

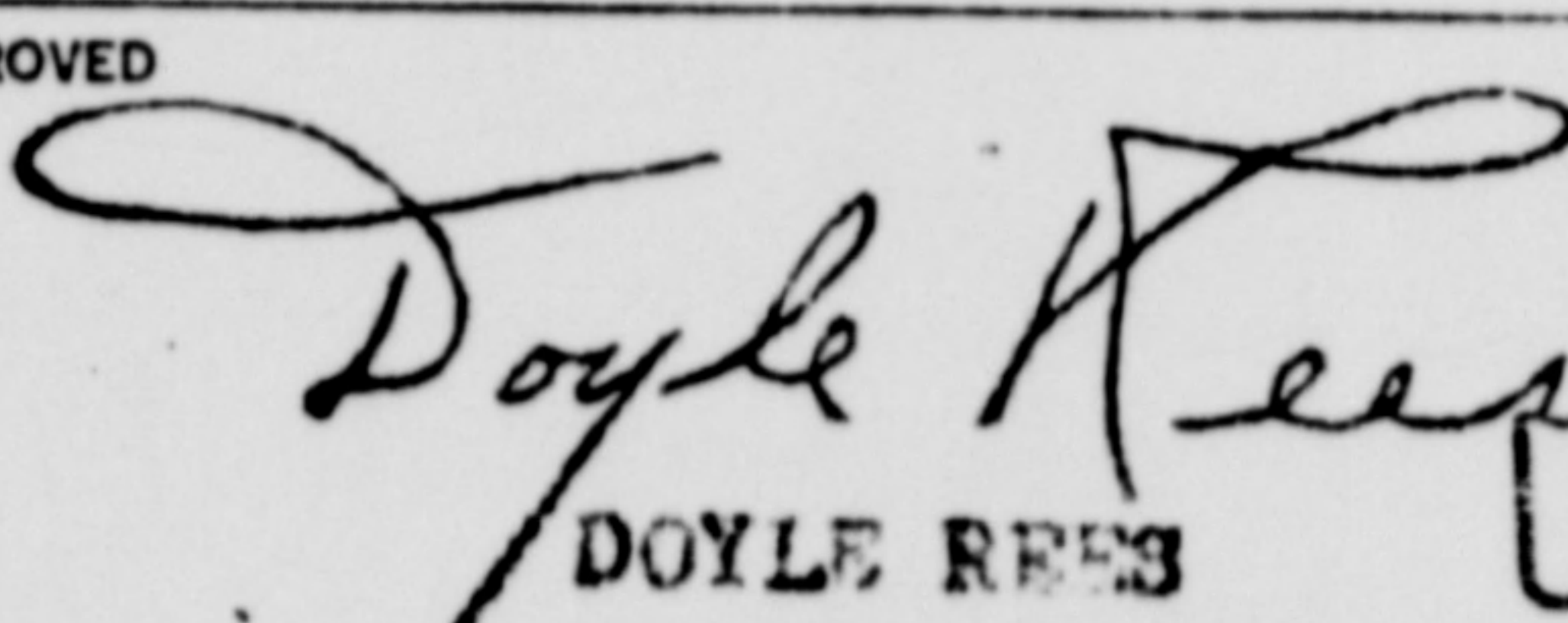
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ATTC NO. - - -	DATE OF INFO 1 Oct - Nov 1949
NO. - - -	LOCATION Los Alamos, N.M.
REPORT NO. - - -	SOURCE Army Officer and others
DATE OF REPORT - - -	DATE IN TO ATTC - - -
TIME OF SIGHTING 2120	COLOR Yellow to Green
SHAPE Round	Estimated
SIZE Half a moon	SPEED Dropped 15 degrees Measured
COURSE - - -	in 1 sec. Estimated
NO. IN GROUP 1	ALTITUDE 35 degrees above Measured
SOUND - - -	horizon
PHOTOS - - -	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 1 sec.
SKETCHES - - -	TYPE OF OBSERVATION AUTO (ground)
	MANEUVERS Flight was a straight vertical drop.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-9	DATE 7 December 1949
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Unidentified Aerial Phenomena		REPORT MADE BY S/A MELVIN E. REEF	REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
		PERIOD 7 December 1949	OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY		STATUS PENDING	
REFERENCE AFCSI Letter No. 85			
SYNOPSIS This report consists of reports of Aerial Phenomena received from Los Alamos, New Mexico, Atomic Energy installation, during October and November, 1949. AFCSI Letter No. 85 has not been complied with inasmuch as these reports were received from Mr. [REDACTED] Newburger, Chief, Security Operations, USAEC, Los Alamos, New Mexico. PENDING SMC RETURN TO: Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama K243.6012-1 27 1949 DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVAL DECLASSIFIED AT 12 YEAR INTERVAL DOD DIR 3200.10			
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 7 October 1949 Date of Interview: 13 October 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local): 2120 hours
3. Place of Observation: 300 yards west of Veterans Hospital on Gibson Ave.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg., location of - give details):
Car traveling East.
5. What attracted attention to object: Direct line of vision.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, ie, sun, moon, thumb or fist
at arms length: Half a moon.
8. Color of object: Yellow to green
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Round.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon,
90 degrees overhead): 35° above horizon.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): 4 o'clock.
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg., etc., over which object
appeared to be): Over Sandia Mountains.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Straight vertical drop.
14. Time in sight: 1 second.
15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance): Dropped 15° in 1
second from point of observation.
16. Sound and odor: None.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of
brilliance): Very bright.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Manuevers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): None.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Behind Sandia Mountains.
22. Effect on clouds: None.
23. Additional information concerning object: None.
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear and light.

Name and address of observer: 1st Lt. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Company, Sandia Base

Occupation and hobbies: Professional soldier.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer
(Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
"Q" cleared by FBI in 1949.

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

No glasses.

Windshield of automobile.

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Date 17 October 1949

TO: Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AFSS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM: [REDACTED] Sgt., Protective Force, AFSS
SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

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TIME OBSERVED: Approximately 1410 or 1415
DATE OBSERVED: 14 October 1949
POINT OF OBSERVATION: Anchor Utilities (near Fire Sta. #2 on West Road)
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: West
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Unable to determine
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From South to North
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 3 to 4 seconds
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: Unable to determine.
ESTIMATED SPEED: 500 M.P.H. or more - dependent on actual distance.
COLOR: Front two thirds, green and silver (luminous) - rear third, and tail, pale blue.
SOUND: None
SIZE: Approximately 1/8 the size of a full moon.
OBSERVER: [REDACTED] Co., employee, [REDACTED], Los Alamos, N. M.
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: Object had a tail approximately the same length as it's diameter.

Date 22 October 1949

TO: Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AFSS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM: Inspector [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 0220
DATE OBSERVED: 10-22-49
POINT OF OBSERVATION: 303
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: South of sta 303
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Doubtful but I think about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From up to down
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: About one second
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: 50 to 100 feet
ESTIMATED SPEED:
COLOR: Green
SOUND: No
SIZE: Small
OBSERVER: Inspector [REDACTED]
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: Light was apparently from a flare gun and was just at the top of its arc when seen. Close watch kept on the area for the next few minutes but no further lights appeared.

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Date October 22, 1949

TO : Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer

FROM : Inspector [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 0228

DATE OBSERVED: October 22, 1949

POINT OF OBSERVATION: Western end of foundry in Tec Area.

DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Estimated 170 degrees

ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: 15 miles

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From N-west to S-east

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2 seconds

ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: On horizon

ESTIMATED SPEED: 150 MPH

COLOR: Bright green

SOUND: None

SIZE: Four times the size of a flare

OBSERVER: Insp. [REDACTED]

STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: At 0228, as I was rounding corner (SW) of the foundry, the light was observed to be just above the horizon. As the light was under observation for only 2 seconds the direction, speed, etc, are approximated. However, just as the light seemed to be at its lowest point in flight, it wavered as though it had either been affected by a reduction in speed or had hit something on the ground. To all appearances, this object did NOT disappear behind the horizon but behind a hill.

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Date 11-19-49

TO : Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM : Inspector [REDACTED] AESS

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 2152
DATE OBSERVED: 11-19-49
POINT OF OBSERVATION: Anchor Site
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: East
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: Unknown
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: From Vertical to Straight down
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2 seconds
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: - - - - -
ESTIMATED SPEED: - - - - -
COLOR: Green
SOUND: None
SIZE: - - - - -
OBSERVER: Inspector [REDACTED]
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: First glimpse was green then turned yellow or white

Date 11-19-49

TO: Lt. Col. John A. Carroll, Chief Inspector, AESS
Attention: Operations Officer
FROM : Inspector [REDACTED], AESS

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OR UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS OBSERVED

TIME OBSERVED: 2152
DATE OBSERVED: 11-19-49
POINT OF OBSERVATION: Anchor Site
DIRECTION OF OBJECT FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: - - - - -
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION: - - - - -
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: Vertical
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2 seconds
ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: - - - - -
ESTIMATED SPEED: - - - - -
COLOR: Green
SOUND: None
SIZE: Unknown
OBSERVER: Inspector [REDACTED]
STATEMENT BY OBSERVER: -----

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SANTA FE OPERATIONS OFFICE
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Nov. 25, 1949

DO-1

Captain Melvin E. Neef
17th District OSI
Kirtland Field
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Subject: AERIAL PHENOMENA

Dear Sir:

This office has been informed by [REDACTED] scientist with Group P-9 of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, of the following celestial phenomena observed at approximately 1950 hours, November 16, 1949, at Los Alamos:

Two bluish-green lights (similar to that given off by burning zinc) in tandem were seen overhead, slightly south of the zenith. They appeared to be stationary, but suddenly curved around and disappeared to the north with the speed of a meteor. No sound was heard in conjunction with this observation.

Mr. [REDACTED] said that his attention had been called to the sky by some children who reported having seen erratically moving green lights, and it was while he was looking, in response to their questions, that he observed the phenomena described above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidney Newburger, Jr.
SIDNEY NEWBURGER, Jr.
Chief, Security Operations

CC: Francis Hannaack
USAEC, Washington, DC

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Nov. 29, 1949

DO-1

Captain Melvin E. Neef
17th District OSI
Kirtland Field
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Subject: AERIAL PHENOMENA

Dear Sir:

On November 25, 1949, at approximately 2000 hours, a light yellowish-green object was observed for about two seconds, from a point on the northern part of the project, by the following staff members of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory: ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ s. The object appeared as a point of light, much brighter than any star, at about 350 degrees and 15 degrees elevation, moving from east to west, for approximately 50 degrees, and downward at about 10 degrees from the horizontal. It was first seen by ~~REDACTED~~, who yelled "There it is, there it is." The other observers turned around in time to see the latter part of the trajectory as it disappeared behind the Jemez Range. Distance from the point of observation, altitude, and speed could not be estimated, and there was no sound heard in connection with this phenomenon.

These observations are being reported for your information in coordinating such reports in this area.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidney Newburger, Jr.
SIDNEY NEWBURGER, Jr.
Chief, Security Operations

CC: Francis Hammaack
USAEC, Washington

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Mount Hope, West Virginia

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Receipt of your letter, dated 3 October 1949, is hereby acknowledged.

The information you provided has been included in our present study of unidentified aerial objects.

Your action in writing this Headquarters is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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CARL B. LEISTRAND

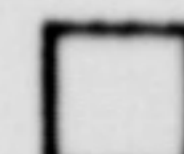
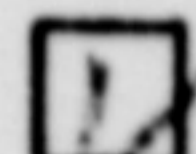
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P. H. GARRETT
MOUNT HOPE, WEST VA.

October 3, 1949

Technical Intelligence Div.,
Air Material Command Headquarters
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio,

Gentlemen;

My wife and I have a first class case of the JITTERS not because of what we have witnessed but for fear we too would be the source of laughter should we make it public.

When stories relating to Flying Saucers and Disks made their appearance I was inclined to believe they were based on illusions or imaginary objects and like the majority of people did not attach particular significance to them.

When Mr. Sidney Shalett published his articles relating to them in the Saturday Evening Post I accepted his doubts and explanations as they referred to specific cases. Especially in view of the fact our Government denied all responsibility for possible experimental missiles.

But now, in the light of our own experience, I am not too sure. Possibly there are strange, man made objects traveling through the atmosphere. Being reasonably intelligent we have decided to submit the following report for what it might be worth.

We live on a high hill overlooking our community. We became sky conscious during the war due to many planes flying over our home in a north-south direction. Since the war, Capital, Eastern and Piedmont planes continue to fly this course. Hence we are accustomed to looking sky-ward both day and night.

Saturday afternoon, October the first, at five P.M., my wife and I were standing on the hill near our home, and by chance, I was looking direct at the Southern Sky. Then suddenly, there entered the field of vision a strange object. Sensing something unusual I grabbed my wife by the arm and pointing skyward, shouted, do you see what I see. "Yes I do she replied" and after its disappearance we stood silent, in astonishment, for a moment before either could speak.

This object came into the field of vision on about a 45 degree angle, traveling at a terrific speed, due north, and vanished from sight at about the same position it had become visible. During the few seconds it was visible I tried to make a careful observation as to its general contour and etc.

Generally speaking, the best way I can describe this device is to state, that from the ground, it looked like a sheet of metal from four to five feet in length and thirty inches wide with rounded corners.

P. H. GARRETT
MOUNT HOPE, WEST VA.

It had no wings nor other protrusions, neither was there any sound, smoke, nor vapor to be seen nor heard. Only the bottom could be seen from the ground, height and speed made it impossible to ascertain ~~its~~ heights or depth. The bottom was smooth, remained parallel with the earth, (no waivering) had a metallic appearance but did not glisten in sun light. The color was that of lead or tarnished tin.

In flight it followed a straight course, maintained a fixed equilibrium, traveled longwise as illustrated, appeared and disappeared with marked suddenness.

In my mind I am unable to correlate this object with any of the various manifestations produced by government balloons as listed by Mr. Shalett. The nearest coincident he listed was the case of the two aviators who saw an object alongside their plane and later checked with their passengers for confirmation. However in their case it was night time and they were also in the air affording more complete observation.

What we saw was no illusion nor hallucination. I studied medicine and have some knowledge of them. It was no heavenly body. I have read three books on astronomy including a college text and many articles. It was no airplane of common knowledge. To us, until disproved, it was a man made, mechanical gadget, origin unknown.

Henceforth I will no doubt, doubt, the conclusions of Mr. Shalett and those who supported him in his articles. Possibly some of the reports are not illusions nor fragments of the imagination. Maybe strange objects are sailing above our heads from here or abroad.

Yours truly,



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BASIC: Ltr Hq, 56th Ftr Wg, Selfridge AFB, Michigan, Subj: Report of Information on "Flying Discs", file INT 333 dtd

- (d) Color: A very bright silvery metallic color.
- (e) Speed: Unknown
- (f) Heading: W-NW turning around and heading E-SE.
- (g) Maneuverability: See general remarks.
- (h) Altitude: 5 to 10 thousand feet.
- (i) Sound: None
- (j) Exhaust trail or not: None

(7) General remarks: [REDACTED] stated that while traveling along, approximately three (3) miles northeast on highway #31 going north out of Holland, Michigan on the 2 October 1949, he sighted a very bright and shiny object shaped like a dinner plate. Going east the object approached beneath a transparent cloud, the object did a flip, and went up into the cloud. [REDACTED] expected the object to come out of the other side of the cloud, but instead it came out at the point of entry, and traveled back along its original route and then disappeared into the east. [REDACTED] claims that the object was in his sight for approximately 30 to 60 seconds. It is to be noted that at the time of sighting [REDACTED] was traveling along a heavily traveled highway, and approaching a turn. [REDACTED] states that while approaching the turn in the highway he noticed a barn just right of the turn. The object sighted was just about the height of a yard stick above the barn in his line of sight. [REDACTED] stated that he judged the cloud formations on the 2 of October 1949 to be from 5 to 10 thousand feet.

It is the belief of the undersigned that there is considerable margin for error in this report, in view of the fact that the individual making the report was traveling down a well traversed highway, and also approaching a turn. The time element involved in viewing this object was probably not as great as is indicated due to circumstances at the time of sighting. Also the official CAA weather report indicates that the cloud formations on this day in question in this locality were supposed to be at an altitude of 25,000 feet.

Background of the individual is as follows: Spent 52 months in the USAAF from early 1941 to late 1945. He spent 31 months in England, France and Germany, with a B-26 Unit, the 896th Air Engineer Squadron of the 344th Bomb Group.

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HEADQUARTERS
56TH FIGHTER WING
SEIFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

INT 333

SUBJECT: Report of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio ATTN: TSDIN
CG, 10AF, Benjamin Harrison AFB, Indiana ATTN: Dir of Intell.
CG, ConAC, Mitchel AFB, New York ATTN: Dir of Intelligence.
Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington 25, D.C., ATTN: Dir of
Intelligence, Requirements Division.

1. The following information is hereby submitted in compliance with letter Headquarters ConAC, file 200.1 dated 25 March 1948, Subj: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs".

- (1) Location: Approximately three (3) miles northeast of Holland, Michigan. Object sighted just above a "Red" barn, at 1100 hours, 2 October 1949.
- (2) Weather at time of sighting: CAA Weather sequence at Grand Rapids, Michigan at 10:30E, 250 - ϕ 8 244/67/47/12/023; at 11:30E, 250 - ϕ 8 237/72/48/15/022. [redacted] stated that small transparent clouds were slowly drifting at approximately 5 to 10 thousand feet.
- (3) Names, occupations and address of witnesses: MR. [redacted], laborer, rural route #2, Newaygo, Michigan.
- (4) Photographs of objects: None
- (5) Sketches of object's configuration: [redacted] stated that the object was the shape of an ordinary dinner plate, at one-half mile distance from object.
- (6) Object sighted:
 - (a) Number: One (1)
 - (b) Shape: Flat circular plate.
 - (c) Size: At one-half mile distance, it would appear to be the size of an ordinary dinner plate.

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██████ seemed sincere enough in his belief that he had sighted this
supposedly foreign object. He secured permission from his employer
to be absent from his place of employment in order to make contact
with the undersigned.

Cowan S. Hill, Jr.

COWAN S. HILL, JR
Capt, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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OBJECT SIGHTED 5 OCTOBER 1949 APPROXIMATELY 1826/I TIME PD VISIBLE
FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE SECOND CMA OBJECT APPEARED TO BE BLACK
CMA ELIPTICAL CMA AIR FOIL APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET IN DIAMETER PD
SIGHTED AT 26 DEGREES 41' NORTH 127 DEGREES 46 AND ONE HALF MINUTES
EAST BY ONE INDIVIDUAL PD HEADING NORTH EAST AT A SPEED ESTIMATED
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