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ATTC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 14 March 1950

AP NO. _____ LOCATION Piggott, Arkansas

REPORT NO. Army Letter SOURCE Civilian

DATE OF REPORT 6 April 1950 DATE IN TO ATTC _____

TIME OF REPORT 1600 CST COLOR White

SHAPE 'Like 100 lb. sack of potatoes' HEARD _____

FILE _____ ALTITUDE 8,000'

COURSE 270° LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 10 Min.

NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MOOD _____ HANDWRITING _____

PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____

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Observed 70° true from source at elevation
of 60°. Made no sound. Seemed to drift
with wind, in view 10 minutes.

(Comments: Pillow balloon?)

Pillow balloon

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
Office of the A.C. of S, G-2
Fort San Houston, Texas

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6 April 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Mr. Phil Smith
Office of Naval Intelligence
P. O. Box 492
San Antonio, Texas

The following report(s) re unidentified aerial phenomena observed
at Piggott, Arkansas, on date and time indicated, forwarded for
your information:

OBSERVER

DATE

TIME

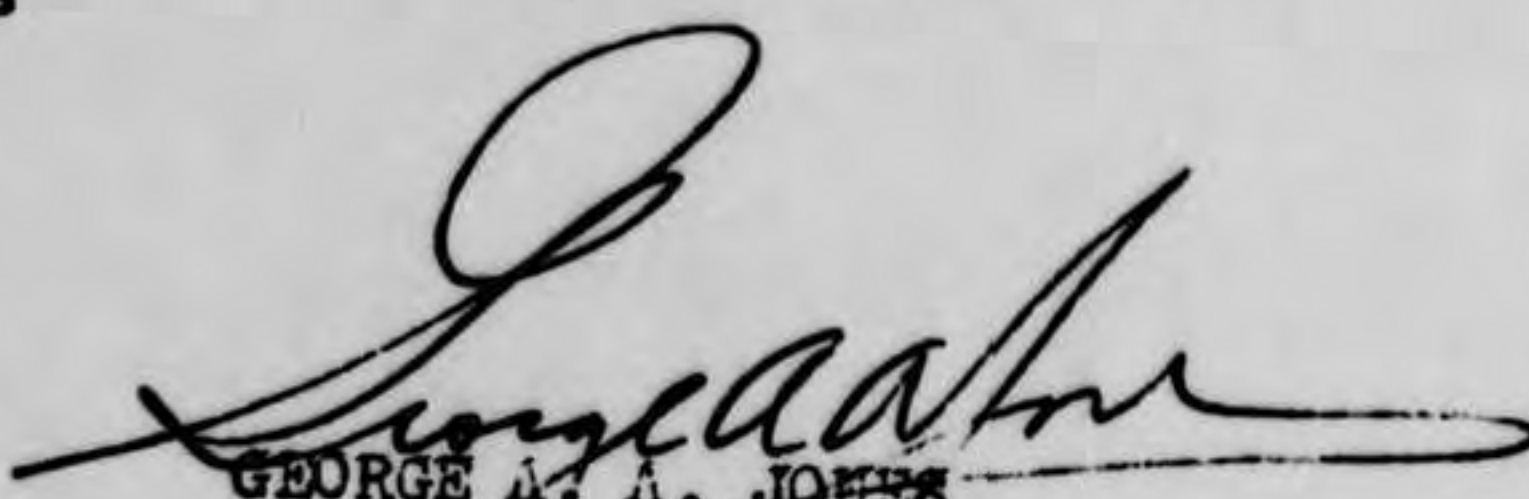
[REDACTED]
Piggott, Arkansas

14 March 1950 1600

[REDACTED]
St. Francis, Arkansas

14 March 1950 1600

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As stated
Exhibits w/d


GEORGE A. A. JONES
Colonel GSC
A.C. of S, G-2

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. **9052**

1. Date of observation **14 Mar 90** Date of Interview **24 Mar 90**
2. Exact time of observation (local) **4:00 P.M. (CST)**
3. Place of observation: **Piggott, Arkansas**
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Standing in front of a service station in Piggott, Arkansas.
5. What attracted attention to object: **A 4-motor transport flying in an easterly direction.**
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: **One**
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): **Comparison: Size of a 100 pound sack of potatoes.**
8. Color of object: **White or aluminum.**
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): **Longer than it was wide. Shaped like a 100 pound sack of potatoes.**
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
60 degrees. 8,000 ft.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): **70 degrees.**
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc. over which object appeared to be): **Approximately one mile east of Piggott, Ark.**
13. Direction of flight of object (s): **East from west.**
14. Time in sight: **10 minutes.**
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): **Speed unknown. In sight 10 minutes and seemed to drift with the wind.**
16. Sound and odor: **None.**
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): **None.**
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): **White or aluminum color made object clearly observable.**
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): **None.**
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): **None.**

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21. Manner of disappearance: Drifted out of sight.

22. Effect on clouds: Clear day. No Clouds.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear day. Sun was shining.

25. Name and address of observer: [REDACTED], Piggott, Arkansas.

Occupation and hobbies: Owner and operator of garage and Phillips "66" Service Station. Hobby--Fishing.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Mr. [REDACTED] appears to be a settled, intelligent individual. He seems to be level-headed and of fine character according to informants. (See attached agent report).

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

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re Radars now operating on ground **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT**
 - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
 - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed.
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach.
 - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate?
 - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airborne, when object was sighted:
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits?
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions : **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT**
2. Winds aloft report: **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT**
 - a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:
SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private, and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border.)
Not available.
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and tract of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any others.
Not available.

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5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

No contact with earth known.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

a. Object

b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed

Flat terrain.

c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened).

Not observed to contact earth.

d. Maneuvers

None. Seemed to drift as with wind.

e. Formation (if more than two)

Single object. No formations.

7. Secure signed statements. **True copy of signed statement attached.**

8. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.

No physical evidence available.

March 24, 1950

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ make the following statement of my own free will.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 14, 1950, about 4:00 P.M., I was standing in front of my service station in Piggott, Arkansas. I looked up and saw a four-motored airplane, believed to be a transport. The plane banked and made a complete circle. Then, I saw an object, other than the plane, in the sky. It was above the plane, in altitude, and looked like a one hundred pound sack of potatoes in size. The color of the object was white or aluminum. The object appeared to be eight thousand (8,000) feet in altitude and at a sixty (60) degree angle on the horizon. It was approximately seventy (70) degrees clockwise from the north and drifting from west to east, almost due east. It remained in view approximately ten (10) minutes.

/s/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

A certified true copy:

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Captain, Infantry
Summary Court

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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

Unidentified Aerial Objects
Interviews re Marvin Taylor
Owner & operator of garage and Phillips 66 service
station, Piggott, Arkansas

2. DATE SUBMITTED

24 March 1950

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 24 March 1950, the following individuals were interviewed concerning [redacted] and all stated substantially the same as follows: [redacted] is of excellent reputation, reliable, law-abiding, and of good character:

a. Mr. [redacted], Editor, Piggott Banner, Piggott, Arkansas. Lifetire acquaintance. (B-2)

b. Mr. [redacted], Sheriff, Clay County, Piggott, Arkansas. Acquaintance for 25 years. He added without reference to records that Mr. Taylor has no police record. (B-2)

c. Mr. [redacted], City Marshal, Piggott, Arkansas. Acquaintance for 16 years. He added without reference to records that Mr. Taylor has no police record. (B-2)

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

IWM A WILLIAMS, 112th CIC Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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RR JEDC ✓

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YB26

RR JED ZVA

RR JEDC JEPAG JEZC 333

DE JWTAD 18 ✓

R 141947Z ✓

FM CMDR CONTLDIV MATS KELLY AFB TEX ✓

TO JEDC/CG AMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCIAX *As* ✓

INFO JEPAG/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC ATTN DIR OF INTELLIGENCE

JEZC/CMDR MATS ANDREWS AFB MD ATTN CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE DIV

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CNTLD-3NDJ-2419. PREVIOUS INFO FURN OBJECT SIGHTED BIGGS AFB 11 MAR.

INVESTIGATION PROVES THIS WAS APPARENTLY PLANET VENUS. DUE TO THIS
INFO FURTHER INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED.

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