PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 June 1949 25/0115Z	2. L' TION Astoria, Long Island, New York 374
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Three Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was grayish (surrounded by yellow light). Saucer-shaped. Object had a level flight then slight climb. Disappeared into the haze. Object was first seen in the West, easterly when last seen.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Easterly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
United States	1AF AIR 49-1	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
Report of Phenomenon

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Long Island	Hq, 1st AF, Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, N.Y.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
30 July 1949	23 July 1949	C-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Lt Col Maurice H. Shorago, USAFR	Mrs [redacted] (Civilian)

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
Ltr. Hq 2nd OSI Dist, dtd 14 Jul 49 w/2 Incls & 1st Ind, Hq ConAC, dtd 19 Jul 49

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

Mrs [redacted] housewife, reported that on the evening of 24 Jun 49, between 1830 and 1845 hours, she observed through her kitchen window a pair of unidentified objects resembling platters approximately 1 1/2 to 2 feet in diameter travelling in a west to east direction at an altitude of approximately 150 feet. These objects were reported to have been surrounded by a halo of light and disappeared after an observation of approximately 3 seconds.

APPROVED:

1 INCLS.
Incl # 1, statement by
[redacted]

William P. Renny
WILLIAM P. RENNY
Captain, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
Hq, 1st Air Force, Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, N. Y.	1AF AIR 49-1	PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES

Mrs. [redacted]et, Astoria, Long Island, was interviewed at 0930 hours, 23 July 1949.

People present: Mr. [redacted], Mrs. Scaife and the writer.

A previous check with Mrs. [redacted]s employers indicate that she has held her present position with Corn Products Refining Company for 30 years and is considered a stable type of person, not prone to exaggeration or verbosity. No further check of her character or background was performed.

Report of Interview: Mrs. [redacted] reports that on the evening of 24 June 1949 she returned from work at 1830 hours and immediately started to prepare supper. She turned on the radio at the same time so as to "hear Lowell Thomas". The reported objects appeared, according to Mrs. [redacted] prior to the advent of the Lowell Thomas program, which would place her time of observation between 1830 and 1845 hours D.S.T.

The objects were described by Mrs. [redacted] as being round and between 1 1/2 and 2 feet in diameter, gray in color, surrounded by a halo of light and travelling in the direction of west to east, disappearing into a "cloud bank".

The objects appeared to be travelling in a horizontal direction for the first two seconds and then appeared to describe an upward arc just prior to disappearance. An interpretation of Mrs. Scaife's description of the position of the objects would place them approximately 100 to 150 feet in the air. It must be borne in mind, however, that determination of altitude without adequate reference marks is practically impossible for the average lay person.

Within a minute (estimated) of the time that the objects were sighted, a single engine "fighter type" airplane appeared from the south and was observed by Mrs. Scaife to circle the area and then disappear in a southerly direction at an estimated altitude of 1,000 feet.

Attached herewith is a slip of paper, signed by Mrs. [redacted] which was written by her within two hours following the time of her observation of the phenomenon reported.

Comments of preparing officer: The observation was made through an open window, and it is my belief that Mrs. [redacted] had a clear unobstructed view of the area. There are definite points of landscape which afford an easy method of orientation. The house is so situated that there is a clear unobstructed view to a clump of trees approximately 150 years distant followed by another grove of trees which are approximately an additional 150 feet away.

A visit was made to the weather station at La Guardia Field, Station WBAS. The following official observations were noted by Mr. E. Morin, observer on duty at 1100 hours, for the time of 1723 to 1800 E.S.T. on the date of 24 June:

1723 E.S.T.: Clear, 10 mile visibility, temperature 84, dew point 61, wind SSE 18 miles an hour light gusts, humidity 46%.

1745 E.S.T.: Clear, 10 mile visibility, wind SSE 18, few cirrus.

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Hq, 1st Air Force, Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, New York	1AF AIR 49-1	PAGE 3 OF 3 PAGES

1800 E.S.T.: 35,000 feet thin scattered, 10 mile visibility, wind SSE 17.

There were no unusual weather conditions reported. Sunset was 1931 hours E.S.T. revealin a complete disc of sun.

Certain balloons had been released at 1550 hours E.S.T., said observer on duty at the time of the visible observations, Mr. [redacted] The field is three miles NNE from the reporting position, and the wind would carry a balloon or another airdrome-released object in a direction away from the field.

Personal investigation revealed no reports of any unusual circumstances in the vicinity of either La Guardia Airport or Flushing Airport on the date of the 24th.

Attention is invited to the fact that objects, as reported, were travelling into the prevailing wind.

MAURICE H. SHORAGO
Lt Colonel, USAFR
Investigating Officer

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INCIDENT NO. 374

1. Date of Observation 24 June 1949 Date of Interview 23 July 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 2015 EST

3. Place of Observation Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.

4. Position of observer 2nd floor apartment-house

5. What attracted attention to object Looked out window while cooking

6. Number of objects 2 in echelon

7. Apparent size Approx. 1 1/2 inches (indicated by hands)

8. Color of object Grayish (surrounded by yellow light)

9. Shape Saucer-like

10. Altitude 45° 100-150 ft

11. Direction from observer West when first seen, easternly when last seen

12. Distance from observer 100'

13. Direction of flight of object(s) NE

14. Time in sight Three seconds

15. Speed 125-150 MPH

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Glow

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Level flight then slight climb

21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared into haze

22. Effect on Clouds None

23. Additional information concerning object None

24. Weather Conditions At 1745 EST, clear, 10 mi. vis., wind SSE, 18 MPH, few cirrus

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 Incident 374

Name and address of observer: Mrs. [redacted]
32-15 34 Street, Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.

Occupation and hobbies:

Clerk-bookkeeper, 30 years with Corn Products Refining Co., 54 years old

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

Stable type person, not prone to exaggeration or verbosity

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: Report of Interview: Mrs. [redacted]eports that on the evening of 24 June 1949 she returned from work at 1830 hours and immediately started to prepare supper. She turned on the radio at the same time so as to "hear Lowell Thomas". The reported objects appeared, according to Mrs. [redacted]or to the advent of the Lowell Thomas program, which would place her time of observation between 1830 and 1845 hours D.S.T.

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Friday Group 4 29 July 1947

about 6.30 & 7 o'clock in a row saw 7 flying saucers (about 20 feet) flying towards south. Different in size.

Was standing by store in Kelly

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND ENVELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

JUL 7 1949

SUBJECT: Project Bridge - 374

TO: Commanding General
First Army
Governors Island
New York 4, N. Y.
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to incoming teletype message, date time group 251500Z reporting the sighting of two flying saucers by Mrs. [redacted] (copy inclosed).

2. It is desired that the Base Intelligence officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed information from each witness regarding the sighting referenced above.

3. As an aid to the investigating officer in recording the desired data, 2 copies of our Guide to Investigation are inclosed herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
1. Cy of teletype, 6/25/49
2. Guide to Inves. (2)

E. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Intelligence Department

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PASS TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE GSUSA

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REPORT OF FLYING DISCS LOCATION ASTORIA LONG ISLAND NEW YORK TIME

TWO FOUR JUNE TWO ZERO ONE FIVE WEATHER CLEAR WITNESS MRS [redacted]

[redacted] HOUSEWIFE THREE TWO DASH ONE FIVE THREE FOUR STREET ASTORIA LONG

ISLAND TWO FLYING SAUCERS MOVING IN ECHELON FORMATION IN SOUTHEASTERLY

DIRECTION ALTITUDE AND SPEED UNKNOWN PD REPORT UNEVALUATED PD AHFKE 63

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Project Grudge - 374
OI 333.5 (E) (14 Jul 49) 3d Ind

HQ CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York

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

Completed investigation is attached (Inclosure 3).

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

3 Incls
1 & 2 n/c
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3. Air Intell. Info Rpt #1AF Air 49-1, 30 Jul 49 w/1 Incl (Dup)

W. R. P[illegible]
Major, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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FROM: Kitchel AFB
TO: IAXS
DATED 8/12/49
NO. INCLS. 3

RECORDING DESK: XT-1
DATE RECORDED: 8/16/49
HOUR: 0800

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION

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TO: CG AMC

REG. NO. F-419 (1 of 2)

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
67 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK 4, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

14 July 1949

SUBJECT: Project Grudge - 374

TO: Commanding General, Continental Air Command,
Mitchel Air Force Base, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence

Attached correspondence forwarded your office in accordance with telephone conversation, this date.

CHARLES SOMMERS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

Incls:
Ltr fr 1st Army, subj as above, d/12 Jul 49
Ltr fr AMC, subj as above, d/7 Jul 49 w/2 Incls

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HQ CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York

TO: Commanding General, First Air Force, Slocum Air Force Base, Fort Slocum, New York

1. Attached correspondence forwarded your headquarters for necessary action.

2. Request this Command be furnished the results of the investigation.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHITEHEAD:

2 Incls
n/c

W. R. PURD
Major, USAF
Asst Adj. Gen

OI 333.5 (14 Jul 49) 2nd Ind.
SUBJECT: Project Grudge - 374

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST AIR FORCE, Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, N.Y.

TO: Commanding General, Continental Air Command, Mitchel AFB, N.Y.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence.

Investigation has been completed; results are being forwarded under separate cover.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY
GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

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AHFKB-EX 12 July 1949

SUBJECT: Project Grudge - 374

TO : CO, Office of Special Investigation District #2
67 Broad Street
New York, New York
ATTENTION: COL SOMMERS

Confirming telephone conversation between Col Hicks, your office and Col Kaylor, this headquarters on 11 July 1949, the inclosed papers are forwarded for necessary action.

FOR THE A. C. OF S., G-2:

JOHN P. KAYLOR
Colonel, G. S. C.
Executive Officer, G-2

Incl.
Ltr fr AMC, subj as above, d/7 July 49 w/2 Incls.

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23 July 1949

Friday, June 24

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About 6:30 and 7:00 O'clock in evening, saw 2 flying saucers (about size of platter) flying toward south disappear in haze.

Was standing by stove in kitchen.

(signature) Eleanor Scaife

A TRUE COPY

MAURICE H. SHYMAGO
Lt Colonel, USAFR

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PROJECT BOOK RECORD CARD

ATIC NO. - - -

DATE OF INFO 24 June 1949

AF NO. - - -

LOCATION Black Hills, SD

REPORT NO. - - -

SOURCE - - -

DATE OF REPORT - - -

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING - - -

COLOR White or Silver

SHAPE - - -

SPEED - - -

Estimated
Measured
Estimated
Measured

SIZE 100' diameter

ALTITUDE - - -

COURSE - - -

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - - -

NO. IN GROUP - - -

TYPE OF OBSERVATION - - -

SOUND - - -

MANEUVERS - - -

PHOTOS - - - SKETCHES - - -

REMARKS: Object identified as balloon used for cosmic ray research.

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Balloon

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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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 [redacted] 16 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. The inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent WILLIAM M. LILE, DO #13, dated 10 August 1949, is forwarded for your information and file.

2. This investigation was not requested by this office and no investigative action concerning subject incident is being conducted by this District.

for Lewis Moncrieff
WOJG, USAF
JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 2 4-42

DATE 10 August 1949

REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM M. LILE

REPORT MADE AT DO #13, Offutt AFB

PERIOD 25 June, 1 July, 29 July 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13, Offutt AFB

STATUS CLOSED

TITLE

BALLOON SIGHTED IN VICINITY OF
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA
24 June 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon receipt of verbal instructions from Lt Col MATTHEW THOMPSON, AO-902812, District Commander, 13th OSI District, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. Balloon sighted over Black Hills area approximately 24 June 1949, described as approximately one hundred (100) feet in diameter, either white or silver in color, with some object suspended from the under side and a tail of approximately ten (10) feet in length. Subject balloon identified by Mr. [redacted] Engineer for General Mills, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as one being used for cosmic ray research for the Navy Department. Balloon remained in this area for approximately three (3) or four (4) days. Present location unknown.

Balloon

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon receipt of verbal instructions from Lt Col MATTHEW THOMPSON, AO-902812, District Commander, 13th OSI District, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, after having been informed of the incident verbally by the writer.

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

2. On 29 July 1949, Mr. [redacted], City Editor for the Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota, was interviewed and advised the writer that Subject balloon was first sighted near Deadwood, South Dakota, on approximately 24 June 1949, and at that time was approximately 5,000 feet high and appeared to be standing practically still. The person who gave the first report (name not known) described the balloon as approximately one hundred (100) feet in diameter, either white or silver in color, with what appeared to be a tail of approximately ten (10) feet in length, and had some object suspended from the under side of the balloon. Mr. [redacted] further advised that on 28 June 1949 Mr. J. [redacted], Engineer for General Mills, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, arrived in Rapid City and stated that the balloon was one manufactured by his firm which was being used by the Navy Department for cosmic ray research, and had been released from Camp Ripley, Minnesota, the preceding week. According to Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated that Subject balloon was carrying harmless cosmic ray research instruments and that he would pay a five dollar ($5.00) reward for the plastic balloon and a twenty-five dollar ($25.00) reward for the instruments. Mr. KALISZEWSKI described the balloon as being made from plastic, 105 feet in diameter, white in color, and what was reported as being a tail was probably part of the mooring rope.

AT RAPID CITY AIR FORCE BASE, WEAVER, SOUTH DAKOTA

3. On 28 June 1949 an aircraft piloted by Lt. Col. [redacted] R. [redacted], AO-45599, and Major ELMER H. HAMMER, AO-46014, was dispatched at the request of the writer to search the entire Black Hills area for the balloon. However, no trace of the balloon could be found.

4. The last report on Subject balloon was received on 1 July 1949 from a Mr. K[redacted], Rapid City, South Dakota, who stated that he saw the balloon very high over Rapid City at approximately 2000 hours on 30 June 1949.

5. Since 1 July 1949 an informal and unofficial report was received that the balloon had returned to the vicinity of Minnesota and had gone down and was in the hands of General Mills, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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