

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 October 53 9/1620Z	2. LOCATION Sampson AFB, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	Object was possibly an a/c and the description exaggerated.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Circular shaped bright silver colored object which had a roaring sound traveled in a V direction. Observer ran to get her neighbor and when they got out of the house, the object was gone but they could hear the roaring sound. At 1142 source stated that her daughter (age 9) saw a disc shaped object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ 9 Oct Sampson AFB, N.Y. very low reliability f-8 ☒ No	

Action

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FM COMDR SAMPSON AFB NY

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBJRPT		
AREA REPORTED ON Sampson AFB Hosp, SAGB, Geneva, N. Y.	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence	
DATE OF REPORT 12 October 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 October 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) EARL E. LA CLAIR, Major, USAF	SOURCE Mrs [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Previous Report: Electrical Message G 426		
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.)		
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Sampson AFB Hosp, SAFB, Geneva, N. Y.

Wing Intelligence

12 October 1953

9 October 1953

EARL E. LA CLAIR, Major, USAF

Mrs [REDACTED]

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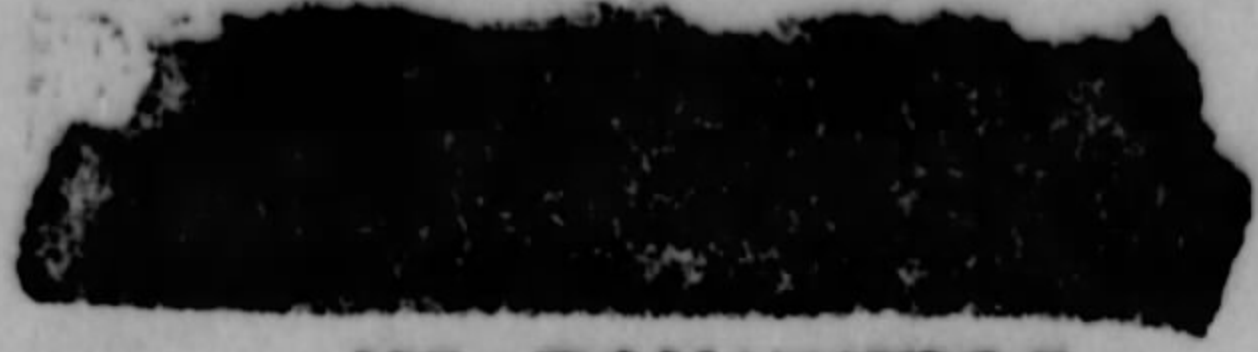
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3650TH MILITARY TRAINING WING
SAMPSON AIR FORCE BASE
Geneva, New York

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2c

1. Reports concerning an unidentified flying object have been received by this headquarters and forwarded herein.

2. A copy of the electrical message which was forwarded in accordance with AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952, and AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information Report are inclosed.

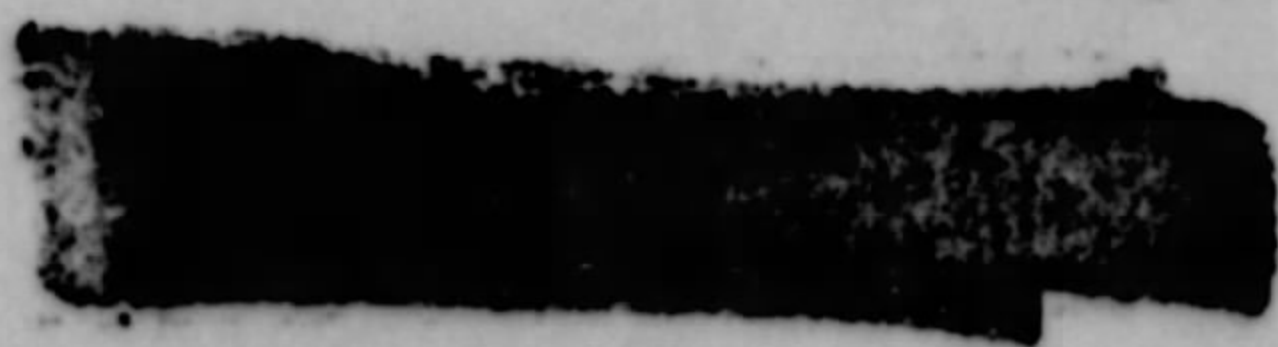
FOR THE COMMANDER:

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| 1. Rpt fr Mrs J.L. Tobin
(9 Oct 53) | R. V. BATTERSEY
1st Lt., USAF |
| 2. Cpy of Electrical Message
(426 - 9 Oct 53) | Asst Adjutant |
| 3. AF Form 112
(12 Oct 53) | |

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Quarters [REDACTED]
Sampson Air Force Base
October 9, 1953

Wing Intelligence Officer
Andrews 8, Room 134
Sampson Air Force Base

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Re: Unusual Round Aircraft

Dear Sir:

At approximately 11:15 this morning I was hanging out clothes in the wooded area behind our quarters, [REDACTED], when I became conscious of an unusual, loud roaring noise. I looked toward the direction of the sound, the northeast and in a moment saw a silvery object. This was traveling high in a westerly direction, seemingly over the main base.

Suddenly to my amazement the object seemed to be a silvery circular disk traveling on its edge. My thought was "Flying Saucer" and I ran to get my neighbor, Mrs. [REDACTED], so that she too might observe it and hear the unusual sound. With her brother, we hastened to the clear area west of their quarters, but could see nothing, only the continuation of the roar. It was deafening in its pitch and my ears ached for almost an hour afterwards. I have never heard anything like it. It wasn't like jets which hit a crescendo and are gone or the drone of other airplanes with a slight break, but a constant, monotonous sound. I noticed no vapor streaks as from jets.

I would guess that I actually saw the object about 11:20 and that with the others heard the roar for five minutes as we discussed "saucers" and the sound. Then I deliberated very seriously before calling in the information. If it had been only the appearance, I would have discounted what I saw, but coupled with the sound which two others thought unusual, I reported the craft. The operator connected the line with Captain Haley at Seneca Ordnance as he was the one to report to.

At 11:42 our daughter [REDACTED], who is almost nine, came dashing in to tell me she had seen a flat silvery object, traveling from the southwest over the hospital, making a funny noise. She thought it had "smoke going in front of it". She had not heard me talking to Mrs. [REDACTED] or Captain Haley, but she had been out playing with our sixteen months old son. From the size she showed with her hands, the object had looked to her about the size of a silvery dollar, while to me it had seemed more the size of bowl of a teacup, rather than the size of a saucer to use the popular terms. Captain Haley called me back to tell me a single jet was circling Ordnance.

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By 1:30 I head other aircraft in the area, but the sound was completely different. Several times I went out, but could never see any. For this reason I feel the strange craft was MUCH LARGER and MUCH HIGHER than any of these and produced a much greater noise.

The day was haze, very slight breeze, warm enough to be out without a sweater or coat. There were white clouds in streaky layers.

I can best describe the altitude in terms of a clock. Standing at the five, and looking between the ten and eleven, the object was about three inches in diameter. I could see the entire circular edge, with the silvery streak brightest up and down thru the center but nothing which changed the circular shape. It was seemingly still for the few seconds while I stared at it for I saw it so very distinctly. Yet it was gone so quickly from sight though not from hearing.

I have been one of those skeptics who laughed about "Flying Saucers". Yesterday I heard them discussed and my thought was not to discover a "Flying Saucer", but to identify aircraft for my own satisfaction. In almost ten years working on newspapers, I have never had such a terrifying or awe-inspiring experience: it is absolutely incredible. I am glad two other persons heard it that I know and I hope there are others who saw it to substantiate my report.

Very truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]

/t/ Mrs. [REDACTED]

% Colonel [REDACTED]

3650 Medical Group

Sampson Air Force Base, N.Y.

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