ATI NO. --- DATE OF INFO 19 Aug 1949

AF NO. --- LOCATION Bloomington, Wis.

INFORM NO. OSI SOURCE [redacted]

DATE OF REPORT 1 Dec 1949 DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF OBSERVATION 1500 COLOR Shiny

SHAPE Mirrow with wing like appendages SPEED 200-300 MPH

SIZE 1 ft., Appendages 10" ALTITUDE Of normal /c

COURSE N LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Automobile

SOUND --- MANEUVERS ---

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES 1

Aircraft

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

[redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

5D-OSI/HLS/ej

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21EE

6 December 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object on 19 Aug 1949 at Glenn Haven Township, Grant County, Wisconsin by Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to Routing & Record Sheet from your office, dated 18 November 1949, requesting that investigation be conducted regarding report by [redacted] Bloomington, Wisconsin of an unidentified flying object.

2. Forwarded for your information are two copies of the final report of Special Agent FRANK J. LEXA, JR., District Office No. 24, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1 December 1949.

3. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

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R/I DO #24 dtd 1 Dec 49

for JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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AIR FORCE-WPAFB-L-28 NOV 49 15M

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-23

DATE 1 December 1949

REPORT MADE BY FRANK J. LEXA, JR.

REPORT MADE AT DO #24, 209 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill

PERIOD 28, 29 November 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

STATUS REFERRED UPON COMPLETION

TITLE

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT ON 19 AUG 1949 at GLENN HAVEN TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN BY MR. & MR. [redacted].
[redacted]

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Interview of Mr. [redacted], Bloomington, Wisconsin, relative to his sighting of an unidentified aerial object requested by TWX from 5th District OSI, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 26 November 1949. Mr. [redacted] stated that he sighted an unidentified aerial object at approximately 1500 hours on 19 August 1949, while travelling in his automobile with his wife in Glenn Haven Township, Grant County, Wisconsin. He stated the object was travelling in a northerly direction at a height of normal aircraft at a speed of from 200 to 300 miles per hour. Hedescribed the object as exceedingly shiny, resembling a mirror with wing-like appendages. The diameter of the body appeared to be one foot, the length of the wing-like appendages, 10 inches, and their width one inch. Mr. [redacted] is the [redacted] and [redacted] of the [redacted], Bloomington, Wisconsin, a [redacted]

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Commanding General,
Hq., Air Materiel Command,
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio.
Attn: MCIAXO-3

APPROVED

Wallace B. Scholes

WALLACE B. SCHOLES,
Lt. Colonel, USAF,
District Commander.

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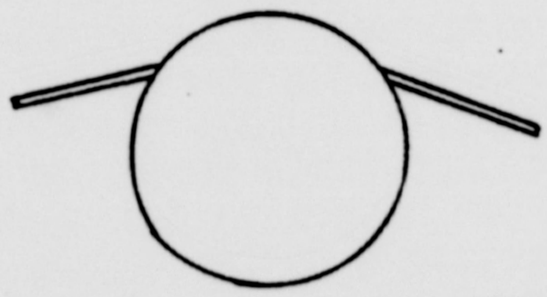
DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated on a TWX from the 5th District OSI, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 26 November 1949, requesting an interview with Mr. [redacted], Bloomington, Wisconsin, relative to an unidentified aerial object sighted by him.

AT BLOOMINGTON, WISCONSIN.

2. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], Bloomington, Wisconsin, were jointly interviewed on 29 November 1949. Mr. [redacted] stated that on or about 19 August 1949 he and his wife went for a short drive in the country. At approximately 1500 hours, while driving his automobile in a northerly direction near the [redacted] farm in Glenn Haven Township, Grant County, Wisconsin, he sighted an unidentified aerial object at an elevation of approximately 45° from his vehicle. He immediately called this unconventional object to the attention of his wife who also fleetingly viewed it. [redacted] stated that he is not familiar with methods of computing aerial height and therefore could not accurately judge the height in terms of feet, but estimated the object as being at the level of flight, or possibly a little higher, of an aircraft in normal travel conditions. He stated the object was travelling in a horizontal plane at an even keel, in a direct northerly direction and possibly veering a little to the east at an estimated speed of from two to three hundred miles per hour. He stated that no propulsion was visible, that the object appeared stable and that he could hear no exhaust or noise and that it gradually faded from view. The weather conditions were described as a clear, bright day. In describing the object, [redacted] stated that the body had the appearance of a round shiny mirror, approximately one foot in diameter with wing-like appendages, rudders or bars extending at approximately 10 inches on either side of the body. He described the width of the wing-like appendages as approximately one inch. A diagram of the object follows:

Length of appendages 10" -
width of appendages 1"



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Body approximately
1 foot in diameter

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the outstanding thing he noticed about the object was its brightness, which caused considerable glare in his eyes. [redacted] further stated that thereafter he returned to Bloomington, Wisconsin and did not give the incident further thought until he read a weekly newsletter from U. S. Representative GARDNER WITHROW, member of Congress from his Congressional District, outlining a similar incident in Salt Lake City, Utah, which had been investigated by the United States Air Force. He thereupon felt that the incident might be of interest to the United States Air Force and wrote to the Hon. GARDNER WITHROW about it.

3. [redacted] further stated that approximately two months later he had occasion to discuss the matter with one [redacted], a farmer residing near Bloomington, who in the discussion informed him that in late September or October, he heard a loud passing noise, but could not see any airplane or anything in the sky. He stated that he wondered if it was in any way connected with the aerial object he had viewed.

4. Mr. [redacted] is the [redacted] of the [redacted] in Bloomington, Wisconsin, whose population is between 700 and 800 people. He has no pertinent hobbies, and his ability to determine and reliability appear to be good. Both Mr. [redacted] and his wife appear to be quite intelligent.

AT GLENN HAVEN TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

5. Mr. [redacted], who is a farmer in Glenn Haven Township, Grant County, Wisconsin, was interviewed relative to his discussion of an unexplained loud noise with Mr. [redacted] stated that either the last Saturday in September or the first Saturday in October he and his two brothers were working in the fields. While so doing, they heard a loud passing noise from the sky. Although it was a clear day, [redacted] stated that he could see nothing in the sky. He described the noise as very unusual and that it did not resemble that of a plane or group of planes. He stated that one day he happened to talk to Mr. [redacted] and when Mr. [redacted] related the description of the aerial object he had seen, he brought up the subject of the unexplained noise, wondering whether it had any connection. He was unable to give any further information.

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Request for Investigation of Report of Unidentified Flying Object

5D OSI MCIAXA-1 18 Nov 49 1

ATTN: Mr. Morrill

1. Reference is made to conversation between Mr. Morrill and Lt. Smith of MCIAXA-1, 17 November 1949. It is requested that action be taken to investigate report by [redacted], Bloomington, Wisconsin, of an unidentified flying object.

2. It is further requested that the investigation be made as expeditiously as possible in accordance with urgent request by Headquarters USAF.

CARL B. LINDSTRAND
Lt Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

HWS/rm
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FORM FOR TELECONFERENCE

Date: 22 Nov 49

AMC W-P AFB, RESTRICTED
Security Classification

FROM: MCIAXA-1, Lt H. W. Smith TO: IAB

MESSAGE

REF CSAF 4, TT 617 AM, 17 NOV 49, REQUESTED INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED BY CSI TO BE REPORTED UPON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Lt. Smith

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CSAF
Item 10

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F ITEM 10 /[redacted]

TT PROJECT GRUDGE FROM DAB, BOGGS

FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED FROM MR [redacted]

[redacted], [redacted]

[redacted], BLOOMINGTON, WISCONSIN,

IN A LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN GARDNER R.

WITHROW:"WHEN I SET YOUR COLUMN YESTERDAY

AND CAME UPON THE PART ABOUT THE L*SHAPED

AIRPLANES SEEN AT BOISE, ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO

WHILE OUT for A RIDE WITH MY WIFE AND HER

SISTER, WE WERE DRIVING BETWEEN GEN HAVEN

AND BLOOMINGTON AND WE SAW A VERY QUEER

OBJECT. I SAW IT FIRST AND IT GLEAMED

VERY BRIGHTLY. I CALLED THEIR ATTENTION TO

IT BUT IT SOON DISAPPEARED OUT OF SIGHT. BUT

AS IT WENT ON IT BECAME MORE LIKE A BALLOON.

IT SEEMS TO BE VERY HIGH. THOUGHT THIS MIGHT

BE OF INTEREST TO YOU, OR MAYBE COULD SHED SOME

LIGHT AS TO WHAT IT WAS." REQUEST AMC OPINION ON

THIS INCIDENT BY THURSDAY TELECON IN ORDER THAT REPLY MAY

BE MADE TO CONGRESSMAN WITHROW BY HQ. USAF.

END CSAF ITEM 10/[redacted]/

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CSAF ITEM 4/R[redacted]

ATTN: PROJECT GRUDGE.

REFERENCE: TT 481, 13 SEPT 49, CSAF ITEM 1; AMC TT 489, 15 SEPT 49, AMC ITEM 1.

CONGRESSMAN WITHROW HAS REQUESTED RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT REPORTED BY [redacted], BLOOMINGTON, WISC. EVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF PLACING UNDUE EMPHASIS ON THIS INCIDENT, IT IS REQUESTED THAT IT BE INVESTIGATED AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE AND A FINAL REPORT BE RENDERED SOONEST. SUGGEST THAT LOCAL OSI AGENCIES MIGHT BE ASKED TO ACCOMPLISH THE FIELD INVESTIGATION.

END CSAF ITEM 4/R[redacted]

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DATE 13 December 1949

AMC ~~W-P AFB~~ [redacted]
(Secu[redacted]ication)

FROM: ~~WCLAA-1, Lt. H. W. Smith~~ TO IAB, Major Boggs
(Engineer's Name or Symbol) (Name or Symbol)

MESSAGE:

REF CSAF 4, TT 617 AM, DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1949. REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BY OSI OF INCIDENT REPORTED BY [redacted], BLOOMINGTON, WISCONSIN RECEIVED 9 DECEMBER 1949. THE INFORMATION GIVEN WAS OBTAINED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. [redacted]. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE EVIDENCE TO SERIOUSLY CONTROVERT THE CONCLUSION THAT OBJECT SEEN BY MR. [redacted] WAS A CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE. A COPY OF THE OSI REPORT IS BEING FORWARDED BY LETTER.

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