

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 June 1949 28/22454	2. LOCATION Urbana, Ohio	375
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	Observer was attracted by trail of flames coming from sky. Color of object was orange trailing to blue. It appeared as a ball of fire with tail. Tail of object appeared shorter as object progressed. Straight flight with slight decline.	
7. COURSE W to E		
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No		

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

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29 June 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTN: LOGAXC-3

The following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted
in compliance with Flight Service Regulation 200-4.

- a. LOCATION AND TIME OF SIGHTING: 1750H - 1755H. 28 June 1949, Fairfield, Ohio.
- b. WEATHER AT THE TIME: 5,000 thin scattered, 10 miles visibility, temperature 92, dew point 62, wind north-northwest 4, altimeter 29.94.
- c. NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES:
 - (1) [REDACTED], Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.
 - (2) Unidentified Civilian, resident of Fairfield, Ohio.
- d. PHOTOGRAPHS OF OBJECTS, IF AVAILABLE: None available.
- e. SKETCHES OF OBJECT'S CONFIGURATION: None.
- f. OBJECT SIGHTED:
 - (1) NUMBER: 1.
 - (2) SHAPE: Long tail of flame accompanied by a long tail of smoke.
 - (3) SIZE: Undetermined.
 - (4) COLOR: Flame and smoke.
 - (5) SPEED: High rate.
 - (6) HEADING: West to East

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(7) MANEUVERABILITY: Undetermined.

(8) ALTITUDE: Undetermined - very high.

(9) SOUND: Undetermined.

(10) EXHAUST TRAIL OR HOT: Yes.

c. GENERAL REMARKS: None.

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- 1 - Chief of Staff, USAF,
ATTN: Director of
Intelligence
- 1 - Commander IATS, ATTN:
Chief Intelligence Divn
- 1 - CC Flight Service, ATTN: A-2

Charles E. Grogan
CHARLES E. GROGAN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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Celestial origin

INCIDENT NO. 375

1. Date of Observation 28 June 1949 Date of Interview 29 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1745
3. Place of Observation Urbana Ohio Airport
4. Position of observer Air in L-17 Course 0° at 5000 feet
5. What attracted attention to object. Trail of flames
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 70 Mills
8. Color of object Orange trailing to blue
9. Shape Ball of fire with tail.
10. Altitude 10° when straight North
11. Direction from observer 315° Last seen 45°
12. Distance from observer 50 Miles or more
13. Direction of flight of object(s) West to East
14. Time in sight 3-4 Seconds
15. Speed Covered 30° in 3 to 4 Seconds
16. Sound and odor Not noticed due to A/C engine noise.
17. Trail 10:1 ratio compared with object, 50-75 Miles long
18. Luminosity Fluorescent-like flame.
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Straight flight with slight decline
21. Manner of disappearance Faded
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional Information Concerning Object- Tail appeared shorter as object progressed.
24. Weather Conditions. Hazy visibility 15 Miles

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Astro(meteor)

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED] TSXGF, WPAFB

Occupation and hobbies:

U.S. Army Liaison Pilot with 2000 hours credit

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 29 June 1949, this agent, accompanied by [REDACTED] MGIAXS, Special Analysis Section, Technical Intelligence Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, interviewed [REDACTED] TSXGF, Army Field Forces, Liaison Section, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that on 28 June 1949, at 1745 hours, while flying alone in an L-17 (Ryan Navion) heading north at five thousand feet altitude and directly over the Urbana, Ohio Airport, he sighted what at first appeared to be a rocket powered guided missile. However, on taking a second look, [REDACTED] stated it appeared to be a meteor like body. The object first noticed by the long trailing flames, seemed to appear out of a cloud bank which was building up to the northwest. It was generally round in shape, a bright orange ball, with a tail of flame which was mixed orange and blue and a pale blue at the trailing end. When first seen the object was about 45° to the west of north, and traveled from west to east in a straight path with a slight decline. When directly north of [REDACTED], it was about 10° above his eye level and he judged it to be about fifty or more miles distant. In a period of three or four seconds the object covered an angular distance of 90° to 120° at which time it disappeared, apparently burning out. There was no marked change in intensity of incandescence of the object up to the time that it disappeared. [REDACTED] judged the tail to be between two and three finger widths, at arms length, in length; and the tail to be roughly ten times the diameter of the object in length. The tail appeared to become shorter as the object progressed. There was no sound, odor, or radio interference noticed by the Major. Visibility at the time of the sighting was about fifteen miles. There was no cloud background for the object other than a haze at the horizon. [REDACTED] wore no glasses but viewed the object through the canopy of the plane. In flying over the general area in which the object disappeared, Major LONG could observe nothing unusual in the terrain.

[REDACTED] has flown for approximately two thousand hours over a period of ten years. He has witnessed the firing of such rockets as the V-2, the JB-2 or V-1, and the WAC CPL. The Major's hobbies are flying, photography, and sports.

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INCIDENT NO. 375A

1. Date of Observation 28 June 1949 Date of Interview 28 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1745
3. Place of Observation Dayton, Ohio
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object. Light
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 5 feet dia.
8. Color of object Orange
9. Shape Ball of fire with tail
10. Altitude 30°
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer Appeared less than mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West
14. Time in sight Few seconds
15. Speed Fast
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail 20 ft
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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1. Date of Observation Mr. J. [REDACTED], 2101 Titus Avenue, Dayton, Ohio
2. Exact Time (local)
3. Place of Observation
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object.
6. Number of objects
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer report, accompanied by Mr. [REDACTED] CLARKS, interviewed
Mr. [REDACTED], 2101 Titus Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that at approxi-
mately 5:15 PM on the evening of 28 June 1949 while sitting on his lawn at the above
listed address with a neighbor and facing north, he observed a large ball of orange
light which appeared to be of five feet in diameter with a tail of about twenty feet.
The object was first sighted just above a large tree directly north of Mr. YOUNG and
at an angle of about 30° above the ground. Neither Mr. [REDACTED] nor his neighbor de-
tected any odor or sound other than the noise of a small plane which [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated to be a mile away and flying south. The object appeared to pass between
the plane and informant and also to be above the plane. The object was visible for
only a few seconds and disappeared behind the house next door, by the time Mr. YOUNG
could call his neighbor's attention to it.
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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Celestial origin

INCIDENT NO. 375B

1. Date of Observation 28 June 1949 Date of Interview 29 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1745
3. Place of Observation Dayton, Ohio
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object Silver
9. Shape Ball of fire V shaped in front
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail Fiery tail, mixture of all colors
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

Name and address of observer: ~~Miss [REDACTED]~~ ~~[REDACTED]~~ Drive, Dayton, Ohio

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 29 June 1949, this writer, accompanied by Mr. G. W. ~~[REDACTED]~~ AXS, interviewed Miss ~~[REDACTED]~~, 3905 Riverside Drive, Dayton, Ohio. Miss ~~[REDACTED]~~ was interviewed at the Play Grounds of the Charles L. Loos School, Waspler Road and Columbine Place, Dayton, Ohio, where she frequently takes children in the neighborhood to play. She stated she was here at the play grounds on the afternoon of the 28 June 1949 when at approximately 5:45 she observed an apparent ball of fire passing above the trees surrounding the play grounds. The ball appeared silver in color, round in shape, and somewhat "V" shaped in front. It had a fiery tail which she stated was a mixture of all colors. Miss ~~[REDACTED]~~ heard no sounds other than that of a plane circling overhead at the time. Miss ~~[REDACTED]~~ stated that next school season she will be a Freshman in High School.

Celestial origin

INCIDENT NO. 375C

1. Date of Observation 28 June 1949 Date of Interview 30 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1745
3. Place of Observation Dayton, Ohio
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object hissing sound like compressed air escaping
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Larger than sun.
8. Color of object Deep reddish orange
9. Shape Ball of fire
10. Altitude 45°
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer West to East
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail Incandescent white which gave off sparks brighter than those from welding
18. Luminosity of sun
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Straight flight in decline
21. Manner of disappearance over buildings
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED] Avenue, Dayton, Ohio

Occupation and hobbies:

Welder

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 30 June 1949, this writer interviewed J. [REDACTED], 829 Vermont Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, who stated that at about 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949 while walking north on Vermont Avenue, he observed a ball of fire with the brightness of the sun and considerably larger. It was a deep reddish orange in color and had a tail which appeared to be an incandescent white. The object gave off sparks which were brighter than any sparks from welding that Mr. [REDACTED] had ever seen. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that his attention was first attracted to the object by a hissing sound like that of escaping compressed air. The object was at about 45° elevation traveling a straight line from west to east and dropping slightly. The object disappeared out of sight over the tops of the buildings. Mr. [REDACTED] is a welder by trade at the New Ideal Welding Company, 341 [REDACTED] Dayton, Ohio.

1. Date of Observation 28 June 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1745
3. Place of Observation (Crystal Lakes) . . . #1, New Carlisle, Ohio
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object.
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object White
9. Shape Ball of fire
10. Altitude 45° 1000 to 1500'
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) West to East
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail Long trail of flame, blue to yellow fading at the end to darkness or possibly smoke
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Straight flight at decline
21. Manner of disappearance Lost from sight as he turned corner
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object- Appeared to be meteor.
24. Weather Conditions.

(over)

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED] Ohio

Occupation and hobbies:

Insurance Agent

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

AT CRYSTAL LAKES, OHIO

On 30 June 1949, this writer interviewed Mr. [REDACTED], R R #1, New Carlisle, Ohio, located on Lake Road, Crystal Lakes, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that at about 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949, while driving to the home of a friend in Crystal Lakes, Ohio, he observed what he believed to be a meteor. It appeared to the North of him at about a 45° angle and about one thousand to fifteen hundred feet elevation and losing altitude gradually. It was passing from west to east and Mr. [REDACTED] lost sight of it when he turned the corner with the car. He described the object as a ball of apparent fire of almost white incandescence. It had a long streamer or tail of flame which was a mixture of blue and yellow, fading out at the end to darkness which was possibly smoke. He noted no sound or unusual odor. Mr. [REDACTED] lives on a farm and is also an insurance agent and substitute mail man. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has seen meteors fall before and was an eye witness to an especially large one which fell in Lake Erie some years back.

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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 24-217

11 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Dayton, Ohio
28 June 1949

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: 1 CIAXS

1. Reference is made to R & R, your office, dated 29 June 1949 requesting investigation of sighting reported in the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald of 29 June 1949.

2. Forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate is the report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. IAYLAN, this office, dated 11 July 1949. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been covered and reported.

3. Your attention is invited to Paragraph 11 of Air Force Regulation 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of the nature, sources or existence of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

4. With the submission of this report, the files of this office are being closed regarding this case.

1 Incl (in dup)
R/I, DO #5, dtd 11 Jul 49

for *John D. Quance*
WAC, USAF
JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

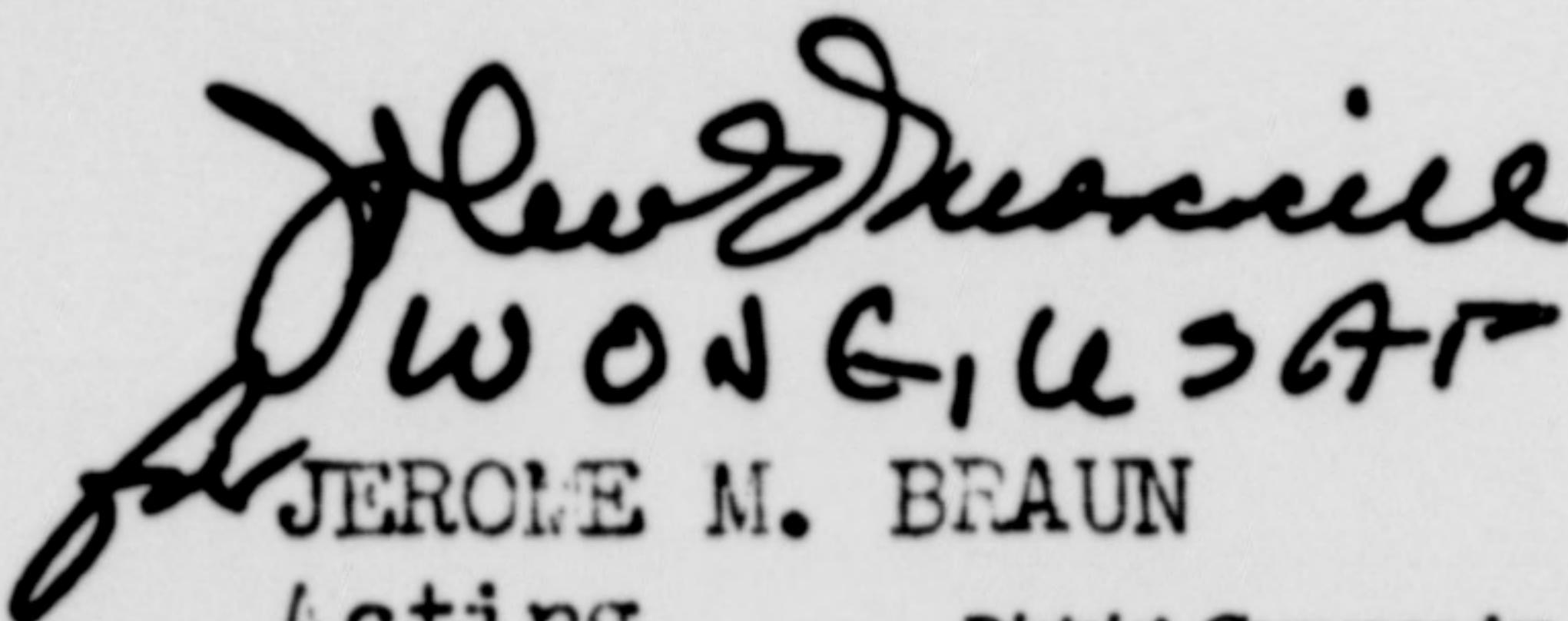
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 50 24-214 REPORT MADE BY THOMAS J. LAYMAN REPORT MADE AT DO 5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio PERIOD 29, 30 June 1949 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO 5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio STATUS CLOSED	DATE 11 July 1949 clb
TITLE PROJECT "GRUDGE" Incident, Dayton, Ohio 23 June 1949			
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS This investigation predicated on Routing and Record Sheet from the Acting Chief of Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, MCIAXS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, dated 29 June 1949, confirming telephone call from ██████████ on same date requesting investigation of sighting on 25 June 1949, reported in the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald on 29 June 1949. Interviews with persons who witnessed the aerial phenomena revealed it to be a ball of fire with a tail of flame and traveling from west to east at a high rate of speed. All persons interviewed agreed on time and direction of sighting the object as being about 1745 hours and to the north of them.			
DISTRIBUTION CG, AMC, W/P AFB 2 OSI HQ 2 File 2		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson AFB Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MCIAXS	
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated on Routing and Record Sheet from the Acting Chief of Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, MCIAIS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, dated 29 June 1949, confirming telephone call from Mr. G. W. TOWLES on same date requesting investigation of sighting on 28 June 1949, reported in the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald on 29 June 1949.

AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO

2. On 29 June 1949, this agent contacted Mr. H. A. [REDACTED] Press and Radio Section, Public Information Office, MCGIMP, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who advised that he had obtained the following names from Mr. A. M. PRITCHARD, Reporter for the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald, as having observed an aerial phenomena and reported it to his paper:

Mr. [REDACTED] Ohio
Miss [REDACTED] Dayton, Ohio
Mr. [REDACTED]

3. On 29 June 1949, this agent, accompanied by Mr. [REDACTED] Special Analysis Section, Technical Intelligence Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, interviewed Major RICHARD [REDACTED] TSKGF, Army Field Forces, Liaison Section, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Major [REDACTED] related that on 28 June 1949, at 1745 hours, while flying alone in an L-17 (Ryan Navion) heading north at five thousand feet altitude and directly over the Urbana, Ohio Airport, he sighted what at first appeared to be a rocket powered guided missile. However, on taking a second look, Major [REDACTED] stated it appeared to be a meteor like body. The object first noticed by the long trailing flames, seemed to appear out of a cloud bank which was building up to the northwest. It was generally round in shape, a bright orange ball, with a tail of flame which was mixed orange and blue and a pale blue at the trailing end. When first seen the object was about 45° to the west of north, and traveled from west to east in a straight path with a slight decline. When directly north of Major [REDACTED], it was about 10° above his eye level and he judged it to be about fifty or more miles distant. In a period of three or four seconds the object covered an angular distance of 90° to 120° at which time it disappeared, apparently burning out. There was no marked change in intensity of incandescence of the object up to the time that it disappeared. Major [REDACTED] judged the tail to be between two and three finger widths, at arms length, in length; and the tail to be roughly ten times the diameter of the object in length. The tail appeared to become shorter as the object progressed. There was no sound, odor, or radio interference noticed by the Major. Visibility at the time of the sighting was about fifteen miles. There was no cloud background for the object other than a

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haze at the horizon. Major [redacted] wore no glasses but viewed the object through the canopy of the plane. In flying over the general area in which the object disappeared, Major [redacted] could observe nothing unusual in the terrain.

Major [REDACTED] has flown for approximately two thousand hours over a period of ten years. He has witnessed the firing of such rockets as the V-2, the JB-2 or V-1, and the WAC CPL. The Major's hobbies are flying, photography, and sports.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

4. On 29 June 1949, this agent, accompanied by Mr. G. [REDACTED], interviewed Mr. S. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Ave., Dept. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that at approximately 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949 while sitting on his lawn at the above listed address with a neighbor and facing north, he observed a large ball of orange flame which appeared to be five feet in diameter with a tail of about twenty feet. The object was first sighted just above a large tree directly north of Mr. [REDACTED] and at an angle of about 30° above the ground. Neither Mr. [REDACTED] nor his neighbor detected any odor or sound other than the noise of a small plane which Mr. [REDACTED] estimated to be a mile away and flying south. The object appeared to pass between the plane and informant and also to be above the plane. The object was visible for only a few seconds and disappeared behind the house next door, by the time Mr. [REDACTED] could call his neighbor's attention to it.

5. On 29 June 1949, this writer, accompanied by Mr. [REDACTED], interviewed Miss [REDACTED] 3905 [REDACTED] Dayton, Ohio. Miss [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Play Grounds of the Charles L. Loos School, Wampler Road and Columbine Place, Dayton, Ohio, where she frequently takes children in the neighborhood to play. She stated she was here at the play grounds on the afternoon of the 28 June 1949 when at approximately 5:45 she observed an apparent ball of fire passing above the trees surrounding the play grounds. The ball appeared silver in color, round in shape, and somewhat "V" shaped in front. It had a fiery tail which she stated was a mixture of all colors. [REDACTED] heard no sounds other than that of a plane circling overhead at the time. [REDACTED] stated that next school season she will be a Freshman in High School.

6. On 30 June 1949, this writer interviewed JAMES H. [REDACTED] 600 Vermont Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, who stated that at about 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949 while walking north on Vermont Avenue, he observed a ball of fire with the brightness of the sun and considerably larger. It was a deep reddish orange in color and had a tail which appeared to be an incandescent white. The object gave off sparks which were brighter than any sparks from welding that Mr. [REDACTED] had ever seen. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that his attention was first attracted to the object by a hissing sound like that of escaping compressed air. The

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AT CRYSTAL LAKES, OHIO

375D { 7. On 30 June 1949, this writer interviewed Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] New Carlisle, Ohio, located on Lake Road, Crystal Lakes, Ohio. Mr. BURNS stated that at about 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949, while driving to the home of a friend in Crystal Lakes, Ohio, he observed what he believed to be a meteor. It appeared to the north of him at about a 45° angle and about one thousand to fifteen hundred feet elevation and losing altitude gradually. It was passing from west to east and Mr. [REDACTED] lost sight of it when he turned the corner with the car. He described the object as a ball of apparent fire of almost white incandescence. It had a long streamer or tail of flame which was a mixture of blue and yellow, fading out at the end to darkness which was possibly smoke. He noted no sound or unusual odor. Mr. [REDACTED] lives on a farm and is also an insurance agent and substitute mail man. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has seen meteors fall before and was an eye witness to an especially large one which fell in Lake Erie some years back.

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