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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 5D 21-215

DATE 22 April 1949

REPORT MADE BY JOHN B. MORRILL fmm

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STATUS PENDING

TITLE

PROJECT GRUDGE
Incident, Morgantown, West Virginia
April 1949

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Technical Intelligence Division, Hq ARC, Dayton, Ohio, to interview all witnesses to the unidentified Aerial Phenomena alleged to have been sighted near Morgantown, West Virginia, by a [redacted], [redacted], Morgantown, West Virginia, in April 1949.

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WOJG, USAF

JOHN H. [redacted]
Acting District Commander.

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AFHQ FORM 15 JAN 49 O-208 Replaces AFCSI Form 4, 23 Jul 48, which may be used. [redacted]

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4. On 3 May 1949, Mr. [redacted], CAA Aircraft [redacted], Morgantown, W. Va., Municipal Airport, furnished the following weather sequences:

15 March 1949, 2103 hours; ceiling, scattered clouds at 25,000 feet, lower scattered clouds at 3,000 feet, visibility, 12 mi; surface winds, west at 10 mph.

15 March 1949, 2129 hours; ceiling estimated 3,000 feet overcast; visibility, 12 mi; temperature 22° dew point 13; surface winds, WNW at 8 mph; altimeter 30.23; breaks in overcast.

28 March 1949, 2108 hours; clear, visibility, 12 mi; surface winds, SSW at 3 mph, altimeter 30.15.

28 March 1949, 2129 hours; clear; visibility, 12 mi; temperature, 50° dew point 42; surface winds; SSW at 2 mph, altimeter, 30.15

No winds aloft report was available. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had no record of flights at the time of either incident.

5. Records of the Morgantown, W. Va. Police Department were checked with negative results.

INCLOSURE

DISTRICT OFFICE #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

Sketch made by [redacted] of objects seen by him on 15 and 28 March 1949.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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PROJECT GRUDGE

DETAILS:

1. Investigation was requested by the Technical Intelligence Division of the Air Material Command, Dayton, Ohio, in an RAR sheet dated 20 April 1949 to interview all witnesses to the unidentified Aerial Phenomena alleged to have been sighted near Morgantown, West Virginia, by a [redacted] Morgantown, West Virginia.

AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

2. The files of this office reveal the following message received from the Chief of Staff, USAF, by the Technical Intelligence Division of Hq. ARC:

"The following is quoted from a letter addressed to USAF by [redacted], Morgantown, West Virginia, dated 11 April 1949, for information and such action as necessary: 'Please be advised that recently I have seen two of the so-called flying saucers. The last one a week ago was much slower and nearer than the first one. Both were going Southeast, very very fast. The general outline would resemble a flattened funnel. I have not spoken to anyone about the incidents because you have to see them to believe they exist. Reason for reporting I have not heard of any in this area and assume that these might be some of the first and in this case you could use the information.'" End CSAF Item C/Restricted.

Inclosure:

FOR HQ CSI AND FILE

1. Copy of message CSAF Item C/Restricted

FOR 3rd CSI DISTRICT OFFICE

1. Guide to Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (trip)
2. Copy of message CSAF Item C/Restricted (trip)

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PROJECT GRUDGE

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 3, HARRISBURG, PA

XX MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

1. Will interview [redacted], Morgantown, West Virginia, regarding the alleged sightings and will report to this office using the completed guide to investigation as inclosure.

2. Will attempt to locate and interview other sources of information concerning the alleged sightings.

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Lowell trail - stacy

Resembled a round flat object approx 18" in diameter at given altitude

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21E

19 May 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident, Morgantown, W. Va.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Inclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary is report of investigation of Special Agent TONEY ZEVARIS, DO #3, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, dated 17 May 1949.

2. This is the final report in this investigation and the files of this office are being closed in instant matter.

1 Incl
R/I dtd 17 May 49
(in dup)

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

Cy to: Hq OSI

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MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

April 11 1949

The United States Air Force
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

"Please be advised that recently I have seen two (2) of the so called "Flying Saucers". The last one a week ago was much slower and nearer the earth than the first one. Both were going south-west, very, very fast. The general outline would resemble a flattened funnel.

"I have not spoken to anyone about the incidents, because you have to see them, to believe that they exist

Yours very truly

[redacted]

P.S. "Reason for reporting I have not heard of any in this area, and assume that these might be some of the first; and in this case you could use the information.

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Q - 936	Project CRUDCE Conf Q2229		

FROM: 5D-OSI
TO: IAXS

DATED 5/19/49
NO. INCLS. 1

RECORDING DESK AXT-1

DATE RECORDED 5/19/49 HOUR 1530

	ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1	IAXS	N/R	Fred T	24 May
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

TRANSMITTAL
AMC FORM NO. 10-2
(20 NOV. 47)

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INCIDENT NO. 292

1. Date of Observation 15 March 49 Date of Interview 3 May 49

2. Exact Time (local) 2100-2130

3. Place of Observation N.W. Morgantown, W. Va.

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object.

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 18 Inches diameter

8. Color of object Yellowish (like moon)

9. Shape Round flat (disc)

10. Altitude 45° Elevation

11. Direction from observer North

12. Distance from observer 20 Miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) NE to SW

14. Time in sight 2-3 Seconds

15. Speed Terrific

16. Sound and oder Like sky rocket

17. Trail Yellowish tapering tail 20-30 ft. (like improperly burned gas).

18. Luminosity Glowed

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Straight level flight

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions. No clouds, sky clear
See original Report for complete weather results.

(over)

Name and address of observer: [redacted], Morgantown, W. Va.

Occupation and hobbies: Real Estate business.

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

AT MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

On 3 May 1949, Mr. [redacted], Morgantown, W. Va., was interviewed and stated in substances that at approximately 2100 to 2130 hours on 15 March 1949, he was in his back yard looking at the sky checking weather conditions as was his nightly habit. He was standing approximately half way between his garage and the rear door of his house looking toward the north, when he observed a single round flat object resembling the cover of a garbage can or a barrel top northeast of Morgantown and moving across the sky toward Fairmont, W. Va. at a terrific speed. The object appeared to be approximately 18 inches in diameter at an estimated distance of about 20 miles and an angle of 45° above the horizon. It was yellowish in color, comparable to the color of the moon. The object travelled from Northeast to Southwest and was in sight for two or three seconds before it disappeared into the distance. The object sounded like a sky rocket reaching the peak of a climb and expending its power. There was no odor discernible. It left a yellowish, tapering trail estimated to be 20 to 30 feet long or about the length of a telephone pole. This trail was comparable to the flame of improperly combusting gas. The object glowed as though its body was covered with a yellowish flame. There were no projections and the object maintained straight and level flight with its flat surface on a horizontal plane. There were no clouds and the sky was clear with the stars and moon discernible.

For second sighting see Incident 350.

CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT:	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
P-685	TT-216 CSA Item 8		DATE

FROM: AXI-4 DATED 4/19/49

TO: MCIAIS NO. INCLS.

RECORDING DESK AXI-3 DATE RECORDED 4/19/49 HOUR 1300

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1. MCIAIS Lt Smith	N/R	AWT	4/19/49
2.			
3.			

DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

TRANSMITTAL
AMC FORM NO. 10-2
(20 NOV. 47)

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CSAF ITEM 8/RESTRIC

ATTENTION PROJECT"GRUDGE"

1-15-49

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THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM LETTER ADDRESSED TO USAF BY [redacted], MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, DATED 11 APR 49, FOR INFORMATION AND SUCH ACTION AS NECESSARY: "PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT RECENTLY I HAVE SEEN TWO OF THE SO CALLED FLYING SAUCERS. THE LAST ONE A WEEK AGO WAS MUCH SLOWER AND NEARER THE EARTH THAN THE FIRST ONE. BOTH WERE GOING SOUTHWEST, VERY, VERY FAST. THE GENERAL OUTLINE WOULD RESEMBLE A FLATTENED FUNNEL. I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO ANYONE ABOUT THE INCIDENTS BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO SEE THEM TO BELIEVE THEY EXIST. REASON FOR REPORTING I HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY IN THIS AREA AND ASSUME THAT THESE MIGHT BE SOME OF THE FIRST AND IN THIS CASE YOU COULD USE THE INFORMATION."

END CSAF ITEM 8/RESTRICTED/

NOTHING FURTHER THIS END