

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 March 53 27/0800Z	2. LOCATION Sheaves Cove, Newfoundland
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) Was probably a meteor
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Unidentified light, estimated to be six" long, traveled at a low altitude at high rate of speed. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX At 0300Z 18 Apr 53 similar object was observed by a woman over her barn. The light was bright enough to blot out the light of the lantern.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AOIT-1-D. FLYOBRPT UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL LIGHT VISUALLY SIGHTED AT

48 DEGREES 31MIN N 59 DEGREES 03 MIN W, 0800Z 27 MAR 53, NW, ESTIMATED

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1955 APR 29

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27 March 53

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6 INCHES LONG, VERY FAST, UNKNOWN, SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CIVILIANS EXPERIENCE UNKNOWN, MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS HEADQUARTERS
AT 1315Z 29 APR 53. NO ACTION TAKEN, NO RADAR CONTACT. NO FLIGHT PLAN
CHECKS DESIRED. AT 0400 HOURS, ON 27 MAR 53 [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WERE GOING INTO WOODS TO HAUL PULP WOOD. THE AREA BECAME LIGHT,
AN OBJECT SHAPED LIKE A LIGHT BULB, ABOUT 6 INCHES LONG, WENT PAST THEM
AND PUT OUT THE LANTERN THEY WERE CARRYING. NO ESTIMATE OF SPEED. OBJECT
DISAPPEARED OVER THE MOUNTAIN. CAME FROM NW DIRECTION (SHEAVES COVE)

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AT 0300Z 18 APR 53 MRS. [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE SAME TYPE OF VLOW
OVER HER BARN. AN OBJECT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE CAME INTO VIEW AND
DISAPPEARED OVER THE SEA. MRS [REDACTED] STATED THAT OBJECTS HAVE BEEN
OBSERVED MANY TIMES SINCE LAST FALL. NEVER BEFORE THAT TIME. ALL OBJECTS
WERE NOISELESS. ULL TRAVELED AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED.

SO: D. R. FISHER, MAJOR USAF (APM)

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*ATIC Comment: Probably a low fireball - asking for info
on location of Mrs. [REDACTED] for poss. triangulation.
Lantern going out probably just a coincidence.*

Cyl.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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2D 49-0-7

2nd OSI Detachment (IO)
Ernest Harmon Air Force Base
13 May 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Sightings at Sheave's Cove, Newfoundland

1. On 7 May 1953 Major JACK P. RUFF, Base Intelligence Officer, contacted Major WILLIUGHBY N. OFFLEY, Detachment Commander, and informed him that there had been reports of unidentified sightings during the period of March and April 1953 in the vicinity of Sheave's Cove, Nfld.
2. On 8 May 1953 the writer and S/A DRAKE and Constable ERNEST CORRIGAN, RCMP, Stephenville Detachment, Stephenville, Nfld., interviewed [REDACTED], Canadian National, 20 years of age, Sheave's Cove. [REDACTED] stated that some time in March 1953 he was walking along the road with his brother, [REDACTED] he did not remember the exact time but stated it was shortly after dusk. At this time [REDACTED] noticed the road directly behind him "lit up" and thought that it was a taxicab behind him with bright head lights on. [REDACTED] then observed a light in the sky approximately three-quarters of a mile away and approximately 65° in elevation from shoulder height. [REDACTED] is approximately 5'6" in height. He stated he observed this light for approximately two seconds and that it was traveling from a southeast direction to the southwest over St. Georges Bay. The light appeared similar to a light bulb with a "tail on it". [REDACTED] stated the tail appeared to him to be approximately ten inches long and four inches wide and was the color of the flame of a kerosene lamp and it sounded like an aircraft "far away". Further questioning of [REDACTED] revealed that for a radius of approximately 75 yards from the point he was standing on the road, the area was lighted up by this object in the sky. [REDACTED] stated he last observed the light falling toward the bay in a downward arc and when last seen by him, it was approximately 10° in elevation from shoulder height; further, that the "bulb" part of this object was circular and approximately 12 to 16 inches in diameter. [REDACTED] also stated that on 14 April 1953 at approximately 1930 hours, he was sitting in his kitchen with his mother, Mrs. [REDACTED], when they saw a light in the sky that was traveling in a southwesterly direction. [REDACTED] stated that this light, which he viewed for approximately one to two seconds, also appeared like a light bulb and that it was approximately 18 inches in length and again was the color of the flame of a kerosene lamp. [REDACTED] stated he did not observe any of the immediate area lighted up from this object and that the object sounded like an airplane far away. [REDACTED] could not estimate the distance the object was from him but stated that he noticed that it appeared to be falling toward St. Georges Bay and was traveling "three times as fast as a falling star". YOUNG further stated that he had heard that residents of MARCHE POINT, Nfld., had observed unidentified lights in the sky. [REDACTED] could offer no other identifying data regarding these people.

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3. On 8 May 1953 the writer, in the presence of S/A DRAKE and Constable CORRIGAN, interviewed Mrs. [REDACTED], who stated that she and her son, [REDACTED], observed the light on 14 April 1953 at approximately 1930 hours, and stated substantially the same as [REDACTED]

4. On 8 May 1953 the writer, in the presence of S/A DRAKE and Constable CORRIGAN, interviewed [REDACTED], Canadian National, Sheave's Cove, 17 years of age, who stated that some time in March 1953 he was walking along the road with his brother, [REDACTED], who called his attention to a light in the sky. [REDACTED] stated he observed the light and it had the shape of a large light bulb and its elevation was approximately 60 feet and was 75 yards away from him and appeared to be from a northwesterly direction. [REDACTED] stated the object was orange in color and was dropping steadily in a downward arc toward St. Georges Bay; that he observed the light for approximately 15 seconds and that when he last saw it, it was traveling in a southerly direction. Further questioning of YOUNG revealed that on approximately 20 April 1953 he had observed a lighted object in the sky approximately two miles away which was traveling in a south south easterly direction; that this light appeared to be approximately six inches in diameter and that there was no bright glow from it and that it appeared to be traveling "slower than an airplane". [REDACTED] approximated the elevation from approximately 400 to 600 feet and stated he observed this light for approximately 15 seconds and that he heard no noise from it and that when last seen, the light had dropped down over a hill out of sight. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED], the American from the Base had also seen this object. YOUNG could offer no other identifying information concerning this sighting.

5. On 8 May 1953 the writer, in the presence of S/A DRAKE and Constable CORRIGAN, interviewed [REDACTED], Canadian National, Sheave's Cove, who stated in substance that at approximately 0430 hours, 17 October 1952 he and [REDACTED] were walking into the woods at Sheave's Cove on a pulp wood cutting expedition; that they were carrying an ordinary kerosene lantern; that they noticed it beginning to become very light in the area and on looking into the air saw a round ball of fire of approximately the same color as the flame from a kerosene lamp approaching from a southerly direction; that the ball of fire passed to the right of them and disappeared over a hill approximately 600 feet in height; that as it disappeared from sight it looked as though it was proceeding in a downward arc toward the ground and just as it passed from sight a large number of sparks burst forth from the ball of fire. [REDACTED] stated that when the ball of fire passed over head it lighted up the area so much that the light from the object dimmed out the light from the lantern; that he could not estimate the amount of time required for the object to pass from the first point of observation in the south to the point where it disappeared over the hill to the north; but he stated that it appeared to be traveling at two or three times the rate of aircraft normally seen flying in the area. [REDACTED] stated that his wife also observed light from the object on the same morning.

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6. On 8 May 1953 the writer, S/A DRAKE and Constable CORRIGAN interviewed Mrs. [REDACTED] who related substantially that just at daylight on the morning of 17 October 1952 she was awakened by a flash of light; that she looked outside and noticed that the whole area was lighted by a bluish reflection; that she did not see the source of the light; that the reflection lasted for only a few seconds and gave the appearance of light reflected on the ground from chain lightning.

7. On 11 May 1953 the writer, in the presence of [REDACTED] interviewed A/BC JACK E. JANNISCH, AF 15229600, 6602d Air Base Squadron, Air Police Section, who stated that he observed the light with MAJOR YOUNG on approximately 20 April 1953 and that he is positive that it was an aircraft which had its navigation or landing lights on. The aircraft appeared to [REDACTED] as though making its approach to Ernest Harmon AFB.

8. The writer was unable to contact [REDACTED] as he is presently in Deer Lake, Nfld., and will not return to his residence at Sheave's Cove until August 1953.

9. On 8 May 1953 the writer, DRAKE and CORRIGAN canvassed the area of Marche Point, Newfoundland, for residents who have seen any unusual lights or sightings. Negative results were obtained.

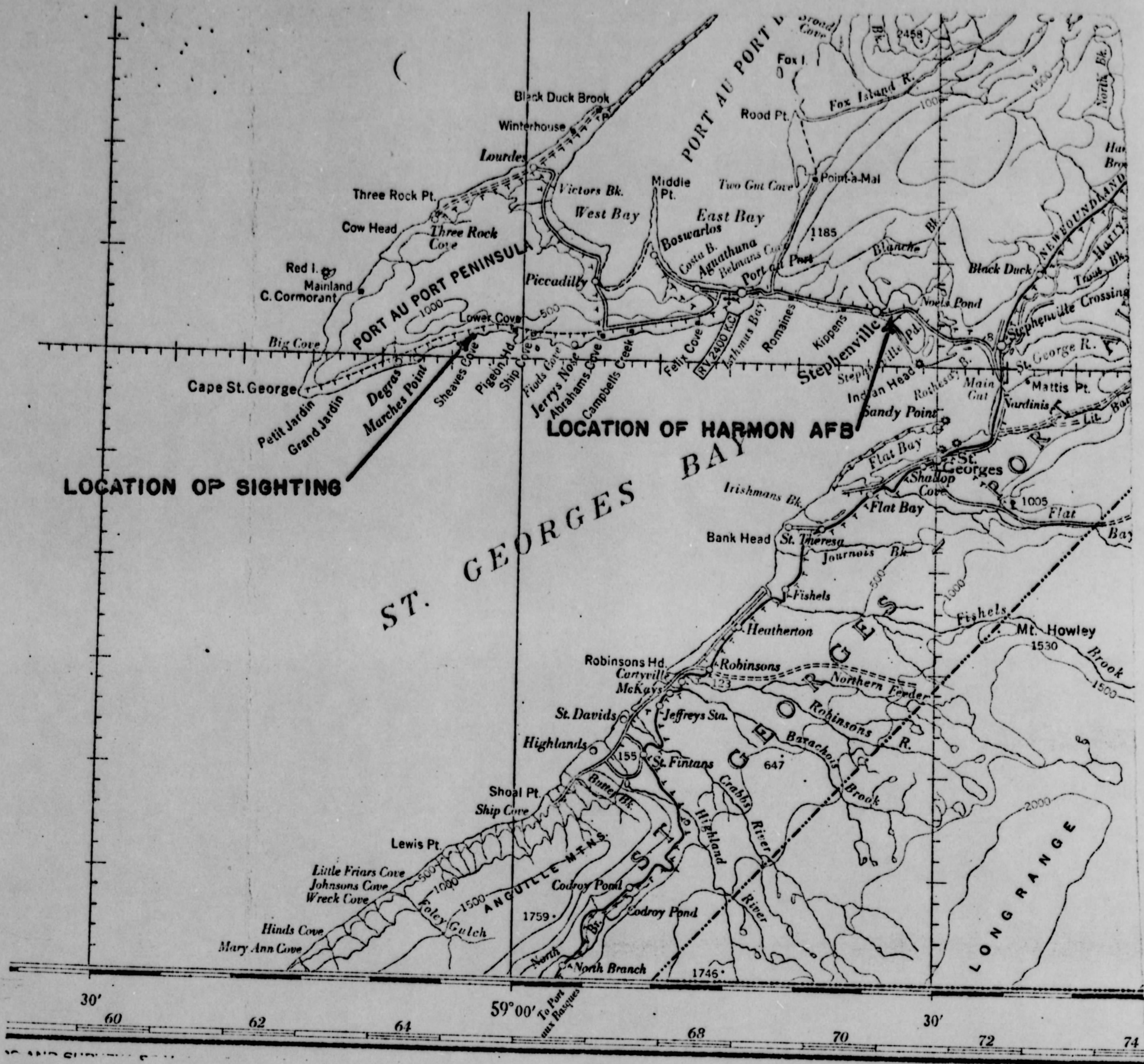
10. Sheave's Cove, Nfld., is a small isolated community approximately twenty-five miles west of Ernest Harmon AFB.

cc: Intelligence Officer
Ernest Harmon AFB

Gene Fairbank

Gene Fairbank
Special Agent, OSI

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TO CG ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO *✓*

AOIT-2-E. REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE ATIAE-4473, PROJECT BLUE BOOK, AF FORM 112 WAS PREPARED AND FORWARDED BY DIRECTOR OF INTELWIGENCE NEAC IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMAND POLICY. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN YOUR MESSAGE WILL BE FORWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY OFFICE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION THIS BASE.

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INFO:

FROM: AFOTL-ATIAE-5-1-E

Reurmsg ACIT-1-B regarding the visual sighting of an unidentified aerial object by two civilians at 0400 hours 27 Mar 53 located at 48°31'N-59°03'W. Request Air Force Form 112 as prescribed in Air Force Letter 200-5 be forwarded to ATIC with special attention to the following items: 1) Map of the area in which sighting occurred pinpointing the location of the observers and stating what direction object appeared and disappeared. 2) Request preliminary investigation of sources with respect to reliability. 3) Did object arch downward? 4) How long was the object observed? 5) Check local astronomers for possible astronomical activity in the area. 6) Were there any unusual phenomena in the area that could have caused such a sighting?

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

A/1C Max G. Hutch/jos

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ATIAE-5

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ROBERT C. WICK, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant GeneralDD FORM 173
1 OCT 49REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 49,
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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**HEADQUARTERS
NORTHEAST AIR COMMAND**

PEPPERRELL AIR FORCE BASE

APO 862, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

RECIN (T) 319.1

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29 May 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Sighting at Sheave's Cove, Newfoundland

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
ATTN: Project Blue Book

1. Reference your message, cite number AFIAE-4773, dated 6 May 53 and IR-23-53, Headquarters NEAC, Director of Intelligence, Subj: "Unidentified Flying Object (FLYCRAFT)", dated 4 May 53. The following additional information is forwarded concerning "FLYCRAFT" sighted at Sheave's Cove, Newfoundland (4831N - 5903W) at 0630Z 27 March 1953.

2. Inclosure 1 is a copy of Report of Investigation conducted by the 2nd CSI Detachment, Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland. It will be noted that the report concerns not only subject sighting, but numerous other sightings on different dates which are alleged to have occurred in the Ernest Harmon AFB area. Inclosure 2 is a map indicating the area the object was sighted on 27 March 53.

→ 3. With regards to specific questions requested by your message, there appears to be a variance in dates of the reported sighting. The original message to this Headquarters from Ernest Harmon AFB stated that the specific sighting took place approximately 27 March 53 while Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] were proceeding to the woods near Sheave's Cove to haul wood pulp. In the CSI report, Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the incident occurred approximately 17 October 52. This agrees favorably with time and date of incident reported by Mr. [REDACTED]. Each of the sightings outlined in the CSI report gave different directions as to travel of unidentified objects. All sightings are alleged to have arched downward toward the land or water.

4. There were no known astronomers in the area of the sighting whereby a check could be made to determine any possible astronomical activity in the area. Weather personnel at Ernest Harmon AFB, approximately 25 miles east of Sheave's Cove, have not indicated any unusual astronomical activity in this area. No unusual phenomena has been noted in this area other than the sightings indicated in the report. All have centered near Sheave's Cove and reported by the local people.

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→ 5. The sighting reported by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] which is the subject of interest to AFIC, occurred in an unsettled area some distance from Sheave's Cove. Since the location was not accessible by automobile it was not visited by the investigators.

6. The witnesses involved in the sightings are relatively uneducated individuals living in a remote and rather backward community. In the case of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] it will be noted that, while they observed one sighting from the same location at the same time, there is considerable difference of opinion as to direction, distances and length of observation.

7. During an interview, A/3c Jack E. Jannisch, 6602nd Air Base Squadron, Ernest Harmon AFB, stated that he observed the light with [REDACTED] on approximately 20 April 53 and that he believed the sighting was an aircraft which had its navigation or landing lights on. The aircraft appeared to [REDACTED] as though it was making a landing approach to Ernest Harmon AFB.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
1 CSI Report
2 Map

Robert B. Stebbins
For: FRED. W. STEBBINS
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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