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ATTC NO. _____
AD NO. _____
REPORT NO. _____
DATE OF REPORT _____
TIME OF SIGHTING 2045 est.
SHAPE round
SIZE 2' diameter
COLOR SE
NO. IN GROUP 7-10
DODGE _____
REPRINT (MAGNETIC)
SKETCHES _____

DATE OF INFO 6 July 52
LOCATION Birmingham, Ala.
SOURCE Airmen and others
DATE IN TO ATTC _____
COLOR Dim glow
SPEED 500 600 mph
2000' above horizon
ALTITUDE 4500' angle 15-20°
LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____
TYPE OF OBSERVATION _____
MANEUVERS vertical ascent, level flight

Other (Aircraft)

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Incident #53 -- Birmingham, Alabama -- 6 July 1947

This incident has no obvious astronomical explanation.

The photograph purported to be a part of the report of the incident is not documented. There is no proof in the evidence at hand that it shows the objects described. From the word description alone, which is quite limited, the objects could be explained simply as rockets: "vertical ascent," "travelled in arc." Data is too meager for a definite conclusion, however.

If the photograph is authentic, it would be extremely valuable to know the shutter speed at which it was taken, since from this the angular velocity could be determined.

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Report on Local "Flying Disc"

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2nd Ed

TO: AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, Mitchell Field, New York, 23 July 1947

FROM: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: AC/AS-2

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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R. H. Smith
R. H. Smith

Colonel, CSC

Asst Chief of Staff-Install

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TO: **Consisting of: 1. As. Defense Counsel: Richard Heller, New York**

1. Provided the information of your Hardhat name.
2. If it happens that there is no investigation of this kind, then it is not possible to do so.

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HEADQUARTERS
BIRMINGHAM AIR RESERVE TRAINING DETACHMENT
BIRMINGHAM ARMY AIR FIELD
Birmingham, Alabama

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8 July 1947

SUBJECT: Report on Local "Flying Disc"

TO: Commanding General
Fourteenth Air Force, ADC
Orlando, Florida
Attn: A-2

1. Inclosed herewith is a photograph of the "publicized flying disc," which was reportedly witnessed over Birmingham on the night of Sunday, 6 July 1947.

2. Attention is invited to the two light spots on the print and the light trail following the two discs. The arrow at the top of the photograph indicates the direction of flight. This has been examined by professional photographers in Birmingham and their general opinion is that the two spots shown on the light trail were no flaws in the negative, but instead, an actual photograph of the mysterious disc.

3. The undersigned officer did not personally witness the flight of any disc, however, in view of the numerous reports received from the citizens of Birmingham, it is the general opinion in Birmingham that "something was in the air." Attached hereto as inclosure number two is a statement made by the only military personnel of this organization who personally witnessed the flight of the mysterious disc. For additional information attached as inclosure number three are clippings from one of the local newspapers giving an account of the many persons who reported seeing the many mysterious objects.

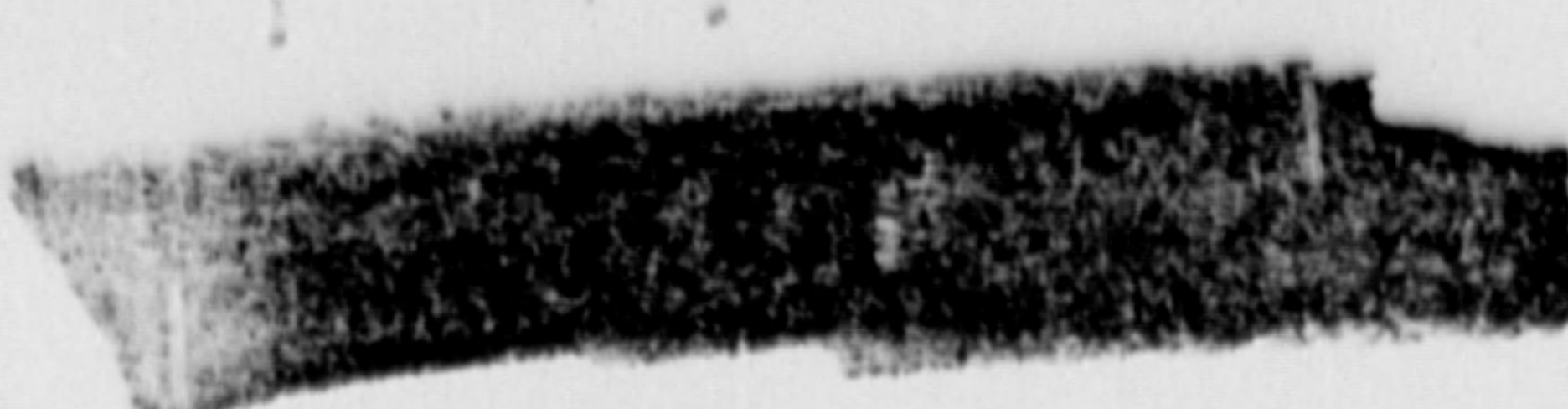
4. The intelligence officer of the Alabama Military District has forwarded a similar report through ground force channels to the Commanding General, Third Army, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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1. Photograph
2. Statement
3. Clippings

JACK C. WHITE
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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MCLAXO-3

SUBJECT: Report on Local "Flying Disc"

TO: Commanding Officer
2537th AF Reserve Training Center
Birmingham Municipal Airport
Birmingham, Alabama

1. Reference is made to your letter, subject as above, dated 8 July 1947 forwarded to this Command, a copy of which is inclosed.

2. Interest has been resumed in this incident and it is requested that as much of the following information as it is possible to obtain be forwarded to this Command, attention: MCLAXO-3:

- a. Name and address of individual who made the photograph.
- b. Name of camera
- c. Focal length of lens
- d. Type of film
- e. Developer as well as temperature and time of development.
- f. Lens opening and shutter speed used.

3. It is further requested that the original negative be obtained and forwarded. This may be returned if desired.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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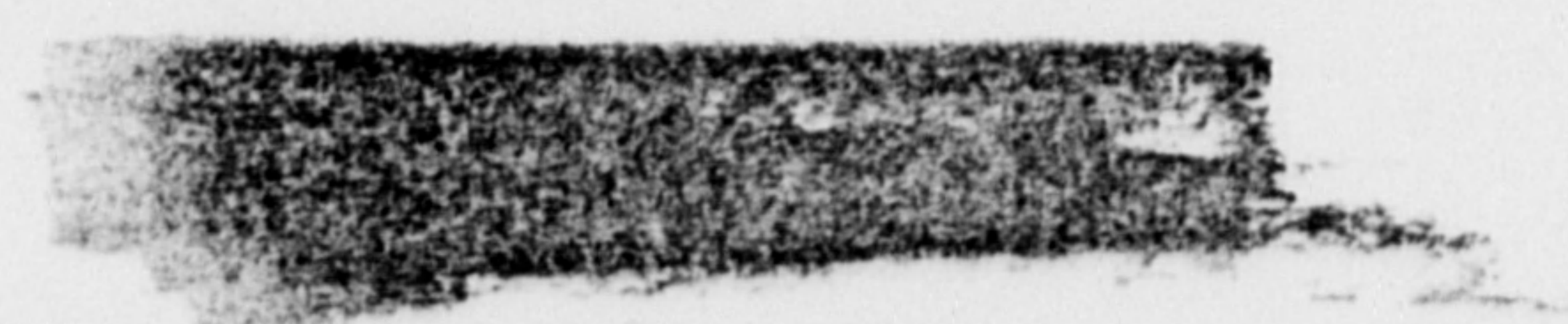
Ltr dtd 8 Jul

R. W. McCoy

Colonel, USAF

Chief, Intelligence Department

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Request for Film of Object Sighted (Birmingham, Ala., Incident #56)

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1. Reference is made to the inclosed letter dated 8 July 1497, subject, "Report on Local Flying Disc", regarding an unidentified object photographed over Birmingham, Alabama.

2. A study by photographic engineers of the negative and the information listed below may reveal valuable information regarding the object:

- a. Name of camera
- b. Type of film used
- c. Developer, as well as time and temperature
- d. Focal length of lens and "F" value used

3. It is requested that action be taken to obtain the original negative and the listed photographic data.

1 Incl
ltr dtd 8 Jul 47 fr
Birmingham AAFld (in Dup)

A. C. LOEDDING
Technical Assistant
Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Incident # 56

1. Date 6 July 47
2. Time 2045 hours
3. Location Birmingham, Alabama
4. Name of observer Staff Sergeant Ira L. Livingston
5. Occupation of observer S/Sgt, w/250 hours as Pilot and Armorer Gunner
6. Address of observer [REDACTED], Birmingham, Ala.
7. Place of observation As above 33° 33' N 86° 52' W
8. Number of objects 7 to 10
9. Distance of object from observer Undetermined
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 2000 ft above horizon at 45° angle
12. Speed 500 to 600 MPH
13. Direction of flight Southeast
14. Tactics vertical ascent - traveled in arc
15. Sound none
16. Size 2 ft in diameter
17. Color N/S
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs ~~xx~~ one photograph
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

At 2045 hours, 6 July 47, Staff Sergeant Livingston's attention was called by a neighbor (a Mr. [REDACTED]) to witness some "flying discs". The objects appeared in the west of Birmingham and were traveling southeast. They appeared to be 2000 above the horizon at a 45° angle at an unestimated distance away. They were approximately 2 ft in diameter, and round. They produced a dim glow of light and were traveling at an estimated speed of 500 to 600 MPH. The object (or objects) appeared to be traveling in a definite arc rather than straight, and as soon as one was out of sight, another would appear behind it but not always in the same path. One seemed to come straight up. The view of its source was obstructed by a nearby house but upon reaching the altitude of approximately 2000 ft it started off in the same direction as the others. Sergeant Livingston says that he did not at any time see more than one object at a time, and tho it could have been one object it was his personal opinion that there were seven to ten objects. The discs were silent and appeared composed of a single light.

[REDACTED]

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

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147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

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3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

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