

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 August 1957		2. LOCATION Arlington, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2313 EDT GMT 02/0413Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilians			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING An orange colored object was seen flashing across the sky. It was the size of a pea or pinhead at arms length. Traveling not less than 2000 mph.				11. COMMENTS Supplementary investigation by 1006 AISS indicates the object was probably a jet aircraft with after burner in operation.	

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UNCLAS FROM AFCIN 33849 ATTN: AFCIN 4C1 WPAFB

UFOB. SGT [REDACTED], ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE, ARLINGTON COUNTY

VIRGINIA REPORTED FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS FURNISHED HIM BY

TELEPHONE: MR. [REDACTED] LEE HIGHWAY, ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

SIGHTED LARGE ROUND OBJECT, ALL LIGHT UP OVER ROSSLYN, ARLINGTON

COUNTY VIRGINIA AT 2313 HOURS, EDST, 1 AUGUST 57 OBJECT ESTIMATED

40,000 FEET ALTITUDE AND SPEED OF 1500 TO 2000 M.P.H. WEATHER

CLEAR AT TIME OF SIGHTING. ANDREWS AFB WEATHER FORCASTER REPORTED

15 MI VISABILITY WITH LIGHT SURFACE WINDS NNE AT 5 TO 7 KNOTS.

HAZE AT 7,000 FT. AND THIN CIRRUS CLOUDS ABOVE 20,000 FT.

This is inconsistent:
How can one see an
object clearly at 40,000 ft
at night - when there
is a haze in between
at 7000 ft?

2313 -

Even professional
tech people cannot properly
estimate speeds like
this

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Note
New O.S. WX
Schedule show
balloons released
promptly at 2900Z
- as part of uniformity
both for

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OBJECT ALSO OBSERVED BY MR. [REDACTED] SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

SGT. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFO RELATIVE TO

SIGHTING.

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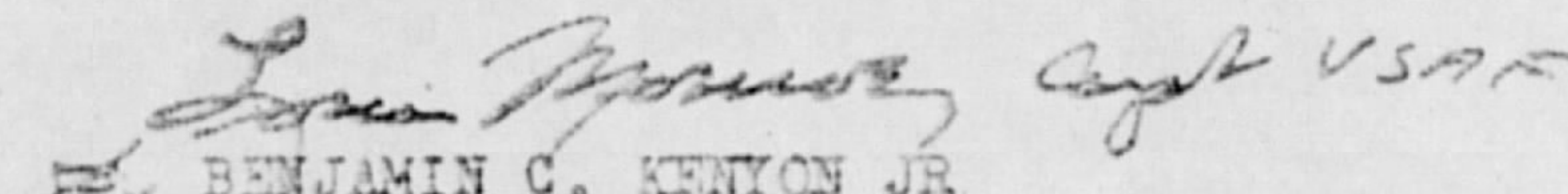
Possibly with
balloon - exception
went to 40,000 ft
at 2313Z
7000 ft
in det.

IGY program and
consistency of
U.S. + military
weather records

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AREA REPORT CONCERNS ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, USA		DATE OF REPORT 5 August 1957
AGENCY OF ORIGIN Detachment 10 1006th Air Intel Serv Sq		SOURCE OF INFORMATION 1 August 1957
SOURCE OF INFORMATION [REDACTED] and others		EVALUATION
PREPARING OFFICER LOUIS MONROE, Captain, USAF		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT Msg 1006th AISOP 051 02/1610Z Aug 57, Telephone Conversation AISOP 1 Aug 57		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Also significant supporting data. See instructions on back of form. AF Form 112a.)		
I. CONTENTS: PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED] PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts PART FIVE: Comments of the Preparing Officer II. SUMMARY: Sources stated they observed a bright object in the sky traveling from south to north for approximately ninety (90) seconds. The object was described as traveling 1500 to 2000 miles per hour by two sources, and moving very slowly by one Source. Supplementary investigative efforts indicate the object was possibly a jet aircraft with afterburner in operation. III. INVESTIGATOR: CAPTAIN LOUIS MONROE, AO 1864170		
 BENJAMIN C. KENYON JR. Captain, USAF Commander		
Six INCLS. (See Individual Parts)		
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<i>for John W. Meador, Major, USAF</i> JOHN W. MEADOR Colonel, USAF Commander		

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Arlington, Va.

Age: 17

Occupation: Unemployed. Has worked as film processor

Education: Completed 10th grade

Qualifications: No special technical qualifications or training

II. RELIABILITY: During investigative process Source displayed signs of recent alcoholic indulgence. Source indicated that he had an avid interest in the type of occurrence reported and had seen similar objects before. Source appeared to be of average intelligence. Answers to questions were given in a positive and unequivocal manner. Source had no technical background or outstanding capabilities to increase the reliability of his observations. In the opinion of the investigator the Source and information should be considered unreliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source stated that at approximately 2315 on 1 Aug 57 he was sitting on the steps of his home when he noticed a round, bright, orange-colored object in the sky.¹ The object was described as the comparative size of the head of a pin or a pea held at arms length. He indicated that the object was traveling from south to north at approximately 60,000 feet and at a speed of not less than 2,000 miles per hour.² Source based this estimate of the speed on observations of jet aircraft flying in the vicinity of his home which he felt were traveling 600 miles per hour. The object was reportedly 45° above the horizon when it was first observed and passed in a straight line across the sky.³ Source stated that he observed the object for approximately 90 seconds losing visual contact when it was obscured by trees. Source indicated he was certain of the period of sighting. He said there were many stars, however the moon was not visible. The weather was described as cool and dry with no wind noticeable. The object was brighter than the background of the sky and did not appear to stand still at any time. During the period of sighting however, the object appeared to pick up speed before he lost sight of it. The object did not break into parts, give off smoke or change shape. The object did not flicker, throb, or pulsate. Source said the object did not move behind or in front of anything during the period observed. The object was observed with the naked eye and appeared to be solid and sharply outlined. Source indicated that he called the attention of his father and mother to the object. Source stated he had no idea what the object was.

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1. Sketch of object prepared by Source
2. Sketch of path of object prepared by Source
3. Sketch of object in relationship to horizon prepared by Source

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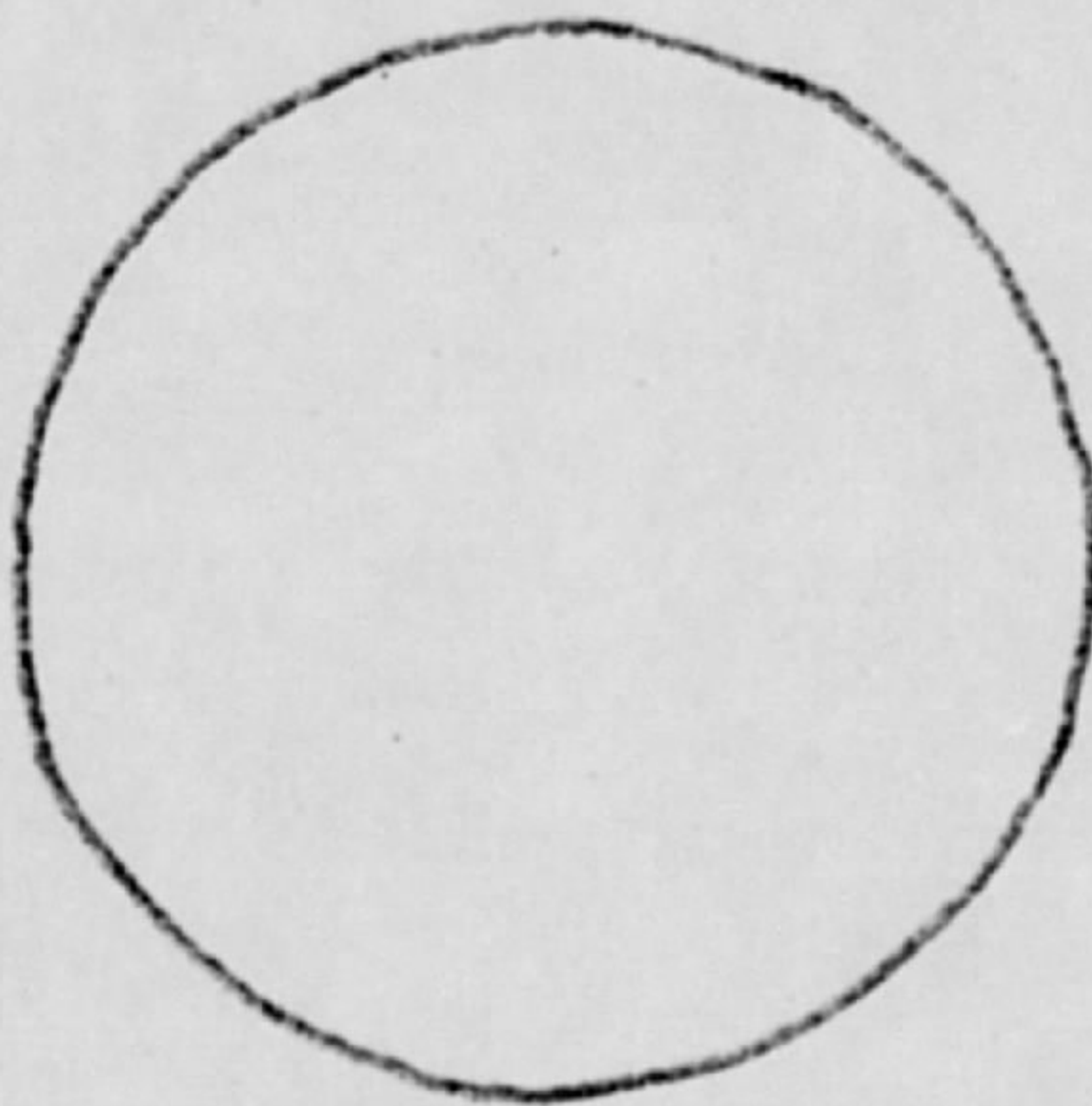
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^ position of observer

Part One, Incl Three-Sketch of object in relationship to horizon prepared
by Source

A. Point where object was first observed.

B. Point where object was last observed.

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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED], Arlington, Va.

Age: 64½

Occupation: Piano Salesman

Education: Completed High School

Qualifications: No special technical qualifications or training

II. RELIABILITY: Source appeared to be in earnest regarding the information submitted. However, his observations were definitely influenced by his son and wife. The behavior of his wife embarrassed him during the interview and he made efforts to restrain her enthusiasm. Source appeared to be of average intelligence. He was co-operative throughout the interview. However, on the basis of evident pressure exerted on the Source prior to and during the interview the Source and the information [REDACTED]

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source stated he was resting outside his home when his wife and son called his attention to an object in the sky. He stated the object was round, approximately the size of a half dollar held at arms length, and a light reddish color.¹ He indicated when he noted the object it was traveling north at 1500 miles per hour and estimated the altitude at 50,000 feet.² The object was reportedly 90° above the horizon when it was first observed and moved in a straight line across the sky.³ He said he observed the object for approximately 90 seconds losing visual contact when it was obscured by trees. Source indicated he was certain of the period of the time of sighting. Source indicated there were many stars, however the moon was not visible. The object was described as brighter than the background of the sky and resembled the brightness of automobile headlights several yards away. The object did not appear to stand still at any time, and did not break into parts, give off smoke or change shape. The object did not move behind or in front of anything during the period observed. The weather was described as dry and warm with a slight breeze noticeable. He said it did not flicker, throb or pulsate. The object was observed with the naked eye and appeared to be solid and sharply outlined. Source stated he had no idea what the object was.

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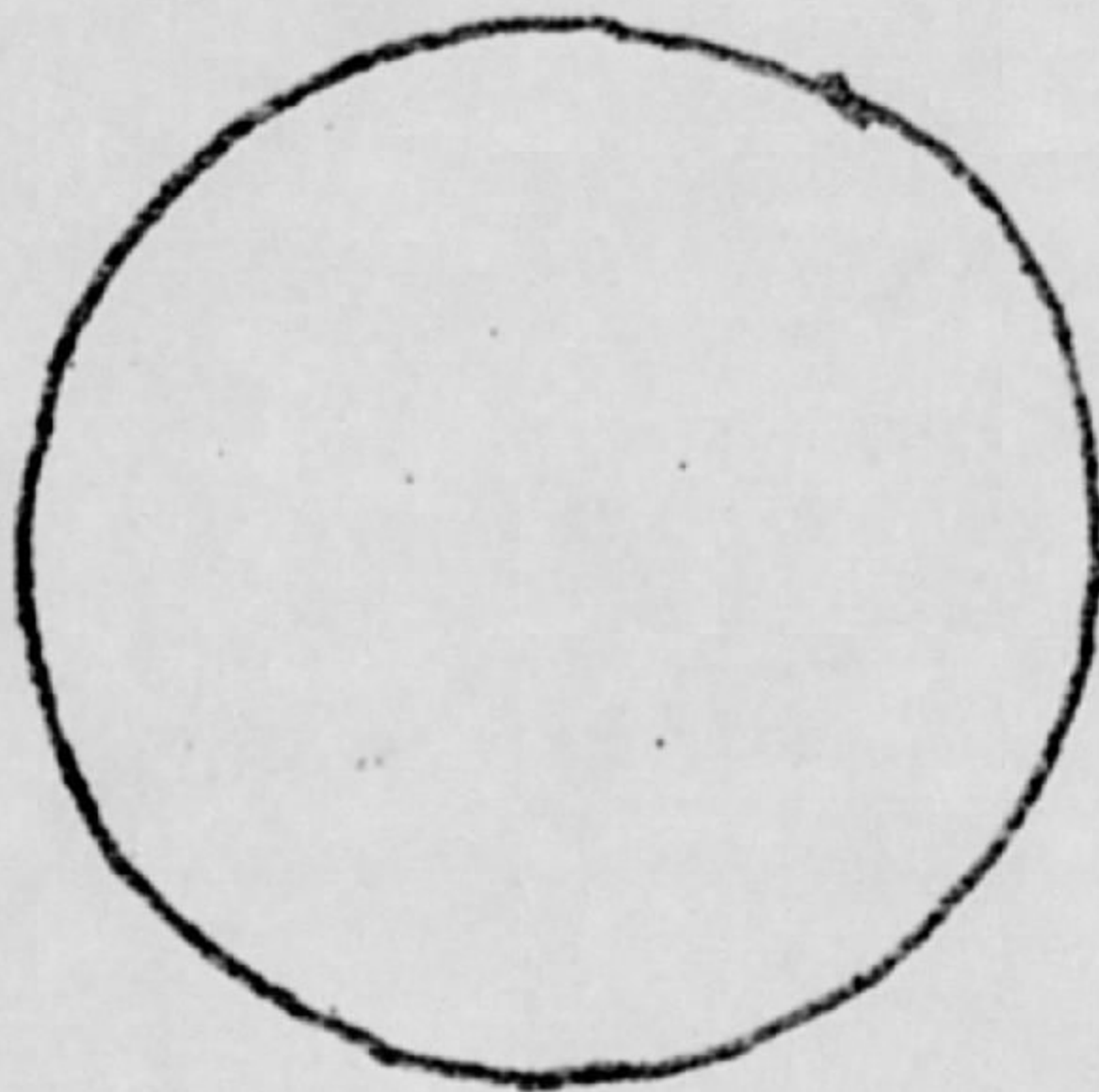
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Sketch of path of object prepared by Source

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X position of observer

Part Two, Incl Three-Sketch of object in relationship to horizon prepared by
Source

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I. SOURCE: Mrs. [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Arlington, Va.

Age: Approximately 60

Occupation: Housewife

Qualifications: No special technical qualifications or training

II. RELIABILITY: The physical and mental state of the Source induced by over indulgence was such as to preclude the possibility of a comprehensive or comprehensible interview. [REDACTED]

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source stated that approximately 2330 she was sitting in the steps of her home when her son called her attention to an object in the sky. The object was described as resembling a bright, round, pink disk with an orange edge. The Source said the object was the approximate size of a lemon held at arms length. She observed the object for approximately 90 seconds before it was obscured by trees. It was described as moving very slowly across the sky in a straight line from south to north. Source could give no further information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check was made with Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C., Flight Operations with negative results.
2. Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., Flight Operations was contacted with negative results.
3. The Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C., Flight Operations was contacted with negative results.
4. Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C., weather service was contacted with negative results.
5. The U.S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D.C., was contacted with negative results.
6. The Virginia State Highway Patrol was contacted. The police officer who accepted the telephone report indicated that Source Part II went to great lengths to assure him that he was sober. The police officer stated the Source did not sound intoxicated.
7. The Olmstead Flight Service Center, Middletown, Pa., was contacted with negative results.
8. The United States Naval Astronomical Observatory, Washington, D.C., was contacted. It was indicated the object did not conform to the normal behavior of astronomical phenomena.
9. Pilots based in the Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C., area were contacted for information regarding appearance and characteristics of jet-aircraft in flight at night.
10. The 647th ACWRON, Manassas Va., was contacted with negative results.
11. Butler Aviation Company, Operations, Washington, D.C., was contacted on information that they were experimenting with airborne lighting equipment. Negative results.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. Investigation conducted with the United States Weather Bureau and Weather Service, Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C., plus the characteristics of the object indicated by the Sources seem to eliminate the possibility that the object was a weather balloon. In addition, the wind conditions during the period of the sighting were such as to obviate the possibility of a balloon being present in the area of the sighting.

2. Information obtained from the United States Naval Astronomical Observatory, Washington, D.C., indicates that no unexplained astronomical phenomenon occurred during the period of sighting. The duration of the sighting was such as to limit the possibility that the object observed by the Sources was a shooting star or meteor. The characteristics of the object as described did not conform favorably to a star or planet hypothesis.

3. On the basis of all the facts considered it does not seem probable that the sighted object was an optical phenomenon.

4. Taking into consideration the unreliability of the Sources, and the obvious difficulty of accurately judging height and speed at night it appears possible that the object was a jet aircraft. Conversations held with jet pilots indicated that a configuration as described by the Sources could be possible if a jet aircraft was flying with its afterburner in operation. Sources' residence is situated approximately 20 feet from a heavily traveled highway. The possibility exists that the sound of the aircraft was not heard because of highway traffic noise.

Louis Monroe
LOUIS MONROE
Captain, USAF

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COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

1. Concur with Preparing Officer that this sighting was possibly caused by an aircraft equipped with afterburner. The apparent unreliability of the Sources precludes a firmer analysis.

2. The wind conditions referred to in paragraph 1, Comments of the Preparing Officer above, were as follows:

Surface - 320 degrees - 3 knots

6,000 - 320 degrees - 17 knots

10,000 - 290 degrees - 17 knots

16,000 - 320 degrees - 16 knots

20,000 - 320 degrees - 22 knots

30,000 - 350 degrees - 55 knots

57,000 - 350 degrees - 12 knots

80,000 - 100 degrees - 23 knots

John O. Taylor, Major, USAF
JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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