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17 June 1949

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

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

In compliance with request contained in TWX EDC 206 your Headquarters, dated 16 June 1949, the following information is submitted according to the requirements outlined in AF Memorandum #4, dated 15 February 1949:

A. GENERAL

1. Date of sighting - 7 June 1949.

2. Time of sighting - 1210 EDST.

3. Where sighted - In front of residence at 37 Pineywoods Avenue, Springfield, Mass. Unable to determine exact distance from the city.

4. Number of objects - one.

5. It is not believed that any observable celestial phenomena or planets could account for the sighting.

6. Observer unable to determine distance of object. Object flew directly overhead at what appeared to be an extremely high altitude.

7. Time of sighting - 5 seconds.

8. Object appeared to be white, round in shape, apparently of metallic construction, and approximately the size of a small jet fighter type plane.

9. Direction of flight - east and northeast from Springfield, Mass.

10. When first sighted the object was flying horizontally, then it took an abrupt vertical ascent and later descended to its former positio

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11. There was no evidence of exhaust of any kind.

12. It was a clear day with very few clouds. The object did not penetrate into nor fly near any clouds. Nor was it reflected on any clouds.

13. There were no visible lights.

14. There were no wings or other visible support of any kind, but the object could have been a rotating cylinder of some type.

15. The method of propulsion could not be determined from the observer's position.

16. The observer was unable to determine any facts regarding control and stability such as fins, stabilizers, etc.

17. There were no visible air ducts.

18. Speed was estimated by the observer to be somewhere between 400-500 miles per hour.

19. There was no sound emitted by the object.

20. The object faded from view.

B. RELATIVE TO OBSERVER

1. Name - Mr [redacted]

2. Address [redacted], Springfield, Mass.

3. Occupation - writer.

4. Place of business - residence, same as above.

5. No pertinent hobbies.

6. Ability to determine:

   a. Color - fair

   b. Speed of moving object - fair

   c. Size at distance - fair

7. Reliability of observer - excellent according to reports of neighbors and records of Police Department.

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8. a. First time that he had ever sighted an object of this type going at such a speed.

b. Attention was drawn to object by the fact that a large plane happened to be passing at the same time at a lower altitude.

9. There were no other witnesses to the sighting.

10. The observer gave evidence of being a person of excellent character with a high degree of intelligence.

C. RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS: Negative.

D. GENERAL

1. Teletype sequence of local weather conditions :

a. CEE - 4,000 scattered.

b. Visibility - 15 miles.

c. Sea level pressure - 078 millibars.

d. Temperature - 72°

e. Dew point - 45

f. Wind from northwest - 20 miles per hour.

g. Altimeter setting: 974 inches

2. Winds aloft

a. 5,000 ft - wind from northwest - 15 knots

b. 10,000 ft - winds from southwest at 35 knots

c. 17,000 ft - winds from southwest 25 knots

3. Not applicable

4. There are indications that weather balloons released at New Bedford Air Base, Mass., could have been in the vicinity of the sighting and at the time indicated.

5. Does not apply.

6. Does not apply.

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7. No photographs available.

8. Signed statements not available, but could be obtained at a later date if desired.

9. No fragments or physical evidence available.

10. No radio antenna observed.

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Capt., USAF
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-17

21 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, subject and file as above, dated 7 June 1949, inclosing report of investigation by Special Agent LEO M. CHRISTIANSON, DO #16, dated 1 June 1949.

2. Information has been received from the 16th OSI District (IG) that so much of paragraph 3 of referenced report as reads, "When GABEL located the airplane, he said it was an F-81...." should be corrected to read "When [redacted] located the airplane, he said it was an F-51...."

John E Duncan
WOJG USAF
for
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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CONTROL NO. R - 919 | SUBJECT: Ltr Project GRUDGE CONF... | DECIMAL FILE NO. R-2294 | FOLLOW UP ON DATE

FROM: 5D-OSI | DATED 6/21/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 0
RECORDING DESK AXT-1 | DATE RECORDED 6/22/49 | HOUR 1330

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1 IAXS			
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

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CONTROL NO. R - 407 | SUBJECT: TWX Info On Flying Object | DECIMAL FILE NO. R-1061 | FOLLOW UP ON DATE

FROM: Westover Fld Mass | DATED 6/9/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 0
RECORDING DESK AXT-1 | DATE RECORDED 6/9/49 | HOUR 1330

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CONTROL NO. R - 833 | SUBJECT: Ltr Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft R-2043 | DECIMAL FILE NO. | FOLLOW UP ON DATE

FROM: HQ Westover Fld Mass | DATED 6/17/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 0
RECORDING DESK AXT-1 | DATE RECORDED 6/21/49 | HOUR 0800

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INCIDENT NO. 356

1. Date of Observation 7 June 1949 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact Time (local) 1210 EDST

3. Place of Observation Springfield, Mass.

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object. Noticed while watching plane in sky

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size of jet plane.

8. Color of object White (not shiny).

9. Shape Spherical

10. Altitude Extremely high

11. Direction from observer Overhead

12. Distance from observer Unable to determine

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Easterly and Northeasterly

14. Time in sight 5 Seconds

15. Speed 400-500 MPH

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers First horizontal flight, then abrupt vertical ascent, then returned to former level.

21. Manner of disappearance Faded from view.

22. Effect on Clouds Object not near clouds.

23. Additional Information Concerning Object Information indicates weather balloon from Bedford AFB, Mass., could have been in area during time of sighting.

24. Weather Conditions. Visibility 15 Miles, 20 MPH, wind from N.W.

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Name and address of observer: Mr. [redacted], Springfield, Mass.

Occupation and hobbies:

Writer

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

Excellent character with high degree of intelligence, fair observer.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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FM JEBAB6A/CG ATLD MATS WESTOVER AFB MASS

TO JEDC/CG AMC WRIGHT PATTESON AFB DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCIAXO-3

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AF GRNC

ATLD OIN 4-101

FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED BY MR [redacted] CMA THREE

SEVEN PINEYWOODS AVENUE CMA SPRINGFIELD CMA MASS PD WHILE AT

HOME AT ABOUT ONE TWO ONE ZERO EDST ON SEVEN JUNE ONE NINE FOUR

NINE HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROUNDISH OBJECT ABOUT SIZE

OF JET PLANE CMA BUT WITHOUT WINGS CMA TRAVELING IN EASTERLY

DIRECTION AT ABOUT SPEED OF JET PLANE CMA FOUR ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE

ZERO ZERO MILES PER HOUR PD OBJECT WHITE BUT NOT SHINY

FIRST TIME HE HAD EVER SIGHTED UNUSUAL OBJECT OF THIS TYPE CMA

THAT HE COULD NOT READILY IDENTIFY PD HE IS CERTAIN THAT OBJECT

WAS NOT WEATHER BALLOON CMA NOR CONVENTIAONAL AIRCRAFT PD

DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN EXACT SIZE OF OBJECT BECAUSE OF EXTREME

ALTITUDE CMA BUT OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SPHERICAL PD

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(15-10-43)

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TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

MC IAXS/GMT/amc

FROM: AMC

DATE: 14 June 1949

MALCOLM D. SEASHORE
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Intelligence Department
NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TO: CO Westover AF Base, Massachusetts

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TELETYPE NO: MC IAXS-6-2 Reference your teletype, 9 June 1949, ATLD OIN 4-101, reporting unidentified aerial object. Request full written report as outlined in Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum No. 4, dated 15 February 1949.

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