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ATIC NO. - - -

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DATE OF REPORT 20 Oct 1949

TIME OF SIGHTING 2310

SHAPE - - -

SIZE Full moon

COURSE - - -

NO. IN GROUP - - -

SOUND - - -

PHOTOS - - - SKETCHES - - -

DATE OF INFO 12 Oct 1949

LOCATION Wilson, NC

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

COLOR Red

SPEED - - -

ALTITUDE 45 degrees

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - - -

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS - - -

REMARKS: Fireball reported by members of meteor society.

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24 October 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith are summaries of information re object observed in Wilson, North Carolina.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOHN MEADE
Colonel, GSC
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2 March 1948

Mr. Oscar Monnig
Secretary, National Meteorological Society
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sir:

I was acquainted with you some 16 years ago when I was a member of the Penta Society under the direction of Miss [redacted] of old Central High School. You were lecturing and holding star observation meetings at that time. I am writing this introductory letter as a personal note rather than as an official piece of correspondence. I am requesting that you keep the subject matter confidential, and assure you that any correspondence you address to this Headquarters will be held in absolute confidence. Please address reply to:

Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: Major M. W. Faulk (MCIA)

I am interested in the sighting of a supposed meteorite over Kansas about two weeks ago. I gather from a news article that you will have information regarding any fragments from this object. If you have knowledge of the existence of these fragments, or of any technical information concerning the meteorite, please write us and give the details. I plan to be in Fort Worth for a visit to my home during the week end of 13 March 1948 and I will appreciate an interview with you at that time.

Remembering with pleasure your cooperation with our group of high school students, I feel sure that you will respect my request that there be no publicity concerning this investigation and that you will give us whatever information is available to you.

Sincerely yours,

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No: 24-8

26 October 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

AXA

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

12 Oct 49 N.F.
Hottoman, AFB, N.M.

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district, relative to the sightings of unidentified aerial objects in the West Texas - New Mexico - Arizona area.

2. Attached are two (2) copies each of Reports of Investigation, this district, dated 13, 18 and 19 October 1949, all of which are concerned with these sightings.

3. This investigation is continuing and copies of future reports will be forwarded to your headquarters.

Doyle Rees

DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8

DATE 13 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL O. WOLACK, JR.

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 12 October 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB

STATUS PENDING

TITLE

UNCOVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted Holloman AFB, New Mexico
12 October 1949, by
S/Sgt CLIFFORD B. HART, AF-14041905
S/Sgt HARRY A. BOGGS, AF-6587322, and
S/Sgt J. D. DENNING, AF-14214748

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY (Uncoventional Aircraft)

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, to furnish information regarding the sighting of unidentified uncoventional aircraft at Holloman Air Force Base, at 11:15 on 12 October 1949. Interviewed three witnesses and obtained statements. Obtained winds aloft report, weather report, and report of radar activities. Telephone report made to Headquarters, 17th District OSI.

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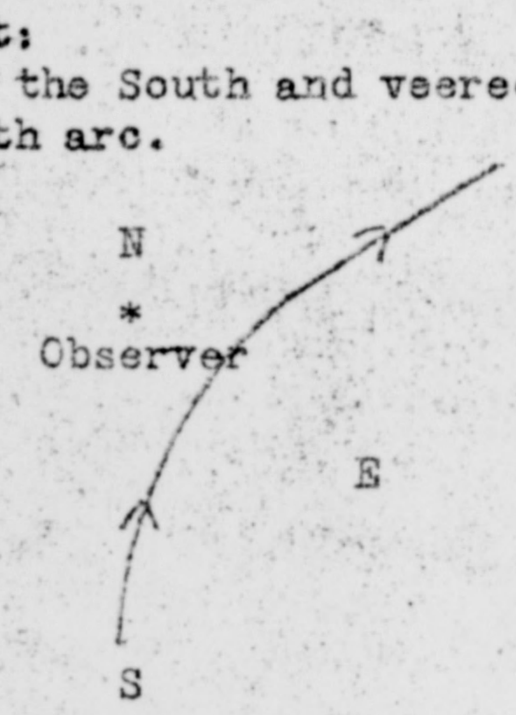
DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon instructions in AFCSI Letter No. 85, to report all sighting of Unconventional Aircraft.

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. On 12 October 1949, S/Sgt CLIFFORD B. HART was interviewed regarding the sighting of Unconventional Aircraft at Holloman Air Force Base at 1115 on 12 October 1949. HART furnished the following information:

a. Date of Sighting: 12 October 1949
b. Time of Sighting: 11:15 MST
c. Where Sighted: Ground
d. Number of objects: One
e. Observable celestial objects: None except sun.
f. Distance from Observer:
(1) Horizontally: 5 to 10 miles
(2) 45° elevation at first, 80° when nearest observer, 45° at point of disappearance.
(3) 35,000' if object was the same size as B-29 aircraft.
g. Time in Sight: 45 to 60 seconds.
h. Appearance of Object:
(1) Color - White or Aluminum.
(2) Shape - Round Ball.
(3) Apparent construction - Appeared to be A/C Aluminum.
(4) Size - Appeared to be about 4" in diameter at closest point to observer.
i. Direction of Flight:
Appeared from the South and veered off to Northeast in a smooth arc.



j. Tactics or maneuver: None
k. Evidence of exhaust: None
l. Effect on Clouds: None - No clouds
m. Lights: None
n. Supports: None

o. Propulsion: None evident
p. Control and Stability: Evidently good.
q. Air ducts: None visible
r. Speed: Estimated 1500 mph. Much faster than any jet observer has seen.
s. Sound: None
t. Manner of Disappearance: Faded from view.

Information relative to Observer:

(a) S/Sgt CLIFFORD B. HART, AF-14041905

(b) Address: Present - Holloman AFB.

Next 20 days: General Delivery
Gainesville, Alabama.

Future: APO 942, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

(c) Occupation: Flight Engineer

(d) Place of Business: Holloman AFB

(e) Hobbies: Flying - Has private license

(f) Ability to determine: Excellent - Service with AF and knowledge of Aircraft.

(g) Reliability of Observer: Excellent.

(h) Notes relative to Observer on:

(1) Sighting in general: None
(2) How attention was drawn to object: Heard either an airplane engine or truck engine and looked up. Sound was not from object.
(3) Degree of fatigue: None

(i) Witnesses:

S/Sgt J. D. Denning, AF-14214748
S/Sgt Harry A. Boggs, AF-6587322

(1) Addresses - Both Holloman Air Force Base
(2) Occupation - Both Aircraft Mechanics
(3) Reliability - DENNING - Reliable.
BOGGS - Fairly reliable but not sure of his observation.

NOTE: Both of the above Witnesses substantiated HART's observations. Statements of DENNING and HART are attached as Exhibits "A" and "B".

3. On 12 October 1949, checks were made at Both Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Proving Ground relative to possible radar sightings of object. The results of this check were negative.

4. Obtained teletype sequences of local weather conditions at time of sighting. There are as follows:

12 / 10:30 M

ALM 050 183 / 66 / 3142 / 0191 ///9/

12 / 11:30 M

ALM 050 186 / 69 / 3812 / 019 / 002 41 2///3/ ///9/

5. Obtained 0300 winds aloft report as follows:

6000'	Calm	
7000'	East	6 Knots
8000'	120°	9 Knots
9000'	150°	15 Knots
10000'	130°	12 Knots
12000'	70°	15 Knots
14000'	80°	15 Knots
16000'	80°	16 Knots
18000'	80°	15 Knots
20000'	70°	10 Knots
25000'	70°	13 Knots
30000'	70°	12 Knots
35000'	110°	18 Knots
40000'	110°	15 Knots
45000'	150°	8 Knots
60000'	NE	Speed unknown
65000'	NE	Speed unknown

NOTE: It is to be noted that object traveled into all prevailing winds.

6. Check of all flight schedules in vicinity revealed no aircraft which was in the vicinity at the time of sighting.

7. Checks with the Electronic and Atmospheric Section, Holloman AFB, Weather Station at Holloman AFB and White Sands Proving Ground, and the Technical Division at White Sands Proving Ground revealed no testing devices were sent aloft which could have been mistaken for object in question. The Electronic and Atmospheric Section, Holloman AFB, did release a weather research balloon, however, it traveled from Northeast to Southwest.

Inclosures:

FOR CG, AMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Exhibit "A" - Statement of S/Sgt HART
2. Exhibit "B" - Statement of S/Sgt DENNING

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 17, KIRTLAND AFB

AT WALKER AFB, NEW MEXICO

Will attempt to locate persons who observed object described in this report. Object disappeared in the direction of Roswell and/or Fort Sumner.

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Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. 12 October 1949

On 12 October 1949, about 11:15 o'clock, I was sitting behind a B-29 which was parked on the Main Area Parking Ramp and I was facing approximately South East, when I saw a white looking round object that had the appearance of a balloon about 6" in diameter, coming from a Southward direction at an enormous rate of speed and, compared to the size of a B-29, it seemed to be about 35,000 feet in altitude. It seemed to curve slightly and disappear in a North East direction within approximately 45 seconds. I called to S/Sgt Boggs and S/Sgt Denning to look at it. Both boys said that they saw it and I called to about three other crew men, that were under the wing, to come look at it and due to the fast disappearance they were unable to see it.

This object was of a silver color but I did not notice any bright reflections from it and it seemed to have no external configurations or vapor trails. The disappearance was sudden and there seemed to be no noise. The object seemed to pass between here and Alamogordo.

Clifford B. Hart

CLIFFORD B. HART, S/Sgt
AF-14041905
3089th Experimental Group
2754th Exp. Wing, Holloman AFB.

At Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. 12 October 1949.

I was standing out on the Ramp at Aircraft 103. The thing I saw seemed to be traveling pretty fast. I thought at first it was a balloon. Then I saw it was traveling too fast for that. It was a round looking thing and was white or made out of aluminum.

To the best of my knowledge it looked to be anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000 feet altitude, and about 75 to 80 degree above the horizon. It was headed North-East. It was flying straight all the time I saw it, and I watched it until it went out of sight. I haven't seen a jet go as fast as it was at that altitude. It was about 8 to 10 miles at it closest place to me. It did not have any wings or tail.

J. D. Denning

J. D. DENNING, S/Sgt AF-14214748

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	DATE
24-8	18 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY
RUSSELL O. HOJACK, JR.

REPORT MADE AT
DO #17, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD
12, 13 October 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #17, Kirtland AFB

STATUS
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TITLE
UNCOVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted Holloman AFB, New Mexico
11 October 1949, by
M/Sgt RALPH M. STEVENS, AF-16043392

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCOVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter No. 85, dtd 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is submitted in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, to furnish information regarding the sighting of unidentified uncoventional aircraft at Holloman AFB, between 10:45 and 11:00 on 11 October 1949. Interviewed one witness and obtained statement. Wind aloft report and weather report were obtained from witness who was in charge of a lower atmospheric research project at time. Check of Radar activities proved negative.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon instructions in AFCSI Letter No. 85, to report all sightings of Unconventional Aircraft.

AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

2. On 13 October 1949, M/Sgt RALPH M. STEVENS, AF-16043392, was interviewed regarding the sighting, by him, of Unconventional Aircraft at Holloman AFB, between 1045 and 1100, on 11 October 1949. STEVENS furnished the following information:

a. Date of Sighting: 11 October 1949
b. Time of Sighting: 1045 - 1100.
c. Where Sighted: Ground
d. Number of Objects: One
e. Observable celestial objects: None except sun.
f. Distance from Observer:

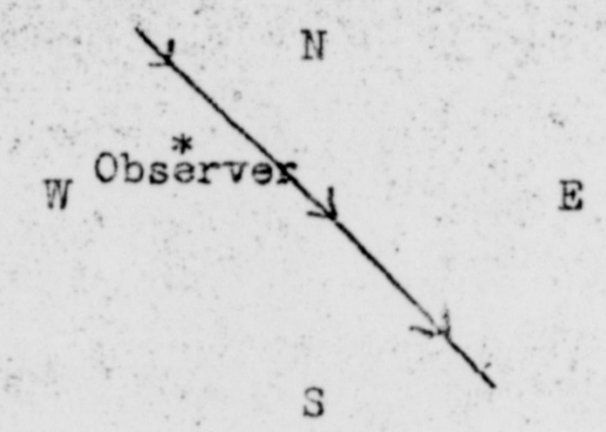
(1) Horizontally - Unable to determine.
(2) 60° Elevation at first, 90° passed overhead, 60° at disappearance.
(3) If size of B-29, appeared to be 150,000'.

g. Time in Sight: 10 to 15 seconds.

h. Appearance:

(1) White color.
(2) Round dish shape.
(3) Unable to determine construction.
(4) Size - 2 inches in diameter at arms length.

i. Direction of Flight - Northwest to Southeast, straight course.



j. Tactics or Maneuvers: None
k. Evidence of Exhaust: None
l. Effect on Clouds: None
m. Lights: None
n. Supports: None

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o. Propulsion: No visible means.
p. Control and Stability: Stable
q. Air Ducts: None
r. Speed: Faster than any object ever observed by STEVENS other than a falling star.
s. Sound: None
t. Manner of Disappearance: Faded from view as a result of distance.

Information Relative to Observer:

(a) Name: M/Sgt RALPH M. STEVENS , AF-16043392.
(b) Address: Box 569, Holloman AFB
(c) Occupation: Tech Aide - Lower Atmospheric Research.
(d) Place of business: Holloman AFB, Electronic and Atmospheric Research Section.
(e) Hobbies: Sports
(f) Ability to determine: Excellent observer. 21 months experience as observer.
(g) Reliability: Excellent
(h) Notes relative to observer on:
(1) Sightings in general - None previous.
(2) How attention was drawn to object: Was looking around at the sky; picked up movement of object.
(3) Degree of fatigue: None.
(i) Witnesses:
The only other witness was Sgt. MARION H. GRAVES, who was tracking an observation balloon at the time of the sighting. He observed what appeared to be something crossing the field of vision of the theodolite with such speed as to cause a streak.

3. M/Sgt STEVENS was recording data of drift, etc. on the observation balloon and he states that the object was traveling at such a rate of speed as to preclude its being caused by any upper air winds. He also stated that the weather conditions at the time were clear with visibility unlimited. He further stated that the object was traveling in the opposite direction to all prevailing winds, as indicated by the drift of the observatiin balloon.

4. Checks with the Electronics and Atmospheric Research Section, Holloman AFB, Weather Stations at Holloman AFB and White Sands Proving Ground, and the Technical Division at White Sands Proving Ground, revealed that no testing devices were sent aloft which could have been mistaken for the object in question. All these agencies also stated that there had been no unusual radar sightings.

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Inclosures:

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1. Exhibit "A", Statement of M/Sgt STEVENS

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HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, New Mexico 14 October 1949

On 11 October 1949, at approximately 1100 hours, I was located at Ryan #4 Site, at HAFB, as a member of a balloon launching and tracking crew. We had launched a balloon flight and were tracking the flight with a Theodolite. Sgt. MARION H. GRAVES was tracking with the Theodolite and I was engaged in recording Azimuth and Elevation angles. I happened to peer into the sky to the Northwest and observed a white object moving at a high rate of speed. This object appeared to move in a straight path and disappeared from view to the Southeast in approximately 10 to 15 seconds. This object appeared to be moving at a greater speed than any object I have ever observed, with the exception of a falling star.

Ralph M. Stevens

RALPH M. STEVENS, M/Sgt
AF-16043392

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8

DATE 19 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY JOSE Q. RODRIGUEZ

REPORT MADE AT DO # 17, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 13, 14, 15, 17 Oct 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 17, Kirtland AFB

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TITLE

Sighting of Aerial Phenomena on 12 Oct 49 at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, by 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, AO-771942

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85; Headquarters OSI file 24-185

SYNOPSIS

On 12 October 1949 at approximately 1340 hours MST, 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, AO-771942, Bombardier, 65th Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, sighted one object in the air at approximate altitude of 30,000 feet. Object was round, metalic in substance, white or silver in color and with a diameter of approximately 50 to 100 feet. Object traveled at great rate of speed (1,000 miles per hour). Investigation failed to identify object. Observer considered to be reliable.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation requested by OSI, Hq to ascertain facts surrounding the sighting of an unidentified object sighted over Davis-Monthan AFB at 1340 hours MST, 12 October 1949.

AT DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB

2. On 14 October 1949, 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, AO-771942, Bombadier, 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp was interviewed. LATZ stated that on 12 October 1949 at about 1340 hours MST, while standing in the 65th Bomb Sq aircraft parking area in the company of three airmen, his attention was drawn to an object which appeared to be about 25,000 to 30,000 feet overhead. LATZ described the object as being round, metalic in substance, white or silver in color with an approximate diameter of from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) feet. LATZ stated that the object was traveling from Northeast (20°) toward Southwest (240°) and at an excessive rate of speed, possibly as much as one thousand (1,000) miles an hour. LATZ observed the object for about 15 seconds at which time his attention was distracted by the launching of a weather balloon over Davis-Monthan AFB. When LATZ returned his gaze to the portion of the sky where the object was last seen, the object had disappeared. LATZ is of the opinion that the object which he saw, could possibly be an instrument whose existence is known.

3. In accordance with AFCSI Letter #85:

a. Date of sighting - 12 October 1949

b. Time of sighting - 1340 MST

c. Where sighted - From the ground out of doors at approximately 110 degrees 54 minutes West Longitude and 32 degrees 10 minutes North Latitude.

d. Number of objects - One

e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting - None at this time of day

f. Distance of object from observer:

(1) Estimated distance of 5 miles NE when sighted to estimated distance of 6 miles SW upon disappearing.

(2) Angle of elevation - 75 degrees.

(3) Altitude - Estimated between 25 and 30 thousand feet.

g. Time in sight - Approximately 15 seconds.

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h. Appearance of object:

(1) White or silver.

(2) Round or spherical.

(3) Solid and of metalic construction.

(4) Size was estimated to be approximately 50 to 100 feet in diameter.

i. Direction of flight - From NE to SW.

j. Tactics or maneuvers - None, flight horizontal and straight.

k. No evidence of exhaust.

l. Object did not come in contact with clouds during sighting.

m. Absolutely no reflection or lights in sight.

n. No visible support.

o. No visible propulsion.

p. Control and stability of object appeared to be very good although no fins or stabilizers were apparent.

q. No ducts or slots or openings were visible.

r. Speed was approximately 1000 miles per hour.

s. No sound was heard from the object.

t. Object faded from view

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS:

The unidentified aerial object was not picked up by any radar sets in this vicinity.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

a. Name of observer - DAVID J. LATZ

b. Address - 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB

c. Occupation - Bombadier

d. Place of Business - Davis-Monthan AFB, member of an airplane crew

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e. Pertinent hobbies - None.

f. Ability to determine - Very Good.

g. Reliability - Very Good.

h. Notes relative to observer on:

(1) Sightings in general - Observer has never seen anything like the object before.

(2) How attention was drawn to object - Happened to look up.

(3) Observer was not airborne.

i. Witnesses:

(1) S/Sgt JOHN A. BOBST, AF-39209928
(A) Address - 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB.
(B) Occupation - Scanner
(C) Reliability - Good

(2) T/Sgt ROY S. ELIAS, AF-6564861
(A) Address - 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB.
(B) Occupation - Scanner
(C) Reliability - Good

(3) S/Sgt PAUL C. WALLINGFORD, AF-16241543
(A) Address - 65th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB.
(B) Occupation - Flight Engineer
(C) Reliability - Very Good

j. Comments - Observer is generally considered to be reliable, conscientious and a stable officer. During the interview observer and witnesses appeared to be of good character, above average in intelligence and were very sincere and honest about statements made.

GENERAL

a. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions - Ceiling unlimited; clear sky; visability 50 miles; sea level pressure 1008.5, temperature 88° F; dew point 17° F; winds ESE 10 mimus knots; altimeter 989; station pressure 27.180 inches; wet bulb 55.0; dry bulb 87.9; relative humidity 8% and no strato cumulus.

b. Winds aloft report:

Feet	Degrees	Knots
10,000	110	29
14,000	60	13
16,000	90	9
20,000	110	20

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Feet	Degrees	Knots
25,000	100	14
30,000	30	17
35,000	130	18
40,000	170	33
45,000	150	24
50,000	160	29

c. Local flight schedules - Checks with the AACS Detachment, Davis-Monthan AFB and local flying fields failed to reveal any scheduled flights of privately owned, commercial or USAF planes in the air at the time of this incident.

d. Relese of testing divices - A check with the Weather Bureau, municipal Airport, Tucson, Arizona disclosed that weather ballons have not been released from their station since about the middle of August 1949. A check with the Base Weather Station, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona revealed that weather baloons were released at approximately 0200 hours, 0800 hours, 1400 hours, and 2000 hours on 12 October 1949. A thorough check of all agencies in this vicinity did not disclose any other testing devices released in this area on 12 October 1949.

e. The object sighted by Lt LATZ did not come into close proximity or contact with the earth during the observation.

f. Object did not come near aircraft or other objects during the observed flight and therefore no checks were made for possible radio activity.

g. A photostate of the terrain and surrounding sight point of unidentified object is attached hereto as inclosure #2.

h. A signed statement of Lt LATZ is attached as inclosure #1.

i. No physical evidence available.

j. No antenna or projections were visible.

Inclosures:

FOR EACH COPY OF THIS REPORT

1. Statement of 1st Lt DAVID J. LATZ, dated at Tucson, Arizona 17 October 1949.

2. Photostat of the terrain, over which object was sighted 12 October 1949.

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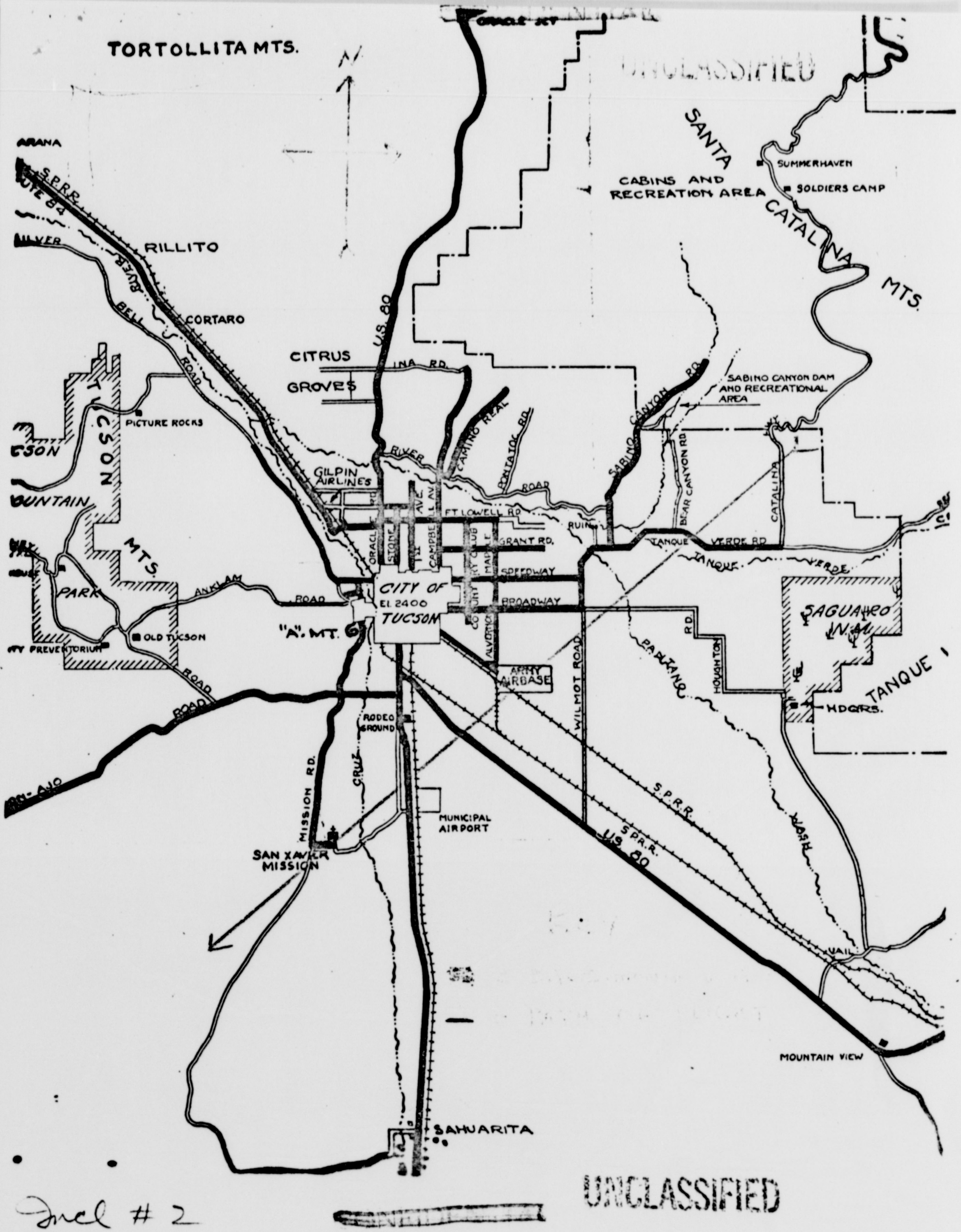

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 20 October 1949

PREPARING OFFICE: CIC FAO #11, POB #1627, Raleigh, North Carolina — GLP

SUBJECT: OBJECT OBSERVED IN WILSON, N. C. (12 October 1949)

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OF SOURCE:		OF INFORMATION:	
COMPLETELY RELIABLE	A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	1
USUALLY RELIABLE	B	PROBABLY TRUE	2
FAIRLY RELIABLE	C	POSSIBLY TRUE	3
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	D	DOUBTFULLY TRUE	4
UNRELIABLE	E	IMPROBABLE	5
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 19 October 1949, Mr. [redacted] American Meteor Society, w/residence at 504 Vance Street, Wilson, N. C., was interviewed re: Brilliant Meteor article as reported in the News & Observer Newspaper, Raleigh, N. C., on 16 October 1949. Mr. Eason, who has been a meteor observer for the past 22 years, stated that he did not see the meteor in question, but that it was reported to him by Mr. [redacted], Wilson, N. C. Following are the essential points of the report received from Mr. Bissette by Mr. Eason:

On 12 October 1949, at about 11:10 PM, Mr. [redacted] his wife and son were sitting intheir living room, when Mrs. [redacted] looked out of their living room window and saw a Fireball coming from a northwest direction and headed in a southeast direction. She called her husband and son's attention to it. When first seen, it was about the size of a full moon, red in color, and at an altitude of 45 degrees. According to them, it stopped in its' flight, backed up, and then started again in its' original path. Before disappearing over the horizon, its' size had dwindled to that of a baseball. This Fireball left no trail, nor was there any sound. The weather was described as clear.

Mr. Eason said that this same Fireball was reported by Mr. [redacted], Wilson, N. C., but Mr. [redacted] was unable to give details.

After the aforementioned article had appeared inthe paper, Mr. Eason received a letter from Mr. [redacted], Dept. of History and Political Science, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C., in which Mr. [redacted] stated that on 12 October 1949, between 11:10 and 11:15 PM, he and Mr. [redacted] were standing on the front porch of his home facing east when they saw a Fireball coming out of the southeast and headed in a northwest direction. This Fireball was about the size of a baseball, and seemed to travel parallel to the earth's surface. After a long and fiery flight, it broke into 2 or 3 pieces, and quietly disappeared.

Mr. Eason stated that from all the reports he had received there has been a regular epidemic of Fireballs in the North Carolina area since September. He said that he did not keep those reports on hand but sent them to Dr. Charles P. Olivier, President of the American Meteor Society, and Director of the Flowers Observatory, University of Pennsylvania, Upper Darby, Pa., from whom copies of them may be obtained upon request to him, Mr. Olivier.

When Mr. Eason receives a report from someone that they saw a Meteor or Fireball or any unusual event in the sky, he sends them a form, a blank copy of which is attached, to fill out and return to him. Mr. Eason said that in the future, he would send this office a copy of all reports received by him on the aforementioned phenomenon. (F-2)

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 20 October 1949

PREPARING OFFICE: CIC FAO #11, POB #1627, Raleigh, North Carolina — GLP

SUBJECT: OBJECT OBSERVED IN RALEIGH, N. C. (12 October 1949)

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RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 20 October 1949, Mr. [redacted], Professor, Department of History and Political Science, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C., was interviewed re: Brilliant Meteor that he reported to Mr. F. B. Eason, Regional Director, American Meteor Society, w/residence [redacted], Wilson, N. C. Mr. [redacted] stated in substance as follows:

On 12 October 1949, between 11:10 and 11:15 PM, while Mr. [redacted] and myself were standing on the front porch of my home about 4½ miles southeast of Garner, N. C., we saw a brilliant meteor, which was a blue-white in color, traveling across the sky parallel to the earth's surface in a north-northwest direction. I would judge it's heighth as being between 15,000 and 18,000 feet or approximately 35 degrees. It had a very short trail, and did not emit any sound that we could hear. We were facing east at the time, and just as we turned our head to the left to follow it, it broke into 2 distinct pieces, possibly three, and then without describing an arc, or very small one at best, it quietly disappeared. Except for the fact that it traveled parallel to the earth's surface, and that it broke into pieces, I have no reason to believe that it was other than a falling star. (B-2)

On 20 October 1949, Mr. [redacted], Associate Editor, North Carolina Education Magazine, w/office above Colonial Stores on Morgan Street, Raleigh, N.C. was interviewed regarding aforementioned event. Mr. [redacted] substantiated what Mr. [redacted] said and added that he had never heard of a meteor traveling parallel to the earths' surface. (B-2)

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THE AMERICAN METEOR SOCIETY

BULLETIN NO. 16

FLOWER OBSERVATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA—REPRINT NO. 43

A very brilliant meteor or fireball is reported to have passed in your vicinity on ..... at the hour of ..... Will you please answer as fully as possible the following questions, which are asked on behalf of the American Meteor Society in order that permanent records of such phenomena may be obtained. When these reports are published each contributor whose report is fairly complete will be mentioned, if possible, by name and due credit given. It is only by the help of those who can give personal information that data can be secured for the computation of the orbits of meteors. These data are of great scientific value and all reasonable efforts should be made to obtain them. You will be unable probably to answer all questions below, but answer those you can, as they may be of the greatest importance. Fill in replies in blank spaces left and enclose an additional sheet with any further comments or description if you need more space.

Complete instructions are given at the end of the questions. Please read them all before attempting to write any answers. Detach and keep the second sheet for future use.

(1) Give your name and address.

(2) Where were you when you saw the meteor?
(If the town is small please give county as well.)

(3) Give the date, hour and minute when the meteor appeared; also kind of time used.

(4) In what direction did it appear (or in what direction was it first seen)?
This is *not asking* in what direction it was going!

(5) In what direction did it disappear (or in what direction was it last seen)?
For questions 4 and 5, simply N, E, S, or W is not accurate enough, unless these were the *exact* directions.
If compass is used, state it; also if magnetic correction has been applied to compass reading.

(6) At what height did it appear? (Use degrees in answering.)

(7) At what height did it disappear? (Use degrees in answering.)

(8) Did it pass *directly* overhead (i.e., through the zenith)?

(9) If not, to which side of the zenith did it go, and how far from it? (Use degrees in answering.)

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ANNUAL METEOR SHOWERS

For the information of the casual observer the following data concerning the principal annual meteor showers are given. For leap years the dates should be one day earlier than those listed here. All dates are those of the evening on which the maximum is due, even though the shower appears after midnight and therefore on the next calendar date. For the average year the Perseids are the richest stream, followed in order by the Geminids and Orionids. The American Meteor Society is always glad to receive accurate hourly counts of meteors made by one person on any of the nights when annual streams are active, or, for that matter, on any clear night whatever.

Name	*Duration in days*	*Date of Maximum*	*Hourly Number of all meteors on this date*
Quadrantids	4	Jan. 2	28
Lyrids	4	April 21	7
Eta Aquarids	8	May 4	7
Pons-Winnecke	?	June 28	?
Delta Aquarids	3	July 28	27
Perseids	25	Aug. 11	69
Draconids	1	Oct. 9	*
Orionids	14	Oct. 19	21
Leonids	7	Nov. 16	21
Andromedes	2	Nov. 20	?
Geminids	14	Dec. 12	23

*Brilliant shower in 1933; return?

1945 May 21

Charles P. Olivier,
Flower Observatory,
Upper Darby, Pa.

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Detach this sheet and keep it for future use!

Occasionally at night and less often by day a person has the good fortune to see a great meteor or fireball. As the number seen in the average lifetime is very small, great pains should be taken to make as accurate observations as possible. We must have the observer's name, the place from which the object was seen (the position of the observer's station must be given as exactly as he can find it, i.e., to within a mile if possible), and the hour and minute when the object appeared.

For the fireball itself, the fundamental data are the point in the sky at which it appeared, and the point at which it disappeared. If it was seen at night, and the observer knows the constellations, these points can at once be described accurately with regard to neighboring stars. If, as usual, the person seeing the fireball does not know any stars or constellations, the beginning and end points can be fixed only by their directions and their angular heights above the horizon. Everyone knows what is meant by directions, but few can fix them accurately. However, particularly if the observer is in a familiar place, he can fix the points with regard to trees, poles, houses, etc. Then with the help of a friend who can determine angles, he can measure off the directions and altitudes quite simply. If no such friend is available, the best thing to do is to use a compass or if possible to check up the directions from some map of the surrounding territory. As for altitudes, it is 90 degrees from the horizon to the zenith; hence one must make the best estimate of what part of 90 degrees each of the two altitudes is. "The Pointers" of the Big Dipper are five degrees apart; the Belt of Orion is three degrees long. Either will help in estimating a distance in degrees.

Warning should be here given that the use of miles, yards, feet, or inches to describe the heights or lengths of paths of meteors or fireballs has no possible meaning and the words are wasted. As a check on the direction of the path, it is always useful to give the angle of the path—in degrees, or by a diagram—with the horizon, of course saying which way the meteor was going. The object's size should be compared with that of the full Moon or some planet or bright star. Here again the use of "inches" in describing diameters has absolutely no meaning, nor has the comparison of the meteor with balls or fruit. If possible, the duration of flight should be estimated in seconds, and if an explosion is *seen,* one should time carefully how many minutes or seconds elapse before it is *heard.* This is an excellent check on other observations.

If the object is seen in daylight, exactly the same notes should be made, except that here it is impossible to use the stars as reference points. In all cases additional notes as to color, trains left, peculiar motion, etc., are useful.

A report which has only part of the desired data may be very valuable; please send us everything noted about the fireball, whether it is much or little. Your observations may include just the one point lacking in reports from other people, and so may make possible a solution of the heights and orbit.

If a long-enduring train remains after meteor has disappeared, the direction in which this drifts and its changes of shape should be carefully noted, say at one minute intervals, if it lasts this long. In any case, all drifts are of the greatest importance for studies of the upper atmosphere.

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FORMERLY KNOWN AS

THE SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON METEORITES

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

OFFICE OF THE Secretary

Membership in The Meteoritical Society signifies that you are willing to promote the discovery, collection, investigation and preservation of meteorites, and to advance meteoritics and related sciences through the increase and diffusion of knowledge concerning meteors and meteorites. It is hoped that you will undertake some kind of investigation in meteoritics, but this is not required.

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Date _____

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska
MT/EES/dr
28 November 1949

24-64

SUBJECT: Sighting of Flying Disc on 12 October 1949 near Downs, Kansas, by Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

Downs, Kansas
12 October 1949

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

1. Attached for your information are two copies of Report of Investigation of Special Agent HAROLD C. HODGES, this district, dated 28 November 1949 on above subject.

2. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

1 Incl:
Rpt of S/A HODGES
dtd 28 Nov 49 (in dup)

MATTHEW THOMPSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE 28 November 1949

REPORT MADE BY
HAROLD G. HODGES

REPORT MADE AT
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PERIOD
28 October, 1 November 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
IO #13, Offutt AFB

STATUS
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TITLE

Sighting of Flying Disc on 12 October 1949 near Downs, Kansas, by Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 13th OSI District, predicated upon newspaper clipping captioned "Flying Discs Are Claimed Sighted in Downs Vicinity." Mr. [redacted] stated that on 12 October 1949, he saw an object which he believed to be a flying disc. [redacted] said that in the vicinity of this object was a B-29. [redacted] said the disc maneuvered to avoid a collision course with the B-29. Mr. [redacted] also observed the disc and described it in substance the same as [redacted] Weather sequences were obtained from Smoky Hill AFB Weather Station and Russell, Kansas, Weather Station. Two Reserve Officers said [redacted] is an active Reserve Officer, quiet, and a loyal American. Base Operations at Smoky Hill AFB disclosed that no aircraft from Smoky Hill AFB were in the vicinity of the sighting of the disc.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by Lt Colonel MATTHEW THOMPSON, District Commander, 13th District OSI, predicated upon information obtained from a newspaper clipping captioned "Flying Discs Are Claimed Sighted in Downs Vicinity," which was obtained from the Salina, Kansas, Journal of 24 October 1949, by the writer. Copies of this clipping are appended to this report as Inclosure #1.

AT DOWNS, KANSAS

2. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] were interviewed by the writer at the home of Mr. [redacted] near Downs, Kansas, regarding their sighting of an unconventional type aircraft and the results are set forth in attached check sheet, designated as Inclosure #5.

AT SALINA, KANSAS

3. Lt Colonel [redacted] Officer in Charge, Salina, Kansas, Area Ground Force Reserve, and Captain [redacted] Assistant Officer in Charge, Salina, Kansas, Area Ground Force Reserve, were interviewed and stated they had known [redacted] for one year and one and one-half years respectively, and had found him to be very active in Organized Reserve work, quiet, reliable, of high morals, well-thought of in his community and a loyal American. Both stated [redacted] was presently assigned to an active unit of the Organized Reserve as a 1st Lieutenant, and that he is very good at aircraft recognition tests.

4. Records of Base Operations, Smoky Hill AFB, Salina, Kansas, disclosed none of the aircraft stationed at this base, nor any transit aircraft departing from this base on 12 October 1949, were headed for a west or northwestern point of designation.

5 INCLOSURES:

(1) Copy of clipping from Salina, Kansas, Journal, 24 October 1949
(2) Sketch of Flying Disc as it first appeared to Mr. [redacted]
(3) Sketch of Flying Disc in its final appearance to Mr. [redacted]
(4) Sketch of maneuvers of Flying Disc as observed by Mr. [redacted]
(5) Check Sheet - "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry"

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CLIPPING TAKEN FROM SALINA, KANSAS, JOURNAL
DATED 24 OCTOBER 1949

FLYING DISCS ARE CLAIMED SIGHTED
IN DOWNS VICINITY

DOWNS - Two Downs men, [redacted] and [redacted], have joined the ranks of those who claim to have seen flying discs.

The men were working in a field at the Verhage farm when they heard a B-29 pass overhead. The big bomber was heading almost due west at a height Verhage and Latham estimate at 6000 to 7000 feet.

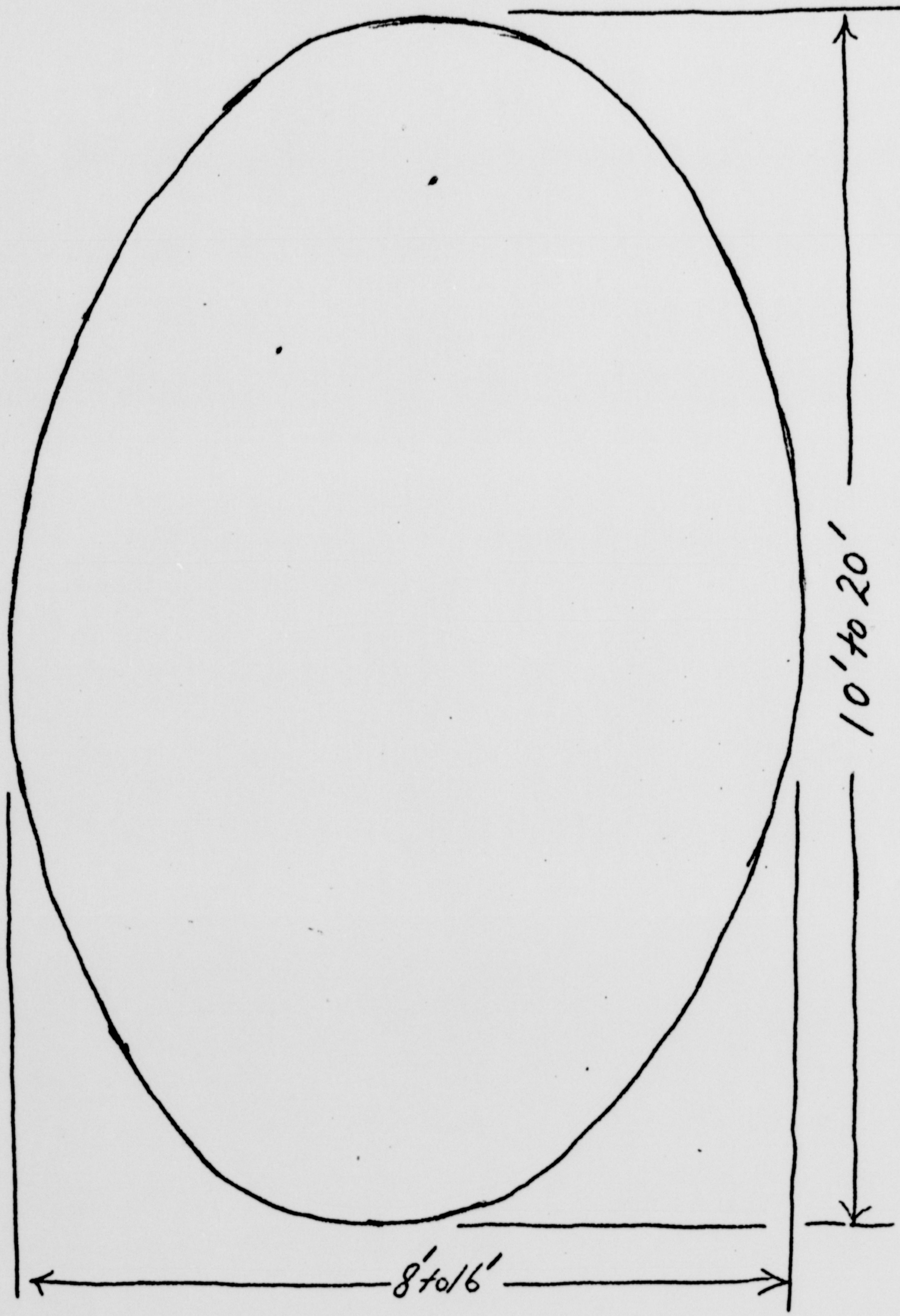
They say that as they watched the plane a huge bright disc suddenly appeared, sailing from southwest to northwest and directly in the path of the plane but about 500 feet below it.

Verhage and Latham say the speed of the shining disc was terrific. They think it was 15 to 20 feet in circumference and resembled, as much as anything else, a huge piece of bright aluminum.

Inclosure #1



INCL. #2



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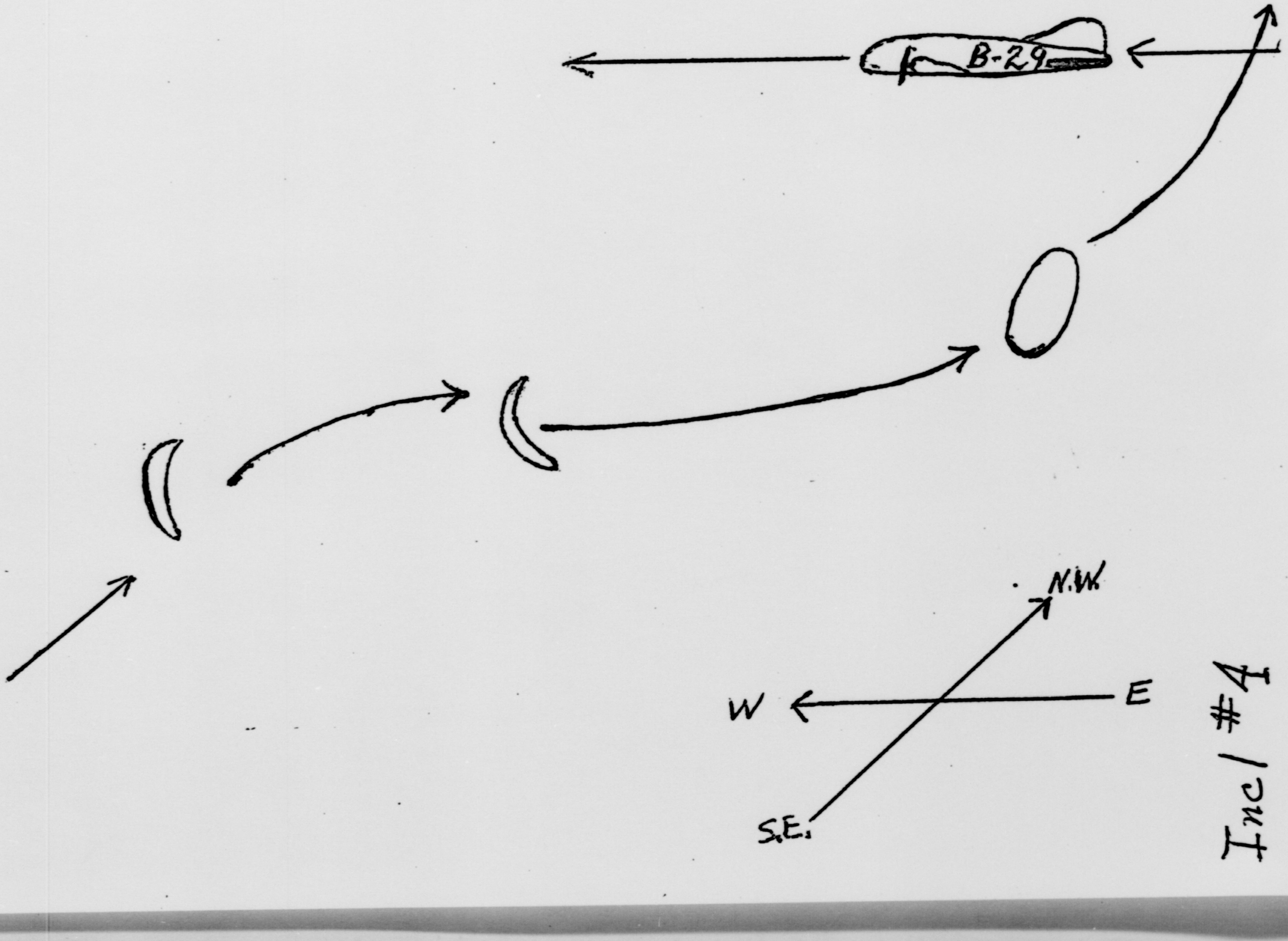

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 12 October 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1445 Hours CST

3. Where sigated (observer's position):

   a. Ground Southwest quarter, Section #25, Township 6-11 Near Downs, Kansas

   b. Air

   c. Sea

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any). Sketch if possible.

   1 each unconventional aircraft and one each B-29 Aircraft

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information)

   None

6. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Laterally or Horizontally ½ mile

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon Approximately 60°

   c. Altitude Approximately 6000 to 7000 feet

7. Time in sight 20 to 30 seconds

8. Appearance of object:

   a. Color shiny aluminum color

   b Shape (Sketch if possible) crescent shape

   c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) metal

   d. Size 10 to 20 feet in height, 8 to 16 feet in width

9. Direction of flight from southeast to northwest

10. Tactics or manouvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) (over - see back of this page)

Incl #5

10. Tactics or Maneuvers: Disc at first appeared on edge (Inclosure #2) Traveling on collision course with B-29, but had then banked out flat, to prevent collision as it seemed, and had appeared as in Inclosure #3. Disc had passed under and to rear of B-29, which was traveling from east to west.

no exhaust smoke noticed

None

None

None

None

No clouds in path of disc

None noticed

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

Very good - no fins visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

500 to 600 miles per hour

Only sound was of B-29

Due to distance

Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]owns, Kansas

Farmer

[redacted]Farm near Downs, Kansas

Hunting, radio work, miniature railroading

see back of this page

Believed to be very reliable

See back of this page

By sound of B-29

c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne Not applicable

9. Witnesses: Mr. EDWIN LATHAM (aka "RED")

a. Address Downs, Kansas

b. Occupation Farm hand

c. Reliability Believed truthful but inexperienced regarding aircraft, sightings and altitudes

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. [redacted] seemed to have above-average intelligence and appeared quiet, reliable and to have the best interests of the U. S. at heart

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

Not applicable

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (100°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

Not applicable

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible

Not applicable

2. If airborne when object sighted:

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

Not applicable

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

Not applicable

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions See back of page

2. Winds aloft report See back of page

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Smoky Hill AFB Weather Station for 12 October 1949 .
Clear, 15 Miles visibility; sea level pressure, 1019.0 millabars; temperature, 70 degrees, dew point, 44 degrees; winds calm, altimeter settling, 30.10 inches of mercury

Russell, Kansas, Weather Observing Station for 12 October 1949
Clear, 15/ visibility; temperature, 72 degrees; dew point, 41 degrees; wind from west southwest at 8 miles.

2. Winds Aloft Report
Smoky Hill AFB Weather Station for 12 October 1949
Taken at 1500 hours CST on 12 October 1949
Ground level, 140° at 10 knots; 2000', 140° at 14 knots; 3000', 140° at 12 knots; 4000', 200° at eight knots; 5000', calm; 6000', calm; 7000', calm; 8000', calm; 9000', 290° at 12 knots; 10000', 340° at 12 knots; 12000', 340° at 14 knots; 14000', 330° at knots.

No winds aloft report taken at Russell, Kansas

5. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) No aircraft from Smoky Hill AFB were in vicinity of sighting on 12 October 1949

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other No such organizations in vicinity of sighting

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils Not applicable

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. Not applicable

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object. Inclosures #2 and #3

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. Flat field

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened). Not applicable

   d. Maneuvers. See Inclosure #4

   e. Formation if more than one object. Not applicable

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. Not applicable

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extentions that might presumably be construed as such).

None visible

HAROLD E. HODGES

Special Agent, OSI

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
USA	11-49	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
Unidentified flying objects.

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Indian Rocks, Florida	Intelligence Section, 307th Bomb Wing Hed

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
24 October 1949	14 October 1949	F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
ALEXANDER N. BOBENIN, CAPT., USAF	Mrs [redacted], Largo, Florida

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum No. 4

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. At approximately 1700Z hours 14 October 1949 at Indian Rocks, Florida, seven (7) unidentified objects traveling from South to North at a moderate rate of speed were observed by Mrs [redacted]

2. The information contained in this report was received from the observers husband, Mr [redacted], who is a civilian employ in the Electronics section of this Headquarters.

3. It is the opinion of this officer that the objects sighted were probably jet aircraft with exceptionally large wing tanks.

4. The significance of this report is unknown.

APPROVED:

[redacted]
ALEXANDER N. BOBENIN
Captain, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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1. Sketch of unidentified objects.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. A report was made to this Headquarters by Mr [redacted] a civilian employ in the Electronics Section of this Headquarters, who states that his wife, Mrs [redacted], had observed seven (7) unidentified objects at Indian Rocks, Florida.

2. At approximately 1700Z hours 14 October 1949, Mrs [redacted] was standing on the beach approximately one (1) mile south of the Indian Rocks bridge, Indian Rocks, Florida. As Mrs Tucker was preparing to leave the beach she turned and looked toward the horizon, at which time her attention was drawn to the afore-mentioned objects.

3. The objects were seven (7) in number, and appeared on the horizon at approximately fifteen (15) second intervals. The objects sighted appeared to be approximately one (1) mile south of the beach, moving south to north. Longitude: 82° 51' 00" West, Latitude: 27° 52' 30" North. Objects appeared to be at a height from three to four thousand feet, and were at a forty-five degree angle of elevation from the point of observer. Objects were beneath the clouds and were in sight until they passed from normal view.

4. The objects appeared to hold some semblance of a "V" formation, with the first five (5) objects forming this "V", followed by two (2) trailing objects. The objects seemed to resemble black dumbbells with shafts of dumbbells curving to the front. Extending forward of the shaft or center-most part of the objects were what appeared to be comb-like protuberances. Though this protuberance seemed to resemble extending fingers, it is believed by the observer that the complete protuberance was of solid matter. The fingers were evenly spaced and red in color. Separating them was what appeared to be plexiglass, and a glint of light was observed from that section of the object.

5. No sound, exhaust, smoke vapor trail, or smell detected. Speed is estimated at from 300 to 600 miles per hour. Scope of observers view was approximately eighty (80) degrees. The sky was clear, and there were no objects to obstruct the observers vision. The construction of objects appeared to be of some metallic substance. The size as estimated by the observer, "the objects appeared to be about one third as large as a B-29". Mode of power is unknown. There were no visible exhaust or jet openings. Control and stability is not known.

6. Except for the forward section of the object, which appeared to have red stripes separated by plexiglass, the remainder of the object was solid black.

7. The following information is relative to the observer. Name: Mrs [redacted] Largo, Florida. Occupation: Housewife. Pertinent hobbies: None. Ability to determine, color: Good. Speed of moving objects: Poor. Size at distance: Poor. Reliability of observer: Unknown. Witnesses: None. No comments can be made on the intelligence and character of Mrs Tucker as the interrogation was made by her husband, and information received this headquarters from Mr J[redacted]

8. This officer thinks that objects sighted were probably jet aircraft with exceptionally large wing tanks.

9. Attached as inclosure is rough sketch of objects as described by the observer.

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ALEXANDER P. BEKEMIN
Captain, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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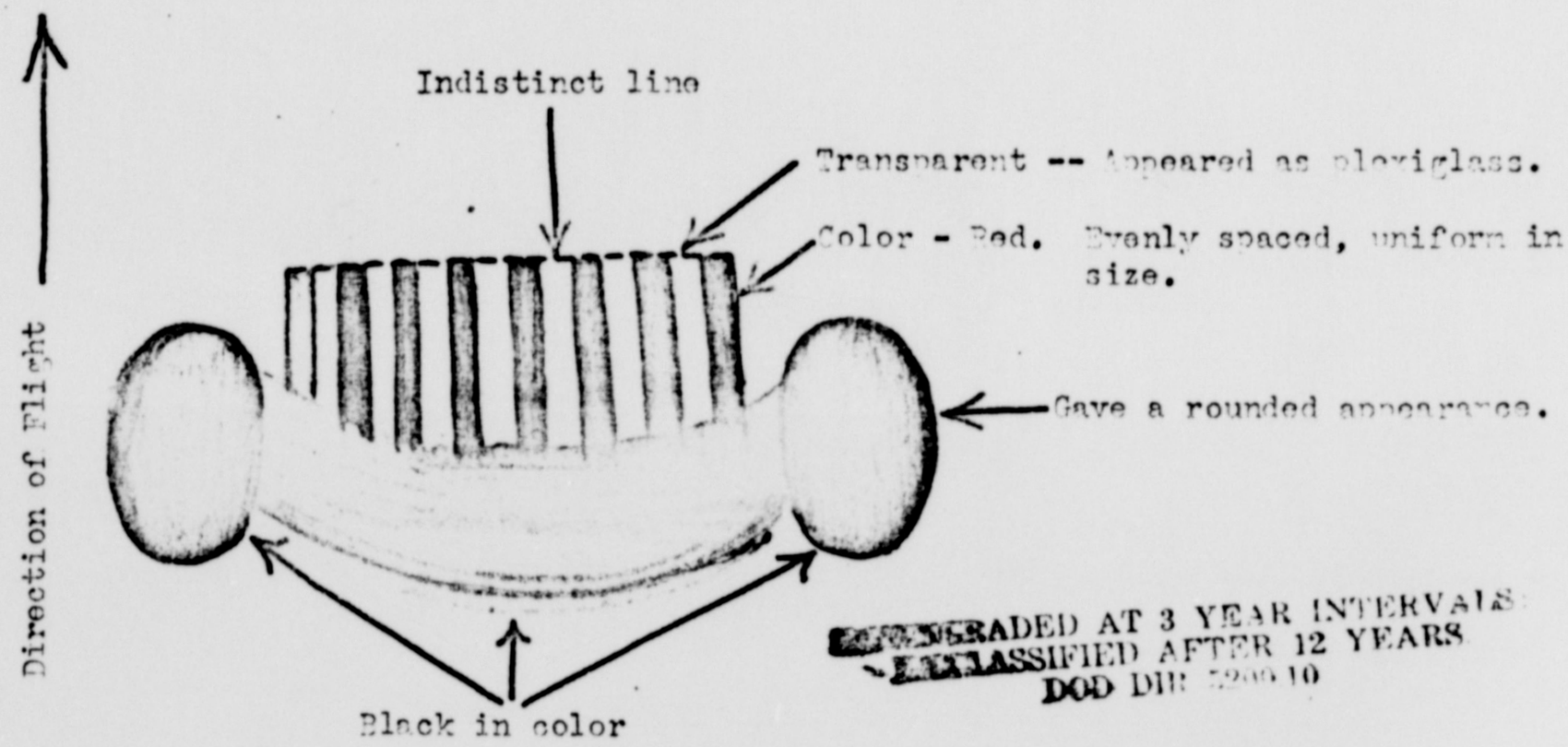
Objects were moving South to North.

Direction of Flight ------>

Above is the formation held by objects while in view of the observer. There was some erratic movement of objects 2 and 3. Other than this all objects held to set formation at fifteen (15) second intervals.



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HEADQUARTERS
325TH FIGHTER GROUP, ALL WEATHER
Moses Lake Air Force Base
Moses Lake, Washington

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18 October 1949

16 Oct. 49

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Disc" Sighting.

TO : Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attention: TSDIT

1. Pursuant to the provisions of ConAC Letter 200-1 dated 25 March 1948, the following report of a "Flying Disc" sighting is submitted:

a. Reported location and time: About 1 mile south of Moses Lake Air Force Base at about 1500 on 16 October 1949.

b. Weather (at 1430): Scattered clouds at 5,000; scattered deck at 20,000; visibility 50 miles; temperature 55; dew point 16; relative humidity 24%; surface wind SSW 7K; 5,000 ft variable 5-10K; 10,000 ft W to W 5-8K.

c. Witnesses: [redacted] barbers at the Bell Hotel Barber Shop in Ephrata, Washington.

d. Description: A single disk shaped object of unknown size but dull aluminum in color was seen heading NNW on a straight course at an altitude of about 10,000 ft, or about twice the average altitude of two jet fighters which were in the sky at the same time. The object was visible before disappearing at the horizon, for 30 to 60 seconds and was travelling at 2 to 3 times average jet fighter speed. There was no sound and no exhaust trail. The object was in view during about the same time that one of the jet fighters was making a 180 to a landing at MAFB.

2. Pilots Robert W. Gillespie, 2d Lt USAF and H.L. Bond, 2d Lt USAF of the 83d Fighter Sq, jet confirmed flying acrobatics south of MAFB at from 10,000 to 17,000 ft altitude. Lt. Gillespie landed hes F-84 No. 48735 at 1440 and Lt Bond landed F-84 No. 48701 at 1515. The officers saw nothing unusual.

3. The 637th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron was operating its radar warning equipment at the time but the log shows nothing except the two F-84s in the air at the time. The officer in charge states that the limitations of his equipment would preclude his stating that there were no other objects in the air at the time.

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Information to:
CG 4th Air Force, Att: Dir of Int
CG ConAC, Att: Dir of Int
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Capt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND DIA
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

SAC 000.9 (20 Oct 49) 20 October 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Objects

17 oct 49

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attention: MCIAX-9

Reference is made to teletype, this Headquarters, DIA 5424, 18 October 1949. The inclosed photostats are copies of local newspaper clippings relating to the reported aerial phenomenon indicated in the referenced teletype.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1st Lt, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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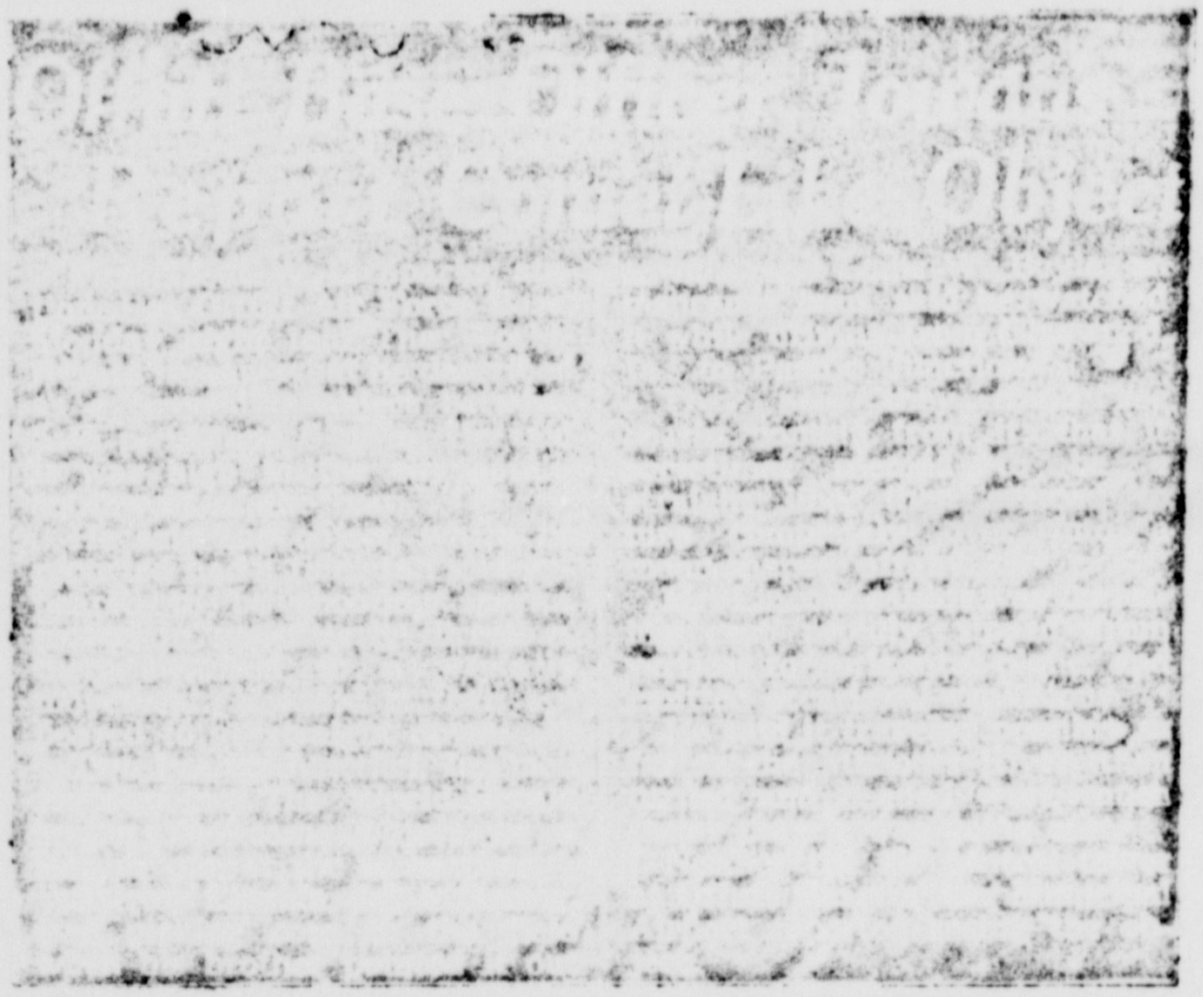

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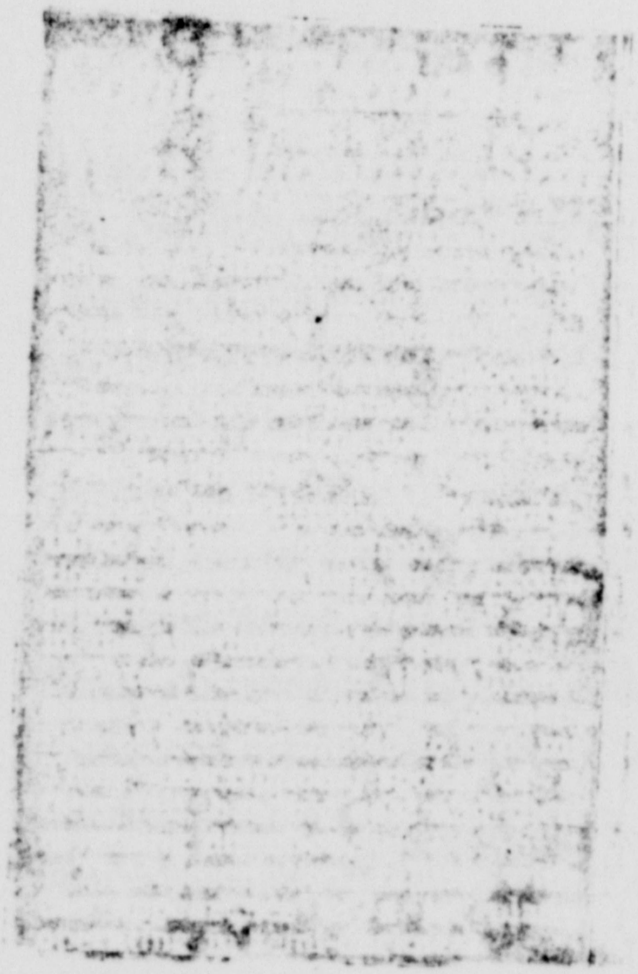

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TO CONGENAAC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

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SUBJECT CLN REPORT OF FLYING OBJECT PD PAREN ADIE PAREN OBJECT SIGHTED

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO HOURS CNA CHARLIE SUGAR TAKE

CNA ONE SEVEN OCTOBER ONE NINE FOUR NINE IN VICINITY CNA BELLEVUE

PAREN OMAHA CNA NEBRASKA PAREN PD PAREN BAKER PAREN WEATHER CLEAR PD

PAREN CHARLIE PAREN OBSERVED BY MR [redacted]

CNA OMAHA CNA NEBRASKA CNA AND [redacted]

NINE SEVEN ABLE CNA HQ STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND PD PAREN DOG PAREN

DESCRIPTION DASH AS DESCRIBED BY MR CALLAHAN CLN QUOTE APPEARED TO

BE METEOR OR AIRCRAFT PD PHENOMENA WAS TOO SLOW FOR METEOR AND MADE

GYRATIONS UNCOMMON TO AIRCRAFT PD A LONG FIERY TAIL WAS OBSERVED

WHEN THE PHENOMENA CURVED AND CLIMBED VERTICALLY AT A RAPID RATE PD

DISAPPEARED TOWARD THE SOUTHWEST PD DESCRIPTION AS REPORTED BY COLONEL

DUNHAM DASH QUOTE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONDENSATION TRAIL FROM

AN AIRCRAFT MANEUVERING FROM THIRTY THOUSAND TO THIRTY FIVE

THOUSAND FEET PD AT THE SUN HAD SET AS VIEWED FROM THE GROUND CLN

CONDENSATION TRAILS WERE BRIGHT RED IN THE SETTING SUN AS WELL CLOUDS

NEAR THEM PD THROUGH FIELD GLASSES OBSERVED THE OBJECT WHICH HE

BELIEVED TO BE A SINGLE ENGINE JET AIRCRAFT PD THE BURSTS OF RED FADING

LIKE A METEOR TRAIL WERE PROBABLY CONDENSATION TRAILS DUE TO THE

AIRCRAFT CLIMBING THROUGH AND DIVING BACK INTO THE CONDENSATION AREA PD

UNQUOTE COL DUNHAM QUALIFIED FIGHTER PILOT PD AIR NATIONAL GUARD

COMMANDER AT LINCOLN CNA NEBRASKA STATES THAT ONE OF HIS JET AIRCRAFT

WAS IN VICINITY OF OMAHA AT TIME OF INCIDENT PD ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 5D-CSI/DML/fmn
WASHINGTON

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

9 January 1950

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object on 17 October and 7 November 1949 at East Tallassee, Alabama, by Mr. [redacted] SPECIAL INQUIRY

17 Oct / 7 Nov 49

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAX-4

1. The inclosed report of investigation from 8th OSI District, dated 20 December 1949, subject as above, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

2. This investigation was not requested by nor through this District Office.

D. M. LYNCH
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT
DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

PERIOD
5 December 1949

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DO #8, Maxwell AFB

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TITLE

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT on 17 October and 7 November 1949 at East Tallassee, Alabama, by Mr. [redacted]

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

Mr. [redacted] was interviewed and stated that he sighted an unidentified flying object at East Tallassee, Alabama, on two different occasions; the first was sighted at approximately 1000, 17 October 1949 flying South at an estimated altitude of 40,000 feet and an estimated speed of over 500 miles per hour, the second object was sighted at approximately 1000, 7 November 1949 flying Southeast at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet and an estimated speed over 100 miles per hour.

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DETAILS:

AT MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

1. On 5 December 1949 J[redacted], East Tallassee, Alabama, was interviewed and supplied the following data:

a. Date of sighting	17 October 1949
Time of sighting	Approximately 1000
Place of sighting	At East Tallassee, Ala 30 miles northeast of Montgomery, Alabama. Observer's position was on the ground.
Number of objects	One
Celestial phenomena	None
Distance of object from observer	Observer had a front view of object at a 45 degree angle. Estimated altitude of object was 40,000 feet.
Time in sight	45 seconds
Appearance of object	Bright object of white color appearing as an egg-shaped object only longer at the ends which tapered off. Its apparent construction was impossible to determine.
Direction of flight	Flying from North to South
Tactics or maneuvers	Stright and level flight with no loss of altitude. Its movement was concise and exact.
Evidence of exhaust	None
Effect on Clouds	Clear, no clouds
Lights	None
Support	None observed (did not have wings).

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Propulsion	None observed
Control and stability	Fine control; no stabilizers observed.
Air ducts	None observed (no protuberances of any type observed).
Speed	Estimated at over 500 MPH
Sound	None
Manner of disappearance	Faded out of sight into the South.

b. Date of sighting — 7 November 1949

Time of sighting — Approximately 1000

Place of sighting — At East Tallassee, Ala, 30 Miles Northeast of Montgomery, Ala. Observer's position was on the ground

Number of objects — One

Celestial phenomena — None

Distance of object from observer — Observer had a lateral view of object at a 45 degree anble. Estimates altitude of object was 10,000 feet.

Time in sight — 30 minutes

Appearance of object — Bright object of oblong shape without wings and appearing wider at the front end. Its apparent construction was impossible to determine.

Direction of flight — Came out of the North and after circling this area for approximately 30 minutes disappeared into the Northeast.

Tactics of Maneuvers — Straight and level flight from the North; then it slowly and concisely circled with no apparent loss of altitude, and then finally resumed a straight and level flight disappearing into the Northeast.

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Evidence of exhaust	None
Effect on clouds	None
Lights	None
Support	None observed (did not have any wings).
Propulsion	None observed
Control and stability	Under excellent control and circling deliberately and distinctively. No stabilizers observed
Air ducts	None observed; no protuberances
Speed	Estimated at over 100 miles per hour.
Sound	None
Manner of disappearance	Faded out of sight into the Northeast.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] East Tallassee, Ala.
Occupation	[redacted]
Place of business	East Tallassee, Alabama
Pertinent hobbies	None
Ability to determine	Unknown
Reliability of observer	Unknown; however, observer appears rational
Witnesses	No one witnessed the sighting on 17 October 1949. The sighting of 7 November 1949 was witnessed by Bobby Jean Pemberton, East Tallassee, Ala
RADAR	Log of 17 October 1949 and 7 November 1949 was checked with negative results.

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2. On 14 December 1949 a check of the weather records at Weather Detachment, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, disclosed the following information:

a. Weather for 7 November 1949

0830 Weather

Ceiling clear, visibility 5 miles, smoke, wind direction North by Northwest, wind velocity 6 knots.

0930 Weather

Ceiling 25,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10 ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind calm

1030 Weather

Ceiling 25,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 10 miles, wind calm.

1130 weather

Ceiling 25,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 10 miles, wind calm.

1230 Weather

Ceiling 12,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 15 plus miles, wind direction Northeast, wind velocity 5 knots.

1330 weather

Ceiling 12,000 feet, less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 15 plus miles, wind direction Northeast, wind velocity 6 knots

b. Weather for 17 October 1949

0830 weather

Ceiling estimated at 4,000 feet more than 5/10ths coverage and at 600 feet with less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind direction South by Southeast, wind velocity 6 knots.

1030 weather

Ceiling 4,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind direction Northwest, wind velocity 5 knots.

1130 Weather

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Ceiling 3,000 feet, clouds more than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind direction Southwest, wind velocity 8 knots

1230 weather

Ceiling 4,000 feet, clouds more than 5/10ths, visibility 15 miles, wind direction Northwest, wind velocity 13 knots.

1330 weather

Ceiling 4,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 15 plus miles, wind direction West by Northwest, wind velocity 13 knots.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24- 49

DATE 9 November 1949

REPORT MADE BY HAROLD H. EGBERT

REPORT MADE AT DO #1, Westover AFB

PERIOD 21,22,24,25 Oct; 1,2,3,7,8 Nov 49

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #1, Westover AFB

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TITLE

SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
20 October 1949
Hooksett, New Hampshire by
[redacted]
Manchester, New Hampshire

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.

20 Oct 49 N.H. Hooksett / Manchester

SYNOPSIS

Unidentified object sighted by [redacted] Manchester, N.H., at 1750 hours, 20 Oct 49, over an area approximately fifteen (15) miles west of Hooksett, N. H. Object first sighted when it had burst into flames. Color of flames was white, and it seemed to fall straight down. Object estimated to be about 3500 to 4000 feet when it exploded and was in sight about 15 or 20 seconds. [redacted] could not tell what shape the object had as it was about 15 to 20 miles distance from him, but he believed it to be falling at a speed equal to or exceeding a jet aircraft. [redacted] is a normal, intelligent person, who was a radar technician during the war in the Air Force.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, 1st OSI District.

AT MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent ROGER E. MACDONALD and the writer.

3. On 20 October 1949, at approximately 1750 hours, an unidentified, unconventional aircraft was sighted by [redacted] Manchester, N. H., while sitting in an automobile at the intersection of Taggert Street and Goffstown Road, Manchester, N. H. Only one unidentified object was observed, and no celestial phenomena were known to have taken place at that time. Object was sighted over an area about 15 miles west of Hooksett, New Hampshire according to [redacted] His attention was first drawn to the object by an apparent explosion and a visible ball of flame.

4. [redacted] stated that the object was approximately 15 to 20 miles northwest from his point of observation. At the time he noticed it, the missile had just burst into flames of a white color and was at an altitude of about 3500 to 4000 feet. The object seemed to be diving straight down and was in [redacted] sight for about 15 or 20 seconds.

5. [redacted] could not describe the shape or color of the object since it was in flames when he first saw it. There were no identifiable protrusions, and nothing else was visible except the above mentioned flames.

6. [redacted] stated that he would estimate the speed of the diving object to be equal or in excess of that of a jet aircraft.

7. [redacted] could give no information as to sound, stating that because of his distance from the object he did not believe he could have heard it. The object disappeared out of view behind a hill, but a bright red glow could be seen from the approximate location where the object landed. The red glow seemed to come from a localized area and expanded upward into a large vee.

8. [redacted], Manchester, New Hampshire, is at present employed as an electric motor winder, working for his father at [redacted]t, Manchester, N. H. [redacted] likes to work on scientific problems. During the war [redacted] was assigned to a radar outfit in the Pacific as a radar technician.

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9. [redacted], Manchester, New Hampshire, [redacted] father, who was inside a house when the object fell but came out when called, noticed a bright red glow about 15 or 20 miles in a northwest direction from where he was standing.

10. The search and early warning radar set of the 647th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Grenier Air Force Base, N. H., was inoperative at the time the object was sighted. No radar information was available on 20 October 1949.

11. Captain [redacted] BROWN, 14466A, Base Operations Officer, Grenier Air Force Base, was contacted by [redacted] and advised of the incident. BROWN informed the New Hampshire State Police and then led a crash crew to the area in an effort to locate the scene where the object had fallen but the search was unsuccessful.

12. Captain AMOS L. SAULSBURY JR, AO-761625, Grenier Air Force Base, N. H., was alerted and he searched in a C-47 aircraft the area where the object was sighted. He did locate something burning on the ground, but it was later found that he had spotted a burning refuse dump.

13. Extensive inquiry has been made among the residents in the area where the object was last observed in an effort to locate other witnesses, but to date none have been found nor has evidence or remains of the object been located.

14. Interviews were conducted with representatives of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the New Hampshire State Aeronautics Commission, both of Concord, New Hampshire Airport. The following airports and flying services were also contacted:

Martin's Flying Service and Fern's Flying Service, both of Concord, N. H. Airport; and Bayside Flying Service, Hooksett, N. H.

None of these interviewees had seen or received reports of any unconventional aircraft in the vicinity. There were no flights of scheduled airlines, private or military aircraft in the air at the time of the incident.

15. Upon request of this office, Captain J. E. WILLIAMSON, AO-667619, 6th Rescue Squadron, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, made a reconnaissance of the vicinity but was unable to locate any evidence of a burned out area.

16. It will be noted that the area over which the object was believed to have exploded is in the same general area of the incident reported by Special Agent GERALD R. MARSHALL, File No. 24-42, dated 7 October 1949. It will also be noted that in both cases these objects were sighted on the twentieth day of the month by persons not connected in any way.

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FOR HQ OSI

Signed statement of [redacted] dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949.

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC

Signed statement of [redacted] dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949

FOR COMMANDING OFFICER, GRENIER AIR FORCE BASE

Signed statement of [redacted] dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 1

Signed statement of [redacted] dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949.

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2 November 1949

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I, [redacted], Manchester, N. H., prior to making the statement contained in the following paragraphs have been told by HAROLD H. EGBERT, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, USAF, that I do not have to make any statement, and that any statement I may make may be used against me in a court of law. I have also been informed of my right to have an attorney. With such understanding, I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, without threat or fear of punishment and without inducement or promises of immunity or reward.

On 20 October 1949, at approximately 1750 hours, while sitting in an automobile at the intersection of Taggert Street and Goffstown Road, Manchester, New Hampshire, I happened to look in a Northwest direction and saw an object explode in flames. The color of the flames was white. I did not know what direction the object had been going in until I saw this ball of flame. It then appeared to be falling straight down, although at the distance that I was from it, which was about 15 to 20 miles, it could have been falling at an angle. I have seen jet aircraft from time to time and this object seemed to be falling at about the same speed or a little faster than a jet plane would go. I could not distinguish any smoke or exhaust about the object when it was falling. When the object hit the ground, which was out of my vision, I noticed a bright red flame come from the area where it had fallen. This flame burned for about 20 to 25 minutes. I did not notice any protrusions on the object nor did I see any lights or smell any odor or hear any noise from it.

I had been working about eight hours on this day but was not tired or felt any undue fatigue. I had a full night's sleep the night before and I do not drink intoxicating liquors.

My father, [redacted], Manchester, N. H., did not see the object burst into flames but when I called him out of the house he did see the bright red glow of the object burning on the ground.

I have read this statement consisting of one page and it has been read to me. I have signed and initialled all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief and I have given it freely and voluntarily."

[redacted]

Witnessed by:

Harold H. Egbert

S/A OSI

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-10

DATE DEC 22 1949

REPORT MADE BY Earl E. Holmes, S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #22, Griffiss AFB

PERIOD 21 October, 5 December 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #22, Griffiss AFB

STATUS

TITLE

PROJECT GRUDGE
Incident, Barker, New York

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

Lead Sheet from DO #22, Griffiss AFB, dated 24 October 1949, File No. 24-10

SYNOPSIS

20 October 49
Barker, New York

An investigation conducted to develop information relative to an unidentified flying object, which was seen by [redacted] and [redacted], near Barker, New York, on the night of 20 October 1949.

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DETAILS:

INCLOSURES

FOR CG-AMC; HQ OSI; DO #22

Signed statement of [redacted] dated at Bell Aircraft Corporation, Niagara Falls, New York, 5 December 1949.

OBSERVATIONS OF [redacted]

1. Date of Observation 20 Oct 1949 Date of Interview 21, 25 Oct 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 1830 to 1845 EST

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) Longitude 79° 37' Latitude 43° 18'

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:)
Observer was driving his car north on Hartland Road, north of Route Number 104, and approximately three (3) miles from Lake Ontario.

5. What attracted attention to object:
Observer's attention was attracted by the speed and color of the object.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
Observer stated that there was one (1) object.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Observer stated that object resembled a right wing tip light when seen at a distance of one (1) mile, at an altitude of five hundred (500) feet.

8. Color of object:
Object was a lighter blue than a wing tip light, and was about the color of burning natural gas.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Object was seen as a single light and had no apparent shape.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Observer estimated that the object was 30° above horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
When first seen? When last seen?
Observer was traveling in a northerly direction; object was first seen in the east, and disappeared in the west.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Observer was not able to establish distance.

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13. Direction of flight of object (s):
Object traveled from east to west

14. Time in sight:
Object was in sight from five (5) to eight (8) seconds.

15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance):
Observer estimated distance covered as about eight (8) miles.

16. Sound and odor:
Observer stated that he had stopped the car and gotten out, but could detect neither sound nor odor.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
Observer stated that no trail was apparent.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Observer stated that object was about as brilliant as a blue Evening Star.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
No projections were visible.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Observer stated that object maintained level flight, without deviation in course or altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance:
Object gave off a few sparks, and disappeared in the same manner as an electric light being turned off.

22. Effect on clouds:
Observer stated that there were no clouds in the vicinity.

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Visibility was clear and unrestricted.

Name and address of observer:
[redacted] Barker, New York

Occupation:
Employed by Bell Aircraft Corp., Niagara Falls, New York, as a Laboratory Mechanic (Rocket Test).

Hobbies: Hunting

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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 does not wear glasses. Object was viewed through an automobile windshield.

INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO INFORMANT

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 March 1914 PLACE OF BIRTH: Sommerset, New York

EDUCATION: Attended Barker High School from 1929 to 1933

PAST EMPLOYMENT: Employed by B. Resseguie & Son, Farm Feed, from 1935 to 1941. Mr. C. L. Gracey, Manager, advised that informant was an excellent worker and is eligible for rehire.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT: Employed by Bell Aircraft Corp., Niagara Falls, New York as a Laboratory Mechanic since 30 January 1941. Efficiency rating is "excellent".

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM: Milford H. Pratt, Principal of Barker High School, and H. Pilkey, Barker, New York, which stated that informant is reliable, intelligent, and recommended for access to classified material.

CRIMINAL RECORD: None

OBSERVATIONS OF RALPH BENCENE

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3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) Longitude 79° 37' Latitude 43° 18'

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:)
Observer was an occupant in a car heading north on Hartland Rd., north of Route 104, and approximately three (3) miles from Lake Ontario.

5. What attracted attention to object:
Observer's attention was attracted by the speed and color of the object.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
Observer stated that there was one (1) object.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Observer stated that the object was approximately the size of a cigarette pack, when viewed at arms length.

8. Color of object:
Observer stated that the object was a light blue, resembling the flame from burning natural gas.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Object was seen as a single light and had no apparent shape.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Observer estimated that the object was 30° above the horizon.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
When first seen? When last seen?
Observer was traveling in a northerly direction.
Object was first seen in the east, and disappeared in the west.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Observer was unable to establish distance, but thought that it was not over three quarters (3/4) of a mile away.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
Object traveled from east to west.

14. Time in sight:
Object was in sight from five to eight seconds.

15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance):
Observer estimated distance covered as from five (5) to ten(10) miles.

16. Sound and odor:
Observer stated that he had gotten out of the car, but could detect neither sound nor odor.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
Observer stated that no trail was apparent.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Observer stated that the object was about as brilliant as a bright star.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
Projections were not visible

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Observer stated that the object maintained level flight, without deviation in course or altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance:
The light disappeared in the same manner as an electric light being turned off.

22. Effect on clouds:
Observer stated that there were no clouds in the vicinity.

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

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24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Visibility was clear and unrestricted

Name and address of observer:

[redacted]
Barker, New York

Occupation:
Observer is employed in Rocket Test at Bell Aircraft Corp., Niagara Falls, New York.

Hobbies:
Hunting and Fishing.

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

Observer wears glasses, correctible to 20/20. Object was viewed through an automobile windshield.

INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO INFORMANT

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 August 1913 PLACE OF BIRTH: Niagara Falls, New York

EDUCATION: One (1) year at Lockport High School, Lockport, New York

PAST EMPLOYMENT: Employed as a Press Operator and Die Setter by Harrison Radiator Company, Lockport, New York, from 4 April 1934 to 27 December 1947. Informant resigned to enter his own business, and is e ligible for rehire, having had an excellent efficiency rating while employed.

Employed as General Maintenance by Fairmont Foods, Barker, New York, from June 1947 to March 1949. Informant was laid off due to lack of work, and is eligible for rehire, having had a good efficiency rating while employed. Records carry the notation "..very good man, dependable.."

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT: Laboratory Technician at Bell Aircraft Corp., Niagara Falls, New York, since 14 March 1949.

CRIMINAL: None

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS

Local radar stations were not in operation at the time of the incident.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: Time 1804
Scattered clouds at 1200 feet, visibility four (4) miles with smoke and haze; Wind southwest eight (8) miles, Temperature 59°, Dew Point 42%.

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2. Winds aloft report Time 1310

surface	200°	9 knots
1000'	210°	10 knots
2000'	230°	15 knots

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

A check of local Airports failed to reveal any information pertaining to the incident.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (thedolite, radar readings, etc.)

Investigation failed to reveal any information pertaining to testing devices, experiments, etc., being conducted in the area.

This investigation was conducted in accordance with the provisions of OSI Bulletin Number four (4), and AFOSI Letter Number eighty-five (85).

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STATEMENT OF [redacted]

On 20 October 1949 between 1830 and 1845, [redacted] and I were on the way home from work. We were driving north on Hartland Road, north of Route 104, approximately three (3) miles from Lake Ontario in Niagara County, when I saw a blue light which appeared to be about the size of a wing tip light on an aircraft. It was traveling from east to west, in level flight, without deviation in altitude or course. The light was in sight for from five to eight seconds, and covered an estimated five miles. Although it was a quiet evening wewere not able to hear any unusual sound, even after stopping the car and getting out. While it was impossible to accurately judge altitude or distance I would say that a comparison could be made to the wing tip light of an aircraft at an altitude of five hundred (500) feet, distance of one (1) mile, and estimated speed of one thousand (1000) MPH. There were no trailing sparks or evidence of any type of propellant such as in a rocket or jet. The light disappeared in the same manner as an electric light being turned off. At the instant of disappearance a few orange-red sparks appeared and fell almost immediately.

My first thought was that it was an aircraft until I realized that if it were the running lights would have been reversed, and that I would have seen a red light instead of a blue one. The speed also ruled out the possibility of a conventional type aircraft. I have worked around planes for the past twelve (12) years, have worked in rocket test, on the XS-1, and have seen the North American F 86 flown wide open, but have never yet seen anything that approached the speed at which the light was traveling.

I am familiar with the Northern Lights, meteors, and St. Elmo's Fire, but none of these could explain the nature of the light that was seen on 20 October.

I have read the foregoing statement, consisting of one (1) page, and it is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[redacted]

WITNESS:

Lester W. Lench

Earl E. Holmes

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Signed and Witnessed 5 Dec 1949

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PHOTOGRAPH OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

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Auth: Director, IDP
By: Fountain Flat
Date: 25 Jul 69
AFR 200-2, para 2-11a, 2 Jan 68

Date of photograph: 21 October 1949

Exact time of photograph: 2130 hours

Place of Photograph: 1600 Block, West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico

Camera mounted on tripod and pointed approximately 230° (True)

Cameraman's attention was attracted to object by its brightness

There was one object.

Appeared to be a white light atop water tower or telephone Post.

The color appeared a very bright white.

No shape was distinguished.

Altitude: Above the horizon approximately 30°.

Object appeared about 7:30 o'clock, clockwise from North.

Distance from cameraman: Unknown

Description of flight was southeast to northwest, if any.
It is doubtful whether or not the object moved.

Remained visible approximately 20 to 30 minutes (that observer is aware of)

Speed: Unknown

No sound or odor was detected.

No trail was observed

Luminosity appeared small and very bright.

No projections were noted.

No maneuver was noted.

Cameraman departed area prior to object's disappearance.

No clouds were observed.

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Weather conditions were clear.

Cameraman was [redacted] Headquarters Squadron, 509th Air Base Group; duty assignment is in the Walker Air Force Base Photography Laboratory as a photographer laboratory technician.

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2 November 1949

_S_T_A_T_E_M_E_N_T_

I, [redacted] Manchester, N. H., prior to making the statement contained in the following paragraphs have been told by HAROLD H. EGBERT, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, USAF, that I do not have to make any statement, and that any statement I may make may be used against me in a court of law. I have also been informed of my right to have an attorney. With such understanding, I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, without threat or fear of punishment and without inducement or promises of immunity or reward.

On 20 October 1949, at approximately 1750 hours, while sitting in an automobile at the intersection of Taggert Street and Goffstown Road, Manchester, New Hampshire, I happened to look in a Northwest direction and saw an object explode in flames. The color of the flames was white. I did not know what direction the object had been going in until I saw this ball of flame. It then appeared to be falling straight down, although at the distance that I was from it, which was about 15 to 20 miles, it could have been falling at an angle. I have seen jet aircraft from time to time and this object seemed to be falling at about the same speed or a little faster than a jet plane would go. I could not distinguish any smoke or exhaust about the object when it was falling. When the object hit the ground, which was out of my vision, I noticed a bright red flame come from the area where it had fallen. This flame burned for about 20 to 25 minutes. I did not notice any protrusions on the object nor did I see any lights or smell any odor or hear any noise from it.

I had been working about eight hours on this day but was not tired or felt any undue fatigue. I had a full night's sleep the night before and I do not drink intoxicating liquors.

My father, [redacted] Manchester, N. H., did not see the object burst into flames but when I called him out of the house he did see the bright red glow of the object burning on the ground.

I have read this statement consisting of one page and it has been read to me. I have signed and initialled all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief and I have given it freely and voluntarily."

[redacted]

Witnessed by:

Harold H. Egbert

S/A OSI

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Auth Director DDP
By [redacted]
Date 1250ct69
AFR 205-1 para 2-17a
2 Jan 68

Sgt [redacted] is a former Army Air Force Navigator who has had experience in celestial navigation. He states that in his opinion it was improbable that the object photographed could have been a celestial body. He felt that possibly it was a recognition or some light mounted on some man-made structure in the distance until he searched the entire area to the southwest of the position of his camera the following day and could not find anything to bear out his opinion. He states the distance from him is unknown by him in that it could have been one-half mile, 20 miles or many, many miles away. The camera used was a Speedgraphic camera mounted on a tripod set on F 4.5 and infinity with an exposure of 30 seconds. The row of lights visible to the left of the unknown object are said by [redacted] to have been a car traveling from right to left before the camera which is thought by [redacted] to have been approximately two blocks in the distance. To his naked eye the unknown object appeared brighter than the automobile headlights but definitely much smaller. Jones states the reason no stars are visible in the picture is that he developed the print specifically to bring out the object in question. With reference to the slight fuzziness appearing from eight to twelve o'clock and from two to six o'clock on the edge of the object, [redacted] states that his tripod and camera were quite securely mounted and he is certain no movement of the camera would account for this afore-mentioned fuzziness on the image. The Base Photo Officer feels that the fuzziness may be traceable to heat emitted by the object. The only negative and prints made of this object are herewith inclosed and number "1" on the rear of said prints. Knowing there to be a bright star in the sky in that approximate direction at that approximate time the writer requested that Jones make a picture of this and other stars the night of 24 October

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1949. [redacted] accomplished this and two negatives with their respective prints are inclosed herewith and the prints are numbered "2" and "2A". On 25 October 1949 at 1300 hours the writer, accompanied by Sgt [redacted] and Captain [redacted] who is the Base Photography Officer, went to the exact location where Jones had mounted his tripod previously. [redacted] shot three pictures on approximately 245°, 240° and 235°, respectively. [redacted] states that the automobile lights visible in picture No. "1" were moving on a road which runs before the houses shown in the left part of picture No. "3A" and "3B". The writer on 25 October 1949 personally inspected the area from 180° to 270° up to five miles away from the position of the cameraman and searched said area also with a pair of binoculars and could find no man-made structure which would account for this light appearing in the position and the angle that it does. The distance of the light above the automobile headlights appears greater than would allow it to have been suspended or attached by any object attached or anchored to the ground to the southwest and detected by the cameraman.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	DATE
24-8	8 November 1949

REPORT MADE BY: S/A MELVIN E. NEEF

REPORT MADE AT: 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD: 21-23 October 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 17th DO, Kirtland AFB

STATUS: PENDING

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, Headquarters OSI, File No. 24-185.

21 Oct 49 Walker AFB

SYNOPSIS

This report consists of the report of an observation at Walker Air Force Base, by [redacted], Headquarters Squadron, 509th Air Base Group, Walker Air Force Base. Object sighted at 2130 hours, 21 October 1949, photograph taken thereof and attached hereto.

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APPROVED

Doyle Rees

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Lt. Col., USAF
District Commander.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted by S/A [redacted]

2. Photograph of Unidentified Object:

Date of photograph: 21 October 1949.

Exact time of photograph: 2130 hours.

Place of photograph: 1600 block, West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

Camera mounted on tripod and pointed approximately 230° (true).

Cameraman's attention was attracted to object by its brightness.

There was one object.

Appeared to be a white light atop water tower or telephone post.

The color appeared a very bright white.

No shape was distinguished.

Altitude: Above the horizon approximately 30° clockwise from north, object appeared about 7:30 o'clock.

Distance from cameraman: Unknown.

Description of flight was southeast to northwest, if any. (Doubtful whether moved.)

Remained visible approximately 20 to 30 minutes (that he knows of).

Speed: Unknown.

No sound or odor was detected.

No trail was observed.

Luminosity appeared small and very bright.

No projections were noted.

No maneuver was noted.

Cameraman departed area prior to object's disappearance.

No clouds were observed.

Weather conditions were clear.

Cameraman was [redacted], Headquarters Squadron, 509th Air Base Group, whose duty assignment is in the Walker Air Force Base Photography Laboratory as a photographer laboratory technician.

3. [redacted] is a former Army Air Force Navigator who has had experience in celestial navigation. He states that in his opinion it was improbable that the object photographed could have been a celestial body. He felt that possibly it was a recognition or some light mounted on some man-made structure in the distance until he searched the entire area to the southwest of the position of his camera the following day and could not find anything to bear out his opinion. He states the distance from him is unknown by him in that it could have been one-half mile, twenty miles, or many, many miles away. The camera used was a speedgraphic camera mounted on a tripod set at F 4.5 and infinity with an exposure of thirty seconds. The row of lights visible to the left of the unknown object are said by [redacted] to have been a car traveling from right to left before the camera, which is thought by JONES to have been approximately two blocks in the distance. To his naked eye the unknown object appeared brighter than the automobile headlights but definitely much smaller. [redacted] states the reason no stars are visible in the picture is that he developed the print specifically to bring out the object in question. With reference to the slight fuzziness appearing from eight to twelve o'clock and from two to six o'clock on the edged object, JONES states that his tripod and camera were quite securely mounted and he is certain no movement of the camera would account for this afore-mentioned fuzziness on the image. Base Photo Officer feels fuzziness may be traceable to heat emitted by object.

Inclosures:

FOR CG, AMC:

1. Negative of object.
2. Photograph of object.

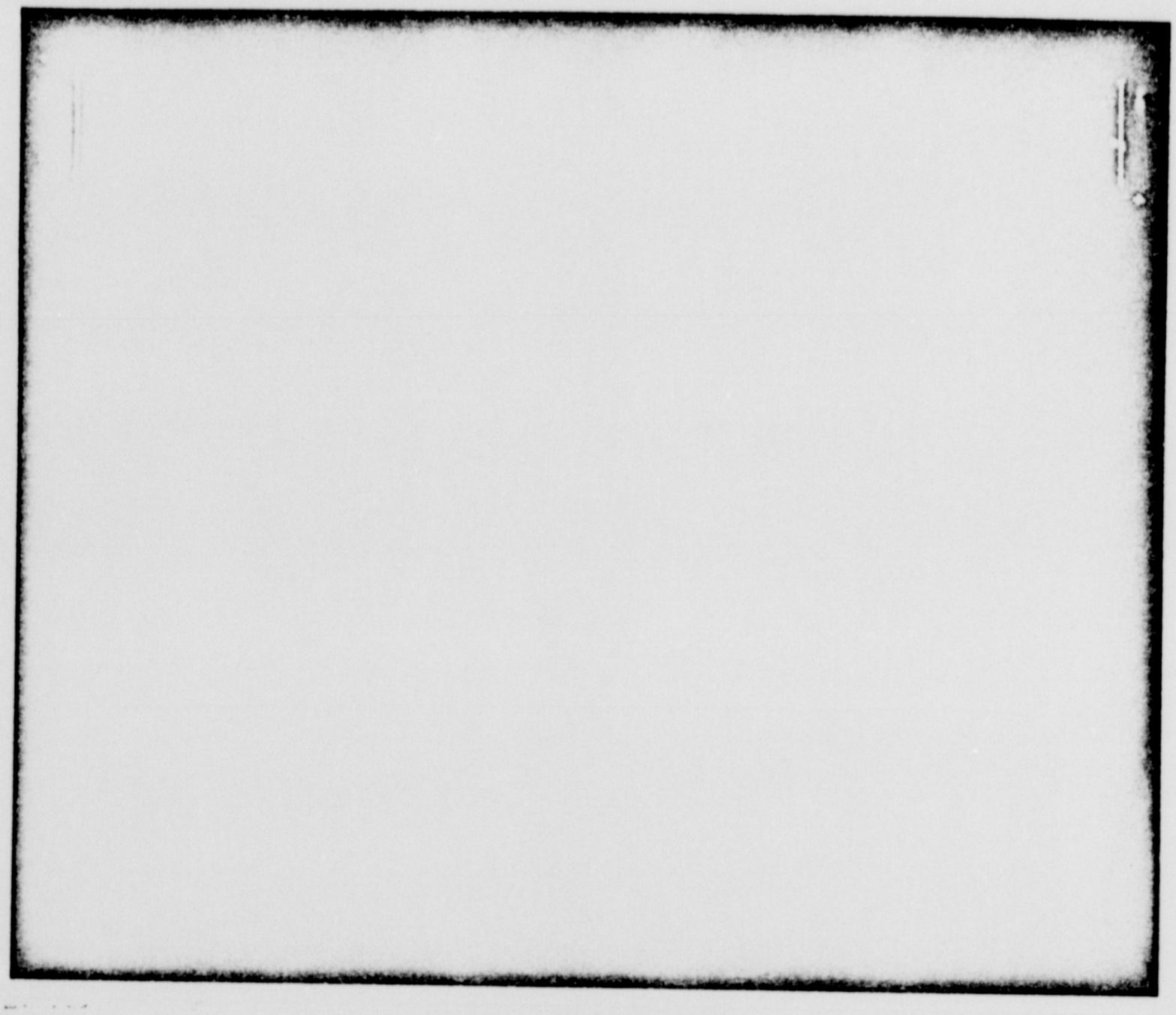
FOR HQ, OSI:

Same as above.

FOR FILE:

Same as above.

Case includes one negative
+ eight(8) photograph 4½" x 5"



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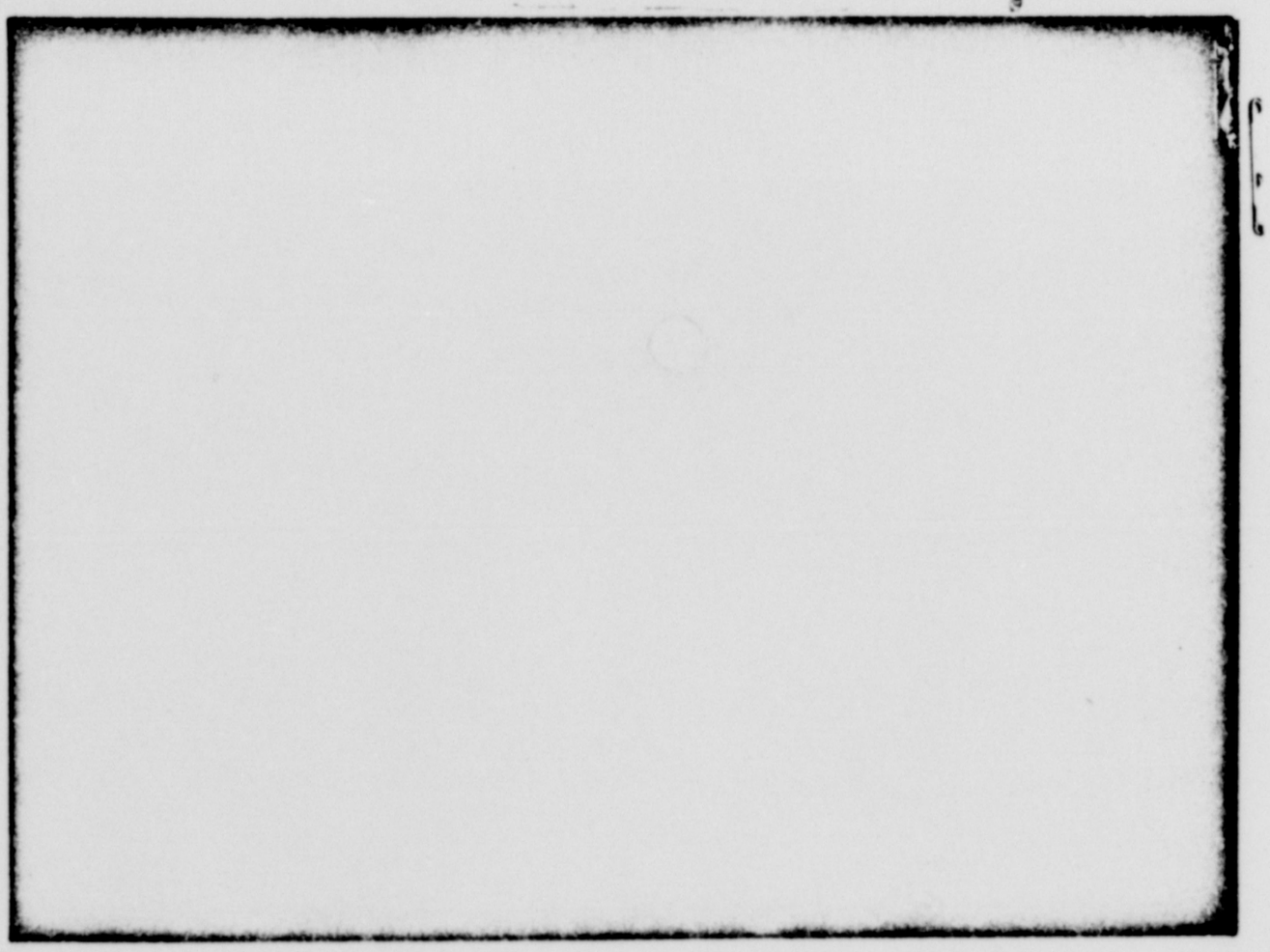

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No: 24-8

9 November 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district, relative to the sightings of unidentified objects in the West Texas - New Mexico - Airzona area.

2. Attached are two (2) copies of Report of Investigation, this district, dated 8 November 1949, which is concerned with the sighting of unidentified objects and a photograph taken thereof.

3. This investigation is continuing and copies of future reports will be forwarded to your headquarters.

Doyle Rees

DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Rpt of Investigation,
dtd 8 Nov 49 (in dup)

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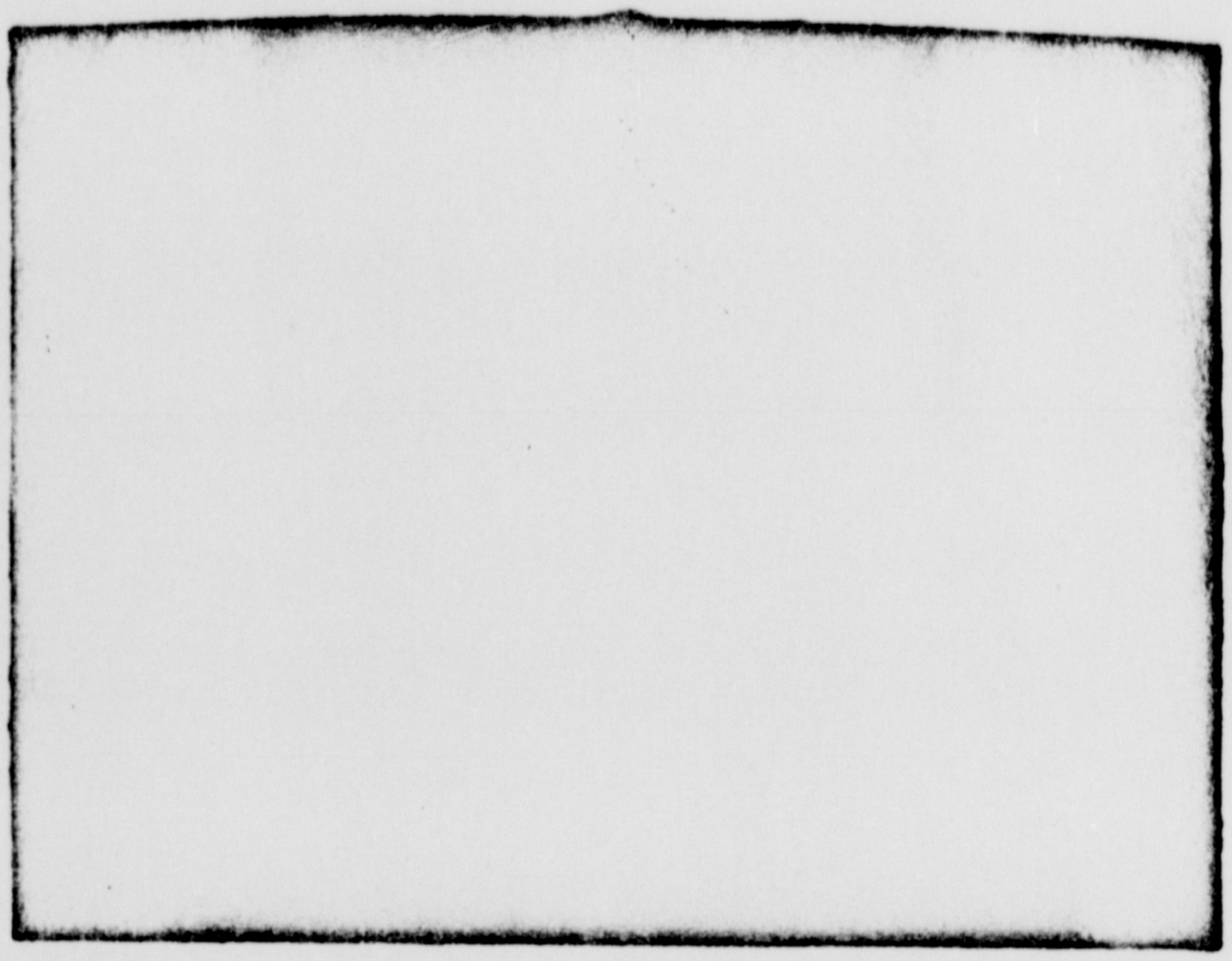

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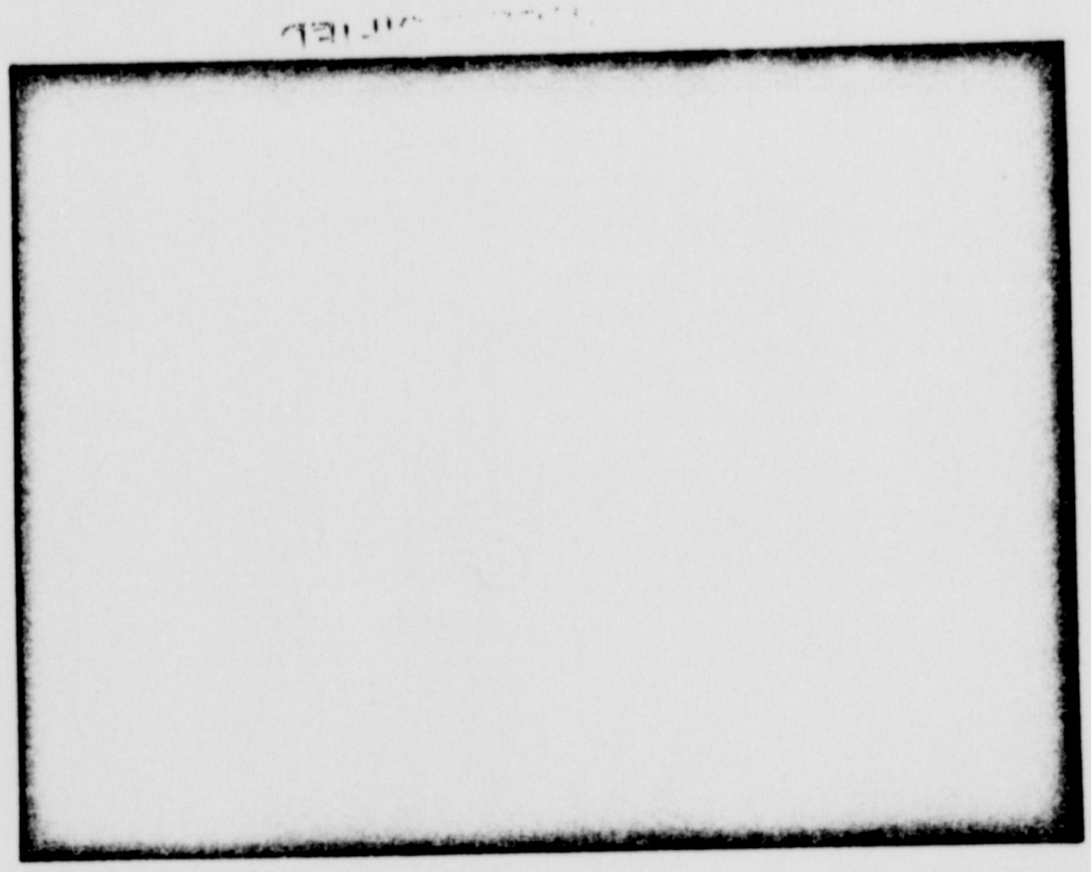

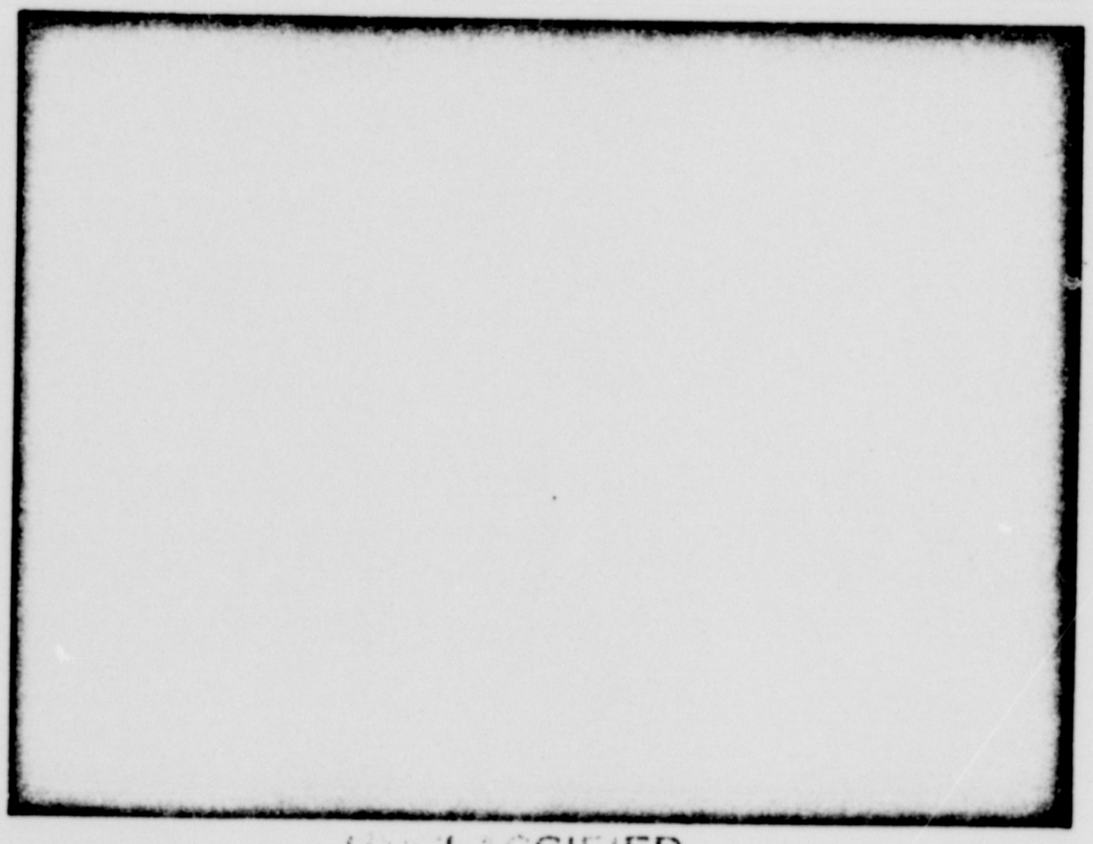

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	3 - 49	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Object.

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Roswell, New Mexico	509th Bomb Wing (M), WAFB, Roswell, N. Mex.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
7 November 1949	6 November 1949	B-1

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Captain Edward J. Pokropus	Jack A. Hayes, Technical Sergeant, USAF

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

Report is based on interview with source. Information is in relation to sighting of object. Technical Sergeant Hayes is an Intelligence Specialist in the Wing Intelligence Section.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2-49	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Object.

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Roswell, New Mexico	509th Bomb Wing (M), WAFB, Roswell, N.Mex.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
28 October 1949	21 October 1949	A-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
GEORGE W. VON ARB, Lt. Colonel, USAF	B. S. Jones, Master Sergeant, USAF

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

Report is based on interview with source. Information concerns the photographing of an unidentified light source in the night sky. Master Sergeant Jones is a member of the Base Photo Section.

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2239TH AF RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
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GP2239B 24 October 1949

22 Oct 49

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

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

1. In compliance with ConAC Letter 200-1, Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs", dated 10 October 1949, the following report is submitted.

a. Location and Time of Sighting:

(1) Objects seen from Connellsville, Pa., Golf Course between Connellsville and Scottdale, Pa., at approximately 1630 hours, 22 October 1949.

b. Weather: CAVU

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

(1) Reported by Mr. [redacted], newscaster for Radio Station KQV, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(2) Mrs. [redacted] (see above)

(3) Mr. [redacted] Connellsville, Pa.

(4) Four unnamed witnesses whose names can be secured by checking golf course sequence records.

d. Photographs of Objects: None

e. Sketches of Objects' configuration: None

f. Objects Sighted:

(1) Number: Five

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Subject: Flying Discs

(2) Shape: Round, flat undersurface.

(3) Size: No estimate due to great altitude.

(4) Color: Metallic, thought perhaps to have plexi-glass on topside due to periodic reflections sparkling during maneuvers.

(5) Speed: No estimate in m.p.h. Mr. Morrison stated, "Terrific, tremendous, greater than a jet."

(6) Heading: Five (5) objects flying due east; two (2) in formation which made a 180° turn in the vicinity of Greensburg, Pa., and flew due west.

(7) Maneuverability: Three (3) objects flying due east disappeared from vision in a sharp climb. Two (2) objects in formation performed 180° degree turn.

(8) Altitude: No estimate in feet. Mr. Morrison stated, "terrific height."

(9) Sound: None

(10) Exhaust Trial: None

g. It is suggested that Mr. [redacted] be contacted for further information. Mr. [redacted] gave details covering most of the above in a news broadcast at 0800 hours, 24 October 1949, on Radio Station KQV, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(1) Above information reported to this headquarters at 1000 hours, 24 October 1949, by Mr. [redacted]

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Vernard L. Rudolph
VERNARD L. RUDOLPH
Major, USAF
Executive Officer

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Flying Saucer Report

5 July 52

[redacted]
Pittsburgh Pa.
Harris & Field Printing Co.
Object Sept.

Drove all the way to Dayton to give the below info.

1. Mr. [redacted] visited ATIC on 5 July 52, 1100 to 1230, and reported to the following & the D.O., Capt. R. L. Jones.

2. Reference was made to a report that Mr. Winkler submitted to the Air Force about July 1949. Also, to a letter reply from the Intelligence Dept. AMC dated 6 Dec 49. Source's information relates to his observations of an object in the sky & an illuminated by a strong search light. Reported characteristics of this or these objects are. [illegible] follows:

a. See attached four photos. Photos 1 & 2 were taken with a Graflex and 3 & 4 by a 16mm movie

b. First object seen Aug 49
c. Object was seen on several occasions, approx. every third week with observations made weekly.
d. Weather - Clear with thin clouds on some occasions
e. Object last seen 11 Nov. 51.
f. All sightings were made in Cincinnati, Ohio.
g. Objects did not appear to move horizontally but possibly did move vertically.
h. Search light reported to be pointed straight up on all occasions.
i. Object did not try to evade light.
j. Object not believed to be a reflection as it remained stationary when light beam was slightly moved.

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k. One observation was made where about 15" delta-shaped objects were "cut-off" by the main objects. Smaller objects headed eastward*.

l. As many as 50 were observed to have similar characteristics (does not pertain to small objects).

m. Obj. appeared very high as from 20 miles away from the searchlight was still vertically upward.

n. Objects observed between 8 and 11 PM with longest observation bet about 4 hrs.

o. Source believed that there is a zero or steady-state condition in the earth's magnetic field over Cincinnati and thinks that this may have some bearing on why the object appeared at this location! He believes that this object can be seen at anytime even * seen thru 20x telescope.

Cincinnati, weather conditions (clouds) permitting.

P. Source thinks objects are of U.S. origin.

Comments by reporting officer:

1. Source appeared to be neatly dressed in a rather old and worn suit. He was calm and seemed to have given considerable of his time in thinking about the information he had to give regarding the reported objects. He has made a practice of studying other sauces reports and reading articles in an effort to come to an analysis or explanation of this information. He showed a slip of paper, that he had received from Einstein, which stated that the Prof. was too busy to

see him or answer his correspondence.

2. Regarding [illegible] pointed out that [illegible] light [illegible] his [illegible] biological attitude of the object and that the [illegible] might show that light could not go [illegible] than an atmospheric [illegible] reflection [illegible] occurring [illegible] source [illegible] that [illegible] had considered the possibility and [illegible] concluded that, since object was stationary when the light beam was moved slightly object was not caused by reflection from an atmospheric layer.

3. Mr. Enclosures 3 & 4 are enlargements from 16 mm movie film. They show a remarkable lack of gain - may indicate that source has a definitely good photo technique.

4. While source appeared to be normal in speech and mannerisms, he had a strange, though unexplainable, look in his eyes.

5. Reporting officer believes that the statements given by source are true.

6. Source was asked (not in the presence of the officer) if he would write a description of his observation. He readily agreed, but immediately "begged-off" when given paper and pencil.

Roy L James
Capt USAF

Mr. [redacted] called

Monday 7/14/52 Lost [illegible]

he will call again. [illegible]

re hearing [illegible]

Kerry -

Answer this guy in about the way I have Roughed out the attached letter.

~~We have this type of~~ ~~letter~~ probably at ~~the~~ the Pentagon. So ~~throw~~ him off nicely.

See if you can get a copy or a look at the OSI investigation made in 1949.

July 6 .452

Capt. Ruppelt
A.T.I.C
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Capt. Ruppelt:

On Sat. July 5 I spoke at length to your Duty Officer Capt. James about another matter. I left photographs with him and promised to send in a complete report including dates etc.

When I returned to Pittsburgh this article was in the morning paper. It was less of a project to complete or finish sending it on ahead. My idea of a variable prop. saucer may be off the beam but it seems worth mentioning.

Sincerely

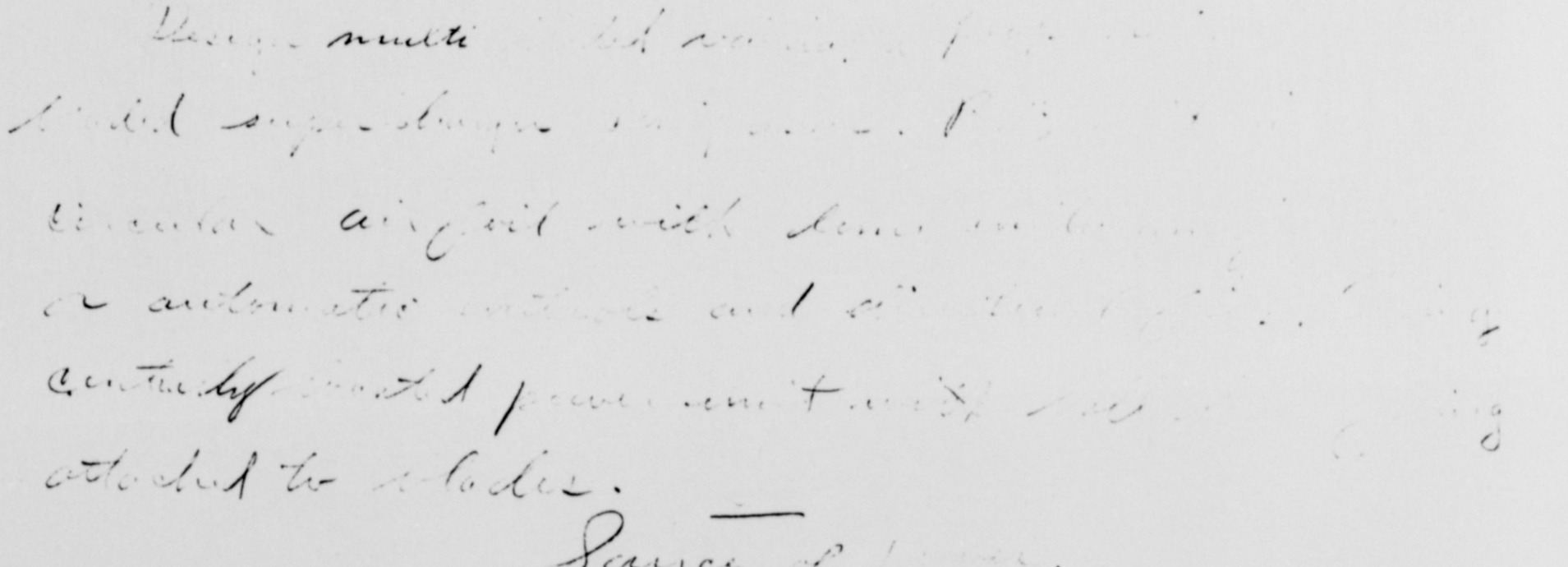
[redacted]
Steuben St
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Saucer Design

Basis:

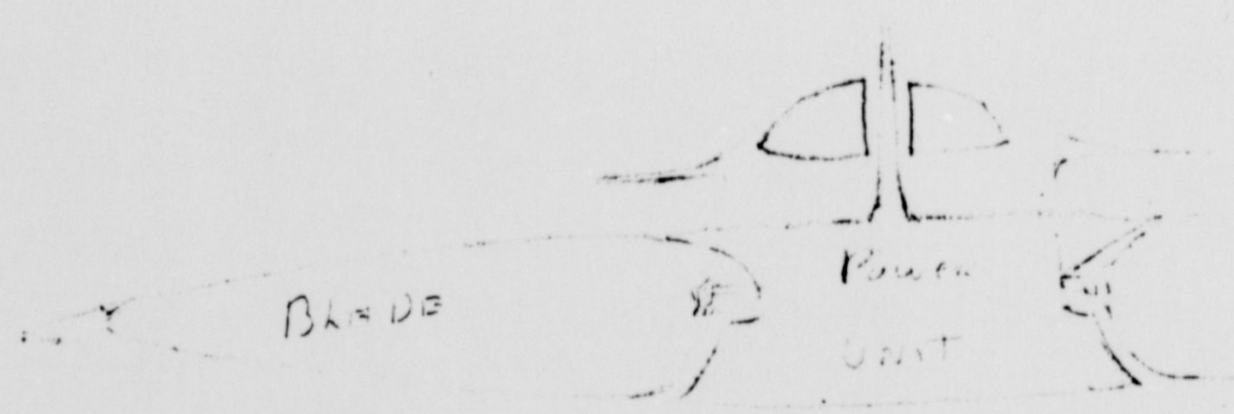






Saucer of Iron.

Ramsey Inventor of Ohio in the Patent papers telling of a recent working with C.E. who had secured a patent for dumping ...



The enclosed newspaper clipping
<u>& sketch</u> of the above. The
<u>enclosed sketch</u> being changed
Provisional Patent Act
application with drawings
gets would like a check to cover such a
Thanks for listening

July 7, 1952

Capt. Ruppelt
ATIC
Wright Patterson A.F.B.
Dayton, Ohio

Capt. Ruppelt:

On Sat. July 5 I spoke at some length to the Duty Officer, Capt. James, about a disc or sphere that was visible in the beam of a searchlight on dates covering about a year and a half in the general Cincinnati area.

Capt. James requested I send upon a written report covering dates etc.

The object was spotted by accident when the light was swung to vertical when changing carbons. This was on Aug 19, 1949 at 8:15 P.M. not yet dark, and was held in the beam, in the same spot in the sky until 11:00 p.m. when the light was turned out.

The object was last seen, as far as I know on Nov. 11, 1950 still in the exact center of the sky. A list of Dates and places follows.

Aug 19	8:15 - 11:00	Xenia, Ohio
Sept 11	7:15 - 11:15	Norwood, Ohio
" 17	7:15 - 8:00	" "

Oct 23 On this date 2 strings of small objects emerged from disc. and power dove out of light beam. These objects were sighted about 20 minuets apart I saw the first group and would estimate there were 15 objects in string. The last two or three seemed to whip slightly as if they were being towed. This was between 9:30 & 10:00 P.M. I had the impression they were of a triangular shape but I'm not sure. This may ~~be~~ have been caused by the speed of their flight

Oct. 24	7:15 - 9:00	Norwood. O.
Nov. 19	After 7:30	" "
Dec 20	" "	" "
Jan 11, 1950	"	" "
March 9	" "	" "
" 10	" "	" "
Nov. 11	" "	Downtown Cincinnati

The object was at all sightings in the same overhead position even though some of these locations are twenty miles apart.

I know that without any sight of angle and with a twenty mile base the altitude ~~inferred~~ inferred is fantastic.

My first thought was of some reflection trick caused by various layers of clouds or ice particals causing a lens effect, or a special atmospheric condition ~~causing~~ causing a reflection.

This was disproved by noting the contrasting viewing conditions. It was seen between towering thunderheads just after a storm, through thin broken fast moving layers of strates clouds in much, clear cold starlit nights and hot hazy nights.

I can't think of any condition under which a reflection will not move if you move the source of light.

We could move our sun light 10 or 15 degrees to the right or left and still see the object dimly in the same spot. Or we could shine the light on the extreme tip of the ~~object~~ object or cut it in half. None of these things could be done if it were a reflection of the light itself.

In the photographs (4) I left a it Capt. James I tried to show this relation of the object to the light beam.

By the way, I sent the negs. from which two of those pictures were printed to a Col. Barber of Air Intel. Wash. D.C. in 1949. I recieved no answer and no negs in return.

The other negative is in Cincinnati. I can't think of the mans name but if you want it a little inquiry can turn him up. He also has movies of the object which may be very useful to you.

I feel this thing was over Cincinnati long before we stumbled on it and that it is still there. I would gladly roll out the search light and find it again for you if you so desire.

If you have any questions or seek other information such as other witnesses, and there are many of them, I will have to return to Cincinnati and dig them up - I've forgotten there names but can locate them quickly

(5)

with a little urging.

Please let me know if you think any of this is valuable to you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Pittsburgh, Pa.

I have been a resident of Pittsburgh since June 6, 1950

Former residence 4033 Clifton ave, Cin. O.

if you care to check.

Operated the Wimbeln Offset Color Service
108 W. Central Parkway
Cin. O.

[redacted]

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21FF

19 December 1950

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE:
Sighting of Unidentified Objects
on 23 October 1949 at Cincinnati,
Ohio by Mr. [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to our letter of 28 December 1949, subject and file as above, transmitting two copies of the final report of Special Agent HARRIE L. STEWART, 5th OSI District, dated 28 December 1949.

2. Forwarded herewith for your additional information is a letter from Mr. [redacted] with one inclosure. Your attention is further invited to Mr. [redacted]'s statement that Special Agent PAISLEY has seen the aerial object. Also attached is a copy of the reply to Mr. [redacted]

3. In order that OSI records may be complete, it is requested that this office be advised of any action taken on above captioned case.

Reagan A. Scurlock

2 Incls
1. Ltr fr Mr. [redacted] w/1 incl
2. Cy of rply to Mr. [redacted]

REAGAN A. SCURLOCK
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

Copy to:
Hq OSI

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1st Ind MCIAXA-1a/JJR/eps

Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

TO: The Inspector General, USAF, 5th District Office of Special Investigations, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

1. Files at this headquarters disclose that Mr. [redacted] forwarded a letter to the Air Force (ATTN: General Vandenburg) dated 28 Oct 49. He also called the Intelligence Department at this headquarters on 26 October 49. At that time, Cincinnati newspapers also carried accounts of objects picked up in the beam of a searchlight belonging to Mr. [redacted] However, AMC files do not contain any reports indicating that agent Paisley actually saw an aerial object. If such a report is available, this command would like a copy.

2. A verbal report by personnel connected with this project at that time indicates that Mr. [redacted] acted strangely at the time of a visit by an OSI agent. He reported that he carried a camera and telescope in his possession at all times in order to observe or photograph flying saucers. It was also stated that he attempted to photograph a so-called "flying saucer" through the office window at the time of the visit.

3. While this command is in no position to make a psychological analysis of Mr. [redacted], it appears that he is a very sincere individual convinced that he has observed flying objects which he thinks represents a threat.

4. However, it is apparent from the information he has supplied that his background is far from technical. As far as can be ascertained, he has had little or no experience in aerial observation, for example, as would be the case if he were a pilot. Consequently, the information he has furnished based on his personal observations is a poor basis on which to conduct a technical investigation. In addition, AMC files disclose no other reports of observations concurrent with Mr. [redacted] by other trained observers as indicated in the basic letter.

5. The photograph which was included, was reviewed by photographic specialists at AMC. While the light spot on the picture cannot be positively identified due to the lack of information and control of all the factors concerned, there are several logical possibilities. It is considered that it would serve no purpose to list these possibilities. However, the illusions which are created by searchlight beams passing through clouds is a known phenomena.

Never sent out —

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Basic ltr fr 5D-OSI (ref: 5D 24-21FF) to CG AMC, dtd 19 Dec 50, subj: PROJECT GRUDGE Sighting of Unidentified Objects on 23 Oct 49 at Cincinnati, Ohio, by Mr. [redacted], Special Inquiry"

6. It would be interesting to determine whether Mr. [redacted] has taken other pictures of this nature and what the results of such photography has been. The negative of the picture in question would also be of interest.

7. However, in view of the time and efforts already expended on the observations of Mr. [redacted] with no apparent results, it is recommended that this particular case be considered closed at this time. This recommendation is also based upon the possibility that contacting him may result in additional press articles on a subject which will again require this command to expend additional man-hours. In the event this man again contacts the Air Force for a detailed answer to his letter, AMC will prepare a reply.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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n/c

BRUNOW W. FEILING
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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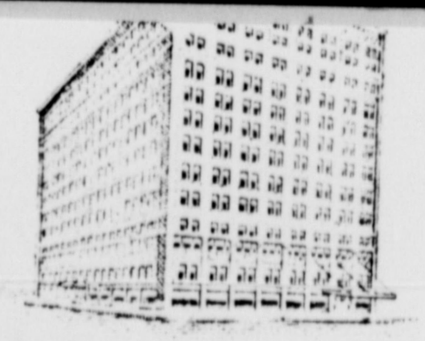
AN ALBERT PICK HOTEL



PITTSBURGH 22, PA.

Nov. 27, 1950

General Vandenberg
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Im taking time out while weather bound in a downtown hotel to write you concerning an old subject.

In Oct. 1949 I asked you to investigate an object we had located over Cincinnati.

You sent a Capt. ~~James H~~ Harry Stewart 5th District O.S.I. to investigate. At first he was very interested - or seemed to be. We tried to have him see the object personally but could never contact him at the right time. After a few weeks he told us not to bother him further. We thought perhaps he had discovered it to be a secret U.S. project.

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The object of this letter is not to pry into things military and secret - I do not want to know what the thing is or who it belongs to but I do want you to know, or at least investigate it ealuestiningly.

To refresh your memory:

We have a simple anti aircraft search light and use it to advertise various affairs. The object appears to be a disc. or ball and was picked up by the light accidentally in Aug 1949, in the center of the sky directly overhead and at a tremendous altitude.

If the atmospheric conditions are right the disc. can be found in this same spot almost at will - it has been missing for long periods of time under what appears to be ideal conditions from the ground.

Until Jan 11, 1950 the disc has been stationary.

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At times it seemed to gain altitude but never move to one side or other. However on Nov. 11 when observed it circled the light three times then returned to it's normal position.

There are many witnesses to be named if you care to have any of them questioned - including a Lt. [redacted] of the O.S.I. He saw it in March 1950.

I will list a few facts concerning the object.

1. After finding object the light is locked in position.
2. The disc must be traveling at the same speed as the earth's rotation.
3. Stars move in their orbits behind it.
4. Altitude triangulated at 68 miles. Temp. at that distance ~~from~~ earth is slightly under 212° F.
5. Size tremendous even if altitude was 68,000 ft
6. B.29 lender pinpoint by comparison - observed through 60 power scope. Flying below cirus overcast. under disc.

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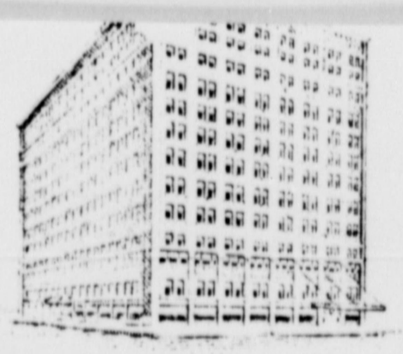

PITTSBURGH 22, PA.

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7. On Oct 25 1949 two strings of small objects pass above start distance down light beam, seeming to be ejected from larger disc.

8. Nov. 11, 1950. Object still in same spot - ended light beam then assumed original position.

Wild guesses for object being over Cincinnati:

1. Disc. tied to magnetic fields of earth.
2. Isogonic zero ~~found~~ passes very close to city.
3. Strong magnetic field 60 miles above earth.*

* [redacted] naval research.

The inclosed picture was taken in March 1950

Have you investigated thoroughly?

Please acknowledge letter.

Resp. [redacted]

[redacted]

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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30 November 1950

Mr. [redacted]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am in receipt of your letter of November 27, 1950 addressed to General Vandenberg. I want to assure you that the information you furnished will be given due cognizance by the proper agency of this Headquarters.

Sincerely,

R. A. GRUSSENDORF
Colonel, USAF
Executive to CS/USAF

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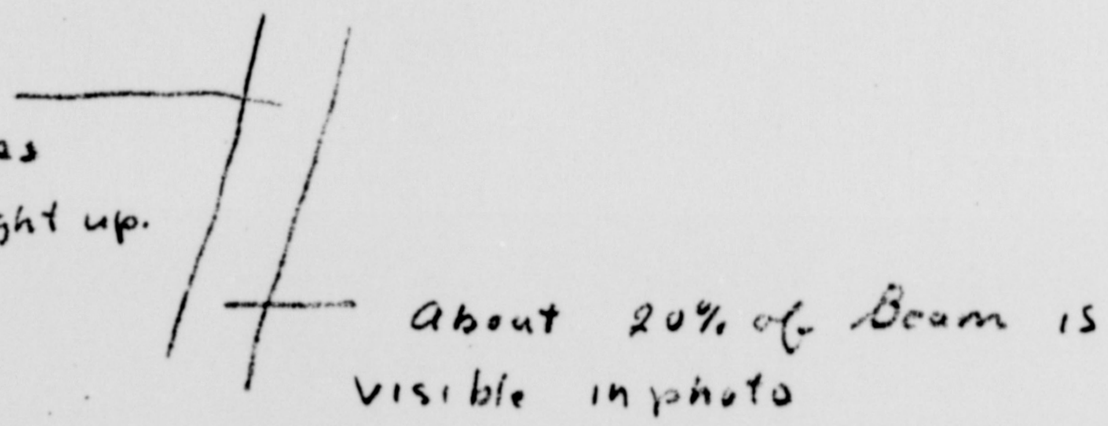
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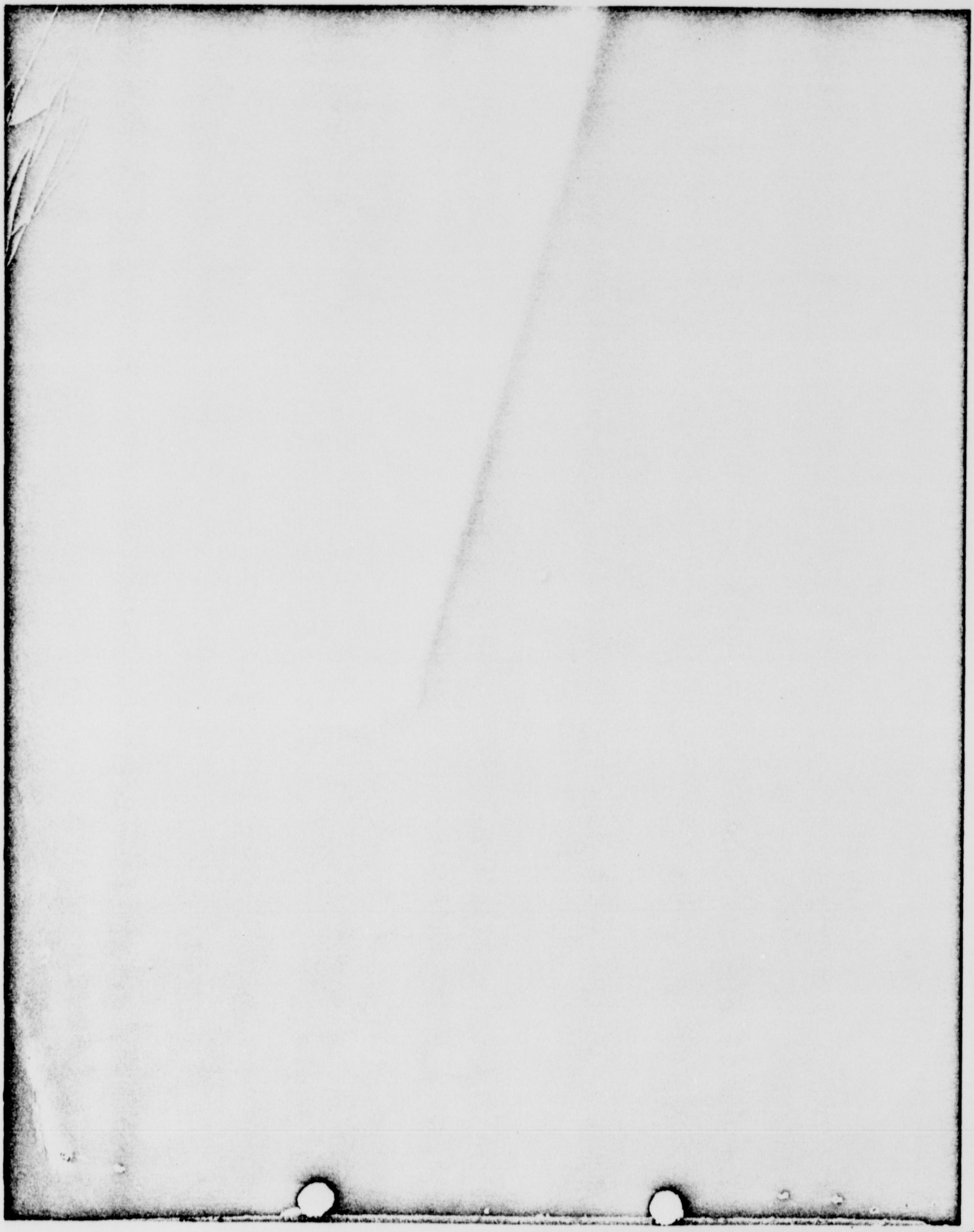

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— Circle on cloud

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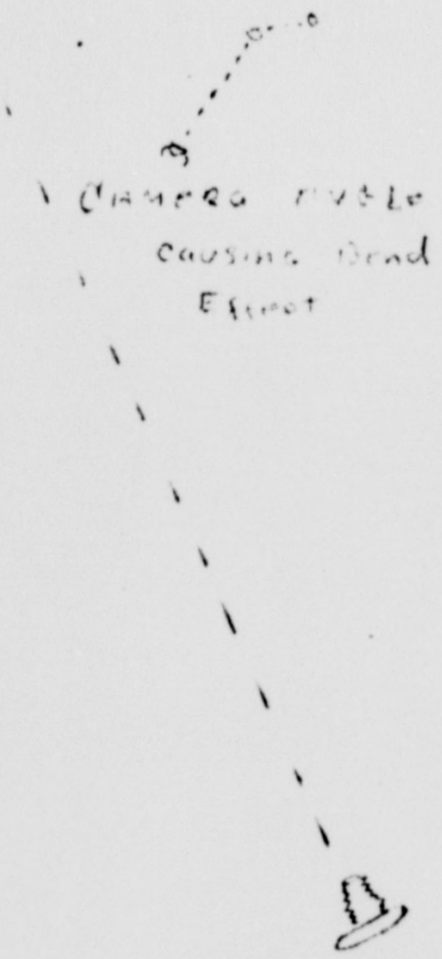
O — Disc

— Circle on [illegible] clouds

BEAM VERTICAL



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1-12-51

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Regardless of the personal and official opinions of yourself and the couple of others you have verbally coordinated with, you had better be particularly careful with this letter. I don't mean to soft-tone it or change the meaning or intent of the statements and conclusions. I mean to be sure the wording of the sentences says what you intend, and cannot be misconstrued as something else, that your statements are correct, and that you have not neglected to make any angles to the investigation which can be accomplished without too much expenditure of time and effort. This is important because this letter started to Sen. Vandenberg, and you have no info on whether he or how many others have seen it or are interested. Something might pop up on this same day, and you wouldn't want it said then that you, or the Dept, didn't make any attempt to accomplish something which then appears obvious.

My suggestions then are to revise the wording carefully, but before you do that to check the following and include statements in the letter about them.

✓ ① OSI letter (12-28-49) reffed in par 1 of basic, Agent Stewart.

✓ ② Get, or ask for, Agent Paisley's comments. (par 2 of basic)

✓ ③ More definite, instead of vague, about report (par 2 of your incl.)

✓ ④ Revise your par 3 to avoid suggestion of deliberate. Rather. Can suggest possibility unintentional or psychopathical misapprehension.

⑤ "Background far from technical."? He has apparently made

considerable investigation which is more than normal reports do.

⑥ "AMC files disclose no other report"? What attempt has been made to get Paisley's report? (item 2)

⑦ Par. 5. Instead of avoiding listing the possibilities, state that photographic prints without supporting verification (again necessity for Paisley's comment) are poor evidence that anything actually existed in the searchlight beam.

⑧ Illusions created by searchlight beams are not well-known. (For example, you didn't know it until you asked foto people).

⑨ Par. 6. If you want the "other pictures" or "negative", ask for them.

⑩ Does the Dept want to close this case without the suggestion of any further investigation? Get some higher authority's reply in writing to suggestions of possible avenues of investigation.

MCJ 21 ?.

It is the opinion of this division that unless it is known what publication the photograph was taken it cannot be determined if a breach of security has been committed.

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DEC 6 1949

Mr. [redacted]
Cincinnati 10, Ohio

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter to General Vandenburg, dated 23 October 1949, has been forwarded to this Command for necessary action.

As a result of your telephone call on 26 October, this Command has taken steps to investigate the phenomenon you described.

If you have not yet been contacted, you may expect to be contacted soon regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. [redacted], JR.
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

ANALYSIS DIVISION FILE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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[illegible] 1949

SUBJECT: Flying Disc.

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

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

James G. Ernest Jr

JAMES G. EARNEST, JR.
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence
Directorate

1 Incl.
Ltr dtd 28 Oct 49 w/
clipping attached.

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[redacted] Service

CINCINNATI 10, OHIO

[redacted]

Oct 28, 1949

Lemuel Vandenburg
Army Air Corps

Dear Sir:

We have been using one of
your army surplus search lights here for advertising
purposes. At different times recently we have
picked up an object at altitudes over 30.000 feet
which we speak of as a flying saucer - it is not
a flying saucer or any thing like it. - according to
the popular conception.

I have been trying to obtain an
interview with Wright-Patterson officials but they
are not interested - which leads me to believe
you are aware of it's identity.

On Sunday Oct 23 certain objects
appeared close to this large disc. under circumstances
which I consider alarming and serious.

I have been very careful to keep
a record of all weather conditions and have made

[redacted]

CINCINNATI 10, OHIO

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sketches on the spot in order to keep all details fresh in mind.

If by any chance the Air Corps. does not have knowledge of the character of this object you [redacted] may be sure someone [redacted] has quite a jump on us in the development of aircraft, - air craft basing and launching or possibly radar extension.

I would appreciate an interview with a responsible officer with advanced scientific background and a knowledge of recent aircraft development

There have been local members of F.B.I., ex or two antiquated Colonels and amateur scientists blustering around confusing the issue and offering ridiculous solutions, but this is too serious in my mind to [illegible] stop your investigation on such advice.

Please acknowledge;

Respectfully

[redacted]

Please forgive this hurried typing letter. My secretary is gone for the day.

[redacted]

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA

AJACI-3 360.33 31 October 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of report from District Intelligence Officer, Sixth Naval District re sighting of unexplained aerial object, Wilson, North Carolina, 23 October.

2. A summary of information re object observed in Wilson, North Carolina, 12 October, was forwarded to your headquarters, 24 October.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOHN MEADE for
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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Rpt dtd 24 Oct 49

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Box 481
Wilson, North Carolina
October 24, 1949

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From: LCDR [redacted]
To: District Intelligence Officer, 6th ND

Subj: Unexplained aerial object, Sighting of -

The undersigned officer sighted an unexplained air borne object at 1638 o'clock on the 23rd day of October 1949, from his premises in the Town of Wilson, North Carolina, under the following circumstances:

The undersigned was out of doors in the company of four children from eleven to twelve years of age. The sky was cloudless. Surface wind was from the north, moving approximately four miles per hour. From official weather reports secured later, the surface winds maintained the same direction in the upper atmosphere and gradually increased in strength to about forty-two miles per hour at ten thousand feet. The sun had just dipped completely behind a screen of trees and the entire western segment of the sky was brightly illuminated.

At the time mentioned, the undersigned heard the sound of an airplane engine to the northwest. A military plane, appearing to be a P-47, was sighted in the northwest traveling from north to south at an altitude of from 5,000 to 7,500 feet on a course which it is estimated would carry at from two to three miles west of the position occupied by the writer. It appeared to be proceeding at maximum speed. Upon their attention being called to the plane, the children, in looking for it, sighted an object which was not an airplane in the southwest sector of the sky. This writer and all of the children then directed their attention to this object. At this instant the plane previously referred to was north of the sun. The object was south of the sun with the angle between the plane and the object from the writers position, being estimated at from a 45 degree to a 60 degree arc measured on the horizon. The object was round, white, and shiny. It is estimated that it was at a height of from 20,000 to 30,000 feet. It appeared to be traveling in a southerly direction on the same course as the plane referred to but was at a much greater altitude and appeared to be traveling with much greater speed than the plane. Although the object was round, it was impossible to tell whether it was disc shaped or spherical. This object remained in the writer's view for a period of from 30 seconds to one minute. It maintained an even course and constant rate of speed. It is emphasized that it was apparently much faster than the plane. No clouds were observed in the sky. Its comparative size is estimated to be one-half the length of the fuselage of the plane previously referred to.

(Signed) [redacted]

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OFFICE OF THE AIR PROVOST MARSHAL
Mitchel Air Force Base
(2500th Air Base Group)
New York

26 October 1949

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object

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

Attention: TSDIN

The following information has been reported to this office regarding an unidentified object:

(1) Location and Time of Sighting - Garden City, Long Island, New York, 1945 hours, 24 Oct 49

(2) Weather at the time - Clear

(3) Name & Address of Witness - [redacted], Garden City, L.I., New York

(4) Occupation of Witness - [redacted], New York

(5) Sketch of Object - See Inclosure

(6) Object Sighted - Unidentified

(a) Number - One

(b) Size - Larger than B-29

(c) Color - Blue and White Flames

(d) Speed - Fast as a Jet (Approximately 500 MPH)

(e) Heading - NW over Garden City toward Great Neck

(f) Maneuverability - Straight Course

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(g) Sound - Swish, Like a Firecracker Rocket
(h) Exhaust Trail or Not - White Flame with Blue Flame in Center

(7) General remarks - Blue & White flame seemed to have died out and then brighten up again before it went out of sight. Plane flying in vicinity at time of sighting.

ALBERT FELDMAN
Major, USAF
Air Provost Marshal

1 Incl: Sketch

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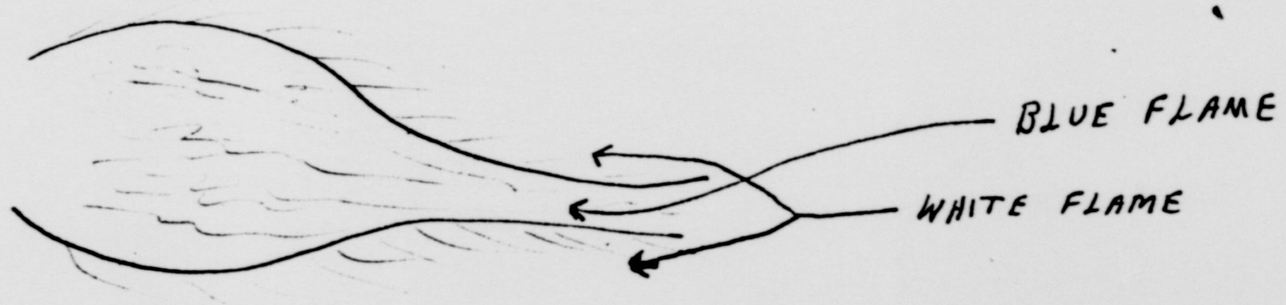

Witness's Sketch of Object

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA

AJACI-3 360.33 4 November 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is summary of information re strange object in sky over Talladega, Alabama.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. L. Overton, Major, WAC
for JOHN MEADE
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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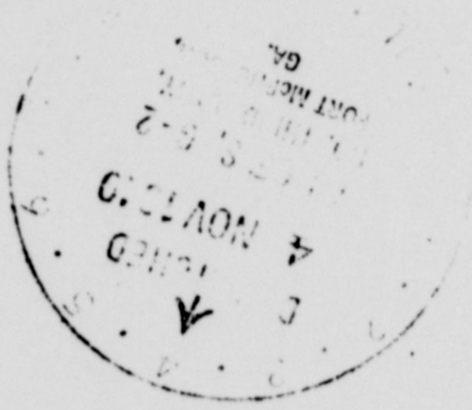

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DATE: 4 Nov 1949

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following article appeared in the BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD, Birmingham, Alabama, 25 October 1949:

"STRANGE OBJECT IN SKY SHUFFLES TO BUFFALO BY WAY OF TALLADEGA

"It was the strangest sight ever seen over Talladega, Ala., and Buffalo, N.Y.

"It was moon-shaped and silvery looking. And it had twin tails that seemed to shoot off a trial of vapor as it traveled eastward over Talladega.

"The astronomical phenomenon was sighted shortly before noon in Talladega yesterday. Radio bulletins set most of the citizens there to scanning the sky.

"Nobody could explain it. Guesses were that it was a meteor. Scientists in Birmingham shrugged and said maybe it was the moon.

"Only a moon doesn't have a tail. Much less two of them, pointed and spouting.

"Whether it was the same thing or another body, folks in Buffalo, N. Y. last night were agog over a 'mysterious something in the sky.'

"Numerous sky gazers saw the 'something' in Buffalo, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

"Most agreed that it gave off a bright light. But beyond that, it was hard to get two descriptions exactly alike.

"Some folks in Buffalo said it looked light a big spot of blue.

"GEORGE DAVIS, Buffalo Science Museum astronomer, said it might have been a shower of meteors. Other folks called it a 'green ball of fire.'

"Some said it was 'an immense skyrocket.' That's not at all the way that thing looked over Talladega. But maybe it didn't glow because of the daylight.

"Whatever it was, it was the fourth sky phenomenon reported this month.

"On Oct. 14, residents in Northern Ontario, Toronto and Buffalo reported seeing a 'blinding, bluish white blaze of light' and/or a 'big ball of fire with a long trail.'

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"Later, a Canadian authority said they probably saw a fireball or meteor, a fireball being bigger than the usual meteor.

"Last Monday, residents of Hymers, Ontario, reported they saw a huge streak of fire race through the sky, perform a net loop and disappear."