

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 September 53 2/2114Z	2. LOCATION Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED Control Tower reported no a/c in area except 2 Naval a/c in vicinity of Port Lyautey (approx 25 miles away) and the observers previously observed these a/c. The local AC&F Sq reported that...
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Unusually bright white light which appeared larger than ordinary a/c navigation light was first observed approx 4,000 ft. C-47 a/c was at an altitude of 6,000 ft. Object was on somewhat of a collision course. Maneuvers consisted of 2, 180 deg turns descending to approx 700 ft and leveled off.
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSIC 2 Sep ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FOR INTEL PP FLY OBJ RPT. UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ SIGHTED SIDI SLIMANE AB (34 DEGREE 16 MIN N 5 DEGREE 66 MIN W (2 SEPT CURR AT 2114 HRS BY CREW OF USAF C-47 ON ROUT TNG FLT. CREW OBSR UNUSUALLY BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT WHICH APPEARED LARGER THAN ORDINARY AIRCRAFT NAV LIGHT. SHAPE OF OBJ COULD NOT BE DETERMINED AND NO SOUND WAS AUDIBLE. PARA OBJ FIRST SIGHTED BY CP AT 2114 HRS WHICH WAS CALLED TO ATTN OF PLT. LIGHT FIRST OBSR AT EST ALT OF ABOUT 4000 FEET ABOVE C-47. OBJ RATE OF CLOSURE VMRYFAST AND FOL NEAR COLLISION COURSE IN RELATION TO C-47. APPROACHING OBJ WHEN LEVEL WITH C-47 EXECUTED 180 DEGREE DESCENDING TURN AT UNEST HIGH SPEED. DURING SECOND 180 DEGREE TURN. OBJ DESCENDED TO 700 FEET OR BELOW. WHILE DESCENDING. OBJ DEFINITELY DECREASED IN SPEED. THEN MADE 90 DEGREE TURN TOWARD MAIN HWY THAT PARALLELS SIDI SLIMANE AB AT WHICH PT IT APPEARED STATIONARY. LIGHT THEN DISAPPEARED. PARA OBSRS FLEW C-47 IN 360 DEGREE CIRCLE IN ORDER TO CONT OBSERVATION OF OBJ. LIGHT COULD BE SIGHTED AT ALL TIMES BY OBSRS AND WAS SEEN FOR APRX 3 MINS. C-47 AIRCRAFT SPEED 140 MPH ATYDN ALT OF 6000 FEET. NEAREST PT THAT OBJ WAS OBSR WAS BETWEEN ONE QUARTER AND ONE HALF MILE DIS. WHILE MAX DIS OF OBSERVATION WAS APRX 8 MILES. VISIBILITY DURING SIGHTING 20 MILES PLUS. SKY WAS CLEAR WITH NO MOON. WINDS CALM. PARA CON TWR CONTACTED WHEN OBJ FIRST SIGHTED AND REPT NO ACFT VICINITY OF SIDI SLIMANE. AIR TRAF CON CONTACTED AND REPT NO ACFT IN AREA EXCEPT 2 NAVAL ACFT IN VICINITY OF PORT LYAUTEY. APRX 25 MILES AWAY. WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBSR BY REPT CREW. PARA NO ELECT SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJ. THE FOL WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD C-47: LT COL WILSON MOORE. 4227A. 3000 HOURS FLYING TIME; FIRST LT JAMIE H MACINNIS. AO 1910170. 900 HRS FLYING TIME. PARA (SIMILAR OBJ OBSR AT NOUSASSEUR AB. 25 MARCH CURR. REPT BY TWX. HQ 5 AIR DIV. DIOC 01698.) PARA UNCFM REPT FR NAVAL STA. PORT LYAUTEY. THAW UNIDENTIFIED OBJ SIGHTED BY NAVY PLT AT 2010 HRS. PLT INDICATED THAT OBJ WAS CLOSING RAPIDLY AND APPEARED TO BE NEAR GROUND HEADING 60 DEGREE ON LINE BETWEEN PORT AND SIDI SLIMANE. SUBJ REPT UNDER INVS

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crew 2114Z 2 Sep 53 in the vicinity of Sidi, Slimane Air Base. Suggest you notify
this Center of the findings of an investigation that is presently being conducted.
Maneuvers of the object indicate the possibility of an aircraft in a practice
dogfight.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

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SUBJECT

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AREA REPORTED ON

Sidi Slimane Air Base, French Morocco

FROM (Alpha)

Directorate of Intelligence
 Headquarters 5th Air Division

DATE OF REPORT

10 September 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

2 September 1953

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SOURCE

Air Crew of USAF C-47

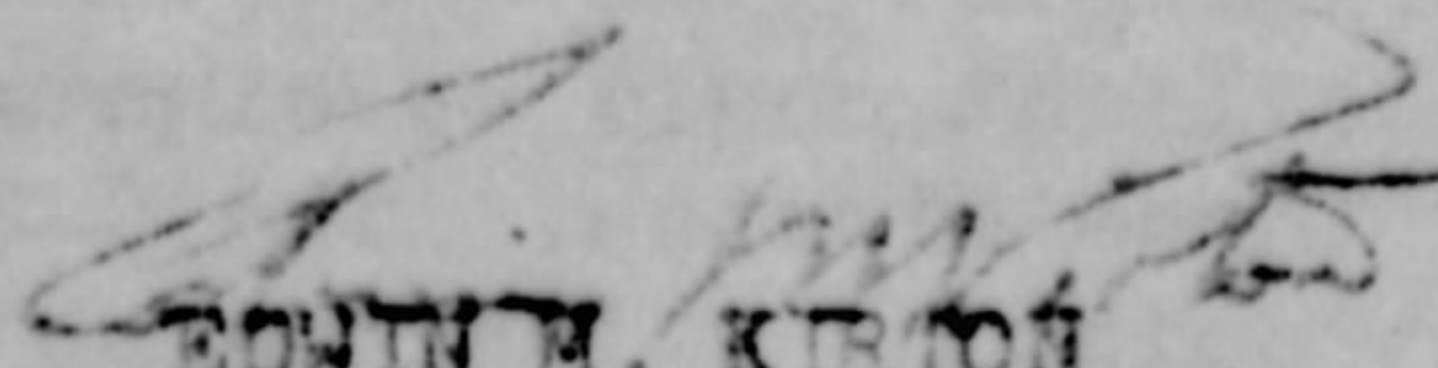
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TWX, DIOC 1061, 3 September 1953

SUMMARY

An unidentified flying object was reported sighted at Sidi Slimane Air Base (34°16'N 05°56'W), 2 September 1953, at 2100 hours, by the crew of a USAF C-47 on a routine training flight.

APPROVED:



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2. The object was first sighted by the co-pilot at 2114 hours which was called to the attention of the pilot. The light was first observed at an estimated altitude of about 4,000 feet above the C-47. The object's rate of closure was very fast and followed a near collision course in relation to the C-47. The approaching object, when level with the C-47, executed a 180° descending turn at an unestimated high speed. During the second 180° turn, the object descended to 700 feet or below. While descending, the object definitely decreased in speed, then made a 90° turn toward the main highway that parallels Sidi Slimane Air Base at which point it appeared stationary. The light then disappeared.

3. The observers flew the C-47 in a 360° circle in order to continue observation of the object. The light could be sighted at all times by the observers and was seen for approximately three minutes. The C-47's speed was 140 mph at an altitude of 6,000 feet. The nearest point at which the object was observed was between one-quarter and one-half mile distance, while maximum distance of observation was approximately eight miles. Visibility during sighting was 20 miles plus. The sky was clear with no moon. Winds were calm.

4. Sidi Slimane Control Tower was contacted when the object was first sighted and reported no aircraft in the vicinity.

COMMENTS:

1. Air Traffic Control at Casablanca, French Morocco, was contacted and reported no aircraft in the area except two naval aircraft in the vicinity of Port Lyautey, approximately 25 miles from Sidi Slimane Air Base. The air crew of the C-47 previously observed the naval aircraft on their flight to Sidi Slimane Air Base.

2. The 549th AGWC Group was inoperative during reported sighting of unidentified object. The previously unconfirmed report from the Naval Station at Port Lyautey, French Morocco, cited in TML, DIOC 1061, is now definitely established as an erroneous report. The Naval Station at Port Lyautey further reported radar inoperative during reported sighting of unidentified object.

3. The following were crew members of the USAF C-47:

Lt Colonel Wilson Moore, 4227A, 3,000 hours flying time.

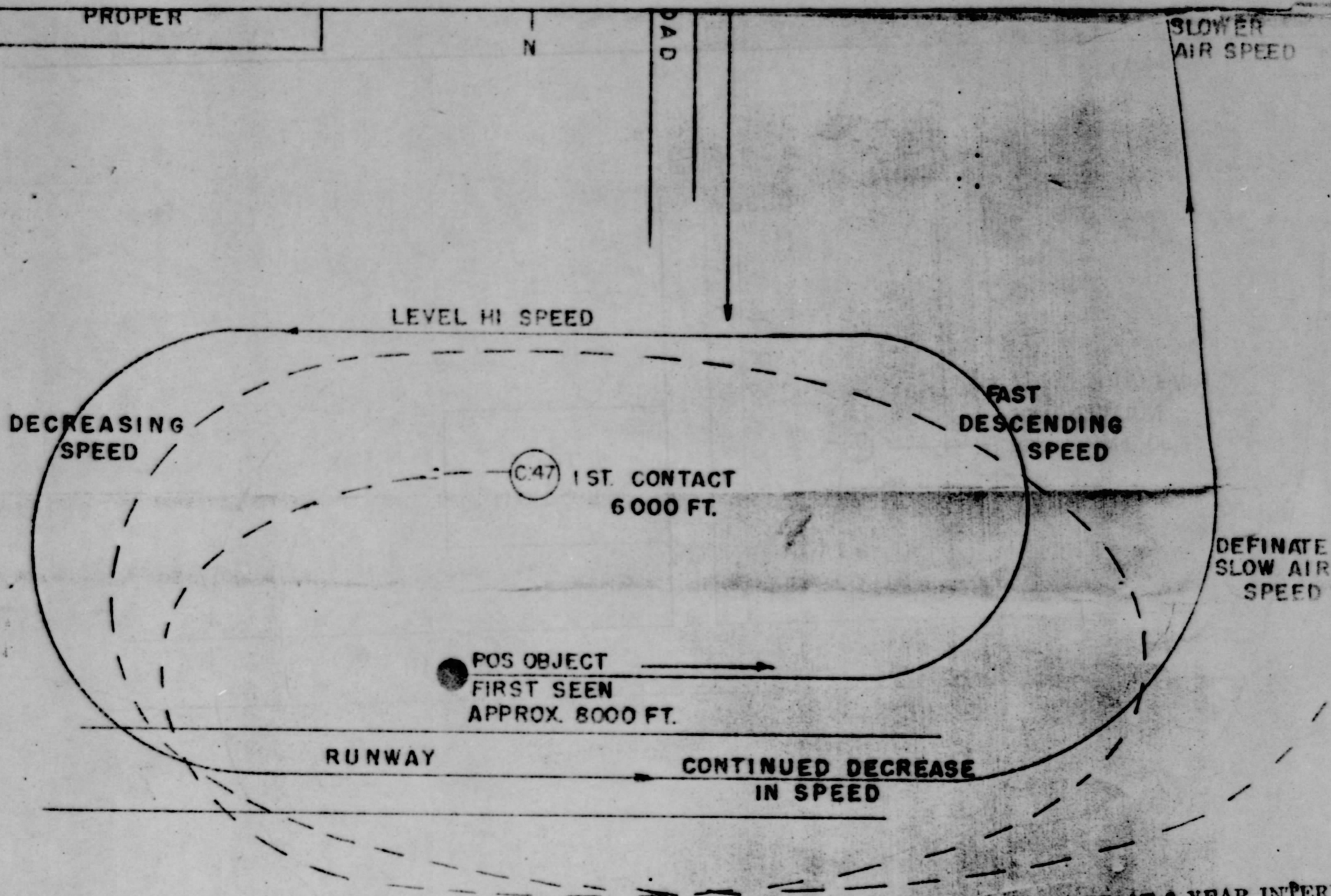
1st Lt Jamie E. MacInnis, AO 1910170, 900 hours flying time.

GLENN D. ADAMS

1st Lt, USAF

Preparing Officer

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