

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Apr 54/1600	2. LOCATION MILDENHALL, ENGLAND
3. SOURCE military	10. CONCLUSION RADAR TRACKING DEVICE
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Hollow Aluminum sphere. 16" in diameter. Pieces of balloon attached to object. Trademark "Made in England" appeared on balloon. OSI, United Kingdom believe this object to be a tracking target used by some radar station in England. ATIC concurs in this evaluation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE floating to earth	
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes (see object) ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☒ Yes ☐ No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-158

29 November 1954

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at RAF Station Mildenhall, England
26 April 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

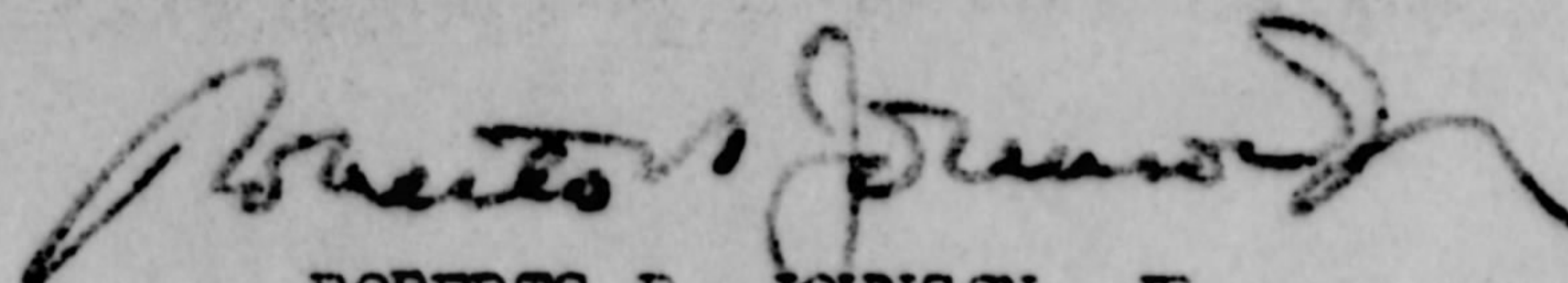
TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is a photostatic copy of letter dated 27 May 1954, addressed to the Director of Special Investigations, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C. from Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe, Inspector General, Office of Special Investigations with inclosures.

2. Any additional information furnished this District Office will be forwarded to your Command.

3. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI (AFCSI-6D 24-135)
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TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 9 November 1954, file AFCSI-6D 24-185, concerning subject matter.

2. Referenced letter requested that the inclosures thereto be transmitted to Air Materiel Command; however, personnel of the Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters AEC, advised that they have no use for information of this type and would merely transmit it to the Air Technical Intelligence Center. In view of this, the inclosures to referenced letter were transmitted directly to ATIC as is customary.


ROBERT P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Comdr, ATIC

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
Inspector General
Office of Special Investigations

APO 57, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

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RAF Station Mildenhall, England, 26 April 1954
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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The following information and attached photographs are being forwarded to your office for any action deemed necessary.
2. On 26 April 1954 Captain LAWRENCE M. THOMPSON, 18295A, Assistant Provost Marshal, 3910th Air Base Group, RAF Station Mildenhall, APO 127, US Air Force, advised United Kingdom District OSI that Special Agents WILLIAM J. SCARBOROUGH and WILLIAM M. WAERS, UK District, that a spherical object had been recovered adjacent to the Base and was being retained at Base Operations. An initial inquiry at Base Operations revealed the object to be a hollow aluminum sphere, approximately sixteen inches (16") in diameter, and weighing approximately six (6) ounces. Attached to the sphere was a coarse piece of fabric approximately five feet by five feet (5' x 5') which was suspended by pieces of binders twine to the object. Pieces of a ruptured balloon were attached to the fabric. No identifying markings were noted on the sphere other than the word "HARMLESS" printed in yellow grease pencil on the side. The trademark "Made in England" appeared on a portion of the balloon. The object was first seen at approximately 1600 hours on 26 April 1954 floating to earth. It landed in a tree close to the base in the area of Air Installations Section. Captain THOMPSON made several telephone calls throughout the United Kingdom in an attempt to have the object identified. Special Agent SCARBOROUGH made a telephone call to Special Investigations Branch, Royal Air Force, RAF Station Duxford, Cambridgeshire, at which time he spoke to the Duty Officer concerning the object. The Duty Officer assured Special Agent SCARBOROUGH that the object

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did not come from RAF Station Duxford but that he would make further inquiries in an attempt to determine the origin of the object. The Duty Officer agreed to notify this office in the event it was determined where the object came from. Several people contacted expressed the opinion that the object had been used for tracking purposes by a radar station.

3. No investigation concerning this matter was requested by the Commander, 3910th Air Base Group, RAF Station Mildenhall.

4. The above information has also been furnished the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAFE.

FOR THE CHIEF:

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1. Photo of Object

2. Photo of Object

WILLIAM G. SPROUL

Major USAF

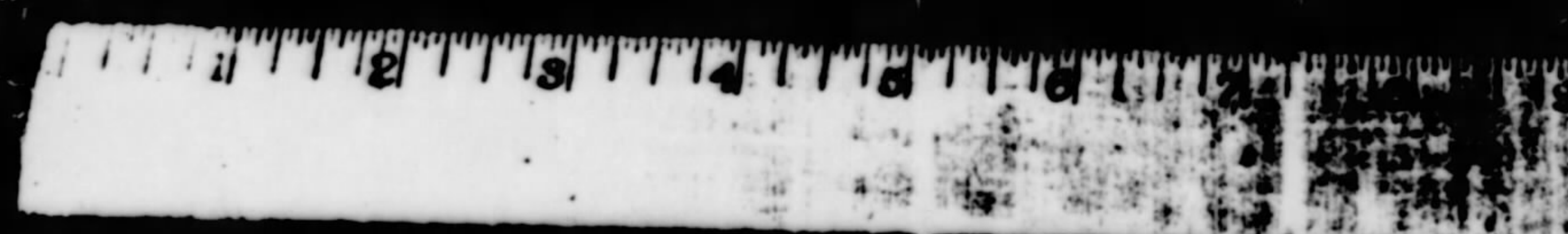
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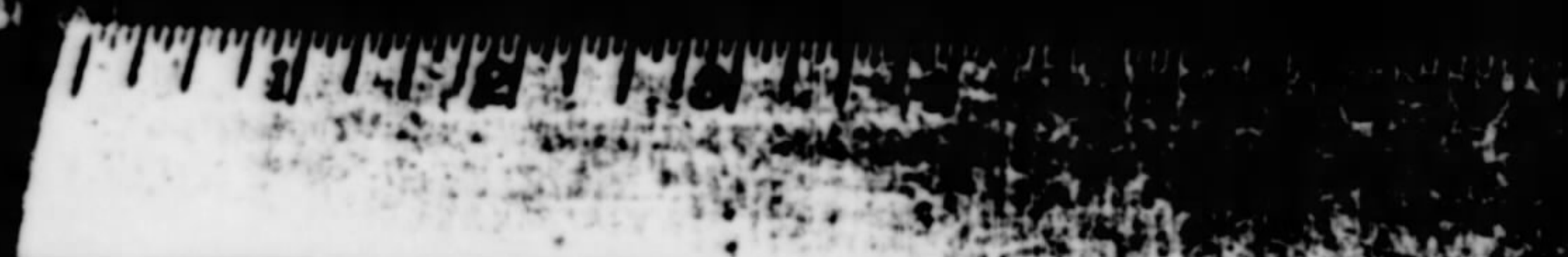
THIS CASE INCLUDES

TWO (2) 8X10 B+W PHOTOS

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