

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 November 53 10/1330Z	2. LOCATION Marietta, Ohio
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION The sources were of the opinion that it was not a conventional a/c. Reporting official advised that the information available from source did not appear to be sufficient to warrant further inquiry or action. 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two civilians were driving W on US Route Alternate 50, when they noticed a luminous object S of their position moving slowly from E-W at an estimated 1500 ft lateral distance and an altitude of approx 6-10,000 ft. Suddenly the object made a 30 deg lateral angle S and then accelerated rapidly out of sight. Observers were unable to ascertain its size or shape.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-129

9 December 1953

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTEDLY
SIGHTED NEAR WOOD COUNTY AIRPORT, OHIO
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. The following is forwarded for your information:

On 20 November 1953, [REDACTED]
Drive, Marietta, Ohio, Telephone: [REDACTED], employed
at Quaker State Engineering Company, First National Bank,
Marietta, Ohio, Telephone: [REDACTED], advised that
at approximately 0830 hours, 20 November 1953, he, ac-
companied by his brother, [REDACTED], 27 Southeast
Seventh Street, Evansville, Indiana, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street address unknown, Detroit, Michigan, were
driving west on US Route Alternate 50, and at a point
approximately ten (10) miles west of Marietta, fairly
close to the Wood County Airport, when they noticed a
luminous object, directly south of their position, mov-
ing slowly from east to west at approximately a 1500
foot lateral distance and an altitude of approximately
eight (8) to ten (10) thousand feet. Suddenly the ob-
ject made approximately a thirty degree lateral angle
southward and then accelerated rapidly out of sight.
All three (3) persons observed the object's flight; but
because of its luminous surface and distance of obser-
vation, it was difficult to ascertain its shape or size.
All were of the opinion that it was not a conventional
aircraft.

[REDACTED] stated he had reported the incident to Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Federal Bureau of Investigation Resident Agent,
Marietta, Ohio, who advised that the United States Air
Force was collecting information on "flying saucers"
and recommended that he contact the Office of Special
Investigations.

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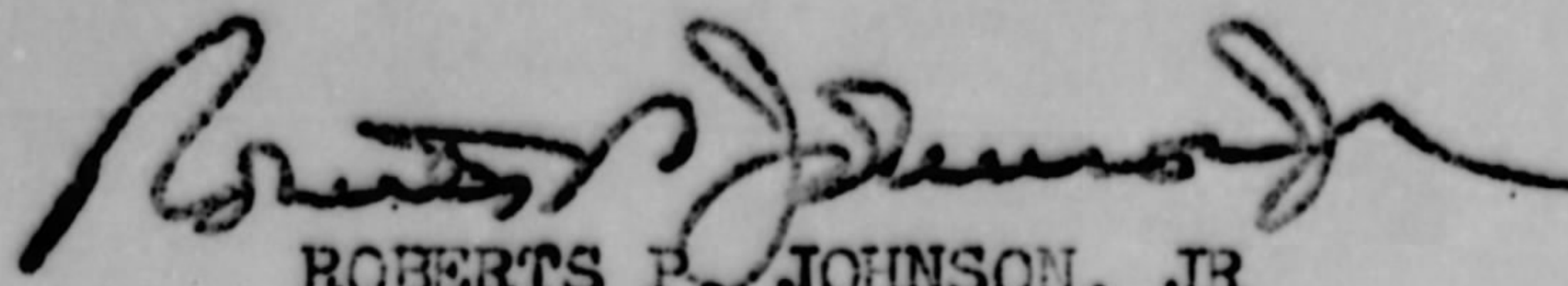
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2. The above information was verbally coordinated with Major [REDACTED], Deputy Director of Operations, 801st Air Division, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio, at which time [REDACTED] advised the information available from Mr. [REDACTED] did not appear to him ([REDACTED]) to be sufficient to warrant further inquiry or further action.

3. No further investigative action is contemplated by this office in instant matter.


ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir. OSI

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