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APR 1950
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31 Mar 50
1000
Round
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4. 1000

28 Mar 50
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Female Civilian
Silver
Ground

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was the wether balloon released by the
station at 1000 and 1600 daily.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA

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3 April 1950

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 flying saucer over Chattanooga, Tennessee, and newspaper clippings re unidentified objects over Miami, Florida.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. L. Querton
for JOHN MEADE
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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- 1 - S/I dtd 31 Mar 50
- 2 - Newspaper clipping
dtd 30 Mar 50
- 3 - Newspaper clipping
dtd 29 Mar 50

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION		DATE 31 March 1950
PREPARING OFFICE CIC Field Office No. 3, Chattanooga, Tennessee		
SUBJECT FLYING SAUCER REPORTED OVER CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION OF SOURCE: COMPLETELY RELIABLE A USUALLY RELIABLE B FAIRLY RELIABLE C NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D UNRELIABLE E RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F OF INFORMATION: CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1 PROBABLY TRUE 2 POSSIBLY TRUE 3 DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4 IMPROBABLE 5 TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6	
SUMMARY OF INFORMATION On 28 March 1950, Mrs. [redacted] Park View Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. [redacted], 615 Woodvale Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, reported to the Chattanooga News-Free Press that they had sighted a flying saucer over Chattanooga at about 1600, 28 March 1950. The story appeared in the News-Free Press on the evening of 29 March 1950. (F-5) On 30 March 1950 both Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] were interviewed and both stated that they had sighted a round silver object in the sky heading toward Lovell Field (Chattanooga Municipal Airport) and as they watched it it suddenly disappeared. Neither lady could state how high the object was or at what rate of speed it was moving. They were only sure that it was round and was of a silver color. (F-2) On 30 March 1950, Mr. [redacted] Meteorologist, Weather Bureau, Lovell Field, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was interviewed and stated that in all probability what the ladies saw was the weather balloon that is released by the weather station at 1000 and 1600 each day to make weather observations. Mr. Kallquist stated that the ladies probably observed the balloon after it had reached a point where the ridge currents were blowing it back towards the field and also at the same moment when it reached the right altitude for it to burst due to the atmospheric pressure being less than that inside the balloon. (B-2) No further investigation is contemplated by this office regarding this particular incident. Liason has been set up with the local newspapers whereby any future reports of flying objects unidentified, will be relayed to this office immediately.		
Local Women Report Seeing Flying Saucer Mrs. E. V. Romito and Mrs. M. B. Wingfield were standing in Mrs. Romito's yard on Park View Drive about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and saw their first flying saucer. Mrs. Romito of 700 Park View Drive, in North Brainerd, telephoned The News-Free Press immediately afterwards to report what she saw. Mrs. Wingfield of Woodvale Avenue verified her story. The lady said the object she called a flying saucer was flying above a bank of clouds toward Lovell Field. "It was perfectly round and was silver-colored," she explained. Mrs. Romito said that no noise and no smoke were coming from the plane and that it was moving "very fast." It remained within her vision for only a few seconds. A check at the airport revealed that no planes were known to be over the field at that time.		
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28/1930Z PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 March 50 28/1930Z	2. LOCATION Santiago, Chile
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 * 10 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer did not stop to look or talk to anyone until he arrived at the US Embassy where he went straight to the 9th floor and looked out and seen nothing, then went to the roof of the building where looked at object with BX. Object was moving in a straight line at an extreme rate of speed. It appeared to be more white than other color. Observer went inside of building to get a camera to take a picture of the object and when he returned the object was gone.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE S to N	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Country: Chile
Report No. IR-42-50
AF-165200-1

Subject: Flying Discs

From: Air Attache, Chile

Date of Report: 30 Mar 50

Date of information: current

Evaluation: F-0

Prepared by: Harry L. Mitchell, Major, USAF

Source: Newspaper reports and personal observations of Air Attache Office personnel.

1. Flying discs are being "seen" in various parts of Chile. First sighting was at Punta Arenas, lat 53°06' S, long 70°53'W on 11 Mar at noon. Many inhabitants of the city witnessed this phenomena which appeared northeast of the city and traveled toward the southwest. Usual description was given--extreme altitude, silver in color, shaped like a ping-pong ball. The Director of the Observatorio Astronomico of the University of Chile, Prof. Frederico Rutland, made a statement to the local press that what the people were seeing was the planet Venus which is clearly visible this time of year at that latitude.

2. Second sighting of a disc took place in the Santiago area, San Bernardo and Valparaiso on the 24th and 25th of March with the usual description given by the populace being quoted in the local press.

3. Third sighting of a disc occurred 28 March between 1330 and 1410 over Santiago, Chile. Downtown area was crowded with people looking into the sky observing this phenomenon. M/Sgt. [REDACTED] assigned to this office as a 502, personally observed an object travelling at an extreme rate of speed and altitude. (See attached statement and diagram.)

COMMENT: On 29 March this observer saw a silver colored, stationary object in the same relative position as was witnessed by the local populace the preceding day, and after careful observation concluded it to be the planet Venus and not a flying disc.

Professor Rutland (par 1) repeated his statement to the press today that the object had to be Venus.

Local press has headlined "flying disc" dispatches from all countries reporting sightings.

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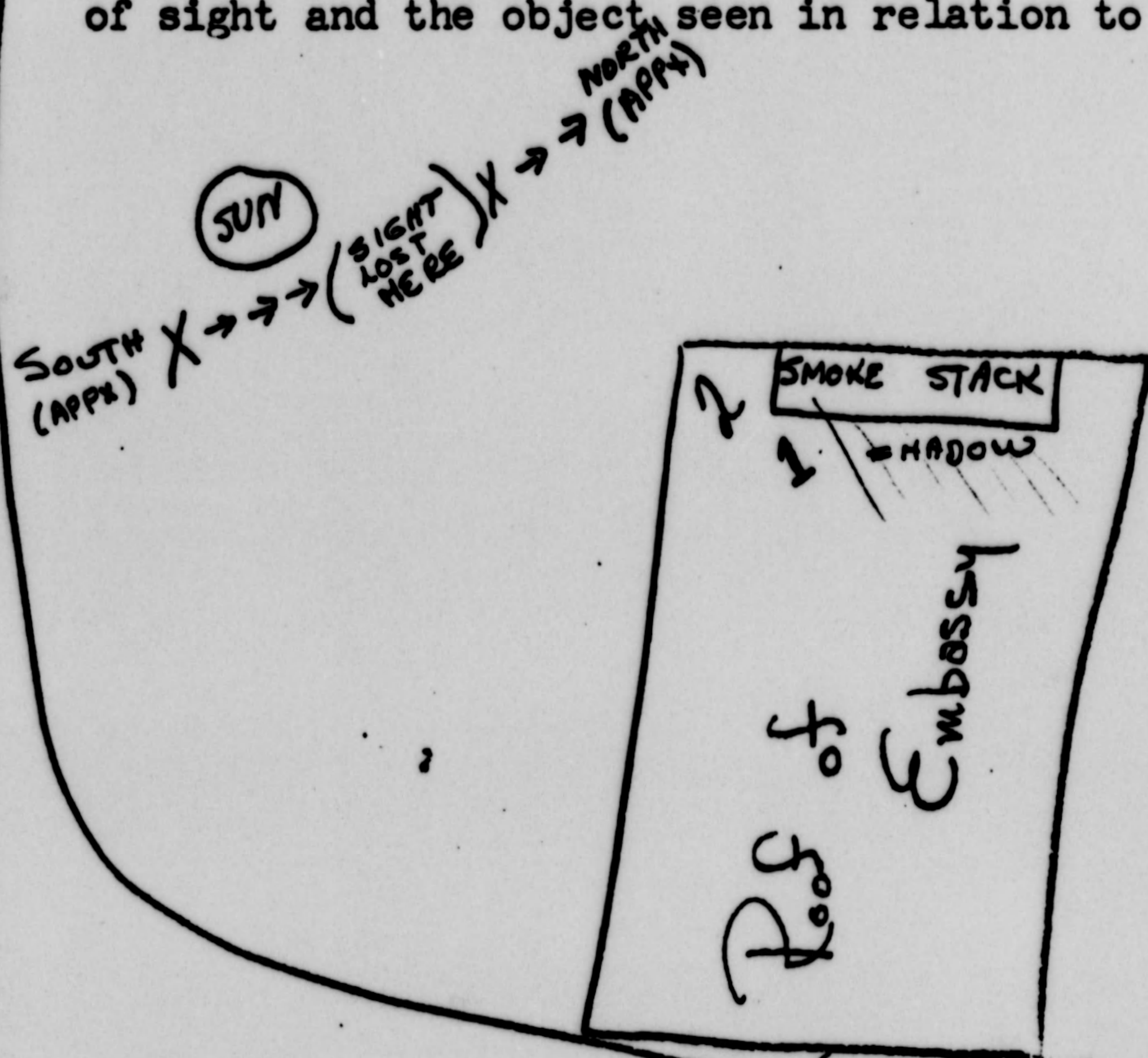
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1 Incl
Statement and diagram
of M/Sgt Patterson

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STATEMENT

On the 28 Mar 50 at approximately 1430 hours I was returning from my home at 1057 Vitacure to the U.S. Embassy for the afternoon's work period. I noticed numerous persons outside looking at the sky enroute to the U.S. Embassy. I did not stop or talk to anyone until I arrived at the U.S. Embassy. I immediately came to the 9th floor and started looking out of the window. Nothing was sighted. I then decided to go to the roof of the Embassy building. I borrowed from the U.S. Navy Attache a pair of field glasses and proceeded to the top of the Embassy building with the sole thought in mind that I would discover some illusion, perhaps a cloud wisp or a reflection from an object and thereby convince myself that there was nothing present in the sky. I was on the roof of the U.S. Embassy for approximately one hour and was constantly scanning the sky with both my normal eyes and with the field glasses. At approximately 1515 hours I detected an object travelling from south to north at an extreme altitude and at an extreme rate of speed. I detected this object with my naked eye and was then able to look at it through the field glasses. The height of the object made it impossible to determine any details about it other than that it appeared to be moving in a straight line. It appeared to be more white than any other color. I watched the object move approximately 30 degrees of sky within 5-10 seconds and then decided that I would return to the office and procure a camera with a telephoto lense and attempt to get a spot on a piece of film to support my story. I returned to the roof of the U.S. Embassy with the camera equipped with a telephoto lense and was unable to spot the object again. A small graph is furnished in relation to point of sight and the object seen in relation to the sun.



40°
1 mile = 251 mph
5 mile = 1570 mph
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- 1 - My location when object first sighted
- 2 - Location when object sighted second time
- X - object when first sighted angle of sight app/ 300°
- X - object when sighted after leaving glare of sun angle approx 300°