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Five persons on cabin cruiser in Hingham harbor observed object which looked like a star move across the sky in a straight line.

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19 Jul 52  
Hingham, Mass.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):  
Sighting of Unconventional aircraft,  
Hingham, Mass., 2148 hours, 19 Jul 52

TO: Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

Mr. [REDACTED], Wellesley, Mass., advised on 1 August 1952 that he had observed an unusual object in flight over Hingham, Mass., on the night of 19 July 1952. Object was star-like in appearance and of the same color. Object travelled in a southeasterly direction and was under observation for approximately six (6) minutes by SPBAR and one other witness. No physical evidence or photographs available. No interception action taken.

DETAILS:

1. On 1 August 1952, Mr. R. [REDACTED] Spear & Staff, Inc., Beacon Park, Mass., forwarded a letter to Detachment "B", 1st District OSI, 1 Court Street, Boston, Mass., indicating that on the night of 19 July 1952 he had observed an unusual object in the sky travelling over the township of Hingham, Mass. Examination of signed letter and interview of SPBAR on 5 August 1952, disclosed the following information relative to the sighting:

a. Description of Object: Star-like light of a magnitude between the stars of the Great Dipper and Polaris. ~~White in color~~ and emitting no sound, exhaust, or vapor trail. Object travelled in a straight course at an estimated speed of 180 to 250 miles per hour. Altitude is estimated at between 30,000 to 40,000 feet.

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b. Time of Sighting: Object was first observed at 2143 hours, 19 July 1952, and remained in view for approximately six (6) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation: The star-like object was first observed with the naked eye and further examined with a pair of Japanese binoculars with a strength of 7 power and a field of 50.

d. Location of Observer: At the time of sighting, observer was on board a 54 foot cabin cruiser,                     , which lay at anchor approximately 100 feet away from the Harbor Master's Buoy, located between Langley and Saller Islands in Hingham Harbor, Hingham, Mass. The observer was sitting in the aft cockpit of the cruiser looking at the northern skies. The object was first sighted a little above and to the right of the easterly side of the Great Dipper and about one-third of the way up to Polaris. The light travelled across the sky in a southwesterly direction on a straight course and disappeared into the southwest approximately six (6) minutes later. The object is believed to have been approximately ten (10) miles to the east of the observer's position and at an altitude of between 30,000 to 40,000 feet.

e. Identifying Data on Observer: The observer, Mr.                     , advised that there were five (5) persons on board the cruiser whose attention was called to this object. These included                     , his wife and son and the cruiser owner, Mr.                      of Newton, Mass., and his wife. It was disclosed through interview of Mr.                      by Special Agent                      on 5 August 1952, that neither he or other members of the party are engaged in or have been engaged in any occupation that would lend credence to their ability to estimate the speed and height of a moving object.

f. Weather Conditions: The cabin cruiser lay anchored in completely calm water at the time of sighting on a cool, clear evening with unlimited visibility.

g. There were no known activities, meteorological or otherwise, that might account for the sighting.

h. Investigation disclosed no physical evidence.

i. No other action was taken by the observer.

2. On the afternoon of 5 August 1952, Mr.                     , Sales Representative, Park Square Building, St. James St., Boston, Mass., was interviewed regarding his observation on the night of 19 July 1952.                      corroborated the statements made by                      and could add no additional information of value to the inquiry.

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ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS, and one (1) information copy for the Commander, Atlantic Division, MATS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

*Robert W. Jones*  
 ROBERT W. JONES  
 Lt Colonel, USAF  
 District Commander

cc: ✓ AG, AM (dup)  
 Cmdr, ATIS-MTS (info)

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## DISPOSITION FORM

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT

(Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book

TO

Chief, Air Technical  
Intelligence Center,  
Wright-Patterson AFB,  
Ohio

FROM

Dept of the AF  
Hq USAF AFOIN-2A2

DATE

18 AUG 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

11 Aug 52 Maj Fournet/71016

1. The inclosed R&R from the Directorate of Special Investigations, IG, Headquarters, USAF is for your information, appropriate action and retention.

2. No action has been taken by this office on this case.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl

R&R fr Dir of Spec Inv, IG  
HQ, USAF dtd 31 Jul 52

WILLIAM W. WILCOX

Colonel, USAF

Chief, Policy and Management Group  
Office, Deputy Director for Estimates  
Directorate of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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| TALLY NO. |        |
| FILE NO.  | 24-185 |

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Documents & Dissemination Branch, Collection Division  
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

DATE

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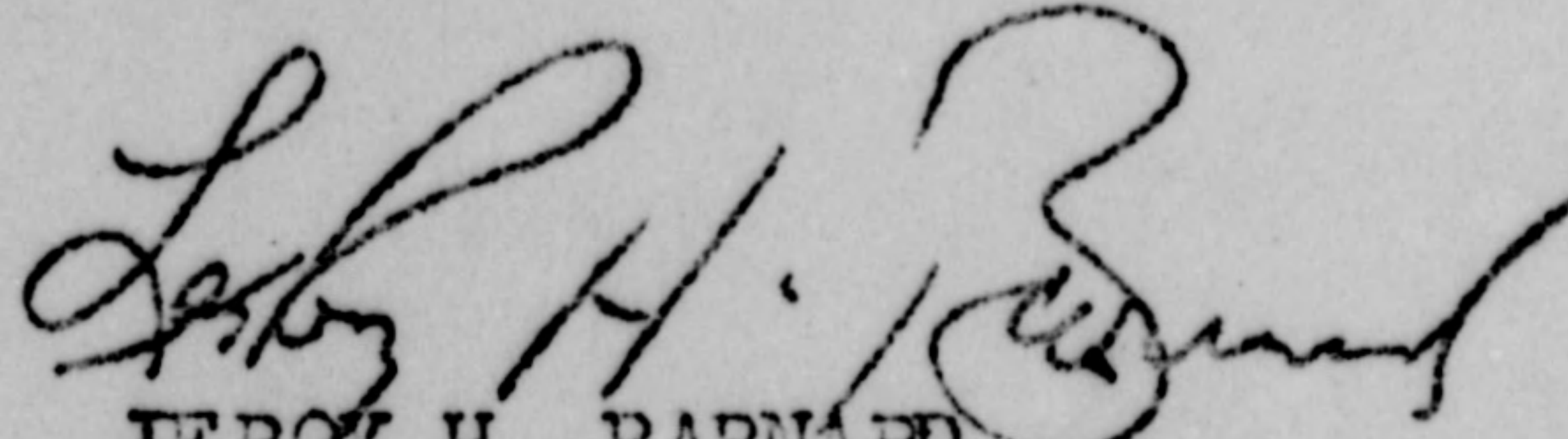
FROM: Counter Intelligence Division  
Directorate of Special Investigations, IGLt Col Free/fjm/AFCSI-6  
Code 192/X-140

1. The following is submitted as a matter of information and as being of primary interest to your office:

On 21 July 1952 Mr. [REDACTED], American Automobile Association, telephonically advised an officer of this Directorate to report the receipt of a telegram from a Mr. [REDACTED] of North Calais, Vermont. According to Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] stated in his telegram: "Have witnesses to observation to flying saucer at North Calais, Vermont, Friday, July 18." Mr. [REDACTED] advised that the telegram further indicated that Mr. [REDACTED] was furnishing the information as a friend of AAA in case that organization desired some publicity.

Mr. Robinson further advised that Mr. [REDACTED] was living in his summer home at North Calais and that in the wintertime he was occupied as a school teacher at Brockton, Mass. Mr. Robinson stated he believed Mr. Laing to be of sound judgment - a man not easily disposed to excitement.

2. No inquiry into this matter is contemplated by this office.



LEROY H. BARNARD  
Colonel, U. S. Air Force  
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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15 - 17 JULY 1952

CASE FOLDERS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>           | <u>OBSERVER</u> | <u>EVALUATION</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 15          | Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania | Multiple        | BALLOON           |
| 16          | Haddonfield, New Jersey   | [REDACTED]      | AIRCRAFT          |
| 16          | Beverly, Massachusetts    | Military        | UNIDENTIFIED      |
| 17          | White Plains, New York    | [REDACTED]      | UNIDENTIFIED      |
| 17          | Duluth, Minnesota         | [REDACTED]      | BALLOON           |