

PROJECT VVWZ REPORT CARD

21 JUL 52

PATRICK AFB

FLA

CONCLUSIONS

21/200 EST

2000 hours

1000 hours

22/0300 Z

0300 hours

0300 hours

2 AF Colonels and Airmen

XXX

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

NUMBER OF OBJECTS

7 min

4-5

West

Objects which looked like large stars were observed in straight, level flight by airmen and officers at Patrick AFB.

1. Reported by competent observers at balloon launch time.

2. Heading the same as known objects on Florida coast.

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

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1. DATE <i>21 July 54</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Patrol Area FLN</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2200</i> Zebra: <i>2200</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>Patrol Area FLN, 40th Fighter Wing, H.A. 10073, H.A. 10073</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>no</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☐ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☐ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☐ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☐ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☐ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☐ No

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IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?		☒ Yes		☐ No		
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:		<u>20</u> Minutes				
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>North of ...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	☒	☐	<i>...</i>
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:		22. DETAILS OF REPORT:	
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax		☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate	
23. FINAL EVALUATION:			
☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:			

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING			
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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)	☐ Yes ☐ No

7. CLOUD COVER: _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.	8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
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9. COMMENTS:

No weather info.

24 July 1952

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REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS AS OBSERVED AT PATRICK AFB, FLORIDA

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The above four objects all were sighted within a period of five to six minutes. The objects were reported as appearing like a great star of amber color. Weather storm detection radars and Rawinsond radars were directed on objects but no contacts were made. These two types of radars are not considered to be reliable for such tracking.

Five additional personnel reported the same objects and performance which included the Airdrome officer on duty at the time, control tower operator, aircraft dispatcher and two transient pilots from Wright Patterson AFB.

Two observances were made on 19 July; however, no report was made.

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Asst Executive to
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Patrick AFB, Florida

4 maintenance men

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Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
21 July, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO LT COL EVANS:

In compliance with your verbal request following is an account of my observation of the incident at Patrick AFB on Friday evening, 18 July 1952.

At approximately 2130, I, together with Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both employees of Base Supply, was waiting in a staff car in the parking lot beside the Provost Marshal's office while the driver, [REDACTED], was getting the trip ticket signed by the OD. Mr. [REDACTED] first noticed a peculiar light in the sky to the South of the Base. From that time until we passed through the South Gate approximately 15 minutes later, we watched this light and speculated as to what it might be. It was not a "sharp" light like a bare bulb but more like a light shining through frosted glass. It appeared 3 or 4 times the size of a large star. No shape of any kind was discernable. It had a slightly orange or reddish color. It appeared to blink but with no regularity whatever. It wasn't as though the light was being turned off and on but like it was passing behind something. It appeared to be about 2 miles SSW of the Base at 5 to 6 thousand feet approximately over the Banana River. It was proceeding very slowly and erratically NNE in a level path over the river. It seemed to move for 2 or 3 minutes and then stop for 30 seconds to a minute before proceeding. I would estimate that at no time was it traveling at more than 40 MPH. It was approximately west of the center of the Base when we left the South Gate and it faded from view as we proceeded south down ALA.

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Adjutant General's Office

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PROJECT WAVE RECORD CARD

LOCATION

ALHAMBRA CALIF

2 JUL 52

1. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

2. DATE OF OBSERVATION

22/03/52

3. TIME OF OBSERVATION

4. PLACE OF OBSERVATION

5. SOURCE

Civilian pilot

6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

7. COURSE

NNE

8. DURATION

4 min

9. COMMENTS

Round silver object moved north of Alhambra in an irregular manner. Observers were a civilian pilot and several relatives.

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>21 Jul 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Alhambra, Calif.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1900</i> Zebra: <i>220300</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☒ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☒ No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☒ No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☐ Normal ☒ Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		☐ Blinking ☒ Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>March Flight Service, March AFB, Calif.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>None</i>	
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☐ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☐ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☐ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)	
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17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☒ Yes ☐ No
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18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☒ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☒ Yes		☐ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					_____ Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:								
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting		
				Yes	No			
a.								
b.								
c.								
d.								

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
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24. COMMENTS:	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SK

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION 21 Jul 52		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION 1830 PST		3. STATION OBSERVING Los Angeles WB	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	10	90°	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000	11	200
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
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14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		5-15 MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

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Unidentified Flying Object(s) Sighted Near Alhambra, California 21 July 1952
State of California, USA
Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark
Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

22 July 1952

21 July 1952

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Frank M. Allen, Lt Colonel, USAF

Private pilot and relatives

Teletype FLYORRPT submitted by March Flight Service Center 212121P July

A round, silver colored object, with a flat surface, was observed from Alhambra, California 21 July at 1900PST. Object was North of Alhambra, at about 40,000 feet, heading North and East-northeast in irregular motion.

FRANK M. ALLEN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

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Flight Service, MATS
3800 Newark Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. One or more unidentified flying objects were observed from Alhambra, California 21 July 1952. First sighted 1900PST and observed for four minutes by a private pilot and two relatives.

2. Reported as a round, silver colored object, with a flat surface, at an estimated altitude of 40,000 feet.

3. Object was North of Alhambra, heading North then East-northeast, in an erratic flight-jogging from side to side.

4. Weather in the area at time of sighting:

a. Los Angeles reported (1830PST) broken clouds at 300 feet, visibility restricted to 2½ miles by haze and smoke, temperature 62, dew point 57, surface winds from East at 12 MPH. March Flight Service forecaster advised that a stratus condition lay over the coast only, and that weather at Alhambra (15 miles Northeast of Los Angeles International Airport) was clear with 5 to 15 miles visibility.

b. Winds aloft at 40,000 feet were from 200° at 11 knots

5. Witnesses were: Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Alhambra, California, and his wife and mother-in-law. Mr. [REDACTED] is a private pilot with 160 solo hours flying time.

6. The only known air traffic in the vicinity was a B-29 at 17,000 feet.

7. Incident was reported to Los Angeles ARTC Center by the observer, and to March Flight Service Center by the ARTC Center at 1905PST. Teletype FLYOBRPT was submitted by March Flight Service Center 212121P July via Flight Service Communications System.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Reason for observer's statement that he observed "a flying saucer, possibly two" is unknown. Report does not otherwise indicate more than one object.

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GERMANY

11/11/52

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Soldiers and civilians

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Possibly meteorological phenomenon

Four soldiers (M's) and several German civilians observed a distant bright light which hovered, maneuvered, and left a trail.

1. Some sort of meteorological phenomenon, possibly smoke, reflection on clouds, or reflection of a/c contrails, or combination.

Germany

ATI-1311-52

AIR INTELLIGENCE UNCLASSIFIED REPORT

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Germany-West Zone

HQ, USAFE, ATI BRANCH

27 August 1952

21 July 1952

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GERALD M. JONES, Captain, USAF

See below

AFL 200-5

1. This report transmits the "Report of Findings" of a Special Agent of the 66th CIC Detachment, who investigated the incident occurring on 21 July 1952 near Wurzburg, Germany, where six (6) persons observed unidentified aerial objects.

2. This information will be of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

APPROVED:

Robert A. Elder

ROBERT A. ELDER
Colonel, USAF
Chief, ATI Branch

Gerald M. Jones

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Report of Findings w/7 Incls
(Statements) (DITTO)

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23 July 1952

Unidentified Aerial Object

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XI 3534

On 21 July 1952, the Provost Marshal of the Wurtsburg Military Post, WURTSBURG (UTM) NA 630160, Major Rupert C. HENDERSON, ASN O-489727 reported that an unidentified object was observed in the sky in the vicinity of ARNSTADT (UTM) NA 692370 by Sergeant John H. TIFER, NA 13298123, and Corporal Salvatore SANTOCINTI, NA 19262184, while patrolling on highway N-26 between WURTSBURG (UTM) NA 789380 and HARTSTADT (UTM) NA 555348 at approximately 2030 hours on 21 July 1952. These two men are assigned to Detachment "K", 62nd Military Police Highway Patrol Company, Wurtsburg Military Post, WURTSBURG (statements attached hereto in Exhibit I and II). Pfc Edward A. JEWELL, US 51091656, and Pfc James R. DINKELMAN, US 51095815, both from Detachment "K" 62nd Military Police Highway Patrol Company, Wurtsburg Military Post, WURTSBURG, while proceeding south on road N-19 about two kilometers north of MELLECHAMPT (UTM) NA 924873, saw the same or a similar object in the sky at approximately the same time (statements attached hereto in Exhibits III and IV). This object was also observed by two Land Policemen, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (statement attached hereto in Exhibit V) in THUNDERBOLT (UTM) NA 623530. [REDACTED], presently residing at HINCHFIELD (UTM) NA 635339, [REDACTED] reported that he had observed a strange object in the sky (statement attached hereto in Exhibit VI). [REDACTED] further stated that he had contacted the duty officer at the GIBBELSTADT (UTM) NA 661008 air base, and queried him as to whether anything had been picked up on their radar screen. The duty officer, according to HENDERSON, stated that no such object had appeared on their radar screen. (P-6)

AGENT'S NOTES: Pictures taken by [REDACTED] revealed no object in the sky, consequently they are not attached.

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JAMES H. BROWN, Special Agent, CIC
66th CIC Detachment, Region XI

s/ James H. Brown

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This case includes 9 pages of
photocopy narrative.

**EUROPEAN COMMAND
WURZBURG MILITARY POST (SUB-POST)
APO 800 US ARMY
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE**

STATEMENT OF Santopietro, Salvatore

DATE 21 July 1952

ASN: RA 10262184 RANK: Cpl ORG: Det E, 62nd AF HP Co, APO 800

TAKEN BY: Report C Henderson, Major, MCC, Provost Marshal, Wurzburg Post, APO 800

31 JUL 52

Major Report C Henderson

"I have been advised of my rights under Article 31 of the Geneva Convention and I understand that I cannot be compelled to answer any question or questions which might incriminate me. I further understand that anything I may say or write can be used against me in the event I should be brought to trial. No threats or promises have been made to me and with full knowledge of my rights concerning self-incrimination, I hereby voluntarily make the statement which appears below. In witness of my knowledge and understanding of the foregoing, I place my signature here:

Salvatore Santopietro

In the undersigned while on patrol with Sgt Tinker, on 21 July 1952 was patrolling by E-26, traveling west from Wurzburg. At approx 2015 hrs, Sgt Tinker called my attention to an object which he saw in the sky. At this time we were approx 1 km from Camp of American. I stopped my car and observed with Sgt Tinker as to whether or not it was the setting sun or a cloud and thus causing a reflection. After observing the object for a few minutes I agreed with Sgt Tinker. This object was on our right and we agreed that the approximate position was E-26 then I saw the object it appeared to be stationary and was about 2 inches long and was perpendicular to the ground. After 30 - 40 seconds it began to move and it obtained a length of 5 - 8 feet. At this time I decided to photograph the object. Approx one minute later the object changed its color from a rusted color to a deep orange and started to make an arc going to the right. When it reached this stage I again photographed it and immediately after object disappeared we got into car and went to the highest point we could locate. As we got to the top of a mountain, we saw a thick stream of smoke coming from a cloud. As we had looked stream into the clouds, we saw that it was pointing the trail from the object. After studying the formation of the clouds, which were part of a deep purple, it appeared to me that the clouds were in three layers all being the same color. While we were on top of the mountain I saw a Major Robinson and called him over and asked him if he had seen an object in the sky that appeared to have a trail of red fire and was really going up and finally made an arc. He said he had seen it and it appeared to be an airplane to him. After a few more minutes of conversation he gave me his name. (over)

"This statement has been read by me and it is true. I have signed and initialed all corrections which have been made in this statement."

(Signature)

(Subscribed and sworn) (witnessed) to before me this _____ day of _____ 1952

at _____
(Geographical location)

Signed _____

(Summary Court Officer)

Refer to Case _____

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Exhibit _____

See Remarks (if any) _____

(File in 641-504-100)

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**EUROPEAN COMMAND
MILITARY POST #46 SUB-POST
APO 800 US ARMY
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL**

STATEMENT OF John H. Tinker DATE 21 July 1952
ASAC RA 13238185 RANK Sgt ORG Det X, 62nd AF HP Co APO 800
TAKEN BY Robert C. Henderson, Major MC, Provost Marshal, 62nd AF HP Co, APO 800
31-1234

"I have been advised of my rights under Article 31 of the Geneva Convention by Major Robert C. Henderson and I understand that I cannot be compelled to answer any question or questions which might incriminate me. I further understand that anything I may say or write can be used against me in the event I should be brought to trial. No threats or promises have been made to me and with full knowledge of my rights concerning self-incrimination, I hereby voluntarily make the statement which appears below. In witness of my knowledge and understanding of the foregoing, I place my signature here:

John H. Tinker

I, the undersigned while on patrol with Cpl Santopietro on 21 July 1952 at approximately 2030 hours were proceeding on Highway R-26 from Arnsdorf towards Wurzburg. As we approached Arnsdorf, I noticed a bright light in the sky, about 10 to 15 miles away and approximately 1000 ft high. It was perpendicular to the ground and at first appeared similar to a comet however it started travelling upward and in doing so, it grew longer. It travelled upward for approximately 25 to 30 seconds and then made an arc to the right and proceeded horizontally to the ground for approximately 1 or 1 1/2 minutes. The object, which I was unable to see, left a long orange trail behind, as it proceeded across the sky. Cpl Santopietro took a picture of it as it started upward and also one as it proceeded across the sky. We then proceeded through Arnsdorf and drove back to the top of a hill near Hinsfeld, where we could see Wurzburg better and also could contact Wurzburg by radio. Upon arrival, the object had stopped after making another arc toward the ground. The trail in the sky was no longer orange but a dark blue or gray smoke. We watched the trail and at some time noticed damage in Wurzburg. A short time later, a German civilian, Isidoro Glick, # 69 Hinsfeld, came over to patrol car and we asked him if he had seen the orange trail. He said he had but didn't know exactly what it was. He then left hill and intended on proceeding directly to Wurzburg. However, as we were on back road between Arnsdorf and Hinsfeld, I looked out back of car and noticed another stream. This was approximately 500 - 700 ft to the left of the first and ran horizontal to the ground and in the direction of north east for approximately 300 ft, it then turned and travelled in direction of Wurzburg. When this trail had stopped, it resembled the shape of a letter S, with a fine line

"This statement has been read by me and it is true. I have signed and initialed all corrections which have been made in the statement."

(Signature)

(Subscribed and sworn) (witnessed) to before me this _____ day of _____ 1952

at _____
(Geographical location)

Signed _____
(Summary Court Officer)

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John H. T. [Signature]

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Landpolizei Untereisen
Posten Thuringen, III. R. Stadt

Thuringen, den 22. 7. 1952

Tgb. Nr.:

1952/52

An die:

CIC

V. H. R. Z. B. D. L. P.

Betrifft: Beobachtete Erscheinungen am nördlichen Abendhimmel

Am 21. 7. 52, gegen 22.30 Uhr befanden sich Hptw. O. LP. Markert und ich auf einem Nachtdienstgange 2. Wir befanden uns gerade auf der Bezirksstrasse Thuringen-Reichbach, etwa ein Strassenkilometer 19,5. In diesem Augenblick bemerkten wir einen Streifenwagen der Landpolizei Thuringen. Fahrer und Beifahrer erklärten uns, während sie noch im Wagen saßen ein Ereignis, das wir zuerst nicht verstehen konnten. Später stiegen sie aus und zeigten zum nördlichen Abendhimmel. Wir bemerkten in dieser Richtung einen hellen, eine Anhäufung von Wolken. Nach unserer Beobachtung waren es Kumulus, die sich in einer Höhe von 4-6 km bewegten. Nach Osten zu waren sie auseinandergerissen und in breite unregelmäßige Bänder auseinander gezogen. Das östlichste dieser Gebilde glich einer riesigen Ellipse, deren Umrisse nur noch teilweise sichtbar waren. Das weiter westlich davon befindliche zeigte die Konturen eines unvollkommenen S. Die gesamte Wolkensammlung war im Rosa gefärbt. Allen Anschein nach rührte diese Farbe von der untergehenden Sonne her. Die beiden Angehörigen der Landpolizei erklärten uns, dass diese Gebilde nicht von einem Flugzeug her rührten. Was sie anders zu bedeuten hätten, erklärten sie uns nicht.

1. Hptw. O. LP. Johann Markert, Thuringen, Landpolizei-Posten

2. O. Kohn, O. LP. Ernst Brandt

Kohn
(Brandt)
O. Kohn, O. LP.

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Land Police Unterfranken
Post THUENGEN, Landkreis KARLSTADT

THUENGEN, 22 July 1952

Day Book No. 144/52

To the

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WUERZBURG

SUBJECT: Observing of object in the North evening sky

On 21 July 1952 at approximately 2230 hours, the Hauptwachmeister of the Land Police [REDACTED] and myself were on the night round Number 2. We were on the road THUENGEN-REITZBACH at the kilometer distance marker 19.5. At this moment we observed a duty vehicle of the WUERZBURG Military Police. The driver and the assistant driver mentioned to us an incident which we at first could not understand, both were still seated in the car. Later they dismounted from the vehicle and pointed in the direction of the North sky. We noticed in this direction a collection of clouds. According to our observation it was a cumulation, which were 4 to 6 kilometers high and were moving. Towards the East they were parted and stretched and in width they were unsymmetrical stripes that were pulled apart. In the easterly direction of this picture it looked like it was in the shape of a great ellipse and its outer edges could only be seen slightly. Further west it looked as it was a uncompleted S. The complete cloud formation was colored amber. It looked as the color and cloud formation was caused by the setting sun. Both of the policemen mentioned that this is not caused by an aircraft. What other meaning this had they did not mention.

1. Hauptwachmeister of the Land Police [REDACTED], THUENGEN, Land Police Post
2. Ober Kommissioner of the Land Police [REDACTED], THUENGEN Land Police Post

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Pfc Edward A. Jettmar, US-11093656

Det 113 62 ME HQ APC 62

Pfc Jettmar, while on patrol with Pfc Dinkelman, was proceeding South on R-19, about 21 mi from Melibach, when I noticed a strange smoke trail in the sky. I informed Pfc Dinkelman to stop the patrol vehicle and we proceeded to watch it. The time was approximately 2115 hrs (21 July 1952) and its direction was to our right, which would place it West of Melibach on the map. It was a long distance from us and what was causing it, we could not see. However, the trail was very large and thick and showed out clearly against the setting sun. It appeared reddish in color. One complete circle had been formed and it was appearing to make a zig-zagging pattern when it disappeared heading South-West. It was definitely traveling at a great rate of speed.

Earlier this evening, we had received word by telephone from Col Major, Detachment Sergeant in the Military Police Station, Bad Kissingen, that Wurzburg had notified him to have his patrols be on the look-out for this strange sight. It was reported that this was seen heading in the direction of Bad Kissingen from Wurzburg. Something was said at this time about a Flying Saucer.

At this present time, the only unit that I know of that is in the area in this area, is the 373rd Armd Inf Bn, which is located just outside the town of Ebnhausen.

Pfc Edward A. Jettmar

Edward A. Jettmar

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Pfc James E. Dinkelmann, US-52095316

Det. 112 62 HP HP 112 62

21 July 1952

1. Pfc Dinkelmann, while returning from Kollbach, 11-2115 hrs, 21 July 1952, observed the following light phenomenon (2) in South of Hallrichst, at N-19. Looking West I observed something in the sky leaving a definite trail of smoke, bright and red. It seemed to be traveling at a great rate of speed and making large circles, but I could not see the object itself because it was a great distance away. By watching the smoke trail, I watched it make several wide swings, still to our West and disappeared to the South. West. Approximately twenty minutes before I observed this, I was in Hallrichst and received a call from the Desk Sergeant, Cpl. Major, St. Michael's Police Station, Bad Kissingen, informing us to be on the lookout for a strange object in the sky, which was observed in Wuerzburg. Pfc Dinkelmann was surprised with the time.

Pfc James E. Dinkelmann
Pfc James E. Dinkelmann

March 22, 1947

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zusehen, möchte ich damit die Sonne zur Verhinderung bringen.
Ich bin der Meinung, daß sie eine Kugel von der Sonne be-
schienen wurde und sie eine Abendrote annahm. Die linke Kugel
war dagegen blaß. Eigentlich Flugzeug konnte ich weder hören
noch sehen. Trotzdem bin ich der Meinung, daß beide Gebilde
von einem Flugzeug herkommen und als außerordentlich schöne
Kondensstreifen am Himmel zurückblieben. Die beiden Kugeln
durften sich etwa von 19.30 - 20.30 Uhr am Himmel geltend
machen. Um diese Zeit begab ich mich nach Hause, wobei ich
einer Wf - Einheit begegnete. Es waren 2 amerikanische Solda-
ten, die ebenfalls die beiden Kugeln am Himmel gesehen und
beobachtet hatten. Sie erzählten von mir nichts. Als sie mich
hatten mit ihren neuen Haus zu verlassen, sah ich
ich es ab, weil ich einen Flugzeuggang vorzöge. Während
über die geschilderte Tatsache kann ich nicht machen."

Beobachtungen:

Selbst gelesen, genehmigt
und unterschrieben:

Klaus Müller
(1st Lt. Pilot)
Hptst. G. Bz.

Luitpold Haupt

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Land Police Unterfranken
Post THURNEN, Landkreis KARLSTADT

BINSFELD, 22 July 1952

Interrogation Report

Contacted at his home, informed of the condition and purpose of the interrogation and warned to tell the truth, the married farmer

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from BINSFELD stated the following concerning himself and also the case.

I. To the Person

~~_____~~, farmer, born 12 March 1901 in BINSFELD, son of the deceased couple ~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~, nee ~~_____~~, married with Maria, nee ~~_____~~, German National, no convictions, 1 child, residing in BINSFELD, ~~_____~~ Landkreis KARLSTADT.

Business situation: In best order

II. To the Case

" On Monday 21 July 1952, I with a team of cows and machine went to the area "Zwetschengenaecker" (Name of a piece of ground). This area is within the town limits of BINSFELD. In the above mentioned section I have an acre of land. This acre was planted with barley and yesterday it was cut. It was about 1830 hours when my wife returned home with the wagon and the team of cows. At this time we were finished with the cutting. Now I collected the sheafs together and set them up. From time to time I looked around the land because I was looking for a rabbit or a deer, and I would also like to mention that I had my hunting rifle along. As I looked around and towards the sky, I noticed the following: It was about 1930 hours the same day two large objects appeared in the sky. The exact direction of the objects were Northeast. In a Northeastern direction I could see a ball like it was on fire and to the left of this ball there was another which shortly afterwards opened itself towards the top. Both of these balls stayed for a considerable period of time in the sky, without making any remarkable change or movements. In order to ascertain the direction of the balls more closely I would like to state that they were left of the Kreuzberg (a mountain by WILDFLECKEN). The distance was about 300 kilometers. This is only an estimation on my behalf. The right ball was fiery shape, and I would like to say that it could be in connection with the sun. I am of the belief that the sun was shining on the one ball and therefore received the amber color of the sun. The left ball was pale. I could not see nor hear an aircraft. I am still of the opinion that the objects in the sky came from an aircraft and they were what caused the peculiar shapes of condensation stripes in the sky. Both of these balls stayed in the

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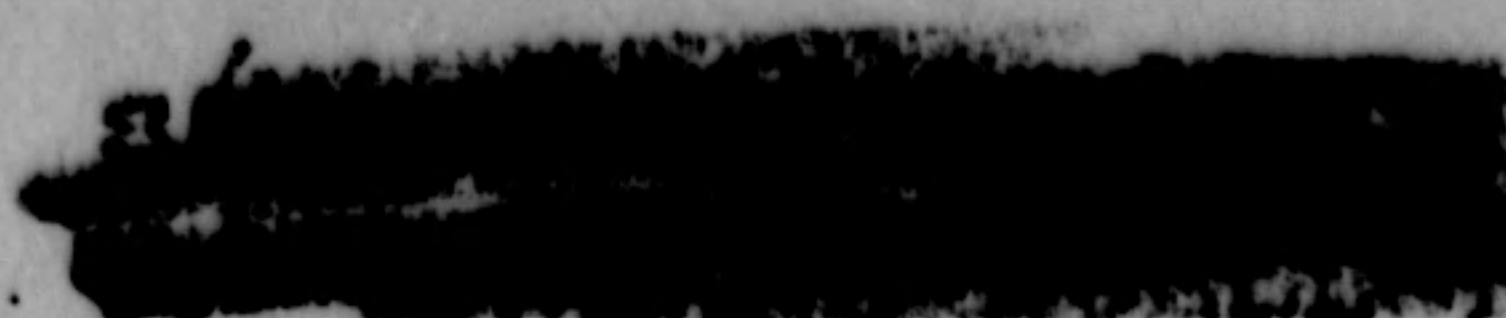
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sky from 1930 to 2030 hours. At this time I was on the way home, when a MP patrol came towards me. There were two American soldiers who also seen the fiery ball in the sky. They received my address, and they asked me whether they could take me home. This I refused because I wanted to go over a hunting trail. Further information concerning this incident I cannot give or make.

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Personally read and accepted
and signed


Hauptwachmeister of the Land Police

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