

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 August 53 02/2300Z	2. LOCATION Saraland, Alabama
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Probable reflection of sun on a/c.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Less than a minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer was sitting in back yard facing the SE when he saw the object. The portion he noticed the best was the bright reflection of the sun on the object. It appeared to be long with a wide top and tapering to a point at the bottom. The object was going away from him to the SE and in a downward direction. Due to the bright reflection of the sun on the object, it appeared to be spinning in its downward flight. It appeared to be small due to the altitude and distance and the duration of the sighting was less than a minute. No sound. Observer did not see or hear any a/c during sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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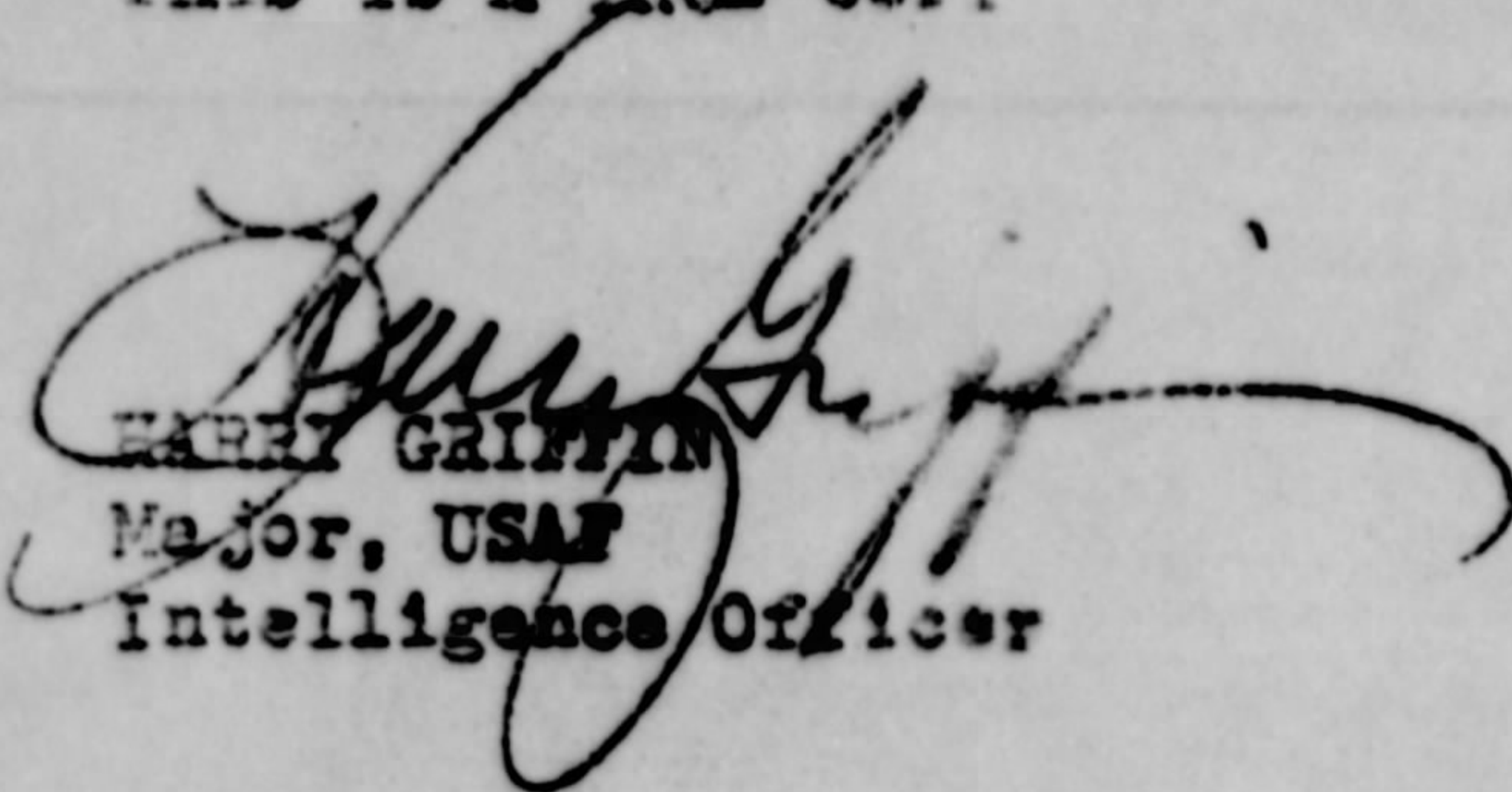
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STATEMENT OF
MRS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SARALAND, ALABAMA

On 2 August 1953 at 16:30 - 17:30 PM local time, I was sitting in my back yard facing to the NE, when I saw the unidentified object. The part about the sighting that caught my eye was the bright reflection of the sun on the object appeared to be long with a wide top and tapering to a point at the bottom. The path of flight was away from me to the SE and in a downward direction. Due to the bright reflection of the sun on the object, it appeared to be spinning in it's downward flight. It appeared to be small due to the altitude and distance and the duration of the sighting was less than a minute. No sounds associated with object. I did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of sighting.

/s/ [REDACTED]
/t/ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SARALAND, ALABAMA

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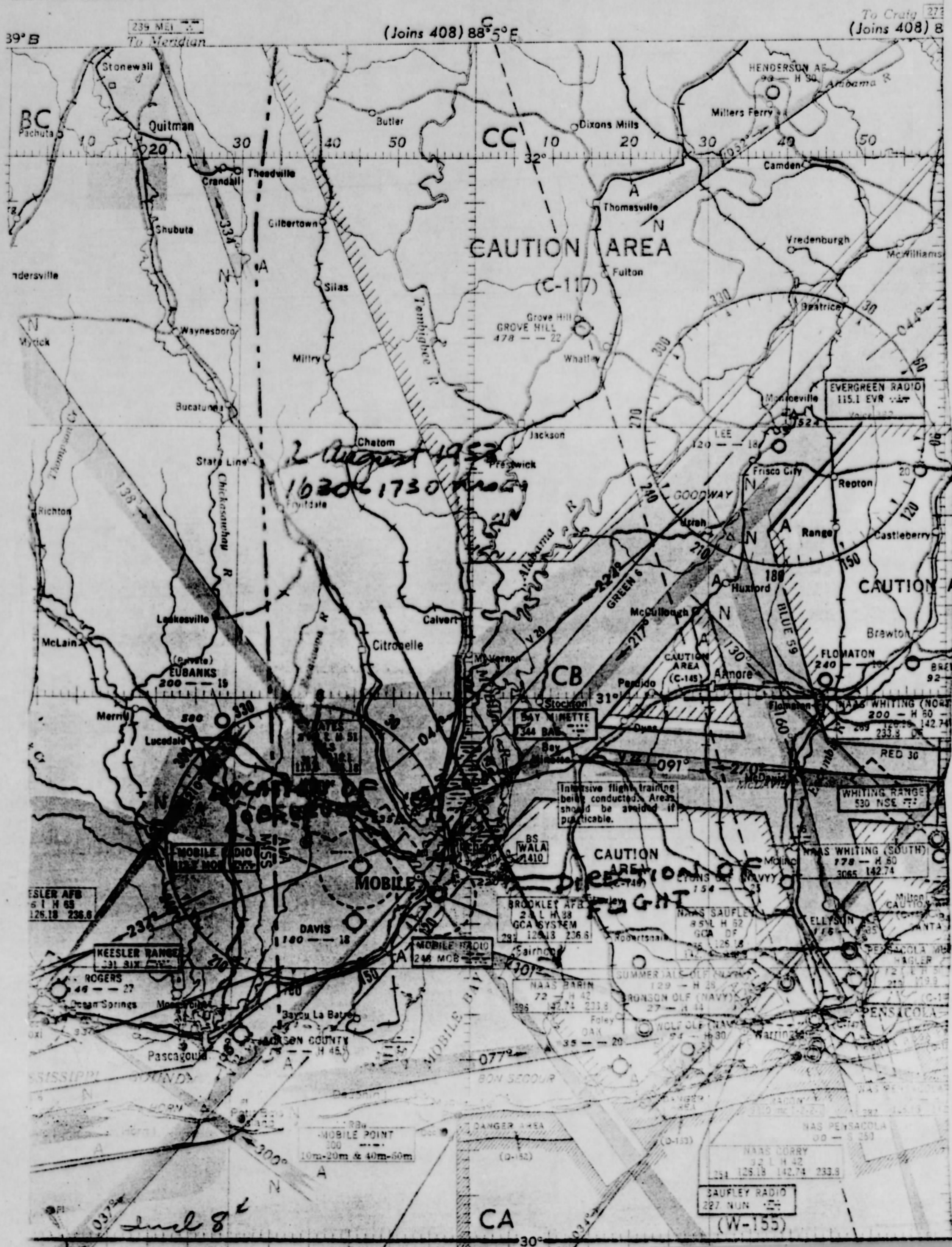
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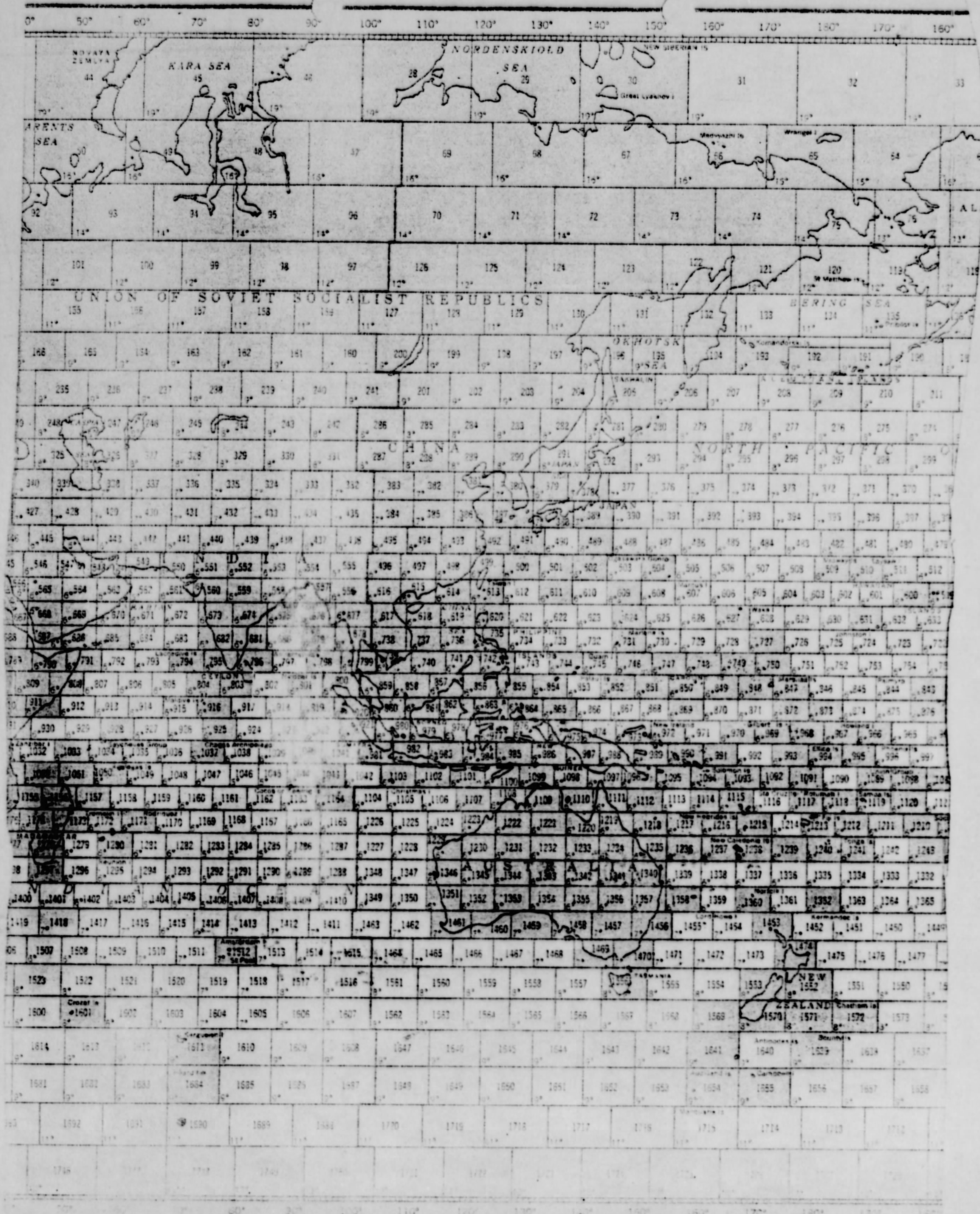
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/R [REDACTED] OTNB-J-1 ATTN ATIAA-2C WRIGHT PATTERSON ATTN
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER KELLY AFB PD FLYOBRPT ON 31 JULY 1953

AT 2005-2030L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS SIGHTED. APPEARED TO BE
A BRIGHT REDDISH FLUORESCENT GLOW HEADING FROM SOUTHWEST TO THE
NORTHEAST AND CROSSING HWAY 43 NORTH OF CREOLA ALABAMA. OBJECT
TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. NO
SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LIGHT AND DURATION OF SIGHTING
WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS BEFORE DISAPPEARING. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE
STAR OR METEOR AND APPEARED LARGE IN SIZE. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT
TIME OF SIGHTING WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MILE NORTH OF

ON 2 AUGUST 1953 AT APPROXIMATELY 1700L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
SIGHTED APPEARED TO HAVE SHAPE SIMILAR TO A PARACHUTE OR BALLOON
IN DESCENT HEADING IN A DOWNWARD PATH FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST.
OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED IN THE DOWNWARD
FLIGHT AND CAUGHT THE BRIGHT REFLECTION OF THE SUN AND APPEARED TO
BE SPINNING WHILE DESCENDING. OBJECT APPEARED SMALL DUE TO HIGH
ALTITUDE AND DISTANCE. SOLID ENMASSE. WIDE AT TOP AND TAPERED TO
BOTTOM. NO SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE OBJECT NOR DID IT
RESEMBLE METEOR WHILE DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS LESS THAN ONE
MINUTE. OBSERVER DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT
THE TIME OF SIGHTING. OBSERVER WAS LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF SATSUMA
ALABAMA AT TIME OF SIGHTING. LATITUDE 30 DEGREES 50 MINUTES
NORTH LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES WEST. THIS WOMAN IS MRS
[REDACTED] SARALAND ALABAMA. RELIABILITY B-4. WEATHER
2500 FEET SCATTERED CLOUDS 25000 FEET SCATTERED CLOUDS.
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190/10K. 20000 FEET WINDS 170/10K.

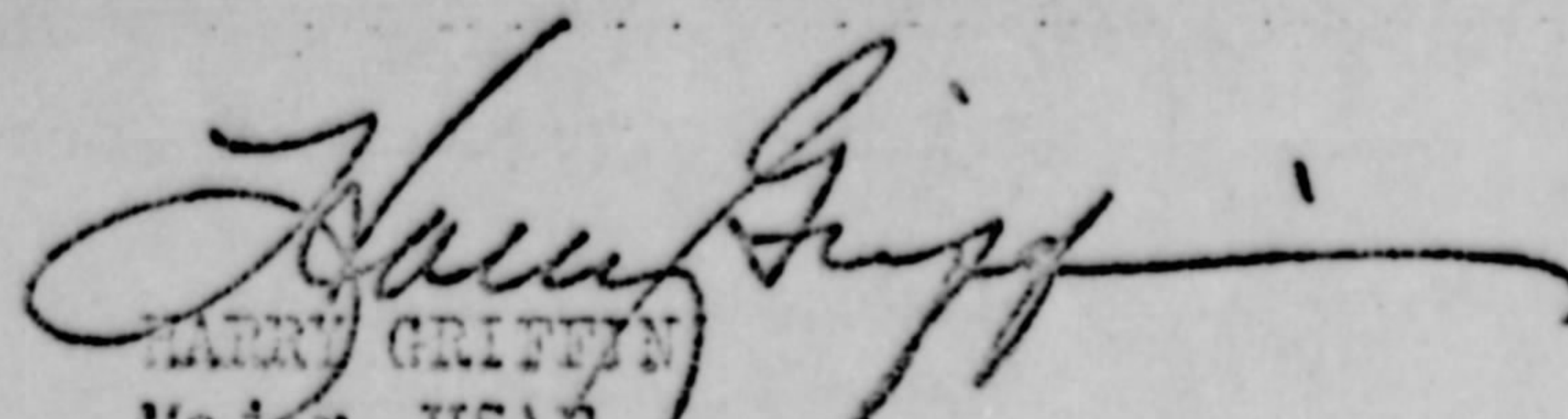
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SURFACE WINDS 240/8K TEMPERATURE 87 DEGREES. DEW POINT 73
DEGREES F VISIBILITY 12 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS 250/5K.
5000 FEET WINDS 270/10K TEMPERATURE 64 DEGREES F. 10000 FEET
WINDS 260-10K TEMPERATURE 61 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET WINDS

COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYING OBJECT			
AREA REPORTED ON Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office, Brookley AFB, Alabama	
DATE OF REPORT 3 September 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 31 July through 17 July 1952	EVALUATION B-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Harry Griffin, Major, USAF		SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFI 200-5			

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.)

Five unidentified flying objects observed by six persons in vicinity of Creola and Satsuma, Alabama, on dates from 31 July through 17 August 1953.


 HARRY GRIFFIN
 Major, USAF
 Intelligence Officer

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| 1. Cy Statement of [REDACTED] | 7. Weather Report |
| 2. Cy Statement of Mrs [REDACTED] | 8. Five Maps of Sightings |
| 3. Cy Statement of Mr [REDACTED] | |
| 4. Cy Statement of Mr [REDACTED] | |
| 5. Cy Statement of Mr [REDACTED] | |
| 6. Cy Statement of Mrs [REDACTED] | |

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IN REPLY
REFER TO: MOIP

3 September 1953

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AF Form 112

THRU: Commander
Air Materiel Command
ATTN: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center,
ATIA A-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

Transmitted herewith is AF Form 112 in accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Details: At approximately 1500 CST, 26 August 1953, the 1703d ATG Intelligence Officer was notified by the MOAMA Intelligence Officer of the report of five separate unidentified flying objects observed by Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and Mrs. [REDACTED]. The dates of the sightings were from 31 July 1953 through 17 August 1953, inclusive.

The Intelligence Officer of the 1703d ATG conducted an investigation and obtained the following statements from the observers:

On 31 July 1953 at approximately 2000-2030 hours local time, Mr. [REDACTED] D. [REDACTED] in Creola, Alabama, was on his way home from Creola heading North on hiway 43, when he sighted the flying object. The object appeared into his field of vision through the windshield of his vehicle from the Southwest, crossed the hiway and disappeared to the Northeast. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. The object glowed a bright reddish fluorescent color and duration of sighting was for only a few seconds. No sounds were associated with the glow and did not appear to resemble a meteor or a shooting star. The location of the observer at the time of sighting was about one mile North of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 54 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 1 August 1953 at 2030 hours local time, Mrs. [REDACTED] was getting into her vehicle when she sighted the flying object. This object was on the west side of hiway 43 heading from the Northeast to the Southwest at a high rate of speed. She could not estimate the altitude other than stating that it was at a fairly high altitude and that the object was not too far away from where she was standing. She stated that this object appeared to glow a reddish color in the leading part and a dull amber color in the remaining part. Light did not resemble a meteor or a shooting star and no sound was associated with the light. Duration of the sighting could not have lasted more than two or three seconds. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was in Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 56 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 2 August 1953 at 0030 hours local time, Mr. [REDACTED], Methodist Preacher, was on his way home from Creola to Satsuma, Alabama when he sighted the flying object. It glowed an amber color overall with the brightest glow on the leading edge which appeared to be curved like the circumference of a basketball and gave the appearance blurred and tapered toward the rear. The object was heading from the North to the South in straight and level flight parallel to hiway 43, on the East side, at a high altitude. Subject stated that he could not estimate altitude so he guessed that it was 6-8000 feet high. It appeared to be fairly large in size with no sounds associated and traveling at a high rate of speed. Speed was estimated to be much faster than the jet aircraft seen in this area. Individual stated he has knowledge of Meteorology and that the object was neither a meteor nor a shooting star. Observer did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was at Gunnison Creek, approximately one mile south of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 52 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-2.

On 2 August 1953 at 1630-1730 hours local time, Mrs. [REDACTED] was sitting in her back yard when she sighted the flying object. It appeared to be shaped like a parachute or a balloon in descent, wide at the top and tapered to a point at the bottom. It was traveling at an intense rate of speed in a downward path from the Northwest to the Southeast. While in descent, the object gave off a bright reflection caused by the rays of the sun striking it and also giving it the appearance of spinning while descending. Object appeared small due to the high altitude.

and distance from the observer. No sounds were associated with this object and the duration of sighting was less than a minute. Individual did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was southwest of Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 50 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 05 minutes West. Reliability B-4.

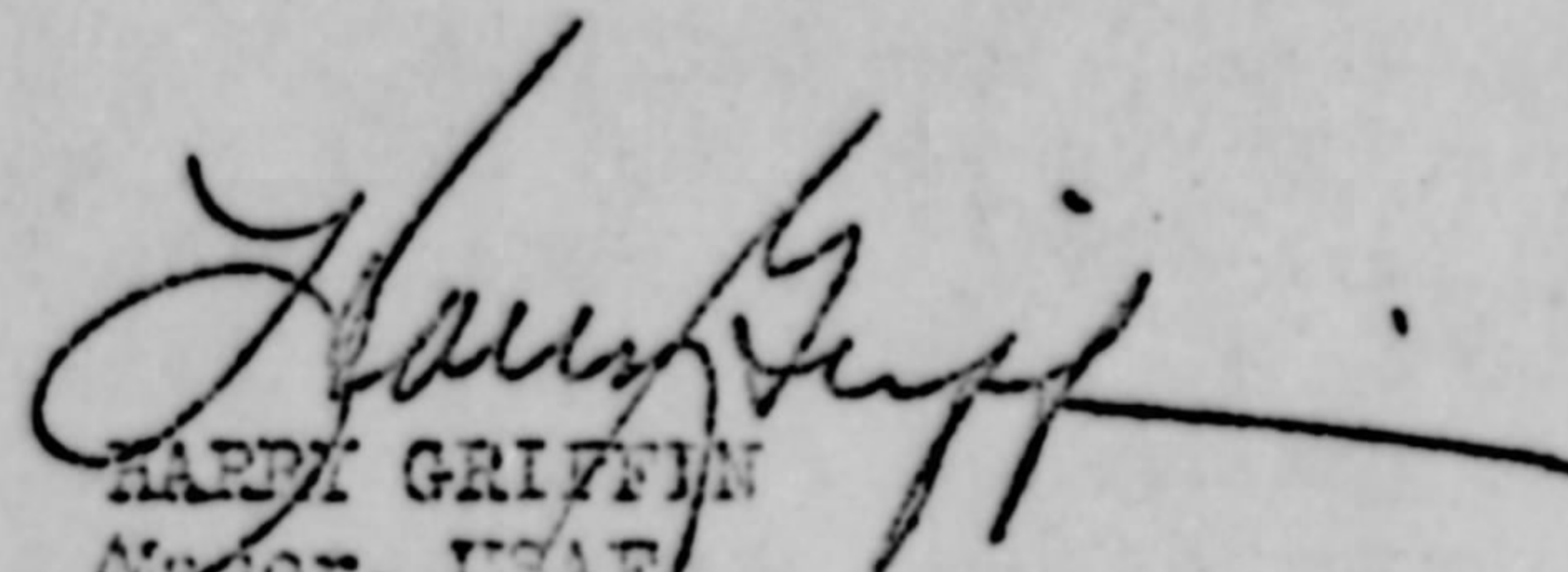
On 17 August 1953 at 2055 hours local time, [redacted] and R [redacted] were looking for the Little Dipper when they saw the flying object. It appeared as a bright reddish glow heading from the North to the South and parallel to highway 43, on the East side. Object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. Both observers agreed that this object far exceeded the speed of jet aircraft they had seen in this area. Duration of the sighting lasted for approximately three seconds. Neither of the observers saw or heard any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. There was no sound associated with this object nor did it appear to be a meteor or a star. Location of the observers at the time of sighting was in Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 51 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 03 minutes West. Reliability C-3.

Reliability of observers is as stated above.

No interception was attempted since the sightings were late in being reported.

The weather is reported as in Inclosure #7.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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*Evaluated as not alien (meteor), because of the existence
at the time of sighting of a "meteor shower".
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DATE	WIND HT	WIND DIR-SPD	TEMP	DEW PT	WSBY	SKY CONDITION
31 July	Surface	Calm	78	72	9	25,000 scattered
2030 HR	3000	170/5				
	5000	140/10	63			
	10,000	110/15	64			
	15,000	130/10				
	20,000	170/15				
1 Aug	Surface	240/6	82	74	10	Clear
2030 HR	3000	180/10				
	5000	150/10	61			
	10,000	140/10	46			
	15,000	120/15				
	20,000	160/15				
2 Aug	Surface	260/5	80	74	10	Clear
0030 HR	3000	180/10				
	5000	170/15	59			
	10,000	190/10	45			
	15,000	160/5				
	20,000	170/10				
2 Aug	Surface	240/8	87	73	12	2500 scattered
1730 HR	3000	250/5				25,000 scattered
	5000	270/10	64			
	10,000	260/10	61			
	15,000	190/10				
	20,000	170/10				
17 Aug	Surface	040/8	82	71	10	25,000 scattered
2055 HR	3000	160/5				
	5000	120/5	64			
	10,000	020/5	48			
	15,000	200/5				
	20,000	250/10				

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