

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Feb 61	2. LOCATION FT. Washakie, Wyoming		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTO Physical evidence ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	☒ Other <u>Ornament</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING See specimen 7-3745-455 (OBJECT IN PHYSICAL SPECIMEN FILE)		11. COMMENTS This objt was obviously an ornament, but as yet it has not been definitely identified with any particular vehicle. It was definitely determined that this objt in no way consittuted a threat to the security of United States.	

FT WASHAKIE, WYOMING

28 Feb 61

This case includes physical
specimen (Separate folder)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

AFIIS-Cl

MAR 16 1961

SUBJECT:

Letter From Mr. [REDACTED] Regarding a Strange Object Found in His Field

TO:

OOAMA (IG)
Hill AFB Utah

1. The attached correspondence from Mr. [REDACTED] concerning a strange object is forwarded for action which you consider to be appropriate. Request a copy of your reply to Mr. [REDACTED] be furnished this headquarters.
2. A copy of letter of acknowledgment to Mr. [REDACTED] is attached.
3. A copy of this letter, with attachments, is being forwarded to AMC.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

JOHN R. HARDY, Lt Colonel, USAF
Dep Chief, Complaints Division
Asst for Inspection and Safety Services
The [REDACTED] General

2 Atch
1. Ltr Mr. [REDACTED]
28 Feb 61 w/1 atch
2. Cy ltr Hq USAF
16 Mar 61

INFO CY - AMC (IG)

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10:30

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10:25

Feb. 28, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir.

I am enclosing a drawing of a strange object I found in my hay meadow this morning. As I have never seen anything like it and none of my neighbors can not identify it either, I am drawing it to your attention.

This object does not appear dangerous but I do not know what is contained in the heavy or pointed end.

It was apparently dropped from a high altitude as ^{per} marks on frozen ground and bent condition of belt which I straightened a little pulling object into original shape of a cigar and material is very shiny like chrome on a automobile.

Please forgive me if This is just some
silly harmless gadget, and it is only
because it is such a crazy harmless ^{looking} object
that I am motivated to try to find out
what it is.

If you can identify it by the enclosed drawing please let me know what it is.

I would have mailed it to you but I don't know if it is of an explosive nature or not and so will keep it pending your advice.

Very sincerely

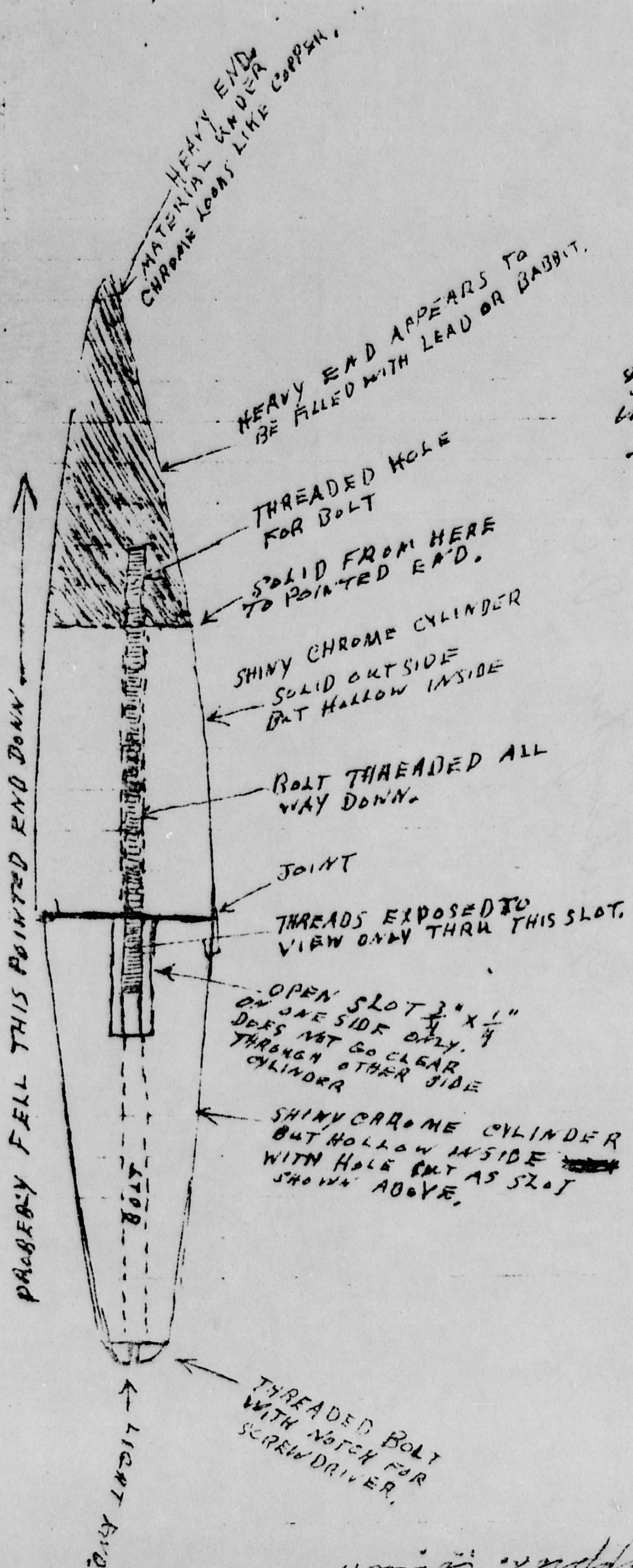
St. Washakie, Wyo.

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Ft. Washakie
Wyoming.



J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I.
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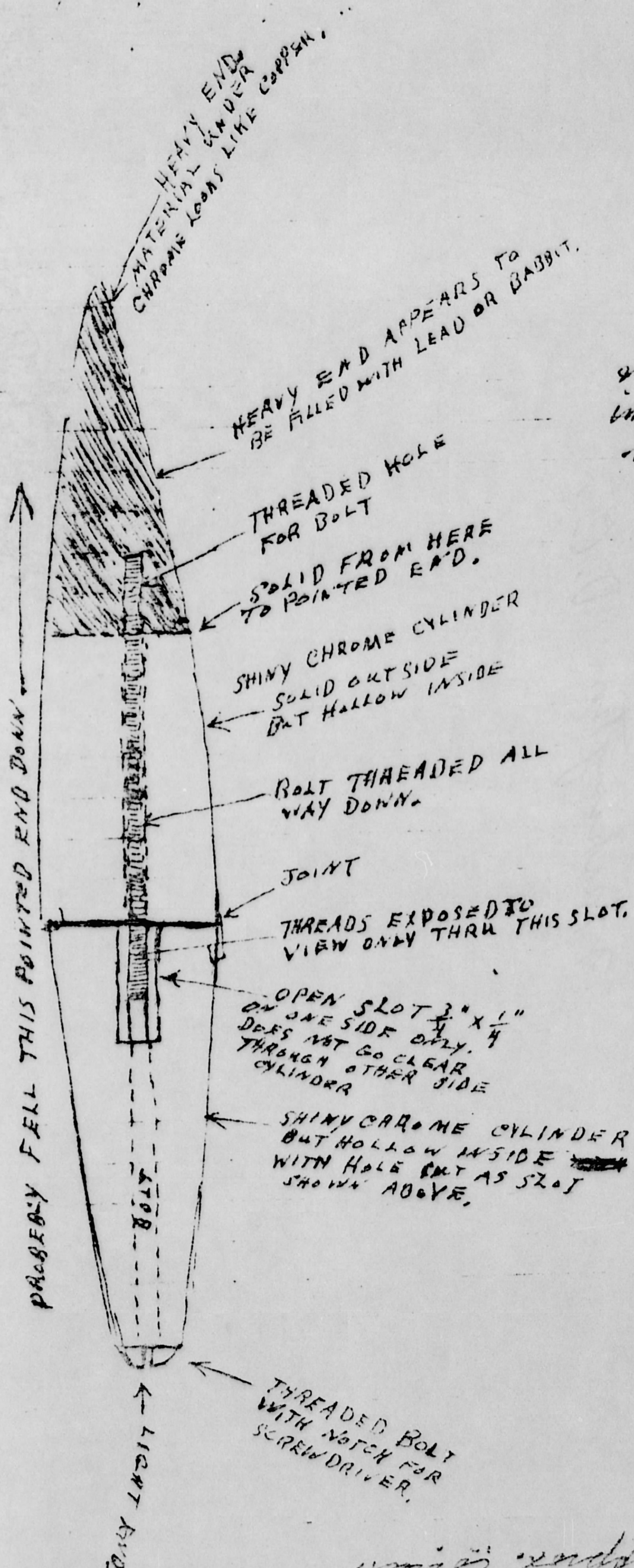
I found this strange object in my hay meadow Feb. 28, 1961.

It apparently fell while ground was frozen hard or it would have imbedded out of sight. Impact had caused bolt to bend when it enters the screw hole in lead or babbet and had jarred the joint open.

I don't believe it has been in the meadow long as I am crossing this particular strip often and would have seen it before if it had been there long as it is very shiny.

Fl. Wankhuk
Wyoming

Drawing is not exact size. The measurements are approx. 6 3/4" long, 3/4" across at widest point or joint. It is shown in drawing which is approx. correct. down and 3/4" across and the object is again shaped. as shown in drawing which is approx. correct.



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J. H. Wankhiser
Wyoming

Bearing is not exact angle. The measurement is approx. 6 3/4" long. 3/4" across at widest part of joint. Down end is 3/8" across and the object is copper shaped. so shown in drawing which is approx. correct.

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

AFIIS-Cl

SUBJECT:

TO:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Ft. Washakie, Wyoming

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

1. Your letter of 28 February 1961, addressed to Mr. Hoover, FBI, concerning a strange object you have found, has been forwarded to the Commander, Ogden Air Materiel Area, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, as a matter within the jurisdiction of his command.
2. In order that you may receive a prompt reply, the Commander has been requested to make direct response to you upon the conclusion of his inquiry into the matter.

Sincerely

Attch 2

Ltr, Hq USAF (AFIIS-C4), 16 Mar 61, Letter From Mr. ██████████
Regarding a Strange Object Found in His Field

1st Ind (OOI)

APR 6 1961

Hq OQAMA, Hill AFB, Utah

TO: AFIC (MCI), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Mr. ██████████ was contacted personally by Major Hutchison, 2705th Airmunitions Wing, on 29 Mar 1961. The object was examined and determined not to be an item of munitions. It contained no explosives. Mr. ██████████ released the object to Major Hutchison and it was returned to OQAMA for further research in identifying it. At this time positive identification has not been made, but it is the consensus of all who have examined it that it is a decorative ornament from either an automobile or a light aircraft.

2. Mr. ██████████ was interested in knowing exactly what the object was and after commending him for reporting the matter, we promised we would write him as soon as we had determined just what the object was. When we have positively identified it, we will advise you as to its origin and will send you a copy of the letter we write to Mr Wilson.

FOR THE COMMANDER

FRANKLIN A. JOSEPH
Lt Colonel, USAF
Inspector General

2 Atch
n/c

Copy to:
✓ Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (AFICIN4E)

Ltr, Hq, Ogden Air Materiel Area (OOI), 11 May 61, Unidentified Object Found in Field.

1st Ind (AFCIN-4E/Major Friend, ATIC, WPAFB O)

TO: Hq, Ogden Air Materiel Area
Hill AFB, Utah

MAY 24 1961

1. ATIC has not as yet been able to definitely identify the object found in Mr. [REDACTED] field; however, it does not in any way constitute a threat to the security of the United States.
2. Our efforts to identify the object will continue and your Headquarters will be advised of future developments in this case.

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

1 Atch
w/d

COORDINATION: AFCIN-4E

Robert J. Friend
Major Robert J. Friend

DATE *24 May '61*

HEADQUARTERS
OGDEN AIR MATERIEL AREA
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UTAH

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11 May 1961

Unidentified Object

Mr [REDACTED]
Ft Washakie, Wyoming

Dear Mr Wilson

1. When Sgt McCloskey visited you on 29 March he promised that he would advise you if we were able to determine the nature of the object that you found. At this time we have been unable to positively identify the object which you found or to determine the manner in which it was deposited in your field. It is our opinion that the object is an ornament either from an automobile or from a light aircraft. It is entirely possible that it may have become detached and fallen from an airplane during flight. It has been positively determined that it is not nor was it designed to be an explosive item and therefore not harmful in this fashion.
2. Thank you very much for your courtesy in drawing the matter to the attention of the Air Force. Certainly in these times of trouble patriotism holds an important place in maintaining our security and democracy.

Sincerely

FRANKLIN A. JOSEPH
Lt Colonel, USAF
Inspector General

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Folder * 1003576

Date: Feb. 28, 1961

Place: Ft. Washakie, Wyo.

This case includes one artifact:

* 341-31-496.