[redacted]

ATIC NO. [redacted]

AF NO. [redacted]

REPORT NO. [redacted]

DATE OF REPORT [redacted]

TIME OF OBSERVATION [redacted] night

SHAPE: spherical

SIZE: "twice mars"

COURSE: SW to NE

NO. IN GROUP: 1

SOUND: [redacted]

PHOTOS: [redacted] SKETCHES: [redacted]

DATE OF INFO: April 1948

LOCATION: Springfield, Ill

SOURCE: Amateur Astronomer

DATE REC'D AT ATIC: [redacted]

COLOR: yellowish red

SPEED: 10/sec

ALTITUDE: [redacted]

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: [redacted]

TYPE OF OBSERVATION: ground

MANEUVERS: [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]
Vice President & Chief Engineer
[redacted]
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Receipt of your letter, dated 9 June 1949, which has been forwarded this Headquarters is respectfully acknowledged.

Although the information submitted by your letter does not contain sufficient detail to definitely establish the identity of the object sighted, there is a marked similarity between the description submitted and that of celestial phenomena commonly referred to as bolides or fire balls. Further research on this subject at the local Public Library should confirm or deny this hypothesis.

This explanation would not hold true for the second sighting mentioned if as inferred the object was under observation for a period of 5 to 10 minutes.

Your action in reporting this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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29 JUL 1949

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JUL 25 1949

SUBJECT: Correspondence Pertaining to "Flying Saucers"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

The inclosed letters which have been referred to the Chief of Staff are forwarded to you for necessary action.

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July 18, 1949

National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics

From:

To: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, National Military Establishment, National Defense Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: Objects observed traversing night sky

1. The attached letters are forwarded for appropriate action as a matter in which the Air Force has been active.

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Attachments

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Mr. [redacted]
Vice President & Chief Engineer
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Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of June 9 furnishing information to the Government on objects observed traversing the night sky. This Committee has not been involved in the analysis of observations of this type. The United States Air Force has, however, been concerned and active in such analyses and is cognizant of the related defense aspects and we are therefore forwarding your letter to the Chief of Staff, USAF, for appropriate action.

The Committee is appreciative of your interest in the national defense.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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R. G. Robinson
Assistant Director for Research

cc: Chief of Staff, USAF

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National Advisory Committee
for Aeronautics.
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Attention: Mr. J. F. Victory, Secretary

Gentlemen:

The following information is given primarily for the purpose of soliciting a probable answer to observations made over the last year and which the writer trusts will not be interpreted as representing "flying saucers" or similar unidentified observations of foreign origin. The reason for the inquiry arises from the fact that the objects in question have recently been observed by others and in all probability may be accounted for by routine flights of jet planes.

The writer operates a small astronomical observatory which contains a 6-1/2" refractor and suitable equipment for photographic recording. Specifically, a year ago in April while I was observing the night sky an object appeared in the southwest and crossed the sky in a northeasterly direction at a speed of something like 1° per second. The object appeared to be about twice the size of Mars and was yellowish red in color and spherical, though rather fuzzy in appearance. The speed was too great to be followed by the telescope and photographic equipment was not in readiness to record its true motion thru the sky.

It was not meteoric since its motion in general was too slow and it did not have the customary streamer tail which usually accompanies such an object. At that time it was assumed that it might be a jet plane in routine flight. A perusal of the newspapers the next morning made no mention of any record flight by jet planes and the incident was set aside only as a record memory.

Quite recently, however, a friend of mine in company with several other people reported a similar occurrence, this time moving from Northwest to Southeast at a somewhat lesser speed which was estimated such that it crossed the entire sky in something like five to ten minutes. A first-hand description indicated about the same color and size of the object but the two occurrences seemed to warrant our writing some authority closely associated with aviation with the thought of determining the probable nature of these objects and if associated in any way with our own national defense program.

No estimate could be made of linear velocity or altitude since no sound from the object was in evidence which might indicate considerable altitude.

This letter is written with two things in mind; namely, to satisfy a curiosity and to provide proper authorities with information concerning these observations. Because of fairly frequent use of the observatory equipped with photographic recording means, the writer intends to watch for further occurrences and have available photographic records if they would be of any service to interested groups.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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Vice President & Chief Engineer