

PROJECT 10073 RECORD (ID

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ATIC NO. - - - DATE OF INFO 5 Dec 1950
AP NO. - - - LOCATION Oak Ridge, Tenn
REPORT NO. - - - SOURCE Civilians
DATE OF REPORT - - - DATE IN TO ATIC - - -
TIME OF SIGHTING BET 1245 & 1300 COLOR then to gray and non reflective
SHAPE Round, flat SPEED slow
SIZE - - - ALTITUDE 500'
COURSE E then NW LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 60 Sec
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
SOUND - - - MANEUVERS Turned from E to NW
PLOT - - - SKETCHES - - -

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

24-109

11 December 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified flying object was observed over the town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee from 1245 to 1300 hours, 5 December 1950 by two (2) persons.

2. DETAILS: Between 1245 and 1250 hours, 5 December 1950, Mrs. [REDACTED], secretary at the Security Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee while standing on Tennessee Avenue at the west end of the bus platform across from the Post Office, observed an object over the top of the Post Office building, flying in an easterly direction at a slow speed, at a distance of approximately two (2) miles and at an altitude of about 500 feet. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the object was north of her position. In the words of Mrs. [REDACTED], the object was "brilliant metallic, as aluminum or highly burnished metal that reflected the light, shape round, flat or disk like, and appeared to turn slightly to the left or northwest and when turning the appearance changed and the light was no longer reflected by the object and it appeared smaller and dark gray in color, but no change in speed". The object left no definite trail; however, on the edge of the left side of the object a misty "halo" could be seen. The object flew a straight course and no noise could be heard. The total time of observation was about sixty (60) seconds.

At about 1300 hours, Mrs. [REDACTED], Oak Ridge, while in her yard, observed an object described similarly with the one observed by Mrs. Turner with the exception that the object was moving west when she observed it.

On 7 December 1950 Mr. [REDACTED] Meteorological Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee stated that the following weather conditions prevailed at 1300 hours on 5 December 1950: Wind was from the east at 6 mph, the sky was clear, visibility twelve (12) miles, temperature was 46 degrees F.

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On 7 December 1950 Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that no weather balloons were airborne in the Oak Ridge area. Mr. [REDACTED] revealed that no unusual releases of radio active particles were made during the above period.

On 7 December 1950 Major [REDACTED], USAF Defense Area Commander stated that two (2) aircraft were flying in the Oak Ridge area during the above sightings. One was described as an F-82 fighter which is painted black and an aluminum C-45. Both aircraft during this period were in the south end of the Controlled Area of Oak Ridge which is about fourteen (14) miles south of the two (2) observer's positions. Major [REDACTED] also stated that no unusual sightings were reported by the AF Radar Station at McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee.

3. ACTION: Will not take any further investigative action, but will maintain contact with NEPA officials and U. S. Air Force Radar Stations at McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee and will report any further occurrences.

cc: Hq. AMC
ATTN: MCIS

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PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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