

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 November 1953		2. LOCATION 8 Mi N of Fairfax, Oklahoma		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 02/0500Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5.6 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four		9. COURSE South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four orange, disc shaped objs, traveling in box formation. Had dim light trail about half length of objs. Objs disappeared over roof top at terrific speed. Direct flight. No changes in speed or direction.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting. Bolide after breaking up.	

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SUBJECT U.F.O.			
AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency) Hq 3575th Plt Tng Wing (Basic) Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma	
DATE OF REPORT 3 December 1958	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 November 1958	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) DONALD R. SHOVER, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE Civilian	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)			
The observer, [REDACTED], states that he saw what appeared to be four orange colored objects in a box formation, headed due south at a terrific rate of speed. He was at this time driving north and viewed them through his front windshield from just above the horizon until they passed out of sight over the top of the windshield directly overhead. Total time of viewing was 5 or 6 seconds. He was unsure of any altitude or size estimate. The observer is not sure that these were actually objects rather than reflection or an illusion. There is no evidence of anyone else seeing the objects, and no reported aircraft or phenomenon in the area at that time that could possibly account of the sighting.			
6 Incls. 1. Ltr, 2854th AB Wg, Tinker AFB, Okla, 6 Nov 58 2. Statement of [REDACTED] 3. Ltr, 796th ACW Sq, Bartlesville AF Station, Okla, 19 Nov 58 4. Ltr, CAA, Tulsa, Okla, 17 Nov 58 5. Ltr, 2048th AACS Sq, Carswell AFB, Tex, 19 Nov 58 6. Ltr, Det 6, 4715th Ground Observer Sq, Joplin, Mo, 24 Nov 58			
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a. Description of the objects.

- (1) Shape: Disc Shape.
- (2) Size: Nickel, although observer was not sure.
- (3) Color: Orange.
- (4) Number: Four.
- (5) Formation: Box Formation. oo
- (6) Discernible features or details: Nothing.
- (7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: A dim light trail about half length of object.
- (8) Sound: No sound heard.
- (9) Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of course of objects.

- (1) First attracted attention of observer: Light approaching from straight ahead on the horizon.
- (2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects first observed: Low on horizon.
- (3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects on disappearance: Lost over top of car looking through windshield.
- (4) Description of flight path: Direct south, no turns or changes in flight path
- (5) How did objects disappear: Instantaneously over roof top.
- (6) How long was object visible: Maximum of 5 or 6 seconds.

c. Manner of observation.

- (1) Ground visual.
- (2) Statement of optical aids: None
- (3) Airborne sighting: N/A

d. Time and date of sighting.

- (1) Zulu time-date group of sighting: 0650, 2 November 1958. 0650-02=0050
- (2) Light conditions: Night, moonlight.

e. Location of observer: 1/2 mile south of west junction of U.S. 60 and State Highway 18. 36 degrees 40 minutes north, 96 degrees 41 minutes west.

f. Identification of Observer: [REDACTED] Age 20, [REDACTED] Oklahoma. Occupation, Clerk. Based on conversation, the observer is apparently reliable.

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g. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings.

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear sky, some moonlight, starlight, no wind, visibility exceptionally good, temperature cool.

(2) Official weather: 0100 Central, 2 Nov 58
Ponca City: Estimated 1200 broken, visibility 15 miles, winds southwest at 6 knots.
Tulsa: High thin scattered cirrus, visibility 15 miles, wind WSW at 8 knots.

Surface 215 degrees at 7 knots SSW
5,000' 360 degrees at 15 knots N
10,000' 350 degrees at 25 knots N
18,000' 360 degrees at 35 knots N
30,000' 360 degrees at 25 knots N
50,000' 280 degrees at 45 knots

(3) Ceiling: Ponca City - estimated 1200 broken
Tulsa - high thin scattered

(4) Visibility: 15 miles.

(5) Amount of cloud cover: High thin cirrus to 1200 broken.

(6) Thunderstorms: None.

h. Unusual activity: None.

i. Interception: N/A.

j. Location, altitude, direction of aircraft flight in area at time of sighting: None reported.

k. DONALD R. SHOVER, 1st Lt, USAF, Assistant Wing Adjutant.

(1) The observer, [REDACTED], is a young man of 20, with apparently average intelligence. His job is that of a general office helper and handyman for Bonham Transfer, Inc., of Shidler, Oklahoma. He answers the telephone, runs errands, and helps out around the garage when needed. [REDACTED] with only two interviews.

(2) The observer stated to this officer that he does not believe the objects were anything but aircraft, but he was extremely curious as to what aircraft was capable of such speed. At the second interview he suggested that the objects might possibly be reflections from new high tension lines across the highway at the approximate position of the sighting, however, as confirmed by this officer, the number of wires and their relative position does not correspond with the box formation he described.

(3) The observer states that he does not drink, and that that day had been very normal. At the time, they were on the way home from a dance, and he was not abnormally tired. He also stated that he passed no other cars at that time that he can remember.

(4) The friend that owned the car he was driving was unable to see the objects, and is at the present time out of the state on pipeline construction. Contact was not felt necessary to establish a confirmation, as he did not see or hear anything.

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(5) After questioning, the observer's account of the sighting seems to be consistant and coherent. He had no idea as to altitude and size of objects, although, his guess was, quote, "A maximum of 25,000 feet", and the size was that of a nickel held at arms length, although at first his estimate was much larger. (6) Although the place of the sighting was viewed in the daytime, there was nothing in the area, on the ground, that might account for the objects. The area is very hilly country, devoid of trees, and mainly consisting of scattered oil well pumps. Near the highway there is only one tower, and it is too small to need lights that might creat the illusion. (7) As can be noted from the inclosures, there is no confirmation on any aircraft in that area at that time. However, this does not preclude the possibility of aircraft that might have been flying locally from a near base, either in or out of their local area, under no specific control. (8) This officer is unable to derive an exact explanation for this incident with any supporting evidence. 1. Physical evidence: None.		

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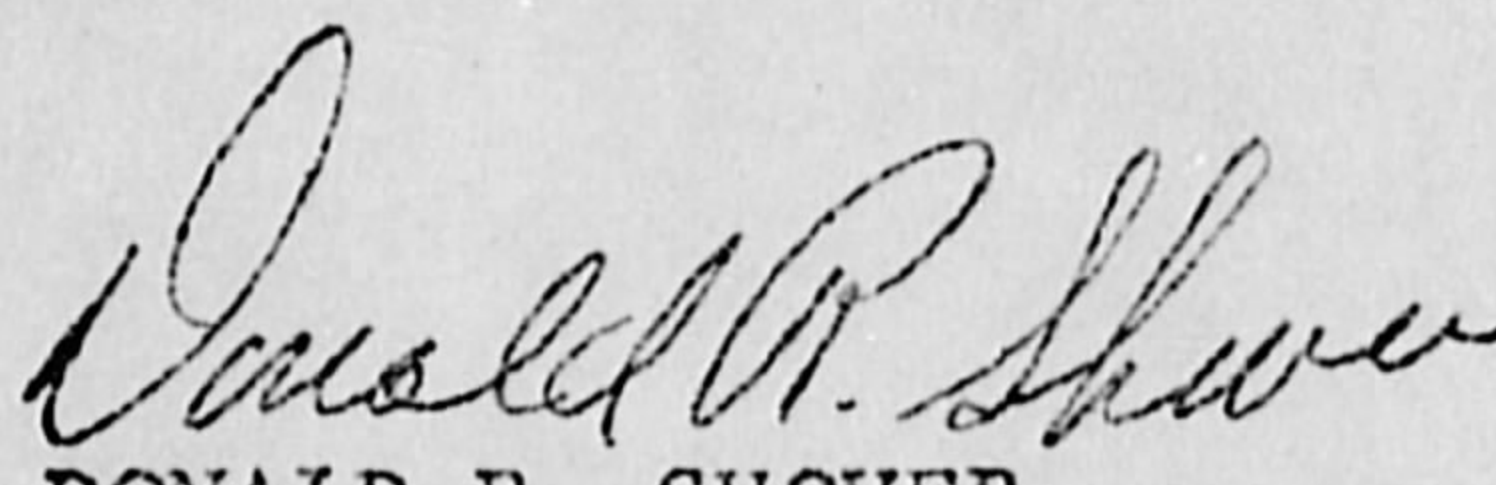
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S T A T E M E N T

While returning from Fairfax, Oklahoma, traveling north on State Highway 18, at 12:50 a.m., CST, 2 November 1958, approximately one half mile south of the State Highway 18 and U. S. Highway 60 Junction, I observed some orange colored objects on the horizon directly ahead. Within a few seconds the objects were easily recognizable to be four in number, the shape of a disc, and traveling at a terrific rate of speed. I turned to my friend and asked him to look at the objects, but by the time he looked, they had disappeared over the roof of the car. He tried to see them out of the rear window, but with no success. We were driving approximately 50 MPH, and although I slowed down, I did not stop. A day later we were discussing the objects, and we commented on the fact that we had heard no noise. . . .


Shidler, Oklahoma

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 1958 at Okla.


DONALD R. SHOVER
1st Lt, USAF
Investigating Officer

HEADQUARTERS
2854TH AIR BASE WING (AMC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

In Reply Refer To:

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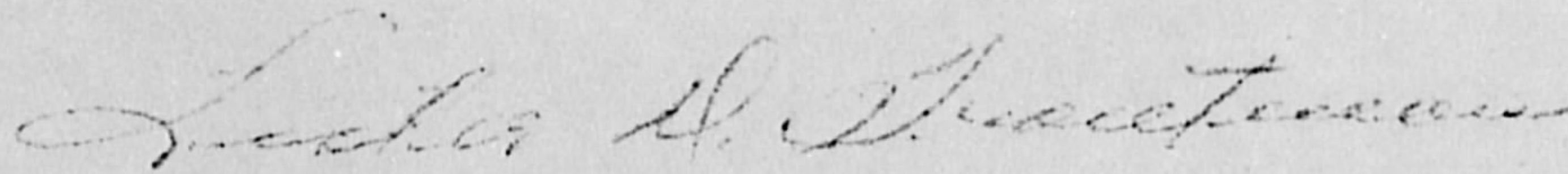
6 November 1958

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

The attached letter containing information of unidentified flying object, is forwarded your office in compliance with paragraph 4b, AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



1 Incl
Ltr from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
3 Nov 58

LESTER D. TROUTMAN
Major, USAF
Chief, Base Security Division
Base Commander

Shidler, Oklahoma
November 3, 1958

Tinker Air Force Base
Midwest City, Oklahoma
Att: Commanding Officer

Dear Sir:

The following report of unidentified flying objects is not a figment of my imagination. I am willing to swear any time that the following is true. Unfortunately although two people were with me at the time of the sighting both were relaxing with their eyes closed. However they will testify that I did yell for them to look, although by the time they got up and were attentive the objects ^{had} disappeared. I am writing this letter in the hope that perhaps someone else in the path of the objects saw them also and can and will confirm this story.

Sunday Morning
On ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ November 2, 1958 at exactly 12:50 A.M. we were driving north about 9 miles North of Fairfax, Oklahoma on state highway 18 with myself driving. I first noticed the objects far ~~away~~ away on the northern horizon directly over a station known as Fields's Corner. There were four bright orange colored objects which appeared to be disc shaped. They were traveling south at a fantastic rate of speed which I could not begin to estimate; although I do not believe it could have possibly been a jet. Had the objects stayed on the course which they were on at the time of the sighting they would have passed over Fairfax, Val. Prague, Just west of Seminole and over Ada. It is possible that these objects were jets from Lowry

AirForce Base but as i stated considering the terrific speed at which the objects were traveling I do not think that is the answer. The old ~~XXXXX~~ story of "weather balloons" will not fit ~~XXXXX~~ either. If you could perhaps supply any explanation to me it would be very much appreciated as I am extremely curious as to ~~XXX~~ What the objects were.

Yours very truly

Oklahoma

P.S. I have never worn glasses nore do I need them now. Also
I am in fine ~~XXXXXXXX~~ physicle shape.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION
AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER
Room 110, Terminal Building
Tulsa Municipal Airport
Tulsa, Oklahoma

November 17, 1958

1st Lt. Donald R. Shover
Assistant Adjutant
3575th Pilot Training Wing
Vance Air Force Base
Enid, Oklahoma

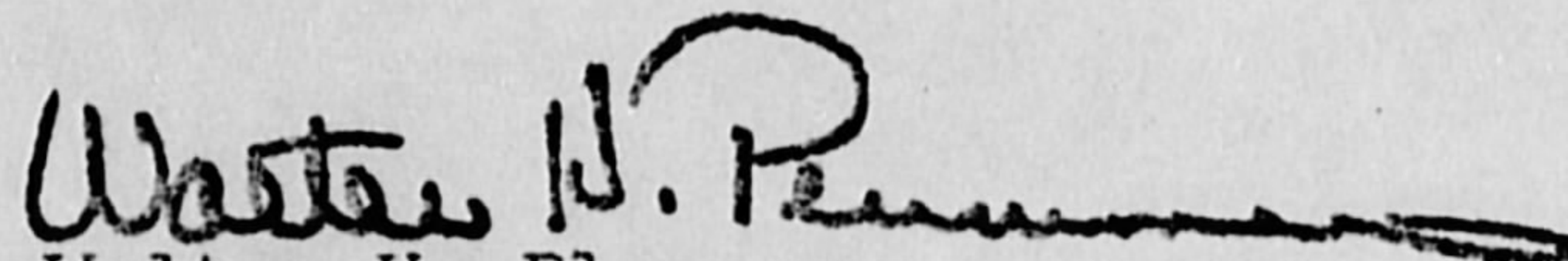
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of inquiry, dated 13 November 1958. A close check of our records for that date indicates that we were not in contact with any aircraft in the general vicinity of Fairfax, Oklahoma at the time that you specified.

Our personnel on duty received no pilot's reports of such sightings. Also, I have heard no general discussion about it at this airport.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to let us know.

Yours truly,


Walter H. Plummer
Chief, Tulsa Tower

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796TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BARTLESVILLE AIR FORCE STATION, OKLAHOMA

DO

19 NOV 1958

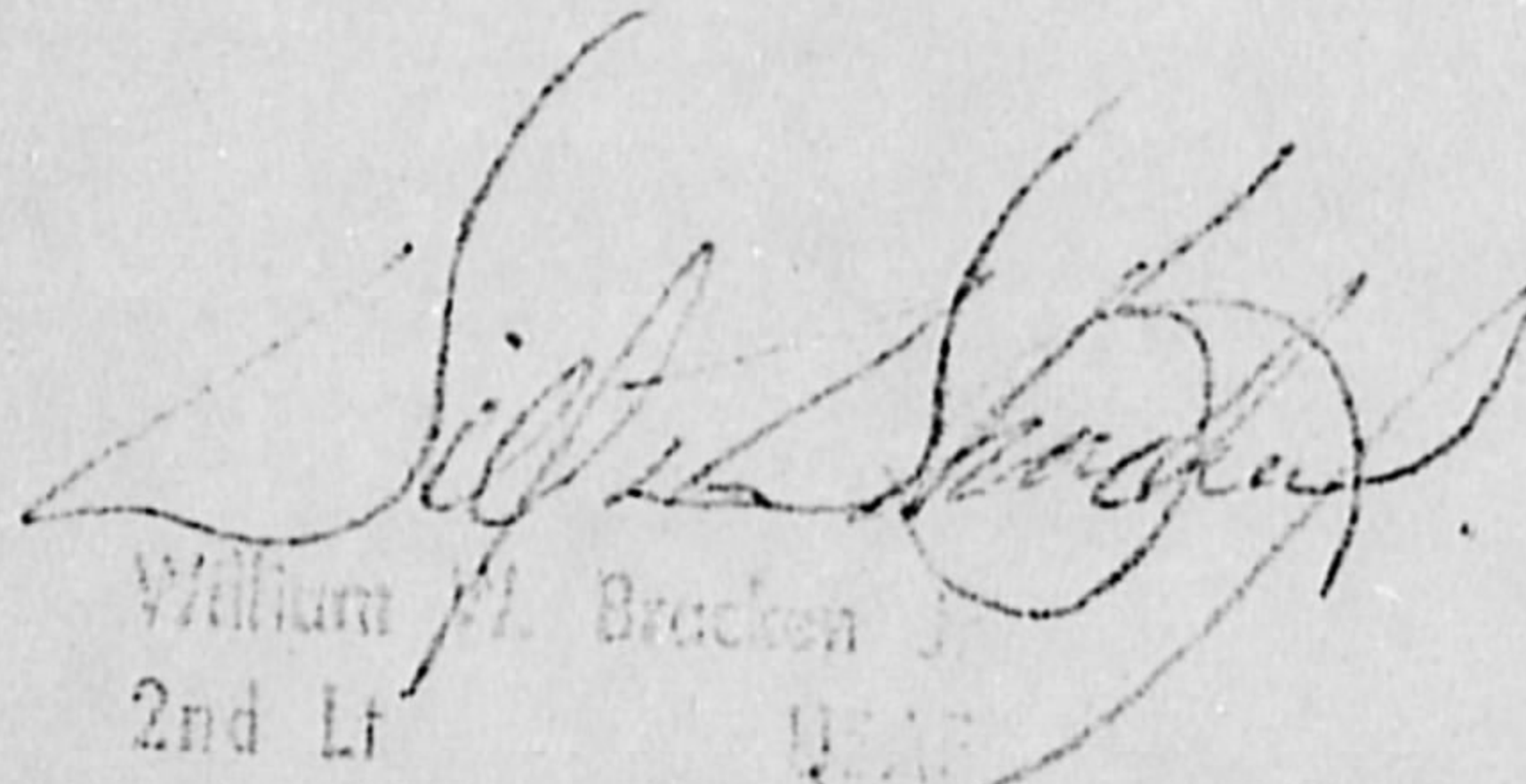
SUBJECT: UFO INVESTIGATION

TO: COMMANDER
5575TH PILOT TRAINING WING (BASIC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

1. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1958, SUBJECT; UFO INVESTIGATION. A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF ALL LOGS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON TRACKS DETECTED BY THIS STATION REVEALS THERE WERE NO TRACKS DETECTED IN THE VICINITY OF FAIRFAX, OKLAHOMA BETWEEN 0630-0730Z ON 2 NOVEMBER 1958.

2. A CHECK WITH ADJACENT RADAR SITES, AT OKLAHOMA CITY AND HUTCHISON, KANSAS, FAILED TO TURN UP ANY INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE.

FOR THE COMMANDER


William H. Bracken
2nd Lt
Administrative Officer

HEADQUARTERS
3575TH PILOT TRAINING WING (BASIC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

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13 November 1958

SUBJECT: UFO Investigation

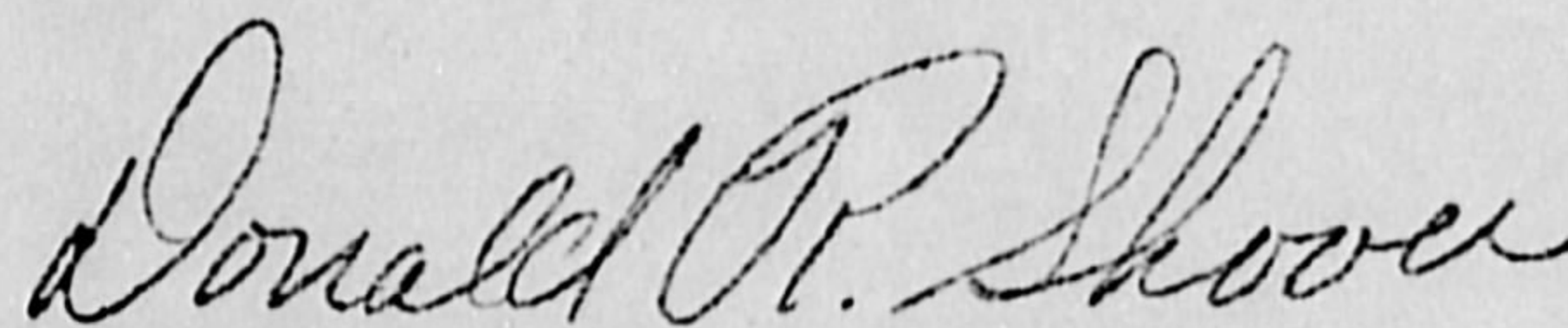
TO: Commander
796th AC&W Squadron
Bartlesville Air Force Station, Oklahoma

1. I am investigating an alleged sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of Fairfax, Oklahoma on the morning of 2 November 1958.

2. The observer states that he saw four orange colored discs in a box formation headed due south, altitude unknown, at a terrific rate of speed. The discs were in sight through his front windshield for about five or six seconds.

3. I would appreciate a possible confirmation of any aircraft under your observation in the vicinity of ten miles directly north of Fairfax, Oklahoma, 0650 Zulu, 2 November 1958, that might be the observer's UFO's. If you have heard or know of any other information on this particular incident, please forward same.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



DONALD R. SHOVER
1st Lt, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

A, 3575th Plt Tng Wg (Bsc), 14 Nov 58, Subj: UFO Investigation

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2048th AACS Squadron, Carswell AF Base, Texas, 19 November 1958

TO: Commander, 3575th Pilot Training Wing (Basic), Vance AF Base,
Oklahoma

A search of our files has failed to produce flight plans on any
aircraft which could be associated with subject incident.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



KENNETH M. MACCAMMOND

Captain, USAF

Asst Chief of Administration

HEADQUARTERS
3575TH PILOT TRAINING WING (BASIC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

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14 November 1958

SUBJECT: UFO Investigation

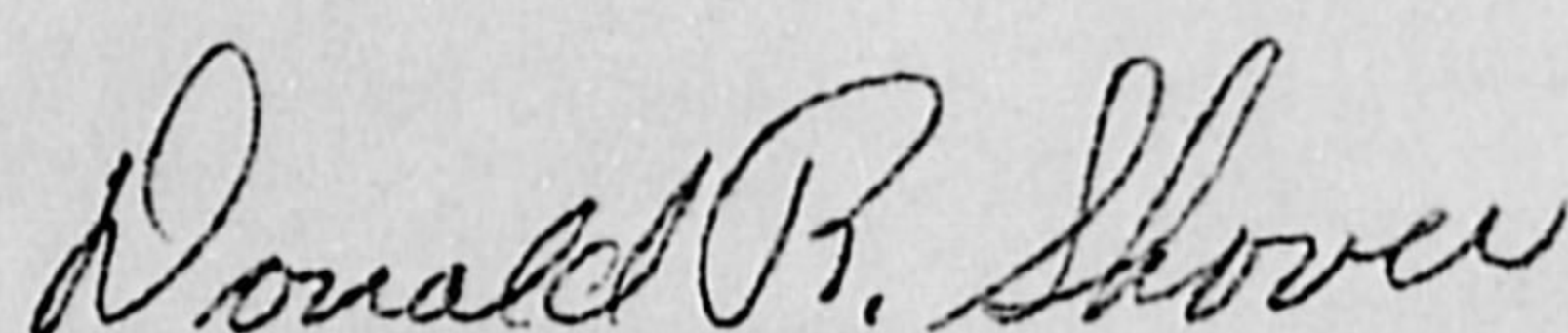
TO: Commander
2048th AACS Squadron
ATTN: Flight Service Center
Carswell Air Force Base
Ft. Worth, Texas

1. I am investigating an alleged sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of Fairfax, Oklahoma on the morning of 2 November 1958.

2. The observer states that he saw four orange colored discs in a box formation headed due south, altitude unknown, at a terrific rate of speed. The discs were in sight through his front windshield for about five or six seconds.

3. I would appreciate a possible confirmation of any aircraft under your control that might have passed in the vicinity of ten miles directly north of Fairfax, Oklahoma, 0650 Zulu, 2 November 1958, that might be the observer's UFO's. If you have heard or know of any other information on this particular incident, please forward same.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



DONALD R. SHOVER
1st Lt, USAF
Investigating Officer

Ltr, Hqs, 3575th Pilot Training WG, (Basic), Vance, Air Force Base,
OKLA, SUBJ: UFO Investigation

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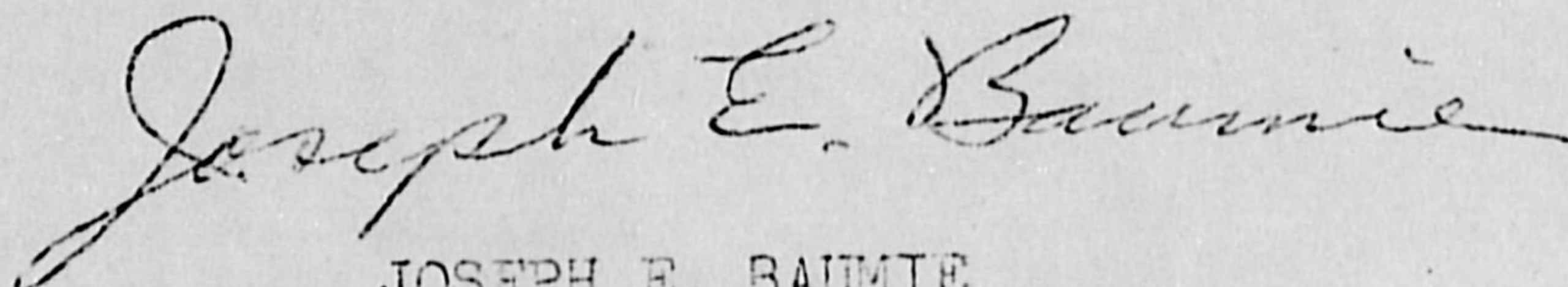
Detachment #6, 4715th Ground Observer Squadron, Joplin Air Defense
Filter Center, Hotel Connor, Joplin, Missouri, 24 November 1958

TO: Commander, 3575th Pilot Training Wing (Basic), Vance Air Force
Base, Oklahoma

1. This detachment has no report on record regarding UFOs
on 2 November 1958.

2. Suggest you contact CAA and local weather bureau for
additional information regarding aircraft and weather status that
date. It is possible these organizations had a report concerning
the UFO or maybe can give a clue as to what the UFO might have
been.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



JOSEPH E. BAUMIE
1STLT, USAF
Administrative Officer

HEADQUARTERS
3575TH PILOT TRAINING WING (BASIC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

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20 November 1958

SUBJECT: UFO Investigation

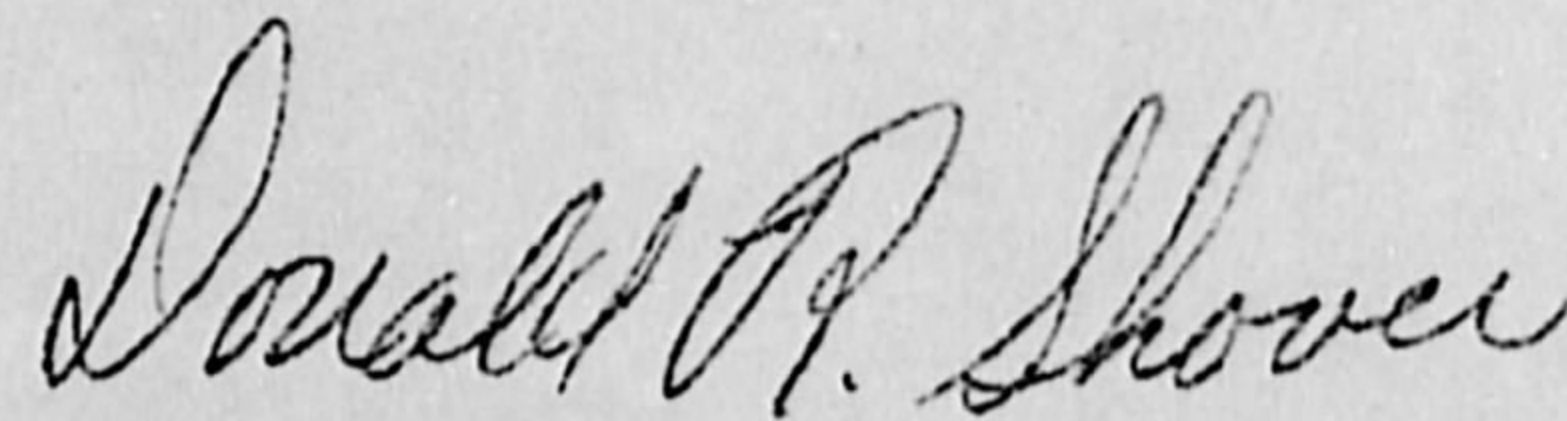
TO: Commander
4768th Ground Observer Squadron
Joplin, Missouri

1. I am investigating an alleged sighting of unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of Fairfax, Oklahoma on the morning of 2 November 1958.

2. The observer states that he saw four orange colored discs in a box formation headed due south, altitude unknown, at a terrific rate of speed. The discs were in sight through his front windshield for about five or six seconds.

3. I would appreciate a possible confirmation of any aircraft or objects under your observation in the vicinity of ten miles directly north of Fairfax, Oklahoma, 0650 Zulu, 2 November 1958, that might be the observer's UFO's. If you have heard or know of any other information on this particular incident, please forward same.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



DONALD R. SHOVER
1st Lt, USAF
Investigating Officer