

## UFOB INDEX CARD

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| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>04/0420Z Sep 56                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian (GOC)<br>Military (GOC)                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>Seven hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One                                                                                                                                                                           | 9. COURSE<br>In orbit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>One bowl or tear-shaped object, the size of a dime at arm's length. Color varied from red to green to white. Object had a fuzzy and hazy tail. Object was initially sighted SSE at 35° elevation. Object was observed visually and through binoculars for 7 hours and <del>dis-</del> appeared over the horizon near dawn. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11. COMMENTS<br>Full investigation of this sighting was assigned to Flt 1-B, 4602d AISS on 5 Sep 56. This headquarters concurs with Flt 1-B investigating officer that sighting was caused by the Planet Mars. AF Form 112 will be reproduced and will be forwarded through normal channels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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FM COMMANDER 4602ND AISS ENT AFB COLO

TO COMMANDER ATIC ATTN: AFOIN 4E4

WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO HEADQUARTERS USAF ATTN COL JOHNSON AFOIN-X

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 0822 PD REFERENCE IT MSG AFOIN 4E-9-1186-E DATED

6 SEP 56 PD UFOB SIGHTING IN KALISPELL MONTANA ON 3 SEP 56 IS

SUBJECT PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY

REPORT IS SUBMITTED CLN

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

A. BOWL OR TEAR SHAPED

B. DIME

C. RED TO GREEN TO WHITE

D. ONE

E. N/A

ACTION 4E49

12 SEP 56 10 16

3-4XZC

RD

CO:00



F. FUZZY AND HAZY TAIL

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. NOTIFIED BY GOC POST

B. SOUTHSOUTH-EAST AND 35 DEGREES ELEVATION

C. SOUTH-SOUTH -WEST

D. IN ORBIT

E. DISAPPEARED NEAR DAWN

F. SEVEN HOURS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. LOW POWER BINOCULARS

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 04/0423Z SEP 56

B. NIGHT

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVATIONS--EKFC 4113

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS

FORM 803-5 PRINTED BY THE MANHATTAN RESEARCH CO., BOSTON 1, MASS., U. S. A.



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A. MR AND MRS [REDACTED] STREET, KALISPELL  
MONTANA, CERAMIC TILE CONTRACTOR AND HOUSEWIFE; MR [REDACTED]  
GOC COUNTY SUPERVISOR; MRS [REDACTED], GOC POST SUPERVISOR PD

B. (1) [REDACTED]

LT COL US ARMY( RET), 925 THIRD AVE WEST KALISPELL, MONTANA,  
COUNTY DIRECTOR, CIVIL DEFENSE, CONSIDERED USUALLY RELIABLE PD

2( ) T/SGT KARL A. CLARK, 4773D GOC, KALISPELL, MONT, GOC  
MCIC, CONSIDERED USUALLY RELIABLE PD

3) S/SGT JOHN J DALESSIO, GOC, HELENA MONTANA, GROUND RADIO  
OPERATOR , CONSIDERD USUALLY RELIABLE PD

7. WEATHER

A. COLD, DRY, VERY GUSTY WINDS

B. 5,000/350/10

10,000/330/20

16000/320/75

20/, 200/320/25

25,000/300/75

C. 03/0600Z SEP 56-- 6,000FEET

03/0900Z SEP 56-- 25,000FEET

D. TEN TO FIFTEEN MILES



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E. 23/1600Z SET 56-- SCATTERED

23/1900Z SEP 56--SCATTERED CIRRUS

F. NONE

8L PROXIMITY OF MARS TO THE EARTH

9. AT APPROXIMATELY 24/1300Z SEP 56 AN L-25 TYPE AIRCRAFT FLEW A CIRCLE OF ABOUT 200 MILES IN THE AREA PD NOTHING UNUSUAL WAS OBSERVED DURING FLIGHT PD F-86D AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED FROM MARSTROM AND GIEGER AFB AND REPORTED NO RADAR OR VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT

10. NONE

11. COMMENTS OF PREPARINT OFFICER, CAPTAIN PATRICK SHERE, 98: FLT 1-B 4622ND AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON MALSTROM AFB, MONTANA CLN IN THE OPINION OF THE PREPARING OFFICER THIS SIGHTING WAS CAUSED BY THE PLANET MARS PD

12. NONE

THE ABOVE PRELIMINARY REPORT HAS BEEN EXTRACTED FROM AN AF FORM 112 SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY FLIGHT 1-B , 4622ND AISS, MALSTROM AFB, MONTANA PD FLT1-B ACCOMPLISHED A COMPLETE FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT UPOB ON 4 SEP 56 PF CARBON COPY OF AF FORM 112 WILL BE FORWARDED TO ATIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD



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TENTATIVE ANALYSIS BY THIS HEADQUARTERS OF AF FORM 112 CONFIRMS  
OPINION OF PREPARING OFFICER THAT SIGHTING WAS CAUSED BY PLANET

MARS PD END

BT

11/1721Z SEP RJEDEN

*An astro plot and charts  
show the planet Mars was  
in the exact position  
reported by observers.*



ROUTING

## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

COMDR ATIC

DATE-TIME GROUP

061500 SEPT 56

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FOR:

ACTION

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PRIORITY

TO:

COMDR  
MALSTROM AF BASE  
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

R1WPPC

☐ BOOK MESSAGE☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

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COMDR, 4602ND AISS  
ENT AF BASE  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO

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ALLEGED UFO SIGHTING ON NIGHT 3 SEPT 56 IS SUBJECT. REFERENCE AFR 200-2 REGARDING REPORTING OF UFO'S. NO OFFICIAL REPORT RECEIVED RELATIVE THIS SIGHTING. BROUGHT TO ATTENTION THIS CENTER UNOFFICIALLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE DATED 4 SEPT 1956. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THIS RELEASE QUOTED:

"CMN34 "SAUCERS" GREAT FALLS, MONT., SEPT. 4--(INS)--OFFICERS AT MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE SENT REPORTS TODAY TO WASHINGTON DESCRIBING ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTIONS OF FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR KALISPELL, MONT., LAST NIGHT. FIVE F-94C JET FIGHTERS OF THE 29TH AIR DIVISION AT THE BASE TOOK TO THE AIR THIS MORNING AFTER NUMEROUS REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF A "TRIANGULAR-SHAPED LUMINOUS OBJECT" IN THE SKY SEVEN MILES WEST OF KALISPELL. THE "OBJECT" REPORTEDLY APPEARED ABOUT 10 P.M. (MST) LAST NIGHT AND DISAPPEARED BETWEEN 5:30 AND 6 A.M. THIS MORNING. NUMEROUS RESIDENTS OF THE AREA REPORTED SEEING THE "OBJECT." THE FIVE JET PILOTS FILED REPORTS WHICH

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☐ YES☐ NO

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INFO: D/I, HQS, USAF  
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INFORMATION REGARDING THIS SIGHTING REQUESTED IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC OR OFFICIAL QUERIES TO ATIC. THIS IS A NORMAL OCCURRENCE IN EVENT OF THIS TYPE. FULL REPORT ALSO REQUIRED TO FULFILL OUR FUNCTION UNDER AFR 200-2. IF UFO REPORT SUBMITTED OR FORTHCOMING, DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE. IN REPLY REFER TO AFOIN-4E4.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 H. A. Miller DATE 9/6/56AFOIN-4E H. K. Gilbert DATE 9/6/56AFOIN-4X1 Mr. A. F. Arcier DATE 9/6

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Capt G. T. Gregory

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL TITLE

Captain, USAF

7 SEP 1956

SYMBOL

AFOIN-4E4

TELEPHONE

69216

Assistant Adjutant





HEADQUARTERS  
4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

AISOC

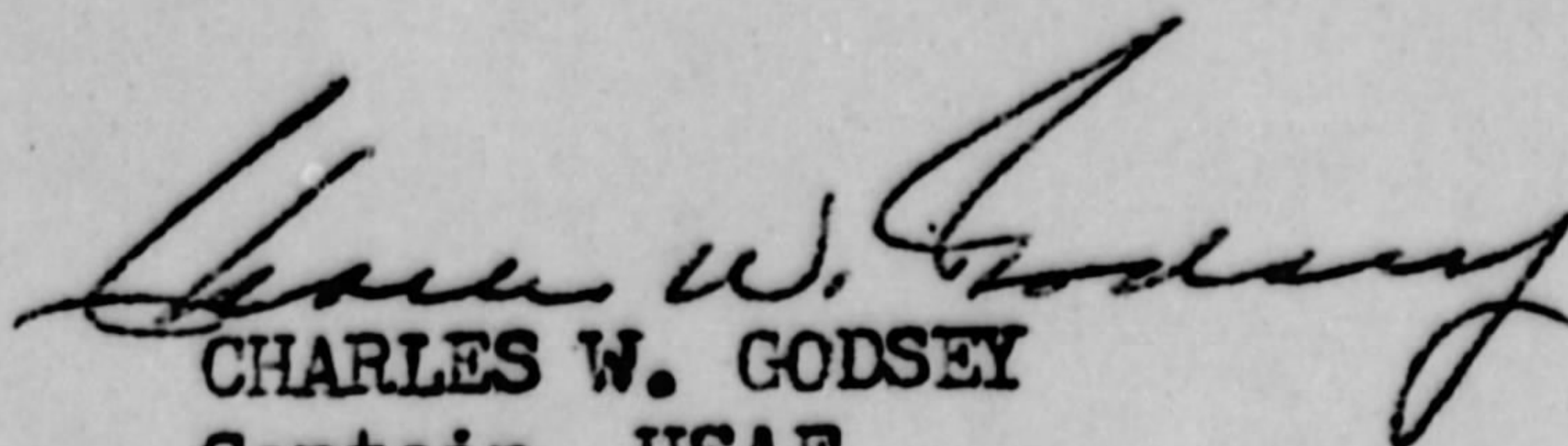
11 September 1956

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commander  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

1. The attached Air Intelligence Information Report (AF Form 112) as submitted by OIC, Flight 1-B, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
CHARLES W. GODSEY  
Captain, USAF  
Assistant Adjutant

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KALISPELL, MONTANA, USA

Flight 1-B, 4602d AISS

6 September 1956

3-4 September 1956

PATRICK O. SHERE, Captain, USAF

GIL FRANDSEN and others

FORECON AISCN, 4 September 1956

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- PART TWO: Description of sighting by Esther (Mrs. [REDACTED]) GOC Post Supervisor, Kalispell, Montana.
- PART THREE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED] Lt Col US Army (Ret) County Director of Civil Defense, Flathead County, Montana.
- PART FOUR: Description of sighting by Karl A. Clark, TSgt, USAF, 4773rd GOC, Kalispell, Montana.
- PART FIVE: Description of sighting by John J. Dalessio, SSgt, USAF, 4773rd GOC, Kalispell, Montana.
- PART SIX: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.
- PART SEVEN: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Kalispell, Montana (EKFC 4112) at 0420 Zebra hours, 4 September 1956 (2120 hours, MST, 3 September 1956). The information contained in this report was obtained from five persons observing the object, and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sighting.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT PATRICK O. SHERE, AO-1639638  
TSGT HENRY D. MILLER, AF-19124076

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(See Individual Parts)

PATRICK O. SHERE  
Capt USAF  
Officer in Charge

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## I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Street, Kalispell, Montana

Age: 45

Occupation: Ceramic Tile Contractor

Education: 14 years

Qualifications: GOC County Supervisor for two years, nine months;  
served as 1/Lt with the Army during World War II.

II. RELIABILITY: Source, a pale gaunt man, was recently in an automobile accident, and did not appear to be physically robust or strong. He was completely certain that he had witnessed an object which he believed to have been looking for something; he is equally certain that the object will return. He was able to make a sketch of the object (refer to Incl 1) and was able to give more complete description of it than any of the other Sources. His description did not coincide with other descriptions. His reliability is considered to be "E".

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source was at his home with his wife when they were notified by the Kalispell GOC observation post that an unusual object was visible in the south-southeastern sky. This was approximately at 040515Z Sep 56(2215 hours MST, 3 Sep 56.) Source and his wife stepped out on their back porch and instantly spotted a brilliant light at an angle of approximately 70 degrees above the horizon.

2. The night was cold, dry, and with very gusty winds. There was no moon, but many stars were visible, despite scattered clouds.

3. Source stated that he could clearly distinguish the shape of the object; he described it as a bowl shaped, with five "fingers" or rods of light protruding from the leading, or concave, edge. These rods of light were the same length as the diameter of the object, and glowed brilliantly, changing color with the object, from white to yellow. A tail in the form of a "Y" was attached to the other end, but this tail, Source stated, was green.

4. Source stated that the brilliance of the object varied constantly, as though it were controlled by a rheostat. At times it would be intensely brilliant, and then dim as though the voltage were being reduced. There seemed to be no set time pattern for this change in intensity; the change would occur in a matter of a few seconds.

5. Source stated that the object was accompanied by a cloud, which he described as being like a dense, very clear mist, and which he compared to the exhaust visible on an automobile which is burning oil. Source was positive that the object and the cloud were related, and that at times the object would disappear within the cloud.



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6. The object moved erratically, and with great speed. Source compared its movements to a yo-yo, although he added that it also moved horizontally as well as vertically. The object at all times moved directly against the prevailing winds, which were predominantly from the east.

7. Both Source and his wife observed the object and the cloud through low power binoculars, but stated that glasses were not really necessary, due to the clarity with which it could be observed. (Source did not wear spectacles during the interview.)

8. Source was reluctant to estimate the size of the object, but later compared it to the size of a dime held at arms length. He estimated the object to be from six to eight miles distant.

9. Source and his wife continued to observe the object from their back porch throughout the remainder of the night. Source could see the slow progression in a south-southwesterly direction by comparing its relative positions from points along the ridge pole of a neighboring house.

10. No sounds were heard at any time.

11. Source was asked if he had any ideas as to what the object might be, or what it would be doing in that area. He replied in the negative, but added that it might be looking for a landing area in a remote portion of the U.S. He was positive the object was not a planet.

12. The object disappeared suddenly as dawn was approaching, and seemed to disappear in the south-southwest.

1 Incl:

Source's memory sketch of object.

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## I. SOURCE: Ester (Mrs. [REDACTED])

Address: [REDACTED] Street, Kalispell, Montana

Age: 49

Occupation: Housewife

Education: 14 years

Qualifications: GOC post supervisor, Kalispell, Montana; has been with GOC for two years and nine months; served during World War II in the WAC, with rank of corporal.

II. RELIABILITY: Source was a vigorous, alert woman, eager to volunteer all the information at her disposal. She spoke with authority, and was never hesitant to answer any question. When her impressions were at variance with those of her husband (Refer to Part One, this report) she so stated. Source is an energetic worker in the GOC and is fully aware of the importance of this program. The investigators have the opinion that Source is inclined to magnify certain details; however, her reliability is considered to be "C".

## III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. Source was at her home when she was notified by the Kalispell GOC observation post that an unusual object was visible in the south-southwestern sky. This was approximately at 040515Z Sep 56 (2215 hours MST, 3 Sep 56). Standing on her back porch, Source immediately saw a brilliant light at an angle of approximately 70 degrees above the horizon.

2. The night was cold, dry, and with very gusty winds. There was no moon, but many stars were visible, despite scattered clouds.

3. The object was, according to Source, tear shaped, and at least two inches greater in diameter than the full moon. In color it changed at varied intervals from white to yellow.

4. Source stated that she had frequently observed the planet Venus when she was stationed in the South Pacific, and that this object was infinitely brighter than any other planet she had ever observed. She was emphatic that it was not a planet. Source stated that the brilliance of the object changed rapidly, dimming from the intense brilliance to a mere glow.

5. Source stated that the object was accompanied by a cloud, which she was convinced had some connection with the former. She described the cloud as a thick mist, and compared it to the vapor arising from dry ice. She frequently saw the object disappear within this cloud.



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6. The object moved erratically and made sharply angled turns; the distance the object moved during one of these turns was estimated to be ten times the diameter of the object.

7. Source estimated the height of the object to be between 6,000 and 10,000 feet. This estimate was based on information she received from the U.S. Weather Bureau, Flathead County Airport.

8. Source stated that the object was observed through low-powered binoculars. Source customarily wears spectacles.

9. Source continued to observe the object during the rest of the night, watching a slow progression in a south-southwesterly direction, until it disappeared near dawn at 041247Z Sep 56 (0547 hours MST, 4 Sep 56).

10. No sounds were heard, although Source stated that when she first began her observations, she thought she detected a faint, low hum; she later decided this was distant highway traffic.

11. Source stated that she had never before encountered anything like this; she had no idea as to the identity of the object.

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana

Age: 56

Occupation: County Director, Flathead County, [REDACTED]

Education: 7 years

Qualifications: Lt Col, US Army (Ret)

II. RELIABILITY: Despite a lack of formal education, Source impressed the investigators as being distinctly above average intelligence and ability. Friendly and courteous, he carefully weighed the answers to all questions, considering them thoroughly before giving a reply. He gave the impression that although he knew that sightings of such objects should be reported, he was a little uncomfortable and self-conscious that it should have happened to him. He may be considered to be completely reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. Source was in his residence when the GOC Post Supervisor telephoned him at approximately 040330Z Sep 56 (2030 hours MST, 3 Sep 56) and informed him that an unusual object was clearly visible in the south-southeastern sky and inquired his opinion as to its identity.

2. Source stated that on stepping outside his house, he immediately observed a brilliant glow in the sky, in a south-southeasterly direction, and at an angle of approximately 75 degrees from the horizon.

3. The night was cold, dry, and with very gusty winds. There was no moon, but many stars were visible, despite scattered clouds.

4. Source, who wore spectacles during the interview, observed the object through a pair of binoculars (power unknown) but could detect no sharp outlines. He stated that the object seemed to have no shape at all, but later decided that the trailing edge was very slightly more convex than the leading edge.

5. The object was red, but later appeared to turn to white. This change in color continued during the periods of his observations. The object itself would disappear at varied intervals, and then reappear. During the intervals of disappearance, Source stated the sheen of it was visible through the clouds.

6. Source declined to estimate the size of the object, stating frankly that he could not do so. He stated that the best description he could give of it was that it was similar to a brilliant light, and that it seemed to pulsate intermittently.

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7. Source did not see the object move, although at one time after he had returned inside the house, the object seemed to have moved to the right, or to the south.

8. No sounds were heard at any time.

9. Source would not theorize as to the possible identity of the object, but he was certain it was not a planet. He apologized for not being able to describe it more accurately or completely.

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I. SOURCE: Karl A. Clark, T/Sgt, USAF

Address: 4773rd GOC Squadron, Kalispell, Montana

Age: Approximately 30

Duties: GOC NCOIC, Kalispell, Montana

Education: High School

Length of Service: Eleven months with GOC

II. RELIABILITY: Source, a very pleasant, affable and conscientious non-commissioned officer, was friendly and eager to be of any assistance he could offer. He impressed the investigators as being a man of excellent common sense and above average intelligence. He was very serious and concerned about the object sighted, and self-conscious about his inability to explain it. Source is considered to be usually reliable.

### III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTINGS:

1. Source was notified at approximately 040530Z Sep 56 (2230 hours MST 3 Sep 56) that a brilliant object had been reported south-southeast of Kalispell; he viewed it from the back porch of the local GOC Post Supervisor (Refer to Parts One and Two, this report) until approximately 041200Z Sep 56, a time span of seven and one quarter hours.

2. Source, observing through low-powered binoculars, described it as a brilliant light operated with a rheostat; it would increase in brilliance until full intensity was attained, and would then dim down to a dull glow within three of four seconds.

3. The night was pitch dark but with many stars visible, and the object appeared to be brighter than the background of the sky. There were gusty winds; the night was dry and cold. There were many scattered clouds.

4. Source stated that the object was constantly moving in an erratic manner, and progressing slowly in a southwesterly direction. He estimated it to be approximately 35 degrees from the horizon, and that the object seemed to be dodging in and out of a misty cloud which appeared below it. At times, the object was completely hidden by this misty cloud. At times, the object appeared fuzzy and blurred, and at other times was clearly outlined. (Refer to Incl 1 for memory sketch by Source). In his own words, Source stated that it looked to him like "Half grapefruit with Oldsmobile rocket emblem behind it so that the point of the rocket was ahead of the grapefruit, and the tail fins to the rear of the grapefruit."

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5. Source estimated the size of the object to be comparable to a dime held at arm's length. The colors varied from red to green to white. No sound was noted at any time.

6. At approximately 041300Z Sep 56, Source was a passenger in an L-20 type aircraft which flew a circle of about 200 miles in the area. Nothing unusual was observed during the flight.

7. Source stated that he had never previously observed anything similar to this object, and has no theory as to its identity.

1 Incl:

Source's memory sketch of object.

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I. SOURCE: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, SSgt, USAF

Age: 22

Length of Service: With GOC for 23 months

Education: High School

Tech School: Ground Radio Operator

Station: GOC, Helena, Montana (EKHB 5936)

II. RELIABILITY: Source was on a three-day pass from his duty station in Helena, Montana, visiting with the NCOIC of the GOC in Kalispell, Montana when he observed this object. He was completely cooperative and anxious to be of any assistance he could render. Source was convinced that he had seen something unusual, but was self-conscious about being involved, and inquired several times if the investigators thought he was "nuts". He appeared to be somewhat shy about answering questions, but was positive and definite when he did answer. Source is considered to be usually reliable.

### III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. Source first observed an unusually brilliant object in the southeastern sky at approximately 041100Z Sep 56 (0400 hours, MST 4 Sep 56) in the vicinity of Kalispell, Montana. He continued to observe it for an hour and a half, until it disappeared around dawn, when it seemed to rapidly descend.

2. The night was pitch dark but with many stars visible, and the winds were very gusty. The weather was dry and cold.

3. Source stated that the object glowed with a brilliant radiance, which seemed to pulsate at irregular intervals. He described its color as being a bright golden hue, and that it appeared to have a sharp clear outline except for a fuzzy and hazy tail. He compared its brightness to that of an automobile headlight approximately one block away.

4. Source stated the object appeared to be something metallic, and said it was comparable in size to a basketball held at arms length.

5. Source was certain that there was no cloud connected with this object. He never observed any unusual clouds in the vicinity of the object, nor did he observe the object disappearing and reappearing among clouds.

6. Source estimated the object was at an angle of 15 degrees from the horizon when he first sighted it. When it disappeared at dawn, it appeared to Source to have descended to an angle of approximately 30 degrees from the horizon.

7. Source stated that he had never previously observed anything like this, and had no theory as to its identity.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:**

1. A check with the weather forecaster at Malmstrom AFB, Montana (EKJC 4931), revealed the following information about conditions at Kalispell:

Wind at 030900Z 3 Sep 56:

| <u>Altitude</u> | <u>Direction (Degrees)</u> | <u>Velocity (Knots)</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5,000           | 350                        | 10                      |
| 10,000          | 330                        | 20                      |
| 16,000          | 320                        | 25                      |
| 20,000          | 320                        | 25                      |
| 25,000          | 300                        | 75                      |

**Ceiling and Cloud Cover:**

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 030600Z Sep 56 | 6,000 feet, scattered         |
| 030900Z Sep 56 | 25,000 feet, scattered cirrus |

**Visibility:**

Kalispell: 10-15 miles throughout the night  
Surrounding stations: 30-50 miles throughout the night

Three-hour reports at 030600Z Sep 56 and 030900Z indicated the appearance of Northern Lights at the following stations:

Geiger AFB (EKEC 2337)  
Ephrata Airport, Washington (EKAC 3013)  
Butte, Montana (EKHB 2900)  
Havre, Montana (EKLD 2033)  
Livingston, Montana (EKKA 2640)  
Mullan, Idaho (EKEC 1328)

2. F36D type aircraft scrambled from both Malmstrom AFB and Geiger AFB reported no radar or visual contact with the object.

3. Reference material available to this flight indicates that the planet Mars is closer to the earth than it has been since 1924, and will in consequence be of highest brilliancy.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was caused by the planet Mars for the following reasons:

a. On 7 September 1956, the planet Mars will be closer to the earth than it has since 1924; it is particularly brilliant in the evening sky even now.

b. Sunset at 040203Z Sep 56 (1903 hours MST 3 Sep 56); sunrise at 040247Z Sep 56 (0547 hours MST 4 Sep 56). These hours are consonant with the sightings of the object.

c. The position of the planet Mars is consistent with that reported in the sightings.

d. Although all Sources reported the object as having appreciably larger size than other stars or planets, I believe this general impression to be exaggerated, possibly induced by their excitement and eagerness to be of service to the GOC.

e. Prolonged observation of any star or planet through a pair of hand-held binoculars will give the impression of erratic movement.

f. All Sources had thoroughly discussed the object among themselves prior to being interviewed and had completely compared their impressions and opinions; these impressions, although differing in minor aspects, are basically the same.

g. It is significant and indicative of the power of observation of Source [redacted] that he reported the wind as being from the east; this is not consistent with the report from the weather forecaster at Malmstrom AFB.

h. No other hypothesis of UFOB's meets identification criteria.

PATRICK O. SHERE  
Capt USAF  
Officer in Charge

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COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

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September 3, 1956. -Montana.- An unexplained UFO, described by separate witnesses as a shining triangle and an orange ball hovered in the sky near Kalispell, Montana. It finally disappeared in a westerly direction.

Air Force and civilian officials viewed the object and were not able to explain it away as a natural phenomenon.

It was first sighted at 10 p.m. and disappeared at 5:30 a.m..

At times during the night the object became brighter and dimmer. Once in a while it faded out of sight entirely always to return into view.

At no time was the object picked up on radar.

Case 209, Kalispell, Mont., Sept. 3 and 4, 1956—A UP report told of a "shining triangle" surrounded by a yellow glow which hovered in the sky throughout the night. It disappeared westward early Tuesday. Said the report, five jet interceptors from Malmstrom AFB were scrambled in an attempt to sight the object, but were thwarted by low clouds. Air Force and civilian officials viewed the object, but were unable to explain it away as a natural phenomenon.<sup>13</sup>

Ed: Mars is suspected, but certainly the AF and at least one of the civilian officials should be able to recognize Mars, and jets do not scramble to chase a planet 35 million miles away. According to the Great Falls Tribune, which contradicts the UP accounts, the object was seen in the sky southwest of Kalispell . . . then it faded into the east when the sun came up."

**1956, Sept. 4-Montana-A triangle-shaped UFO & an orange Ball-of-Light seen by hundreds. AF Jets couldn't locate them or get them on Radar... (Monitered off Radio)**