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PROJECT BLUE BOOK

DONALD L BOWER COL USAF CHIEF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS DIVN ATIC

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE OHIO

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM 26 JUNE, BALLOON RELEASED AT ROANOKE

1509Z 19 JUNE 1952. NOT OBJECT OVER LYNCHBURG AT 1444Z

WEATHER BUREAU ROANOKE

26 1509Z 19 1952 1444Z

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(1020 AM JUN 27 52)

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Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Your report of the recent sighting of aerial phenomena has been received, and is being added to existing data on the subject as a current incident to be included in the investigation.

A questionnaire is inclosed. This form is used to collect information for study. It will be of further assistance in the study of aerial phenomena if you will complete it as well as you can and forward it in the return envelope.

The assistance you have offered by bringing the matter to our attention, and your public-spirited desire to be of service in doing so, is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

2 Incls
s/s

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(28 Dec 51)

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28 JUN 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Sir:

The Air Technical Intelligence Center has received word that you sighted an unidentified aerial object near Lynchburg on 17 June 1952.

Inclosed is questionnaire which we request that you fill out and return to the Air Technical Intelligence Center using the postage-free envelope which is inclosed.

Yours very truly,

2 Incls
a/s

ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

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FROM: (Originator)
O'MARA, COMMANDING, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

DATE-TIME GROUP

251300Z

June 52

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MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

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TO: US WEATHER BUREAU ROANOKE VA

INFO:

FROM: APOIN-ATIAA-6-9E

We have received report of unidentified aerial object observed over Lynchburg, Va.,
at 1444Z on 19 June 52. Is there any possibility that balloon released in your
area could coincide with this sighting?

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

DONALD L. BOWER, COLONEL, USAF
CHIEF, TECHNICAL ANALYSIS DIVISION
AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and title if known)

Lt. V. E. Rothstein/mr

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL
ATIAA-5TELEPHONE
34261

OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

DD FORM 173

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REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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16 June 1952

Mystery Object Sighted in Sky Over Southside

Richmond (AP)—A mysterious and shiny "thing" flashed across the Southside Virginia horizon yesterday and astronomers, Weather Bureau officials and science fiction fans were taking turns today guessing what it was.

Was the "thing" a meteorite? Was it just a bright star, perhaps? Or—here we go again—a flying saucer?

Whatever, hundreds of folk in the Southside region swore it was real. But that was just about all they could agree on about the "thing."

To some, it appeared round. To others, oblong.

To some, it was big. To others, small.

Sheriff F. W. Simpson of Powhatan County described the "thing" as "very high and in the shape of a spinning top, with two lights in the big part."

Commonwealth's Attorney William E. Blanton said "it looked just like a parachute at first. It seemed silver and looked like an oval."

Miss Margaret Satterwhite, of Richmond, who was traveling in the Powhatan vicinity, said it was

a "huge object, shaped like a glass ball."

Among the folks who might know, Weather Bureau officials said they hadn't seen the weird phenomenon and therefore couldn't offer any help. Astronom-

ers at the University of Virginia Observatory said the same thing.

L. D. Rubin, a Richmond amateur weather man, volunteered an answer, though. "Nothing but a fireball," said Rubin. A fireball is a huge meteorite which usually

disintegrates long before it reaches the earth.

State police dispatched a trooper into Powhatan, scene of most of the reports. The trooper notified headquarters that he had spied nothing out of the ordinary.

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R 192200Z ZNJ

FM CO 4430TH AB WG LANGLEY AFB VA

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER ATIAA-2C WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

~~REDACTED~~ BADO 623 FLYOBRPT PD A ROUND SILVER OBJECT WITH NO

EXHAUST TRAIL PD SIGHTED AT 0944 EST CMA LENGTH OF OBSERVATION UNKNOWN

PD SIGHTED VISUALLY FROM GROUND PD OBJECT WAS SIGHTED FROM ANGLE CMA

HEADED IN EASTERLY DIRECTION FROM REUSNS VA AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE AND

VERY FAST TOWARD MADISON HIEGHTS VA PD ~~REDACTED~~

LYNCHBURG VA CMA ORDNANCE AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE IN WORLD WAR TWO

PD LYNCHBURG WEATHER 0930 EST CLEAR THIRTY /30/ MILES VISIBILITY FEW

CIRO-CUMULUS PD NO METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHER CONDITION THAT MIGHT ACCOUNT

FOR SIGHTING PD NO EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING PD LANGLEY OPERATIONS WAS

CONTACTED BY OLMSTEAD FLIGHT SERVICE TO SEND FIGHTER TYPE AIRCRAFT TO

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
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LYNCHBURG AREA TO SEARCH OUT OBJECT PD AF 240 F-51 ON LOCAL CLEARANCE
WAS SENT TO AREA PD PILOT REPORTED THAT HE COULD NOT FIND ANYTHING
THAT MIGHT BE OBJECT PD PIEDMONT AIRLINE FLIGHT 30 DC-3 WAS OVER
LYNCHBURG AT TIME OF SIGHTING PD PIEDMONT AIRLINE FLIGHT 30 DID NOT MAKE
REPORT OF SIGHTING PD

20/1345Z JUN JEPLG

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AFB OHIO ATTN CLN AT1AA-2C

DTG 191600Z

FM FLTSVCCTR OLMSTEAD AFB PENN

TO AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB CMA OHIO
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COMMANDING GENERAL AIR DEFENSE COMMAND CMA ENT AFB CMA COLORADO S
SPRINGS COLORADO PD

A. FLYOBRPT

B. [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] LYNCHBURG VA. CITED UNIDENTIFIED
ROUND SILVER OBJECT NO EXHAUST VERY HIGH AND FAST TRAVELING EASTWARD
FROM THE TOWN OF REUSENS VA. TOWARD MADISON HEIGHTS VA. THE OBJECT
WAS OBSERVED FROM AN ANGLE VISUALLY FROM THE SURFACE AT 1444Z PD
LYNCHBURG A. WEATHER 1430 WEATHER 1430Z CLN CLEAR 30 MILES VISIBILITY
CIRR CUMULUS

THERE WERE NO METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHER CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE

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PROTECT MSG TO CG ENT AFB COLO SPGS COLO AND CG ATIC WRIGHT

PATTERSON AFB OHIO PD MSG HAS BEEN PROTECTED TO HQ USAF.

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ACCOUNTED FOR THE SIGHTING 12

MR [REDACTED] WAS AT THE VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL WHEN OBJECT WAS SIGHTED
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PLSE CHANGE F/T TO READ 19/1645Z JUN JEDWP

*Piedmont Airlines flt 30 scheduled
to arr. Lynchburg 0943 & leave 0945
travel Eastward to Richmond.*

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