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APIC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 12 Jan 1950
APIC NO. _____ LOCATION 2400 N - 8520 W
FORM NO. Form 112 SOURCE B-29 Crew
DATE OF REPORT 27 Jan 1950 DATE IN TO APIC _____
TIME OF OBSERVATION 2325 EST COLOR _____
SPEED 3,000 MPH ALTITUDE Below 10,000'
DURATION Varied LENGTH OF TRACK 30 Min.
TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial Radar
DESCRIPTION Apparently hovered
Radar operator in B-29 picked up unidentified
object making "passes" at the B-29. No
visual sighting was made although undercast
malfunction.)
any APIC form 329 was 3/10 to 4/10. (Comment; Very probably interference or
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COUNTRY United States (Gulf of Mexico)		REPORT NO. UNCLASSIFIED (LEAVE BLANK)	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Radar Phenomena			
AREA REPORTED ON Gulf of Mexico		FROM (Agency) 307th Bombardment Wing (M)	
DATE OF REPORT 27 January 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 January 1950		EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) REUBEN N. NORMAN 1st Lt., USAF		SOURCE 368th Bombardment Squadron 307th Bombardment Wing (M)	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			
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.) Personnel aboard a B-29 aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico noted in the radar scope three objects orbiting the aircraft from all quadrants with speeds estimated up to 3,000 miles per hour, no visual sightings were made.			
APPROVED: <i>[Signature]</i> LORAN D. BRIGGS Lt Col., USAF AC/S, Operations			
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1. Observations noted from B-29 aircraft 1723, at 24°00'N - 85°20'W, while flying a course of 260°, time 2325 EST, 12 January 1950, weather clear above an under-cast, three objects were noted on the radar scope orbiting B-29 1723 from all quadrants. Objects were noticed by Radar Operator, Aircraft Commander, Navigator and Bombardier. The object was first sighted on a bearing of 330° traveling South. The object travelled across the scope in approximately 15 to 20 seconds on the 100 mile range setting. In a few minutes this object was joined by two others, which disappeared in a few minutes. At short ranges the object was large and well defined on the radar scope. The object would go off for about 100 miles, turn and come in as if for an attack, pass through the center of the scope (where it was lost), and emerge on the other side. The object remained in the radar scope for approximately 30 minutes, following the aircraft all the time. The radar operator switched ranges and picked up the object on the 20 and 50 mile setting. No surface vessels were noted on the scope during the incident. Twice the object came to within 20 miles of the aircraft and then apparently had the ability to hover, for the movement on the radar scope would cease for 5 to 15 seconds. The altitude of aircraft B-29 1723 was 10,000' pressure, flying straight and level at all times of observation. After altering course the object no longer appeared, but the radar was jammed for approximately 10 minutes and returned to normal after crossing over the coastline of Texas. NO VISUAL SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY THE CREW.

2. The speed of B-29 aircraft 1723 at the time of sighting is not known.

3. Radar was switched to the 20, 50 and 100 mile ranges.

4. First appearance was picked up with a bearing of 330°, moving across the 100 mile range of the scope in a matter of seconds, disappear and reappear at 020°, and 120° bearings at various times. Estimated speed of the object between 2,500 and 3,000 miles per hour.

5. Weather condition during sightings:

a. 2325 EST Clear above, 3/10 to 4/10 scattered clouds below at 6,000 feet. Outside air temperature plus 11 C.

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