

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 March 53 21/2005Z	2. LOCATION Elmira, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian (GOC Member)	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Six	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Six disc shaped objects close together traveled at a high speed at high altitude in N direction. Position of objects was directly overhead. Fighters in general vicinity were ordered to investigate but no objects were sighted after orbiting the area for approx 20 minutes. Winds aloft were from 180 deg at 10 knots. Objects were not picked up on radar.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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CLN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AIR FORCE LETTER 200-5

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JACK ONEIL ALSO OF ELMIRA

6 WEATHER WAS CLEAR WITH WINDS SOUTH AT 10

7 UNKNOWN

8 UNKNOWN

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NO UNKNOWN OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED AFTER ORBITING IN AREA FOR APPROX-
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10 NEGATIVE

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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBRT (PROJECT "BLUE BOOK")		
AREA REPORTED ON ELMIRA, NEW YORK	PN 0408	FROM (Agency) 655th AC&W Sq., Watertown, New York
DATE OF REPORT 23 March 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 1505EST, 21 MARCH 1953	EVALUATION UNKNOWN
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE GOC POST # PN 00 BLACK, ELMIRA, NEW YORK	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, DATED 29 APRIL 1952 AF FORM 112, 23 MARCH 1953 (INFO CY UR HQ) OUR MSG ACL 03088, 23 MARCH 1953		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		
At approximately 1510 EST, 21 March 1953, the following information was received by this station (P-49) from GOC Post # PN 00 Black, located at PN 0408, Elmira, New York: GOC Post # PN 00 Black, Elmira, New York, notified this station that an unidentified flying object was observed at 1505 EST, 21 March 1953. There were six (6) disc type objects spotted directly overhead moving rather fast at a very high altitude. There was no special formation other than being close together, heading in a northerly direction. Observers, Mr. Holup and Mr. Jack O'Neil of GOC, Elmira, New York, spotted these objects with use of binoculars, but only for several seconds. Special information requested by your headquarters is as follows: Winds were from 180 degrees at 10 knots per hour. Observers did not notify this station that the investigating aircraft were noticed. It was assumed that they did not sight them. Negative aircraft were in the area, so it was not possible that the jets actually caused the report. Negative jets were in area of sighting at time of sighting. Two aircraft were sent down to investigate but found no joy. The authenticity of this report is unknown since observation was for such a short period of time - several seconds. These objects were not picked up on radar at this site at any time. <i>Thomas C. Schiebel</i> THOMAS C. SCHIEBEL Captain, USAF Intelligence Officer Possibility - balloons, being carried with the wind. or puffs, etc		
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TO: INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 655TH ACW SO
WATERTOWN NY

INFO:

FROM: AFOIR-ATIAE-3-11-E

Reurmsg ACL 03088 on an unidentified aerial object sighting made by COC members Holup and O'Neil of Elmira, New York, on 21 Mar 53 at 1505EST. Project Blue Book requests you submit AF Form 112 as per AFL 200-5 with special attention to the following items:

1) Were the winds aloft at time of sighting from 180°? 2) Did observers notice jet aircraft sent to investigate? 3) Is it possible that jet aircraft actually caused the report? How many jets were in area of sighting?

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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