

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 October 1958	2. LOCATION Fla., S.C., Ga. area		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 28/2755Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military & Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-3 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE falling	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White ball of fire, about the size of a dime w/orange tail about the length of a lead pencil. Obj appeared to burn out, then reappeared before disappearing completely. Another observer described obj as glowing red, about the size of a basketball w/ a blue streak tail.		11. COMMENTS Description & time duration is of a meteor.	

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UNCLAS INT 7985. FOLLOWING PRELEMINARY INFORMATION
SUBMITTED ON UFO SIGHTING/THIS AREA. OTHER AGENCIES SUBMITTING
REPORT IAW/AFR 200-2:

1. FROM FLIGHT SERVICE JACKSONVILLE FLA. BRIGHT FIREBALL REPORTED
FALLING NW OF CECIL FIELD, JACKSONVILLE FLA. AT 28/1855Z.
2. FROM 702ND ACWRON HUNTER AFB REPORTED FIREBALL FALLING
AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE 15 MINUTES NW OF HUNTER AFB, GA. AT 1800Z
AIRCRAFT INVESTIGATED GENERAL AREA AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF
CONTACT WITH GROUND.
3. PILOT REPORTED FALLING FIREBALL EAST OF COLUMBIA, S.C.

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PERSONS (UNK) IN GA., S.C. AND FLORIDA SAW FIREBALL WITHIN
ONE MINUTE OF EACH OTHER.

4. CAPT. STELLABOTTE IC C-45 AF 10840 ON 190 DEGREE HEADING
OVER BRUNSWICK, GA. SAW FIREBALL OFF LEFT WING. FINAL
DESTINATION MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

5. TWO AIRMAN AT CHARLESTON AFB, S.C. REPORTED FIREBALL EAST
OF CHARLESTON. CHARLESTON AFB INVESTIGATING.

6. PATRICK AFB, FLA. CONTACTED BY 35ADD. NO INFORMATION
AVAILABLE.

7. THIS INFORMATION RELAYED TO DET 10, 1006TH AISS, ANDREW AFB,
MARYLAND, EASTERN NORAD REGION, STEWART AFB, N.Y PY PPONE.

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UNCLAS INT 8689. REFERENCE YOUR MSG AFCIN-4EA 11-2728-E.

FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS IT APPEARED THAT HUNTER AFB GA AND CHARLESTON AFB SC WOULD BE ACTION AGENCIES IAW AFR 200-2 AND AFR 200-2A INASMUCH AS PERSONNEL ON EACH BASE WERE OBSERVERS. THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER EITHER BASE, THEREFORE YOUR MESSAGE WAS QUOTED TO EACH FOR THEIR INFORMATION WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT COMPLIANCE IS UNDERSTOOD.

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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

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MSG, INT 7985 FR 35TH ADIV, DOBBINS AFB, GA, DTG 28/2259Z OCT,

REGARDING UFO SIGHTING. REQUEST YOUR EVALUATION OF SIGHTING.

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UNCLAS/BO 11-5356. SUBJECT: UFO. REFERENCE 32ND AIR DIVISION
MESSAGE, INT 8680. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IAW
PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2.

A. 1. ROUND, 2. SIZE OF DIME, 3. ORANGE BALL OF FIRE, 4.. ONE,
5. N/A, 6. NONE, 7. NO TRAIL OR SMOKE VISIBLE, 1. NO SOUND HEARD,
8. DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT SO FAST NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION COULD BE
MADE.

B. 1. BRIGHT FLASH OF FIRE, 2. OBJECT OBSERVED 30 DEGREES
ELEVATION 10-15 MILES EAST (090 DEGREES) OF HUNTER AFB, DESCENDING
RAPIDLY. 3. OBJECT DISAPPEARED BELOW THE HORIZON DIRECTLY BELOW

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FIRST OBSERVATION, 4. OBJECT DESCENDED STRIGHT DOWN/NONE, 5.
VERY RAPIDLY TO THE EAST, 6. 2-5 SECONDS.

C. 1. GROUND VISUAL, 2. NONE, 3. H-19, NUMBER 53-4424,
700 FEET, 090 DEGREES, 60 KNOTS, HUNTER AFB GA.

D. 1. 1744Z/28 OCT 58, 2. DAY.

E. TOWER LOCATION 81 08W - 32 02 N, HUNTER AFB, GA. AIRCRAFT
LOCATION 81 02W - 32 04N, 6 1/2 NM FROM HUNTEERR A
LOCATION 81 02W - 32 04N, 6 1/2 NM FROM HUNTER AFB, GA.

F. 1. INFORMATION NOT KNOWN. 2. HACK, ERNEST, 1/LT, 804TH OPRON
HELICOPTER PILOT, EXCELLENT RELIABILITY, TURNER, ALVIN D.,
S/SGT, 2025TH AACSRON, TOWER SUPERVISOR, EXCELLENT. AVANT,
ROBERT J., A/3C, 2025TH AACSRON, TOWER CONTROLLER, EXCELLENT.
SHAW, LESTER B., A/2C, 2025TH AACSRON, CONTROLLER, EXCELLENT.
THOMPSON, GERALD R., A/2C, 2025TH AACSRON, TRAFFIC CONTROLLER,
EXCELLENT.

G. 1. 1756Z, WEATHER CLEAR, VISIBILITY 12 MILES. 2. 340 DEGREES/5,
300 DEGREES EGREES/30, 22

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285 DEGREES/75, 270 GREES/80, NONE.

3. CLEAR, 4. 12 MILES, 5. 0, 6. NONE.

H. NONE.

I. HUNTER AFB LOCAL TRAFFIC ADVISED OF SIGHTING AND DISPATCHED

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6D INV 24-0, Dept of the Air Force, HQ USAF, Washington, 5 Nov 58,
Subj: Reported Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object, Charleston,
South Carolina

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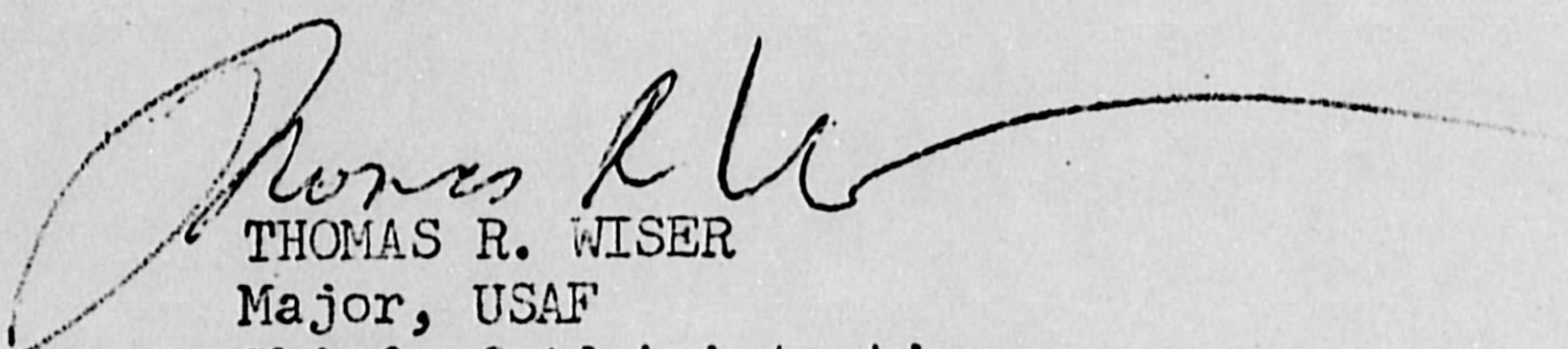
HQ CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE (1608TH AIR BASE GROUP, MATS), Charleston
Air Force Base, South Carolina

TO: Comdr, 1608th ATW, ATTN: WPL

1. Forwarded for information and required action.
2. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL to uphold classification assigned by Detachment 602, 6th OSI District, this base.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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THOMAS R. WISER
Major, USAF
Chief of Administration

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
~~ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA~~
DETACHMENT 602, CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE
SOUTH CAROLINA
5 NOV 1958

FILE NR: 6D INV 24-0

SUBJECT: Reported Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object,
Charleston, South Carolina

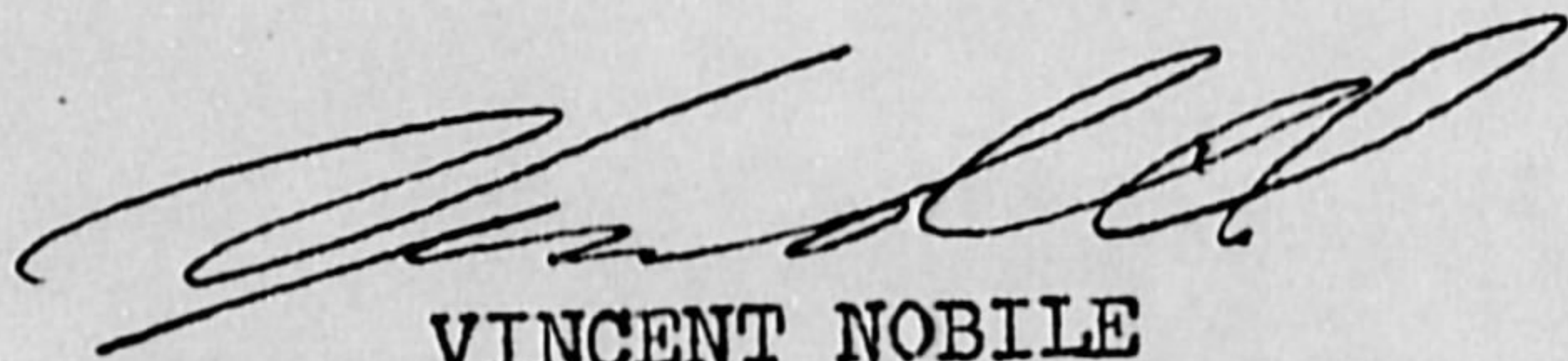
TO: Commander
Charleston Air Force Base
ATTN: 1608th Air Base Group Operations
and Training
Charleston Air Force Base
South Carolina

1. Transmitted herewith is a report from the District Intelligence Office, SIXTH Naval District, U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina, dated 31 October 1958, concerning the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object, on 30 October 1958. This report is submitted for your information, and no action is contemplated by this office.

2. This letter is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ^{B2C} in accordance with paragraph 30, AFR 205-1, to protect official Air Force interest in the recovery of reentered Soviet Sputniks, or their rockets, from unauthorized disclosure.

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DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT
U. S. NAVAL BASE
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

IN REPLY REFER TO

Code: 0010S-6

Serial: 3359

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From: District Intelligence Officer, SIXTH Naval District
To: Office of Special Investigations, Charleston Air Force Base,
Charleston, South Carolina

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, reporting of

Ref.: (a) OPNAV Instruction 3820.9

Encl: (1) Memo to DIO-6ND files dtd 31 Oct 58, Same Subj

1. Enclosure (1), self-explanatory in nature, is forwarded for information in accordance with reference (a).

H. W. Sadler
H. W. SADLER

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MEMORANDUM TO DIO-6ND FILES

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, reporting of

31 October 1958

An unidentified flying object, spherical in shape with long "tail" was sighted at 1746Z on 28 October 1958 by one observer aboard the ARD-12 docked at Pier G, U.S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina. This information was furnished the District Intelligence Office, SIXTH Naval District, 30 October 1958 by telephone and later, by personal interview.

The object was observed by Mr. J. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Charleston, S.C., a shipyard worker, apparently reliable.

The object was first sighted about 30 degrees above the horizon traveling downward at an angle of about 80 degrees with the horizon at a very high rate of speed. The object appeared to be about the size of a basketball, glowing red in color, and had a blue streak "tail" estimated to be 30 feet long. The observer stated that the leading edge of the object appeared to be uniform and smooth while the trailing edge was rough and irregular. Visual contact with the object was maintained only momentarily.

Observer stated he moved from his position forward of amidships to the stern of the vessel when the object disappeared behind ships docked nearby. Observer was not able to regain visual contact with object. The observer estimated the position of unidentified object to be ESE of his position at a range of approximately two miles.

Several other workers with observer noted a multi-engine U.S. Air Force aircraft circling the vicinity of the sighting for about ten minutes after original sighting.

The weather was clear and sunny, the day of the reported sighting, 28 October 1958. The observer stated that the object was very bright although the weather was clear and sunny.

Mr. [REDACTED] also reported that he and his wife had sighted the "missile part" reported to be "tumbling" through space in July 1958 while driving his automobile on a local highway. (This "missile" part is thought to be USSR Satellite reported to re-entering earth's atmosphere.)

The observer, M. [REDACTED], Charleston, S.C. is employed as a leadingman shipfitter at the U.S. Naval Shipyard, Charleston, S.C. and presently working aboard the ARD-12, a floating drydock moored at Pier G., U.S. Naval Base, Charleston, S.C.

The observer does not wish his name connected with this sighting in the event it is made public information.

There was no further evidence concerning this sighting of an unidentified flying object.

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1608TH AIR TRANSPORT WING (H) (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
UNCLASSIFIED
Charleston Air Force Base
South Carolina

WPL

1330 20 NOV 1958

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unidentified Flying Object Report

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

1. Inclosed is report requested by the 32nd Air Division Message INT 8680, and your Message AF CIN-4EA 11-2728-E.

2. This letter is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ to uphold the classification of Inclosure No. 1. **R7C**

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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~~W. HUNTER, JR.~~
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ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT Hq 1608th Air Transport Wing (H) Charleston Air Force Base, S. C.		DATE OF COLLECTION 28 - 29 Oct 58	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL T/Sgt Henry B. Alton NCOIC, Wing Plans/Intelligence Section		DATE OF REPORT 18 Nov 58	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE T/Sgt J. P. Keel, A/1C [REDACTED] A/1C [REDACTED], Civ A-1		EVALUATION	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
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1) BAIR 460 T. 2) No previous reports submitted.			
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) Unidentified Flying Object Report, Charleston, S. C. Area, 28/1755Z Oct 58.			
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)			
1. Coordination of this report has been accomplished by furnishing a copy to the activities listed under Distribution. 2. This report covers observations of a flaming object falling from the sky east of Charleston, South Carolina, at approximately 28/1755 hrs October 1958. 3. This report is classified R7C to uphold the classification assigned to inclosure #2, by Detachment 602, OSI, Charleston Air Force Base, S. C.			
<i>Unclassified</i> R7C APPROVED: <i>J. B. Holley</i> J. B. HOLLEY Major, USAF Intell. Off.			
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1608th Air Transport Wing (H)
Charleston Air Force Base, S. C.

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1. At approximately 1755Z hours, 28 October 1958, T/Sgt J. [redacted] and A/1C [redacted] (both of the 444th FIS) observed a burning object falling quite rapidly from the sky east of Charleston Air Force Base. These airmen stated they were sitting behind Building S-706 (Administrative Building, 444th FIS Area) scanning for a squadron aircraft that was to land on Runway 33, when they first observed what appeared to be a white ball of fire, about the size of a dime, with orange tail, about the length of a standard lead pencil held at arms length. The object was first sighted on an azimuth of 125° and approximate angle of 45°, descending and disappearing on an approximate azimuth of 105° and approximate angle of 10-15°. Object when first seen appeared to burn out then reappeared on the same trajectory briefly before disappearing completely. Total time of observation was 1-3 seconds, no visual aids were used and no aircraft were observed in area at time of sighting.

2. A/1C [redacted], also of the 444th FIS, reported substantially the same information with the following variation: After first observing the object disappear, he never witnessed the secondary appearance, and although he never checked his watch at the time of the sighting, he believes it was between 1800 and 1900Z hours. Airman was in the ramp area of the 444th FIS at the time of observation and approximately 550 feet NE of Building S-706, location of [redacted]. No visual aids were used and total time of sighting was 2-5 seconds.

3. Mr. [redacted], approximate age 30, [redacted] North Charleston, S. C., who is employed as a teamster with the Overnite Transportation Company, Charleston Heights, S. C., reported while he was driving on a small rural road, approximately five miles NW of Harleyville, S. C., he observed what appeared to be a burning jet aircraft falling and it appeared to be going to crash. Mr. [redacted] stated that due to the winding road he could not state definitely what direction he was heading in but felt reasonably sure it was to the east. Subject described object as having the characteristics of a jet aircraft with approximately half of the dark colored fuselage engulfed in flames. He first observed the object to his right, passing in front of his truck and disappearing behind trees to his left, and could give no estimate of the distance involved. Mr. Quick also stated that approximately two hours later he observed smoke rising from a wooded area approximately two miles west of Cross, S. C., and was under the opinion that it would have been in the vicinity of the crashed airplane. Total time of observation was 10-15 seconds. No visual aids were used and no sound was heard.

4. A check with the following organizations revealed the following information:

a. 1608th ATG Operations, Base Operations, CRT Section, 444th FIS Operations, CAFB Control Tower and CAA Traffic Officer: A total of 14 aircraft were airborne in local area, exact positions unknown. No aircrewmen reported unusual sightings and no explanation could be given. The 444th FIS was firing air-to-air rockets 30-50 miles east of Charleston Air Force Base.

b. 792nd ACW Squadron, North Charleston AF Station: No radar [redacted] explanation could be made.

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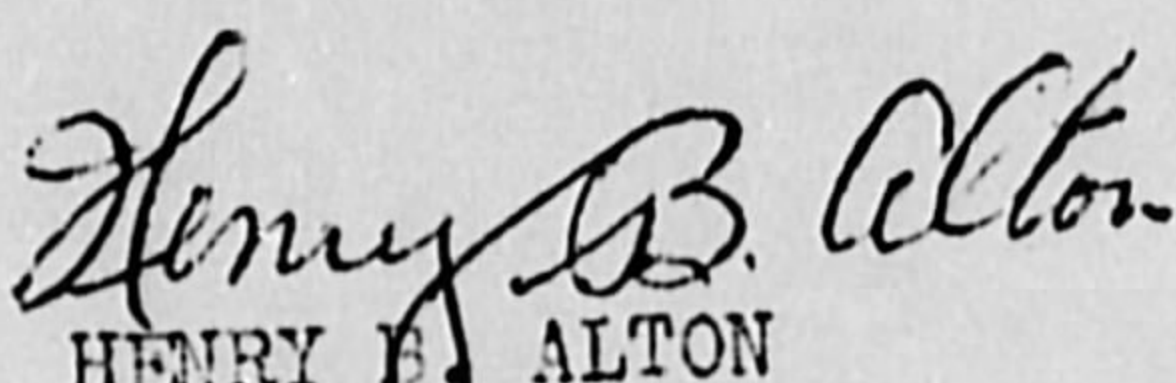
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c. U. S. Weather Bureau and Detachment 52, 9th Weather Group: No explanation for observation. Weather at 28/1700Z was as follows: <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>(1) Winds:</td> <td>Surface</td> <td>270°</td> <td>10 knts</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>6,000</td> <td>300°</td> <td>30 knts</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>10,000</td> <td>290°</td> <td>34 knts</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>16,000</td> <td>290°</td> <td>82 knts</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>20,000</td> <td>280°</td> <td>79 knts</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>30,000</td> <td>280°</td> <td>105 knts</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>50,000</td> <td>280°</td> <td>65 knts</td> </tr> </table> (2) Ceiling: Unlimited. (3) Clouds: None. (4) Visibility: 15+ (5) Thunderstorms: None. d. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Charleston, S. C.: No information of alleged fire or of unusual incident in Cross, S. C. area.  HENRY B. ALTON T/Sgt, USAF NCOIC, Intell. Section			(1) Winds:	Surface	270°	10 knts		6,000	300°	30 knts		10,000	290°	34 knts		16,000	290°	82 knts		20,000	280°	79 knts		30,000	280°	105 knts		50,000	280°	65 knts
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...A fiery object was seen over a four-state area of the southeastern U.S. on Oct. 28th. Data gathered by the CAA indicate it fell into the ocean somewhere east of Jacksonville, Florida.