

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 Jul 49 01/2030Z		2. LOCATION N. Jh. of Fort Francis, Canada	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds			
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The object was described as silvery-gray in color, flying in a westerly direction, and was in sight for 5 seconds. The object pursued a straight path of flight with an erratic motion comparable to that of an oblong object thrown in the air.	
7. COURSE Westerly			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			
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AFCSI Form 4 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 23 Jul 48 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	File No. 24-53 Report made by ELBERT W. FAIRIS	Date 6 September 1949
Title UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada	Report made at DO #12, Scott AFB, Illinois Period 12, 17, 18 August 1949 Office of origin DO #13, Offutt AFB Status R U C	

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Reference
DO #13 report dtd 25 July 1949, file 24-38

Synopsis

Dr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], Decatur, Indiana, were interviewed on 15 August 1949, and stated that they had seen an unidentified aerial object which they thought to be a flying saucer. The sighting took place 1 July 1949 on Highway 70 about fifty to seventy-five (50-75) miles north of Ft. Francis Ontario, Canada. The object was described as silvery gray in color, flying in a westerly direction and was in sight for about five (5) seconds. No vapor trails or protruding objects were noted. No sound heard. Dr. [REDACTED] expounded the theory that the so called flying saucers may have some connection with the current polio epidemic prevalent throughout the United States. His basis for this reasoning was the assertion that of all his polio patients, he could not be certain that they did in reality, have polio. All however, evidenced symptoms of Uranium poisoning. Tabulation of flying saucer sightings from the available sources of the Indianapolis Star and the Indianapolis News, reveals that the majority of sightings took place in July and August for the years 1947, 1948 and 1949. A responsible medical authority, confidential informant, CI-1, advised that the theory is "interesting" and worthy of further research.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is the result of a report made by Special Agent CLARENCE A. THOMBLE, DO #13, Offutt AFB, dated 13 July 1949.

AT DECATUR, INDIANA

2. On 15 August 1949, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Decatur, Indiana, was interviewed and stated that on 1 July 1949, while on a fishing trip in Ontario, Canada, he observed an object in the sky which appeared to be a so-called "flying saucer." The unidentified aerial object was sighted by Dr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] while driving north on Highway #70, at a point about fifty to seventy (50-70) miles north of Ft. Francis, Canada, and near the east side of Lake of the Woods, Canada. Nothing in particular attracted his attention to the object. It was seen while driving along the Highway; he glanced up and observed a silvery gray oblong object flying in a westerly direction. Time in sight was about five seconds. The object pursued a straight path of flight with an erratic motion comparable to that of an oblong object being thrown through the air. The aerial anomaly appeared to be faster than an airplane. It did not hover, and was at an altitude of about forty degrees (40°) above the horizon which [REDACTED] likened to an Ercoupe (small aircraft) at two thousand feet. [REDACTED] observed no fins, no vapor trail and heard no sound. After passing across his line of vision, the object was lost from view behind the trees. The day was bright and sunny, and [REDACTED] emphasized that he had definitely observed an object in the air unlike any other known to him. Mrs. [REDACTED] corroborated her husband's statements, and was unable to add any additional information.

3. Upon his return to Indiana, [REDACTED] was immediately confronted with many Polio cases, which have reached the epidemic stage in Indiana. He was forced to study more on the subject of Polio, and states that as a result of his study, he is not certain that any of the patients he has diagnosed as having Polio, do, in reality, have Polio. All of his patients however, show symptoms of Uranium poisoning. [REDACTED] advanced the theory that there may be some connection between the Polio epidemic and the flying saucers, either by atomic radiation from the so-called saucer, or by release of a polio virus which a foreign Government may have isolated. [REDACTED] acknowledged that this theory may be far fetched, but felt that it would be worth looking into.

4. [REDACTED] produced membership cards which show him to be a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite, Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose and the Eagles. He served as a Naval Officer for fourteen months (14) and also held a commission in the United States Public Health Service. [REDACTED] whose age is between thirty five and forty years (35-40 yrs) is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Bloomington, Indiana, and he is an associate member of the Association of Military Surgeons. He is a physician and Surgeon. Hobbies are hunting and fishing.

5. The following listed persons who were interviewed on 15 August 1949, advised that Dr. [REDACTED] is a reliable, and responsible individual. He

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enjoys an excellent reputation in the Community, and it was believed that the veracity and integrity of Dr. ██████████ are unassailable.

██████████ Chief of Police, Decatur, Indiana
██████████ Postmaster, Decatur, Indiana.

6. Records of the Police Department, Decatur, Indiana, reviewed on 15 August 1949, reflect no information regarding Subject.

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

7. On 17 August 1949, the writer accomplished a tabulation of flying saucer sightings from available sources of the Indianapolis News and the Indianapolis Star, Daily papers, which are listed as follows:

FLYING SAUCERS APPEARANCE BY DATES

1947

4 July	Portland, Oregon
5 July	South Bend, Indiana
	Augusta, Maine (Northernly Direction)
6 July	Spokane, Washington
	Boise, Idaho
	Twin Falls, Idaho
	Prince Edward Island, Canada
	Richmond, Indiana
7 July	Bozeman, Montana
	Southwest Ontario, Canada
	Maryland
8 July	Raleigh, North Carolina
	Ashville, North Carolina
	Greensboro, North Carolina
	Sydney, Australia
11 July	Indianapolis, Indiana
22 July	Franklin, Indiana
24 July	Northern Georgia
	Montgomery, Alabama
12 November	Oregon (20 miles offshore)

1948

21 May	Indianapolis, Indiana
27 July	Montgomery, Alabama
28 July	Brisbane, Australia
2 August	Indianapolis, Indiana
3 August	Indianapolis, Indiana
30 August	Indianapolis, Indiana
2 October	Fargo, North Dakota

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29 April	Michigan City, Indiana
24 June	Pacific Northwest
1 July	Lake of the Woods, Canada
26 July	Boise, Idaho

8. Indices of the Indianapolis Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, reviewed by the writer 18 August 1949, reflect no information regarding Dr. [REDACTED]

AT BENJAMIN HARRISON AFB, INDIANA.

9. A reliable medical authority at Benjamin Harrison AFB, Indiana, was contacted by the writer in an effort to determine whether the possibility of uranium poisoning, as expounded by Dr. [REDACTED] elsewhere in this report, had any basis in fact. The authority, who preferred to remain anonymous, is hereinafter known as confidential Informant CI-1. Informant CI-1 advised the writer that the Polio period extends from April to October, with the peak months of the disease being reached in July and August. CI-1 further stated that the theory advanced by Dr. [REDACTED] was "interesting" and at least worth further research. Informant CI-1 was doubtful if the answer to the question of uranium poisoning could be readily answered, as he was of the opinion that the possibility and its connection with the Polio epidemic prevalent throughout the United States, had never been explored. It was suggested that the Aerial Medical Laboratory Research Department, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, might be able to supply the answer, and that the following statistical inquiries may be pertinent:

- (a) Does uranium element produce any physiological reaction in human beings corresponding to symptoms applicable to many of the so-called Polio clinical and sub-clinical conditions?
- (b) Are topographical Areas where so-called Flying Disc are predominantly seen (or known uranium deposits) pin points of endemic Areas of clinical symptoms resembling Polio?

AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND

10. R. N. HARGER, MD., Chief Toxicologist, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana was interviewed on 25 August 1949. DR. HARGER stated that in his opinion the possibility of uranium poisoning as advanced by Dr. [REDACTED] was negligible. However, HARGER stated that the matter should be breached to the Atomic Energy Commission, inasmuch as he felt that the AEC to be the only Agency in the United States capable of answering this question once and for all. [REDACTED] is personally known to Dr. HARGER. He recalled him as a student who was graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1941, and who was described as imaginative, and "not the best student Indiana University ever turned out; a good boy."

"NOTE: DR. HARGER is considered an authority on poison.
He is the inventor of the Drunk-o-meter."

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ENCLOSURES

FOR DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects.

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FOR DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, *

AT DAYTON, OHIO

1. Will confer with the proper authorities at Aerial Medical Laboratory Research Department, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio to determine if the theory of Uranium poisoning as expounded by DR. [REDACTED] has any basis in fact.

2. If Aerial Medical Laboratory is unable to supply an answer to this question of Uranium poisoning, and its connection with the so-called flying saucers, and the current Polio epidemic, steps will be taken to initiate inquiry in this direction to prove or disprove the theory.

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 1 July 1949 Date of Interview 15 JULY 1949.
2. Exact Time of observation 1430 hours, Central Daylight Saving Time
3. Place of observation: 50-75 miles north of Ft. Francis, Canada on Highway 70, near east side of Lake-of-th-Woods, Ontario, Canada, around White Fish Bay.
4. Position of observer: In car driving North
5. What attracted attention to object: Just glanced up; noticed object.
6. What number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Likened to an Ercoupe
8. Color of Object: Silvery gray
9. Shape: Oblong
10. Altitude: About 40° degrees above the horizon
11. Direction from observer: North
12. Distance from observer: Unable to tell, someplace this side of Kenora, Ont
13. Direction of flight of object: West
14. Time in sight: Approximately five (5) seconds.
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance.) 5 (five) seconds, appeared faster than aircraft not hovering
16. Sound and Odor: None
17. Trail: None
18. Luminosity: (visible by reflection, incandescence, other -degree of brilliance): Naturally luminous, moderate.
19. Projections: (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None

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Incident No. _____

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): Straight path of flight with erratic motion. That of an oblong disc being thrown through air.
21. Manner of disappearance: Behind trees
22. Effect on clouds: Unknown
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Bright, dry, sun shining thought it was cloud formation at first. Definitely saw object.

Name and address of observer:

Dr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Decatur, Indiana

Occupation and Hobbies:

Medical Doctor; Physician and Surgeon - Hunting, Fishing.

Subject considered to possess the highest veracity and integrity, per Chief of Police, Decatur, Indiana and the Postmaster, Decatur, Indiana, see paragraph five (5).

Police Department, and FBI records reflected no information regarding Subject.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

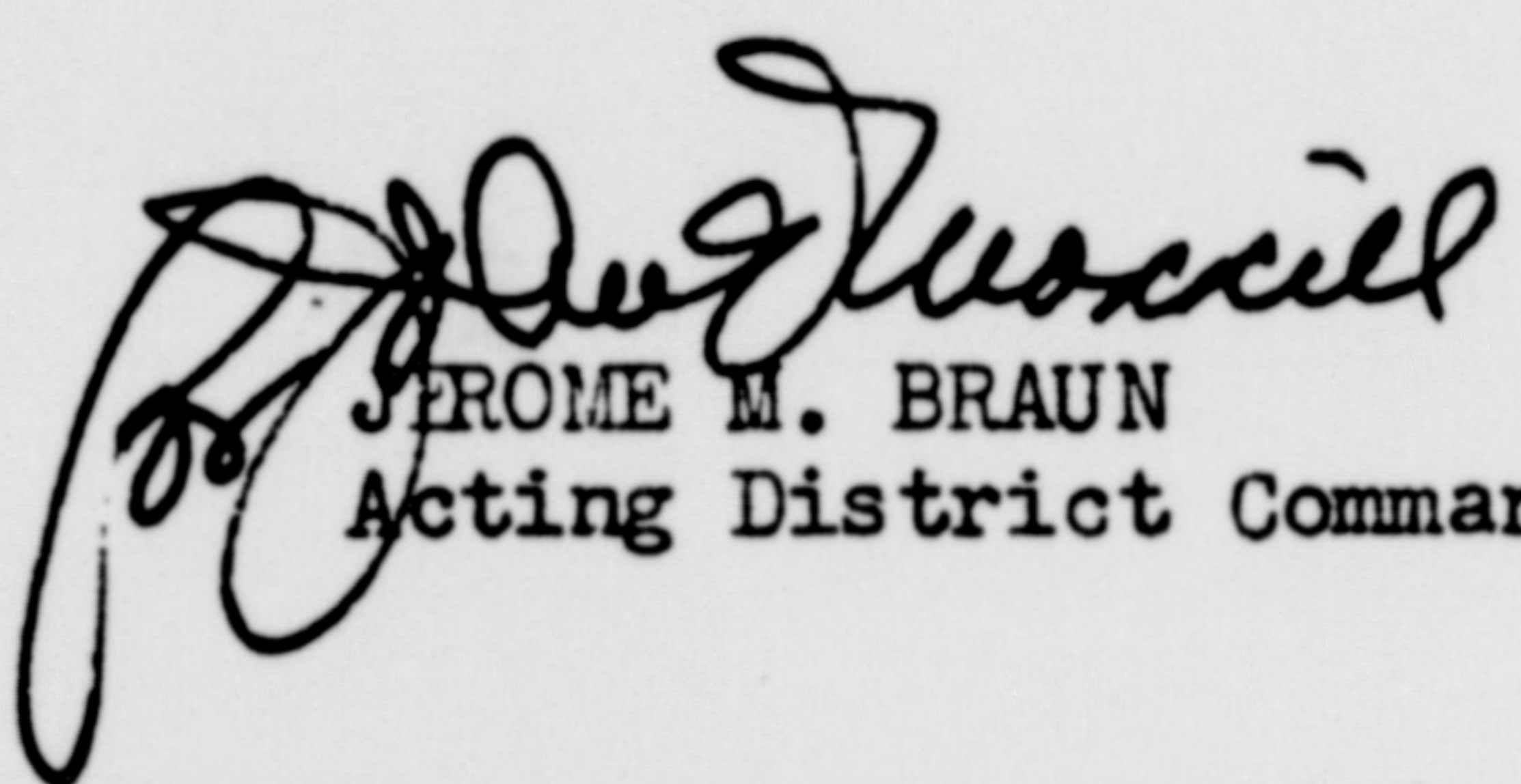
13 September 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE - INCIDENT, LAKE OF THE WOODS,
ONTARIO, CANADA, 1 JULY 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to conference, this date, between ~~XXXXXX~~, your office, and ~~XXXXXX~~, this office.
2. Forwarded for your information and necessary action is report of investigation made by Special Agent ELBERT W. FARRIS, District Office #12, Scott Air Force Base, dated 6 September 1949.
3. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

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R/I dtd 6 Sep 49 (in dup)


JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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1. The inclosed Report of Investigation, File No. 24-53, dated 6 September 1949, by S/A Elbert W. Farris, 12DO-OSI, is forwarded for your comments as to the possibility of the recent poliomyelitis epidemic having been uranium poisoning.

2. It is desired that this matter be coordinated with the appropriate Aero Medical Laboratory office in order to satisfy the requirements as listed under Undeveloped Leads section of referenced report.

3. This office can discern no basis for such a theory, since it has been shown that all reports of flying objects do not refer to the same type object, and there is no evidence of radioactivity in any case.

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ATTN: Mr. J. E. Morrill

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1. Your attention is directed to Paragraph 3 of Comment 2, above. This should satisfy the requirements as outlined in Undeveloped Leads section of inclosed report.

Incl: n/c

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1. This office concurs with paragraph 3 of Comment 1.

2. While it is true that some of the clinical symptoms of poliomyelitis may be similar to the uranium poisoning the overall clinical syndrome is quite different. Prognosis in the case of uranium poisoning is very dismal with recovery unlikely. Besides the heavy metal poisoning effect of uranium poisoning, there is also the prolonged and continuous radiation effect of uranium which can be detected in the blood picture. This is quite a distinctive clinical feature of uranium poisoning, which any physician should readily be able to recognize. It is also a feature which does not diminish with time, and hence the patient does not recover. This results because the uranium is a long-lived radioactive isotope, which becomes fixed in the body and cannot be eliminated to any appreciable extent.

3. Because of the above considerations it is the opinion of this office that there is little, if any ground, for the theory that the annual poliomyelitis epidemics are related to radioactivity in any way. It is also to be noted that the annual outbreak of poliomyelitis during the summer months has been prevalent for many years prior to "flying saucers", and the widespread use of radioactive isotopes.

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