

PROJECT 10012 RECORD CARD

ATIC NO. _____

DATE OF INFO 2 Aug 50

AF NO. _____

LOCATION Belle Vernon, Pa.

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE Civilian

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF SIGHTING _____

COLOR _____

SHAPE _____

SPEED _____

Estimated

Measured

SIZE _____

ALTITUDE _____

Estimated

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COURSE _____

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND _____

MANEUVERS _____

PHOTOS _____

SKETCHES _____

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

A farmer found what he thought was a strange a/c, but from the description and evidence it was determined to be a pilot balloon.

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INITIALS IN APPRO-
PRIATE BLOCK)

ADJUTANT GENERAL

MCIAA

CHIEF OF ADMIN.

AIR INSPECTOR

PUBLIC RELATIONS

JUDGE ADVOCATE

PERSONNEL (T-1)

INTELLIGENCE (T-2)

ENGINEERING (T-3)

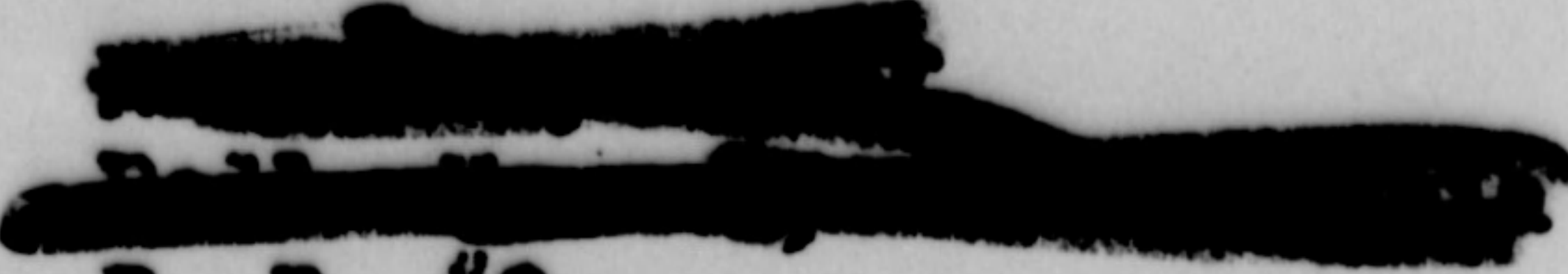
SUPPLY (T-4)

PLANS (T-5)

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R. D. #2

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 4 August 1950 concerning an object which you could not identify.

From the information presented in your letter, it is apparent that the object in question is a pilot balloon target which is carried aloft by a free rising balloon so that it can be tracked by electronic means for the purpose of determining wind speed and direction. This particular balloon target is expendable and unclassified and may be disposed of in any manner which you see fit.

Your forwarding the information in question to this headquarters is appreciated.

Yours truly,

BRYAN L. DAVIS
Colonel, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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Bell Vernon, Pa.
August 4th - 1950,

Technical Intelligence Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton Ohio,

Dear Sir...

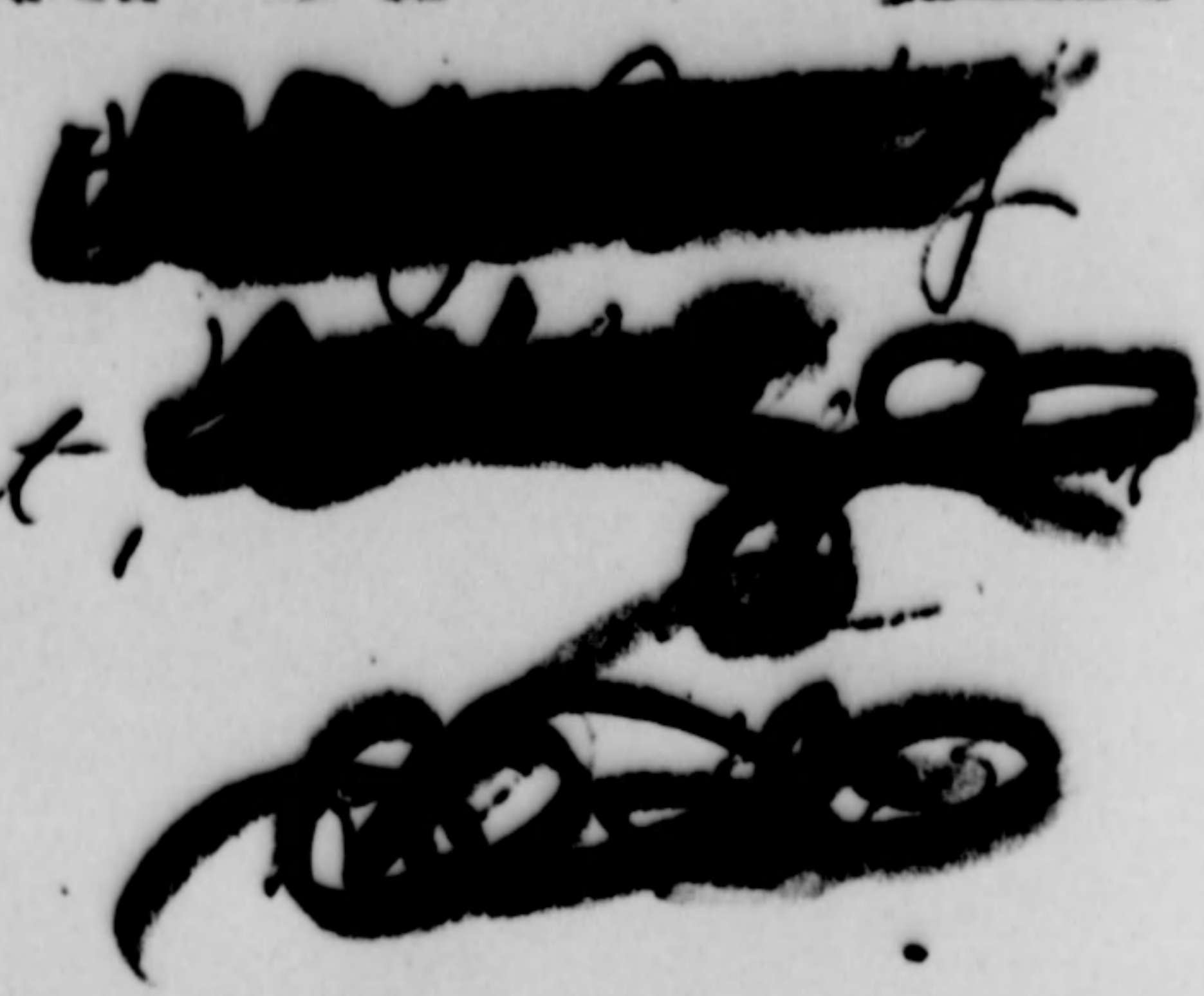
on august 2nd I found a strange looking
air craft. description of it is on separate paper.
on august 3 I read in a magazine about the
flying saucers, and your address was at
the end of the story. I want your advice on
what I should do with it. I haven't told
anyone about it I am keeping it a secret.
So if you want any more information about
it or want it I will gladly let you
have it please write and let me know
what I should do with it.

Sincerely

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Description of New Type aircraft,



Wood Framework.

Woodwork.

1 Main 4 ft long $\frac{1}{2}$ in width $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch thick.
4 inside - 2 ft long $\frac{1}{2}$ in or less width $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch thick
+ 5 outside edges - 3 ft long about $\frac{1}{2}$ width - $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch thick
+ Maybe one 3 ft long missing.

Paper Work.

Top of Aircraft - all white

Underneath 9 triangle shaped Silver paper,

3 all white triangle shaped paper,

Paper is silver on one side and plain white on the other side. paper seems to be water proof.

3 triangle shaped points up and 3 down

Number 13 on one strip of framework

Initials C A G H on lower corner of the top white paper

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A

 number below C A G H
Initials

Description

~~Handwritten~~
B. H. H. H.
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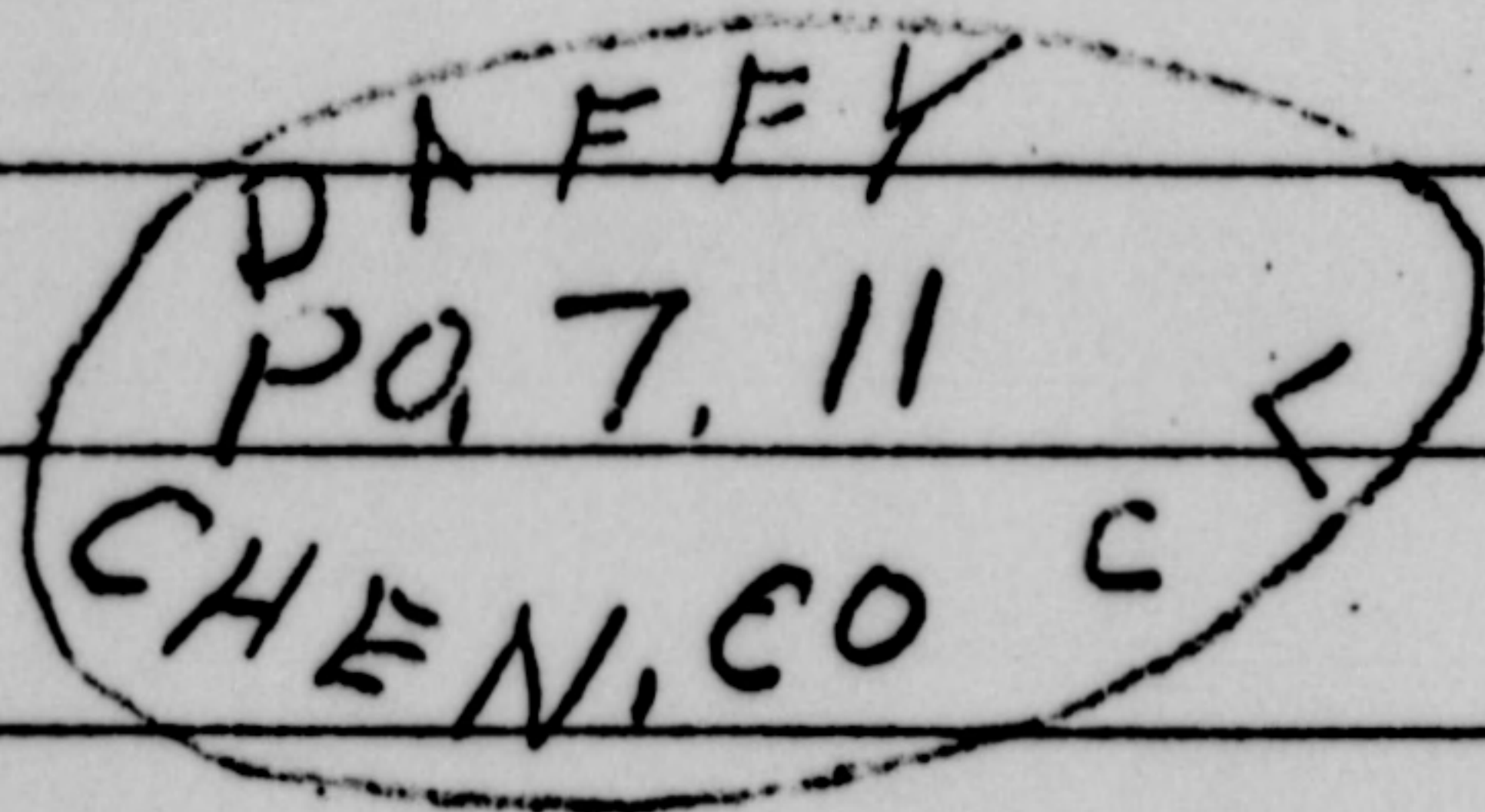
3 strings tied on wood frame on top 3 points, the 3 strings tie up on to the balloon.

It folds up easily to a triangle 4 ft by 3 ft.



Rubber on balloon is pink and when you stretch it pink goes away and you can see through the rubber.

Nozzle on balloon is Red with long and thin round. Printed on intake of balloon is



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AP NO. _____
SUBJECT NO. _____
DATE OF REPORT 11 APR 50
TYPE OF FILMING 2213
GRADE Circular
SIZE Baseball
COUNT 11 to 51
NO. IN GROUP 1
EXPOS _____
FILM _____ SKETCHES _____

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
RE: [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY At Sea - North Atlantic
SUBJECT Unidentified Airborne Object

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SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

DATE OF INFORMATION 4 Aug 50

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COMPLETELY RELIABLE	USUALLY RELIABLE	FAIRLY RELIABLE	NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	NOT RELIABLE	CANNOT BE JUDGED	TRUE	PROBABLY TRUE	POSSIBLY TRUE	DOUBTFUL	PROBABLY FALSE	CANNOT BE JUDGED
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SOURCE Officers of M-V "MARCALA", owned by the Savannah Steamship Company, Jacksonville, Florida, who reported the following observations at 10:00 am EDT on 4 Aug 50 at 39° 35' North, 72° 24½' West.

Master, aged 38, citizen of Denmark

- On 4 Aug 50 at 10 am my ship, while on a heading of 245° true, with a smooth sea and clear weather, visibility 14 miles, barometer reading 30.03, was underway from Walton, Nova Scotia, to an East Coast US port. I was in the chart room just aft the bridge when Third Mate, who was at mid-bridge checking the compass, shouted that there was a flying object off the starboard bow. I immediately ascended the conning tower and by this time the object was on our starboard beam. It was traveling on a reciprocal course to ours about 50 or 100 feet above the water at an estimated speed of over 25 mph. From the conning tower I observed it with my binoculars for a period of approximately a minute and a half when it disappeared into the horizon in a north-easterly direction. I would estimate that the closest it approached my ship was one thousand feet and it was an ovular, cylindrical shaped object the like of which I have never seen before. The object was quite small and I would judge that its diameter was approximately 10 feet. It had depth but to what extent I was unable to observe. The object made no noise, and as it passed abeam our ship, it appeared to pick up considerable speed. It was not flying smoothly but impressed me as having a churning or a rotary motion. It had a shiny aluminum color and sparkled in the sunlight.

Chief Mate, aged 47, citizen of the Netherlands

- I was on the main deck, port side, just forward of the bridge when the Third Mate shouted there was an object on our starboard bow. I looked off to the starboard and saw an object of elliptic shape looking like half an egg cut lengthwise traveling at a great rate of speed on a course reciprocal to our own. I immediately ran to the stern, port side, and with my glasses was able to observe the object disappearing into the horizon. From the time I was first alerted to its presence until it disappeared from sight, 15 seconds elapsed. I believe that it was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed, possibly faster than 500 mph. During the time I saw it, it was approximately 70 feet off the water and I judge it was approximately 10 miles away. I clearly saw its shadow on the water. I last observed it off the starboard quarter and it seemed to be increasing its speed and ascending. It had an elliptic shape and I could clearly see that it had three dimensions. It wobbled in the air, made no noise, and was a metallic white in color. The length was approximately six times the breadth and its belly had a depth of possibly 5'.

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[REDACTED], Third Mate, 33 years of age, citizen of the UK

3. At 10:00 am on 4 Aug 50 as I was checking the compass at mid-bridge through a bridge port hole, I observed a flying object off the starboard bow. I immediately shouted to the Captain, who was in the chart room, and the Chief Mate, who was below on the port deck, of my observation and went out on the flying bridge myself. The object was approximately 70' above the horizon at a distance of 12 miles. It came toward us, then ran on a course reciprocal to ours and turned off into the horizon in the northeast. I clearly saw its shadow on the water. My impression of the object was that it was elliptical, not unlike a Japanese diamond box kite in shape. I have no idea of its size but the length was about six times the breadth and it had a depth of from two to five feet. It made no noise and was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed. As it traveled through the air, it made a spinning or wobbly motion. After it disappeared in the horizon, I saw it reappear several seconds later, ascending at an even faster speed than when I first observed it. I have no idea what this object was, I never saw anything comparable to it before, and it was one of the most frightening experiences I have ever had. I roughly estimate that the object traveled 28 miles during the 15 seconds I had it under observation.

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Collector's Note: The Chief and Third Mates were interviewed on 8 August by two Intelligence Officers. The Captain, who was absent at that time, was interviewed on 9 August by only one of the two Intelligence Officers. In describing the occurrence, the Chief and Third Mates reenacted their behaviour at the time of sighting, and the period from the time the Chief Mate saw the object abeam until he reached the after deck and saw it disappear off the starboard quarter was timed at 15 seconds. In laying the angles of observation out on a chart and assuming the object was ten miles distant and taking the time into account, it is evident it was certainly traveling at a very high rate of speed, which approximated 400 to 500 miles per hour. It will be noted that there is a tremendous discrepancy between the Captain's estimate of the speed and the estimate of the two officers which could not be explained as they were very careful in making their statements and asserted that their observations had been correct. All three men were quite evidently very much upset by the sighting. Aside from the discrepancies, it was quite evident to the Intelligence Officers who interviewed these men that they had certainly seen some very unusual object which they could not identify but was just as certainly not any conventional type of aircraft. M-V "MARCALA" is a converted LST.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
Office of the AC of S, G-2
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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17 August 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

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

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

<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Mrs. [redacted] Toney Air Field	4 August 1950	1030 to 1100 approx.
Mr. [redacted]		
[redacted] Pine Bluff, Ark.		
Mr. [redacted] Pine Bluff, Ark.		
Mr. [redacted] St., "	"	"
Mr. [redacted] 620 [redacted], "	"	"

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As stated

GEORGE A. JONES
Colonel, GSC
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

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Incident No. 5055

1. Date of observation 4 August 50 Date of Interview 11 August 1950
2. Exact time of observation (local) shortly before noon; 10:30 to 1100 approx.
3. Place of observation: Pine Bluff, Arkansas (92 degrees, 00 minutes - 34 degrees
(Map Coordinates) 3 minutes)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details: _____
_____ just outside Power Plant Building (Ark. Power & Light Co);
Mrs. Jackson was on ground at Toney Air Field, approximately 1 mile Northeast
of the Ark. Power & Light Power Plant.
5. What attracted attention to object: Mr. _____ just happened to look up and
noticed the object; he called it to the attention _____
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)
Mr. _____ called Mrs. _____ over the phone & told her to look for it.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist
at arms length): Mr. _____ stated that it was approx.
12" in diameter; Mr. _____ said it appeared about 50' in diameter; Mrs. _____
8. Color of object: Bright silver or aluminum. _____ said about size small plane
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Mr. _____
_____ stated it was round; Mr. _____ stated it was disc shaped; Mrs. _____
stated she didn't know what shape it was.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Thirty (30) degrees.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): Northeast
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object
appeared to be): _____ said it appeared about a mile
near Toney Air Field, Pine Bluff, Ark. Jackson said it appeared far away.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Gatlin _____ Northeast
toward Toney Air Field. _____ stated northeast far beyond Toney Air Field
14. Time in sight: _____ or 4 minutes; _____ 20 seconds;
_____ "few" seconds.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): _____ Approx.
that of fighter plane. _____ faster than light plane. _____ faster than an
16. Sound and odor: None airplane.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) Gatlin _____ saw
no trail. _____ emitted 4 balls of smoke before going out of sight.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of
brilliance): Object was brilliant by reflection from the sun.
19. Projections (fins, wings, ~~_____~~ canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): Object tilted
slightly to east and co

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21. Manner of disappearance: Object continued in northeasterly direction until out of sight.
22. Effect on clouds: None
23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear sky, no clouds

25. Name and address of observer: See attached sheet

Occupation and hobbies: _____

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

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

Mr. ~~Stanley~~ Supt., Power Plant, Arkansas Power & Light Co., Pine Bluff, Arkansas, stated that all of the above men, employees under his supervision, are of high character and believed to be honest. Mr. ~~Stanley~~ stated further that these men are not in the habit of dreaming up stories, and are sincere and reliable.

Mr. Met Galligher, Police Chief, stated, without reference to records, that none of the above persons have a police record in this community.

Investigation in the Pine Bluff, Arkansas, area revealed the above persons to be honest, loyal and trustworthy. All of the above persons are young, and not fully matured, however, it is believed that they are telling the truth concerning the above.

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Res: 2410 W. 24th Street, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Age: 31 Employment: General Helper, Arkansas Power & Light Co.

Vision: 20/20

Note: Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he did wear glasses while in the Army, but that his vision has improved and he no longer needs them.

Mr. [REDACTED]

Res: [REDACTED], Pine Bluff, Ark.

Age: 29 Employment: Arkansas Power & Light Co., Oiler

Vision: 20/20

Note: Mr. [REDACTED] was a crew member of a 155mm Artillery weapon during the war. He was discharged as a Tec. 5.

Mr. [REDACTED]

Res: [REDACTED] Street, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Age: 21 Employment: General Helper, Arkansas Power & Light Co.

Vision: 20/20

Mr. [REDACTED]

Res: 620 Laurel Street, Pine Bluff, Ark. Vision: 20/20

Age: 20 Employment: General Helper, Arkansas Power & Light Co.

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Res: Toney Air Field, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Age: 26 Employment: Housewife & helper at Toney Air Field (husband is operator of this air field)

Vision: 20/20

Note: Mrs. [REDACTED] is not an aviator but frequently goes up with her husband.

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