

PROJECT WEA RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME OF REPORT		2. LOCATION		3. CONCLUSIONS	
20 Jul 52		ACAPULCO GUERRERO MEX		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION		5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION		6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Local 19/0115 MST		☒ Ground Visual ☐ Air Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft	
7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		8. SOURCE		9. COMMENTS	
2		2 Civilians		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
10. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		11. COURSE		12. OTHER DATA FOR EVALUATION	
4				☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
13. OTHER DATA FOR EVALUATION					
Four objects which looked like stars moved across sky over Acapulco separately at 1-5 min intervals. Objects blinked. Observers are newspaper reporter and columnist.					

Chief, ATIC, Wright-
Patterson AFB, Ohio
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Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects

Mexico

Air Attaché, Mexico City, Mexico

23 July 1952

22 July 1952

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Colonel William K. Skaer, Air Attaché

Columnist, Novedades
(Mexico City Daily Newspaper)

1. Report outlines experience of Miss [REDACTED], columnist for Mexican daily newspaper Novedades, in seeing four unidentified flying objects over Acapulco, Guerrero, on the night of 19 July 1952. Objects appeared separately at intervals of approximately one to five minutes, moving very fast in different directions. Appearance of objects was as bright stars which blinked on and off at intervals of approximately one second.

2. Miss [REDACTED] was accompanied by Mr. [REDACTED], reporter for Mexico City daily El Popular, a Communist newspaper, who verified Miss [REDACTED] observations.

APPROVED:

WILLIAM K. SKAER
Colonel, USAF
Air Attaché

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1. Diagram of Trajectories
2. Clipping from Novedades, 23 Jul 52
3. Clipping from El Popular, 24 Jul 52

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ArmyA, NA & Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico (without incls); CG CAIRC, Albrook AFB, CZ
(w/incl #1 only); Chief, ATIC, Attn: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (w/incl
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1. During the afternoon of 22 July 1952 Miss [redacted], a columnist for the Mexico City daily newspaper Novedades, telephoned Mr. Barry BISHOP, Press Attaché of the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City, and told him that she wanted to talk to someone with regard to some unidentified flying objects that she had seen. Mr. Bishop notified the undersigned who, together with Lt. Colonel William J. HOVDE, visited Miss [redacted] in her apartment.

2. Miss [redacted] related the following experience to Lt. Colonel Hovde and the undersigned. On the night of 19 July 1952, she, accompanied by [redacted], a reporter for the Mexico City daily newspaper El Popular, was walking along Calota Beach at Acapulco, state of Guerrero, Mexico. Suddenly she observed overhead a very bright object with the size and general appearance of a bright star traveling at high velocity from north to south. The light from this object blinked on and off at intervals of approximately one second. Miss [redacted] stated that she had the impression that it was rolling over and over and that one side of the object was strongly illuminated, the other side dark. After approximately 30 seconds the object disappeared over the southern horizon.

3. About one minute later a second object appeared on the northeast horizon. This object, also traveling at a high speed, moved across the sky, disappearing over the southwestern horizon. A third object appeared several minutes later, traveling northwest to southeast, and was followed by a fourth object about a minute later, traveling west to east. All of the objects were similar in appearance and behavior and were visible for about 30 seconds during their journeys from horizon to horizon.

4. Miss [redacted] stated that it appeared that the paths of all of the objects had crossed at a common point several miles south of the location where she was standing. A chart of the trajectories of the objects in relation to prominent landmarks is forwarded as Inclosure No. 1. Miss [redacted] remained up most of the night with no success (to see if additional objects could be sighted).

5. The sightings were made between 2215 and 2230 local time, 19 July 1952 (0415Z-0430Z, 20 July 1952) at a location of 16° 51' N; 99° 54' W. The altitude of the objects was unknown although Miss [redacted] stated that they appeared to be very high. At no time during their flight did the objects slow down or stop. No trail, exhaust, or sound was evident.

6. Miss [redacted] further stated that on the following day in a conversation with a Mr. [redacted], a young newspaperman who lives in Acapulco, he had stated that he had seen a flying saucer over Acapulco two weeks before at 0300 in the morning.

7. Miss [redacted] appeared very sincere in relating the account of what she had seen. She stated that she had previously been very skeptical about accounts of flying saucers, but now she was convinced that there was much truth in previous reports. On returning to Mexico City she contacted the director of the observatories of Tacubaya and Tenantzintla and several government officials. She was told by the latter that the U. S. Government was making a study of strange flying objects, so she contacted the U.S. Embassy. At the same time she wrote an article which was published in the 23 July edition of Novedades (Inclosure No. 2).

8. Miss [redacted] has a good reputation as a newspaper woman but she has been reportedly somewhat anti-American. At the time of her observation she was in the company of Mr. [redacted], a reporter for the daily El Popular. El Popular is a Communist newspaper. Mr. [redacted] wrote an article in the 24 July edition of El Popular (Inclosure No. 3) confirming Miss [redacted] story. It may be noted, however, that in the last paragraph of his article Mr. [redacted] states that the phenomenon might have been part of the "bellicose" plans of the United States aimed at causing a state of restlessness in Mexico or at obtaining data regarding the geography of Mexico.

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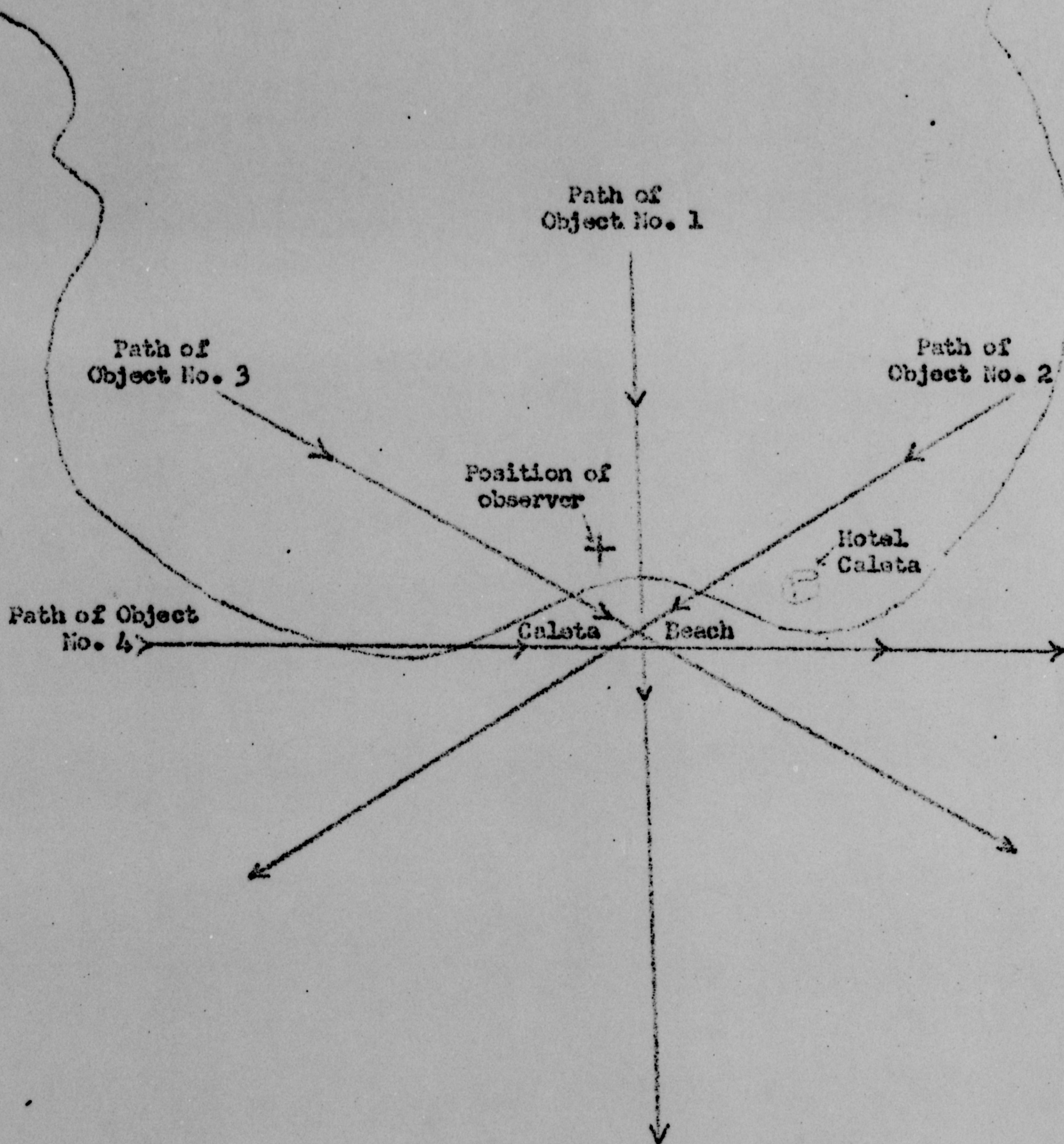
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WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB ATIAA-2C DAYTON OHIO

231640Z INFO AFOIN HQ USAF WASHDC AND CG ENT AFB FLOBRPT

RE AFL 200-5 PAR COCA PAREN ONE PAREN FOUR SEPARATE OBJECTS

SIGHTED ALL TRAVELED HORIZON TO HORIZON IN ESTIMATED TIME THIRTY

SECONDS PD FIRST OBJECT TRAVELED NORTH TO SOUTH PD SECOND

APPEARED APPROX ONE MINUTE AFTER DISAPPEARANCE FIRST TRAVELING

NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST PD THIRD SEVERAL MINUTES AFTER

SECOND TRAVELING NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST PD FOURTH APPROX ONE

MINUTE AFTER THIRD TRAVELING WEST TO EAST PD PATHS OF ALL SEEMED

TO HAVE CROSSED AT COMMON POINT IN SKY PD ALL HAD APPEARANCE

OF BRIGHT STARS BUT BLINKED ON AND OFF AT ESTIMATED INTERVALS

OF ONE SECOND PAR COCA PAREN TWO PAREN SIGHTED BETWEEN 0415Z

AND 0430Z TWENTY JULY PAR COCA PAREN THREE PAREN OBSERVATION

VISUAL PAR COCA PAREN FOUR PAREN OBSERVER LOCATED CALETA BEACH

ACAPULCO GUERRERO 16 DEGREES 51 MINUTES NORTH 99 DEGREES

54 MINUTES WEST PD PATHS OF OBJECTS CROSSED SEVERAL MILES

SOUTH OF OBSERVER PAR COCA PAREN FIVE PAREN OBSERVER MISS ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ COLUMNIST MEXCITY DAILY NOVEDADES INEXPERIENCED BUT APPARENTLY

SINCERE PD WITNESS ~~REDACTED~~ REPORTER DAILY EL POPULAR

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0415Z 0430Z 51 99 54 ALSO 16.

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5. *Chrysomelids*

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Civilian couple

[illegible]

30 min.

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"Light bluish radiance" with five-pointed prongs moved in a circular motion and changed position "instantly", or with speed of light.

1. Cosmic ray balloon released U of Minn. Jul 19.

2. 2 c/c in area.

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Reporting of information on Unidentified Flying Objects

Michigan

Director of Intelligence, Hqs, 10 AF

24 July 1952

20 July 1952

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2nd Lt GEORGE H. JANCZEWSKI

MR. [REDACTED]
EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Per
Baker

AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 December 1951 and AFL 200-5, AFXOI 66C

1. This report contains information on an unidentified flying object as observed by MR. [REDACTED] of EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN on 20 July 1952.

2. Subject report was investigated by CAPTAIN BENJAMIN W. DAVIS, AO 861 939, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE and TACTICS (AFROTC) MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE, LANSING, MICHIGAN.

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1. Sketch of MR. [REDACTED] observations
2. Certified true copy of MR. [REDACTED] signed statement

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D/I, ADC - 1 cy

D/I, ConAC - 1 cy
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Hqs, Tenth Air Force

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1. At EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN on 20 July 1952 at 0630Z while standing on his front lawn looking east, MR. [REDACTED] and his WIFE visually observed one (1) object of light bluish radiance with five (5) pointed prongs which appeared to be about fifty (50) miles distant, although he reasoned that it must have been in outer space.

2. At first appearance the object observed was stationary at approximately two (2) thousand feet altitude. Its first maneuver was to glow brighter and move in a circular motion as if spinning, then travel northward approximately two (2) or three (3) thousand feet in horizontal flight. The number of times this maneuver was executed is not known by the observer but he states that sometime during these maneuvers the object would suddenly ascend to an estimated forty (40) thousand feet in vertical flight, then return to its original position at two (2) thousand feet. The rate of speed attained by the object in vertical flight appeared to be at the speed of light since this change in altitude was accomplished instantly. At times the object would move directly away from the observer toward the east diminishing in brilliance as it did so, changing from a bluish glow of light to a golden color. Following this maneuver the object would fade completely for approximately thirty (30) seconds and then reappear in its full brilliance.

3. MR. [REDACTED] states that after he and his WIFE had observed the object for approximately thirty (30) minutes he telephoned the CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION office in LANSING, MICHIGAN, reporting what he had seen and asked the observers at the airport to watch the sky to the east for this object. After his telephone call was completed MR. [REDACTED] returned to his lawn and observed the object for another thirty (30) minutes. During the remainder of his observations MR. MILLER stated that the object followed the same pattern of movements as already described.

4. MR. [REDACTED] states that he could hear no sound nor could he distinguish any trail or exhaust from the object. He further states that he observed no aircraft in the vicinity at any time during the sighting.

TENTH AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE COMMENT:

1. The investigating officer, CAPTAIN DAVIS, states that MR. [REDACTED] is a non-alcoholic and appeared to be conscientious and reliable.

2. The investigating officer further stated that he queried the CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION at LANSING, MICHIGAN in reference to MR. [REDACTED] telephone call to that organization. The person on duty at the time of the reported sighting made no report of the telephone call.

3. The 661st AC&W Squadron at SELFRIDGE AFB, MICHIGAN identified two (2) friendly aircraft in the vicinity during the time of the sighting.

4. NOTAMS indicated that the UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA at MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA was scheduled to release a cosmic ray balloon on 19 July 1952. Velocities and the prevailing winds could possibly have placed the balloon in the general vicinity during the time of the sighting, however, the mere presence of the balloon would not account for the sudden changes in altitude at such tremendous speeds as reported.

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5. Weather and winds at time of sighting:

a. Weather:

- (1) Visibility - six (6) to twelve (12) miles
- (2) Clouds - scattered cirrus at 18,000 feet
- (3) Moon - dark

b. Winds:

- (1) Surface - 280°/03 knots
- (2) 5,000' - 270°/13 knots
- (3) 10,000' - 290°/13 knots
- (4) 15,000' - 290°/20 knots
- (5) 20,000' - 270°/27 knots
- (6) 25,000' - 290°/46 knots
- (7) 30,000' - 300°/39 knots
- (8) 35,000' - 310°/60 knots
- (9) 40,000' - 300°/61 knots
- (10) 45,000' - 300°/47 knots
- (11) 50,000' - 300°/40 knots

6. The preparing officer can offer no explanation for this reported phenomenon.

George H. Janczewski

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2nd Lt USAF
Director of Intelligence

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TO JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
JEPNB/CG EADF STEWART AFB NY

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TO JEDEN/CGAIRDEFCON ENT AFB COLO

JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN 39450. FOLLOWING CIRVIS MSG DTG 2008102 QUOTED FOR YOUR
INFO QUOTE EATON RAPIDS ABOUT FIFTEEN (15) MILES SOUTH OF LANSING
MICHIGAN UNUSUAL OBJECT IN THE SKY LOOKS LIKE A STAR BUT WAS NOT
A STAR APPEARED TO DART VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY AT DIFFERENT
RATES OF SPEED LOOKED LIKE A LIGHT WOULD GO OUT THAT A REAL BRIGHT
LIGHT ESTIMATED AT ONE TIME TO BE ABOUT TWO HUNDRED (200) OBSERVER
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