[redacted]

ATIC NO. —

AF NO. —

REPORT NO. —

DATE OF REPORT —

TIME OF SIGHTING 0155

SHAPE —

SIZE Auto Wheel

COURCE SY (3200)

NO. IN GROUP 1

WOUND —

PHOTOS — SKETCHES —

DATE OF INFO 31 Jan 1949

LOCATION Orlando AFB, Fla.

SOURCE Civilians & Airmen

DATE IN TO ATIC —

COLOR Green to Blue-Green

SPEED 12 - 150 MPH

ALTITUDE 500'

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 3/4 to 40 Seconds

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS In ciruclar motion

Duration and Speed rules out meteor

[redacted]

Possible Aircraft

Supplementary ATIC Form 329
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-3

DATE 29 March 1949

REPORT MADE BY
Special Agent ELLIS W. HUTTON

TITLE
Project ("SIGN")

REPORT MADE AT
DO #7, MacDill AF Base, Tampa 8, Fla.

PERIOD
14, 15, 16 March 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #7, MacDill AF Base, Tampa 8, Florida

STATUS
CLOSED

CHARACTER
Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Letter from DO #5, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, dated 18 February 1949

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, in a letter dated 18 Feb 49. In a letter dated 8 Feb 49, to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, the Commanding Officer, Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, reported that "flying discs" were sighted on that station at approximately 0155 hours, 31 January 1949. Investigation of an RUC Report of S/A [redacted] 7th OSI Detachment, Orlando AF Base, Florida, reveals that the Project ("SIGN") most probably was seen on the above cited night, and was heading southwest at about 320 degrees. Mr. [redacted] Special Communicator, Municipal Airport, Tampa, Florida, was notified through Air channels. Mr. [redacted], was standing in front of his office at the Municipal Airport, Tampa, Florida, at 0200 hours, 31 January 1949 and observed the ("SIGN") in question. (See Exhibit "A".) Chief of Police, [redacted] of North Safety Harbor, Florida, observed the Project ("SIGN"), giving the time at approximately 0150 hours, 31 Jan. 49. (See Exhibit "B".) A trace of the Project ("SIGN"), namely Flying Disc, reveals that the "SIGN" was traveling between 305 and 345 degrees in a southwesterly direction and continuing into the Gulf of Mexico, last being seen over Safety Harbor, Florida. (See Exhibit "C") Newspaper clippings of the INDEPENDENT, St. Petersburg, Fla., and the St. Petersburg TIMES, reveal that various individuals observed the Project "SIGN", but efforts to contact these individuals, with the exception of Chief of Police [redacted] Safety Harbor, Fla., met with negative results. (See Exhibits D, E and F.) No information as to where Project "SIGN" emanated.

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DETAILS

1. Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

AT ORLANDO AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

2. See RUC Report of Special Agent VINCENT NOBILE, 7th OSI Detachment, IG, Orlando Air Force Base, Florida, dated 7 March 1949.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

3. On 14 March 1949, Mr. [redacted], Special Communicator, Municipal Airport, Tampa, Florida, was interviewed and stated that at approximately 0200 hours, 31 January 1949, he observed a luminous flying disc, approximately 25 feet in diameter, traveling northeast to southwest at approximately 320 degrees. He had been informed by the Orlando Airport that the disc had been sighted and was continuing at approximately 500 feet altitude, 90-degrees overhead in the direction of Tampa, Fla. [redacted], further stated that the object was in circular motion; that the weather was clear with no clouds and that the object disappeared over the horizon to a pin-point ending and was traveling approximately 120 to 150 miles per hour. (See Exhibit "A").

4. On 15 March 1949, Mr. [redacted]ON, Chief of Police, North Safety Harbor, Florida, was interviewed and stated approximately the same as to description, manner of performance, projection and effect on weather clouds, as has been stated by other informants. The Project "SIGN" disappeared from view, continuing at a southwesterly direction and into the Gulf of Mexico between Clearwater and Indian Rocks, Florida. (See Exhibit "B".)

INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC, DAYTON, OHIO

1. Information by MR. [redacted]T, Municipal Airport, Tampa, Florida. (Exhibit "A".)

2. Information by [redacted], North Safety Harbor, Florida. (Exhibit "B")

3. Map showing direction of Project "SIGN" (Florida) (Exhibit "C".)

4. Clipping St.Petersburg Times, 1 Feb 49 (Exhibit "D")

5. Clipping, "The Independent, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1 Feb 49, (Exhibit "E")

6. Clipping, St.Petersburg Times, 2 Feb 49 (Exhibit "F")

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 8 Feb. 49

2. Exact time of observation (local.) 0220 hrs

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, TAMPA, FLA.

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
BASE TOWER Looking Looking WEST (SEE Exhibit #

5. What attracted attention to object: METEOR, ILLUMINATING.

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

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
APPROX 30' IN DIA.

8. Color of object: WHITE

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
CIRCULAR

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
500'

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): NE & SW.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): APPROX 400 yds.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): NE & SW.

14. Time in sight: Approx 7 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Approx 120 & 150

16. Sound and odor: NONE

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
PAINT TAIL - CIRCULAR

Exhibit "A"

Guide to Investigation Incident No._____

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance; VISIBLE.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.); NONE

20. Manouvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path.); St. LINE of FLIGHT

21. Manner of disappearance; BALL to FINE PIN POINT - over Horizon

22. Effect on clouds NO CLOUDS.

23. Additional information concerning object; CIRCULAR MOTION - REPORTED from ORLANDO AIRPORT.

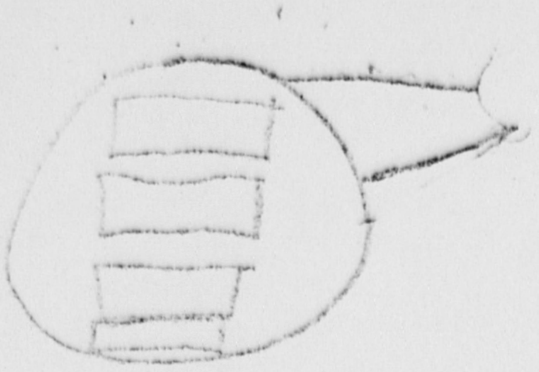
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting; CLEAR - visibility

Name and address of observer: [redacted] COMMUNICATOR, AIR PORT. TAMPA, Fla.

Occupation and hobbies; None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.); A check of observer reveals that AE is extremely conscientious in his duties; is very reliable and direct all communication for civilian airplane flight in and out of Tampa.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? NO GLASSES; ON DUTY; standing in front Doorway of office, Bare sight.



UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 16 March 49

2. Exact time of observation (local.) 0150

3. Place of Observation: Mt. Rainier at Eagle Rock, Wash.
(Map Coordinates) Landing mat, middle of mat

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
On mat #5 Landing mat.

5. What attracted attention to object: "Ring of fire" Bright light.

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

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Size of Venus 1/4" Diameter

8. Color of object: Like one white light. Tinged with green
Like every wheel with spark.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Perfectly round like saucer. Bottom would make ripple like
gas on water.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
2500 feet.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): West. 270° from
Lenigan. Airline 6 miles

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): 6 miles from observer. Seemed to be over
West end of Clearwater airport. 6 miles to airport from observer

13. Direction of flight of object (s): from north to Southwest

14. Time in sight: 30-45 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Traveling at 250-300 miles
per hour. Compared with planes flying in area.

16. Sound and odor: none.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) red fire trail
Length, as watched plane. Similar to wing wheel. Width as seen.

Exhibit "B"

Guide to Investigation Incident No. _____

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance: little less brightness than the moon. About like flament light. Some impression of being gas. pressure lamps.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): none

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path.): straight line of level flight. _____ seemed guided

21. Manner of disappearance: went behind building

22. Effect on clouds no clouds.

23. Additional information concerning object: gave impression of being guided seemed guided. quite a big thing seen by evening + king of flies. like moon.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear. Unlimited ceiling starlit. Bright night. Temp 68°F.

Name and address of observer: [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies:
Chief of Police
Hobby - Boats, Hiking, Travel.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.): Has no F.B.I. S.B. Spent life in criminal + civil investigation. 48 years old seems very intelligent + reliable.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
Has no reading glasses. 20/20 with glasses. Through windshield of car.


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Lake Marian
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Lake Gentry
Lake Tiger
Lake Alice
Lake Alfred
Lake Parker
Lake Hamilton
Lake Eloise
Lake Hancock
Lake Hunter
Lake Crago
Lake Pierce
Lake Reedy
Lake Rochelle
Lake Arbuckle
Lake Wales
Lake Kissimmee
Lake Tohopekaliga
Lake Cypress
Lake Gentry
Lake Marian
Lake Hatchineha
Lake Kissimmee

St Petersburg Times 1 February 1949

Those Things Are Back!

Disc Spotted in The Sky

"Flying Saucer-itis," the epidemic which struck many parts of the nation in 1947, came to Pinellas County again early yesterday morning.

Ready to swear they saw a huge round object flying over Safety Harbor about 1:30 a. m. are the town's rotund police chief, H. E. Benson, and W. Gussie Wilson, a plumber.

Says Wilson:

"The large round whirling disc . . . was headed south and appeared to be going between 400 and 500 miles an hour. It was perfectly round and appeared to be as large as four of the biggest Army planes.

"The object formed a complete circle. It threw out a strange greenish light with white streaks on the edges."

Benson, who tips the scales at 300 pounds plus and should know something about size, said the saucer was "as big as a circus ring."

Exhibit "D"

Exhibit "D"

1 February 1949

Aerial Mystery Baffles Chief

'Flying Disc' Visits Pinellas

By C. WINN UPCHURCH

Those "Men from Mars" were flitting around in the ozone above Pinellas county in their "Flying Saucers" yesterday according to a number of reputable citizens who will swear to it on a stack of Lil Abners.

Among the first to report the "visitors" was Safety Harbor Police Chief H. E. Benson and W. Gussie Wilson, a plumber. Chief Wilson said he saw a large round whirling disc "headed south which appeared to be going between 400 and 500 miles per hour. It was perfectly round and appeared to be as large as four of the biggest army planes. The object formed a complete circle and threw out a strange greenish light with white streaks on the edges."

Previously, Herman Thompson, a commercial fisherman of Palmetto, reported to the Fifth air rescue base at MacDill Field that he saw a "plane" burning early yesterday morning. Thompson was fishing a few miles off Tampa bay at the time. MacDill has received no report of a missing plane and search by the local coast guard has found no wreckage or other evidence of a plane crash in this area.

From time to time reports of "Flying Saucers" crop up, usually reported by occupants of planes. The pattern is always the same . . . "large round whirling disc . . . going about 500 miles per hour . . . throwing out a strange greenish light with white streaks."

Never are the "whirling discs" observed during daylight. Recently the pilot of an American airline plane reported one of the "disc" flew alongside his plane over Alabama. He announced that he saw the heads of the passengers showing through the windows of the monster which was as big as a freight car, he reported, and which whizzed by his plane which was flying along at a 250 mile clip.

The apparition (or is it?) has been attributed to:

1. **Men from Mars.**
2. **Russian spies.**
3. **Secret army planes.**
4. **Too much grog.**

City Publicity Director Press Phillips takes a saner view. "Undoubtedly," Phillips stated, pausing briefly from his daily chore of mailing pictures of girls in swin suits to Northern newspapers, "undoubtedly, what these people saw yesterday was actually men from Mars who had heard about the wonders of St. Petersburg and the Gulf Beaches. Thus far none of these visitors from another planet have registered at the chamber of commerce but I shall certainly notify The Evening Independent just as soon as they do. I understand people from Mars have little propellers protuding from their foreheads and I believe I will recognize them".

Editor's Note: Shame on (C.W.) U, and you too, Press Phillips for not recognizing a winter visitor in a hurry to get away from it all. The "ball" shape? Merely snow and ice collected in a fast trip from the Mid-west.)

Exhibit "E"

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St Petersburg Times 2 February 1949

Saucers Again

That high-speed bugaboo of the airways, the flying saucer, has now scared the bejabbers out of two town visitors . . . the newest cycle started yesterday after The Times reported that up-county people had seen the saucers . . . yesterday **Mrs. J. C. Bonner and Mrs. Mary Jackson,** Dayton, O., visitors staying at 14712 Gulf Boulevard, were frightened by the same thing . . . contrary to early reports they claimed the disk was about the size of a waste paper basket, seemed to be traveling very low right past the windows. . .





and then it shot up into the air over the Gulf . . . the ladies said it was bright green in color and "shot fire" . . . both said they saw it while in the sunroom of their beach residence . . . . where it will all end, knows no one. . .

Exhibit "F"

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-3

DATE 7 March 1949

REPORT MADE BY Vincent Nobile S/A

REPORT MADE AT 7th OSI DET (IG)Orlando AFB, Orlando,Fla

PERIOD 24,25,28 Feb 49 3,4 March 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 7, MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

STATUS RUC

TITLE

PROJECT "SIGN"

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Letter from DO # 5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dtd 18 Feb 49

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. An unidentified airborne lighted object with pulsating light, bluish-green in color, round and the approximate size of an automobile wheel was sighted in the vicinity of Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando and Winter Park, Florida, by 5 Air Policemen and 3 Civilian Policemen sometime between the hours of 0115 and 0200, 31 January 1949. A total of 4 points of observation located within a radius of 7 miles reported this object to be between 20° and 45° above the horizon traveling in a general Southwesterly direction. All observers, except one, agreed that the color of this object was basically green with varying shades to blue-green. One observer stated it was blue-white in color. Speed of the object was reported to be from that of a light aircraft approaching to land, to "extremely fast". All observers reported that there was no sound, odor, projections or trail to the object. However, one person who did not observe this object, advised that shortly after the approximate times of observation he smelled a peculiar odor similar to that of garbage burning in an incinerator in the vicinity of Orlando Municipal Airport. All observers reported that object did not appear to go below the horizon but was lost to sight when it went behind buildings or trees in line of vision. The flight path was described by most of the observers as generally straight and level with a slight angle of descent. One observer reported a slight dip and curve in the flight path and another reported an ascent. Periods of observation varied from 3 to 90 seconds. During the reported flight of this object over Orlando and vicinity the weather was clear, stars were out, there was no moon or clouds and all observers had good visibility. All observers are regarded as reliable, did not wear eye glasses, and with the exception of 2, who viewed the object through automobile

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.) none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Object looked like a ball of cotton saturated with luminous paint

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): none

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

21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared like a light turned off (no trees or obstructions in line of vision)

22. Effect on clouds: no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: Object had fuzzy edges and was like the flame of an acetylene torch which has just been lighted

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: no moon-stars out-weather clear - good visibility

Name and address of observer: George B. Dias, Pfc, AF13145824, 2583d Base Sv Sqdn
Orlando AFB, Orlando, Fla. Barracks 2717

Occupation and hobbies: Soldier, no particular hobbies

Observer has had military service from 18 Nov '42 to the 2 Mar '46 and from 28 Sept '48 to date. From Mar '46 to Sept '48 Observer had several miscellaneous jobs, as Music Box repairman, and in food stores and steel mills. Observer has be stationed at OAFB for approx. 5 months.

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

Observer is 25 years of age and advised that he had served a sentence at Morganza Pennsylvania Reform School from 1938 to 1939 on a charge of larceny of approx. $10.00 worth of Food Stuffs and $25.00 in money. Observer has no other record and the MP Sgt in charge of his relief and fellow MPs advised that Observer "has learned his lesson", and enjoys a good reputation in the Base Service Sqdn.

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

Observer did not wear glasses and is not color-blind. Object was not viewed through a window or any other material.

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Observer: George B. Dias
PFC AF13145824, 2583d [redacted] Sv Sq
OAFB, Orlando, Fla

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 24-A 3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0152

3. Place of Observation : See Exhibit I
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Outdoors, approximately 200 yds South of the intersection of Colonial Dr. and Forest St., Orlando, Fla. (Gate No. 4 OAFB)

5. What attracted attention to object: Saw a light in the sky

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): Size of a large round dish pan

8. Color of object: Bluish-green

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

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

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): Approx. 300°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approx. ½ mile, over the intersection of Suwannee Drive and Oakland Road, Orlando, Fla. (See Exhibit I)

13. Direction of flight of object (s): South

14. Time in sight: 1 ½ minutes approximately

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): appeared to be slow--approximately the speed of a light aircraft approaching to land at Orlando Airport.

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16. Sound and odor: none

[redacted]

Incident: ~~250E~~

Name and address of observer: Pfc. Earl W. Cheek 2583rd Base Serv, Squd. Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida

Occupation and hobbies:

Air Policeman

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

Described as a good soldier by superiors and fellow airmen.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: On 24 Feb. 49 Pfc Earl W. Cheek, AF35553332 2583rd Base Servide Sqd., Orlando AFB, Orlando Florida, was interviewed. Cheek stated that while he was standing just North of Bldg. T-2704, Orlando AFB, Orlando Fla. at approximately 0200 hours the Sergenant of the Guard (Osteen) called his attention to a lighted object in the sky. This object appeared to be round, about the size of a Jeep wheel without a tire.and blue green in color. It appeared to be approx. 45° above the horizon and first appeared at a position 315° from where he was standing over a point approx. 800 ft. from Hines. He was able to view the object for approx 1 to 1 1/2 minutes and stated that it was traveling in a South-Southwesternly direction at approximately 100 mph. (this estimate of speed is based on speed of aircraft in flight observed by Cheek in vicinity of Orlando AFB). There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. The color of the object appeared to be very dull and its flight path started as a rather steep descent and then leveled off, finally disappearing "like a light turned off". There were no clouds or moon in the sky, the stars were out and weather was clear with good visibility. Cheek did not wear glasses, is not color-blind and did not view the object through any material.

INCIDENT NO. 250F

1. Date of Observation ~~31 Jan 49~~ Date of Interview ~~24 Feb 49~~
2. Exact time (local) 0152
3. Place of Observation Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object & - Saw a light in the sky
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size Size of a large round dish pan
8. Color of object Bluish green
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude Less than 45°
11. Direction from observer Approx 300°
12. Distance from observer Approx one half mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South
14. Time in sight Approxx. one and a half minutes
15. Speed Appeared to be slow. Approx speed of a light Aircraft About to make a landing approach.
16. Sound and/or none
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity Looked like a ball of cotton saturated with luminous paint.
19. Projections none
20. Maneuvers ~~XXIxxpxxrxdxlixxxxitxhtxxxxxdxnfx(xxxxxxxxxx~~ obstructionsxinxlinexofxvisionx
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared like a light turned off.(no trees or obstructions in line of vision)
22. Effect on clouds no clouds.
23. Additional information concerning object Object had fuzzy edges and was like the flame of an acetylend torch which had just been lighted
24. Weather conditions No moon or xxxxx stars. Weather clear good visibility

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Incident: 250F

Name and address of observer: [redacted] 2583rd Base Serv Sqd.
Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida.

Occupation and hobbies:
Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s): Although observer has served sometime in a penal institution at the present time he enjoys agood reputation.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 24 Feb.49 [redacted], 2583rd Base Service Sqdn., Orlando AFB, Orlando, Fla., was interviewed, Dias stated that he was at his post, Gate No. 4, Orlando AFBm which is located approximately 200 yards South of the intersection of Colonial Drive and Forest Street, Orlando, Florida, when he saw a light in the sky at approximately 0152 hours on 31 Jan 49. Dias described it as round, approximately the size of a large round dishpan and bluish-green in color. This object was first viewed by [redacted] at a posibion of less than 45° above the horizon over a point approximately 1/2 mile, at 300° from his post. The object was in sight approximately 1 1/2 minutes. It was traveling ina Southerly direction at approximately the same speed of a light Airoraft approaching to land at Orlando airport. There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. [redacted] stated that it looked like "a ball of cotton saturated with luminous paint", with fuzzy edges and appeared to be very similar to the flame of an acetylene torch when first lighted. The object maintained a level flight all the time it was in sight with the exception of one sharp drop, after which it resumed its original altitude, finally disappeared from sight in mid-air "like a light switched off." There was no moon, the stars were out and the weathere was clear with good visibility. [redacted] didnot wear glasses, is not color blind and did not view the object through any material.

Observer:
[redacted]
Patrolman, Winter Park
Police Dept. Winter
Park, Fla.

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Incident No. 24-3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 28 Feb 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) Between 0115 and 0145

3. Place of Observation: See Exhibit I
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Outdoors-on Fairbanks Ave. approximately 200 ft south of the intersection of New York and Fairbanks Avenues, Winter Park, Fla.

5. What attracted attention to object: Saw a light in the sky

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): fist at arm's length.

8. Color of object: blue-green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Exactly round. Similar in appearance to navigation lights on aircraft.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0^{o} at horizon, 90^{o} overhead):
approximately 20^{o}

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): Approximately 225^{o}

12. Distance from Observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles - appeared to be directly over intersection of Orange and Orlando Avenues, Winter Park, Fla.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): Slightly South Southwest

14. Time in sight: Approximately 40 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Could not judge but appeared to be approximately the speed of an aircraft approaching Orlando Air Field.

16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc) None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Very dull in color like a weak incandescent light.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None

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



21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind trees which were in line of sight.

22. Effect on clouds: No clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Stars out - no moon- good visibility

Name and address of observer: [redacted], New York and W. Swope Ave. Winter Park, Fla.

Occupation and hobbies: Patrolman, Police Dept., Winter Park, Fla. Fishing

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

Observer has been a member of the Winter Park, Police Dept for approximately 20 months and has had approximately 4 years duty with the U. S. Navy Shore Patrol. Answered questions intelligently and Chief of Police, Buchanan advised that Early is considered a good and reliable patrolman.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
Observer did not wear glasses. Object was viewed through clear air.
Observer reportedly has 20-20 vision and is not color-blind.

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INCIDENT NO. 2506

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview ~~28 Feb. 49~~

2. Exact time (local) 0115-0145

3. Place of Observation Winter Park Florida

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object & - Saw a light in the sky

6. Number of objects one

7. Apparent size Fist at arms length

8. Color of object Blue Green

9. Shape Exactly Round, similar in appearance to navigation lights on an aircraft

10. Altitude Approx 20°

11. Direction from observer Approx 225°

12. Distance from observer Approx 1 1/4 miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Slightly south of SouthWest

14. Time in sight Approx 40 seconds

15. Speed Could not judge, but appeared to be approx. the speed of an Aircraft apporaching Orlando Air Field

16. Sound and odor none

17. Trail none

18. Luminosity Very dull in color like a weak incandescent light

19. Projections none

20. Maneuvers Steady flight, with a slight descent

21. Manner of disappearance disappeared behind trees which were in line of sight

22. Effect on clouds no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather conditions Stars out no moon - good visibility

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Incident: 2500

Name and address of observer: [redacted]
New York and West Swope Ave.
Winter Park, Florida

Occupation and hobbies:

Patrolman - Winter Park, Florida

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

Answered questions intelligently and is considered a good and reliable patrolman.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 23 Feb 49, Patrolman [redacted] Police Dept., Winter Park, Florida, was interviewed [redacted] stated that while checking shop doors at a point on Fairbanks ave. approximately 200 feet South of the intersection of New York and Fairbanks avenues, Winter Park, Florida, between the hours of 0115 and 0145, 31 Jan 49, his attention was attracted by a light in the sky which he thought to be an aircraft about to crash. He observed a round object, blue-green in color similar in appearance to navigation lights on aircraft and about the size of a fist at an arms length at a position approximately 20° above the horizon and over a point approximately 1 1/4 miles at 225° from his position. This object was in sight for approximately 40 seconds. It was traveling in a slightly South-Southwesterly direction at a slight angle of descent and at a speed approximating that of an aircraft approaching Orlando Air Field. There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. It appeared to be very dull in color, similar to a weak incandescent lamp and disappeared from [redacted] view behind trees which were in his line of sight. There were no clouds in the sky, no moon, the stars were out and the weather was clear with good visibility. [redacted] reportedly has 20-20 vision, is not color blind, did not wear glasses and viewed the object through clear air.

Observer: [redacted]
Patrolman, Winter Park
Police Dept. Winter Park Fla

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Incident No. 24-x 3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 4 Mar 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) between 0130 and 0200

3. Place of Observation: See Exhibit I
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
In automobile-on Fairbanks Ave. approximately 200 ft south of the intersection of New York and Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, Fla.

5. What attracted attention to object: Saw a light in the sky.

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): Size of an auto wheel

8. Color of object: Greenish - blue

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Slightly egg-shaped

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0^{o} at horizon, 90^{o} overhead):
Approx. 30^{o}

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): 270^{o}

12. Distance from Observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately 3/4 mile - appeared to be directly over intersection of Fairbanks and Orlando Aves, Winter Park Fla.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): Slightly South Southwest

14. Time in sight: 15 to 20 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Could not judge but appeared to be greater than the speed of aircraft usually seen in flight.

16. Sound and odor:
none

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc) none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Object had a dull glow

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): none

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



21. Manner of disappearance:
Disappeared behind trees which were in line of sight

22. Effect on clouds: no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: Appeared to be a solid object with a pulsating light.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear, good visibility

Name and Address of Observer: [redacted] Winter Park, Fla.

Occupation and hobbies: Patrolman, Police Dept., Winter Park, Florida
Photography and Model Airplanes

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

Observer is approximately 22 years of age and has been a member of the Winter Park Police Dept for the past 8 months. He answered questions intelligently and with apparent sincerity. Chief of Police Buchanan advised that Huggins, although the newest member of his force, was regarded as a reliable patrolman.

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

Observer did not wear glasses and is not color-blind. Object was viewed through windshield of his Police Cruiser.

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EXHIBIT VIII

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INCIDENT NO. 250H

1. Date of Observation ~~31 Jan 49~~ Date of Interview ~~4 Mar 49~~

2. Exact time (local) 0130 - ~~2000~~ 0200

3. Place of Observation Winter Park, Florida

4. Position of observer Ground in auto

5. What attracted attention to object ~~&~~ - saw light in the sky

6. Number of objects one

7. Apparent size Size of an auto wheel

8. Color of object greenish blue

9. Shape Slightly egg shaped

10. Altitude approx 30°

11. Direction from observer 270°

12. Distance from observer Approx 3/4 mile

13. Direction of flight of object(s) slightly south southwest

14. Time in sight 15 to 20 seconds

15. Speed could not judge, but appeared to be greater than spped of Airoraft usually seen in flight

16. Sound and odor none

17. Trail none

18. Luminosity Object had dull glow

19. Projections none

20. Maneuvers Straight flight, steady descent

21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared behind trees in line of sight

22. Effect on clouds no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object Appeared to be solid ~~kxgx~~ object with a pulsating light

24. Weather conditions Weather clear - good visibility

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Incident: 250 H

Name and address of observer: [redacted] Winter Park, Florida

Occupation and hobbies: Patrolman, Winter Park, Florida
Photography - Model Airplanes

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Answered questions intelligently and with apparent sincerity regarded as a relibble patrolman

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 3 March 1949, Patrolman J[redacted] Police Department, Winter Park, Florida, was interviewed. Huggind stated that while checking shop doors at a point on Fairbanks ave, approximately 200 feet south of the intersection of New York and Fairbanks Avenues, Winter Park, Florida, between the hours of 0130 and 0200, his attention was attracted by a light in the sky which he thought to be an aircraft about to crash. He observed a single object approximately the size of an automovile wheel, but slightly egg-shaped and greenish blue in color, which appeared to be about 30° above the horizon, over a place approximately 3/4 miles from his point of observation at an angle of 270°. Huggins fixed the point over which the object appeared as the intersection of Fairbanks and Orlando avenues, Winter Park, Florida. This object was traveling in a slightly South Southwesterly direction at a speed which appeared to be greater then the speed of airoraft usually seen in flight. It remained in sight for approximately 15 to 20 seconds. There was no sound, odor, or projections in or around this object. It appeared to be solid and the light within it was a dull pulsating glow. While in sight, its flight path appeared to have a slight angle of descent. [redacted] lost sight of the object when it disappeared behind trees in his line of vision. There were no clouds in the sky, the weather was clear with good visibility. Huggins did not wear glasses and is not color-blind but he did view the object through the windshield of his police cruiser.

Observer: [redacted]
Patrolman, Police Dept
Orlando, Fla.

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Incident No. 24-4 3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 3 Mar 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0110

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) See Exhibit I

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
In Automobile, located on 1100 Block W. Central,Ave, Orlando, Fla.

5. What attracted attention to object: Thought it was a falling star

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): Looked like the exhaust of a Jet Plane

8. Color of object: Blue-white

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round, approximately the size of an automobile wheel with the rear end appearing to be jagged

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
30°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): 330°

12. Distance from Observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): 3 to 4 miles over western edge of town
(See Exhibit I)

13. Direction of flight of object (s): South Southwest

14. Time in sight: 3 to 4 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Could not judge but appeared to be traveling extremely fast

16. Sound and odor: none

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc) none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): glowing - like a blow torch which has just been lighted

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): none

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

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21. Manner of disappearance: disappeared behind trees. These trees were close to observer

22. Effect on clouds: no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: Object appeared to be very low in the sky

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: no moon-stars out-weather clear - good visibility. Observation slightly hampered by glare of street lights and radio light in automobile

Name and address of observer: [redacted] Veteran' Trailer Park, 1701 E. South Street, Orlando, Florida

Occupation and hobbies: Patrolman, Orlando Police Dept
Radio

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

Observer has been a patrolman on the Orlando Police Dept for approximately 2½ years and had been an aerial radio operator with the USAF for approximately 3 years. Observer is regarded as reliable by his superiors.

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

Observer did not wear glasses and is not color-blind. Object was viewed through windows of police cruiser.

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INCIDENT NO. 250-I

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 3 March 49
2. Exact time (local) 0110
3. Place of Observation Orlando Florida
4. Position of observer Ground in Auto
5. What attracted attention to object Thought it was falling Star
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size Looked like the exaust of a jet plane
8. Color of object Blue white
9. Shape Round approx the shape of an auto wheel with the rear appearing to be jagged.
10. Altitude 30°
11. Direction from observer 330°
12. Distance from observer 3 to 4 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South southwest
14. Time in sight 3 to 4 seconds
15. Speed Could not judge, but appeared to be traveling extremely fast
16. Sound and Odor : none
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity glowing like a blow troch that had just been lighted.
19. Projections none
20. Maneuvers straight flight
21. Manner of disappearance disappeared behind trees close to bbserver
22. Effect on clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object object appeared to be very low in sk
24. Weather conditions no moon - stars out- weather clear - observer slightly hampered by street light glare and radio light in auto

(over)

Name and address of observer: [redacted] Veteran's Trailer Park, 1701 South St., Orlando, Florida

Occupation and hobbies:

Patrolman - Orlando Police Dept.

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

Observer is regarded as reliable by superiors.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 3 March 1949, Patrolman [redacted] Patrolman, Police Department, Orlando, Florida, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that at approximately 0110 hours 31 Jan 49 while he was patrolling in the 1100 Block of W. Central Ave,, Orlando, Florida, he noticed a light in the sky approximately 330° from his position, which at first appeared to him to be a falling star. After further observation, [redacted] interpreted this object, which was blue-white in color, round, approximately the size of an automobile wheel, with the rear end appearing to be jagged, as the exhaust of a jet plane. This light appeared at a position approximately 30° above the horizon over a point 3 or 4 miles from Meek's position at the Western edge of Orlando, Florida, [redacted] observed this light, which was traveling in a South-Southwest direction, for approximately 3 to 4 seconds. He could not judge the speed, but "it appeared to be traveling extremely fast" and he noticed no sound, oder, trail or projection in or around the object. It appeared to be glowing like a blow torch which had just been lighted. During the period of observation, this object appeared to be low in the sky and maintained a straight and level course with no change in altitide or direction, finally disappearing from sight behind trees which were very close to Meek's position. There were no clouds in the sky, no moon, the stars were out and the weather clear with good visibility. Observation was slightly hampered by the glare of street lights and radio light in [redacted] automobile [redacted]d not wear glasses, is not color-blind but did view this object through the windshield of the police cruiser.

INCIDENT NO. 250

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 28 Feb 49
2. Exact time (local) 0200 hours
3. Place of Observation Municipal Airport, Tampa Florida
4. Position of observer Base Tower, Looking West
5. What attracted attention to object & - Meteor Illuminating
6. Number of objects pms
7. Apparent size Approx 25' dia.
8. Color of object White
9. Shape Circular
10. Altitude 500'
11. Direction from observer North East to SouthWest
12. Distance from observer Approx 400 yrds.
13. Direction of flight of object(s) NorthEast to SouthWest
14. Time in sight Approx 7 seconds
15. Speed Approx 120 to 150 MPH
16. Sound and/or None
17. Trail Faint trail (Circular)
18. Luminosity Visible only
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Straight line of flight.
21. Manner of disappearance Faded to fine pin-point ball over horizon
22. Effect on clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object circular motion reported from Orlando Airport.
24. Weather conditions Clear Visibility

(over)

Name and adire s of observer: Mr. [redacted]
Municipal Airport, Tampa Florida

Occupation and hobbies: Communicator, Civilian Air Line

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
A check of observer reveals that he is extremely conscientious in his duties; is very reliable and directs all communications for civilian airplane flights in and out of Tampa.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 14 March 49, Mr. [redacted] Special Communicator, Municipal Airport, Tampa, Florida, was interviewed and stated that at approx. 0200 hours, 31 Jan 49, he observed a luminous flying disc, approx. 25 ft in diameter, traveling Northeast to Southwest at appros. 320°. He had been informed by the Orlando Airport that the disc had been sighted and was continuing at approx. 500' altitude, 90° overhead in the direction of Tampa, Fla.
Barrett, further stated that the object was in circular motion; that the weather was clear with no clouds and that the object disappeared over the horizon to a pin-point ending and was traveling approximately 120 to 150 miles per hour.

INCIDENT NO. 250 A

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 15 March 49
2. Exact time (local) 0150
3. Place of Observation North Safety Harbor, Florida, (1st and Main st.)
4. Position of observer Ground in auto looking West
5. What attracted attention to object - Rim of fire - Bright light
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size Size of four C-47 aircraft
8. Color of object Disc was white light , tinged with green, like emery wheel with sparks
9. Shape Perfectly round like saucer, Rotation would make ripple like gas or water
10. Altitude 2,500'
11. Direction from observer West 320°
12. Distance from observer 6 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) North to SouthWest
14. Time in sight 30 to 45 Seconds
15. Speed 250-300 MPH, compared with planes flying ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ over same Area.
16. Sound and odor none
17. Trail red fire trail
18. Luminosity less brighter than moon(about like flouresecent light) gave impression of being gas, greenish tinge
19. Projections none
20. Maneuvers Straight level flight -seemed guided.
21. Manner of disappearance Went behind buil ding
22. Effect on clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Gave impression of being guided seemed gassious, outstanding thing was its revolving and being of fire, like neon,
24. Weather conditions Clear, unlimited ceiling, stars, bright moon, temperature 68°F

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Name and addre s of observer: [redacted]ve, Safety Harbor, Florida

Occupation and hobbies: Chief of Police, Safety Harbor, Florida

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

43 years old, Spent life in criminal inxxxxxxxxxxx and civil investigation seems very intelligable and reliable.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: On 15 March 1949, Mr[redacted]n, Chief of Police, North Safety Harbor, Florida, was interviewed and stated approximately the same as to description, manner of perfrmance, projection and effect on weather clouds, as has been stated by other informants, The Project "Sign" disappeared from view, continuing at a southwesterly direction and in xxx to the Gulf of Mexico between Clearwater and Indian Rocks, Florida.

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Request for Investigation - Incident 250

5D OSI MCIAMO-3 16 Feb 49 1.
Attn: Maj Farrell

1. It is requested your office initiate an investigation of the incident reported by inclosure #1.

2. It is particularly desired that all available witnesses be interviewed using inclosed "Guide to Investigation" and that additional information as outlined on Pages 3 and 4 (GENERAL) of the "Guide" be obtained.

2 Incls:
1. Ltr f/Hq Orlando AFB d/8 Feb 1949
2. "Guide to Inves" (5 cys)

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Chief, Tech Intelligence Division
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ORLANDO AIR FORCE BASE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs.

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

Commanding General, Fourteenth Air Force, Continental Air Command, (ATTN: AC/S, Intell)

Commanding General, Continental Air Command, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York (ATTN: AC/S, Intell)

Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C. (ATTN: Director of Intell, Requirements Division)

In compliance with Air Defense Command Letter, 200-1, Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, dated 25 March 1948, the following report of information on "Flying Discs" is submitted.

a. Location and time of sighting: Northwest area of Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, on or about 0155 hours, 31 January 1949.

b. Weather conditions: Clear, good visibility.

c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]
5. [redacted]

Subject witnesses are air policemen of the 2583rd Base Service Squadron 2583rd Air Base Group, Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida.

d. Photographs of objects: none

e. Sketches of object's configuration: none

f. Object sighted: round, saucer-like object.

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Reporting of Information on Flying Discs (cont'd)

g. Number: one(1)

h. Shape: round

i. Size: approximately two and one-half (2½) feet in diameter.

j. Color: bluish-green, very bright in center, with no rays protruding.

k. Speed: approximately 150 miles per hour

l. Heading: South southwest

m. Maneuverability: no notation; flying in straight line.

n. Altitude: 200 to 250 feet.

o. Sound: none.

p. Exhaust trail or not: none visible

q. General remarks:vague references made to the flying discs in Orlando, Florida, morning newspaper (Orlando Sentinel) 31 January 1949. Objects are understood to have been sighted at Tampa, Florida, at 0110 hours, 31 January 1949 (re information relayed by Orlando Air Force Base Control Tower). Object was reported by Car #4, Orange County Sheriff's Department and by two policemen of Winter Park, Florida. No verification on these reports.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

H. H. CLOUD
Colonel, USAF
Dir of Pers & Adm

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SUBJECT Request for Investigation - Incident 250

TO MCIAXO-3 FROM 5D-OSI DATE 4 Apr 49 COMMENT NO. 1

1. Reference is made to R & R, your office, dated 16 February 1949, subject as above.

2. Inclosed are two copies of report of S/A ELLIS W. HUTTON, DO #7, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida, and two copies of report of S/A WINCENT NOBILE, DO #7, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida.

3. No further investigation is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations.

for JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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2 Incls
1. Rpt of Inv dtd 29 Mar 49 (in dup)
2. Rpt of Inv dtd 7 Mar 49 "

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SUBJECT: R&RI DECIMAL FILE NO. _____

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TO: IAIO-3

DATED 4/4/49

NO. INCLS. 2

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DATE RECORDED 4/5/49

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windshields, all viewed the object through clear air. One observer professed to be slightly color blind. A message from Tampa Municipal Airport to Jacksonville Airway Traffic Control Center, heard at Orlando Tower disclosed that reliable observers had sighted a green, lighted, noiseless object over Tampa International Airport at 0140 hours 31 January 1949 at an altitude of 200 to 400 feet.

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, on 18 Feb 1949, based on a letter from the Commanding Officer, Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, Subject: "Reporting of Information on Flying Disks," dtd 8 Feb 49, which advised that an unknown airborne object was sighted in the vicinity of Orlando AFB on or about 0155 hours 31 Jan 49 by 5 Air Policemen of Orlando AFB, 2 Civilian Patrolmen of Winter Park, Florida, and a cruiser of the Police Department, Orlando, Florida. This object also was alleged to have been sighted at Tampa, Florida, at 0110 hours, 31 Jan 49.

AT ORLANDO AIR FORCE BASE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

2. On 24 Feb 1949, [redacted] 2583d Base Service Sqdn., Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, was interviewed. Sgt OSTEEN stated that he was Sergeant of the Guard on the morning of 31 Jan 49 and that at 0155 hours, while standing just North of Building T-2704, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Fla., he noticed a single lighted object in the sky which looked to him like an aircraft about to crash and then like a falling star. This object was approximately the size of an automobile wheel, bluish-green in color, round and appeared to be approximately 30° above the horizon. When first sighted, the object looked like it was about 40° above the horizon and over a point approximately 800 feet from [redacted] in a direction of approximately 315°. The line of flight of this object was from Southeast to Southwest in the form of a curve and was observed for a period of from 34 to 48 seconds. [redacted] approximated the speed of this object as 150 mph, based on the speed of aircraft he had observed in flight. There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. It appeared to be a dull mass, with a bright center and while in sight traveled on a level plane, then dipped and leveled off again, finally disappearing while in mid-air. There were no clouds in the sky, no moon, stars were out and the weather was clear with good visibility. This object appeared to be without substance and was described by [redacted] as similar to the spot of a searchlight without the normal beam. This object was viewed through clear space and observer did not and does not wear glasses, but did profess to be slightly color-blind. (See Exhibit II)

NOTE: [redacted] has been an Air Policeman at Orlando AFB since April 1948, has a good reputation and is considered reliable. He has had previous military service from June 1938 to September 1945. From 1945 to 1948, [redacted] was a Deputy Sheriff of Indian River County, Florida.

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3. On 24 Feb 49, [redacted], 2583d Base Service Sqdn, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that on the morning of 31 Jan 49 he was on duty with the Base Guard as an Enlisted Investigator. At 0150 hours while standing on the ground just North of Building T-2704, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, Sgt OSTEEN remarked that there was a falling star. [redacted] noticed a blue-green, saucer-shaped object approximately the size of a fist at arm's length, which appeared to be over a point about 800 feet from him (See Exhibit I), and approximately 40° above the horizon. This object was first sighted at a position approximately 315° from observer traveling in a South to Southwest direction and was viewed for approximately 20 seconds. [redacted] estimated the speed of the object as equivalent to the speed of an aircraft approaching to land at Orlando Air Field. This object had no sound, odor, trail or projections and looked like a luminous dot in the sky. The object appeared to be without substance and while in sight seemed to be going on and off and at one time apparently went behind another object. It finally disappeared like a light switched off. There was no moon or clouds, the stars were out and the weather clear with good visibility. There was no air traffic in the sky at that time. Sgt HATFIELD did not wear glasses and viewed the object from outdoors. (See Exhibit III).

NOTE: [redacted] is presently assigned as Provost Sergeant, Base Provost Marshal's Office, Orlando AFB. He was formerly an Enlisted Investigator with Base Provost Marshal's Office. He has had approximately 6 years military service and has been stationed at Orlando AFB, since October 1948. [redacted] is regarded as reliable by his superiors and fellow Air Policemen.

4. On 24 Feb 49, [redacted], 2583d Base Service Sqdn, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that he was Tower Guard at the Stockade, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, on the morning of 31 Jan 49 and that at approximately 0150 hours the Sergeant of the Guard [redacted] called his attention to an object in the sky. [redacted] was standing on the ground near the front gate of the stockade which is located just North of Building T-2704, Orlando AFB, when he saw an object in the sky the approximate size of an automobile wheel. This object was round, and green in color with deeper shades of green toward its center. It appeared to be about 20° above the horizon and first appeared at a position about 300° from HINES, over a point approximately 800 feet from where he was standing, (See Exhibit I). This object was in [redacted] sight for approximately 30 seconds and was headed in a Southerly direction at about the speed of an aircraft in flight. There was no sound, odor or projections to the object and it left no trail behind it. [redacted] stated that "it looked like a glass with a light behind it" and the color appeared to be phosphorescent. The flight path of this object was level at first and then it started a gradual climb until it disappeared behind trees which were in the line of sight. While it was being observed, the light in the object appeared to go out like a light turned off. During the period of observation, [redacted] stated that there was no moon, the stars were out and the weather clear with good visibility. However, [redacted] stated that he did have some glare from the floodlights on the stockade nearby. [redacted] did not wear glasses, is not color-blind and viewed the object through clear air. (See Exhibit IV)

NOTE: [redacted] is approximately 19 years of age and has had approximately 9 months military service. He was previously discharged in Nov 1946 from basic training for minority. Inquiries of fellow soldiers disclosed that [redacted] enjoys a good reputation and is regarded as a good soldier.

5. On 24 Feb 49, [redacted], 2583d Base Service Sqdn, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Fla., was interviewed. [redacted] stated that while he was standing just North of Building T-2704, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, at approximately 0200 hours the Sergeant of the Guard [redacted] called his attention to a lighted object in the sky. This object appeared to be round, about the size of Jeep wheel without a tire and blue-green in color. It appeared to be approximately 45° above the horizon and first appeared at a position 315° from where he was standing over a point approximately 800 feet from [redacted] (See Exhibit I). He was able to view this object for approximately 1 to 1½ minutes and stated that it was traveling in a South-Southwesterly direction at approximately 100 mph (this estimate of speed is based on speed of aircraft in flight observed by [redacted] in vicinity of Orlando AFB). There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. The color of the object appeared to be very dull and its flight path started as a rather steep descent and then leveled off, finally disappearing "like a light turned off". There were no clouds or moon in the sky, the stars were out and weather was clear with good visibility. [redacted] did not wear glasses, is not color-blind and did not view the object through any material. (See Exhibit V).

NOTE: [redacted] is approximately 24 years of age, has had 3 years military service and has been stationed at Orlando AFB since Oct 1948. He is described as a good soldier by his superiors and fellow Air Policemen. No Criminal record.

6. On 24 Feb 49, [redacted] 2583d Base Service Sqdn, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Fla, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that he was at his post, Gate No. 4, Orlando AFB, which is located approximately 200 yards South of the intersection of Colonial Drive and Forest Street, Orlando, Florida, when he saw a light in the sky at approximately 0152 hours on 31 Jan 49. [redacted] described it as round, approximately the size of a large round dispan and bluish-green in color. This object was first viewed by [redacted] at a position of less than 45° above the horizon over a point approximately ½ mile, at 300° from his post (See Exhibit I). The object was in sight approximately 1½ minutes. It was traveling in a Southerly direction at approximately the same speed of a light aircraft approaching to land at Orlando airport. There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. [redacted] stated that it looked like "a ball of cotton saturated with luminous paint", with fuzzy edges and appeared to be very similar to the flame of an acetylene torch when first lighted. The object maintained a level flight all the time it was in sight with the exception of one sharp drop, after which it resumed its original altitude, finally disappearing from sight in mid-air "like a light switched off." There was no moon, the stars were out and the weather was clear with good visibility. [redacted] did not wear glasses, is not color-blind and did not view the object through any material. (See Exhibit VI).

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NOTE: [redacted] is approximately 25 years of age, and has had military service from Nov 42 to March 46 and from Dec 48 to date. From March 46 to Dec 46 he had several miscellaneous jobs. [redacted] advised that he had served a sentence at Morganzo Pennsylvania Reform School from 1938 to 1939, on a charge of larceny of approximately $10.00 worth of foodstuffs and $25.00 of money. He has been stationed at Orlando AFB for approximately 5 months. [redacted] has no other criminal record and the Air Police Sergeant in Charge of his relief and fellow Air Policemen advised that [redacted] "has learned his lesson", and enjoys a good reputation in the Base Service Sqdn.

AT WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

7. On 28 Feb 49, Patrolman [redacted], Police Dept., Winter Park, Florida, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that while checking shop doors at a point on Fairbanks Ave. approximately 200 feet South of the intersection of New York and Fairbanks Avenues, Winter Park, Florida, between the hours of 0115 and 0145, 31 Jan 49, his attention was attracted by a light in the sky which he thought to be an aircraft about to crash. He observed a round object, blue-green in color similar in appearance to navigation lights on aircraft and about the size of a fist at arms length at a position approximately 20° above the horizon and over a point approximately 1¾ miles at 225° from his position. This object was in sight for approximately 40 seconds. It was traveling in a slightly South-Southwesterly direction at a slight angle of descent and at a speed approximating that of an aircraft approaching Orlando Air Field. There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. It appeared to be very dull in color, similar to a weak incandescant lamp and disappeared from [redacted]'S view behind trees which were in his line of vision. There were no clouds in the sky, no moon, the stars were out and the weather was clear with good visibility. [redacted] reportedly has 20-20 vision, is not color-blind, did not wear glasses and viewed the object through clear air. (See Exhibit VII).

NOTE: [redacted] has been a member of the Winter Park Police Department for approximately 20 months and has had approximately 4 years duty with the United States Navy Shore Patrol. He answered questions intelligently and Chief of Police Buchanan, advised that EARLY is considered a good and reliable Patrolman.

8. On 3 March 1949, Patrolman [redacted], Police Department, Winter Park, Florida, was interviewed. [redacted] tated that while checking shop doors at a point on Fairbanks Ave, approximately 200 feet South of the intersection of New York and Fairbanks Avenues, Winter Park, Florida, between the hours of 0130 and 0200, his attention was attracted by a light in the sky which he thought to be an aircraft about to crash. He observed a single object approximately the size of an automobile wheel, but slightly egg-shaped and greenish-blue in color, which appeared to be about 30° above the horizon, over a place approximately 3/4 miles from his point of observation at an angle of 270°. [redacted] fixed the point over which the object appeared as the intersection of Fairbanks and Orlando Avenues, Winter Park, Florida. (See

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Exhibit I and Exhibit VIII). This object was traveling in a slightly South-Southwesterly direction at a speed which appeared to be greater than the speed of aircraft usually seen in flight. It remained in sight for approximately 15 to 20 seconds. There was no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. It appeared to be solid and the light within it was a dull pulsating glow. While in sight, its flight path appeared to have a slight angle of descent. [redacted] lost sight of the object when it disappeared behind trees in his line of vision. There were no clouds in the sky, the weather was clear with good visibility. [redacted] did not wear glasses and is not color-blind but he did view the object through the windshield of his police cruiser. (See Exhibit VIII).

NOTE: [redacted] is approximately 22 years of age and has been a member of Winter Park Police Department for the past 8 months. He answered questions intelligently and with apparent sincerity. Chief of Police Buchanan advised that [redacted], although the newest member of his force, is regarded as a reliable patrolman.

AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

9. On 3 March 1949, Patrolman [redacted], Patrolman, Police Department, Orlando, Florida, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that at approximately 0110 hours 31 Jan 49 while he was patrolling in the 1100 Block of W. Central Ave., Orlando, Florida, he noticed a light in the sky approximately 330° from his position, which at first appeared to him to be a falling star. After further observation, [redacted] interpreted this object, which was blue-white in color, round, approximately the size of an automobile wheel, with the rear end appearing to be jagged, as the exhaust of a jet plane. This light appeared at a position approximately 30° above the horizon over a point 3 or 4 miles from [redacted] position at the Western edge of Orlando, Florida. (See Exhibit I). [redacted] observed this light, which was traveling in a South-Southwest direction, for approximately 3 to 4 seconds. He could not judge the speed, but "it appeared to be traveling extremely fast" and he noticed no sound, odor, trail or projections in or around this object. It appeared to be glowing like a blow torch which has just been lighted. During the period of observation, this object appeared to be very low in the sky and maintained a straight and level course with no change in altitude or direction, finally disappearing from sight behind trees which were very close to MEEK'S position. There were no clouds in the sky, no moon, the stars were out and the weather clear with good visibility. Observation was slightly hampered by the glare of street lights and radio light [redacted] automobile. [redacted] did not wear glasses, is not color-blind but did view this object through the windshield of the Police Cruiser. (See Exhibit IX.)

NOTE: [redacted] has been a Patrolman on the Orlando Police Department for approximately 2½ years and had been an aerial radio operator with the USAF for approximately 3 years. He is regarded as reliable by his superiors.

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AT ORLANDO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

10. On 25 Feb 49, Mr. [redacted], Chief Tower Operator was interviewed. [redacted] stated that his office had a report from Tampa Tower (Tampa Municipal Airport) that an object with green exhaust flames had been sighted over the airport at 0110 hours 31 Jan 49, headed Southwest. This report was made by an unidentified CAA Communicator who was on duty at Tampa International Airport at that time and filed with Mr. [redacted], Chief Communicator, Tampa International Airport, Tampa, Florida.

11. On 4 March 1949, Mr. [redacted], CAA Communicator, Orlando Municipal Airport was interviewed. [redacted] stated that he did not see subject object, but at 0225 hours 31 Jan 49, just after he had heard the report from the Tower regarding this unidentified object, he stepped outdoors and noticed a very unusual odor. He described this odor as similar to garbage burning in an incinerator, but yet no like any odor he had ever smelled before. At the time of this observation there was nothing in the vicinity of the airport that could have caused an odor, such as smoke or fires, to the best of [redacted] knowledge.

12. On 4 March 49, Mr. [redacted] Aircraft Controller, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that he was in charge of the Control Tower at Orlando Municipal Airport on the early morning of 31 Jan 49, and he did not see, hear or smell anything unusual. His first knowledge of subject object was when he received a report from the Base Military Police that a green, noiseless object had been sighted at Orlando Air Base traveling at a Southwest direction. He looked out the tower windows and observed nothing. At 0240 the Tampa Tower called Jacksonville Airway Traffic Control Center and reported that a green-lighted, noiseless object had been sighted by reliable observers over Tampa International Airport at 0140 at an altitude of 200 to 400 feet. This information was taken from [redacted] Log Sheet and he stated that he had no further knowledge of the incident.

NOTE: The Control Tower is closed and air-conditioned and it would have been impossible for a person within it to hear or smell anything outside of the tower.

13. On 4 March 49, records of the CAA Weather Station were checked and disclosed the following weather conditions at times indicated for 31 Jan 49:

HOUR	SKY	VISIBILITY	SURFACE WINDS	ALTIMETER SETTING	TEMPERATURE	DEW POINT
0005	Clear	8 Miles	SSE @ 8 MPH	30.14		
0026	5000 Scattered	8 Miles	SSE @ 8 MPH	30.13	66	63
0105*	5000 Scattered	8 Miles	SSW @ 8 MPH	30.13		
0123	4000 Scattered	8 Miles	SSW @ 8 MPH	30.13	65	63
0200	4000 Scattered	8 Miles	SSW @ 7 MPH	30.13		
0223	Clear	8 Miles	SSE @ 9 MPH	30.11	63	61
0300	Clear	8 Miles	SSE @ 12 MPH	30.11		

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0400 Hours ----	ALTITUDE	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
	1000	180°	26 Kts
	2000	180°	43 Kts
	3000	190°	41 Kts
	4000	200°	30 Kts
	5000	210°	33 Kts
	6000	210°	36 Kts

INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO:

Exhibit I ----Map of Orlando & Winter Park, Fla.
Exhibit II ----Rpt of Visibility [redacted]
Exhibit III ---- " " "
Exhibit IV ---- " " "
Exhibit V ---- " " "
Exhibit VI ---- " " "
Exhibit VII ---- " " "
Exhibit VIII ---- " " "
Exhibit IX ---- " " "

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DO # 7, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa 8, Florida.

AT TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TAMPA, FLORIDA

1. Will interview Mr. [redacted], Chief Communicator and determine substance of report of unidentified object sighted over Drew Field at 0110 hours 31 Jan 49.

2. Will interview individuals named in above report and determine extent of observation made by these individuals.

Observer:
[redacted]
2583d Base Sv Sqdn OAFB
Orlando, Fla.

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Incident No. 24-3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0155

3. Place of Observation: See Exhibit I
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Outdoors, North of Bldg No. T-2704, OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

5. What attracted attention to object: Object looked like a falling star

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): Approximate size of an automobile wheel.

8. Color of object: bluish-green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
approximately 30°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): Approximately 315°

12. Distance from Observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately 800 ft (See Exhibit I)

13. Direction of flight of object (s): From Southeast to Southwest (Curve)

14. Time in sight: 45 to 60 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Approximately 150 MPH (Faster than an aircraft on final approach to Orlando Air Port)

16. Sound and odor: None

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EXHIBIT II

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc) none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): a dull mass with a bright center

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): none

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



21. Manner of disappearance: disappeared from view while still in mid air (did not appear to go over horizon)

22. Effect on clouds: no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: Object did not appear to have any substance, appeared to be similar to the spot of a seachlight without the normal beam

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: no moon-stars out-clear and good visibility

Name and address of observer: [redacted] 2583d
Base Sv Sqdn OAFB, Orlando, Fla. Barracks 2717

Occupation and hobbies: Soldier, present assignment - Sgt of the Guard, Base Provost Marshall's Office, OAFB, - Hunting and citrus growing

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Observer has been with the MP's at OAFB, since April 1948 and has a good reputation and is considered reliable. Observer has had previous military service from June 1938 to September 1945. From 1945 to 1948, Observer was Deputy Sheriff of Indian River County, Florida.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
Object was not viewed through any material. Observer did not and does not wear glasses but professed to be slightly color-blind.

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EXHIBIT II

INCIDENT NO. 250B

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49
2. Exact time (local) 0155
3. Place of Observation Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida,
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object - Appearance like falling Star.
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size Approx size of Auto Wheel
8. Color of object Bluish Green
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude Approx 30°
11. Direction from observer 315°
12. Distance from observer Approx 800'
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South East to SouthWest
14. Time in sight 45-60 seconds
15. Speed Approx 150 MPH (faster than an Aircraft on final approach)
16. Sound and/or none
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity a dull mass with a bright center
19. Projections [redacted]
20. Maneuvers Object appeared to fly in an arc to west while making a slight descent then leveled off.
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared in mid air, did not appear to go over horizon
22. Effect on clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Object did not appear to have any substance, appeared to be similar to the spot of a searchlight without the normal beam.
24. Weather conditions No moon or stars out. Clear and good visibility.

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Incident: 250B

Name and address of observer: [redacted] 2583rd Base Ser. Sqd OAFB, Orlando, Florida.(Barracks 2717)

Occupation and hobbies: Sgt of the Gyard, Base Provost Marshall's Office

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s): Good reputation and is considered reliable. Former Deputy Sheriff.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: Observer professed to being slightly color blind.

On 24 Feb. 1949 [redacted], 2583rd Base Service Sqd,, Orlando AFB, Orlando Florida, was interviewed. [redacted] stated that he was Sergeant of the Guard on the morning of 31 Jan 49 and that at 0155 hours, while standing just north of building T-2704, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida., He noticed a single lighted object in the sky which looked to him like and Aircraft about to crash and then like a falling star. This object was approximately the size of an automobile wheel, bluish-green in color, round and appeared to be approximately 30° above the horizon. When first sighted, the object looked like it was about 40° above the horizon and over a point approximately 800 feet from [redacted] in a direction of approximately 315°. The line of flight of this object was from Southeast to Southwest in the form of a curve and was observed for a period of from 34 to 40 seconds. [redacted] approximated the speed of this object as 150 mph, based on the speed ofaircraft had had observed in flight. There was no sound, odor, trail or projection in or around this object. It appeared to be a dull mass, with a bright center and w ile in sight traveled on a lswel plane, then dipped and leveled off again finally disappeared while in mid-air. There were no clouds in the sky, no moon, stars were out and the weather was clear with good visibility, This object appeared to be without substance and was described by [redacted] as similar to the spot of a searchlight without the normal beam. This object was viewed through clear space and observer did not and does not wear glasses, but did profess to be slightly color-blind.

Observer: [redacted] R [redacted]
[redacted], 2583 Base Sq.
OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

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Incident No. 24-3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0150

3. Place of Observation: See Exhibit I
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Outdoors, North of Bldg No. T 2704, OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

5. What attracted attention to object: Comment by Sgt OSteen

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): Size of a fist at arm's length

8. Color of object: bluish-green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Saucer shape

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Approximately 40°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): Approx. 315°

12. Distance from Observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately 800 Ft (See Exhibit I)

13. Direction of flight of object (s): South to Southwest

14. Time in sight: approximately 20 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): approximate speed of aircraft approaching to land at Orlando Airfield

16. Sound and odor: none

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc) none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Looked like a luminous dot

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennas, canopies, etc.): none

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



21. Manner of disappearance: went out like light switched off

22. Effect on clouds: no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: Object appeared to be without substance. While in sight it appeared to be going on and off and at one time appeared to go behind an object. There was no air traffic in the sky at that time.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: no moon-stars out-clear - good visibility

Name and address of observer: [redacted], 2583d Base Sv Sqdn. OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

Occupation and hobbies: Provost Sgt., Base Provost Marshall's Office, OAFB, Orlando, Fla. Photography and fishing

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

Observer was formerly an Enlisted Investigator with the Base PM, OAFB. He has approximately 6 years military service and has been stationed at OAFB since August 1948. Regarded as reliable by superiors and fellow MP's.

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

Observer did not wear glasses and viewed the object from outdoors.

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EXHIBIT III

INCIDENT NO. 2500

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49
2. Exact time (local) 0150
3. Place of Observation Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando Florida
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object & - Sgt Osteen
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size Size of a fist at arms length
8. Color of object Bluish Green
9. Shape Saucer shape
10. Altitude Approx 40°
11. Direction from observer 315°
12. Distance from observer Approx 800'
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South to SouthWest
14. Time in sight Approx 20 seconds
15. Speed Approx. speed of Aircraft appsoaching to land at Orlands AFB
16. Sound and/or none
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity Looked like a luminous dot
19. Projections none
20. Maneuvers Slight Arc to west, but level flight path
21. Manner of disappearance went out like light switch turned off.
22. Effect on clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Object appeared to be without substance, Appeared to be going on and off and at one time appeared to go behind object. There was no air traffic in the sky at the time.
24. Weather conditions No moon or stars out, Clear good visibility.

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Incident: 250C

Name and address of observer: [redacted] 2583rd Base Serv.Sqd. Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando Florida.

Occupation and hobbies: Provost Sgt.

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

Observer was formerly an investigator with Base Provost Marshall reguarded as reliable by superiors and fellow M.P.s

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: On 24 Feb. 49, [redacted] Base Service Sqdn. Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, was interviewed, [redacted] stated that on the morning of 31 Jan 49 he was on duty with the Base Guard as an Enlisted Investigator. At 0150 hours while standing on the ground just North of Bldg. T-2704, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida, [redacted] remarked that there was a falling star. [redacted] noticed a blue-green, saucer-shaped object approximately the size of a fist at arm's length, which appeared to be over a point about 800 feet from him, and approximately 40° above the horizon. This object was first sighted at a position approx. 315° from observer traveling in a South to Southwest direction and was viewed for approximately 20 seconds [redacted] estimated the speed of the object as equivalent to the speed of an aircraft approaching to land at Orlando Air Field. This object had no sound, odor, trail or projections and looked like a luminous dot in the sky. The object appeared to be without substance and while in sight seemed to be going on and off and at one time apparently went behind another object. It finally disappeared like a light switched off. There was no moon or clouds, the stars were out and the weather clear with good visibility. There was no air traffic in the sky at that time. [redacted] did not wear glasses and viewed the object from outdoors.

Observer: [redacted] 2583d B[redacted] Sq
OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

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Incident No. 24-~~4~~ 3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0150

3. Place of Observation : See Exhibit I
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Outdoors, North of Bldg T-2704, OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

5. What attracted attention to object: Comment by Sgt. O'Steen

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): Size of an automobile wheel

8. Color of object: green--with deeper shades toward center

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

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Approx. 20°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): Approx. 300°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approx. 800 Ft. (See Exhibit I)

13. Direction of flight of object (s): South

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14. Time in sight: Approximately 30 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Approximate speed of aircraft in flight

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16. Sound and odor:
none

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EXHIBIT III

[redacted] Report No. 24-± 3
Guide to Investigation

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.) none

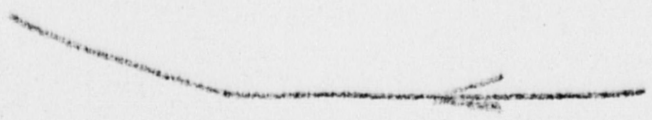
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18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Looked like a glass with a light behind it and color appeared to be phosphorescent

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): none

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



21. Manner of disappearance: disappeared behind trees which were in line of sight

22. Effect on clouds: no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: While behind line of trees, object appeared to go out like a light turned off.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: ~~Fair~~ no moon-stars out-weather clear - ~~good~~ visibility. Observer did have some glare from flood-lights from prision stockade located North of Bldg T-2704 OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

Name and address of observer: [redacted], 2583d Base Sv Sq
OAFB, Orlando, Fla. Barracks 2717
Occupation and hobbies: Air Policeman

Boxing and Wrestling

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

Observer is approximately 19 years of age and has had approximately 9 months military service. He was previously discharged in Nov 46 from basic training for minority. Inquiries among fellow soldiers disclosed that Hines enjoys a good reputation and is regarded as a reliable soldier.

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

Observer did not wear glasses and is not color-blind. Object was not viewed through a window or any material.

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INCIDENT NO. 250 D

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49
2. Exact time (local) 0150
3. Place of Observation Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object & - Sgt. Osteen
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size Size of an Automobile wheel.
8. Color of object Green with deeper shades toward the center
9. Shape round
10. Altitude Approx 20°
11. Direction from observer 300°
12. Distance from observer Approx 800'
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South
14. Time in sight Approx 30 seconds
15. Speed Approx speed of Airoraft in flight
16. Sound and/or none
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity Looked like a glass with a light behind it and color appeared to be phosphorescent.
19. Projections none
20. Maneuvers slight climb
21. Manner of disappearance disappeared behind trees in line of sight
22. Effect on clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object While behind trees object appeared to go out like a light turned off.
24. Weather conditions No moon-stars out, Weather clear, Good visibility. Observer did some glare from prison stockade flood lights.

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Incident: ~~250 D~~

Name and addre s of observer:

Occupation and hobbies: [redacted] 583rd Base Service Sqd. Orlando, Air Force Base, Orlando Florida

Air Policeman

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

Hines is a good soldier and enjoys agood reputation.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: On 24 Feb 49, [redacted] Base Service Sqd., Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando Florida, was interivewed. Hines stated that he was Tower Guard at the Stockade, Orlando AFB, Orlando Fla. on the morining of 31 Jan 49 and that at approximately 0150 hours the Sergeant of the Guard [redacted] called his attention to an object in the sky. [redacted] was standing on the ground near the front gate of the stockade which is located just north of Bldg. T-2704, Orlando AFB, when he saw an object in the sky the approx. size of an automobile wheel. This object was round, and green in color with deeper shades of green toward the center. It appeared to be about 20° above the horizon and first appeared at a position about 300° from Hines, over a [redacted] point approximately 800 feet from where he was standing. This object was in sight for approximately 30 seconds and was headed in a Southerly direction at about the speed of an aircraft in flight. There was no sound, odor or projections to the object and it left no trail behind it. Hines stated that "It looked like a glass with a light behing it", and the color appared to be phosphorescent. The flight path of this object was level at first and then it started a gradual climb untill it disappeared behind trees which were in the line of sight. While it was being observed, the light in the object appeared to go out like a light turned off. During the period of observation, [redacted] stated that there was no moon, the stars were out and the weather wlear with good visibility. However [redacted] stated that he did have some glare from the flood-lights of the stockade nearby, [redacted] did not wear glasses, is not color-blinded and viewed the object through clear air.

Observer: [redacted] Pfc
[redacted] 2583d Ba Sv Sqdn [redacted]
OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 24-4 3

1. Date of Observation 31 Jan 49 Date of Interview 24 Feb 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) Approximately 0200

3. Place of Observation :
(Map Coordinates) See Exhibit I

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Outdoors, North of Bldg T-2704, OAFB, Orlando, Fla.

5. What attracted attention to object: Remarks of Sgt OSteen

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): size of a Jeep Wheel without a tire

8. Color of object: Bluish-green

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

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

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): 315°

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approx. 800 Ft. (See Exhibit I)

13. Direction of flight of object (s): South Southwest

14. Time in sight: Approx. 1 to 1½ minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Approx. 100 MPH (Based on speed of aircraft in flight seen in the vicinity of OAFB)

16. Sound and odor: none

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EXHIBIT V

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.) none

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

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): none

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



21. Manner of disappearance: like a light turned off

22. Effect on clouds: none

23. Additional information concerning object: looked like a bluish-green light bulb

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: stars out-no moon-weather clear- good visibility

Name and address of observer [redacted] 2583d Base Sv Sq
OAFB, Orlando, Fla. Barracks 2717
Occupation and hobbies: Air Policeman
Baseball and reading mysteries

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

Observer is approximately 24 years of age, has had 3 yrs military service and has been stationed at OAFB since Oct 1948. Described as a good soldier by superiors and fellow Air Policemen. No criminal record.

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

Observer did not wear glasses and is not color-blind. Object was not viewed through any material.

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EXHIBIT V

INCIDENT NO. 250E

1. Date of Observation ~~31 Jan 49~~ Date of Interview ~~24 Feb 49~~
2. Exact time (local) 0200
3. Place of Observation Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object - Remarks of Sgt. Osteen
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size Size of Jeep wheel without a tire.
8. Color of object Bluish Green
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude Approx 45°
11. Direction from observer 315°
12. Distance from observer Approx. 800'
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South SouthWest
14. Time in sight Approx one to one and one half minutes
15. Speed Approx 100 MPH, based on speed of Aircraft in flight seen in vicinity of OAFB
16. Sound and odor none
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity very dull
19. Projections none
20. Maneuvers slight decent
21. Manner of disappearance Like a light tunned off
22. Effect on clouds no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object ~~Start out no moon - Weather~~ ~~xxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Looked like a bluish green light bulb.
24. Weather conditions Start out - no moon- Weather clear-good visibility.

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Information Only
Source: American Meteor Society for 1960, # 131

New York, N. J., Pa.
January 1949

1949 JAN. 13.44 FIREBALL

A.M.S. No. 2361

On this date at 5:30 p.m., E.S.T., a fine fireball was observed by 7 persons who reported, one being in New York, one in New Jersey, and 5 in Pennsylvania. Two gave complete reports, one fairly complete, two used Moon as a reference point, two were quite incomplete. Thanks mostly to E. A. Hill, then at Princeton, Berks Co., Pa. S2, who saw the object fall vertically, a fair solution was derived. The object seems to have begun over Massachusetts and ended over N.W. corner of New Jersey. Its magnitude was —5, and color blue-green. It did not leave a long enduring train and its duration was 4+ seconds (one observer.) The usual data follow; no orbit is computed due to uncertainty in altitude of the radiant.

Date	1944 Jan. 13.— G.M.T.
Sidereal hour at end point	16°
[illegible]	λ = 72°30′, φ = 42°48′ at 187 ± 56 km
	λ = 74°40′, φ = 41°05′ at 45 ± 4 km
	259 km
	302 km
Observed velocity	75— km/sec ???
Radiant uncorrected	a = 226°, h = 28°.3
Zenith correction, parabolic	= —3°.0
Radiant corrected	a = 226°, h = 25°.3
	α = 114°, δ = +49°

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Flying Saucers---There Aren't Any, AF Decides

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—After checking up on 375 rumors of weird and wondrous sights in the sky, the Air Force has concluded that there aren't any "flying saucers."

It took two years, a special team from the USAF's science staff, and help from university consultants to track down the rumors of strange discs whizzing through the air.

Last night the Air Force said "Project Flying Saucer" — the investigation started by the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, Dayton, O., on Jan. 22, 1948—has been ordered ended because there is nothing to show that the reports were "not the results of natural phenomena."

All evidence, it added, points to three factors—"misinterpretation of various conventional objects; a mild form of mass hysteria; or hoaxes"—as the origin of the flying saucer reports.

Under Air Force definition, "various conventional objects" include such things as meteors, balloons, birds in flight or just ordinary optical illusions.

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THE EFFECT of last night's Air Force announcement was to deny a story appearing in the current edition of the magazine "True." The magazine said it had learned that "a rocket authority stationed at Wright field had told 'Project Saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

The Air Force last spring sought to shoot down the flying discs rumors with a long, detailed discussion of the whole history of the rumors. It devoted a portion of that report to explaining why visitors weren't likely to arrive from other planets on space ships.

Among other things, the report questioned the possibility of the existence of men even on the relatively near planet of Mars. Even if men were there, the USAF doubted that they were a "technically established race," able to build space ships.

Magazine Says Saucers Are Interplanetary

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(UP)—True magazine said today that "informed authorities" believe that "flying saucers" are "interplanetary vehicles" manned by spacemen from a distant civilization more advanced than on Earth.

Concluding without reservation that "flying saucers are real," True said it learned that "a rocket authority stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, O., has told . . . (Air Force) personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

(Wright Field officials, however, did not support this view. "The Air Force Materiel Command has been working very closely with intelligence on the whole matter of flying saucers," a field spokesman said.

("We probably have the most complete file on the saucers anywhere, but there is nothing new or startling to indicate that the saucers are interplanetary visitors.")

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BASING ITS conslusions on an eight-month investigation by Donald E. Keyhoe, a former Navy flyer and former official of the Department of Commerce aeronautics branch, True said it has come to the "considered conviction" that:

ONE—"Flying saucers are real."

TWO—The planet Earth has been under systematic close-range examination by "living, intelligent observers from another planet" during the last 175 years.

THREE—That visits to the Earth's atmosphere by these interplanetary visitors "have increased markedly during the past two years."

FOUR—That the vehicles used for the observation have been "identified and categorized" as three distinct types.

Dayton Daily News
Dec. 27, 1949

Probe Is Ended

AF Concludes Flying Saucer Is Just a Myth

The Air Force yesterday exploded the "flying saucer" myth.

It said an exhaustive two-year investigation of scores of reports of strange disk-like objects sweeping along at tremendous speeds had established there is no such thing.

The reports, it said, resulted from "misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria or hoaxes."

The Air Force added that it has discontinued a special "project saucer" set up at Wright Field at Dayton, O., to study them because "there is no evidence the reports are not the result of natural phenomena."

The statement was issued after True magazine said in its current issue that "informed authorities" believed the "saucers" are interplanetary spaceships manned by half-pint civilized beings.

Washington Post
Dec. 28, '49

Those Flying Saucers? Somebody in His Caps!

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—The Air Force concluded today on the basis of a two-year investigation that those flying saucers and other weird objects which people thought they saw flaring, floating, tumbling and streaking through the skies were all broken crockery.

The Air Force said its "Flying Saucer Project" had been discontinued after the investigation of about 375 such incidents.

It reported that all evidence indicated the reports were the result of "(1) misinterpretation of various conventional object, (2) a mild form of mass hysteria or (3) hoaxes.

Flying Saucer Report Denied In Kentucky

More flying saucers?

Let 'em come.

Air Materiel Command (AMC) officials said last night they would investigate reports of the flying discs, despite the statement of Air Force officials Tuesday in Washington, pooh-poohing the whole business.

A spokesman at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base made the AMC position clear when advised of a report that a new flying saucer was seen at Godman Air Force base, Louisville, Ky.

According to the report the tower at Godman field at 6:15 p. m. yesterday sighted a "disc-shaped object giving off a glow brighter than any star" at an altitude of about 700 feet.

However, the Fort Knox public information office reported late last night the object had "definitely been identified as Venus, which is unusually bright right now."

The Fort Knox office attributed the earlier report to an "unidentified weather observer."

An AMC official said similar reports had been received yesterday from North Carolina.

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1 - 28 FEBRUARY SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
5	South Parkersburg, West Virginia	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
6	12.3CN - 18.1OW (Carribean)	[redacted]	BALLOON
7	Godman AFB, Kantucky	Multiple	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
10	Dayton, Ohio	Military	Astro (METEOR)
11	Curling East, Newfoundland	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	Astro (STARS/PLANETS
14	Easto Canado Mission, Arizona	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
17	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
17	Sandia Base, New Mexico	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
19	Goose Bay, Labrador (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	
23	Sandberg Pass, California	Military	Other (MIRAGE)
25	Little Rock, Arkansas	Winchester	Balloon
27	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CASE MISSING)	Military	
28	Chicago, Illinois	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCES	OBSERVER