

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **4 Aug 47** Incident # **73**
2. Time **1600**
3. Location **Boston, Mass**
4. Name of observer **Alpheas D. Powell, Capt of PA Airways, Inc.**
Walter I. White, Navigator
5. Occupation of observer **Crew of Pan Amer Constitution**
6. Address of observer **28 Redwood Road, New Hyde Park, Long Island**
7. Place of observation **Approximately midway between Everett, Mass**
and Bedford Radio Beacon.
8. Number of objects **2**
9. Distance of object from observer **1 mile away**
10. Time in sight **30 seconds**
11. Altitude **7,800 ft**
12. Speed **175 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **easterly - approx 110° magnetic**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **15 ft long, 2-3 feet in depth**
17. Color **deep gold**
18. Shape **elliptical**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **5/10 scattered cumulus with tops 1000 Visibility: 10 mi.**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Lost in clouds**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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At 1600 P. M., 4 Aug 47, midway between Everett, Mass. and the Bedford Radio Beacon, pilot and navigator sighted an unidentified aerial object. The following conditions existed:

Visibility: good
Cloud coverage: 6-8/10ths; tops: 10,000 ft
Wind at 5,000 ft: 270/25 MPH
Aircraft: 8,000 ft
Airspeed 265 MPH
Course: 240° magnetic.

Mr White, Navigator, called Mr Powell's attention to a bright orange object slightly below the level of their aircraft. Mr Powell was unable to see the object from his position (left side of cockpit) as he had no visibility to the right and down, from his position. But, upon glancing out his side window he noticed at a 45° angle to the left an unidentified flying object. It was one mile away at approximately 7,500 ft. Mr. Powell then banked to obtain a better view. He described it as being the length of a P-40 fuselage, blunt at both ends, cylindrical in shape and having a bright orange hue. The object had a definite shape and there was no suggestion of gaseous dissipation (as there would be if the orange color were the result of exhaust from a rocket or jet aircr ft. It was traveling at approx 150 MPH, on a course 200° magnetic. It was under observation for approximately 30 seconds. Mr. Powell lost sight of the object when a cloud came between their aircraft and the object.

AGENT'S NOTES: Mr. A. O. Powell is a graduate of the Aviation Cadet Flying Trng Program, and has over 4,000 command pilot hours to his credit. He appears calm, and intelligent and not given to flights of fancy. He has a fear of publicity. He stated that he has seen numerous pilot balloons, radiosonic devices and tow targets but that the object was definitely not one of them.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Summaries of Information

TO: Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AC/AS-2

Transmitted herewith are two (2) Summaries of Information
regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


R. H. SMITH
Colonel, GSC
Asst Chief of Staff-Intelligence

2 Incls:
Incl. 1-Sumry Info
(W.I. White)(3)
Incl. 2-Sumry Info
(A.O. Powell)(3)

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
WALL STREET FIELD, NEW YORK

15 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
(Interview - Walter I. White)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information relative to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947, was received 10 September 1947 from Mr. Walter I. White, 19-57 79th Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

On 4 August 1947, Mr. White, Pan American Airways Inc., was the navigator of a Constellation type aircraft on a flight from Gander, Newfoundland to La Guardia Field, New York. At 1800, at a position approximately 10 miles NW of Boston, Mass., Mr. White sighted a flying object which he was unable to identify. At this time Mr. White was sitting in the co-pilot's seat, and looking out the right side for other aircraft that might be in the vicinity. Mr. White stated that when he first sighted the object, it appeared to be about 3 miles away, and at least 1,000 feet below the level of the Constellation. Mr. White believes that he studied the object for almost 30 seconds before he called the pilot's attention to it. Mr. White described the object as being a deep gold in color, and that its surface reflected light. It appeared to be about 15 feet in length, and from 2-3 feet in depth; elliptical in shape and blunted at the ends. Mr. White estimated the speed of the object as being 175 miles per hour, and that it was travelling in an easterly direction, on a course of approximately 110° magnetic. Mr. White then told the aircraft commander that there was an unidentified object to the right, and again glanced out to observe the object, catching a momentary glimpse of it before the pilot banked the plane to the left. When the aircraft banked Mr. White lost sight of the object. At this point, Mr. Powell, the aircraft Captain, exclaimed that he was able to see a similar object on his side. Mr. White was unable to see the object on Mr. Powell's side. He stated that he does not believe that it was the same object that he had viewed inasmuch as the one he saw if it had remained on the same course would have been hidden from view by that time by the wings and tail section of the Constellation. Mr. White stated that the pilot then righted the plane. The entire incident transpired in less than a minute and one-half.

Mr. White describes the weather condition at the time of sightings as follows: about 5/10th scattered cumulus, with tops at 10,000 feet; visibility 10 miles; wind at flight level, West at about 15 mph. The flight level of the aircraft at this time was 8,000 feet, TAS 270, and the magnetic course was SW.

AGENTS NOTES: Mr. Walter I. White has been employed by Pan American Airways for the past five years as a Navigator, and during the war worked with PAA

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in conjunction with contract flying for the AAF. Mr White states that he has flown with Mr Powell on a number of occasions, and he considers him to be a very stable person; completely reliable, and not given to "flights of fancy".

Related Report: See Summary of Information, 12 September 1947, Hq ADC, subject, "Unidentified Flying Objects" (interview - Alpheus O. Powell).

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

12 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
(Interview - Alpheus O. Powell)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was received 12 August 1947 from Mr. Alpheus O. Powell, 28 Redwood Road, New Hyde Park, Long Island, relative to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947.

On 4 August 1947, Mr. Powell, an Airlines Captain with Pan American Airways, Inc., was the first pilot of a Constellation type aircraft on a flight from Gander, Newfoundland, to La Guardia Field, New York. Mr. Powell took over the aircraft at Gander, Newfoundland and departed at approximately 1230 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time for La Guardia Field, New York. At 1600 P.M., at a position approximately midway between the Everett (Mass) VOR Marker and the Bedford Radio Beacon (Everett is 3 miles NW of Boston, Mass., and Bedford is 15 miles NW of the same city) both Mr. Powell and Mr. W. White, navigator on this trip, sighted unidentifiable flying objects. To the best of Mr. Powell's knowledge, the following weather conditions existed at that time: Visibility was good; cloud coverage was from 6-8/10ths, with tops at 10,000 feet; and the wind at the 8,000 foot level was estimated as being 270/25 miles per hour. The aircraft was at 8,000 feet; airspeed 265 mph; and the course was 244 degrees, magnetic.

Mr. White, who was sitting in the co-pilot's seat (the right side of the cockpit) first called Mr. Powell's attention to a bright orange object,, which was on the right side of the plane, and slightly below the level of the aircraft. Mr. Powell was unable to see the object, as he had no visibility to the right and down from his position. Mr. Powell immediately glanced out his side window and saw, at a 45° angle to the left, an unidentified flying object. It was about one mile away at an altitude of approximately 7,000 feet. Mr. Powell began to obtain a better view of the object. The object was under observation for approximately 30 seconds, and during this time was viewed by Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell described the object as being about the length of a P-40 fuselage, blunt at both ends, cylindrical in shape, and having a bright orange hue. Mr. Powell stated that the object had a definite shape, and that there was no suggestion of gaseous dissipation as there would be if the orange color were the exhaust from a rocket, or a jet aircraft. Mr. Powell estimated the course of the object to be 200° magnetic, and that the object was travelling at approximately 150 mph. Mr. Powell lost sight of the object, when a cloud came between the aircraft and the object. The pursuit of the object was not continued, inasmuch as it would have necessitated a departure from the established airways.

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AGENTS NOTES: Mr. A. O. Powell is a graduate of the Aviation Cadet Flying Training Program, having graduated from Maxwell Field, Alabama, with the Class of 41-C. Since graduation, Mr. Powell has flown for Pan American Airways and, at this date, has over 4,000 command pilot hours to his credit. Mr. Powell appears to be a calm, intelligent individual, not given to flights of fancy, or easily swayed by what he has previously read in the newspapers as regards reports of this type. Mr. Powell has a fear of publicity and seemed hesitant to even tell his story lest he become the object of ridicule. Mr. Powell was questioned as to the possibility that what he sighted might have been a tow target, a pilot balloon, or a radiosonic device used for meteorological purposes. Mr. Powell stated that he has seen numerous pilot balloons, radiosonic devices and tow targets, while on flights; the object observed on this flight definitely was not one of them.

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1. Date **13 Aug 47** Incident # **75**
2. Time **1300**
3. Location **Snake River Canyon (near Twin Falls) Idaho**
4. Name of observer **A. C. Urie and two sons, Kenneth & Billy**
5. Occupation of observer **farmer**
6. Address of observer **Operator of "Anger Falls Trout Farm" 6 miles west of Blue Lakes Ranch, Snake River Canyon**
7. Place of observation **As above - going down the Snake River**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **300 ft**
10. Time in sight **momentary**
11. Altitude **75 ft from the canyon floor - 300 ft away from observer level view afforded**
12. Speed **1000 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **East to West**
14. Tactics **Head up and down over hills & hollows of canyon**
15. Sound **whishing sound**
16. Size **20 feet by 10 ft in thickness**
17. Color **sky blue**
18. Shape **oblong broad rimmed hat with low crown inverted pie-plate**
19. Odor detected **None**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Exhaust takes flame - a red tubular fiery glow at the side of the top or hood.**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **one**
25. Manner of disappearance **disappeared behind hill**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Urie had sent his sons to the river for some tops from his boat. As they were overdue he went to look for them, when he noticed some 300 feet away some 75 feet in the air a sky-blue object silhouetted against the steep walls of the canyon on the far side. (The canyon is about 400 ft deep and 1200 ft across at that place.) The object was traveling 75 feet in the air (300 ft below the rim of the canyon) and so was plainly visible. Urie states that the sky-blue color would probably not be noticed against the sky. He states that "it did not spin like a top". However, he did say that the trees over which it passed almost directly did not just bend with the wind as if a plane had gone by but that they "spun around on top as if they were in a vacuum."

Keith Urie, a son, eight years of age said he saw the machine coming down the canyon heading from east to west and following the contours of the ground. Billy, age ten, another son, saw it almost immediately. Both watched it fly out of sight behind a tree in a matter of moments.

AGENT'S NOTES: Urie seemed completely sincere about the incident and appeared to be a sober, middle-aged man.
The boys stated that they had never before seen one of the discs.



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feet long and thirty feet wide and was made of wood
and was shaped like a teardrop.

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...WILL definitely said that he had seen it on Thurs-
day, he stated that it actually had been on Wednesday,
and that he saw the contrivance about 1400 P.M.

...he said that he had sent his boys to the river to get some
wood. When he thought they were overdue, he went outside his
house. He noticed them about 300 feet away looking in
the sky. He called the flying disc. He said he
saw a small object it disappeared behind a hill which

...further stated that the contrivance was about seventy-five
feet long and thirty feet wide and was made of wood
and was shaped like a teardrop. The contrivance was about three hundred feet below
the canyon and he saw it against the steep walls of the canyon on
the side of the canyon. He described its color as sky blue and stated that he doubted
if it was seen against the sky. He likewise said that it was purely by
chance that he saw it. It did not appear like a top.

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This is an artist's conception of the flying disc that A. C. Urie saw swooping through Snake river canyon six miles west of Blue Lakes ranch. It seemed to be powered by jets emitting a fiery glow on both

sides, and could well be the inspiration for something new in women's hats, such as a "flying saucer" creation. Drawing by Vic Goertzen. Staff engraving.

Flying Saucer Reported Flashing Down Canyon At 1,000 Miles Per Hour; Two Others Are Seen

By JOHN BRONNAN

Just as Magic Valley and the nation were starting to let go of lampposts after seeing under a writer of flying saucer reports, two more Twin Falls county men received speculation on the mystery with vivid descriptions of discs they saw.

From A. C. Urie, who operates the Auerer Falls Trout farm six miles west of Blue Lakes ranch in Snake river canyon, came perhaps the most detailed account of one of

the fast-flying objects the nation has yet produced.

The flying saucer Urie saw was skimming along through Snake river canyon at a height of about 75 feet at 3 p. m. Wednesday. At 9:30 a. m. the same day, L. W. Howland, Twin Falls county commissioner and former county sheriff from Piler, also saw two circular objects soaring along at a great height near Salmon dam 40 miles southwest of Twin Falls.

Here is Urie's eye-witness de-

scription of the flying disc seen by Urie and his son Keith: "I and Billy, Urie's son, were fishing there, and had walked down toward the river to see if they were any fish."

"I obtained a close-up view of the flying saucer as it passed by the trout farm at 1:30 p. m. Aug. 13 going down Snake river canyon at a height of about 75 feet from the canyon floor. I would estimate the speed at about 1,000 miles per hour."

Urie explained that the incident occurred while the two boys were coming across the river from the north side in a boat. He said he

"I had a side view at a distance of about 200 feet and almost on a level with the thing. Urie confirmed that. Two of my boys, Keith and Billy, were with me and they saw it at about a 45-degree angle. They both took a bottom and a side view, and we were all looking at it from the south side of the river in a boat. He said he

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1. *Journal of Management Studies*, 1997, 34, 1, 1-14.

Threatening the victim with a sword and a gun, the witness testified that the question was reduced to 20 seconds, admitted as a bribe, and was released from detention. In the disk, could be seen the updated mobile phone number of the witness, and the phone number of the witness's brother, who was also a witness in the case.

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1. Date **13 Aug 47** Incident # **76**
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **Salmon Dam**
4. Name of observer **County Commissioner Haskins**
5. Occupation of observer **J. H. Brown**
6. Address of observer **County Commissioner**
7. Place of observation **N/S**
8. Number of objects **2**
9. Distance of object from observer **several miles away**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **4,000 to 6,000 ft**
12. Speed **great speed**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **echo of a motor - County Commissioner Haskins**
16. Size **rear - J. H. Brown**
17. Color **N/S - reflected light**
18. Shape **circular**
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 **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Agent could not locate Commissioner L. W. Hawkins but J. H. Brown, who accompanied Hawkins at the time stated that he and Hawkins could hear a roar. They looked up and saw 2 objects flying at great height which might have been between 4,000 and 6,000 ft. He could give no estimate as to size and said they could have been several miles away. He and Hawkins were satisfied that had seen something and were very doubtful if the objects were planes.

From a newspaper account (Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho, Friday Aug 15, 1947) County Commissioner Hawkins said he had seen an unusual object in the air the same day as Urie's experience (Incident 75) and that a sound resembling the echo of a motor caused him to look upward and there he saw two circular objects which reflected light. They were traveling at a great speed and at higher altitude than most planes.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # **77**

1. Date **3 July 1947**
2. Time **1830 Z**
3. Location **South Brooksville, Me.**
4. Name of observer **Mr. John F. Cole**
5. Occupation of observer **astronomer**
6. Address of observer **South Brooksville, Me.**
7. Place of observation **N/Sx Harborside, Maine -**
8. Number of objects **10**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **600-1200 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **NW (true)**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **Load roar**
16. Size **50 to 100 feet wide**
17. Color **light-colored**
18. Shape **only concrete evidence of form appeared on left tangent of the**
19. Other data **group - two dark shaped forms**
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 **one**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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An unusually loud roar attracted the observer and upon looking up he saw a group of very light-colored objects at an altitude of about 50° bunched rather closely with no regular formation. The group could have covered $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ angular diameter in the sky. There might have been 10 As a group they were proceeding as to cover 30° of arc estimated of course in 10 to 15 seconds. If one of them subtended $1/10^\circ$ with a possible wing spread of 100 ft it would put it at a distance of over 10 miles, and quite invisible for a light object. With 30° arc of travel at a 10 mi distance would be roughly 5 miles in 15 seconds or 20 mi per minute or 1200 mi per hour. Rather fast for a bomber. A 50 ft object at 5 miles dist. would be about 600 mi. per hr - also fast going. The only concrete evidence of form appeared on the left tangent of the group - two dark shaped forms. These could have been tail wings. But since they were in no regular formation, and seemed to be moving irregularly like a swarm of bees why shouldn't all of them have had wings? The loud roar suggests they may have been much closer and rather small. The sky background was hazy blue with the sun behind. One plane towing a lot of balloons, the witness thought, would have been easily recognised.

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South Brookville, Me.
July 26, 1947.

Having in mind the ridicule which has been heaped on those innocent or perhaps gullible individuals who have reported disks, I would be a little cautious in interpreting. But it is safe to say truthfully, that something unusual attracted my attention, and I was in a perfectly sober condition, barring the mild stimulation afforded by cold spring water filtering through North Haven greenstone cracks. It should be easy to determine if the "disks" were a new type jet plane, or bomber, or rocket. The fact that it was July 8, about 2:30 P.M. (summer time) or Greenwich Civil time 1930 might suggest that they were engaged in some naval demonstration from Eastport, Star Harbor or Belfast. The group appeared to be at an altitude of about 80' -- I suffer from a mild cervical arthritis--but my eyes are well corrected for astigmatism and hypermetropia, and I doubt if my cerebral cortical neurons are sufficiently advanced to affect my balance. What first made me look up was the unusually loud roar and I was surprised not to see a well defined group of planes quite nearby. Instead I had to look rather sharply to see the bunch of very light colored objects, in a general northerly direction and travelling roughly in a NW (true) direction. This was reasonably correct, as I was on Fox's Hill, and looked over towards Backwood's Point; that is the conspicuous flat top planated hill at Harbordale. The group could hardly have covered more than 15° angular diameter in the sky, and bunched rather closely with no regular formation. There must have been 10 or possibly 12, and with 90° of arc spread, would easily be within the limit of visibility for discreet objects. At a group size were going as fast as over 300 ft/sec, estimated of course, it perhaps took 10 seconds to cross the field of vision, travelled 1500 ft with a possible windward drift of 100 feet, so that at a distance of over 10 miles, and quite invisible to a light aircraft observer, with 300 ft/sec of travel at a 1 mile distance would be moving 1 degree in 10 seconds or 30 minutes, depending on the observer's position, rather fast for a counter-attack. A 50 ft/sec, at 5 miles, let alone at 10 miles, would take longer--also fast flying. The most suggestive evidence found occurred at the left tangent of the group--two dark shapes flying away from them, they have two tall wings, doesn't like the three motor propellers, and since they were in all positions farther back but seemed much themselves, the winged aircrafts like a swarm of bees, was apparent that all of them have short wings! The 10 or thereabouts they may have been such a species of fighter plane. The second observation was fascinating, but the sun obscured it, so I didn't know what it was. I believe it was a very small, low speed aircraft, and certainly not one of our military fighters.

...the group could hardly have covered more than a few miles diameter in the sky, and bunched rather closely within that diameter. There might have been 10, I couldn't say and with 30° arc they would easily be within the limit of visibility for direct observation. As a group they were going so as to cover 30° of arc, estimated at perhaps 10 or 15 seconds. If one of them, say, subtended $1/10^\circ$, the possible wing spread of 100 feet, it would put it at a distance of 10 miles, and quite invisible for a light object. Besides, with 30° arc of travel at a 10 mi. distance would be roughly 5 miles in 15 seconds or 1200 mi. per minute or 1200 mi. per hour!!—rather fast for a bomber—hi. The object at 5 miles dist. would be about 600 mi. per hr.—also fast. The only concrete evidence of form appeared on the left tangent of the group—two dark shaped forms:  which may have been tail wings. Doesn't the Douglas bomber have these? And since they were in no regular formation, but seemed among themselves to be moving irregularly like a swarm of bees, why shouldn't all of them have shown wings? The loud roar suggests they may have been much closer, and rather small. The sky background was hazy blue, and the sun behind me. One plane towing a lot of balloons, I believe, would have been easily recognised. Have any meteorites been reported? At that time of day, has there been any abrupt change of radio field strength? or ionization?

7 August 1947

Asst Chief of Air Staff-2
Inspection Branch, AAF
Washington 25, D. C.

The inclosure is an excerpt from a letter to
Mr. Tousey, Waves Section Head, Naval Research Labora-
tory, from Mr. John F. Cole, pertaining to some unidentified objects
seen together to have seen some time prior to the first
reports of "flying saucers" in the New England area.

Dr. Tousey states that Mr. Cole is a well-known astronomer
and a reliable observer as a result of his training.

The inclosure is in addition to information contained
in previous letters to your office taken from interviews at the
request of Lt. Col. G. D. Garrett, AAF A-2.

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Excerpt fm ltr to
Dr. Tousey 2

William P. Mullen
WILLIAM P. MULLEN
Major, Air Corps
AMC Liaison Officer
Naval Research Laboratory

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1. Date **30 June 1947** Incident # **78**
2. Time **0910 MST**
3. Location **Near Williams Field over Grand Canyon, Arizona**
4. Name of observer **Lt William G. McInty, USN**
5. Occupation of observer **P-80 student, Williams Fld, Chandler, Ariz.**
6. Address of observer **Williams Fld., Chandler, Ariz.**
7. Place of observation **plane**
8. Number of objects **2**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **decreasing from 25,000 ft**
12. Speed **"inconceivable"**
13. Direction of flight **straight down**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **8 ft in dia.**
17. Color **similar Light gray**
18. Shape **circular**
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 **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **Seemed to have hit ground some 25 miles south of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Arizona**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On 30 June 1947 at about 0910 MST, William S. McGinty, P-50 pilot was flying at 25,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, heading south towards Williams Field, Arizona, when he saw 2 round objects going at inconceivable speeds straight down. One of the unidentifiable objects followed the other seconds apart. Due to their speed he could see only that they were circular and possibly light gray in color. In his opinion the objects were approximately 8 feet in diameter. He estimated that the objects would have probably hit the ground approximately 25 miles south of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Ariz.

AGENT'S NOTES: Lt McGinty gave his permanent address as: H. A. M. T. C., Point Hugo, Fort Huachuca, Calif.

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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER,
ARIZONA.

7 July 1947

INTERVIEW FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 2 July 1947, Lt William G. McInty, WGN, 193400, P-50
pilot, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by
Special Agent and stated in substance: That on 30 June 1947, at about
10:00 AM, he was flying at 25,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, in
his P-50 aircraft. He stated that he was heading south towards Williams
Field, Arizona, when he saw two round objects going at inconceivable
speeds straight down. He further stated that his reactions were to
increase from the objects. He further stated that one of the unidentified
objects followed the other some distance apart. He further stated
that to the speed of the objects, he could only see that they were
black, and that they were possible light gray in color. He further
stated that it was his opinion that the objects were approximately
100 feet in diameter. In conclusion, he stated that the objects
were approximately 100 feet in diameter and were heading south
towards the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Arizona.

McInty stated: Lt McInty gave his permanent address as: R.A.M.T.C.,
Fort Meade, Calif.

On 2 July 1947, Captain Malcolm S. Armstrong, O-724160,
pilot, Grand Canyon, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was
interviewed by this Agent and stated in substance: That his brother,
Lt E. B. Armstrong, stationed at Hq, 10th AAF, Brooks AFB, Texas,
advised him that he saw a formation of unexplainable objects
over the vicinity of Lake Mead, Nev. Captain Armstrong further stated
that his brother stated the objects were heading south, and were at
approximately 25,000 feet altitude.

ARMSTRONG stated: Captain Armstrong could not give too much information
on the objects that his brother had seen. Lt E. B. Armstrong can be
contacted at Hq, 10th AAF, Brooks Field, Texas for further information.

John G. Smith, Special Agent, 420-417, FPMO

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Incident # 79

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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| 1. Date | April 1947 | Incident # 79 |
| 2. Time | 1100 E Pibal Observation | |
| 3. Location | N/S - presumably Richmond, Va. | |
| 4. Name of observer | Mr. Mironowski | |
| 5. Occupation of observer | Weather reporters | |
| 6. Address of observer | N/S | |
| 7. Place of observation | Richmond, Va. | |
| 8. Number of objects | 3 - 4 separate sightings | |
| 9. Distance of object from observer | high altitude | |
| 10. Time in sight | 15 seconds | |
| 11. Altitude | high altitude | |
| 12. Speed | rapid | |
| 13. Direction of flight | east to west | |
| 14. Tactics | N/S | |
| 15. Sound | N/S | |
| 16. Size | Larger than pibal balloon when observed thru a theodolite | |
| 17. Color | metallic grey or silver | |
| 18. Shape | N/S | |
| 19. Odor detected | N/S | |
| 20. Apparent construction | N/S | |
| 21. Exhaust trails | N/S | |
| 22. Weather conditions | clear | |
| 23. Effect on clouds | N/S | |
| 24. Sketches or photographs | None | |
| 25. Manner of disappearance | N/S | |
| 26. Remarks: | (over) | |

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Incident # 80

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 July 1947** Incident # **80**
2. Time **2230-2300**
3. Location **Arlington, Va.**
4. Name of observer **James A. Cobb**
5. Occupation of observer **Lt Col., AG**
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **Arlington, Va. - 2807 N. Glebe Road.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **3/4 mile**
10. Time in sight **2-3 seconds**
11. Altitude **less than 500 ft**
12. Speed **that of jet**
13. Direction of flight **SOUTH EAST**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **Small plane**
17. Color **Reflected white light**
18. Shape **"blob"**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Scattered clouds - Visibility: 10-12 mi.**
23. Effect on clouds **None**
24. Sketches or photographs **2**
25. Manner of disappearance **behind trees**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Observed from a bedroom window as a blob of light crossing at very high speed estimated by observer at approx 1350 MPH. "In color, the object had the appearance of a reflected white light, a cool bright white light with no red in it, like the moon on a clear night."

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OFFICE OF THE AIR INSPECTOR
25 JULY 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: AC/AS-2, Counter Intelligence Branch

1. Information contained herein and opinions expressed are based upon conversation with and request by Mr. Butler of your office. All pertain to certain phenomena connected with recent widespread talk of "flying saucers".

2. Approximately three weeks ago, on or about 7 July 1947, I prepared to go to bed around 2230 or 2300 EDT. I was living at 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, with my wife. Illustration No. 1 shows the general layout of the room we occupied at that time. See Illustration No. 1.

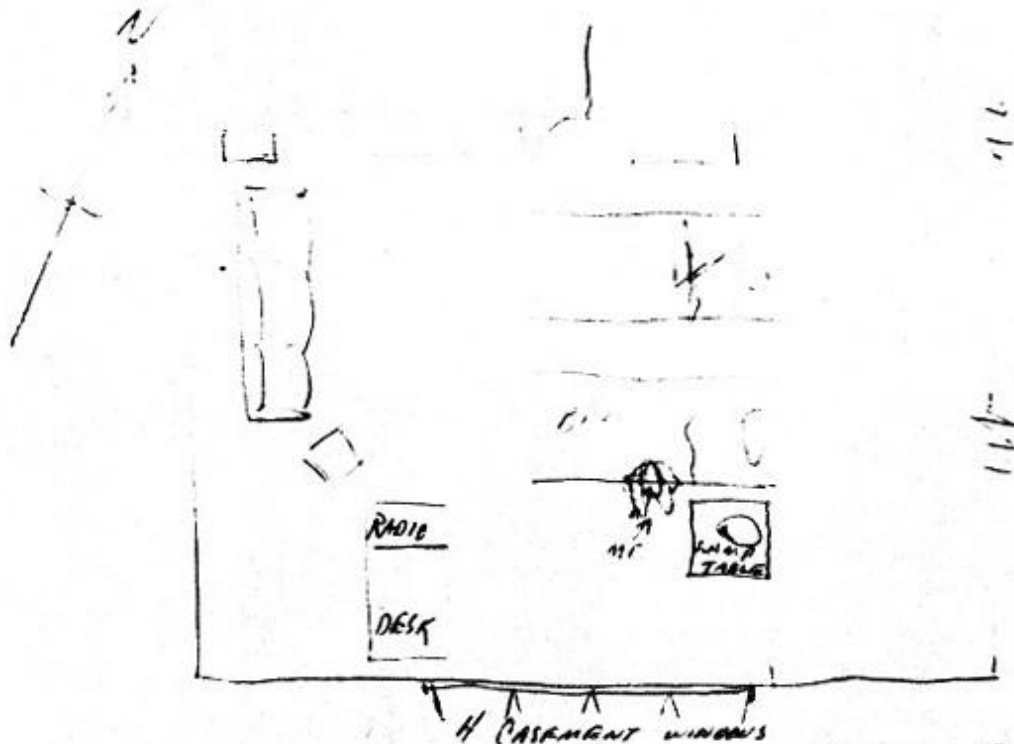
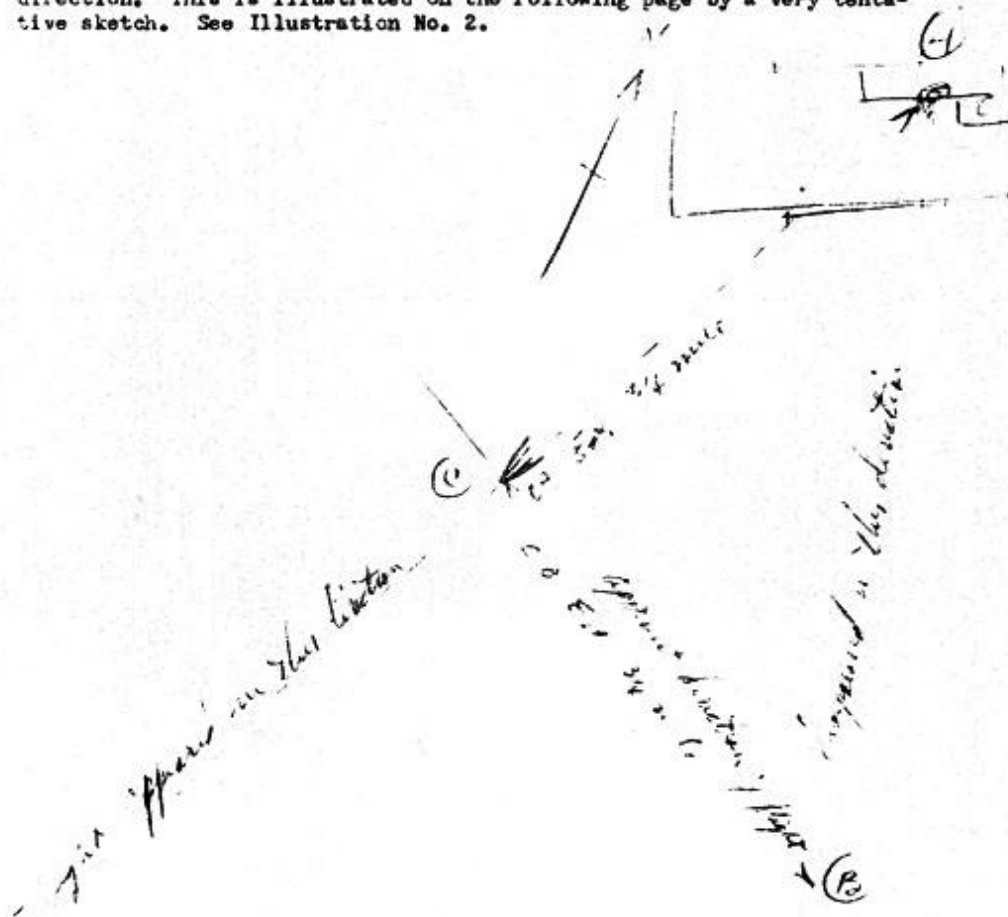


Illustration No. 1

3. I had just turned off the light by my bedside, but sat down on the side of the bed to listen to the end of a radio program before reclining. In the meantime, my wife and I were having some conversation about the selection of certain furniture for a home we had just purchased. At the time of these events, as I sat facing the windows, a light appeared at the right-hand edge of the extreme end window and moved rapidly along to disappear below the trees or horizon, or to be extinguished in some fashion at some place in a general southerly direction. This is illustrated on the following page by a very tentative sketch. See Illustration No. 2.



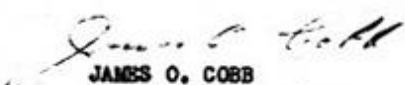
4. At the time, since my attention was divided and absorbed among the subjects mentioned, my reaction was simply that "a light passed by," and I gave no further thought to the matter until some moments later, when the thought came to me that I had never seen such an object before, and that although the first explanation would have been that a meteor had fallen toward earth in that direction, it did not have the appearance of any meteor or "shooting star" I had ever seen. Thinking of the then-prevalent talk of flying disks, I reflected that probably some such thing as I had just seen was the source of a large amount of newspaper and radio publicity on the subject. The next morning I jestingly announced in the office that I saw a flying saucer the night before and thought that it was enroute to Alexandria, where some of our officers live. I then went on to say that I supposed it was a shooting star, but that it did look somewhat peculiar. After we had discussed the general topic for some time, I dropped the subject, not wishing to add to the supposed rumors, which I envisioned as a source of serious panic over the country.

5. A description of the light, or object is almost impossible, since observation of it was so limited. As shown in Illustration No. 2, the object appeared to pass in closest proximity to me at the time it came into view. All of my mental calculations were based upon some impression or conception of its distance at the closest point, (AC). I had no way of judging this, except in the form of very crude depth-perception. If this by any chance were correct, and instead of a distant meteor some object had passed near-by, I would assume for purposes of description that the distance AC on the sketch was some three quarters of a mile. One factor which I could judge quite reliably was the angular elevation. This must have been approximately 3 or 4 degrees; at any rate, the light was intermittently behind the tallest trees forward of my position as it passed, and these trees are of a normal height, perhaps sixty or eighty feet at a distance of several blocks. Based upon a mild assumption as to distance, and a reasonable assumption as to angular elevation, the object would be at a low altitude, considerably below 500 feet, and of a size approximating a small airplane, say 30 feet across. The shape may have been round, oval, discal, or irregular; at the speed with which it travelled, I could only perceive it as a "blob." I do not consider the distance mentioned to be less than 3/4 mile, because had it been, I feel sure that, late in the evening and with all my windows open, I would have heard some sound, which I definitely did not in this case. It might be well to point out here the relative similarity in size, altitude and airspeed of a firefly at a distance of 30 feet, an airplane at about 3/4 mile, and a meteor at several hundred miles. Most of us are familiar with this illusion.

6. Although I could not accurately judge the time, I seem to recall the object or light was visible for a couple of seconds. Taking this figure literally and applying it to the sketch, No. 2, one could roughly compute the speed of the object at 1350 mph; however, I did not sense that it was moving with such great speed as this. It rather appeared to move with the speed of a jet-powered airplane. It did not deviate from a straight course while I observed it, and did not perceptibly lose altitude.

7. In color, the subject had the appearance of a reflected white light, a cool, bright white light with no red in it, like the moon on a clear night. There was no train visible to me, in the form of fire, smoke, or sparks. The weather at the assumed time and date was checked through records of the Bolling Field weather office, and consisted of scattered to broken clouds with visibilities of 10 - 12 miles. The cloud condition is further indication that the object was not necessarily a meteor, since it might have been impossible to see a meteor. I do not personally remember the weather condition, except that I am sure it was not raining.

8. At the time of this occurrence, I was not inclined to think of it seriously enough to wake my wife and describe it to her, nor by any reasoning to make official report. As time passed, I thought considerably about the fleeting glimpse I had of whatever I saw, and am still somewhat confused, but feel that it was some natural phenomenon which occurs but rarely. I have flown approximately 2500 hours during the past seven years and being generally familiar with aspects of aviation can emphatically state that (a) it was no weather balloon, (b) it was not the flash of a beacon on the cloud-base, (c) it could hardly have been an airplane on fire, since it would have at least crashed in this general area, (d) it was not entirely a result of imagination, and (e) it was not spending much time in one place.


JAMES O. COBB

Lt Colonel, Air Corps

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 July 1947** Incident # **81**
2. Time **0900 hours**
3. Location **Hickam Village #2**
4. Name of observer **Mr. Daniel Saito**
5. Occupation of observer **Air Communications Sections, Eniwetok, Hickam Fld.**
6. Address of observer **N/S - Could be contacted at Hickam Fld**
7. Place of observation **vicinity of Hickam Village #2**
8. Number of objects **1 - a large balloon with a silver disc suspended below it.**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **few minutes**
11. Altitude **6,000 ft**
12. Speed **slow**
13. Direction of flight **NW toward sea**
14. Tactics **revolved**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **~~Unsubstantiated~~ N/S**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **spherical - like large balloon with disc attached**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **cloudy**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **lost among the clouds**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Mr Saite's attention was attracted by a flashing object in the sky. He stated that this object had the appearance of a large balloon with a silver disc (not unlike a camera lens) suspended below it. Although he could not distinguish a cable connecting the two objects he assumed that they were attached since they kept the same distance apart and seemed to move in unison. It was at approximately 6,000 ft and slowly ascending moving in a northwesterly direction toward the sea. He observed the object several minutes during which time the silver disc attachment flashed off and on which he attributed to the rays of the sun striking it as it revolved. He discontinued watching after a few minutes and upon trying to locate it again could not do so owing to the cloudiness.

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9 July 1947.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES:

On above date, this Agent interviewed Mr. Shiro Saito, a civil service employee of the Air Communications Section, HANADA, Hickam Field, H. F. Mr. Saito stated that at approximately 0900 hours, 7 July 1947, while working in the vicinity of Hickam Village #2, a flashing object in the sky attracted his attention. He stated that this object had the appearance of a large balloon, with a silver disc (not unlike a camera lens) suspended below it. Although he could not distinguish a cable connecting the two objects, he assumes that they were attached because they kept the same distance apart and seemed to move in unison.

This object was at approximately six thousand feet altitude, slowly ascending, and slowly moving in a north west direction out to sea. Mr. Saito stated that he observed this object for several minutes, during which time, the silver disc attachment flashed off and on, which could be attributed to the rays of the sun striking it as it revolved. He stated that he discontinued watching it after a few minutes, and later tried to find it again, but cloudiness prevented his locating the object the second time.

John L. Ingram, S/A 700-A CIC Section (ANZ, (Prov)

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **Between 17 & 21 May 1947** Incident # **82**
2. Time **Just after dusk - (2030 & 2100)**
3. Location **Oklahoma City, Okla.**
4. Name of observer **Byron B. Savage**
5. Occupation of observer **Field Engineer for Radio Corp of Amer.
Holder of a private pilot's license**
6. Address of observer **416 E. W. 29th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.**
7. Place of observation **As above**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight **15 - 20 seconds**
11. Altitude **10,000 - 18,000 ft**
12. Speed **3 times that of jet**
13. Direction of flight **160° south to 350° E**
14. Tactics **straight flight**
15. Sound **loud whishing sound after passage**
16. Size **bulk of six B-29's**
17. Color **frosty white**
18. Shape **Round but disc-like with no protrusions**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **flew out of sight**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Savage stated that he realized that the object was not a conventional aircraft when it was at a 45° angle from him. It appeared elliptical and as it moved closer it seemed perfectly round and flat. It had no appearance of being spherical and had a ratio of diameter to the thickness of approximately 10 to 1, appearing thicker in the center. He judged the altitude to be between 10,000 to 15,000 ft and the object left no trailing effects. The bulk seemed to be that of a B-29's at an altitude of approximately the same height. The speed was 3 times that of a jet-propelled aircraft. There were no protrusions and there was no noise altho he thought he detected a swishing sound "like the rushing of air" after this object had passed him. The sound was not loud and did not last very long. He did not know if it was his imagination or expectation. The color appeared frosty white at all times. The object appeared to diminish in size and speed as it moved away in a direction of 350° to the north. Savage was sure that the object was not a meteor and it was his opinion that it was radically built and power - possibly atomic.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

REPORT MADE TO:

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24 July 1947

MEMORANDUM TO THE SECURITY OFFICER, OCAMA, TINKER FIELD.

SUBJECT: BYRON B. SAVAGE, Field Engineer, Radio Corporation of America, Dallas, Texas. (Residence: 416 N. W. 29th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.)

RE: Flying Disc.

On 23 July 1947, BYRON B. SAVAGE was interviewed at his residence, 416 N. W. 29th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relating to his alleged sighting of a flying disc over the vicinity of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Subject, whose age is 38, advised he is married and has one child, and is presently the holder of a Private Pilot's License, No. 39101, (Engine, Land). Subject averred he has extensively studied electronics engineering and aeronautics, and his present occupation, which is Field Engineer for Radio Corporation of America, offices of which are located in Dallas, Texas, is that of installing theater sound equipment. SAVAGE stated that between the days 17 May to 21 May 1947, just after dusk, he observed an object which he believed to be a small aircraft in the south. SAVAGE advised that the sun had just gone down and the moon had not arisen in the horizon. SAVAGE related that he and his wife had just departed their residence and had started to enter their car in the driveway at 416 N. W. 29th Street, Oklahoma City. He judged the time to be between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and the lights from the city of Oklahoma City appeared to be shining on this object when he first saw it. He judged the object to be about 160° in the south when he first saw it, and as it moved toward him he remarked to his wife that "a big white plane was coming over."

SAVAGE stated that when this object was at a 45° angle from him, he realized it was not a conventional type aircraft, and it appeared elliptical at first and as it moved closer it appeared perfectly round and was flat. SAVAGE advised the object, which appeared to him as a disc, had no appearance of being spherical and had a ratio of diameter to the thickness of approximately 10 to 1, appearing thicker in the center, but this could not be positively ascertained. SAVAGE judged the object to be at an altitude of between 10,000 and 18,000 feet, and it left no trailing effects. SAVAGE related that it appeared to be in bulk as big as the bulk of six B-29s at an altitude of approximately the same height. SAVAGE advised that the object was in his vision approximately 15 to 20 seconds and travelled at a speed which he judged to be approximately three times that of jet-propelled aircraft.

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Incident # **83**

1. Date **9 July 1947**
2. Time **About 12:17**
3. Location **Between Boise & Meridian**
4. Name of observer **David H. Johnson**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **Boise, Idaho**
7. Place of observation **Air**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **over a mile**
10. Time in sight **10-30 seconds**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **great**
13. Direction of flight
14. Tactics **slow roll, climbed with jerky rising motion**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **25 cent piece**
17. Color **black**
18. Shape **round**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **part cloudy**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **sketch of movement**
25. Manner of disappearance **lost sight of the object**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Observer flying a National Guard AT-6 was on an easterly heading pointing toward Gowanus Fld and had flown that course for a minute when there appeared in the left hand portion of his field of vision a round black object. Due to its erratic movement he first thought it a weather balloon. Calling the weather station he ascertained that no release had been made for several hours. He then exposed 10 second's duration of 8 mm motion picture film. Centering his gaze once more on the object he observed it to roll so that its edge was presented. At this time it flashed once in the sunlight. It then appeared as a thin black line. Then it performed a maneuver which looked as if it had begun a slow roll - (barrel roll) which instead of being completed was broken off at about the 180° point. The object rolled out of the top of the maneuver at this point and observer lost sight of it. Performance viewed against background of clouds. Object appeared relatively as the size of a twenty-five cent piece. Observer could not estimate the speed. He thought tho that it was very great

The above design portrays the movements of the object. At all times the object appeared black. Positions (1) (2) and (3) show the jerky rising motion. Position (4) is where it rolled presenting its edge to the observer. It then followed the dotted line, rolling over the top of the maneuver and disappearing at position (5).

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Statement of David N. Johnson
at Boise, Idaho, July 12, 1947

To Whom It May Concern:

On the sixth day of July, 1947, I received from James L. Brown, general manager of the Statesman Newspapers, incorporated in Idaho as The Statesman Printing company, an assignment which was in substance:

"Conduct an aerial search of the northwest states in an effort to see and photograph a flying disc. Conduct this patrol for so long a time as you believe reasonable, or until you see a flying disc."

In accordance to these instructions, I took the Statesman's airplane, and with Kenneth Arnold as passenger, flew a seven and one-half hour mission on the seventh day of July, 1947. This mission was without result. It covered an area embracing the confines of the Hanford plant in Washington, and territory between and around Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, where Arnold first reported seeing objects henceforth described as saucers or discs.

On the eighth day of July, 1947, I took an AT-6 of the 190th Fighter squadron, Idaho National Guard, of which I am a member, and flew to northern Idaho, into northwestern Montana briefly, to Spokane, Washington, and back to Boise by way of Walla Walla, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon. This search also was negative.

On the ninth day of July, 1947, I continued the search, again using a national guard AT-6, this time centering my efforts over the Owyhee mountains west and southwest of Boise, a portion of the Mountain Home desert on a track southeast of the Mountain Home army air base, thence into the Sawtooth mountains, and back in the general direction of Boise on a line carrying me well to the north of the Shafer butte forest service lookout station, into the Horseshoe Bend area, and thence back in a southwesterly direction to a point between [redacted] west of Boise a few miles.

During this search, which lasted approximately two and one-half hours, I flew under and around rapidly forming cumulus clouds over that area known as the Camas Prairie, east of Boise. The clouds were near the village of Fairfield in that valley, and Fairfield is 75 miles airline distance east of Boise. At that time I saw nothing in the vicinity of these clouds.

At the time I reached the point between Boise and Meridian, I was flying at an altitude of 14,000 feet mean sea level, which would be a mean average of 11,000 feet above the earth in this area, not considering errors in the altimeter induced either by barometric changes since my takeoff, or by the temperature at that altitude.

I turned the aircraft on an easterly heading, pointing toward Gowen Field, and had flown on that course for perhaps a minute when there suddenly appeared in the left hand portion of my field of vision an object which was black and round.

I immediately centered my gaze on the object. At that time, due to its erratic movement, I thought I was seeing a weather balloon. I called the CAA's communication station at Boise, and asked if the weather station had recently released a balloon. The reply from communicator Albertson was that the bureau had not. I do not remember his exact words; I am under the impression he said "not for several hours" or gave me the exact time of the previous release, which was around 08:30 that day.

Upon hearing this response, I turned the aircraft broadside to the object, pulled back the plexiglass covering to avoid any distortion, took my camera from the map case, and exposed about 10 seconds' duration of eight millimeter motion picture film.

During the time the camera was at eye level, I could not see the object because of minuteness of scope introduced by the

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optical view finder with which the camera, an f.1.9 Eastman, was equipped.

Taking away the camera and once again centering my gaze on the object, I observed it to roll so that its edge was presented to me. *at this time it flashed once in the sunlight.* It then performed a maneuver which looked as if it had begun a slow roll, or a barrel roll, which instead of being completed, was broken off at about the 180-degree point. The object rolled out of the top of the maneuver at this point, and I lost sight of it.

This entire performance was observed against the background of clouds previously forming over the Camas Prairie. The object appeared to me, relatively, as the size of a twenty-five cent piece. I do not know how far away it was. I do not know, nor can I truthfully estimate, its speed. I can only say it was not an airplane, and if it was at a very great distance from me, its speed was great, taking into consideration that apparent speed is reduced to the viewer if an object is a very great distance away.

I forgot to look at my clock to determine the exact time I saw the object. The CAA's log of radio contacts shows my first contact to have been made at 12:17 hours. But a few seconds elapsed between the time I first saw the object, and the time I called the CAA's station.

I subsequently related over the radio a description of what I saw, and communicator Albertson may remember it. The control tower may have a recording of the conversation. I have not checked to determine that.

The purpose of my relating over the air what I saw was to enable rapid transmission of the report to the newspaper, for at that time I was on assignment and my energies thenceforth were devoted to (1) transmitting the information and (2) conducting a further search, which I did after landing for fuel and to make some telephone calls.

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Chart to which reference is
made on page six, statement
of David N. Johnson.



This design portrays the movements of the object to which reference is made in the attached statement. At all times the object appeared as black. Positions (1), (2) and (3) show the jerky, rising motion. Position (4) is where the object rolled, presenting its edge to me. It then followed the dotted line, rolling over the top of the maneuver and disappearing at position (5).

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The next search, begun within half an hour after landing from the first one, consumed another two hours, but was negative. I explored thoroughly the region where I saw the object.

Immediately after sighting the object, I asked if there were other aircraft in the area. There was a P-51 of the 190th squadron practicing maneuvers in the vicinity of Kuna, but that was behind me. A C-82 passed over Boise, but I saw that aircraft go beneath me by some 2000 feet.

The P-51 in the vicinity of Kuna proceeded to the area where I saw the object, at my request, and conducted a search. It was negative. During the afternoon, flights of P-51s were sent out to cover the area, and some of them flew high altitude missions on oxygen. These searches were negative.

I was subsequently informed that personnel on both the United Air Lines side of Gowen field, and on the national guard side, observed a black object maneuvering in front of the same cloud formation, which by now had grown so that the clouds reached a probable height of 19,000 or 20,000 feet from a mean base of 13,500 or 14,000 feet, mean sea level.

Three of these men were national guard personnel and I talked to them, asking them to describe what they saw, before telling them my story, in order to avoid suggestion or inference of a leading nature. They saw the object (from the ground) while I was on my second search. They believed the time to have been 14:00 hours. The object performed in the same erratic manner, they said, as I observed.

The above is the extent of the story, and information concerning myself is now in order.

I have approximately 2800 hours of flying time in equipment ranging from primary trainers to B-29s. Of course, that does not increase my powers of observation except as to those practiced daily by an airman. It does not make my eyesight any sharper,

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except again as to the incidental demands upon the eyes of a pilot.

At the time of the experience related above, I had flown fourteen and one-half hours on an assignment to find a disc and if possible, to photograph it. In all frankness, I was tired. I may have been suffering, although slightly, from want of oxygen.

Prior to sighting the object, I had concluded there was no point in pressing the search, that I probably would never see the disc-like objects referred to by Arnold and by Captain Smith of United Air Lines.

At all times during the search, both on that day and the two preceding days (particularly when I was with Arnold) I had literally talked to myself to keep beating into my head that I would not fall victim to the power of suggestion or self-hypnosis arising from a naturally very intent desire to find a disc and bring success to the assignment given me.

I therefore do not believe that I was the victim of suggestion or hypnosis. I am familiar with the optical illusion of a fixed object beginning to move after it is watched a sufficient length of time. I know what tricks the eyes will play as to moving bodies, and have learned of this particularly during night formation flying.

I saw the object appear suddenly. If it had moved in a jerky fashion (as it did at first) for the full length of time I observed it, I would not be so strong in saying that I saw something not an aircraft, not a balloon, and not a corpuscle moving across the retina of either eye. The maneuver described by the object when its edge was presented to me convinces me that I saw an object actually performing in an erratic flight path.

The question remains, of course, whether I saw it. The motion picture film, developed and processed by R. W. Stehr in the Eastman laboratories at 241 Battery street, San Francisco, showed

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no trace of any object. Stohr says that if it was more than a mile distant from me at the size I described, the object would not have registered sufficiently on the film to be shown. He said it probably was too far away to be apparent even through great enlargement of the negative, and enlargement in that case is limited because of the size of the film and the fact I did not have any telescopic equipment on the lens. The exposure was f.16, stop set at infinity, at a speed of 16 frames per second.

I have worried over this matter a great deal since seeing it. I "took myself aside" and said, "come now, Johnson, don't be stupid." But I cannot bring myself to the point of thinking I did not see anything. The impression of the moment was too vivid, too realistic, and I knew in the air when I saw that partial slow roll or barrel roll, that I was not a victim of illusion.

I trust this matter will be of help to those investigating the flying disc phenomena which have been reported.

A chart is attached depicting the movements of the object as I saw it.

This statement is made voluntarily and freely, in response to the request of Mr. Brown and Captain Davidson, who called on me this morning.

David N. Johnson
David N. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 12th
day of July, 1947.

[Signature]
Notary public for Ada
county, Idaho. My com-
mission expires Jan 1, 1948.

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Incident # 83

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 July 1947** Incident # **84**
2. Time **between 1300 and 1400 hours EST**
3. Location **1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla**
4. Name of observer **Mr. Hiram William Griffin**
5. Occupation of observer **"sign painter" previously cab-driver
amateur artist. Also former 2d-class seaman in U. S. Navy**
6. Address of observer **602 N. Tennessee Ave., Lakeland, Fla**
7. Place of observation **1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla - ground**
8. Number of objects **5**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S one mile**
10. Time in sight **15 - 30 seconds**
11. Altitude **between 5,000 to 7,500 ft**
12. Speed **very fast**
13. Direction of flight **N/S - upward**
14. Tactics **climbed 2500 feet in just a few seconds**
15. Sound **whining noise that seemed to sing with a more or less
shrill whine.**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **"glittery"**
18. Shape **N/S - seemed "turtle-backed" from maximum photograph
submitted**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **plastic appearance**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with scattered clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **photograph**
25. Manner of disappearance **climbed out of sight**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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While walking on U. S. Highway #92 7 July 47, at approximately 1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla., between 1300 and 1400 hours observer's attention was attracted skyward by a swishing noise which seemed to ring with a shrill whine. He saw 5 shiny objects going upward from 5,000 ft to approximately 7,500 feet in just a few seconds (between 15 - 30). They were traveling northeast and in an upward direction as they disappeared in flight. He thought they were a mile from him when first sighted. Griffin observed 2 spots on either side of the missile and an additional spot in the center which he believed to be the tail. The objects did not have wings and the witness thought they were jet jets. It appeared to him that the leading jet (of plastic appearance) was towing the four other shining objects.

NOTES: Griffin made a model of what he saw and forwarded it as an exhibit.
(See file)

PERTINENT FACTS: He is a very excitable person, very talkative possessing an exaggerated imagination and inclined to impress people with his continuous verbal chatter. Questioning of neighbors & associates disclosed that he belonged to no subversive organization.

Evaluation of source: "B"; of information "3"

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,
A-2

MacDill Field, Florida
11 July 1947

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SUBJECT: Flying Discs.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On 10 July 1947, Mr. Hiram William Griffin, 602 N. Tennessee Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, appeared at the A-2 Office, MacDill Field, Florida and voluntarily reported the following item of information:

While walking along U.S. Highway No. 92 on 7 July 1947, at approximately one mile east of Lakeland, Florida, between 1300 and 1400 hours, EST, his attention was attracted skyward by a swishing noise that seemed to sing with a more or less shrill sound. Instantly, Griffin turned his head and saw five shiny objects going upward at more or less 5,000 feet and they climbed to approximately 7,500 feet in just a few seconds, between fifteen and thirty seconds. Griffin said that they were traveling in a northeast and upward direction as they disappeared in flight. He estimated that the objects were approximately one mile from him when initially sighted.

However not distinct, Griffin observed two spots on each side of the flying missiles and one additional spot in the center which he believed was the tail as they climbed upward. Because the objects did not have wings like an ordinary plane, Griffin was inclined to believe that they were jet jobs and it appeared to him that the leading jet, of plastic appearance, was towing the four other glittery objects.

On the date of observation, Griffin reported, the weather was clear with scattered clouds.

Griffin made a model of what he saw and offered it as an exhibit.
(See Exhibit A).

PERTINENT FACTS:

Griffin, a former Second Class Seaman in the U.S. Navy, was born in Tampa, Florida on 10 October 1923. His parents are American-born citizens. He served overseas on a troop transport and was discharged from the Navy on 28 March 1944. His serial number is 269-0571.

Records at the Lakeland, Florida Police Department list Griffin's name as being AWOL from the Navy on two occasions.

Griffin is presently self-employed as a sign painter. Previously, he was a cab driver, ice cream peddler and amateur artist.

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He is married and has two children; his description is as follows:
Height 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; weight 150 lbs.; medium brown hair; blue eyes; slender
build; ruddy complexion; scar on left eyebrow.

A neighborhood and employment check disclosed that Griffin is an
excitable person, very talkative, possessing an exaggerated imagination
and inclined to impress people with his continuous verbal chatter.
Questioning of neighbors and former associates with the cab company
disclosed that Griffin did not belong to any subversive organizations.

Previous Distribution

None

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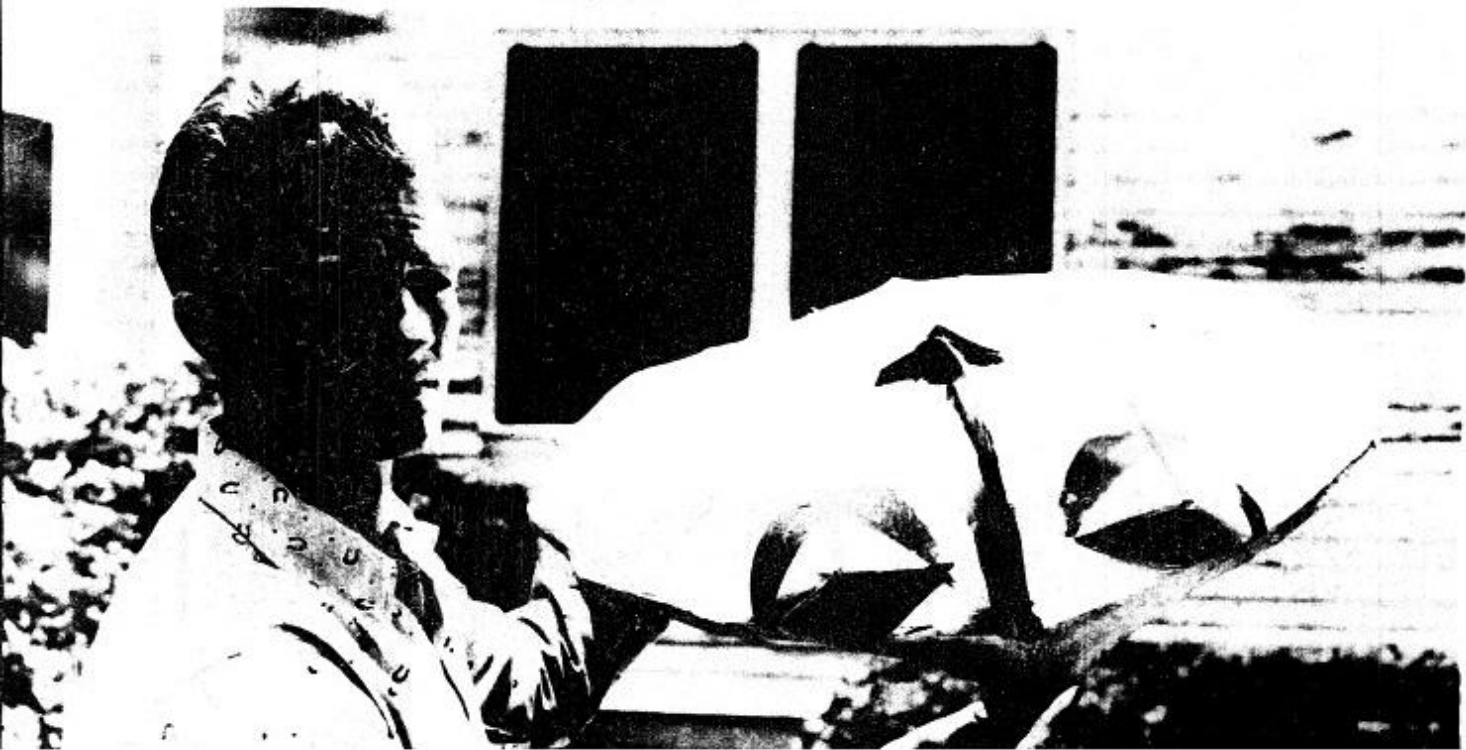
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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Andrews Field, Washington
20, D. C.

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

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Incident # 86

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **6 July 1947** Incident # **86**
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **Hollywood, Calif**
4. Name of observer **M. Lenore Coray**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **23 2636 Magnolia Ave., Los Angeles, Calif**
7. Place of observation **from bus terminal**
8. Number of objects **"several"**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **great speed**
13. Direction of flight **northward - parallel to Ventura Blvd.**
14. Tactics **"rolled"**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **"saucer"**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **sunlight**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Observer was mostly concerned with the accompanying ray phenomena rather than with the "sensors" themselves.

Perceived what appeared to be milky white rays in the sunlight which seemed to cross and recross each other like searchlights at night. It did not appear as reflected light for the rays were not spaced and were not as close together and they "criss-crossed". However, they did seem to converge toward a center but did not meet in that center. In the vortex - a radius of about 18 inches (it seemed from where observer sat) that there were spinning objects of some red substance about the color of the semi-precious report "Carnelian". These fragments were sharp and irregular and shining. They were flying as if to a magnet. This effect was momentary. Witness then looked to see if the "sensors" were still there. They were but the same illusion occurred again and observer was again conscious of the secondary phenomena. But by this time the "Sensors" were out of sight.

NOTE: Observer seemed to be speculating on ray warfare, but did not think that "our army would shoot deadly rays over a crowded highway"

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2636 Magnolia Ave.,
Los Angeles 7, Calif.
August 1 1947

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Director of Military Intelligence,
War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On Sunday afternoon, July the Sixth, I observed something very strange : it is related — at least in my own mind — with the phenomena of the "Fabulous Flying Saucers" and I cannot report on this second phenomena , without speaking of the first.

As I do not wish to be considered the victim of mass psychology, a crack-pot or visionary , it is rather hard for me to make this report. I am doing it because I consider it my duty.

A newspaper article spoke of the Bureau of Standards as "Having a finger in the pie " in many experiments so not knowing where to write or who to write to I wrote to the Bureau, and Mr. Hugh L. Dryden has suggested that you were the one to report to.

I had been amused at accounts of the " flying saucers ". Everyone was talking , laughing and joking about them and I did not believe in them .

The Hollywood Tarzana Bus was parked at the Tarzana end of the line and the driver was busy making out his reports preparatory to making the return trip./ I was the only one in the bus and I sat in the middle of the side next to Ventura, so the bus was parked north and south.

As I looked to my right , a "Saucer appeared out of nowhere: apparently out of nowhere and it was followed by several others ; they were of uniform size and spaced at regular intervals and it seemed as if they turned a corner from the West and they rolled along at great speed to the Northward and parallel to Ventura Boulevard .

As soon as I became convinced that what I saw was not an illusion but what every one was talking about I began to study them and it was right then that my eyes seemed to be drawn to this other phenomena in the air between me and the "Saucers".

That I saw was milky white rays in the sunlight that seemed to cross like the search lights do at night ; it was nothing like the sun shining on some bright object for the rays were not spaced and they were not so close together and they cross crossed. However, they did seem to converge toward a center but they did not meet there . In this center — a radius of about eighteen inches it seemed from I sat, there were spinning objects of some red substance

about the color of the semi- precious stone, Cornelian: these fragments were sharp and irregular and shing. They were flying about as if flying to a magnet. This was momentary and I looked to see if the "Saucers" were still there. I saw one or two but the same thing happened again and I saw the second phenomena for a second. By this time the "Saucers" were out of sight.

All the way home I was trying to find some logical explanation for the "Saucers" but my mind kept reverting to the second phenomena and as I dwelt on it I could not help surmising if perhaps these rays I saw did not come out of the red fragments that were spinning in the vortex. I couldn't help wondering if this substance had been shot from the "Saucers" as they turned the corner from the west on their way to the north/.

As our army would not be shooting deadly rays over toward a very crowded highway and as this whole thing seems fantastic to say the least, I thought I had better trust some one's judgement who really knows what is going on and so you have my report on what I really saw, and what I am very curious about.

Thanks to MR. Dryden for his courtesy in letting me know just who to relate this incident to, and thanks to you for listening and I hope that it makes the right kind of impression.

Sincerely yours,

M. Lenore Corey
M. Lenore Corey

Incident # 86

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ALSTP 61

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **N/S -**
2. Time **evening**
3. Location **Germany**
4. Name of observer **Robert J. Sroka**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **469 E. Washington Ave., Waukesha, Wis.**
7. Place of observation **Germany - 20 miles NW of Hahnbachshiem**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **3 to 10 miles to their front to 1 mile**
10. Time in sight ~~approximately 30 seconds~~
11. Altitude **Approximately 5,000 ft high at first then descending**
12. Speed **slow**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **oscillating descent - dropping in a spiral motion**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **N/S**
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 **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Appeared to drop**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

ALSTP 61

Observer after reading reports about disc-shaped aircraft recalled a nearly forgotten incident which occurred some 20 miles NW of Habbestad, Germany after the last war. Object first sighted some 5 to 10 miles to observers' front - at approx 5,000 ft high. It rapidly approached, descending slowly. About a mile away it stopped its horizontal motion but continued a slow oscillating descent similar to a descending parachute. Then it suddenly dropped in a spiral motion. Tried to locate the place where it fell but it became too dark. The first impression of the observer was that it was a cloud but it was traveling at right angles to the wind.

Date: August 5, 1947

To: Director of Intelligence
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney, Chief, Security Group

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ROBERT J. SROKA

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual concerning "flying discs."

Mr. Sroka's letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised that copies of his letter have been furnished to you for your consideration.

Attachment

TRUE COPY

Robert J. Sroka
469 N. Washington Ave.
Waukesha, Wis.

Attn.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Gentlemen;

Recently I have heard and read about reports of disc-shaped aircraft, or whatever they are, in our western regions. They reminded me of a nearly forgotten incident in Germany, after the war. I report this to you because I feel this may be of international scope.

My buddy and I went on pass to see a friend of his. One evening the three of us were driving along some back roads when I sighted a strange looking object in the sky from eight to ten miles to our front and approximately 5,000 feet high.

I immediately stopped the jeep for a better look. The object rapidly came toward us, descending slowly. About a mile away it stopped it's horizontal motion but continued a slow oscillating descent, similar to a descending parachute. Then suddenly it dropped in a spiral motion.

Immediately I drove over to where it had dropped. It took almost five minutes to reach the place but we saw nothing. After ten minutes of cruising around the area it became too dark to see so we went back to town.

I am not sure my companions saw this because it happened so quickly it could easily have been missed, but I described what I had seen vividly that they were as excited as I was. My first impression was that it was a cloud but it was traveling at right angles to the wind.

The local of this incident was approximately 20 miles north-west of Habberbishopsheim. If necessary, I will swear to the authenticity of this and to the shape of the object.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Robert J. Sroka



Incident # 57

Incident # 88

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 88

1. Date **3 Aug 1947**
2. Time **late afternoon**
3. Location **Hackensack, N. J.**
4. Name of observer **Charles Casella, Jr. 287 Euclid Ave, Hackensack
Ma Trux, U. S. Army, Ft. Dix**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **See 4 above**
7. Place of observation **Hackensack, N. J.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **200 yds**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **200 yds**
12. Speed **rapid**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **revolved slowly**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Color 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 **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Charles Casella, Jr. and William Trux, US Army, Ft. Dix, N. J. sighted a flying disc in late afternoon 3 August 47. Claimed it was 200 yds in air, revolving slowly but moving rapidly and was neither a kite nor a balloon.

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FLYING DISC REPORTED AT HACKENSACK, NJ AUGUST THREE, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, NISC.

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT CHARLES CASSELLA, JR. AGE TWENTY, TWO EIGHT SEVEN HOLLID
AVENUE, HACKENSACK AND WILLIAM TRUNK, US ARMY, FT. LIX, NJ ON LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST

THIRD LAST SIGHTED FROM GROUND OBJECT DESCRIBED AS FLYING DISC. CASSELLA CLAIMED IT

WAS TWO HUNDRED YDS. IN AIR, REVOLVING SLOWLY, MOVING RAPIDLY, AND NEITHER A KITE

NOR A BALLOON. CASSELLA TELEPHONED INFORMATION TO HACKENSACK P.D. INQUIRY BEING
MADE, BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Incident # 89

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **6 July 1947** Incident # **89**
2. Time **1:45 P. M.**
3. Location **100 miles west of Kansas City, Missouri**
4. Name of observer **Maj Archie B. Browning**
5. Occupation of observer **Maj. Air Corps, pilot of B-25**
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **air**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **10 miles**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **11,000 ft**
12. Speed **210 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **Eastward**
14. Tactics **observed horizontal flight**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **30-50 ft in diameter**
17. Color **very bright and silvery colored**
18. Shape **round**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **N, no**
25. Manner of disappearance **Obj disappeared when pilot started to turn into it.**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On 6 July 1947 while flying from Ogden, Utah, to Kansas City, Mo, at 10,000 ft in a B-25 pilot noticed a very bright object low and to his left, approximately 10 miles away. Time was 1:45 P. M. and position was approximately 100 miles west of Kansas City. His first impression was that it was the top of a water tank. After checking his position he again looked to his left (elapsed time 5 seconds). He saw a round, disc shaped object, very bright and silvery colored which seemed to be flying 1 to 2 miles off his left wing at 11 o'clock position at 11,000 ft. The brightness of the object was very great. Diameter of the object was estimated as 30-50 feet. It was traveling in the same direction at the same rate of speed (210 MPH) as the observer. However, when he started to turn into it, it completely disappeared. Weather conditions at the time were CAVU.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Major Archie B. Browning, AC, do hereby swear, this date, that the following statements are true to the best of my knowledge:

'On 6 July 1947, while flying from Ogden, Utah, to Kansas City, Missouri, at 10000 ft in a B-25, I noticed a very bright object low and to my left, approximately 10 miles away. Time was 1:45 P.M., and position approximately 100 miles west of Kansas City. My first impression was that it was the top of a water tank. After checking my position on the map I again looked to my left (elapsed time > seconds). A round, disc shaped object, very bright and silvery colored, seemed to be flying one to two miles off my left wing at 11 o'clock at 11000 ft. The brightness of the object which I would estimate at 30-50 ft. in diameter, was very great. It seemed to be traveling in same direction at same rate of speed (210 MPH) until I started to turn into it, then it completely disappeared. Weather conditions at that time were CAVU.'

ARCHIE B. BROWNING
Major, Air Corps

Incident # 89

Incident # 90

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 29 June 1947 Incident # 90
2. Time 1:00 and 1:30 P. M.
3. Location Highway 17 between Las Cruces, N. M. & White Sands V-2 firing grounds
4. Name of observer Mr. J. R. Kauke, Mr. Zohn, Mr. C. C. Rockwood, & Mrs. Nancy Rockwood.
5. Occupation of observer Mr. Zohn - Admin Assist in Rocket Souds Section NML, Mr. Rockwood, NML Rocket Souds high altitude spectrograph scientist, &
6. Address of observer N/S Mr. Kauke, Talamonting supervis.
7. Place of observation highway 17 - ground
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude between 8,000 and 10,000 ft
(Mr. Zohn put little credence in the estimates)
12. Speed rapid velocity
13. Direction of flight northerly direction
14. Tactics horizontal flight
15. Sound N/S
16. S - to N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape uniform - no protuberances such as wings of a plane
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Mr. Kauke thought at one time there were vapor trails
22. Weather conditions sunlight
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance receded until lost from sight
26. Remarks: (over)

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Mr. Kanke who was driving the car noticed the object first. He called it to the attention of the other occupants. Mr. Zohn thereupon opened the window nearest him and observed the object moving at an unknown rapid velocity at an unknown altitude (which he estimated at 10,000 ft) and which Mr. Kanke thought was between 8,000 and 10,000 feet. When first sighted the object was to their right and forward of the automobile at an unstated elevation and apparently moving horizontally in a Northerly direction such as to cross the highway from right to left. The object was seen by all the occupants of the machine. Mr. Zohn could observe no details other than the shape was uniform with no protuberances such as the wings of a plane. It was too distant to enable stereoscopic visualization. There was some solar specular reflection which seemed to change in intensity as the object receded until lost from sight (after an estimated 30 seconds from the time first noticed.) Mr. Zohn could not explain how it disappeared except that he thought the reflection angle could have changed abruptly. The sun was to the rear of the automobile. Mr. Kanke thought at one time he saw vapor trails.

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Handwritten notes:
This should be
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the report
to be filed
in the
Newspaper
relating to
flying saucers

EXCERPT FROM CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

DATED 29 JULY 1948

Washington, July 28- (Special)-

The Air Force admitted today that, even if the public has forgotten them, it was still studying the mystery of the flying saucers.

Cpl. William P. Nuckols, Acting Director of Air Information, said a technical research unit of the Air Material Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, was notified several months ago to be on the alert for reports of saucers and to undertake to evaluate them. It is still working on them. No special section was set up for the purpose, he said.

Colonel Nuckols made plain that this does not mean that the Air Force has swallowed the flying saucer reports.

"We investigate any phenomenon of this kind," he said, "whether it is chemical, physical or psychological."

Flying saucer stories swept the country last summer. Hundreds of persons reported having seen the glowing saucer-like objects flying at tremendous speeds through the sky. One national guard pilot crashed and died in Kentucky, while reportedly following a saucer in flight. Air Force investigators since have said he was following a weather balloon.

Then the public forgot, or very nearly did so. Recently The Enquirer, acting on reports of saucer studies at Wright Field, and other newspapers began inquiring again of the Air Force. In answer, Air Force made public today this memorandum:

"It is a responsibility of the Air Force to investigate any and all reports of unusual and unexplained material phenomena such as the so-called 'flying saucers'.

"Responsibility for the investigation in this case was assigned to Air Material Command several months ago. Such investigation is one of many studies constantly being conducted by Air Material Command as a routine procedure. And possible explanation must await the result of AMC's investigation, which is continuing."

Another spokesman here today seemed slightly more credulous than the Colonel. "Frankly," he said, "We don't know what the hell they are. All we know is that, if they exist, they are not ours."

AND REFER TO:

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ARMY LIAISON OFFICE
NAVY DEPARTMENT
NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

18 July 1947

SUBJECT: Interview of Person Reporting Unidentified Aerial Object

TO: Asst Chief of Air Staff-2
Collection Branch, AAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. At the request of Lt. Col. G. E. Garrett, AAF A-2, the undersigned has interviewed this date Mr. C. E. Zehn, Administrative Assistant in the Rocket Sende Section, NML, who had previously released information to the press regarding an aerial object which he stated he saw at White Sands, New Mexico, 29 June.

2. Substance of the interview is as follows:

At between 1:00 and 1:30 p. m. Sunday, 29 June 1947, Mr. Zehn, in the company of the following: Mr. J. E. Emske, NML Rocket Sende Section telemetering supervisor; Mr. C. C. Beckwood, NML Rocket Sende high altitude spectrograph orientist; and Mrs. Nancy Beckwood, wife of the latter, was proceeding along Highway 17 in a North-Easterly direction from Las Cruces, New Mexico to White Sands V-2 firing grounds in an automobile driven by Mr. Emske. At some time between those given and about one-third of the distance from Las Cruces Mr. Emske, who was driving the car, noticed the subject device and called attention to the other occupants. Mr. Zehn opened the window nearest him and observed the object moving at an unknown rapid velocity at an unknown altitude, which he estimated at about 10,000 feet, and which Mr. Emske, who also observed it through an open window, estimated at between 8,000 and 10,000 feet, although the former gave little credence in the estimate.

When first sighted the object was to the right and forward of the automobile at an unstated elevation and was apparently moving horizontally in a Northerly direction such as to cross the highway from right to left. The object was observed by all persons in the automobile. Mr. Zehn stated that he could not observe any details of the object other than that its shape was uniform, with no protuberances such as the wings of an airplane. It was too distant to enable stereoscopic visualization. There was apparently some solar specular reflection which seemed to change in intensity as the object receded until it was lost from sight after an estimated 30 seconds from the time first noticed. He could not explain how it disappeared except perhaps that the reflection angle may have changed abruptly. There were apparently no clouds or visibility obstructions at the time. The sun was to the rear of the automobile. Mr. Emske thought that at one time he saw vapor trails.

Ltr. ALO, NRL, 18 July 47 to Asst Chief Air Staff-2, Collection Br., AAF,
subj: "Interview of Person Reporting Unidentified Aerial Object" *June 1947*

3. This interview was made in the presence of Mr. H. E. Novell, Acting Rocket Sounding Section Head, who said that Mr. Zahn had recently been in the Navy and is familiar with the appearance of the majority of aircraft types and with meteorological balloons. Mr. Zahn also stated that none of the occupants of the car were intoxicated.

WILLIAM P. MILLER
Major, Air Corps
AND Liaison Officer

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DIRECTOR, NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AND REFER TO:
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ARMY LIAISON OFFICE
NAVY DEPARTMENT
NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

28 July 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

TO: Asst Chief of Air Staff-2
Collection Branch, AAF
Washington 25, D. C.

Supplemental to that contained in a letter to your office, dated 18 July 1947, re interview with Mr. C. H. Zohn who purports to have seen an unidentified flying object, the following additional information was obtained on 21 July from C. C. Rockwood, who was mentioned in that letter as having also seen the object.

C. C. Rockwood reports the object to have been either a silvery sphere or disc, which he would have taken to be a meteorological balloon except for the fact that it was travelling at a much higher velocity than the automobile and approximately in the same direction. The automobile was moving about 60 mph. There was little, if any, surface wind.

When first seen at an elevation of about 45° it appeared about of the same size as the sun. He could hear nothing above the noise of the car. He saw no smoke or contrails.

Its motion was apparently all horizontal. Its aspect did not change so far as could be observed during the time of observation. He thought it disappeared by simply becoming too small to see.

William P. Mullen

WILLIAM P. MULLEN
Major, Air Corps
AMC Liaison Officer

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Missile Expert Reveals Seeing 'Flying Saucer'

Naval Lab Expert
Tells of Seeing Craft

By WILLIAM J. BRADY

Dr. Robert A. Zelen, a missile expert at the Naval Air Station, told of seeing a "flying saucer" in the sky. He said the object was white and about the size of a dinner plate. It was seen on May 1, 1951, at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Dr. Zelen said the object was seen by him and two other people. It was seen in the sky for about 10 minutes.

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officials developed the theory that the object was a flying saucer.

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Doubt Alien Missile

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THE EVENING STAR Washington D. C.

'Saucer' Seen by Rocket Expert; Flight Over Desert Described

D. C. Navy Research Worker Says Flying Disc
Was Unlike Any Guided Missile He Has Seen

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Flying Saucers

Incident # 90

Incident # 91

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **28 June 1947** Incident # **91**
2. Time **2120 Central Time**
3. Location **Maxwell Fld., Montgomery, Ala.**
4. Name of observer **Capt Wilson H. Kayko, O-38841, Hq TAC**
Capt John H. Cantrell, O-255404, Hq TAC
1st Lt Theodore Dewar, O-2094172, Hq TAC
5. Occupation of object **See above**
6. Address of observer **See above**
7. Place of observation **Maxwell Field, Ala**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **Over 5 minutes**
11. Altitude **impossible to determine - great height**
12. Speed **frequent bursts of speed**
13. Direction of flight **changing - zig-zag course - first east, then south then southwest**
14. Tactics **traveled with frequent bursts of speed in a zig-zag course**
15. Sound **No audible sound**
16. Size **slightly greater than a star**
17. Color **N/S - brilliant light**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **"light"**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **clear moon-light night**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None in our file altho letter of transmittal indicates one was sent**
25. Manner of disappearance **lost in brilliancy of the moon**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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At approximately 2120 Central time, a light, with a brilliance slightly greater than a star appeared from the West traveling in an easterly direction at a high rate of speed. It first appeared slightly above the horizon of a clear moon-light night. There was no audible sound. It appeared to be at great height altho it was impossible to determine the altitude. It traveled a zig-zag course with frequent bursts of speed similar to a water but not spurt and stops across the surface of water. Directly overhead it changed course 90° into the South. After 5 minutes it turned southwest and was lost in the brilliancy of the moon. At 2145 Central it was no longer possible to observe it.

A call was placed to Maxwell Fld operations concerning the phenomena and inquiry was made if any experimental aircraft were scheduled for a flight in the vicinity but the reply was negative. No plausible explanation was offered for the unusual action of this source of light which acted contrary to any common aerodynamical laws. Two of the above noted observers were rated pilots and the other two, air intelligence officers.

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HEADQUARTERS TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

LANGLEY FIELD, VIRGINIA

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7 July 1947

SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Celestial Phenomena

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Headquarters Tactical Air Command
Langley Field, Virginia

1. The following report is submitted concerning an unusual occurrence observed by the following AAF Personnel at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. on the night of 23 June 1947:

CAPT. WILSON H. KAYKO, O-38841, Hq, TAC
CAPT. JOHN H. CANTRELL, O-255404, Hq, TAC
1ST LT. THEODORE DENEY, O-2094172, Hq, TAC
CAPT. REDMAN, Randolph Field, Texas

2. At approximately 2120 Central time, a light, with a brilliance slightly greater than a star, appeared from the West. It was first noted above the horizon of a clear moon-light night, traveling in an easterly direction at a high rate of speed. There was no audible sound and it was impossible to determine the altitude, except that it appeared to be at great height. It traveled in a zig zag course with frequent bursts of speed, much like a water bug as it spurts and stops across the surface of water. It continued until it was directly overhead and changed course 90° into the south. After traveling in the above manner for approximately five (5) minutes, it turned southwest and was lost in the brilliancy of the moon. at 2145 Central it was no longer possible to observe it.

3. A call was placed to Maxwell Field operations reference this phenomena and inquiry made if any experimental aircraft were scheduled for a flight in the vicinity. The reply was negative.

4. No plausible explanation is offered for the unusual action of this source of light, which acted contrary to any common aerodynamical laws. This report is submitted upon request, in view of the many recent reports reference unusual aerial objects observed throughout the U. S.

5. Two of the above noted observers are rated pilots and the other two are air intelligence officers. All observers were cold sober.

6. Attached herewith a sketch showing approximate course of light.

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WILSON H. KAYKO

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMANDING GENERAL, TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 2117 COMB

Incident # 91

Incident # 92

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **19 May 1947** Incident # **92**
2. Time **1215-1315**
3. Location **Pikes Peak Railway, Manitou Springs, Colorado**
4. Name of observer **Mr. D. A. Hauser, Mr. F. J. Smith, & Mr. L. D. Jamison**
5. Occupation of observer **employees of Rk Pikes Peak Railway**
6. Address of observer **Pikes Peak Railway, Manitou Springs, Colorado**
7. Place of observation **Manitou Springs, Colorado**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **Over 1,000 feet**
12. Speed **Not determined - but very rapid**
13. Direction of flight **westward**
14. Tactics **climbing diving and reversal of direction of flight**
hovering
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **Could not be determined**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **Could not be determined**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU - no ground wind**
23. Effect on clouds **No clouds**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **climbing very fast towards the West**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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During their lunch period (1215-1315) 19 May 1947 a member of a train crew called attention to a silver object in the sky approaching from the Northeast. It appeared to be traveling at great speed. The object appeared extremely small and therefore the altitude could not be estimated. It did appear higher than the top of Manitou Mountain which is some 1,000 feet higher than the city. No definite shape could be determined even with the aid of 4-6 power binoculars. The men were certain that the object was not a conventional aircraft since it did not have any of the physical characteristics. Upon reaching the area just north of Manitou the object remained in the area for several minutes during which time it executed maneuvers such as climbing, diving and reversal of flight. This happened every few seconds. The distance and location between views prompted two of the men to think that there may have been more of the objects in the sky. At times it seemed to hover and then it would start on another flight path. When last seen the silver object was climbing very fast towards the west almost directly into the wind.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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Please Address Reply To:
COMMANDING GENERAL
Fifteenth Air Force
Colorado Springs, Colorado

SUBJECT: Summary of Information

TO: Commanding General
Strategic Air Command
Andrews Field
Washington 20, D. C.

*Montgomery Springs
Col.*

Inclosed Summary of Information is forwarded for your information
and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Andrews Field, Washington
20, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AC/AS-2

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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MONTIE THOMPSON, JR.
1st Lt., AGO
AGCT, AGJ, GPO

*Received AF BIR-10
21 July 47*

15 JUL 1967

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ADJ. SERS. C. R. BATHS A. C. MA'D, Andrew Field, Wash. D. C.

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

ATTN: AC/AS-2

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl: Summary of Info
(In dup) 1 cy w/d



HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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2 July 1947

SUBJECT: Supersonic Blatters

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was related to Counter Intelligence Corps personnel at Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado on 27 June 1947 by Mr. A. A. Jansen, 24 North Chesnut Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mr. R. J. Smith, 24 Fairview, Manitou Springs, Colorado and Mr. L. W. Jamison, 2418 West Kiowa, Colorado Springs, Colorado. All three of the men are employees of the Pikes Peak Railway, Manitou Springs, Colorado.

On or about 15 May 1947 during their lunch period (121-1315) a member of a train crew called attention to a silver object in the sky approaching from the North East. It appeared to be travelling at a great speed. All three men stated that the altitude of the object was very difficult to determine because of its apparent smallness. They further stated that because of this it was difficult to view the object as being large and having high altitude or small and being at a relatively low altitude. They did say though that it appeared to be higher than the top of Manitou Mountain which is over 1000 feet higher than the shops which are situated at its base. No definite shape of the object could be determined and even with the aid of binoculars it still could not be brought into focus. The binoculars used were of about 4 to 6 power. The men stated that they were certain that the object did not have any of the physical characteristics of modern conventional aircraft.

The day was described as being clear and sunny with not a cloud in the sky and no ground wind.

On reaching the area just North of Manitou Mountain the object remained in the immediate area for several minutes during which time it was seen to execute maneuvers such as climbing, diving and reversal of direction of flight. This happened every few seconds. The distance and location between views prompted two of the men to think that there were more of the unidentified objects in the sky. At times the object seemed to hover in the air and then start on another path of flight. When last seen the silver object was climbing, very fast towards the West almost directly into the wind.

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Incident # 92

Incident # 93

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 11 Jan 48 Incident # 93
2. Time 1630
3. Location Hartford, Conn.
4. Name of observer Kenneth M. Halton
James J. Pargoe
5. Occupation of observer Captains, USAF (ATC)
6. Address of observer Atlantic Division, ATC (Sq. "D" Air Evac.)
7. Place of observation Hartford, Conn.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Unknown - very high velocity
13. Direction of flight shooting toward earth at 45°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size Resembled shooting star, observers not certain however.
17. Color bluish center, red on the edges
18. Shape Appeared to be disc
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails No tail or trails
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Dropped out of sight on the north side
of Mt. Tom which is near Holyoke, Mass.
26. Remarks:
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Object appeared to be a disc which had a bluish center was red on its edges and was traveling at a very high velocity. It had no tail nor did it leave any sort of a trail in the air. Because of its high velocity and the short space of time that it was sighted neither observer could be certain of the size but in general, report it resembled a shooting star. It dropped out of sight on the north side of Mt. Tom which is near Holyoke, Mass.

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, ATC, 23 Jan 48

UNIDENTIFIED AIR OBJECT: The A-2, Atlantic Division, Air Transport Command reports that while flying over Hartford, Connecticut at approximately 1630 hours, 11 January 1948, Captain Kenneth M. Melton, AO-660566 and Captain James J. Fargoe, AC-543982 of Squadron "D", Air Evacuation, sighted an unidentified object shooting toward the earth at an angle of 45°. The object appeared to be a disc, had a bluish center, was red on its edges and was traveling at very high velocity. It had no tail, nor did it leave any sort of trail in the air. Because of its high velocity and the short space of time that it was sighted, neither observer could be certain of its size but in general, report that it resembled a shooting star. It dropped out of sight on the north side of Mt. Tom, which is near Holyoke, Massachusetts.

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Incident # 93

Incident # 94

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **30 Dec 47** Incident # **94**
2. Time **1926 PST**
3. Location **42° 9.3' N and 114° 22.2' W**
4. Name of observer **Lt Col W.W. Jones**
Maj A. A. Andreas
5. Occupation of observer **USAF pilots**
6. Address of observer **Hq. Eastern Pacific Wing of AFB**
7. Place of observation **See #3**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S - at 2:30 position from plane**
10. Time in sight **2 seconds**
11. Altitude **A/C was at 13,000'. Object was descending vertically.**
12. Speed **Very high - unknown**
13. Direction of flight **Vertically down**
14. Tactics **seemed to slow as it neared the ground**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S trailed intense green and blue flames**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **See #17 - trailed intense green and blue flames**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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While enroute from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairfield-Suisun AF on the night of 30 Dec 47, a possible rocket sighting was made by pilot (Lt Col W. V. Jones, Sq. EPW) and co-pilot (Maj A. A. Andrus, Sq., EPW) Airplane was cruising at 13000 ft. An unidentifiable object trailing green and blue flames was viewed for a period of 2 seconds. The object was descending vertically at a very high rate of speed and seemed to slow down slightly upon nearing the ground. The object appeared at a position of 2:30 o'clock in relation to the plane and the flames were intensely bright.

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Missile Sighting, dtd 31 Dec 47.

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HQ AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. - 12 January 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: T-2

After verbal co-ordination with Lt. Col. Garrett of the Air Force,
Air Intelligence Requirements Division, Collection Branch, this information is forwarded to your office as a matter of interest to the Air Materiel Command.

William S. Brady
Lt Col USAF
for JAMES P. BRADY
Lt. Col., USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff,
A-2

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HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN PACIFIC WING
PACIFIC DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Field, California

A-2/AC/mal

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31 December 1947

SUBJECT: Spot Report on Possible Missile Sighting

TO: Commanding General
Pacific Division, ATS
c/o ATS Postal Officer
Fairfield-Suisun AAFld, Calif
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

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1. While on an administrative flight from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairfield-Suisun Airfield, on the night of 30 December 1947, a possible rocket sighting was made by the pilot (Lt Col W W Jones, Hq. EPW) and the co-pilot (Major A A Andras, Hq. EPW) of the C-54 airplane. Observation was made at 1926 Pacific Standard Time, location $42^{\circ} 09.3' N$ $114^{\circ} 22.2' W$. The airplane was cruising at 13000 feet. An unidentified object, trailing green and blue flames, was viewed for a period of two seconds. The object was descending vertically at a very high rate of speed and seemed to slow down slightly upon nearing the ground. The object appeared at a position of 2:30 o'clock in relation to the airplane and the flames were intensely bright.

2. A report was received at the Fairfield-Suisun tower from the McClellan Airfield tower at Sacramento stating a report had been received from Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7488 flying near Rosedale, California, to the effect that an object was sighted at 1925 Pacific Standard time trailing several colors of flame with red and green predominating. The object was travelling at a very high speed and low altitude eastward toward some hills at approximately $38^{\circ} 50' N$, $121^{\circ} 02' W$. McClellan tower asked the pilot to investigate and at 1958 the pilot reported a small fire at $38^{\circ} 50' N$ and $120^{\circ} 53' W$ which became considerably larger. Fairfield tower requested a local night flying C-47 to also investigate the fire for a possible aircraft accident and the pilot reported over the fire at 1937 Pacific Standard Time at a position of $38^{\circ} 50' N$ and $120^{\circ} 53' W$. The fire was burning in a triangular shape over a small area and went out at 2155. Two particular points in the fire seemed to burn with a bright blue green flame.

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As a result of the above activity on 30 December 1947, Air Sea Rescue located at Hamilton Field was notified and it is understood

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31 December 1947

Subject: Spot Report on Possible Missile Sighting

they would dispatch an airplane to the scene of the fire. The California Highway Patrol was dispatched to the scene of the fire and their findings will be reported as soon as possible.

3. The Fairfield control tower obtained a report at approximately 2300 EST, 30 December 1947, from Hamilton Field Flight Control, that a motorist on U S Highway #40, thirty miles West of Lovelock, Nevada, approximately 39° 53' N, 118° 53' W had seen an object explode in the air at 1926, 1200 to 1300 feet in the air. *Aug 96*

4. The Fairfield Control tower obtained a report from Oakland Airport Flight Control (CAA), at approximately 2315 EST, 30 December 1947, that United Airlines Flight 191 proceeding on airways between Medford, Oregon and Mount Shasta observed a flash at 1925 EST just North of their position. *Aug 97*

5. Subsequent information on the above incidents will be sought and reported.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Stanley Q. West
STANLEY Q. WEST
Colonel, Air Corps
AC/S, A-2

Info:
CG, 4th AF, ATTN: A-2

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Hq, Pacific Division, ATS, ATC, APO 907, 5 Jan 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Transport Service, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN TIO: AC/S, A-2

For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

James M. Williams
JAMES M. WILLIAMS
Colonel, USAF
AC/S, Intelligence

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, Hq, ATC, dtd 1-14-48

UNIDENTIFIED AIR OBJECTS: The A-2 of the Eastern Pacific Wing, Pacific Division, Air Transport Command reports the following four observations of unidentified air objects all occurring in the western states at 1925 or 1926 hours Pacific Standard Time (PST) on 30 December 1947.

While on an administrative flight from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairfield-Suisun Airfield, on the night of 30 December 1947, a possible rocket sighting was made by the pilot, Lt. Col. W. W. Jones, Hq, EPW and the co-pilot, Major A. A. Andrae, Hq, EPW of a C-54 airplane. At 1926 hours PST, location 42° 09.3' North, 114° 22.2 West (near the meeting point of the Nevada, Utah and Idaho state borders) while cruising at 13000 feet an unidentified object, trailing green and blue flames, was viewed for a period of two seconds. The object was descending vertically at a very high rate of speed and seemed to slow down slightly upon nearing the ground. The object appeared at a position of 2:30 o'clock in relation to the airplane and the flames were intensely bright.

A report was received at the Fairfield-Suisun tower from the McClellan Airfield tower at Sacramento stating a report had been received from Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7498 flying near Rosedale, California, to the effect that an object was sighted at 1925 hours PST trailing several colors of flame with red and green predominating. The object was travelling at a very high speed and low altitude eastward toward some hills Northwest of Sacramento at approximately 38° 50' North, 121° 53' West which became considerably larger. Fairfield tower requested a local night flying C-47 to also investigate the fire for a possible aircraft accident and the pilot reported over the fire at 1937 hours PST at a position of 38° 50' North and 120° 53' West. The fire was burning in a triangular shape over a small area and went out at 2155. Two particular points in the fire seemed to burn with a bright blue green flame.

The Fairfield control tower obtained a report at approximately 2300 hours PST, 30 December 1947, from Hamilton Field Flight Control, that at 1926 hours a motorist on US Highway #40, thirty miles West of Lovelock, Nevada, approximately 39° 53' North, 118° 53' West had seen an object explode in air at an altitude of 1200 to 1300 feet.

The Fairfield Control tower obtained a report from Oakland Airport Flight Control (CAA), at approximately 2315 hours PST, 30 December 1947, that United Airlines Flight 191 proceeding on airways between Medford, Oregon and Mount Shasta, California, observed a flash at 1925 hours PST just North of their position.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **30 Dec 47** Incident # **95**
2. Time **1925 PST**
3. Location **Rosedale, Calif (38° 58' N., 123° 53' W)**
4. Name of observer **N/S (C-47 crew)**
5. Occupation of observer **-**
6. Address of observer **Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7488**
7. Place of observation **Rosedale, Calif**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **low**
12. Speed **very high**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **~~Several colors of flame with red & green predominating~~ N/S**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **several colors of flame with red & green predominating**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **N/S**
25. Manner of disappearance **disappeared eastward toward some hills
at approximately 38° 50' N, 121° 02' W.**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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A report received at Fairfield-Suisun tower from McClellan Airfield tower at Sacramento stated a report was received from Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7488 flying near Rosedale, Calif. to the effect that an object was sighted at 1925 P.S. time trailing several colors of flame with red and green predominating. It was traveling at very high speed and low altitude eastward toward some hills at approximately $38^{\circ} 50' N$, $121^{\circ} 02' W$. McClellan tower asked the pilot to investigate and at 1958 the pilot reported a small fire at $38^{\circ} 50' N$ and $120^{\circ} 53' W$ which became considerably larger. Fairfield tower requested a local night flying C-47 to also investigate the fire for possible aircraft accident and the pilot reported over the fire at 1937 P. S. time at a position of $38^{\circ} 50' N$ and $120^{\circ} 53' W$. The fire was burning in a triangular shape over a small area and went out at 2155. Two particular points in the fire seemed to burn with a bright blue-green flame

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 Dec 1947
2. Time 1925 PST
3. Location 30 miles west of Lovelock, Nevada
4. Name of observer H/S (motorist on US highway #40)
5. Occupation of observer H/S
6. Address of observer H/S
7. Place of observation Sec 3 (39° 58' N, 118° 53' W)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer H/S
10. Time in sight H/S
11. Altitude 12 to 13 hundred feet above the ground
12. Speed H/S
13. Direction of flight H/S
14. Tactics None
15. Sound H/S
16. Size H/S
17. Color H/S
18. Shape H/S
19. Odor detected H/S
20. Apparent construction H/S
21. Exhaust trails H/S
22. Weather conditions H/S
23. Effect on clouds H/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance exploded
26. Remarks: (over)

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The Fairfield control tower obtained a report at approximately 2300 EST,
30 Dec 47 from Hamilton Fld Flight Control, that a motorist on US Highway #40
30 miles west of Lovelock, Nevada, (approximately 39° 53' N, 118° 53' W)
had seen an object explode in the air at 1926, 1200 to 1300 feet in the air.

Would appear to be connected with Incidents 89 94, 95 and 97.

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Incident # 97

2. Date 19 5 85

3. location Between Medford, Oregon - Mt. Shasta, Calif.

1. Name of observer: N/S (United airline - flight #191)

5. Occupation of observer Pilot on F-104 191 mi above

6. Name of observer M/s

7. Place of observation on airways between Medford, Oregon & Mt. Shasta

6. Number of objects 1

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight 2/3

11. altitude N/S

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12. Direction of flight E/S

• Tactics 2/3

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17. Color N/S

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16. Color detected Y/S

20. Apparent construction E/S

21. Exhaust trails E/S

2. Other conditions N/S

23. Eff. et on clouds 2/3

2.. Sketches or photographs none

25. Manner of disappearance N/S - saw flash - presumably an explosion

2b. Remarks: (over,

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The Fairfield Control tower obtained a report from Oakland Airport Flight Control (Oak) at approximately 4315 PST, 30 Dec 1947 that Pacific Airlines Flight 191 proceeding on airways between Medford, Oregon, and Mt. Shasta observed a flash at 1925 PST just north of their position.

See incidents 94, 95, & 96.

Incident # 97

Incident # 98

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 2 November 1947 Incident # 98
2. Time just before break of day
3. Location Anderson Road, Houston, Texas
4. Name of observer Mr. & Mrs. Elmer L. Brinberry
5. Occupation of observer ~~N/A~~ Employee of Immigration Svc, Dept of Justice
6. Address of observer Anderson Road, Houston, Texas
7. Place of observation their home while lying in bed
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S - it appeared to fall in a field adjacent their residence
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight earthward
14. Tactics "spinning"
15. Sound N/S
16. Size ~~large~~ - 20 to 30 inches in diameter
17. Color fire
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N "fireball"
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance suddenly "went out" just before it reached the earth.
26. Remarks: (over

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Incident occurred just before break of day. Object appeared^{to Mrs Brimberry} as a large round ball of fire about 26 to 30 inches in diameter with a "tail" of approximately 20 feet in length. This "tail" seemed to diminish as it approached the ground. It appeared to have suddenly "gone out" just before it reached the earth. It possibly could have hit the ground a great distance away but it seemed to have landed in the open vacant field adjacent the house. This field is about 18 ~~acres~~ acres in area. Mr. Brimberry described the object as being "almost round, maybe a little oval or saucer-shaped and giving off a bright light. It appeared to be spinning. He did not see the tail when he observed the object.

This incident occurred just before sun-up and it was pretty light outside.

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HEADQUARTERS
TENTH AIR FORCE
BROOKS FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
D 333.5

7 January 1948

SUBJECT: "Flying Disks"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Mitchel Field, New York
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

Commanding General
Fourth Army
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, G-2

Enclosed is Summary of Information prepared by the Tenth Air Force
Resident Agent at Houston, Texas covering a report of "Flying disks"
received by the FBI Office at Houston, Texas.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Summary of Inform.,
subj: "Flying Disk"
175th AFHQ, Ellington Fld,
datd 19 Dec 47

Raymond D. Stephens
RAYMOND D. STEPHENS
Major, USAF
Actg Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

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B/L fm Hq. Tenth Air Force, Brooks Fld, San Antonio, Texas, dtd
7 Jan 48, subj: "Flying Disks"

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C. - 17 MAR 1948

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

ATTN: TSDLN

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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n/c

DOUGLASS W. HISEMAN
Lieutenant Colonel
Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

175TH AF BASE UNIT (31)

Ellington Field, Texas
19 December 1947

Subject: "Flying Disk"

Summary of information:

Interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Brimberry, Anderson Road, Houston, Texas, concerning the reported observation of a "flying disk" on 2 November 1947, reveal that description of the object in question possibly could have been one of two things, i.e., a comet or a flying disk.

Description of the object by Mr. Brimberry varies considerably from that given by Mrs. Brimberry.

According to Mr. Brimberry, the time of the incident was just before the break of daylight. He and his wife had just awakened. As they were lying in bed, Mrs. Brimberry suddenly remarked "Do you see that" and he replied "Yes, I do." The object had completed its descent by the time of the latter remark. It appeared to have fallen in a field adjacent to their residence and seemed to have "gone out" several feet before it reached the ground. Mr. Brimberry described the object as being "almost round, maybe a little oval or saucer shaped, and giving off a bright light. It appeared to be spinning." Mr. Brimberry related that he had not reported the incident to the newspapers for two reasons. First, he is employed by The Department of Justice, Immigration Service, and publicity resulting from such incidents is not in keeping with his position. Secondly, he thought someone else probably saw the same object and that it would shortly appear in the local newspapers. However, no other persons are presently known to have witnessed this occurrence.

Mrs. Brimberry described the object as "a large round ball of fire about twenty-six (26) to thirty (30) inches in diameter, with a "tail" of approximately twenty (20) feet in length. This "tail" seemed to have diminished as it approached the ground. (Mr. Brimberry averred that there was no "tail" when he observed the object.) It appeared to have suddenly "gone out" just before it reached the earth. It possibly could have hit the ground at a great distance away, but it seemed to have landed in the open vacant field adjacent to the house. This field is about eighteen acres in area. Mrs. Brimberry maintained that the incident occurred "just before sun-up; it was pretty light outside".

Previous Distribution: None

Distributions:

Evaluation	
-of source	-of information
	Reliable
X	Credible
	Questionable X
	Undetermined

Cont'd Summary of Information. Subject: "Flying Disk". 175th AFSC(P),
Ellington Field, Texas. 19 Dec 47.

The possibility of this having been an illusion, caused by a reflection across a window was discussed. A building, which has large plate glass windows, is located across the field from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brimberry. The lights of a passing automobile could have come in contact with the large windows causing a reflection. This building is almost in a direct line from the residence, with respect to the place where the object allegedly was seen to have struck the ground.

On 18 December 1947, a thorough search was made of the field in which the object supposedly had fallen -- no trace was found. Rain had fallen on this field for about three weeks, thus minimizing the possibility of finding trace of the object. Mrs. Brimberry related, however, that her two sons had searched the field shortly after the incident. They found nothing of interest.

Incident # 98

Incident # 99

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 99

1. Date 3 Jan 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Military Attache, Helsinki, Finland (official source of information)
4. Name of observer Helsinki Press, 10th Jan 48, Finland (USMILATTACHE AMLEGATION Helsinki Finland and Burrill)
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Helsinki, Finland
7. Place of observation Vaasa, Finland
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Shining
18. Shape N/S
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Long tail
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Helsinki press 10th January reported observation of light phenomena vicinity Vaasa 3rd January brightly shining object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 seconds.

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

12 FEB 1948

REL-30-2

RESIN

Subject: Observation of Light Phenomena

To: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
Attn: T-1011

The attached copy of cable received from the Military Attache,
Helsinki, Finland is forwarded for your information.

Very truly yours,
Director of the Chief of Staff:

Angelo Whisman

MAJOR A. EISENBERG

Colonel, U. S. A. F.

Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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AFCLM-CO-2

12 FEB 1946

SUBJECT: Observation of Light phenomena

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TOLIN

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BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN

Major General, USAF

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From: USMILATTACHE AMLEGATION Helsinki Finland sgd Burrill
(AIRGRAM)

To: Dir of Intelligence GSUSA Washington 25 DC

Nr: AGC 2

13 January 1948

Helsinki press 10th January reports observation of light phenomena vicinity Vaasa 3rd January brightly shining object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 seconds. Another shining object seen Pietarsaari 5th January observed 10 seconds from north to south. Eyewitnesses state flames were objected and grey streaks left in sky.

Comment:

Finnish press now using term flying saucers reference light phenomena. Last report was 20th December in Utsjoki Northern Finland near Norwegian border.

Evaluation press reports impossible however press claims many witnesses. May be revival another series of alleged flying phenomena. See WEEKA 96.

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NOTE: 96 is CM IN 826 (7 Jan) ID

ACTION: ID

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(20 Jan 48)

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Incident # 100

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date = Jan 1948 Incident # 100
2. Time N/S
3. Location Military Attache, Helsinki Finland (official source of information)
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Pietarsaari, Finland
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 10 Seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight north to south
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Shining
18. Shape N/S
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Grey streaks were left in the sky.
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A shining object was seen near Pietarsaari 5th Jan which was observed 5th Jan for 10 seconds. It was going from north to south. Eyewitnesses state flames were ejected and grey streaks left in the sky

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Incident # 100

Incident # 101

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 101

1. Date 18 February 1948
2. Time 5:01 P.M.
3. Location "Orcutt, Kansas
4. Name of observer M. R. Archbiel account (taken from newspaper)
5. Occupation of observer Editor
6. Address of observer Norton, Kansas
7. Place of observation "Orcutt, Kansas
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 30 - 35 miles above earth
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound One big explosion - "afterwards a lot of little explosions"
16. Size N/S
17. Color Bluish-white smoke smudge
18. Shape Mushroom
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Meteor
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Photo of vapor trail left in sky by explosion
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegration
26. Remarks: Oscar Monnig, of the Texas Observers, Amateur Astronomy, 1010 Morningside Drive, Ft. Worth, offers "tangible proof that the fireball

of February 18 over northern Kansas was just that, inasmuch as meteorites have been recovered from it." There were found, beginning April 24, first several smaller fragments up to one of 4 1/2 pounds. Then a disturbed spot in a clover field led to the digging up of a piece of some 109 pounds embedded about two feet in the soil. The stone is what is termed as an "achondrite", a technical name for an unusual type of stony meteorite. It is reported to be of a type which will deteriorate rapidly.

A photograph of the trail of the meteor, made by amateur photographer Duane J. Wray of Norton, shows the vapor trail left in the sky by the explosion of a meteor which was seen in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. It was made at Wray's home, nine miles north of Norton, just four minutes after the meteor exploded. A smudge of blue-white smoke remained in the sky for an hour February 18th. This photograph is in file under Incident #101.

Further remarks are contained in supplement.

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323 W. Tenth St.,
Pueblo, Colorado
February 20, 1948

Office of the Chief of Staff
U. S. Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Explosion in the sky near Morcatur, Kans.
4:00 p.m. (MST) February 18, 1948

Purpose: To call attention to some peculiarities
in connection, whether coincidental or not

According to an AP bulletin appearing in the Pueblo CHIEFTAIN for February 18, 1948, some object was seen moving eastward across the sky on the late afternoon of February 18th, and when this thing reached a position approximate to Morcatur, Kansas, exploded, or disrupted, or disappeared. The explosion is said to have been terrific.

Directions given as to the progress of this appearance indicate that it moved from west to east.

Information contained in the dispatch under a Denver dateline indicate that while many would call this object a bolide - e.g., exploding meteor - the astronomers of Chamberlin Observatory (Denver) did not so assess it: it is said in the dispatch that these officials could offer no explanation of it.

If this is the case, the appearance is anomalous, and may lend itself to other meteoric explanation.

A sketch-diagram of the earth and moon's orbit reveals a peculiarity in connection with the appearance, which may be significant.

If a line is stricken at right-angles across the meridional position of the site of explosion of this meteor at hour angle four o'clock (local time) and this line be considered the west-to-east course of the object, then it will be seen that if this line is continued outward into space toward the orbit of the moon it will intersect the lunar orbit at a place near to where the moon would be at from 80 to one hundred hours after the explosion took place.

New moon occurred at 9 D 10 H 2 M February; First Quarter at 17D 8H M. February - the moon moves approximately 12.5 degrees per day along its orbit.

It is held by rocketry experts (example, WILLY LEY - see his ROCKETS, p. 192, diagram and note in connection therewith) that it would take about 100 hours for a rocket- or ft to negotiate the distance from Earth to Moon.

Prior to its explosion over Norcat, this object of Feb. 18th was variously reported as a "falling plane", a "jet plane", and a "ball of fire". It is said by some to have left a trail of smoke behind it.

It is the suggestion of this writer that the Army collect and assimilate reports on this object, with a view to determining where it was seen as an object trailing smoke and where as a ball of fire.

If this thing is a rocket of some kind headed for the moon, it might first have been seen as a streak of smoke, then later as a ball of fire, and lastly as a tremendous explosion when it at last reached sufficient speed and elevation for take-off.

The writer has heard the various and unexplained reports on "flying saucers", and bases this speculation upon a long consideration of various oddments of reports whose significance might be of space-craft from other worlds of space.

The so-called "meteoric procession" which crossed Toronto in February 1913, consisted of a number of groups of illuminated bodies traveling in groups of three and moving in "rigid formation", all pursuing a course across the same streak of the earth's surface. If a line is projected backward along this line of flight it will be seen that this line "comes out" at the position of the moon at the time. The 1913 phenomenon occurred in the mid-period of a series of reports on dirigible aircraft of appearance like zeppelins which were seen over England and whose appearance terminated - or reports on the appearances stopped - just prior to the inferior conjunction of Venus of April 24, 1913.

The writer begs to call attention to the fact that the times prior to and just after inferior conjunction of Venus are prolific in reports of strange things seen in the sky.

Also that lights have been reported on the moon from time to time, back for at least a century.

If in the future of military experiment the moon is selected as a base for the launching of rockets (which has been suggested by some writers), it may be well to look first

into reports like this one on the explosion over Norcatur
and the direction of the object involved.

There is a possibility, however remote this may seem, that
the moon is either inhabited or in use by other than human
beings.

Yours,

/s/ NORMAN GARRETT MARKHAM

It may do not harm to
watch the moon for
possible arrival of
something in the quarter
at 80 to 100 hours after
"its departure".

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March 14, 1948

FILE REF: - SIGGE-M-1

From:

Norman G. Markham
MAIN HOTEL, Pueblo, Colo

To:

Chief Signal Officer
U. S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Subject:

Forcatur, Kans., sky explosion
of 13 February, 1948

Purpose:

To show a speculation regarding the above phenomenon and another one of earlier date and to call attention to occurrences between the two which have an appearance of relationship whether coincidental or not.

The geographical position of the Forcatur explosion suggests possible links with other occurrences happening inside latitudinal limits arbitrarily demarkable between $43^{\circ} 36'$ North (which is the latitude of Boise, Idaho) and $36^{\circ} 10'$ North (the latitude of Nashville, Tenn.), a belt about 485 miles wide.

This suggestion is gained from positions given for occurrences happening between June 24, 1947 and February 18, 1948, as shall be hereinafter briefly described.

THE MOON (Idaho) OBJECT--This was seen either beginning or ending at 330 pm 24 June 1947 and was visible for 20 minutes. It was in the western sky, was of comet-like appearance, and settled gradually toward the horizon as planetary bodies set. It was seen by Lt. Gov. Hitchcock and Chief Justice Lammert. Its nature was unknown.

The peculiarity which connects this object, for speculative purposes, with the explosion of some unknown object over Forcatur, Kans., on 13 February 1948 is the seeming of a relationship between the positions of the moon for the two phenomena:

In the former case the moon was at the date of phenomenon, about 7%, 63 before the position of First Quarter; on the second case it was about 8%.73 beyond the position of first quarter.

Since the Boise object was visible for 20 minutes before it sank this argues it was about ten degrees above the horizon when first seen. Now if a line be drawn westward and at ten degrees zenithward from the

horizon of Boise at 3:30 p.m. and another line be drawn from the position of the moon at one hundred hours before the sighting of the Boise object, and projected to the center of the earth, it will be seen that this ten-degrees-altitude and the moon-earth line intersect as a place far above a geographical position considerably to the west of Cape Blanco, in the neighborhood of about 700 miles off the coast.

The Boise object in its appearance suggests a rocket-type of craft possibly using reaction blasts to brace itself down for a landing on the earth. The bright point and plume tail of the description suggest this, as also its apparent fixity in space.

HOLLE'S "BURNING FLAME" — Nine days after the sighting of the Boise object a forest lookout named Carl Holle saw at or soon after 4:00 p.m., 3rd July, 1947, something he took to be a "tanker in flames". This was seen horizon-ward from a point in Sonoma County, California, near to Fort Ross. A search was first tried by the Navy or Coast Guard, and nothing was found. The nearest tanker ELBERT, which had been in the vicinity, was queried and found to be all right. This was not explained.

If this appearance had been on the horizon, there is no telling how far it may have been from the observer.

CAPE PRADY "FLAME" INCIDENT — Not far from the location of Holle's "burning ship" an accident occurred to a Navy blimp, 14 July 1947, off Cape Mendocino.

This blimp suddenly settled into the water, slid out its crew and rose again.

The anomaly here is that one would not expect to find drastic down-drafts of such violence as to thus upset a lighter-than-air craft. Possibly a down-draft accounted for the accident - but if the Signal Officer will look up the incident of the British steamer Talca which, at the time of the sighting of a luminous wheel-like phenomenon in the Gulf of Martaban, reported a slowing of the engines from some unknown cause, it may be seen that possibly forces are generated in some manner by certain unknown objects at times in the ocean, which may have physical attraction for material objects. This blimp accident occurring in waters where occurred other phenomena shortly to be mentioned, seems to have a doubtful side to it.

THE OAKLAND OBJECT — Early on the morning of 13th October, 1947, a photographer named Ben Dobus together with a taxidriver named A. J. Goldman saw a thing "that looked like Saturn with a ring around it." It shot at terrific speed WESTWARD across the sky of the Bay area, and was seen shortly after midnight.

This may have been heading in the general direction of what may have been the trail of two later objects which roughly resemble it in description.

TICOMOROGA OBJECTS — According to the tanker Ticomoroga's second officer, two "flying discs" were seen heading SOUTHWEST when the ship was in 43 degrees fifteen minutes north and 124 degrees 54 minutes west, at 0620 GMT, 12th November 1947.

These may have been heading for the object seen in the Pacific off the Golden Gate, not long afterward — or possibly at the same time, if earlier reports on this are consulted.

REEF — On November 24, 1947, the Navy denied that it had found a sandbar reef or other obstruction to navigation at a point about 100 miles west of San Francisco. The Navy's survey ship "ANNE", sent out there in response to reports of ships that some flying object had been seen in the water in that neighborhood, reported that after it the approximate latitude and longitude of the supposed obstruction they placed a buoy in the water 1000 yards from the point where the object was reported to have been seen. At 100 yards of this, the buoy was found.

There seems to be no direct connection between the various elements so far mentioned.

Later on January 7, 1948, there were occurrences in the neighborhood of Lexington, Ky., Ft. Knox, Ky., Franklin, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., all of which must be now familiar to the archivists of the Signal Office.

One of these "flying discs" was pursued by Lt. Mastell and two other pilots, Mastell being killed while in the process of attempting to gain altitude to get close to whatever it was he was chasing.

Also, in this connection, it may not be amiss to mention the deaths of two military officers who were said to have been bringing back material evidence from "flying discs" one of which was said to have met with some kind of accident over Harry Island, Puget Sound, in mid June, 1947.

It will be seen on inspection that the geographical locales of these incidents fit inside the belt of latitudes hereinbefore mentioned.

THE NORCATUR EXPLOSION was described in a previous letter of this writer, and it was shown in that letter that a line tangential to the meridian of Norcatur, Kans., at hour-angle 2:20 p.m., would if continued outward into space to the orbit of the moon, intersect the moon's orbit at a point where the moon would have been at about 100 hours after the time of the explosion.

According to rocketry theory, it would take a reaction-propelled craft of the rocket type about 100 hours to reach the moon.

I submit there is a likelihood that on June 24, 1947, something like a space-ship came here from the moon and upon February 18, 1948, returned to the moon.

This is of course speculation.

But has anyone yet explained the "flying discs" in terms of all the pretty-well proven facts in connection with them?

Has anyone yet devised a fuel powerful enough to kick a rocket from earth to the moon?

There are two hundreds of reports, during the past century, of occurrences which imply this world is visited from outside space. As soon as contact by these postal table visiting entities may imply a state of culture far beyond ours, to the point where it would be inexpedient for their members to have to do with us en-masse.

Such reports have never been seriously considered by science, which at present ignores them.

However, according to Dr. Koch of Chamberlin Observatory, Denver, there is not in astronomy to explain the thing which exploded over Norcaton. Dr. Chamberlin's idea that the thing was a meteor flatly disregards Dr. Koch's opinion, which may have been based on the Denver Posts' statement that a Denver woman saw the meteoric object twenty minutes before the explosion occurred.

I submit that the Army needs men who are capable of recognizing the anomalies beforementioned when they occur, even if only to all in a speculation regarding them.

The undersigned offers his services to the Army, if the Army may wish to avail itself of them.

/s/ L. G. BERKMAN

Excerpt of letter dated April 11, 1948 from Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Deputy Executive Director, Committee on Geophysical Sciences, Research and Development Board:

Thank you for the surprising document sent me under date of March 30. As you remark, certain aspects of Markham's letters are fantastic (for instance: (1) the "fireball procession" of 913, February 9, was genuine meteoric, although a rare type of chain fall; (2) no astronomer could have possibly "Markham's" "invasion by beings from Venus or the Moon" - (3) "a scale to, and biases of his fever, richly untrustworthy evidence of a madman's stories, etc., the absurd statement attributed to Dr. Markham of the "black crystal" servant). Nevertheless, Markham is justified in his attention to certain incidents as explained, for example, the "black crystal" (a very old 9% wax and impurities and 1% real).

As to the "Norcatur, Kansas incident", I remain convinced that, although the "Norcatur incident", it was a genuine meteorite fall, although a "fireball" (again like the Four Corners fall). However, there are interesting aspects of other falls, some of an objective nature, and a similar fact that in spite of intensive searches (admission of the terrain and weather conditions), not a trace of meteoritic material has been found; some of a non-objective nature, like the "Norcatur" incident, given by Mr. Leland Simmons, Dr. Alfred Glen, and other witnesses of the Norcatur incident, both to members of the State Highway Commission, Kansas and to astitute of Meteoritics field survey parties. (See also the "Norcatur" enclosed.)

There is an interesting testimony as appears in B, and C would seem to be:

1. The "Norcatur" incident the battery case as red-hot. When I pointed out that the battery case was not glowing, his account was changed to "the battery case". The Institute of Meteoritics party found only two witnesses, who saw the battery case fall. The battery case as been examined by Dr. Victor Rejzner, Department of Physics, University of New Mexico, who states that it appears to be identical with the small batteries used in portable radios.

2. K. Hays' identification of the Norcatur object as a rocket has the following support: On the morning of February 19, I talked to the tower and two assistants at the Air Base at McCook Field, Nebraska. All three agreed the Norcatur object was a fireball and described it as a black object with an extremely bright jet of flame pouring out of the rear. Furthermore, a 14-year old, and presumably unbiased, schoolgirl in Oberlin, Kansas wrote me a similar description of the "Fireball."

3. A letained effort is under way to check up on Sammons' veracity (a. a. t. i.) I have either seen nor talked to Sammons, but another member of the Institute of Meteoritics, Dr. D. M. Bragg, an instructor in the Department of Mathematics who did so believes Sammons (who is a well-to-do farmer) to be sincere and very badly scared. Of course readiness to a big meteorite fall rounds are not as badly as an atom bomb; but how could it be otherwise testimony as Sammons".

"Meteorite" incidents from the past fall of 1945, November 2 (the meteorite fell near the town of T. R.) through the sequence of events leading to the "Great Meteorite Incident", could be used as a case study to convince me that either Sammons is under a most unusual degree of duress or many of the "facts" are not meteorites at all. While I still cling to the meteorite theory, it is clear that while other alternatives are in the air, the present case needs for thorough investigation.

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EXHIBIT A

Ray H. Cox, Director of Highways

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

KANSAS

Division 3

Morton

W. H. AK, K. S. S., Night of 10/18

Mr. Ak, Director of Highways, told me that at approximately 1:40 P.
M. on 10/18, while on duty at the office in the Director's building,
he saw a very bright flash of light in the sky, followed by a heavy
cloud of smoke.

He stated that the flash was toward the northeast
and that the smoke cloud was also toward the northeast.
He stated that the flash was as bright as a very bright
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Edgar Young's boy at Reager, was standing beside the water elevator and heard
something high over head, looked up to see a very bright flash of light and
then a loud explosion followed by a big cloud of smoke.

The airport at Morton thought about 20, 00 feet, time 1:50. Checked but no
planes missing.

EXHIBIT B

Statement taken from: Leland Sammons

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Sammons, and I live on a farm 1 1/2 miles west of Stockton and 1 1/2 miles north of E 2 1/2.

On September 1st at about 5 P.M., I was standing near my hog-pen about 100' south of the house, when I heard the pigs raising a disturbance and the noise of a chicken-scratch. I looked around toward the house and saw a white cloud rising just above the house. It then lowered over the north end of the house and I went around. I was then very near it, approximately 6' above the ground level with my face, and I just peered around for an instant, then I felt it and I ducked back in. The thing was about 10' high and it looked like a funnel. It was a pipe sticking out of the house, and it whirled around, and I was looking at it. It was a lot of pipe sticking out of it, and the fire increased. A few light have lighted, and it took off in a north-westerly direction very fast, gaining altitude as it went. My wife heard it leave and she was very scared, and we watched it go. A white trail of smoke all the way. It left a great cloud of smoke in the sky, but soon it was 10 seconds after it left my yard, and in a few seconds or more, we heard an explosion. It came from off from my house where it had been, and it was five or six feet high, and it was all over the car. I was not there at the time, but I was in the yard where he started up because there was a great cloud of smoke in the sky. I must have been quite close to it when it exploded.

Sammons Mrs., Mrs. Leland Sammons, 1 1/2 miles west of Stockton on US 36, at the Jet. or K-10, and 1 1/2 miles north of E 2 1/2. At about 5:30 P.M., not sure of time, when I was in a pasture, when I heard something queer in the sky. Looking toward the south-west, we saw what appeared to be a rocket, just like we had seen during the war in Europe. I startled in, and he jumped off the horse. He then remounted, we closed its course, and got on a level with the house. It was a little, and it then exploded with a big cloud of smoke, apparently over the house, from where he was, south of the house. He rode on toward home a ways, when suddenly the sound and jar of the explosion reached him. Mrs. Hays was home in the house, when she heard and felt something like a truck might have struck the house. He ran out of the house and then first saw the huge cloud of smoke. About 10 minutes later, a part of the smoke cloud lifted directly over their house, and went on east over Phillipsburg.

Ralph New, postmaster at Noreatur, stated that at about 4:50 P.M. he was standing just inside the front window of the postoffice in Noreatur, when he observed a blinding flash as if someone had taken a flashlight picture. He could locate no one with a camera, but noticed several men walking to the center of the street and looking up. He then walked out to where they were and looking up, saw a high cloud of smoke in the sky almost directly overhead

on slightly east. Suddenly, about 1 and 1/2 minutes after he had seen the flash, there was a terrific explosion and jar, shaking the ground and causing the windows all around to rattle. Following the explosion, there were several loud reverberating rumblings across the heavens. He stated that the explosion had been very big.

Edgar Lee, who is living at Regar, just east of Norcatur, was outside the elevator when he observed the explosion, looked up, and saw the big cloud of smoke. He stated that it was almost overhead but slightly west of him. He said it was a big explosion. The elevator car was out in the lobby when he heard the explosion. He thought that his oil-burner had exploded in the office and was in to see about it. Finding it O.K., he was outside when the car had exploded, saw the big cloud of smoke high overhead, and it was.

A large Kansas newspaper carried a story about 6 days ago of a plane flying in one, coming from the south to vicinity of Iola, Kansas, where it disappeared and disappeared into the sky.

Chief Scott of Horton about a burned flashlight battery was found in the street of Horton just after the explosion. It was too hot to be picked up for several minutes. Chief Scott has it.

Note: A copy of Exhibit "C" referred to in letter from Dr. LaPaz, was not received.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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23 April 1948

Acme Newspictures
Division of NEA Service, Inc.
461 Eighth Avenue
New York 1, N. Y.

ATTENTION: Mr. Roy Mohlman
Special Service Department

Gentlemen:

Acknowledgment is made of your photograph "The Trail of a Meteor",
KC 862088, which was received this date.

This Headquarters appreciates the considerate cooperation of your
company in donating this photograph for use in an intelligence study.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

*See how
this 9 May 48*

7475 Knox Place
Bronx, 67 New York
1 May 1948

Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command, Att: "C1"
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from Colonel W. R. Clinger, Chief, Tech. Intelligence Div., requesting photographs of meteorite trails.

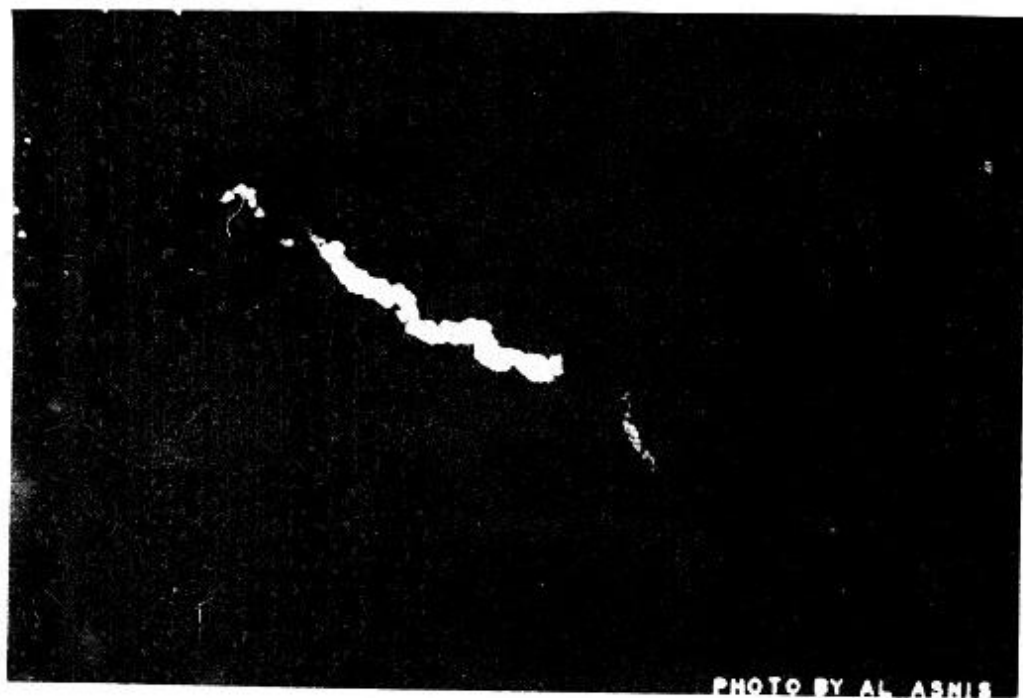
Enclosed is a series of four photos taken in the vicinity of Pampa, Texas, of a meteorite trail on 20 May 1944. These photos were made from 40 to 50 seconds after the meteor's flight at about 15 second intervals. The time interval was checked by actual rehearsal.

I hope these photos will be of help to you in your research.

Sincerely yours,



Alexander Lewis



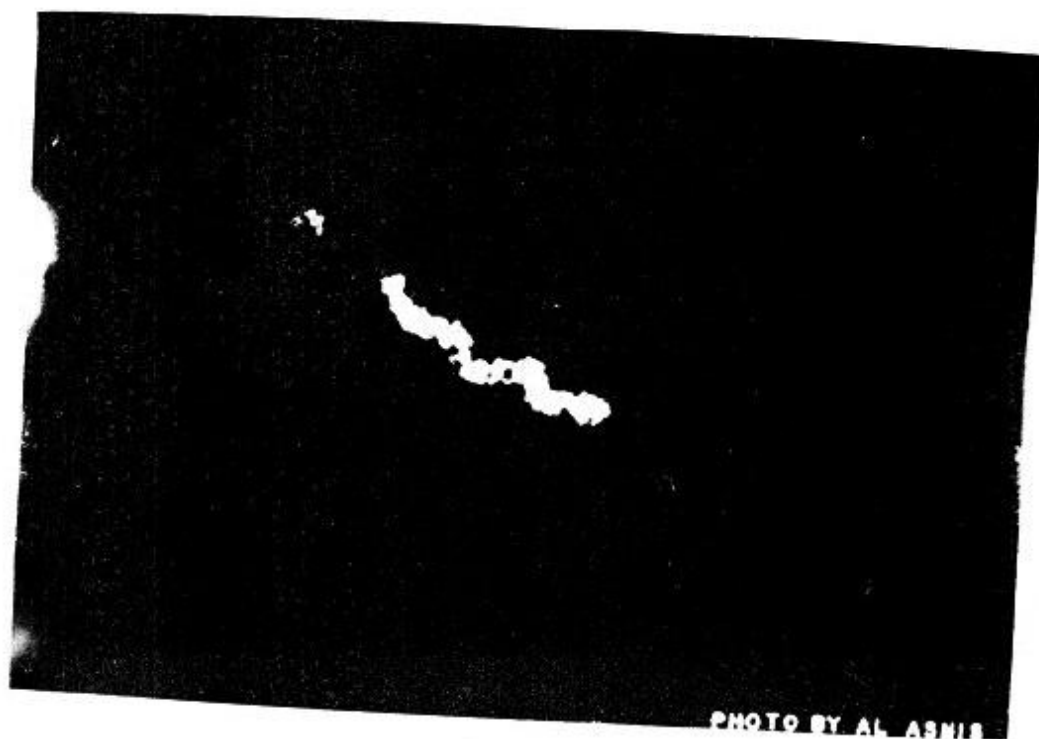




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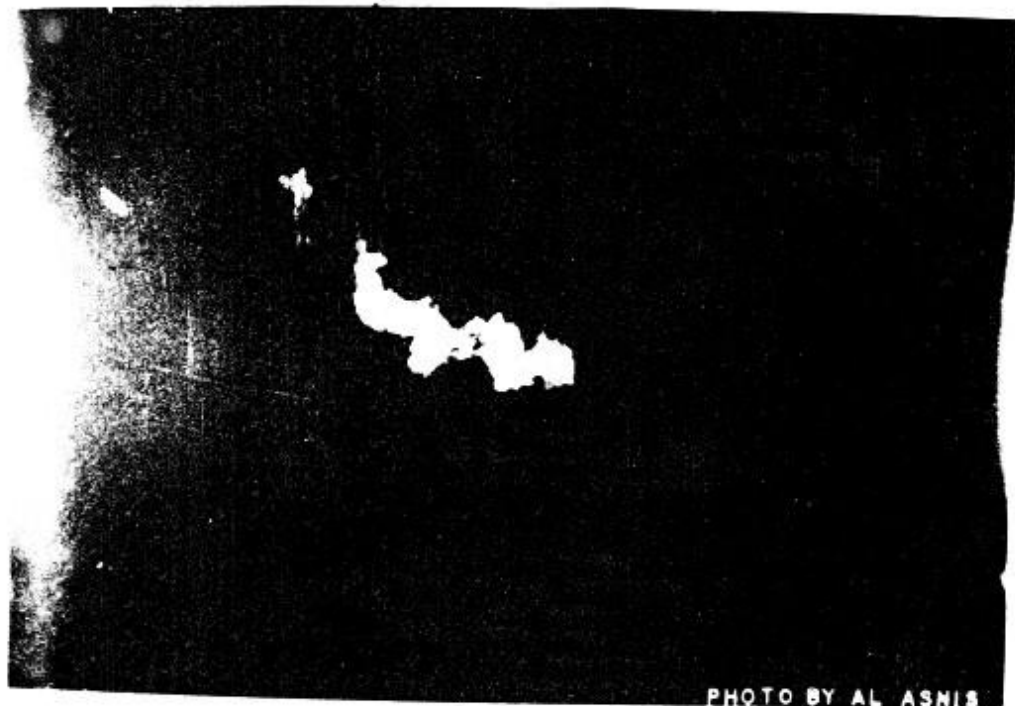


PHOTO BY AL ASHIS

TEXAS OBSERVERS
Amateur Astronomy
1010 Morningside Dr
Ft. Worth 3, Texas

1948 May 16

Commanding General
AW
Wright-Patterson F Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attn: Maj M. J. Faulk (MCIA)

Dear Sir:

While there was never any doubt in my mind, I can now report to you finally that there is tangible proof that the fireball of Feb. 18 over northern Kansas was just that, inasmuch as meteorites have been recovered from it.

There were found beginning Apr 24. First several smaller fragments up to one of 4-1/2 pounds came to light. Then a disturbed spot in a clover field led to the digging up of a piece of some 100 pounds about two feet in the soil.

You can get details from the Norton memo I referred you to before. Altho Prof. H. H. Nininger made the primary initial survey, Dr. L. La Paz came in later and got most of the material recovered to date. You could write either of them for details or confirmation. The stone is what is termed as "achondrite", a technical name for an unusual type of stony meteorite. It is reported to be of a type which will deteriorate rapidly. I have not examined any of it yet.

Incidentally, when we talked together you may recall that I asked you whether you could help me locate a former Col. Al Asnis. Trouble yourself no further, as I found him by inquiry thru ordinary channels.

Now I'll ask you another favor. In some possible work in areas containing iron meteorites, I could use a metal detector handily. I have been checking into the matter of what the Army had left and sold as surplus, and find they had a type AN/PRS-1 and a type SCR 625. I believe the Signal Corps handled these as mine detectors. Where could I get technical information on these (instructions, etc.) and where could I find whether some are available? I have located two surplus outfits who sell these, but am wondering if the Army or the War Assets has any more.

Sincerely:

Oscar Monnig

[Handwritten signature]



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18 March 1948

INTERVIEW WITH MR. OSCAR E. MONNIG
Secretary, National Meteoritical Society

1. On 13 March 1948, while on a navigational training flight to Ft. Worth, Texas, Major Leivin W. Faulk interviewed Mr. Oscar E. Monnig. Mr. Monnig is Secretary of the National Meteoritical Society. He has been actively engaged, as an amateur, in research on and the collection of meteorites since 1930, and hence is regarded as an expert on the subject.

2. Mr. Monnig quoted two other authorities on the subject. Their names and addresses are:

a. Professor E. W. Mininger
P.O. Box 1171
Winslow, Arizona

b. Dr. C. C. Wyllie
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

3. Major Faulk queried Mr. Monnig specifically on the explosion of a supposed meteorite at 1705 CST, 19 February 1948. It was stated that this phenomenon was definitely that of a meteorite, or daytime fireball. The most conclusive evidence of this is a photograph taken of the dust cloud left by the fireball. This photograph was taken from a point 9 miles north of Norton, Kansas by Duane E. Wray of Norton, Kansas. Mr. Wray has sold the copyright to this photograph to: E.E.A. Service, Inc., 1206 W. Third Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio. Mr. Monnig said during the flight of a meteorite outside the atmosphere of the earth, it is believed that, as a black body, it achieves a temperature of about 4°C . Upon reaching the air layer of the earth, it becomes friction-heated and is subjected to increasing pressure; this causes a release of a trail of gases which usually explode at an altitude of about 20 miles above the earth. After the explosion, a visible dust cloud remains in the atmosphere. The meteorite now usually consists of a cluster of small stones which continue on to strike the earth. Their pattern of impact depends upon the inclination of their flight path with the earth's surface, and varies from slightly oval to an elongated ellipse. If this flight path is observed, the point of impact is calculated, and interested parties, such as Mr. Monnig, make a search for the particles. The particles, when found, usually resemble small stones and are composed chiefly of silicates. There may be a burned shell surrounding the particles, usually about 2 to 10 mm. thick. Weights are ordinarily of the order of a few ounces.

4. Final evidence that the 18 February incident was a fireball will be the discovery of meteorite particles. The discovery will probably be reported by Professor Mininger, since the meteorite is calculated to have fallen in his "territory". It is a matter of ethics among meteoritical enthusiasts that they do not poach on areas already canvassed by another collector. Discovery may occur very soon, or it may be as long as 12 months before any particles are found.

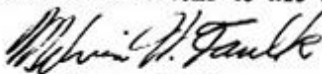
*71.0 miles fall
in Mininger's territory*

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5. Mr. Monnig exhibited a series of four photographs taken of a meteorite dust cloud or "train" taken on 20 May 1944 by Cpl. A. L. Asnis, AS# 32790171, c/o Photo Section, PAAF, Pampa, Texas. The present address of the corporal is unknown, but his photographs are copyrighted. Acquisition of these and other photographs of similar nature would be valuable for Project "SIGMA" for comparative purposes. Mr. Monnig requested that if the copyright owner of these photographs is located, he be informed so that he may obtain additional copies.

6. Mr. Monnig quoted the book, "The Book of the Damned" by Charles Fort as an interesting collection of unexplained aerial phenomena. He said that the incidents are authentic, but Mr. Fort's conclusions and interpretations are fantastic.

7. Mr. Monnig said that he will keep this office informed of his opinions on any future sightings of aerial phenomena that come to his knowledge.



MELVIN J. FAULK
Major, USAF



TEXAS OBSERVERS AMATEUR ASTRONOMY

1010 Morningside Dr.
FORT WORTH 3, TEXAS

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Incident # 101

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Incident # 102

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 102

1. Date 17 February 1948
2. Time 1500 MST
3. Location ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Air Near Green River, Utah
4. Name of observer Leonard F. Marchese (S-2 Pilot, Lt. 28 Bomb Grp)
5. Occupation of observer Pilot
Carl W. Stucki, Lt., Co-Pilot, (see reverse side for other witnesses)
6. Address of observer 77th Bomb Sq, 28th Bomb Grp (VH), Weaver AFB, S.D.
7. Place of observation 35° N - 100° W, near Green River, Utah
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer 100 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 20,000 feet
12. Speed Very high
13. Direction of flight Southeast of Limon, Colorado
14. Tactics Explosion rate
15. Sound Could not be determined due to engine noise
16. Size Huge
17. Color Multi-colored ball of fire
18. Shape Multi-colored ball of fire and dense cloud of smoke
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Vapor trail with ball of fire at head of trail
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: ~~XXXX~~ Over

A huge multi-colored ball of fire trailing a dense cloud of smoke was sighted at approx 1500 hours MST 15 Feb 45, 39° N-100° W at approx 20,000 ' by two B-29 aircraft of the 28th Bombardment Group (VII). It was seen some 100 miles southeast of the B-29s. Size was estimated as huge altho impossible to determine accurately due to the distance. It was traveling at very high speed and heading southeast of Lincoln, Colorado, at approx 20,000 ft.

Witnesses: Capt Edward H. Barrett, AO-49504, 718th Bomb Sq
28th Bomb Grp (VII). Pilot of 1st B-29

Capt Maurice T. Ritenour, AO-48043, 718th Bomb Sq
28 Bomb Grp (VII). Co-Pilot of 1st B-29.

1st Lt Leonard P. Marchess, AO-745714, 77th Bomb
Sq., 28th Bomb Grp (VII). Pilot of 2nd B-29

1st Lt. Carl W. Stucki, AO-785516, 77th Bomb Sq,
28th Bomb Grp (VII). Co-Pilot of 2nd B-29.

NOTE: See Incident 101 - Worcester Kansas.

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HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING (VH)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
Weaver Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota

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A-2 350.09

26 February 1948.

SUBJECT: Smoking Object.

TO: Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio.
ATTN: TUDIN.

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation Number 43-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base 20, D.C., dated 19 February 1948, the following information is submitted for your information and guidance:

a. Smoking Object sighted approximately 1500 hour MST, 18 February 1948, 39° N - 100° W approximately 20,000' by two B-29 Aircrafts of 28th Bombardment Group (VH), assigned this command.

b. Weather at the time: Clear.

c. Names, Occupations, and addresses of Witnesses:

Captain, Howard H. Berodt, AO-49504, 718th Bomb Sq,
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 1st B-29.

Captain, Maurice T. Ritsenour, AO-48043, 718th Bomb Gp,
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Co-Pilot of 1st B-29.

1st Lt. Leonard F. Marchess, AO-748714, 77th Bomb Sq,
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 2nd B-29.

1st Lt. Carl W. Stucki, AO-785916, 77th Bomb Sq,
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Co-Pilot of 2nd B-29.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: None available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: None.

f. Object sighted: Smoking Object.

(1) Number: One (1).

(2) Shape: Huge multi-colored ball of fire and a dense cloud of smoke followed.

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See Ltr, file A-2 350.09, Hq 28th Bomb Wing (VB), Weaver Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota, dated 26 February 1948, Cont'd.

f. (Continued).

- (3) Size: Huge size, seen 100 miles southeast of the B-29s. At this distance was impossible to accurately figure the size.
- (4) Color: Multi-colored ball of fire and a dense cloud of smoke.
- (5) Speed: Very high speed.
- (6) Heading: Southeast of Limon, Colorado.
- (7) Maneuverability: Explosion rate.
- (8) Altitude: Approximately 20,000'.
- (9) Sound: Could not be observed, because personnel were in B-29s Aircraft at approximately 10,000' at the time.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not: A vapor trail with a ball of fire at the head of trail.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

BENJAMIN C. MARSHALL,
Captain, USAF,
Intelligence Officer.

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Incident # 102

Incident # 103

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 103

1. Date 18 February 1948
2. Time 1900 S
3. Location ~~XXXXXX~~ Air near Green River Utah
4. Name of observer Capt. Edward H. Croft - Capt. Maurice T. Ritenour
(See Inc 102 - corroboration)
5. Occupation of observer pilots
6. Address of observer 718th Bomb Sq, 28th Bomb Op (VM) Weaver AFB, S.D.
7. Place of observation 39° N - 100° W - Near Green River, Utah
8. Number of objects 4
9. Distance of object from observer 100 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 20,000 feet
12. Speed very high
13. Direction of flight (over the state of Colorado)
14. Tactics explosion rate
15. Sound could not be described but like engine noise
16. Size approx 100 ft x 100 ft (2's)
17. Color multi-colored ball of fire
18. Shape multi-colored ball of fire and dense cloud of smoke followed
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Vapor trail with a ball of fire at the head of trail
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: ~~None~~ - Same as incident 102 which see

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HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING (VH)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
Weaver Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota

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A-2 350.09

26 February 1948.

SUBJECT: Smoking Object.

TO: Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio.
ATTN: TSDIN.

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation Number 45-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base 20, D.C., dated 19 February 1948, the following information is submitted for your information and guidance:

a. Smoking Object sighted approximately 1500 hour MST, 18 February 1948, 39° N - 100° W approximately 20,000' by two B-29 Aircrafts of 28th Bombardment Group (VH), assigned this command.

b. Weather at the time: Clear.

c. Names, Occupations, and addresses of Witnesses:

Captain, Howard H. Berodt, AO-49504, 718th Bomb Sq,
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 1st B-29.

Captain, Maurice T. Ritenour, AO-48043, 718th Bomb Sq,
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28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 2nd B-29.

1st Lt. Carl W. Stucki, AO-785916, 77th Bomb Sq,
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Co-Pilot of 2nd B-29.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: None available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: None.

f. Object sighted: Smoking Object.

(1) Number: One (1).

(2) Shape: Huge multi-colored ball of fire and a dense cloud of smoke followed.

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Bsc Ltr, file A-2 350.09, Hq 28th Bomb Wing (VH), Weaver Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota, dated 26 February 1948, Cont'd.

f. (Continued).

- (3) Size: Huge Size, seen 100 miles southeast of the B-29s. At this distance was impossible to accurately figure the size.
- (4) Color: Multi-colored ball of fire and a dense cloud of smoke.
- (5) Speed: Very high speed.
- (6) Heading: Southeast of Limon, Colorado.
- (7) Maneuverability: Explosion rate.
- (8) Altitude: Approximately 20,000'.
- (9) Sound: Could not be observed, because personnel were in B-29s Aircraft at approximately 10,000' at the time.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not: A vapor trail with a ball of fire at the head of trail.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


BENJAMIN C. MARSHALL,
Captain, USAF,
Intelligence Officer.

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Incident # 103

Incident # 104

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 104

1. Date **7 Mar 48**
2. Time **2055 G**
3. Location **Smyrna, Tenn.**
4. Name of observer **Frank L. Fenn, Maj, USAF, CG, Smyrna AF Base**
5. Occupation of observer **Col Richard C. Pittingill & Pvt Frank C. Johnson,
CG of Smyrna & radio and tower operators**
6. Address of observer **AACS Station
Smyrna AAF, Smyr Smyrna, Tenn**
7. Place of observation **Smyrna AAF - 6 miles from (ground)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **6 miles**
10. Time in sight **45 minutes**
11. Altitude **About 5° above horizon**
12. Speed **very slow**
13. Direction of flight **WNW away from Smyrna**
14. Tactics **H/S Faded away**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **Unknown**
17. Color **yellow-orange**
18. Shape **oval**
19. Odor detected **H/S**
20. Apparent construction **H/S - seemed to be flare**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU - 10 miles**
23. Effect on clouds **H/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **Figs (2) showing yellow orange flame-like oval**
25. Manner of disappearance **faded into horizon**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

A yellow-orange object which had the appearance of a flare was observed some six miles from Smyrna AAF between the west and northwest just above the horizon and moving directly away from Smyrna. The speed was estimated as slow since the object remained visible some forty-five minutes. It gradually faded away disappearing into the horizon. No exhaust trail was seen and no sound was heard.

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HEADQUARTERS
SMYRNA ARMY AIR FIELD
Smyrna, Tennessee

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8 March 1948

SUBJECT: Sighting of So-Called "Flying Discs"

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio.
Attn: MCI

1. In compliance with letter Hq. Tactical Air Command, subject "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs" dated 16 February 1948, the following information is submitted:

- a. Object sighted 7 March 1948 at 2056C, situated between west and northwest, at an estimated six miles distance.
- b. Weather clear, visibility ten miles.
- c. Witnesses: Frank L. Penn, Major, USAF, Commanding Officer, Smyrna AF Base, Cpl. Richard C. Pettingill and Pvt. Frank C. Johnson, radio and tower operators, AACS station, Smyrna AF Base.
- d. No photographs available.
- e.
- f. (1) Number: One
(2) Shape: See above sketches
(3) Size: Unknown
(4) Color: Yellow-orange
(5) Speed: Unknown, estimated very slow.
(6) Object faded away in direction of heading in about forty-five minutes.
(7) Maneuverability: Unknown, faded toward horizon.
(8) Altitude: Unknown, about five degrees above horizon.

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B/L Hq. Smyrna AFB, 8 Mar 48, Subj "Sighting of So-Called Flying Discs"
(contd)

- (9) Sound: None heard.
- (10) Exhaust trail: No exhaust seen.

g. General Remarks: Object had appearance of a flare, moving directly away from this station and fading out in the distance, hovering just above horizon.



FRANK L. FENN,
Major, USAF,
Commanding.

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Incident # 104

Incident # 105

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **8 Mar 45**
2. Time **1100**
3. Location **Belmont, N. C.**
4. Name of observer **Mr. A. C. Morrison**
5. Occupation of observer **Supt. Meter Dept, Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.**
6. Address of observer **Charlotte, N. C. (Duke Power Co.)**
7. Place of observation **Belmont, N. C. (Sighted from ground)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **about 10 seconds**
11. Altitude **N/S - could not be estimated**
12. Speed **Around 600 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **Easterly**
14. Tactics **None - moved in straight line at constant speed without change in altitude or direction**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **From a distance - that of a small coin**
17. Color **bright or silver - looked metallic**
18. Shape **round or sphere (unable to determine which)**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **Metallic**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with scattered white clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **behind small white cloud**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Incident #105

A round metallic-appearing object moving very rapidly at an estimated speed of 600 MPH was observed near Belmont, N. C., at approx 11:00 the morning of 8 Mar 48. The weather was clear with excellent visibility with a few small scattered fleecy white clouds. It could not be determined if the object were a disc or sphere. Its apparent size was that of a small coin of a bright or silver color. It reflected the sun maintaining a steady reflection which did not flicker. The object which was under observation for some 10 seconds was on an easterly heading and moved in a straight line at a constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction. It was impossible to determine the altitude but it was moving above the clouds. No sound of any kind was heard nor was any exhaust trail observed.

NOTE: Witness (Mr Morrison) is a man of excellent character and reputation, a first-grade engineer and employee of Duke Power Co for some 30 yrs. He impressed the agent as being conservative and sound and is a technical man with a very technical and responsible position.

Mr. Morrison was careful in his statements. He does not claim he saw the "flying disc", merely stating claiming that they saw an object which they could not identify with any natural phenomenon or known type of aircraft. It resembled "a round metallic appearing object moving very rapidly."

Witnesses: Mr. Hendrix, Assistant Superintendent, Meter Dept
Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.
Mr. G. W. Jordan, Gastonia Electric Co.,
Gastonia, N. C.

CONFIDENTIAL

Charlotte, N. C.
May, 7, 1948

Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Att. WICA

Gentlemen,

Reference is made to your letter of 21 April to me from Col. W. R. Clingerman (signed by Lt. Col. J. J. Hausman) in reply to my report of 15 April, subject: "Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft."

The weather bureau at Morris field (about five miles from the Imperial Cotton Mills, Belmont, N. C. - where object was sighted) reports that the weather on 8 March 1948 at 1100 hrs. as unlit ceiling, clouds about .1, high (above 10,000 ft.) thin Cirrus, estimated at 30,000 ft at 1130 hrs. Morris field says that these conditions were general over a large area, and undoubtedly the same over the sighting spot as they were at the weather station at Morris field.

Have interviewed the witness, Mr. W. C. Morrison again and he says that since he is not a trained aerial observer and does not know either the actual size of the object or the distance, would be unable to estimate horizontal or slant range, or determine whether the object appeared to be large at a great distance, or smaller at a lesser distance. There are no other known observers other than Mr. Morrison and his party.

Mr. Morrison added nothing further to the original report, except that he seems to be of the impression that the object was a disc rather than a sphere, but I don't see how he could determine this under the conditions, and since he was uncertain in his original report, believe it should probably be discounted. He was quite insistent that he heard no sound, and that it wasn't in his opinion a conventional type airplane.

It is regretted that no more information is available.

Yours very truly

James Y. Rogers Jr.
James Y. Rogers, Jr.,
Lt. Col. Cml C (Res)
2131 McClintock Rd.,
Charlotte, N. C.

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FM LIAISON SBA/CG FT. CHERSON GA 161402Z

TO COMNAVJAG WRIGHTPATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

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1. SUBJECT: PASS TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE GSUSA
 UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED AT BELMONT NC EIGHT MARCH NINETEEN
 FORTY EIGHT ELEVEN HUNDRED HOURS PD WEATHER CLEAR CMA VISIBILITY
 2. ELEVANT CMA FEW SMALL SCATTERED FFLEECY WHITE CLOUDS PD WITNESSES
 CLM. F. A. C. MORRISON CMA SUPER METER DEPT CMA DUKE POWER CO CMA
 CHARLOTTE CMA NC CMA MR HENDRI. CMA ASST TO MORRISON CMA MR G W
 JORDA CMA GASTONIA ELECTRIC CO CMA GASTONIA CMA NC PD NO PHOTOS PD
 OBJECT LIGHTED CLM NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER DISC OR SPHERE PD
 SIZE NOT ESTIMATED 2. CPT THAT APPARENT SIZE FROM GROUND ABOUT THAT
 OF SMALL COIN PD COLOR BRIGHT OR SILVER. CMA REFLECTED SUNLIGHT CMA
 BUT NO FLICKER CMA STEADY REFLECTION PD ESTIMATED SPEED A BIT FASTER
 THAN JET TYPE AIRPLANE CMA THAN WITNESS HAS SEEN CMA OR ABOUT SIX
 HUNDRED MILES PER HR PD WITNESS WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE VERY FAST SPEED
 IN RELATION TO SMALL CLOUD CMA BEHIND WHICH OBJECT DISAPPEARED PD
 SEEN FOR ABOUT TEN SECONDS PD HEADING EASTERLY PD OBJECT MOVED IN
 A STRAIGHT LINE AT CONSTANT SPEED WITHOUT APPARENT CHANGE IN
 ALTITUDE

PASS TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE GSUSA

ON DIRECTION PD UNABLE TO ESTIMATE ALTITUDE CMA EXCEPT ABOVE CLOUDS
 PD NO SOUND OF ANY KIND PD NO EXHAUST TRAIL OR ANY OTHER PHENOMENON
 CONNECTED PD COMPLETE WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS PD

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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21 April 1948

NCIA

Lt Colonel James Y. Rogers
2151 McClintock Road
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Colonel Rogers:

Reference is made to your letter, subject: "Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft" to Hq, Third Army, Attn: AC of S, G-2, dated 15 April 1948.

It is requested that an estimate of the height of the clouds at 1100 hours on 8 March 1948 be secured from the Belmont, N. C. Weather Bureau. It is further requested that Mr. Morrison be interviewed once more for the purpose of securing the following:

- a. An estimation of the horizontal or slant range from his position to the object.
- b. Whether or not the object gave the appearance of immense size at great height or that of medium size at a lesser altitude.
- c. In the event the object sighted gave the appearance of great size, are there any other known observers not in the immediate vicinity of Mr. Morrison and his companions?

Any further information available on this or other sightings of this nature would be greatly appreciated by this Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLISCHMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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(15 Apr 48)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 16 April 1948

TO: COMGENAMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCI

1. TWX forwarded this date.
2. Basic communication is forwarded for more detailed information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WALTER A. BUCK
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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MC, 117th OMC composite Sp
c/o Office Instructor, OMC
Charlotte 74 Post
Charlotte, N. C.

12 April 1948

10. 7. 1944 - report of sighting of non-military aircraft

1. 2nd Army, att. 40 of 1 - 2

The following aircraft are listed in the report of the Air Force, dated 11/11/44, at the time of the investigation, and are listed in the following table:

4. 2. Test at Belmont, N. Y., March 1, 1914 at 110 hours.

• weather clear, visibility excellent, few small scattered
lacy white clouds.

4. Itreses: Mr. C. C. Corriere, 3000 1st St. N.E.,
Lakeview, N.J., Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Matrix, asst to above.
6. Trinity, Trinity Island, N.J.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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- (1) can
- (2) could-not able to determine whether disc or sphere.
- (3) Size-not able to estimate except that aircraft size from ground about that of small coin.
- (4) Color-brilliant or silver, reflected sunlight, not so flicker, steady reflection.
- (5) Speed-estimated a bit faster than jet type airplanes, but witness has seen, or about 50 miles per hour. Witness was able to observe very fast speed in relation to a small cloud, behind which object disappeared. Seen for about 10 seconds.
- (6) Heading-easterly.
- (7) Maneuverability-object moved in straight line at constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction.
- (8) Altitude-unable to estimate, but above clouds.
- (9) Sound-no sound of any kind.
- (10) No exhaust trail or any other phenomenon connected.

2. The undersigned talked to Mr. A. J. Harrison, but neither of the other witnesses. Mr. Harrison is a man of excellent character and reputation, a first grade engineer, and employee of Duke Power Co. for some 30 years. He is known to the undersigned thru mutual close friend relations as is related. He is related to the undersigned as being conservative and is a technical man with a very technical and responsible position. He employed by the government during war in some work of a technical and classified nature.

3. Harrison was careful in his statements outlined above. He does not claim that he and other witnesses saw a "flying disc". He merely claims that they saw an object which they could not identify with any natural phenomenon or known type of aircraft. He was quite sure in his own mind that it did not resemble any conventional aircraft, that it was "a round metallic appearing object, moving very rapidly." He states that there is absolutely no doubt in his mind or that of the other two witnesses that they saw something very clearly of the above description, and that they observed it for some ten seconds until it disappeared behind a hill slope.

4. Mr. Harrison stated that he will be able to give any further information that he can recall, but believes the above contains all the information which he can give as to the object itself. The exact location from which the witnesses sighted the object can be obtained as the three were working on a power line at the time and have a detailed diagram of their exact position.

5. Further information concerning Mr. Harrison and Mr. Lemmick could not doubt be obtained from the personnel dept of Duke Power Co. The undersigned knows nothing about the references of the third witness, Mr. Jordan.

6. The undersigned has no further information upon which to evaluate report, but from talking to Mr. Harrison feels that he and other witnesses saw something which they could not identify, are sincere, and the details of the object in their own minds are as presented above. Mr. Harrison repeated that he was quite positive that the object was not an airplane.

James Y. Rogers, Jr.
Lt Col, Cal C (Res)
O-403612
C.O. 317th Composite Gp

Personal address:
2131 McClintock Rd.,
Charlotte, N. C.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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Project "SIOB"

Director of Intelligence
General Staff
United States Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: CSOLD

The attached copy of teletype from Fort McPherson, Georgia, is
forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
by teletype fr
Ft McPherson

H. H. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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Incident # 109

Incident # 106

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 106

1. Date 5 March 1948
2. Time 1610 - 1655
3. Location Lakeview, California
4. Name of observer George L. Buckner
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Lakeview, California
7. Place of observation From ground, southwest toward Buena Vista Lake, Calif.
8. Number of objects Two
9. Distance of object from observer 10 - 12 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed /
13. Direction of flight Eastward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size /
17. Color seemingly on fire, black and red smoke trailing behind
18. Shape Similar to falling aircraft
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Brownish-white smoke and debris trailing
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Behind a water tower, which was an obstruction to the view
26. Remarks: Comments of G. L. Buckner and other witnesses to this sighting contained in attached supplement.

(over)

Object appeared to be a brown & white airplane,
descended to the ground and left a brownish-white plume
of smoke which quickly stopped and disappeared.
The object which appeared to be a parasite was seen
at the same time. Object was 10-12 miles distant.

not 100% certain of the opinion that this
was a parasite. It is a machine plane.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

BARDA-3/1208-I

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

Mar 11, 1948

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Forces
in Europe, U. S. C.
ATTN: DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE
Air Intelligence Requirements Branch

1. Incident reported on 9 March 1948, to this headquarters, per telephone call from Sgt A. H. Larsen, Sheriff's office, Bakersfield, California.

a. Observation by Mr. (George L) Los Achner, Bakersfield, California, of two objects falling to earth from unknown source on 8 March 1948 between 1610 and 1655 hours. Description of objects similar to falling aircraft with smoke and debris trailing. Observation made at Bakersfield with objects sighted south west toward Buena Vista Lake, California.

b. Observation by Mr. Denio, employee of the Pacific General Electric Company, Bakersfield, California, of two objects which fell to earth from unknown source north of Bakersfield, California, 8 March 1948. One object seemed to be on fire with red and black smoke trailing behind.

2. Inspector Larsen stated that searching parties, aircraft and rescue units have made numerous attempts to locate these reported objects without success.

3. Investigation of incident has been initiated by this headquarters. Report will follow.

/s/ Donald L. Springer
DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AC of 4, A-2

Information to:
ADC, Mitchell Fld, N.Y.
FBI, San Francisco
G-2, Sixth Army
DIO, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA-3/1204-I

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Discs

SUMMARY: Information

Information from the Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California, revealed that numerous calls from residents in Bakersfield concerning peculiar objects in the sky over Bakersfield, predicated an investigation by their office and contact with the Headquarters Fourth Air Force.

On 13th and 19th March 1948, two informants, Mr. George L. Budmer, and Mr. H. B. Mix, stated that they observed a flying object which appeared to be consumed in flame, and left a brownish-white plume of smoke, which suddenly stopped and disappeared. Seconds later, what appeared to be a parachute, was seen to be drifting to the east.

The object, as described, appeared to be a burning fabric airplane, consumed in flame. Observations were made in Bakersfield of object to the east and northwest, approximately ten to twelve miles distance, around 1600 hours on 5 March 1948.

On 15th March 1948, informant, Mr. H. B. Mix, stated that he observed an object at 0830, March 1948, due north of Bakersfield, approximately five miles distance. The object was a large, orange-red ball of fire, somewhat larger than a small airplane, appeared to remain static for approximately thirty seconds, then split and continued to burn; had little as a burning ball. A parachute, with a black object hanging was then observed to fall, drift to the east and disappeared into the hills east of Bakersfield.

On 15th March 1948, two informants, Mrs. Cattie R. Mason, secretary, Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, and Dr. J. W. Johnson, dentist, Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, stated that they were in Room 518, Haberfelde Building, on the morning of 9 March 1948. Mrs. Mason was a patient of Dr. Johnson. Both informants stated that they observed a flaming object which appeared at first to be a very small airplane. Orange red flames seemed to envelope the object with considerable black smoke trailing in a zigzag manner for approximately 4,000 to 5,000 feet. The object was observed at 1,000 feet, approximately due north of Bakersfield, seven to ten miles distant at approximately 0830 hours.

Informants further stated that the object disappeared behind a water tower, which was an obstruction to their view, and was near the ground. Both informants watched for an explosion, thinking that it would explode upon reaching the ground, but nothing unusual was noted.

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A-2 COMMENT:

Although there is no evidence to substantiate the following, it is the opinion of this headquarters that this activity could be attributed to Barker Karpis. Any further developments, or evidence obtained, will be forwarded to this headquarters from the Sheriff's Office, Bakerfield, California.

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Ltr frm Hq 4th AF, dated 11 Mar 48, subject: "Investigation of Flying Disc"

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2 APR 1948

Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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

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Ltr frn Hq 4th AF, dated 11 Mar 48, subject: "Investigation of Flying Miss"

AFQIB-60-5

1st Ind.

2 APR 1948

Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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

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Call: 608
Bridges: 101, 102, 103

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1. The aircraft was a Cessna 441, registered in California, and was piloted by a person whose name is not known. The aircraft was seen flying over the area of the crash site on the morning of the crash.

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1. 12" x 12" large map of Churchill part 10, aircraft and
2. 12" x 12" large map of Churchill part 11, aircraft and
3. 12" x 12" large map of Churchill part 12, aircraft and

3. A vestigation is being conducted to determine if there are any errors in the data which will follow.

Donald L. Springer
DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AUG 15, 1964

Ref: action to:
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 13, San Francisco
 -2, Sixth Army
 JIC, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

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Incident # 106

Incident # 107

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 107

1. Date 3 March 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Mather Field, California
4. Name of observer R. Denio
5. Occupation of observer Pacific General Electric Company em loyee
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Light d from round
8. Number of objects two
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Earthward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color The object seemingly afire, red and black smoke trailing
18. Shape N/S
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 None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S Fall to earth
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106.

Incident # 107

Incident # 108

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 106

1. Date 6 March 1946
2. Time 0230
3. Location Bakersfield, California
4. Name of observer H. B. Dix
5. Occupation of observer A/S
6. Address of observer A/S
7. Place of observation Sighted from ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer 5 miles
10. Time in sight Approx. 30 seconds before splitting and burning
11. Altitude 1/2
12. Speed Fast for approx 30 seconds, and then drifting
13. Direction of flight eastward
14. Tactics 1/5
15. Sound 1/5
16. Size Larger than a small airplane
17. Color Orange-red ball of fire
18. Shape ball
19. Color detected 1/5
20. Apparent construction 1/5
21. Exhaust trails 1/5
22. Weather conditions 1/5
23. Effect on clouds 1/5
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Drifted to the east into the hills east of Bakersfield
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106

Incident # 106

Incident # 109

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 109

1. Date 9 March 1948
2. Time 1:00
3. Locationakersfield, California
4. Name of observer J. A. Johnson and Mrs. Callie R. Mason
5. Occupation of observer J. A. Johnson, Dentist, Mrs. Mason, Secretary
6. Address of observer N/A
7. Place of observation 5th Floor of business building
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer 7 - 10 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 1000 feet
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Due north ofakersfield
14. Tactics Zig-zaging
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Appearance of a very small airplane
17. Color orange-red flame
18. Shape appearance of a very small airplane
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Considerable black smoke trailing for 1,000 to 5,000 feet
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106

Incident # 109

Incident # 110

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 110

1. Date 23 March 1948
2. Time 0300 - 0500
3. Location Baltimore (Hamilton) Maryland
4. Name of observer Identity confidential
5. Occupation of observer Active in technical activities
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation N/S
8. Number of objects Undetermined
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight or sighted
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound or trace of foreign type or craft
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
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 None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: See Supplement

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND A2B
ANDREWS FIELD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SAC 350 129 Mar 48

2. March 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Aerial Sounds.

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
Attention: Director of Intelligence

1. The following is quoted from a copy of a letter, Baltimore Office, FBI, addressed to the Director of Intelligence, Second Army:

"On March 23, 1948 an individual, who desired that her identity be kept confidential, telephonically communicated with this office and indicated that she is the wife of a former member of the United States military forces, and that she is presently active in American Legion activities, but was emphatic in stating that she was in no way hysterical or unduly apprehensive regarding present world conditions. She did, however, wish to bring to the attention of the proper authorities that during the past six or eight weeks, on a number of occasions between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 A.M., she has heard peculiar sounding noises in the sky, which appear to come from airplanes in the distance, but the sound is not the type of airplane motor drone which is generally heard from American planes. She has discussed the matter with her husband, and he believes that the sound is more like that of a foreign type airplane. She recently discussed this matter with an unidentified woman who lives in her neighborhood, which is Hamilton, Baltimore, Maryland, and this woman stated that she, too, had heard the noise in question, and that her husband is also an ex-G.I. and he has stated that the motors sounded like that of foreign planes."

2. No action is contemplated by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

c/c furnished CG,
AEC, Attn: NEI.

Information by CG, AEC, Attn: NEI.



Area 350 AC
SAC, 350
Post 12-1-48

Incident # 110

Incident # 111

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 111

1. Date 1 April 1948
2. Time 0955
3. Location 124° 3' East, 12° 52' North
4. Name of observer 1st Lt. Robert W. Meyers
5. Occupation of observer P-47 pilot
6. Address of observer 67th Fighter Sq, 18th Fighter Group
7. Place of observation Philippine Islands - sighted object from plane
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 3 miles
10. Time in sight Approximately 60 seconds
11. Altitude 1,000 ft
12. Speed 200 MPH - disappeared in 5 seconds, indicating great acceleration)
13. Direction of flight 270°
14. Tactics Revealed great acceleration
15. Sound none
16. Size wing-span 30 feet, length-20 feet
17. Color silver
18. Shape A half moon closely resembling a flying wing type aircraft, turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin.
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None observed
22. Weather conditions scattered cumulus, base 3000 ft, tops 6000 ft
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Object leveled out on a 270° heading, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight.
26. Remarks: (over)

On 1st April, at 0955, 1st Lt Meyers was leading a flight of 4 P-47 aircraft of the 67th Fighter Sq, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 180° altitude 1500 feet, position 124° 3' East and 12° 52' North, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1,000 ft, heading 360°. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half-moon. What appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible. The span of the object was estimated to be 30 feet, length 20 feet. The object was silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt Meyers immediately started a left turn with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify the phenomena. While Meyers was making a 240° turn the object made a 90° left turn, then leveled out on a heading of 270°, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight in approximately 5 seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 ft, tops 6000 ft.

NOTE: Because of the distance from which the sighting was made no distinguishing features, i. e., power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

The interview with Lt Meyers indicated that he is a reliable non-excitable individual who appeared quite positive in his statements. He was the only witness to this incident as he could not contact his wing men since his radio was out. Apparently the maneuvers performed by his 3 wing-men prevented their observation of the object.

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

INCOMING MESSAGE

IN 090359Z

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per paragraph 51 and 60a (4), AR 320-5*

FROM: CINCPAC TYKYO JAPAN 080731Z.

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC FOR CSGID, COMZENANG WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB
DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCI RPT MCI

INFO: COMZENAF

IN REPLY CITE: CX 59769

Report control is A-1917. Pilot, 13 Air Force, at 0955, 1 April 48, Flying P-47 aircraft heading 180 degrees altitude 1500 feet indicated at 124 degrees 3 minutes East, 12 degrees 52 minutes North, weather scattered CUMULUS Rpt CUMULUS 3/10 base three thousand, top 600, visibility unlimited sighted flying object approximately 3 miles East 1A heading 360, altitude estimated one thousand feet below him. Unidentified object estimated speed at time of sighting 200 miles per hour. Pilot turned left attempting to intercept unidentified flying object for more positive identification. At this time flying object made A turn of 90 degrees left, leveled out and accelerated disappearing in approximately 5 seconds, heading of 270 degrees. Pilot had phenomena under observation for about 60 seconds. Described as having A turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin. The shape of the object was that of A half moon closely resembling A flying wing type aircraft, estimated wing span 30 feet, estimated length 20 feet, color silver, no rpt no exhaust trail was observed. Five seconds elapsed time for disappearing would indicate exceedingly high speed and great

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

INCOMING MESSAGE

acceleration. Reporting Officer is considered sincere and non-excitabile type and firmly believes he sighted object. A report will be forwarded upon completion of an investigation of this incident.

CM-IN-1563-E HBM 091500Z

Received MCAAGM21 9 Apr 48 1008 (1508Z)

Typed by MCAAGM21 9 Apr 48 1359 (1859Z)ams

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FASIC: Ltr Hq 13th AF, APO 719, Subj: "Rep of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object," dtd 8 Apr 48.

AG 452.1 A-2

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15 APR 1948

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925,

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters United States Air Force, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'" dated 26 February 1948.

2. Evaluation of sighting described in basic communication by this headquarters is that in view of the circumstances surrounding the incident, the object was probably a bird.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



C. N. STEWART
Capt. AGD.
Asst Adj Gen

AS REG :

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE
APO 719

B-2/am

APR 1948

AG 452.1

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft
and/or Flying Object.

TO : Commanding General,
Far East Air Forces,
APO 925,
U. S. Army.
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

1. In compliance with "Intelligence Requirements - Unidentified Aircraft" and letters, your headquarters, AG 452.1 A-2, 3 November 1947 and AG 452.1 A-2, 20 March 1948, the following incident is reported.

2. At 1630 hours on 1 April 1948, the S-2 officer of the 18th Fighter Group contacted the A-2 Division, this headquarters, and reported that 1st Lt. Robert W. Meyers had sighted an unidentified flying object. His story is as follows.

3. On 1 April, at 0955, 1st Lt. Meyers was leading a flight of four (4) P-47 aircraft of the 67th Fighter Squadron, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 180 degrees, altitude 1500 feet, position 124 degrees 3 minutes east and 12 degrees 52 minutes north, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1000 feet, heading of 360 degrees. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half moon, what appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible, the span of the object estimated to be thirty feet, length twenty feet and silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt. Meyers immediately started a left turn with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify this phenomena. While Meyers was making a 240 degree turn, the unidentified object made a 90 degree left turn, then leveled out on a heading of 270 degrees, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight in approximately five seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the

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B-2, AG 452.1, Subject: "Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object."

time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 feet, tops 6000 feet.

a. Because of the distance from which the sighting was made, no distinguishing features i.e. power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

b. The interview with Lt. Meyers indicated that he is a reliable, non-excitabile individual and appeared quite positive in his statements. It must be taken into consideration however that he was the only witness to this incident, as he was unable to call the object to the attention of his three wing-men because of their maneuvering in the turn, plus the fact that his radio was out.

3. Above incident reported your headquarters, 2 April 48, in radio, cite K4243H.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



Robert F. De Long
ROBERT F. DE LONG
1st Lt. USAF
Acting Asst Adjutant General

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Incident # 112

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112

1. Date 8 Apr 48
2. Time 1400 - 1430
3. Location Ashley, Ohio
4. Name of observer Miss Winifred Paines - Mrs. Bertha Slack
5. Occupation of observer Miss Paines: Asst Bank Cashier; Mrs. Slack: housekeeper
6. Address of observer 227 W High St., Ashley, O.
7. Place of observation Ashley, Ohio (ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer "Quite a distance"
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Could not estimate
12. Speed slow-moving
13. Direction of flight Southwest
14. Tactics No maneuvers
15. Sound N/S
16. Size undetermined
17. Color silver
18. Shape Oblong, long and narrow - like silver streak
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds near object
23. Effect on clouds N/S - no clouds near object
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Witness thought she heard plane which appeared to be flying low and making an unusual amount of noise. Could not locate the plane but did see an object oblong in shape and long and narrow which had the appearance of a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and moving slowly and steadily in a southwesterly direction parallel to the ground and without changing direction. Altitude and size were not estimated.

Note: See Incident #112a in which the plane was perceived flying low.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112a

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1400 - 1430
3. Location Ashley, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. Helen Stephens
5. Occupation of observer Newspaper reporter
6. Address of observer 226 West High Street, Ashley, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer Not stated
10. Time in sight Approximately five minutes
11. Altitude Quite high
12. Speed Slow - drifting
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Smaller than the airplane that was in view at the time
17. Color Opalescent - like mother of pearl
18. Shape Long cylindrical body, like a stick of firewood
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, few clouds in sky but none around object
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A plane, which sounded as if it were flying low since there was an exceptionally loud roaring noise, first attracted the attention

of this witness. She observed a large airplane, heading south, and about the same time also observed a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. Witness first thought it was sky writing, as it looked like a streak; but later it became clearly outlined, appearing to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. With the sun shining on it, it appeared opalescent, like mother of pearl. The object was much higher, and quite a bit smaller than, the airplane, but drifted slowly along after the airplane disappeared. It may have been drifting with the wind.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112b

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. James B. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 93 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Slow
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Very large - about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Cylindrical, with vapor around the top
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds around object
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: At 1430 Mrs. J. B. Stephenson's attention was attracted from her window by an object of unusual shape in the sky. Upon going outside

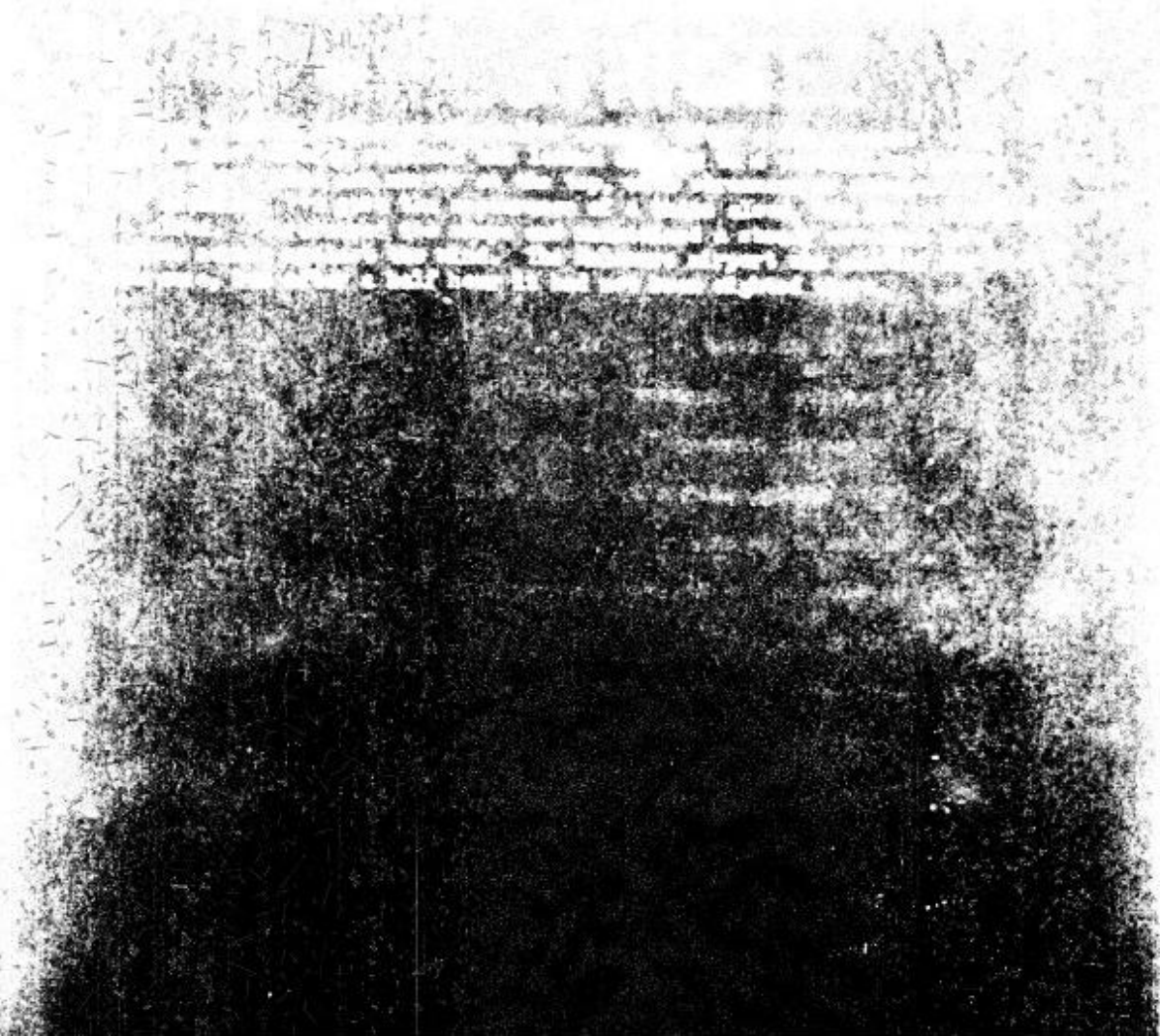
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to get a better view it appeared very white, with no shadows at all, was cylindrical in shape and seemed to have vapor around the top. When first seen, it appeared to be leaning at an angle, and then right itself and move along "perpendicular" to the ground. It appeared not to be moving at first, but upon a closer look it was seen moving slowly in a southwesterly direction, without sound or maneuverings, and remaining at the same altitude. The weather was clear, and no exhaust trails were seen. The object seemed very large, about the size of a full moon in height, but much smaller in width. Since there was nothing to compare it with, she could not be sure of the size. No statement was made as to whether or not witness heard an airplane.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 April 1948 Incident # 112c
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Rev. James B. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer Pastor
6. Address of observer 93 N. Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed slow
13. Direction of flight S. westerly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Not Stated
17. Color white
18. Shape Verticle, larger at the bottom and narrow at the top
19. Color of light None
20. Direction of observation N/S
21. Exhaust trail None
22. Weather conditions clear
23. Effect of clouds N/A
24. Direction of wind increased none
25. Name of observer James B. Stephenson
26. Remarks The object first appeared at a distance where there was a place of fire, as it was very bright and at great distance. A plane was heard, and



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Incident # 1124

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location: Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. John Bergen
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 111 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound ~~None~~ Could not be determined
16. Size N/S
17. Color White
18. Shape Spherical "blob" with streaks above it
19. Color of streaks None
20. Apparent acceleration None
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Witness heard planes prior to the sighting, but doesn't know whether or not they had any connection with the object.

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The object was clearly outlined, but did not look like a balloon. The Perkins Observatory was alerted but was unable to sight the object.

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Incident # 112.

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Rev. John E. Bergen
5. Occupation of observer Pastor
6. Address of observer 111 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer Not determined
10. Time in sight Ten minutes
11. Altitude Several thousand feet
12. Speed Not too fast
13. Direction of flight Almost due west into the wind
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Not less than 5 feet in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Spherical, with a small protrusion above it, like vapor streaks
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared from view behind the trees
26. Remarks: This object appeared like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The size could not be determined,

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since witness could not tell whether it was a small object near him or a large object far away. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. It was not stated that the sound of a plane was heard.

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CHECK-101 - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 112f

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 11:30
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. A. S. Kirkpatrick
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 107 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Steady - not too fast
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size It was not large enough for a person to be inside
17. Color White - about the color of a fleecy cloud
18. Shape Spherical - was what larger at top with a protruding end underneath
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, blue sky, sunny
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Witness heard, but did not see airplane, and saw instead a white object, spherical in shape, larger at the top with a protruding

end underneath. It was clearly outlined and maintained the same shape as it moved along, steadily, and at the same altitude. Robert Cochran, son of the witness, who is in the Merchant Marine, thought the object very unusual. He said it was in the shape of a rainspout.

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY.

13 April 1948

Report of Findings:

- (1) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. H. S. Kirkpatrick, housewife, 107 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed concerning an unidentified object in the sky, and stated in substance:

On Thursday afternoon 8 April 1948, at approximately 2:30PM, I was in my backyard when I heard an airplane. I did not see any plane but I noticed a peculiar object in the sky. This object was somewhat spherical in shape but seemed larger at the top with a protruding end underneath. It looked white, about the color of a fleecy cloud, but it was clearly outlined, and maintained the same shape as it moved along. The weather was clear, the sky was blue, the sun was shining, and there were no clouds near the object. The most peculiar thing to me was that the wind was blowing from the West and the object was moving in a southwesterly direction against the wind. The object moved steadily along, not too fast, and seemed to maintain the same altitude. It did not maneuver in any way, and I did not see any exhaust trail. I did not hear any sound from it. I cannot estimate the size or altitude of this object as I did not have anything to compare it with and it kept moving away from me. However, I do not believe it was large enough for a person to be inside. I called my son, Robert Cochran, who is in the Merchant Marine and was home for a visit, and he said he thought the object was very unusual. He said it was the shape of a rainspout but he did not know what it was. I went next door and called our neighbors, Reverend and Mrs. John Bergen, and they came out to see it. I do not have any idea what it was.

Agent's Note: Robert Cochran was not available for interview as he was out of town and not expected back for several days.

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY.

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(2) On 12 April 1948, Reverend John H. Bergen, Pastor of the Delaware Presbyterian Church, 111 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Thursday, 8 April 1948, at approximately 2:30PM, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, our next door neighbor, came to the door and told us to come out and see the strange phenomenon in the sky. We went into the backyard and saw this strange object in the sky, a little south of west from our house. There was only one object and main part seemed to be spherical with a small protrusion above it, like vapor streaks. It was very white and looked like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The weather was clear, the sun was shining, and there were no clouds near the object although there was a bank of clouds to the south of us at quite a distance. I would judge the object was up several thousand feet but I cannot be sure because I could not tell whether it was above or below cloud level. I also could not determine its size as I could not tell whether it was a small object near us or a large object far away, as I had nothing to compare it with. I would judge, however, that it could not have been less than 5 feet in width. The wind was blowing the trees and clouds from a westerly direction and the object was traveling away from us, not too fast, almost due west into the wind. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. I could not hear any sound from it and I could not see any exhaust trail of any kind. We watched it for at least ten minutes until it disappeared from our view behind the trees.

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY.

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- (3) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. John H. Bergen, housewife, 111 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and substantiated all the facts as given by her husband in the above interview (par 2), and added the following:

The peculiar object in the sky looked to me like a spherical "blob" with streaks above it. By "blob" I mean like stiff batter or dough dropped from a spoon. It was white and clearly outlined but it did not look like a balloon. The sky around the object was completely clear of clouds. The object was traveling against the wind in a southwesterly direction. I called the Perkins Observatory three or four minutes after I first saw the object and I talked to Mrs. Cruikshank, Dr. Bobobrovnikov's secretary, and told her about it. We called back later but they had not been able to sight the object. During the time I went into the house to telephone, the object did not seem to change shape, nor did its altitude change. I heard planes flying over our house at some time prior to the time Mrs. Kirkpatrick called us but I did not see any planes. I do not know whether or not they had any connection with the object.

- (4) On 12 April 1948, Reverend James B. Stephenson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, 93 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

At approximately 2:30 PM on Thursday 8 April 1948, I heard a plane passing over our house. It seemed rather low and made a lot of noise but I did not go outside to look at it. Shortly after this I was called outside by my wife to see an unusual shape in the sky. My first reaction was that it was a plane on fire as it seemed to be an object surrounded by a vaporous substance. After studying it for a few seconds it became clearly outlined

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and looked like a vertical cylinder, larger at the bottom and narrow at the top with streamers or streaks of vapor attached to it. It gave the appearance of a white cloud but it did not behave like a cloud as it retained its shape and maintained a steady movement on a straight course against the sky. The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky around the object. It was moving rather slowly in a southwesterly direction and did not maneuver in any way. It did not make any noise that I could hear. I cannot estimate its size or the altitude at which it was traveling as I did not have anything to compare it with. I do not have any idea what it was. I called the Delaware Airport, which is southwest of Delaware on route 1/2, approximately ten minutes after I saw the object and told them to watch for it. I called them again about a half hour later but they had not seen it.

() On 12 April 1946, Mrs. James L. Stephenson, housewife, 25 North

Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and substantiated all the above given by her husband in her report, and added the following:

On April 11, at approximately 2:30 P. M. I happened to look out of my kitchen window and was attracted by an object in the sky with an unusual shape. I did not hear any airplanes but I went outside to look at this object. It was very white and there were no shadows on it, and it was so unusual that I called to my husband to come out and see it. It was cylindrical in shape and seemed to have vapor around it at the top. When I first saw it it appeared to be leaning at an angle and then it seemed to right itself and moved along perpendicular to the ground. It did not appear to be moving at first but after watching it closely we could see that it was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction. It did not make any sound and it did not maneuver. It seemed to remain at the same altitude and it did not leave any exhaust

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trails. The weather was clear and there were no clouds around the object. It seemed very large to me, about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width. Of course, I cannot be sure of its size as I did not have anything to compare it with.

On 12 April 1946, Mrs. Lelah Stephens, newspaper reporter, 200 West High Street, Ashley, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Thursday afternoon 8 April 1946, I heard an airplane go over my house somewhere between 2:00 and 2:30 P.M. It sounded like it was flying low and seemed to make an exceptionally loud roaring noise. I am interested in planes so I went outside to see it. It was a large plane and was headed south. About this time I saw a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. At first I thought it was a ray writing as it looked like a streak but it stayed so long and was so clearly outlined that I knew I was mistaken. It seemed to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. The sun was shining on it and it looked opalescent like Mother of Pearl. The plane was flying low and the object seemed quite high - much higher than the plane - and it was quite a bit smaller than the plane. The plane disappeared but the object kept drifting slowly along. It maintained the same altitude and did not maneuver at all. I did not see any exhaust streaks of any kind and I could not hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were a few clouds in the sky but none around the object. I do not recall which direction the wind was blowing. The object may have been drifting with the wind. Shortly after I first saw the object, I telephoned my neighbors across the street and told them about it. I watched the object altogether for about five minutes then returned to the house. I wrote an article for the

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Delaware Gazette about this strange object after I read where people in Delaware, Ohio had seen it. I do not have any idea what it was.

On 12 April 1948, Miss Minifred Paines, assistant bank cashier, and Mrs. Martha Slack, housekeeper, both of 227 West High Street, Ansley, Ohio were interviewed and stated in substance:

On 12 April 1948, at approximately 2:00 to 2:30 PM, we heard a plane fly over the house. It sounded as if it was flying low and seemed to make an unusual amount of noise. A few minutes later Mrs. Stephens called on the telephone and told us there was a strange object in the sky. We went outside and the plane was gone but we saw the object in the sky. It was an oblong shape, long and narrow, and looked like a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction. It was parallel to the ground and was moving steadily on its way without changing direction. It did not maneuver and I could not see any exhaust streaks or hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky near the object. The wind was blowing from the west and the object was moving into the wind. We could not estimate the altitude nor the size of the object as it was quite a distance from us and there was nothing to compare it with. We do not know what it was.

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Floyd S. Dunning, S/A
100th CIC Detachment

Signed/Floyd S. Dunning

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date April 1948
2. Time 1940
3. Location Montgomery, Alabama
4. Name of observer Robert L. Hughes, Lt. Colonel, USAF
5. Occupation of observer Pilot
6. Address of observer Tactics Div., Air Tactical School, Tyndall AF Base
7. Place of observation From the air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/A
10. Time in sight Five seconds
11. Altitude Approximately 16000 feet
12. Speed In excess of the viewer's 310 mph air speed
13. Direction of flight North west
14. Tactics /1
15. Sound
16. Size Approximately eight foot diameter
17. Color Silver
18. Shape Spherical, appeared as a large sphere or ball
19. Odor detected N/A
20. Apparent construction /3
21. Exhaust trails
22. Weather conditions Clear, visibility and ceiling unlimited
23. Effect on clouds /3
24. Sketches or photographs - Sketch (rip)
25. Manner of disappearance N/A
26. Remarks Lt. Col Robert L. Hughes first sighted the object before completing an 180° left turn over the town of Montgomery, Alabama.

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The object, sighted at ten o'clock off his left wing, appeared to be a
silver disc. He immediately completed a sharp bank to the left and was
able to get a better look at the object, and described it as follows:

"Top part of the object approximately eight feet in diameter, silver
in color, had the appearance of a parachute. Attached to the bottom of this
was a dark cable or a round object appeared to be approximately five feet
long. Suspended upon the cable had been a large canister or ball (Colonel
Hoyes could not discern which) also silver in color. This canister or
ball had the appearance of being slightly to the rear of the top part of the
object. The overall appearance of the object looked something similar to
the parachute and canister containing photographic testing equipment dropped
from a V-2 rocket."

At the time he lost sight of the object, Hughes' aircraft had been
indicating 310 miles per hour air speed, and the object had appeared to fly
away from him on a horizontal plane rather than a vertical decline.

A sketch of the object is attached.

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~~EXHIBIT~~

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MARIANNA CIC OFFICE, P.O. Box 404, Marianna, Florida, 14 April 1948

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Third Army, Fort McPherson,
ATTN: AC of S, G-2 ~~Atlanta, Georgia~~

Enclosed memo obtained from Col. Hughes in an interview by AF SA CIC
regarding SUBJECT.

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1 memo 6 copies
2 exhibit No. 1.

James A. Ward
JAMES A. WARD
Special Agent in Charge

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2nd Ind

(9 Apr 48)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 16 April 1948

TO: COMGENAMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCI

1. Attached report is forwarded in compliance with Letter GSUSA, ID,
Wash., D.C., File # CSGID 452.1, dtd 25 Mar 48, Subject: "Unconventional
Aircraft."

2. No telegraphic report was rendered since Colonel HUGHES also re-
ported the incident to A-2, Tyndall Field.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:

1 memo 5 ccs (1 w/d)
2 exhibit No. 1

Walter A. Buck
WALTER A. BUCK
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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Flying Disc
Montgomery, Alabama
9 April 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

On 9 April 1948, approximately 1600 hours, this agent interviewed Lt Colonel Robert B. HUGHES, Tactics Division, Air Tactical School, Tyndall Air Force Base, who stated in substance: He had left Tyndall approximately 1410 hours on 9 April 1948, flying a P-51H at the altitude of 20000 feet. He had proceeded to Montgomery, Alabama, and just previous to sighting the town had let down to the altitude of 16000 feet and directly over the town had made a 180 degree left turn. Just before completing his left turn, he had sighted an object at 10 o'clock off his left wing which appeared to be a silver disc. Colonel HUGHES had immediately made a sharp bank to the left in order to follow the object which appeared to be heading North west. After completing his turn, Colonel HUGHES had been able to get a better look at the object which he had first thought to be merely a disc and described it as follows: Top part of the object approximately eight feet in diameter, silver in color, had the appearance of a parachute. Attached to the bottom of this had been a dark cable or shroud which appeared to be approximately five feet long. Suspended upon the cable had been a large canister or ball (Colonel HUGHES could not discern which) also silver in color. This canister or ball had the appearance of being slightly to the rear of the top part of the object. The overall appearance of the object, according to Colonel HUGHES, looked something similar to the parachute and canister containing photographic testing equipment dropped from a V-2 rocket. Colonel HUGHES had kept the object in sight for approximately five seconds but had lost it at exactly 1510 hours. At the time he had lost sight of the object, HUGHES' aircraft had been indicating 310 miles per hour air speed, and the object had appeared to fly away from him on a horizontal plane rather than a vertical decline. HUGHES further stated that the object might possibly have changed course during the time it was in his sight but it was impossible for him to definitely establish this fact as his aircraft had been in a sharp turn during part of the time that the object was in sight. At the time that the object had been sighted the weather had been clear, no clouds, visibility and ceiling unlimited; and as far as Colonel HUGHES could determine the object had made no sound and no exhaust trail had been seen. After having lost the object, Colonel HUGHES proceeded to return to Tyndall Air Force Base and upon landing, reported the above mentioned incident to the Intelligence Officer, Tyndall, A-2. Attached hereto as Exhibit I, is a sketch of the object's appropriate configuration.

AGENT'S NOTES:

It is to be noted, Colonel HUGHES told his story both to this agent and to Lt Burt, A-2, Tyndall, at separate interviews and in both instances his story coincided.

John F. Frampton, S/A 700-G CIC Det (USAF)(PROV), Tyndall AF Base, Florida

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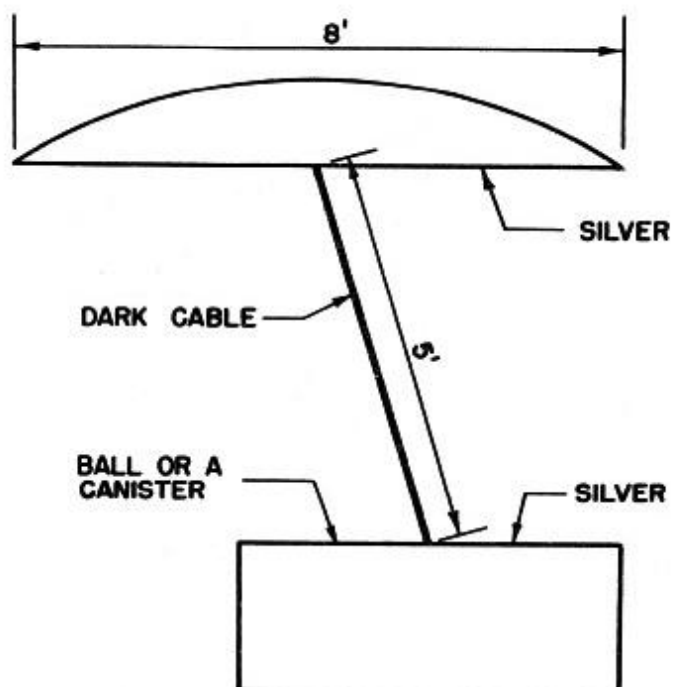


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Incident # 114

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **15 Apr 48**
2. Time **1306 hours**
3. Location **Approx 1 mile north of Fairbanks, Alaska**
4. Name of observer **Lt Ayrick Johnson**
5. Occupation of observer **1st Lt (discharged f/USAF as per authority Para 1, SO. GO dated 25 May 48) (see)**
6. Address of observer **Ft Worth, Texas**
7. Place of observation **Over city of Fairbanks, Alaska**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **few minutes**
11. Altitude **2000-3000 ft**
12. Speed **250-300 miles (traveled 500 feet in 1 or 2 seconds)**
13. Direction of flight **Northeast toward southwest**
14. Tactics **Oscillated from horizontal plane to vertical plane at very rapid speed)**
15. Sound **No sound**
16. Size **8" in diameter**
17. Color **silvery**
18. Shape **round and flat**
19. Oder detected **N, S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **no trails of any kind**
22. Weather conditions **Weather clear and visibility unrestricted**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Incident # **114**

*M C Ben Card
+ file 101/114*

Object observed at altitude of about 2000-3000 on NE-SW heading. It appeared to be some 8 inches in diameter and gave off a silvery brilliant reflection. It oscillated from a horizontal plane to a vertical plane at a very rapid pace. Estimated speed: about 250-300 MPH - (traveled some 500 feet in 1 or 2 seconds) No sound could be heard nor were there any trails of any kind.

NOTE: This sighting may have been the reflection of sun from wings of these aircraft. At the approximate time of the sighting a number of aircraft were flying in the local area.

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April 1948

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FROM: LADD FLD FAIRBANKS ALS 190346Z INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY OFF

TO: WRIGHT -PAT AFB ATTN MCI

INFO: DIR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION YUKON SECTOR
DIR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ALS AIRCMD

IN REPLY CITE: 190346Z

Report of flying disk sighting par A North of Fairbanks Als approx 1 mile. One
sight April 1948 at 1306 hours. Para B weather was clear and visability unrestricted.
Para C Witnesses was 1st Lt Aylco M Johnson 375 Relon Sq (VLR) Waa Ladd Air Force
Base. Para D no photographs available. Para E No sketches available. Para F
object sighted. Subpara 11. Sub para 2 round and flat. Sub para 3 Appeared to be
8 inches in diameter. Sub para 4 silvery brilliant reflection from object. Sub para
5 approx traveled 500 feet in 1 or 2 seconds. Sub para 6 from north east toward
south west. Sub para 7 Oscillating movement from a horizontal plane to a vertical
plane very rapid. Sub para 8 approx 2,000 feet altitude. Sub para 9 No sound.
sub para 10 no trails of any kind. Para C at approx 1306Z sighting a number of
aircraft were flying in local area. This sighting may have been reflection of
sun from wings of these aircraft

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HEADQUARTERS
375TH BOMBING GROUP, B-29 SUPERFORTRESS (VLR) WEATHER
OFFICER OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
C 731, Seattle, Washington

IR/WBR/gd

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13 August 1948

Project "ICM"

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

In compliance with letter your Headquarters, dated
August 1948, file CIAAC-3, subject: Project "ICM", the
following information is submitted:

- a. Sgt. L. L. Johnson Jr., -1623592, was
discharged from the USAF as per authority para 1,
SC. 60 dated 28 May 1948. (See Incl 1)
 - b. Information presently available in this office
on the subject sighting is included in Incl 2,
attached.
 - c. Reference para 4a, your letter; the weather se-
quence as it appeared on the teletype circuit
at 1255 AET and 1325 AET on 18 April 1948 is
included in Incl 3 attached.
2. It is suggested that your Command forward correspond-
ence to Subject Officer who is presently residing at Ft. Worth,
Texas.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WILLIAM B. RIDER
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

- 3 Incls:
- #1 - SC. 60, dtd 28 May 1948. (Dup)
 - #2 - Information on Sighting. (Dup)
 - #3 - Weather Sequence. (Dup)

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HEADQUARTERS
375TH RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (VLR) WEATHER
7TH WEATHER GROUP
APO 731, Seattle, Washington

SPECIAL ORDER)

R E S T R I C T E D

REFER TO PAR 1

NUMBER 60)

28 May 1948

- * 1. 1ST LT AYTCH E JOHNSON JR A01683598 USAF (W) (Cat I) (MOS 1035) (Rated-nonflying) (Home address: Ft Worth Texas) this orgn is hereby rel'd asgmt and dy this orgn and trfd to PAE USA for subsequent asgmt to Sep Point USA for relief fr AD under prov of Sect IV WD Cir 72, 1947. DS of Off with Hqs and Hqs Sq Airdrome Gp this sta is term eff this date. Off WP o/a 16 June 48 by rail to Seward Als thence by first avail surface transportation to SEPE Seattle Wash thence to Personnel Center Ft Lawton Wash where Off will be rel'd fr AD. Tvl by rail and/or surface transportation to be at Govt expense.

Concurrent movement of dependent (Mrs. Mallie L. Johnson, wife) by transportation indicated is auth to Ft Worth Texas.

Shipment of household goods to Ft Worth Texas at govt expense is auth. Installation Off will pack and crate and TC will ship household goods to destination.

EDCER to Personnel Center Ft Lawton Wash will be 20 June 48. PCS TDN TCT 801-18 P 431-02 03 04 A 2180425 S 99-999 L 501.

AUTH: Sect IV WD Cir 72, 1947; 4th Ind Hqs ATC dtd 7 May 48 to Ltr fr Lt Johnson dtd 8 Apr 48 subj: Appl for Release fr AD Because of Undue Hardship TWX Hqs 7WG PER 2100 dtd 130200Z Mar 48 A/S Ltr 35-11 AF Reg 35-59 as amended.

2. Under the prov of Par 15 AR 615-5 (C3) and AR 420-5 the fol named Offs USAF (W) this orgn are apptd as a Bd of Offs to determine whether Sgt Thomas E Baker Jr AF19252738 USAF (W) this orgn should be reduced to gr of Private and to make appropriate recommendations thereon to CC this orgn:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	
CAPT	JAMES M ROGERS	A045629	(President)
1ST LT	OTIS G GROOM	A0753174	(Member)
1ST LT	DONALD C WINTER	A0875902	(Recorder)

3. M/Sgt David W Heckert AF20624539 USAF (W) (SSN 750) (3 yr enl-11 Feb 46) this orgn is hereby rel'd asgmt and dy Flt "B" this orgn Fairfield-Suisun AFB Calif and trfd in gr to 3rd AF Base Unit Bolling AF Base Wash DC with DS sta 5302d ASU 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd Chicago Illinois. EM WP o/a 20 June 48 RUAT CO 5302d ASU for orientation in recruiting duties and subsequent reasgmt within Ill Recruiting District. El. auth ten (10) days delay enroute. TC will furnish nec transportation and meal tickets for tvl fr Fairfield-Suisun AFB Calif to Chicago Ill. Prior to departure El will advise correspondents and publishers of change of address. Under prov of AR 35-4520 as amended EM will be paid qtrs and subsistence for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days eff on arr at Chicago Ill. Prior to departure fr Fairfield-Suisun AFB Calif El will report to Base recruiting officer for a short period of instruction. PCS EDCER: 23 June 48. TDF TCT PCS 801-15 P 431-02 03 04 A 2180425 S 99-999 L 501. AUTH: 6th Ind Hqs USAF dtd 6 May 48 to Ltr fr M/Sgt Heckert dtd 31 Mar 48 subj: Recruiting Duty TWX Hqs 7WG PER 2100 dtd 130200Z Mar 48 A/S Ltr 35-11 AF Reg 35-59 as amended.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR RICHARDSON:

WALTER E HESS
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Joseph R Gillenwater
JOSEPH R GILLENWATER
1st Lt., USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hqs Ladd Air Force Base, Office of the Intelligence Officer,
APO 731, c/o PM, Seattle, Washington, Subj: Report of "Flying Disc",
dtd 26 Apr 1948, To: CG, AAC, Thru: CG, Yukon Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN AIR COMMAND, APO 942, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

TC: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio.
Attention: TSDIN

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HEADQUARTERS, LADD AIR FORCE BASE
A-2, OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
APO 731, C/O POSTMASTER, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

26 April 1948

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Disc"

THRU : Commanding General
Yukon Division
APO 731, U. S. Army
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

TO : Director of Intelligence Division
Alaskan Air Command
APO 942, U. S. Army

1. In compliance with letter, Department of the Air Force, Headquarters, USAF, Subj: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs", dated 6 February 1948, the following information, in addition to radiogram sent from this office, 18 April 1948, is hereby submitted:

a. The object was sighted North of Fairbanks, Alaska, approximately one mile from the Cheechako Hotel. It was sighted on the 18th of April 1948 at 1306 hours.

b. The weather was clear and the visibility was unrestricted.

c. The witness was 1st Lt. Aytch M. Johnson, Jr, 375th Bom Sq. (VLR) Weather, Ladd Air Force Base, APO 731, C/O Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

d. No photographs available.

e. No sketches available. Object was described as being in the shape of a "discus" as used in track meets.

f. (1) Number: one.

(2) Shape: As described in "e" above.

(3) Size: Object appeared to be approximately 8 inches in diameter when sighted.

(4) Colors: A silvery brilliant reflection was seen to come from the object.

(5) Speed: The object travelled approximately 500 feet in 12 seconds.

(6) Heading: The object travelled from Northeast to the southwest.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hdqrs, Ladd Air Force Base, A-2, Office of the Intelligence Officer, APO 731, C/O PM, Seattle, Wash., Subj: Report of "Flying Disc", Thru: CG, Yukon Div, APO 731, U. S. Army, Attn: Dir of Intelligence, TO: Dir of Intelligence Div, AAC, APO 942, U. S. Army, dtd 26 Apr 1948.

- (7) Maneuverability: Oscillating movement from horizontal plane to a vertical plane. Movement was very rapid.
- (8) Altitude: Approximately 2000 feet.
- (9) Sounds: No sound was heard.
- (10) Exhaust Trails: No trails of any kind were noted.

g. General Remarks: At approximate time of sighting, a number of aircraft were flying in local area. This sighting may have been the reflection of the sun from the wings of these aircraft. At the time of the sighting, Lt. Aytch M. Johnson was in his room at the Cheechako Hotel looking through his window. Lt. Johnson's wife was with him at the time, but did not observe the object that Lt. Johnson did.

John J. Clark
JOHN J. CLARK
1st Lt., USAF
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27 April 1948

HEADQUARTERS YUKON AIR DIVISION, ALASKAN AIR COMMAND, APO 731, US Army

TO: Director, Intelligence Division, Alaskan Air Command, APO 942, US Army

Howard A. Burd
HOWARD A. BURD
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Incident # 114

Incident # 115

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **19 Apr 48** Incident #115
2. Time **1615**
3. Location **Over Greenville AF Base, Greenville, S. C.**
4. Name of observer: **1st Lt Francis W. Egan, Jr.
& 1st Lt Robert C. Lewis, USF**
5. Occupation of observer **Both attached to Liaison sq. Greenville**
6. Address of observer: **Greenville AF Base, Greenville, S. C.**
7. Place of observation **Greenville AF Base**
8. Number of objects **2 - 1 at first, 1 later**
9. Distance of object from observer **15,000 to 20,000 ft overhead**
10. Time in sight **2 minutes**
11. Altitude **15,000 to 20,000 ft**
12. Speed **Undetermined. Stationary, then rapidly accelerating and climbing**
13. Direction of flight **North**
14. Tactics **Hovering then acceleration and climbing
Observed trail formation**
15. Sound **none audible (?) - states: Witnesses were distracted by sound of fighter aircraft in vicinity.
(no mention made of these)**
16. Size **undetermined**
17. Color **white**
18. Shape **elliptical**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **No exhaust or condensation trail**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **2**
25. Manner of disappearance **in distance**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witnesses were attracted by sound of fighter aircraft in vicinity. They started searching the sky for the aircraft and sighted the objects. When first sighted, the witnesses thought the objects might be weather balloons. However, when they accelerated so rapidly in a northerly heading, they determined the objects could not be balloons. They were in a trail formation on a North-South line, and moved so rapidly they were out of sight within a few seconds. From original sighting in the stationary position to their disappearance, a period of approximately two (2) minutes elapsed, at which the objects were in a stationary position for approximately one (1) minute.

NOTE: Wind at 20,000 ft from 340° at 10 knots per hour (1230 EST R t)
Wind at 20,000 ft 32° at 13 knots per hour at (1530 EST Rpt)

NOTE: Nearest weather station releasing balloons is Spartanburg, S. C.
One black balloon was released at 1230 EST.

left on this heading

- (4) 0 In approximately 2 minutes objects had disappeared
- (3) 0 Objects began moving in a ENE direction and rapidly accelerating
 0 and climbing.
- (2) 0 When first seen objects were in a semi-stationary position.
- (1) 0 First one object was sighted, next, another one appeared.

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Subject: "Report of Sighting Flying Discs"

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Hq, AEC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio APR 27 1948

TO: Commanding General, Greenville Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C.
ATTN: Intelligence Officer, 5th Liaison Squadron

Reference is made to paragraph g, basic communication. Request clarification as to whether the fighter aircraft heard were actually observed in addition to the unidentified flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. McCoy Col USAF
H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

1st Ind

1. On 27 April 1948, 5th Liaison Squadron, Greenville, S. C., advised that

2. On 27 April 1948, 1st Liaison Squadron, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, advised that

3. The witness stated he actually saw and identified a "saucer" shaped aircraft which attracted his attention, and also saw several other flying objects.

Wm. J. Malin
Wm. J. Malin
1st Lt, USAF
Intelligence Officer

4. Enclosed is statement of 1st Lt Wm. J. Malin, Jr., USAF.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
5TH AIRBORNE CANNON
Greenville Air Force Base
Greenville, South Carolina

19 April, 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: AFMIL

1. In accordance with instructions contained in T.O. Letter, file T.O. 000.92 (10 Feb 48), Subject: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs, dated 10 February, 1948, the following information is submitted:

2. Objects sighted at 1615, 19 April, 1948 over Greenville Air Force Base, Greenville, South Carolina.

3. Weather at time of sighting: clearing no visibility indicated.

4. Witnesses:

1st Lt Francis J. Bernin Jr., RND, AG-071104
5th Airborne Squadron, Greenville Air Force Base,
Greenville, South Carolina

1st Lt Robert C. Loomis, RND, AG-0631-
5th Airborne Squadron, Greenville Air Force Base,
Greenville, South Carolina

5. No photographs available.

6. Sketches of objects configuration: attached.

7. Objects sighted:

1. Number of objects sighted: two (2).
2. Shape: elliptical.
3. Size: undetermined.
4. Color: white.

1st Lt. 5th Liaison Squadron, 32nd, Office of the Intelligence Officer, Greenville, S. C. Subj: Report of Lightning Flying Discs, April 19, 1948 to Service Wing General, 32nd, right-Patterson, 32nd, Dayton, Ohio. 1st Lt. 32nd

1. Speed: undetermined. Stationary, then rapid acceleration.
2. Heading: north.
3. Maneuverability: no display of acceleration.
4. Altitude: approximated 15,000 feet plus.
5. Sound: none audible.
6. No exhaust or condensation trail.

General remarks: Witnesses were attracted by the sound of a fighter aircraft in the vicinity. They started searching the sky for the aircraft and sighted the objects. The first sighting was by the witnesses that the objects lighted rather brightly. However, when the objects accelerated so rapidly in a northwesterly direction, they determined that the objects could not be balloons. The objects were in a trail for about 30 seconds. The objects moved so rapidly that they were out of sight within a few seconds. From original sighting in the vicinity of position to their disappearance, a period of approximately 10 minutes elapsed, of which the objects were in stationary position for approximately one (1) minute. As a result of a first submission of an erroneous report, the local weather office was checked to see whether any weather balloons had been released. A negative reply was received. The first report made at 1430 hours EDT, 19 April, 1948, indicated at 10,000 feet that winds were from 90 degrees at 3 knots per hour. At 10,000 feet, from 140 degrees, at 10 knots per hour. At 1430 hours EDT report indicated winds at 10,000 feet to be from 25 degrees at 5 knots per hour, at 14,000 feet from 14 degrees at 4 knots per hour and at 20,000 feet to be from 32 degrees at 13 knots per hour. The nearest weather station releasing balloons is Spartanburg, S. C., one altimeter balloon was released at 1430 EDT.

2. Statement of 1st Lt Robert E. Loomis is enclosed. Statement of 1st Lt Francis J. Lennin Jr. is not available at this time due to his absence from this station, however statement will be forwarded under separate cover when statement is available.

3. The undersigned officer interviewed witnesses and investigated weather conditions.

Thomas J. Maher
THOMAS J. MAHER
1st Lt, USAF
Unit Intelligence Officer

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S T A T E M E N T

On the 19th day of April, 1948, at approximately 1615 hours, I, with Lt. Loomis, was standing in front of our squadron orderly room. As we were talking, I heard the sound of fighter aircraft flying and searched the sky in the direction of the sound, whereupon, I noticed one (1) white balloon object on a Northeast heading. I then noticed that there were two (2) objects.

These objects were at an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 feet and seemed to be stationary; then these two (2) objects seemed to accelerate very rapidly in a northerly direction and at the same time, seemed to be climbing until they were lost to sight. It is estimated that these objects were visible for not more than three (3) minutes.

Lt. Loomis and myself discussed the possibility that the objects were weather balloons. I, personally, checked the weather office to determine if weather balloons had been released and I was informed that no balloons had been sent aloft.

Francis W. Hennin Jr.
FRANCIS W. HENNIN JR
1st Lt, USAF

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These objects were at an estimated 15,000 to 20,00 feet and seemed to be stationary; then these objects seemed to accelerate very rapidly in a northerly direction and at the same time, seemed to be gliding until they were lost to sight. It is estimated that these objects were visible for not more than three (3) minutes.

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Francis W. Hennin Jr.

FRANCIS W. HENNIN JR
1st Lt, USAF

Incident # 115

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 116

1. Date **11 Mar 48**
2. Time **night**
3. Location **Near shores of James Bay.**
4. Name of observer **V. J. Pratt**
5. Occupation of observer **Employee of Hudson Bay Co.**
6. Address of observer **Moose Factory**
7. Place of observation **Moose Factory, Canada**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **meteoric**
13. Direction of flight **earthward**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **No noise**
16. Size **size of basketball football**
17. Color **red/blue flame**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **meteor**
21. Exhaust trails **uninterrupted N/S**
22. Weather conditions **Clear**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **exploded**
26. Remarks: **(over)**



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Office of Military Air Attache
United States Embassy
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

18 March 1948

Mr. A. C. Loedding
TSNAD
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Loedding:

I am forwarding here an article clipped out of the Toronto
Globe & Mail dated 15 March 1948 for your information.

An official report is being made through proper channels.

Very truly yours,

WOODROW B. WILMOT
Lt Colonel, USAF
Air Technical Liaison Officer

1 Incl:
Clipping

Ball of Blue Flame Falls From Sky And Explodes Near Moose Factory

Moose Factory, March 14 (CP) — the northern sky. She described it as a big ball of blue flame, seemingly as about the size of a full moon the size of a football streaked out which gave the appearance of dis- ploded near this Northern Ontario community near the shores of James Bay. V. J. Pratt of the Hud- son's Bay Company reported.

The explosion lit up the entire area brighter than daylight. The whole ball disappeared and a sec- ond later a streak of orange light shot upward from where the ball was last seen, he said. The orange streak was gone within a second. Witnesses heard no noise of any kind.

The incident tied up with earlier reports from Cochrane, 150 miles south of here, where several citi- zens reported seeing what they be- lieved was a meteor about 11:40 p.m. EST Thursday.

One witness there, Mrs. Charles Ciles, said the object plunged downward like a spent rocket in

Incident # 117

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # ~~98~~ 117

1. Date 7 May 48
2. Time 1500 to 1700
3. Location Memphis, Tenn.
4. Name of observer Miss Jean Bray, Housekeeper et al (see other side)
5. Occupation of observer Housekeeper
6. Address of observer 153 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
7. Place of observation Memphis, Tenn.
8. Number of objects 50 or 60
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude extremely high
12. Speed faster than any aircraft witnesses had ever seen
13. Direction of flight easterly
14. Tactics Most traveled in straight line alt o some of them zig-zagged.
15. Sound None
16. Size Very small
17. Color shiny - like bright aluminum
18. Shape unknown - possibly like meteor
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Some objects seemed to have a silvery tail which might have been exhaust
22. Weather conditions CAVU, wind: 330 to 340°, 15 MPH at surface increasing to 65 MPH at 20,000; Surface temp: 72°; dew point 43° relative humidity 40%
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Fifty to 60 shiny objects were seen moving at a speed faster than any known aircraft on an Easterly heading at an extremely high altitude. For the most part these objects traveled in a straight line altho some of them zig-zagged slightly. No sound was heard. Some objects seemed to have a silvery tail which might have been exhaust. These objects could not have been weather balloons as only one balloon was released by the Memphis Weather Bureau that day.

NOT : Witnesses thought they had seen a meteor; however subsequent investigation seemed to preclude this possibility. See Supp II to Trip Report to Memphis - Visit with Dr. Paul Hergot of the Observatory of Cincinnati, Ohio, in which Dr. Hergot expressed serious doubt that the 50 or more objects observed 7 May 48 in Memphis were meteors. He, was, however unable to offer any explanation as to a possible identification of the objects.

Dr. Hynak of OSU and Dr. Lincoln LaFay are to be consulted about the possibility of these being a meteor shower.

Witness of this incident were: Mr. F. J. Kaiser, salesman
251 W. Walderf Ave., Memphis
Mrs F. J. Kaiser, housewife
251 W. Walderf Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

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CIC FIELD AREA OFFICE NO. 1,
Post Office Box 21,
Memphis 1, Tennessee.

AJACI-452.1 General

8 May 1948.

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia.
(ATTN: AC of S, G-2)

1. Information relative to the sighting of mysterious objects, possibly aircraft, at Memphis, Tenn., follows:

a. Location and time of sighting: Memphis, Tenn., 1500 to 1700, 7 May 1948.

b. Weather at the time: Visibility unlimited and unrestricted; wind: 330 to 340 degrees, 15 mph at surface increasing to 66 mph at 20,000 feet; Surface temperature, 72 degrees; dew point, 43 degrees; relative humidity, 40 per cent.

c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses:

- (1) Miss Jean Bray, housekeeper, 253 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis.
- (2) Mr. F. J. Kaiser, salesman, 251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis.
- (3) Mrs. F. J. Kaiser, housewife, 251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis.

d. Photographs: None.

e. Objects sighted:

- (1) Number: 50 or 60.
- (2) Shape: Unknown, possibly like a meteor.
- (3) Size: Hard to determine, probably very small.
- (4) Color: Shiny, like bright aluminum.
- (5) Speed: Faster than any aircraft witnesses have ever seen.
- (6) Heading: Easterly.

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(7) Maneuverability: Most objects travelled in straight line; some of them zig-zagged slightly.

(8) Altitude: Extremely high. Witnesses judged altitude by comparing with known types of conventional aircraft in the air at the time.

(9) Sound: None.

(10) Exhaust trail: Some objects seemed to have a silvery tail, which might have been exhaust.

f. These objects could not have been weather balloons because the Memphis weather bureau released only one balloon in the afternoon.

g. The undersigned is of the opinion that the objects seen were meteorites.

h. Evaluation of sub-paragraph e above: B-3

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VICTOR L. CLARK,
Special Agent in Charge,

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(8 May 1948)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 11 May 1948

TO: Comgenamc, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: KCI

Forwarded with reference to our TMX, same subject, dated 8 May 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL;

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Incident # 116

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #115

1. Date **23 Mar 45**
2. Time **1630 hours**
3. Location **Berlin Lichtstrade, Kirchbachstrasse 2**
4. Name of observer **Dr Ormans,**
5. Occupation of observer **Former guided missile expert at Rheinmetall Borsig**
6. Address of observer **Berlin Lichtstrade, Kirchbachstrasse 2**
7. Place of observation **As above**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **14 kilometers**
12. Speed **rather fast**
13. Direction of flight **South to North**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **No sound reported**
16. Size **"white, oint"**
17. Color **White**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **No exhaust trail reported**
22. Weather conditions **clear**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Dr Ormans, former Guided Missile expert at Hsinnestall, Bernig mentioned that he sighted 1 white point moving from South to North at an approx height of 14 kilometers, speed undetermined, rather fast, no rpt of sound, and no report of exhaust trail.

WITNESSES: Dr and Mrs. Ormans.
No photographs available.

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May 1948

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TO: WP AFB

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IN REPLY CITE: WAR SVC 6480 (RELAYS MSG DTG 051716Z)(Cited EOCID nr SX 3533)

Info USAFE for A-2. Reference control number A-1917. During routine conversation on 24 April, 1948, 1 Doctor Ormans, former Guided Missile expert at EXETERMETALL Borsig, mentioned that he sighted 1 white point moving from South to North at an approximate height of 14 Kilometers; speed undetermined, rather fast; no rpt no sound and no rpt no exhaust trail. Location and time of sighting: Berlin-Lichtenrade, Kirchbachstrasse 2; 1630 hours, 28 March 1948. Weather: CLEAR. Witnesses: Doctor and Mrs Ormans. Photographs not rpt not available.

NOTE: 2330 Hrs 6 May 1948 No action taken - Hold until morning, 5/7/48

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Incident # 116

Incident # 119

Check list - Unidentified Flying Objects

1. Date 20 Feb 48
2. Time 0700 hours
3. Location Asuncion, Paraguay
4. Name of observer Mrs Agustina Vargas de Paula
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer resident of Asuncion (southern part of city)
7. Place of observation Asuncion
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails highly colored wake
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S

(over)

At approximately 0700 hours 20 Feb 48 witness saw object of oval shape traveling thru space from west to east. Its form ended in a very thin tail of approximately 3 feet in length. The forward part was bulky compared with the rear. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow and orange colors and it had a highly colored wake.

Statements were obtained from a local newspaper "La Tribuna" which has interviewed several people claiming to have seen the saucers.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 119a

1. Date 20 Feb 48
2. Time 0700
3. Location Aregua - 10 miles east of Asuncion
4. Name of observer "withheld"
5. Occupation of observer employee of Bank of Paraguay
6. Address of observer Bank of Paraguay
7. Place of observation ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in Aregua
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape oval
19. Color 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 N, no
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

An employee of the Bank of Paraguay declared that in Aragua, 10 miles east of Asuncion on 20 Feb 45 at 0700 hours an object which he judged to be a meteor crossed the sky from west to east. Many other people also saw this object. Its form was oval and it had various colors and all agreed that it was a meteor. Later, inhabitants of Cicerro Cua claimed to have seen a "st r" fall in one of the hills some distance to the east of Aragua.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 1190

1. Date 20 Feb 48
2. Time 0700
3. Location Villa Hayes (10 miles NNE of Asuncion)
4. Name of observer ~~an~~ Rancher and laborers
5. Occupation of observer Rancher
6. Address of observer in the "Cacao"
7. Place of observation Ranch house in neighborhood of Villa Hayes
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 1,000 ft
12. Speed less than that of a plane
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape disc
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S - gave off an intense green color
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over) . . .

Perceived a disc giving off an intense green color. Witness reports that the object traveled from west to east at a speed less than that of a plane and at an altitude of approx 1000 ft. Along its edge it gave off an aureole with the color green predominant.

PARAGUAY

Flying Saucers over Asuncion * * * A conservative Paraguayan newspaper of Asuncion recently published the results of interviews with several people who reported having seen flying saucers in that area. Some of the persons interviewed believed the object was a meteor while others thought it was a machine. Descriptions of various witnesses coincided to a marked degree. The general opinion was that it was an oval-shaped object, bigger in front than in the rear, and tapering down to a thin tail about 5 ft long. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow, and orange colors and a highly mixed colored wake, or exhaust.

Comment: The reporting officer suggests that a meteor may have been seen, but is not technically qualified to say that this is so.
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Paraguay

Flying Saucers Reported Over Asuncion
AA Paraguay R-189-47

26 February 1948

20 February 1948

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SAMUEL J. SKOUSEN, Major, GSC

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(12 Mar PM)

**FLYING SAUCERS REPORTED OVER
ASUNCION**

1. In recent days there have been various rumors concerning the appearance of flying saucers in and around Paraguay. A local newspaper, "La Tribuna," which enjoys the reputation of being serious, has interviewed several people who claim to have seen these saucers. A synopsis of their statements follow.

a. Mrs. Agustina VARGAS de Paula, resident in the southern part of the city, on 20 February 1948 at 0700 hours, saw an object of oval form traveling through space from west to east. Its form ended in a very thin tail of approximately three feet in length. The forward part was bulky compared with the rear. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow, and orange colors, and it had a highly colored wake. (The article mentioned that these observations coincide with reports from Buenos Aires.)

b. An employee of the Bank of Paraguay, whose name was withheld in the report, declared that in Aregua, ten miles east of Asuncion, on approximately the same date at 0700 hours, an object which he judged to be a meteor, crossed the sky from west to east. Many other people also saw this object. Its form was oval and it had various colors, and all agreed that it was a meteor. Later inhabitants of Cicerio Gua claimed to have seen a "star" fall in one of the hills some distance to the east of Aregua.

c. A rancher who lives in the Chaco reported that on 20 February at approximately 0700 hours, he was at a ranch house in the neighborhood of Villa Hayes (ten miles north-northeast of Asuncion), with his laborers, when they saw a disc cross the sky giving off an intense green color. He reports that the object travelled from west to east at a speed less than that of an air plane, and at an altitude of approximately one thousand feet. Along its edge it gave off an aureole with the color green predominant.

d. Various individuals visiting Asuncion from the interior claim that many country people saw this rare object, believing it to be a celestial phenomenon.

2. "La Tribuna" concludes that one or more flying saucers may have flown across Paraguay, but does not assert that as a proven fact. See the inclosed clipping.

COMMENT:

It is interesting to note the coincidence of the date and time given by the various individuals who claim to have seen this phenomenon. The undersigned suggests that a small meteor may have been seen, but is not technically qualified to say that this is so. This report is interesting when compared with R-182-47. In the case of the flying saucer reported in the latter report, no other witness ever came forth to describe the occurrence.

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Newspaper clipping

Incident # 119

Incident # 120

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 120

1. Date **N/S - around 7 Feb 45**
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **Vejle, Denmark**
4. Name of observer **N/S**
5. Occupation of observer **field laborers**
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **Gedbjerg (near Vejle)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **200 meters altitude**
10. Time in sight **approx 3 seconds**
11. Altitude **200 meters altitude**
12. Speed **high speed**
13. Direction of flight **SE to NW**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **shining**
18. Shape **N/S**
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 **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(None)**

Three men working in a field in Gadbjerg (near Vejle) Denmark, have observed a shining object which moved at high speed over the sky from southeast to northwest at about 200 meters altitude. It remained visible for three seconds.

MA COMMENT: No verification received of the above. Evaluation P-6

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Mig # 701-500
Rot # R-70-48

Country: Denmark

I. D. No. 438372

KL-10775

Subject: Flying Saucers Reported over Vejle

From: CMA-Denmark References: Report this office, R-34-48, dtd 21 Jan 48

Evaluation P-6 Date of Info: 7 Feb 48 Date of Rpt: 12 Feb 1948

Incl: Prepared by: Lt Col. Franklin E. Tomlinson Source: Aftenbladet -
newspaper

Report:

Danish newspaper, AFTENBLADET, 7 Feb 48 reports from Vejle (Lat. 55 - 42N Long. 09 - 32E) that three men working in a field in GADEJESG, near VEJLE, have observed a shining object which moved at high speed over the sky from south east to north west at about 200 meters altitude. It remained visible for three seconds.

M/A COMMENT: No verification received of the above.

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APPROVED:

signed: Earl C. Esert

EARL C. ESERT
Colonel, GSC
Military Attache

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Incident # 120

Incident # 121

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 121

1. Date 9 January 1948
2. Time 2330
3. Location Cartersville, Georgia, $34^{\circ} 10' N$, $84^{\circ} 49' W$
4. Name of observer Maj. DuBois
5. Occupation of observer Pilot (FAL)
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 3000 feet
12. Speed 110 mph
13. Direction of flight $175^{\circ} M$
14. Tactics None
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Light, sky-blue
18. Shape Circular, except for the top quarter which was flat, pot-shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance 10° below the horizon
26. Remarks: When object crossed the path of the witness all that could be observed was an intense blue flame, in a shape circular except for

the top quarter which was flat, pot-shaped. The witness states that the object definitely did not have the curved trajectory of a wingless missile. Shortly after crossing his path, the blue flame sputtered and turned immediately earthward. The flame then died altogether but nothing was seen hitting the ground. Witness states that the flame was not of the long trailing type, but rather gave the impression that you were looking down a long exhaust stack at a short but concentrated mass of blue flame and further stated that his connections with RAF pilots in England during the war leads him now to believe this object looked the same as the "Redd bombs" chased by those RAF pilots at night. Arthur Porter, purser on this flight 9 January 1948, also saw the object, the flame only, but can give no further evidence for its identification.

Mr. Dill stated on April 20 that seventy-five cattle had died of an unknown disease on the farm of a Mr. Gordy at Newman, Georgia, and expressed concern over a possible connection between the unidentified object he reported and the unusual fatality among healthy cattle. However, the Atlanta Office of the Animal Industry Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, advises that this "unknown" disease has persisted for over a year and other cases reported elsewhere in the country for some time back. There apparently remains no basis for connection between the object Mr. Dill reports and the death of seventy-five cattle at Newman, Georgia.

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24 May 1948

SUBJECT: Incident Report

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attention: TORDIN

Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Mitchel Field, N. Y.
Attention: AS/S, Intelligence

1. On January 10, 1948 one Hugh DuBose, Eastern Air Lines pilot, reported to the Atlanta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that shortly before midnight 9 January 1948, he had observed an unidentified object crossing the path of his aircraft in the area of Columbus and Acworth, Georgia.

2. Mr. DuBose was on a heading of about 130° Mag. enroute from St. Louis, Missouri, to Atlanta at altitude of about 3000 feet, flying an EAL DC-3, when this object crossed his path on an approximate heading of 175° Mag. at the same altitude. All he could observe was an intense blue flame (light, sky-blue) in a shape circular except for the top quarter which was flat (i.e. pot shaped). Mr. DuBose states the object was on a course about 10° below horizontal, but definitely did not have the curved trajectory of a winged missile.

3. Mr. DuBose estimates the speed of the object as being in the neighborhood of 400 MPH. Shortly after crossing his path, the blue flame sputtered and turned immediately earthward. The flame then died altogether and Mr. DuBose could not see anything hitting the ground.

4. Mr. DuBose states that the flame was not of the long trailing type but rather gave the impression that you were looking at it down a long exhaust stack at a short but concentrated mass of blue flame, and further stated that his connections with RAF pilots in England during the war leads him now to believe this object looked the same as the "Buss Bombs" chased by those RAF pilots at night.

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5. Mr. Arthur Porter, purser on Mr. DuBose's flight 9 January 1948, also saw the object (the flame only, that is), but can give no further evidence for its identification.

6. Army Flight Service reported no jet aircraft in the vicinity that night.

7. Neither Headquarters, Third Army nor the FBI has had further evidence of the unidentified object in the air or crashing on that date.

8. Mr. DuBose advised this office on April 29 that seventy-five (75) cattle had died of an unknown disease on the farm of a Mr. Gordy at Newnan, Georgia, and expressed concern over a possible connection between the unidentified object he reported and this unusual fatality among healthy cattle. However, the Atlanta Office of the Animal Industry Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture, advises that this "unknown" disease has persisted for over a year, and other cases repeated elsewhere in the country for some time back. Although they admit no cure has yet been found and the disease remains incompletely diagnosed, there apparently remains no basis for connection between the object Mr. DuBose reports and the death of the seventy or more cattle at Newnan, Georgia.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

STEVE LATHAM
Major, USAF
Executive Officer

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12 January 1948

Summary of Information:

A reliable government agency advised that an unidentified burning object was sighted North of Cartersville, Georgia, at midnight, January 9, 1948. Hugh Dubose, pilot, Eastern Airlines, advised that on the night of January 9, at midnight, that he and G. R. Jackson, co-pilot, and Arthur Porter, purser on Eastern Airlines run between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia, observed, at the time indicated, an object flying past their plane going approximately 350 m.p.h. The incident occurred North of Cartersville, Georgia, at approximately 4,000 ft. The object which was brightly lighted, slanted down at a ten degree angle. No one had a good look at the object but Dubose felt it was a rocket of some type inasmuch as it was moving parallel with the plane and had bluish flame coming out of the rear.

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Ltr fr Wright-Patterson Flt Sv Ctr, Dayton, Ohio dtd 3 Feb 48, subj:
Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Ga.

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Maxwell Flt Svc Center, Maxwell AF Base, Montgomery, Ala. Oper
Loan 33-6. 13 February 1948.

TO: Commanding Officer, Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center,
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio. Oper Loan 33-9.

1. Reference paragraph 1, 1st Ind, a thorough check of records,
flight plans and forms 23 for 8, 9, and 10 January 1948 at this Center
failed to reveal any information on jet aircraft or reports of fires
or explosions in the vicinity of Cartersville, Georgia. Personnel
on duty in the Maxwell Flight Service Center on 8, 9, and 10 January
were questioned but none recalled any information on incidents of
jet aircraft or reports of fires or explosions in the Georgia area.

2. A check with Base Weather personnel also failed to reveal
any information on this subject.

3. For further possible explanation, it is suggested that this
matter be referred to Headquarters, Field Office of the Air Inspector,
Langley Field, Virginia, ATTN: Flying Safety Division.

RICHARD LOOMIS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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cc: CG, Flt Sv, Wash. D.C.

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3rd Ind.

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Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio 15 February 1948

TO: Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Ohio (MCIA)

1. Information requested in basic communication can not be furnished
by this Center. Therefore it was forwarded to Headquarters Flight Service
Washington, D.C. and thence to Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell,
Field, Alabama for any information available.

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3rd Ind (cont'd)

3 Feb 48

Subject: Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Ga.

2. Second indorsement to this communication is all available information that can be furnished by Flight Service.

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DE ARMOND E. MATTHEWS
Major, USAF
Commanding

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R/Ltr f/Wright-Patterson FS Center, Dayton, Ohio, subj: "Jet Aircraft
North of Cartersville, Ga", dtd 3 February 1948

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1st Ind

Headquarters Flight Service, Washington 25, D. C. 6 Feb 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell Air Force
Base, Montgomery, Alabama, Operating Location 33-6

1. Request you check for information regarding jet aircraft or
jet fires or explosions in the vicinity of Cartersville, Georgia,
during the days of January 8, 9, or 10 Jan 1948.
2. If any information is discovered which warrants further clarifi-
cation, it must be obtained from reliable sources.
3. Forward information as expeditious, as possible to Commanding
Officer, Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center with an information copy
to this Headquarters. A negative report will be submitted.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL POWELL:

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ALVI 13444
1st Lt., USAF
Asst Adjutant

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WRIGHT FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

311.5

3 February 1948

SUBJECT Jet Aircraft North of Carterville, Georgia

TO: Commanding Officer
Flight Service
Washington 25, D. C.

Request that your headquarters furnish this Center any available information relative to the inclosed R&A and attached paper in order that this correspondence may be complied with as soon as possible.

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R/A ltr 29 Jan 48
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CLARK L. MILLER
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Georgia

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ACIA

29 Jan 48

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1. This office is interested in determining the nature of the object described in the inclosed "Summary of Information" dated 8 Jan 1948. At present, the possibility of the object being a jet aircraft is being investigated. Since the object was traveling downward at a ten degree angle, it may be possible that there are reports available of a crash, fire or explosion in the vicinity indicated.

2. It is requested that information be obtained and furnished this office relative to the presence of jet aircraft in the vicinity at the time indicated. Information available regarding a crash, fire or explosion should be forwarded.

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C. "Summary of Info"
d/ 12 Jan 48

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

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Bldg 11A
Rm 018

Incident # 121

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 122

1. Date 5 April 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer R. Olsen
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed faster than any known aircraft
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics erratic - completing a large loop after its downward descent, then soaring upward and disappearing suddenly
15. Sound None
16. Size Large
17. Color Grey-white
18. Shape Rounded, indistinct form
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C.A.V.U.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: This was evidently the one object, of two sighted by another witness, that veered to the right and down. Its vaguely

defined form gave the appearance of a large object at a great distance. The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112a and 112b.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #122 a

1. Date 5 April 1946
2. Time Afternoon
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer Mr. Johnson
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed Tremendous
13. Direction of flight West
14. Tactics Object made three vertic l loops, upon completion of which it
it disappeared in a large arc to the west
15. Sound None
16. Size Considering the moon the size of an orange, the object was the
size of a dime
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Bore some resemblance to, but definitely not, a balloon
19. Oder detected None
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 None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: Presumably Mr. Johnson saw the object that did not wear
to the right. (See Incident #112 b) He stated that it was absolutely

silent on the desert that afternoon and that no audible noise was heard from the object. Neither was any signal nor atmospheric noise heard on the 400-meter receiver to which he was listening at the time. He further stated that the wind at high altitude that day was very calm being only 10 to 15 miles an hour from the west at 65,000 feet.

The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112 and 112b.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 122 b

1. Date 5 April 1945
2. Time N/S
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer Mr. Chance
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects Two
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed Very high, faster than any known aircraft
13. Direction of flight 1 straight up, 1 disappeared in the west
First one veered to the right, started down and was lost to view.
14. Tactics Second one made arc into the west at a terrific speed and disappear suddenly.
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Golden hue
18. Shape Had appearance of a major's insignia, that is, irregularly rounded and slightly concave on top
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 None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: Mr. Chance was the only one of the three witnesses who saw two objects. When he first perceived them, they were going

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straight up then one veered to the right, started down, and was lost to view. Directing his attention to the other object, Mr. Chance saw it arc into the west at a terrific speed and disappear suddenly. Mr. Chance described the object as being of a golden hue, rather indistinct in outline and possessing somewhat the appearance of a major's insignia, that is, irregularly rounded and slightly concave on top.

The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112 and 112a.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

Supplement to Trip Report to Watson Laboratories - 3 and 4 Jun 48

TO: Col Clingerman

TO: Col McCoy

1. Personnel interviewed on this trip were Dr. Peoples, Mr. Chance, Olsen and Mr. Johnson of the Geophysics Laboratory Section and Mr. Demovski of the Radar Laboratory.

2. Contrary to existing reports, Dr. Peoples was not witness to the sighting at Holloman Air Force Base on or about 5th April 1948. However, Dr. Peoples was very cooperative and called in his assistants, Messrs Olsen, Johnson and Chance, remaining present while they presented their versions of the sighting which occurred in the afternoon of the 5th April 1948 while the three of them were searching the skies for an experimental balloon released a short time before. The sighting was made by all three men at approximately the same time. It was first believed to be the balloon; however, they almost immediately discovered their error and were of the opinion that while the sighted object bore some resemblance to a balloon, it was definitely not that.

3. Mr. Chance was the only one of the three who saw two objects. When he first perceived them they were going straight up then one veered to the right, started down, and was lost to view. Directing his attention to the other object, Mr. Chance saw it arc into the west at terrific speed and disappear suddenly. Mr. Chance described the object as being of a golden color, rather indistinct in outline and possessing somewhat the appearance of a major's insignia, that is, irregularly rounded and slightly concave on top.

4. Mr. Olsen saw only one object which was evidently the one that veered to the right and down. He was able to keep it in sight longer than did Mr. Chance and described its maneuvers as completing a large loop after its downward descent, then soaring upward and disappearing suddenly. To him it appeared gray-white in color, its vaguely defined form giving the appearance of a large object at great distance.

5. Presumably Mr. Johnson saw the object that did not veer to the right. He stated that this object made three vertical loops upon completion of which it disappeared in a large arc to the west at tremendous speed. He admitted that at first glance it seemed to resemble a balloon but in his considered opinion it was definitely not that. He stated that it was absolutely silent on the desert that afternoon and that no audible noise was heard from the object. Neither was any signal nor atmospheric noise heard on the 300-meter receiver to which he was listening at the time. He further stated that the wind at high altitude that day was very calm being only 10 to 15 miles an hour from the west at 65,000 feet. As for analogous size, if the moon were considered the size of an orange the object would approximate the size of a dime.

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Memorandum to Informant to Walter Labs - 3 and 4 Jun 48

6. All agreed on the following: the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minute or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon and apparently not sensed judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

7. Dr. Peoples stated that he placed great credence upon these observations because all three men are trained balloon observers. He suggested that an observation team equipped with search apparatus both optical and radio be placed at Holloman Air Force Base in order that more definite information might be secured in the event of a recurrence of an incident of this kind. He also suggested that the radio some stations in the U. S. be alerted in incidents of this type. He promised to alert the observers in his department to be on the watch for and to report any similar incidents.

8. Mr. Koszowski of the Radar Laboratory was interviewed on 4 June 1948. His statements do not check very closely with those contained in Lt. Bradley's report to this office. Mr. Koszowski stated that Lt. Bradley was one of two observers on the Optical Tracking Device. The observations Lt. Bradley reported seeing on this equipment could not be confirmed any time by the other tracker. Mr. Koszowski passed off the "ghost" as a purely illusory on the radar equipment as merely the illusion of the object. He explained that this "ghost" did not move, and was possibly the result of a distant mountain on a side wave of the radar equipment. He also spoke of "crawling" which is the effect on radar by the white pyrene sand in the desert direct west of the Air Base. He also mentioned another form of "ghost" called "Angels" which have been detected and which are believed to be density changes in air density. Such phenomena have been observed and reported from other districts.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. In the light of Mr. Koszowski's statements, the frequency of the sightings at Holloman Air Force Base does not warrant the placing of an observation team at that station. Should the sightings become more frequent and more substantiated evidence be received from Dr. Peoples's alerted observers, further consideration will be given to the initiation of such a project.

2. The Weather Service Headquarters at Tinker Field will be questioned as to the feasibility of alerting their radio some stations to be on the lookout for unidentified aerial objects. A similar request will be made to the Signal Corps and Coast Artillery through Headquarters, Army Field Forces.

JAMES L. BERN
Lt Col., USAF
Project Officer
Tech Int-1 Div.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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12 May 1948

Project "SIGN"

Commanding Officer
Holloman Air Force Base
Alamogordo, New Mexico

1. On 5 May 1948, Lt Colonel James C. Beam and Mr. Alfred G. Loedding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. Peoples of the Watson Laboratories.

2. It was learned that a Lt Markley has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McHARNEY:

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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MCIAAD/JCS/amb
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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12 May 1948

Project "HIGH"

Commanding Officer
Holloman Air Force Base
Alamogordo, New Mexico

1. On 5 May 1948, Lt Colonel James C. Bean and Mr. Alfred C. Loedding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. Peoples of the Watson Laboratories.

2. It was learned that a Lt Markley has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McMARNEY:

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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11 May 1948

Report of Trip to Holloman Air Force Base, 5 - 6 May 1948

1. The primary purpose of this trip was to interview Dr. Peoples, representing the Watson Laboratories, who was temporarily on loan to Holloman Air Force Base. Upon arrival, it was learned that Dr. Peoples had returned to the Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, N. J. A teletype sent from Holloman Air Force Base stating that Dr. Peoples would not be available for interview did not reach Hq, AMC in sufficient time to postpone the visit. However, it was learned that Dr. Peoples would be at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. on or about 11 May 1948 for an indefinite period of time.

2. A civilian, Mr. Joseph Olsen, who works in the same laboratory with Dr. Peoples had also seen the unidentified flying object while in the presence of Dr. Peoples. Mr. Olsen was interviewed with the following stated results:

a. The object definitely was not a balloon.

b. The object appeared round and white; was at a great altitude and moved at a high rate of speed.

3. Mr. Olsen promised to send in a detailed report through channels, together with the report of another civilian who also witnessed the phenomenon.

4. It was also learned that a Lt Markley who works in the Radar Laboratory at Holloman AF Base has, on several occasions in the past, witnessed on his scope unidentified flying objects at high altitudes, moving at a very high rate of speed. Lt Markley was not available for interview; however, a request for a detailed report of these observations was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base.

5. Lt Colonel James C. Bean and Mr. Alfred G. Loedding proceeded to Phoenix, Ariz. to interview Mr. William A. Rhodes and follow up on the report and photographs submitted by him some months ago. Although Mr. Rhodes is currently employed as a piano player in a night club, his primary interest is in a small but quite complete laboratory behind his home. According to his business card, this laboratory is called "Panoramic Research - Laboratory and Observatory", and Mr. Rhodes is referred to as the "Chief of Staff". Mr. Rhodes appeared to be completely sincere and apparently is quite interested in scientific experiments. Mr. Rhodes stated he was an aircraft recognition instructor during the last war, and that in his opinion, the object sighted definitely was not a wind-blown object. He reiterated that the object was not less than 2000 ft. away and that it was not much more than 2000 ft. away unless he had greatly underestimated its size. Mr. Rhodes pointed out where he had stood when he took the pictures of this flying object and indicated the exact paths of approach and departure of the object. He added that when the object turned directly away from him, he observed what appeared to be one large opening or vent across the entire trailing edge. Mr. Rhodes promised to send in another more detailed report, incorporating this observation.

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6. Mr. Rhodes also mentioned having seen a series of photographs taken by another civilian in Phoenix, Ariz. on approximately the same day. He promised to investigate this phase and to forward a set of these photographs to this headquarters if they are available. Mr. Rhodes permitted the ordinary box type camera with which he took his pictures to be brought to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for examination.

JAMES C. BEAM
Lt Colonel, USAF
Project Officer

Concurred in:

ALFRED C. LORDDING
Technical Assistant
Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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**HEADQUARTERS
 AIR MATERIEL COMMAND**

MCIAKD/JCS/amb
 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 WRIGHT-PATTERSON, DAYTON, OHIO
 12 May 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding Officer
 Holloman Air Force Base
 Alamogordo, New Mexico

1. On 5 May 1948, Lt Colonel James C. Seam and Mr. Alfred C. Loedding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. Peoples of the Watson Laboratories.

2. It was learned that a Lt Larkley has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCARNEY:

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 W. R. CLINGERMAN
 Colonel, USAF
 Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
 Intelligence Department

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1, Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 24 May 1948

1cc: CG, IAC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

Enclosed is statement of Lt. Larkley in answer to basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
 Lt. Larkley's Statement

James C. Seam
 JAMES C. SEAM
 Major, USAF
 Adjutant

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HOLLOWAY AIR FORCE BASE
ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
OPERATIONS & PROJECTS
ELECTRONIC & ATMOSPHERIC DIVISION

HGM/ctd

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1. Reference is made to Par 2, basic communication. Apparently a misunderstanding exists in that I did not personally see unidentified objects moving at an excessive rate of speed on a radar scope. Rather, Mr. P. Rosmovski, of Watson Laboratories, very probably saw unidentified objects. However, Mr. Rosmovski informed me that the objects seen were not moving at an excessive speed, but rather were motionless at an altitude somewhere in the vicinity of 200 miles. When these were seen on the Radar scope of the CrS-4 (Modified) the angle of elevation of the Radar antenna was approximately 70 degrees from horizontal.

2. During the latter part of August, 1947, this organization was carrying on several test runs with a modified SCR-270 at this base. I had released a corner reflector and two balloons and was watching them in their flight as they drifted to the southeast from this base. While watching the balloons through a pair of ten power binoculars, a white object, appearing to be round, came into my field of vision. I followed the object as far as possible out lost it within seconds after picking it up. The object was traveling at an unprecedented rate of speed and appeared to be several thousand feet over the top of the Sacramento mountain range, traveling in horizontal flight south to north.

3. There have been other times when manning the M-2 Optical tracker, that I have seen round or flat-round objects that were unexplainable.

4. In view of Par 1, this indorsement, it is suggested that Mr. P. Rosmovski of the Radar Laboratory, AMC Watson Laboratories, Red Bank, New Jersey be contacted.


HERBERT G. MARKLEY
1st Lt. USAF
Communications Officer

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AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

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FROM: AWC

DATE: 30 Apr 48

W. R. CLINGERMAN, Col, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER
HOLLAMAN AIR FORCE BASE
ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
~~XXXX~~ ATTN: COL PAUL F. HELMICK

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MR. LABRISKI OF THIS HQ INDICATED THAT DR. J. W. PEOPLES OF THE WATSON
LABORATORIES HAS INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE
INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT. CONFERENCE WITH DR. PEOPLES REQUESTED ON
5 OR 6 MAY 1948. ADVISE IF CONVENIENT. INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES
LT COL JAMES C. BEAM AND MR. A. C. LOEDDING WILL TRAVEL BY MILITARY AIR.
SIGNED, TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

COORDINATION

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C. G. OR C. O.	CONTROL OFFICE	MAINTENANCE	P & T	SUPPLY	BURDEN & FISCAL	OTHERS

Request for Travel Orders

TO:

FROM:

DATE:

1. It is requested that travel orders be prepared for:

a. Name: (1) Officers (2) Enlisted Men (3) Civilians

(1) JAMES G. ROSE 1st Col AO-34448 USAF
 First Init Last Grade Serial No Arm Of

(2) _____
 First Init Last Grade Serial No Sq A

(3) ALFRED G. LODDING Aeronautical Engineer
 First Init Last Civil Service Designation

b. Travel to begin on or about 3 May 1948c. For approximate number of days 2 days

d. To Office of Director of Intelligence,
Air Intelligence Reg. Div (AFOR) Hq, USAF, Washington 25, D.C.
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e. Is any change in itinerary necessary? _____ If "Yes" give reason: _____

f. Purpose of travel is to discuss classified Project HT-304

(1) Justification: per orders of Colonel Clingerman

g. Travel is in connection with Project No. HT-304

h. Individual is cleared for access to A.C. Loding 1st Lt James G. Rose
 material pertinent to these orders. (Top Secret) (Secret)

i. Mode of travel desired is by mail air mail/or

- j. Is per diem requested: X
Yes No
- k. Funds are chargeable to NOIA
Division Symbol
- l. If travel is to Washington, authority from Washington must be shown
- (1) Letter
Office of origin Subject Date
- (2) Teletype
Office of origin Number Date
- (3) Telephone Col Robert Taylor, III AFOR
conversation or verbal orders Name of person in Washington Office
Col H. M. McCoy MCI
Name of person at this Hq Office
Date
- m. For permanent change of station (scientists only) list dependents showing name, relationship and age; also, state whether shipment of household goods and personal effects at government expense is requested:
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- (2) Is shipment of household goods requested? Yes No

2. I certify that I have checked this request for travel orders and consider travel essential to effectively discharge the functions of this section.

Signature of Section Chief
W. R. CLINCHMAN, Col, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

Incident # 122

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 123

1. Date 11 April 1948
2. Time 2330
3. Location 4 miles north of Alton, Illinois
4. Name of observer Col W. F. Siegmund
5. Occupation of observer Former Commandant of the Air Base at Kearns, Utah
and at present sales manager for Western Cartridge, Co., Alton.
6. Address of observer Western Cartridge, Co., Alton, Ill.
7. Place of observation 4 miles north of Alton, Ill - ground
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics "flapped its wings"
15. Sound N/S
16. Size "bigger than an airplane"
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Resembled a huge fowl and not a type of aircraft
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 None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Col Siegmund said he observed the creature at about
11:30 A. M. 11 Apr 48, while riding four miles north of Alton, Ill

(over)

Siagmund said he didn't see any flapping of wings but he was sure it was a huge fowl and not a type of aircraft. He was riding with a companion, Col. Ralph Jackson, Head of Western Military Academy, at the time. Jackson, however, was talking to a farmer and didn't see it. Siagmund said he didn't mention it to him as it seemed too incredible.

Note: A child, James Trues, age 12, said he saw the bird flying over his home in suburban Glendale, Mo., some 3 months previous.

The Belvidere report quoted a Robert Price and Veryl Rabb as saying the bird was "bigger than an airplane" and flapped its wings.

RELIABILITY: Impossible to evaluate.
Col Siagmund was never questioned but some sort of investigation obviously should be made in lieu of the fact that he was once commandant of the Air Base at Keesee.

THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Companion To Flying Saucer, "Monster Bird"

BY F. L. DILL

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—A flying saucer was seen by a boy and his father, near the Dayton airport, about 11:30 a. m. last Sunday, while horse back riding four miles north of Dayton, Ohio.

James Travers, 12, said he saw the bird flying over his home in suburban Glendale, Mo., about three miles away. Both Siegmund and the boy said they were apprehensive of telling anyone about it until they read the United Press dispatch from Belvidere yesterday.

THE BELVIDERE report quoted Robert Price and Veryl Blinn as saying the bird was "bigger than an airplane" and flapped its wings.

Siegmund, now sales manager for the Western Cartridge Co., at Dayton, said he didn't see any flapping of wings but he was sure it was a huge fox and not a type of aircraft.

Siegmund was riding with a companion, Col. Ralph Jackson,

head of Western Machinery & Supply at the time. Jackson, however, was talking to a farmer and didn't see it. Siegmund said "and I didn't mention it to him because it looked too incredible."

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Incident # 124

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 121

1. Date 18 April 1948
2. Time 1500 GCT
3. Location North Atlantic, 62°00'N. 33°00'W
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer Weather station patrol
6. Address of observer First Coast Guard District
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer 6500 yards - 18000 yards
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed 30 mph
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C.A.V.U.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Target strength was 35 fading at 18,000 yards
26. Remarks: This incident is the result of a radar sighting. Copy is also filed in radar sighting file.

This target was contacted on the air search radar at 1500 OCT on 15 April 48. The first contact was made at 6500 yards and was tracked to 18,000 yards giving a velocity of approximately 30 n.p.h. The area in which the target was contacted was thoroughly searched visually and there were no clouds or weather fronts in said area. There were no target indications on the surface radar. The target strength was S5 fading at 18,000 yards.

Address Reply to
THE COMMANDANT (INT)
Refer to File

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Washington 25, D. C.

19 May 1948

From: Commandant
TO: Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio - Attn: MCIA(XD-3)

Subj: Report on unidentified radar target; report of sighting of
flying discs, etc.; forwarding of

1. The attached copy of report from the Commanding Officer, USCGC BUEB
regarding an unidentified radar target, is self-explanatory and forwarded for
your information.

2. Also inclosed are two copies of a report received from the Commanding
Officer, Coast Guard Air Station, San Diego, California with reference to the
sighting of vapor trails. This report was apparently submitted by Coast Guard
aviation personnel because of the local attention they attracted and to throw
light on subsequent wild reports that might be received from unqualified observers
from that area.

By direction of the Commandant.

S. Y. HAMMOND
Lieut. Comdr. USCG
Chf. of Intelligence & Law
Enforcement Division

Incl
2 reports

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U. S. C. G. C. BIRE

Commanding Officer
USCGC BIRE (WPG-31), Boston 13, Mass.

12 May 48

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From: Commanding Officer, USCGC BIRE
TO: The Commandant (IEF)

Via: Commander, First Coast Guard District (dl1)

Subj: Unidentified Radar Target; report of

Ref: (a) Intelligence and Law Enforcement Circular No. 1-48

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted covering an unidentified radar target tracked while this ship was on Ocean Weather Station patrol on Station Able (62-00 N, 33-00W) from 3 to 24 April 1948.

2. This target was contacted on the air search radar at 1500 GCT on 18 April 1948. The first contact was made at 6500 yards and was tracked to 18,000 yards giving a velocity of approximately 30 m. p. h. The area in which the target was contacted was thoroughly searched visually and there were no clouds nor weather fronts in said area. There were no target indications on the surface radar. The target strength was 85 fading at 18,000 yards.

3. The above time and date was the only time this phenomenon was observed by this ship.

/s/ V. O. JOHNSON

Ind-1
Commander, 1st Coast Guard District
Boston 13, Massachusetts
and refer to file: 0-601

12 May 1948

Forwarded for Headquarters information

/s/ A. G. HALL
Chief of Staff

Incident # 124

Incident # 125

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 125

1. Date 2 May 19-8
2. Time night
3. Location St. Louis, Mo. 40° 00' N 90° 15' W
4. Name of observer St. Louis Post Dispatch, 4 May 48. (reported)
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer St. Louis, Mo.
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Phosphorescent after dark (dull glow)
18. Shape bird
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 None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: See Incident 123

From: Current News - May 5 1948, page 6

**FLYING WHAT-IS-IT'S PHOSPHORESCENCE NO HELP
IN SEARCH**

St. Louis Post Dispatch

Glow Reported Seen Only at Night - Piasa Bird Ruled Out - (May 2 1948)

The newly-acquired phosphorescence of the mysterious flying what-is-it which has been reported beating its wings out over North St. Louis with recent regularity will not help the Civil Air Patrol today.

The patrol, patriotically, will send out a flight of small planes to search for the oversized bird seen often of late. The winged creature's phosphorescence, or dull glow in the dark, was first reported Friday night by three persons who "Could scarcely believe our eyes." This dull glowing is not visible in the daylight.

The night flights remove that suspicion that the Piasa bird, legendary enemy of the Illini Indians has returned. It made it's raids only at dawn according to Charles Hertenstein, administrative assistant to Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann, assigned to investigate reports about the bird.

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Incident # 126

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 April 1948
2. Time 1015
3. Location Anacostia, aval ir station, 38°52'N, 77°00'W
4. Name of observer Marcus L. Lowe
5. Occupation of observer Lt Commander, US Navy
6. Address of observer N/
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer One mile
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 1,500 feet
12. Speed 100 m.p.h.
13. Direction of flight 360°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 25 - 30 ft diameter
17. Color Yellow (light colored)
18. Shape sphere
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 None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: The object appeared to the pilot to be a yellow (or light colored) balloon, and attracted attention principally because

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of its flight path. No external fittings or attachments were observed on the object. The speed of the object was estimated at about 100 m.p.h. The flight of the object was in a proximately a south to north direction, despite a breeze from north northwest, and apparently followed a constant altitude. Pilot did not pursue object further because it was entering a prohibited flying area, U.S. Capitol, White House Area.

AFRIR-10-5 (5-61)

21 May 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCI

Attached is a report of a flying disc sighting by an officer on duty in the Offensive Air Branch of this Directorate.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl.

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Materiel Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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May 1943

Memorandum for Lt Col Thomas

The undersigned officer was participating as pilot on a local flight on Friday, 30 April 1943, in Navy aircraft BW BuNo 20731. At approximately 1015 local time, at an altitude of about 5500 feet, on a magnetic heading of about 180 degrees, just south of Anacostia Naval Air Station, an object was sighted ahead to the left and about 1000 feet below the aircraft. The object resembled a yellow sphere estimated to be about 1 mile. The flight path of the object was in approximately a North direction (despite upper winds from North Northwest) and apparently followed a constant altitude. Pilot did not pursue object further because it was entering the prohibited flying area. T. B. Conitell, White House, D.C.

The object was a red to pilot (or a yellow, or light colored) sphere which attracted attention principally because of its flight path. No external distinguishing characteristics were observed on the object. The speed of the object was estimated to be at 100 mph.

James L. Low
Lt Col, U. S. Navy

Incident # 127

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 127

1. Date May 14
2. Time /5
3. Location Lake Doiran, along the Yugoslav-Greek frontier
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer /S
7. Place of observation Road
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 3000 feet
12. Speed /S
13. Direction of flight 10°
14. Tactics N/
15. Sound Like artillery shell (strill whine)
16. Size /S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Flyin. disc
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 none
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A press dispatch quoted residents of the Lake Doiran area along the Yugoslav-Greek frontier as saying they saw a "flying

disc". It was described as speedin' so toward from Yugoslavia at a height of about 3,000 feet, makin' a noise like an artillery shell.

What?—Again!

A few "Moss" 405 planes disappeared today south of residents of the Lake Donon area along the Yugoslav-Greek frontier as saying they saw a "flying disc." It was described as speeding southward from Yugoslavia at a height of about 3,500 feet, making a noise like an artillery shell.

Incident # 127

Incident # 128

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 128

1. Date 2 May 1948
2. Time Night
3. Location (Lat. Long.) Middleport, 10, 30° 00' N, 82° 03' W
4. Name of observer Ben Raps
5. Occupation of observer New York Central System Car Inspector
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects N/S
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 6 - 7 miles
12. Speed Great amount of speed
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 9" diameter from ground level
17. Color Phosphorescent
18. Shape Round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Phosphorescent trail in sky
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: The above covers sighting of same objects by Earl Roush, New York Central System Car Inspector; Bob White, New York Central

ard Clark; and C. K. Hite, New York Central Patrolman. Patrolman Hite stated in addition that his attention was called to these objects by Car Inspector Ben Ripe. Upon observing the sky Hite saw disc-shaped objects traveling from west to east in succession in the same path at about two-minute intervals. Now and then one would "hook back apparently in the same path whence it had come." Occasionally one seemed to burst and disintegrate. For a resemblance, Hite said "Take a large clock face, cover it with radiator, and sail it through the air."

HEADQUARTERS ELEVENTH AIR FORCE
1612 South Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

In reply
refer to LFD

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Discs"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
FROM: Director of Intelligence,
Requirements Division

1. In compliance with paragraph 1a, ADC Letter 45-5, 25, March 1947, the following information relative to "Flying Discs" is hereby submitted. The attached report was received this Headquarters 27 May 1947, from Special Agent, J. K. Brown, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio. This Headquarters has no further information and is not initiating any investigation in accordance with paragraph 2, ADC Ltr 45-5. Any additional information received by this Headquarters will be immediately forwarded to your Headquarters. Copies of report have been forwarded to Hq., Air Materiel Command and Hq., Air Defense Command as directed in above mentioned directive.

- a. Location and time of sighting - Hobson, Ohio; night of 2 May 47.
- b. Weather at the time - unknown by this Hq.
- c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses -
address - Ben Rine, New York Central System Car Inspector Unknown
Earl Roush
Bob White, Yard Clerk, N. Y. C.
C. K. Hite, Patrolman, N. Y. C.
- d. Photographs of objects, if available - unknown this Hq.
- e. Sketches of objects configuration - unknown this Hq.
- f. Objects sighted:
 - (1) Number - not known this Headquarters
 - (2) Shape - round
 - (3) Size - reported to be nine inches in diameter from ground level.

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Basic Ltr fm Hq. Eleventh Air Force, Harrisburg, Pa., dtd (undated),
subj: report of "Flying Discs"

AFOLM-CO-5 (1-6-29)

1st Ind.

23 Jul 1947

Aspt. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

To: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCI

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
900 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

May 25, 1948

Commanding General
Headquarters 11 Air Force
1612 S. Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Attention: Intelligence Officer

Dear Sirs:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a communication received by this office from D. W. Taylor, Chief of Police, New York Central System, regarding "Flying Saucers" seen in the vicinity of (Hobson) Middleport, Meigs County, Ohio, on the night of May 8, 1948.

They are transmitted for such action as you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D. K. Brown

D. K. BROWN,
Special Agent In Charge

Enc.

A TRUE COPY:

H. B. May

H. B. MAY
Lt. Col., USAF

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NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

May 21, 1948.

File: 22.00

Mr. D. K. Browne,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Browne:

Herewith copy of our Captain Huston's and
Patrolman Hite's reports of May 15th and 12th, respectively,
in connection with object seen in the vicinity of (Hebeon)
Middleport, Meigs County, Ohio, night of May 8.

I thought I would give you this data as in-
formation.

Yours truly,

DWT-k

Original signed by D. W. TAYLOR

Encl.

A TRUE COPY:

H. B. Max

H. B. MAX
Lt. Col., USAF

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NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

Columbus, Ohio, May 15, 1948

File: 1.10

Mr. D. W. Taylor - Chief of Police:

Referring to my letter of May 11, 1948 file 1.10 to Patrolman C. E. Hite copy to you in connection with the officer observing "Flying Saucers" over Hobson Yards on night of May 8, 1948.

I am attaching copy of Patrolman Hite's letter dated May 12, 1948 explaining circumstances under which he observed this unusual phenomenon which is self explanatory.

P. V. Huston

PvB/bhj

A TRUE COPY:

John A. Hiller
JOHN A. HILLER
1st Lt., USAF

C O P Y

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM
Hobson, Ohio, May 12, 1948

Mr. P. V. Huston
Captain of Police
Columbus, Ohio.

This letter is in regards to the letter from your office requesting more information concerning the flying saucers which were observed at Hobson, Ohio, on the night of May 8, 1948 as I was patrolling in the south end of yards. Car Inspector Ben Rupe told me he had seen objects in the sky which appeared to be flying saucers. Upon observing the sky, I saw disc shaped objects traveling from west to east in succession in the same path at about 2 minute intervals. Now and then one would hook back apparently in the same path whence it had come.

These objects appeared approximately to be about 6 to 8 miles up in the sky. They looked as if they were about 9 inches in diameter gave off a phosphorescent light, and appeared to be traveling at a great amount of speed. Occasionally one seemed to burst and disintegrate.

The best example I could give would be to take a large clock face and cover it with radium and sail it through the air.

These were also observed by Car Inspectors Ben Rupe, and Earl Roush, Yard Clerk Bob White.

Whatever it was, it was greatly out of the ordinary.

C. K. Hite
Patrolman.

A TRUE COPY:

John A. Miller
JOHN A. MILLER
1st Lt., USAF

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Incident # 128

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C CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 129

1. Date 31 May 1948
2. Time 1320
3. Location Wilmington, North Carolina, 34° 14' N, 77° 57' W
4. Name of observer Mrs. H. D. Alspach
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer 709 South 6th
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude apparently 1000
12. Speed fast
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics none
15. Sound N/S
16. Size as large as an arm, and about 3 feet long
17. Color N/S
18. Shape elong
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails emitted smoke
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Mysterious sky object was sighted by Mrs. Alspach, her sister Mrs. Colvin, and Mrs. H.D. Huffman. It came at first at a fast

speed from the direction of Blountenthal Field at 1:20 p.m., over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west.

The local office of the Civil Aeronautics Administration discredited a supposition by Blountenthal Field's station manager James Holomon, that object could have been a P-30 plane in flight. The CAA said there was no such plane in the sky there at the time.

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AJACI-9

3 June 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : COMGENAMC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed is report supporting TWI, this headquarters, dated
3 June 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl;
Report (newspaper clipping)

WALTER A. BUCK
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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The Charlotte Observer
Charlotte, N. C.
1 June 1948

MYSTERIOUS FLYING BODY IS SEEN AT WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, May 31 - Wilmington residents today reported another mystery sky object, but it was not another flying saucer. An object which emitted smoke, was about as "big as your arm and about three feet long" which traveled at an "awfully high altitude, and at first at a fast speed, came from the direction of Blumenthal field at 1:20 p. m. over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west," Mrs. H. D. Alsmach, who lives at 709 South Sixth Street, said.

Mrs. Alsmach said that her sister who lives near, called her to look at the strange object. Mrs. Charles Colvin is the sister and is said to have seen the object first. Mrs. H. D. Huffman, another neighbor said she saw it too.

The local offices of the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Blumenthal field's station manager James Holoman, that it "could have been a P-80 plane in flight." The CAI said there was no such plane in the sky here at the time.

Incident # 129

Incident # 130

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #130

1. Date 17 May 1948
2. Time 8:45 PM
3. Location 10 miles from Amesbury, Mass.
4. Name of observer J. J. Donohue
5. Occupation of observer Territory, Inc., B. & O. Goodrich Company
6. Address of observer 1110 Roush Ave., Hingham, N. D.
7. Place of observation Road, Route 212, east of Amesbury, traveling west
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer at closest point, approx. 2500 feet
10. Time in sight 10-20 minutes
11. Altitude 10,000 ft
12. Speed Twice the speed of Northwest Airlines planes
13. Direction of flight East, slightly south, then west
14. Tactics performed none
15. Sound none
16. Size Fairly large compared to aircraft
17. Color White - (might have had slight bluish-white tinge)
18. Shape Ball
19. Odor detected none
20. Apparent construction 1 - but apparently meteor-like
21. Exhaust trails A long bright light shooting from under it
22. Weather conditions moonlight, not cloudy
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none - Map forwarded showing location of object
25. Manner of disappearance Flew in a dark cloud bank
26. Remarks: See Supplement

27 Jul 48

1. Capt M. Martin, Lt C. E. Glassbrook, and Lt. T. S. Byington of the Air Technical Intelligence Branch, Operations Section, Technical Intelligence Division, departed Patterson Field 0810, 24 Jul 1948. Arrived Bismarck, North Dakota, 1420 the same day. Contacted Mr. Bonneville's home by telephone and were informed that Mr. Bonneville would not be available until approximately 1630.

2. Arrived at Mr. Bonneville's home at approximately 1630. Conferred with Mr. Bonneville for approximately two (2) hours attempting to acquire all available information. Mr. Bonneville seemed sincere in his statements, however, he took quite some time to answer specific questions. He answered questions with generalities. It is believed he tried to give correct answers but was unsure of himself. He also stated that most of the answers given in his letter to the Technical Intelligence Division were more specific and that he believed he chose his words with considerable care towards accuracy.

3. Departed Bismarck, North Dakota, 1230, 25 Jul 1948. Arrived Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1520, 25 Jul 1948. Contacted Mr. Pfutzenreuter's home at approximately 1630 by telephone. At that time his mother informed us that he was out of town and would return at approximately 1930. Mr. Pfutzenreuter called back at about 2000 and arrangements were made to visit with him the following day.

4. Arrangements were made for transportation to Hecla, South Dakota. Mr. Pfutzenreuter and his wife were contacted at approximately 1145, on the 26th of Jul 1948. We conferred with Mr. Pfutzenreuter alone for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. We conferred with Mrs. Pfutzenreuter for approximately twenty-five minutes. We then conferred with Mr. and Mrs. Pfutzenreuter for approximately thirty minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Pfutzenreuter seemed sincere in their answers and showed a willingness to help. They attempted to answer our questions to the best of their ability. Mr. Pfutzenreuter seemed to have a background which would qualify him as a fairly reliable observer of the incident. Mrs. Pfutzenreuter kept a constant watch on the object while Mr. Pfutzenreuter was driving. Several stops were made and their curiosities were so aroused that they watched the object with intense interest. It is believed that the intense interest of the two witnesses makes their observations fairly reliable.

5. Departed Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1630 on 26 Jul 1948. Arrived Patterson Field 2200, 26 Jul 1948.

Meter Martin

METER MARTIN
Captain, USAF
ATI Branch
Operations Section

Descriptions and Maneuvers of Object as Ascertained from Interview of Mr. W. A. Bonneville.

Original sighting of object was a very bright light in the sky at a low altitude. The object moved rapidly out of the west and followed along the north side of the road. As the object approached it grew bigger and brighter. The speed of the object varied from slightly greater than twice that of the local Northwest Airlines aircraft, which are of the C-47 type, to almost hovering. The object made three passes of similar type.

As the object approached the observer it seemed to slow down and almost hover just prior to making a slow 90° turn to the south. It would travel along this course for a short distance and then make another 90° turn to the west and head away from the observer. As it turned west and traveled away from the observer, it seemed to accelerate very rapidly until it reached a speed approximately the same as the original approaching speed and would recede until it would pass from sight. The observer had the impression that the object was climbing to get above the hills on the horizon. The observer stated that the object seemed to dive slightly as it approached, but that the impression could have been an optical illusion.

The track of the object was always on the north side of the highway. Due to the fact that the object went completely out of sight, the witness stated that he could not be sure whether there were three objects or one. At no time was there more than one object visible. The time between the sighting of the objects was approximately ten minutes. From original sighting until the object was out of sight, it took approximately five minutes. The elapsed time between the second and third sightings was longer than between the first and second sightings. No estimate of the increased time was given. The speed of the object did not vary during the running periods. The only difference in speed was the slowing down prior to the turn and the acceleration to running speed.

On viewing the object from his car, it would first appear at about 15° right and would continue toward him until the approximate position of 8° right was reached. At that time the turn would be made by the object. Its elevation, as viewed from a seated position in the driver's seat, appeared to be about 5° above the horizontal at maximum range. At minimum range the elevation was about 6°.

At the closest point, which was on the third pass, the object appeared to be approximately 2500 feet from the observer. At that time the observer was at the Powder River Bridge. He stopped his engine and alighted from the car and attempted to focus his binoculars on the object as it started moving away from him. Using the binoculars, the light seemed to be of the same size as with the naked eye. The binoculars used were 5 x 40 Acromatic 47A manufactured by Airguide of Chicago. The witness stated that he could not focus them properly at that time. It took approximately three minutes for the object to fade from view.

The witness has seen many falling stars and is familiar with the position and appearance of local airline beacons. An airline beacon is located two miles north of the road and at times was visible at the same time as the object. The object appeared to be much brighter than the beacon. The object was spherical

and had the color and appearance of a strong white arc light. It had the same intensity at all distances and at no time were streaks apparent. It was not a directed beam and there was no visible reflection or light shed on any area from this light. The light definitely did not have a yellowish tinge but might have had a slight bluish white tinge. There was no sputtering; the light was constant. It had no dark or bright spots. The light given off by the object was brighter than aircraft landing lights and was smaller in size than the distance between the engines of a C-47 type aircraft, as seen at normal airline altitude in that area.

The light appeared to be approximately 18 inches in diameter. It was stressed that the object was of a ball shape. The only time that the configuration varied from this ball shape was on the third pass when it traveled at 90° to the line of travel of the observer. At that time it appeared to be elliptical.

Metro Martin
METRO MARTIN
Captain, USAF
ATI Branch
Operations Section

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James J. Houston - Lt. Col. USAF
Actg Chief, Tech Intel. Div.
Wright Patterson Air Force
Base - Dayton Ohio

415 W Rosser Ave
Bismarck N Dak
July 13 1948

Replying to yours of July 7th (NCIAXD-4)

I am on the road 99% of the time Col. but am home most of the time week ends - I have to be in Minneapolis at a sales meeting on the 29th and here for the Garrison Dam Letting tomorrow.....however as before stated you can reach me at Bismarck any week end. Your men were at my home and left Bismarck just the day before I reached home. I will be home this week end also the 18th and I hope to be also on the 25th of this month.

Yours very truly,

W A Bonneyville - Territory Manager for
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MCIAO-4

5 July 1948

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1. Lieutenant T. S. Byington and Lieutenant C. R. Glasbrook of the Air Technical Intelligence Branch, Operations Section, Technical Intelligence Division departed Patterson Field 0900, 28 June 1948. Arrived Bismark, North Dakota 1515, the same day. Proceeded to Mr. W. A. Ronneville's home at 415 W. Rosser Avenue and were informed by the subjects' wife, that he had been on the road for 2 weeks and was expected home that night or the next.

2. Contacted subjects' wife at 0900, 29 June and were informed that he had called home the previous night and had been informed that we were in Bismark and wished to see him. He told his wife that he was in Harvey, North Dakota and would probably be there all day Tuesday. Obtained a car from the 5th Army in Bismark and drove to Harvey and were informed at the Cooke Hotel that he had departed at 0745. Checked the Goodrich dealer in town and subject had been there and left around 0815. He left no forwarding address or indicated where he was going from there. Returned to Bismark.

3. Called subjects' home 0900, 30 June and were informed by his wife that she had heard nothing from him. Departed Bismark 1000 hours for Rapid City AFB, South Dakota to perform maintenance on the aircraft.

4. Contacted Major E. H. Hammer, Staff Intelligence Officer of the 28th Bomb Sq. stationed at Rapid City, AFB who is in charge of interrogation of all air crews of that Wing. Crew reports showed nothing of interest, however, Major Hammer stated that one evening between the 15 - 20 August 1947 soon after dark he was sitting in the parking lot near the line area when he sighted approximately 12 objects flying a tight diamond shaped formation stacked down from the lead. They were approaching from the Northwest in a shallow descent, leveled off at approximately 5000 feet made a gentle, large radius turn of about 110° to the right about 4 miles from the observer and started climbing to the Southwest. The angle of attack was estimated to be between 30° - 40° and they appeared to accelerate rapidly in the climb. They appeared to be traveling between 300-400 miles per hour during the observed period. The objects were elliptical appearing in the plan view and appeared to be about the size of a B-29 in span. No estimate was made as to the aspect ratio but they didn't seem to appear unnaturally thick or thin compared to the overall configuration. There were no aircraft being run-up on the line at the time but no noise could be heard nor any exhaust trail or flame observed. No other light could be observed except that the whole object seemed to have a yellow white luminous glow. A report is being prepared by Major Hammer and will be forwarded to this Headquarters, Attention: Project Sign.

5. Arrived in Bismark 1200, 1 July and called subjects' home and was informed by his wife that he had called from Devils' Lake, North Dakota and she didn't know when he would be home. Due to the uncertainty of the subjects return it was deemed most advisable to return to Wright-Patterson and set a date for any future meeting.

CLARENCE E. GLASBROCK
1st Lt., USAF 2-43514
AFI Branch, Operations Section

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The E. F. Goodrich Company
1653 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

415 W. Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, N. Dakota
June 18, 1948

Col. W. A. Clingerman
U. S. Army Air Force
Wichita Field
Wichita, Kansas

Ref: - 61-100-7

Dear Sir: -

In reply to your letter of June 15th in which there are several questions which I am trying to answer to the best of my ability - with reference to the object which I saw flying through the air between Plevna and Miller City between the night of May 17th, I will answer them and give you a good description again with a little more elaboration than my previous letter - if that is possible.

Question: - (a) An estimate of the size of the object in comparison with some other known object. Answer: - the size of the light which was very brilliant would indicate that it was fairly large compared with aircraft - and I would say that this exceedingly bright light which was one light and not several was as bright as the headlight on a locomotive, only about three times as bright and without direction. By this I mean that this light shined almost very bright and was not a directed light.

(b) Question: - Did the entire object appear to be glowing, or did it give the effect of a raying lights. Answer: This thing seemed to be a ball of bright white light - and I could not make out if it was being carried or just what made it go - however, it did disturb me quite a little because after stopping to view it at the Powder River Bridge I could not hear motors humming such as an aircraft in these parts might have, and I therefor tried to find out just what it was by the use of my field glasses.

(c) Question: - An estimate of the speed of the object in comparison with the jet type or conventional aircraft. Answer: This object flew at about twice the speed of any aircraft that Northwest Airlines planes fly - because it would appear coming thro where I was traveling west on Highway #12 or #12 as we call it out here appearing only faintly first and then growing larger as it approached over the hills north of the highway - until it seemed to hang there off in the northwest of me brightly and then would turn south toward the highway where it became real bright - ~~and then would start back~~ ~~and then would start back~~ and then would start back west again and fly out of sight. This thing did this several times - which actually got my goat - if I may put it that way. (d) Question: Did the object appear to be circling at random or did it follow a definite flight pattern. Answer: As I have explained before - the object appeared first when

the West - then turning slightly South and turning in a big swing and then heading West again - flying out of sight into the dark black cloud bank out of sight - then reappearing, and it did this several times. (a) Question:- Is it possible that its disappearance into a "heavy cloud bank" might have been caused by clouds obscuring reflected moonlight from a highly polished surface. Answer: - No - I have seen aircraft many times on moonlight nights - but this was not anything like that - this thing glowed brightly white light such as any real white brilliant light might. The moon was not bright enough to reflect polished light unless the craft might have been South of me in the direct light of the moon - which showed (the moon) from time to time through the clouds. This object was in the black section of the sky over to the North of me and slightly west, and was a steady oncoming light growing brighter as it came, and had the appearance of something carrying this light in the air - but without sound, and it certainly was close enough to me to have heard motors.

I thought it might have been some kind of a jet aircraft that I perhaps had never seen - because we as civilians know very little as to what might be going on in defence or experimental mechanics however I felt it my duty to report the thing regardless as to what it might have been. This was somewhat difficult for me to do because of the crackpot stories making the rounds in some sections about flying saucers etc., but for the life of me this had all the earmarks of just that kind of a deal.

I have traveled this road about which I have related this sighting many many times and at night Winter and Summer - and have never before in my life seen anything like this - so naturally I was somewhat alarmed about it, and have steadfastly kept the whole thing to myself. I will certainly be on the lookout for the damned thing the next trip I make through this same area which is generally after dark - because most of the time I work from Lemmon South Dakota or Hettinger North Dakota along this highway to Miles City which is about one days work with my Dealers. In times like these I feel as before stated anything of this nature which we are not familiar with we are duty bound to report to our Defence Forces who may be better equipped to understand the unfamiliar than we are.

Yours very truly,

W.A. Bonneville - Territor Mgr
for the B. F. Goodrich Company

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THE B. F. GOODRICH COMPANY

Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

415 West Rosser Ave.,
Bismark N. Dak
5-23-48

United States Army - Intelligence Div.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

On the night of May 17th at about 11:30 PM driving from Baker, Montana to Miles City Montana on U.S. Highway 12 just West of Plevna, Montana before getting to the hills I noticed a very bright object in the sky to the North-west. The sky was overcast in the West but to the South the moon could be seen at times - with a broken sky. Having traveled this same route for many years - about 15 I am pretty well used to open prairie road at night and can tell a star from an unusual object when I see it.

Northwest Air lines travel a Western route just North of this route also, but I stopped at the Powder River Bridge where the road dips considerably down from a high ridge - cut off my car motor and watched this object as it sailed around in the sky - which at times close and others seemed to speed away into the heavy cloud bank to the West and then later reappearing, at a very bright white light at what I would judge about not more than several miles away or closer. I carry a pair of field glasses with me, and after stopping the car engine watched this thing through my glasses, which seemed to appear as a small object with a long very bright light shooting from the under part of it. Because of the speed of the object and the darkness it was very difficult to make out what it might be, but I am sure that if I had had a more powerful glass I might have made it out.

I am perfectly sincere and do not drink so the forgoing is absolutely the truth. With some of this newspaper fun about flying saucers etc - this had all the appearance of just that - and in stopping the car if this had been an aeroplane I would certainly have been able to hear the motors.

I stopped at a service station just before getting to the Powder River Bridge but they had all gone to bed so did not have anyone along with me to witness the object as it flew through the air. It staid around this area for about 20 minutes and then flew off through the heavy cloud bank to the West.

I am enclosing a map showing the location of the forgoing.

Yours very truly,

The B. F. Goodrich Company
/s/ Wm. Bonneville
Territory Manager.

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Incident # 131

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Probably true

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date 20 June 1948
 2. Time 2230
 3. Location Belleville, Illinois
 4. Name of observer Lt Col Wm T. Hull
 5. Occupation of observer Pilot, Supervisor of Flying Trng
Scott AF Base
 6. Address of observer Scott AF Base, Belleville, Illinois
 7. Place of observation (?)
 8. Number of objects 1
 9. Distance of object from observer N/S
 10. Time in sight N/S
 11. Altitude Undetermined but below 6,000 ft
 12. Speed Approx 500 MPH
 13. Direction of flight 295° S of Base then 340° upon reaching
south end of Scott AF Base
 14. Tactics Zigzag course
 15. Sound None
 16. Size Six or eight inches in diameter
 17. Color White light
 18. Shape Approx round
 19. Odds detected N/S
 20. Apparent construction N/S
 21. Exhaust trail None
 22. Weather conditions Complete overcast at 6,000 ft
 23. Effect on clouds N/S
 24. Sketches or photographs N/S
 25. Manner of disappearance N/S
 26. Remarks No aircraft flying in the vicinity
of Scott AF Base at the time light
was sighted
 27. Comments: N/S
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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 20 June 1947
2. Time 2330
3. Location Belleville, Illinois
4. Name of observer Major Earl J. Harrington
5. Occupation of observer Pilot, Supervisor, Military Trng
6. Address of observer Scott AF Base, Belleville, Ill
7. Place of observation Belleville, Ill. (2) Ground (?)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Undetermined but below 6,000 ft.
12. Speed Approx 500 MPH
13. Direction of flight 235° S of Base then 340° upon reaching south end of Scott AF Base
14. Tactics zigzag course
15. Sound none
16. Size Six or eight inches in diameter
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19. Odor detected N/S
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21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Complete overcast at 6,000 ft.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks No aircraft flying in the vicinity of Scott AF Base at the time light was sighted.

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1st Ind

WGLAXO-3/JCB/aw

Hq 4th Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio

28 June 1948

TO: Commanding General, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois

It is requested that Lt Col William T. Hall and Major Earl J. Harrington furnish signed statements in connection with their sighting of 20 June 1948. These statements should be as detailed and accurate as possible and should contain the officers' opinion as to a possible explanation of the phenomena.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. D. WENTWORTH
Colonel, USAF
Asst Chief of Intelligence
Intelligence Department

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Inc 131 file

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Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

21 June 1945

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2nd Ind

I/PWV/taw

Headquarters Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, June 21, 1945

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTENTION: MCI

As requested in 1st indorsement above attached hereto are statements of Lt. Col. William T. Hull and Major Earl J. Harrington.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls

1. Statement of Lt. Col. Hull (quad)
2. Statement of Maj. Harrington (quad)

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Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

21 June 1948

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2nd Ind

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Headquarters Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, JUL 1 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTENTION: MCI

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls

1. Statement of Lt. Col. Hull (quad)
2. Statement of Maj. Harrington (quad)

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HEADQUARTERS
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

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JUN 22 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCI

1. In compliance with Letter, Department of the Air Force, subject as above, dated 6 February 1948, the following information which has been reported to this headquarters is forwarded for whatever action is deemed necessary:

- a. Location and time of sighting: Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, 2230, 20 June 1948.
- b. Weather at the time: Complete overcast at 6,000 feet.
- c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses: Lt. Col. William T. Hall, Pilot, Supervisor of Flying Training, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, and Major Earl J. Harrington, Pilot, Supervisor, Military Training, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois.
- d. Photographs of objects, if available: None.
- e. Sketches of object's configuration: None.
- f. Object sighted:

- (1) Number: 1.
- (2) Shape: Approximately round.
- (3) Size: Six or eight inches in diameter.
- (4) Color: White light.
- (5) Speed: Approximately 500 MPH.
- (6) Heading: 295° south of Scott Air Force Base, then about 340° upon reaching south end of Scott Air Force Base.
- (7) Maneuverability: Zigzag course.
- (8) Altitude: Undetermined, but must have been below the overcast at 6,000 feet.
- (9) Sound: None.

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21 June 1946

Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

(10) Exhaust trail or not: None.

g. General Remarks: No aircraft was flying in the vicinity of Scott Air Force Base at the time light was sighted.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1st Lt.
Asst. Adj.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - ATTC, Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La.
- 1 - Director of Intelligence, Dept. of the Air Force, Washington, D. C.
- 1 - TDTRC, Scott AFB, Ballisville, Ill.
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S T A T E M E N T

On 20 June 1948 at approximately 2230 hours I was returning to my quarters on Scott Air Force Base from the Officers' Club when I noticed a light, which at first glance, appeared to be a landing light on an aircraft. It was south and east of Scott Air Force Base and was moving on a course of approximately 295°. As there was no engine noise I asked my wife to call Major Earl J. Harrington, in front of whose house we were standing. In a matter of a few seconds Major Harrington came out of the house. By this time the course of the light had changed to approximately 340° and the light had passed slightly to the north of our position on a zigzag course. The speed and altitude of the object is difficult to determine, however, I would say that it was moving at a very high rate of speed -- faster than a conventional type fighter aircraft. Although the weather was reported as overcast at 6000 feet, the moon was visible and I would have estimated the ceiling to be scattered to broken. At the time I felt that the scattered clouds would account for the fact that the object seemed to be traveling on a zigzag course had it been above the clouds.

William F. Hull Jr.
WILLIAM F. HULL, JR.
Lt. Colonel, USAF

S T A T E M E N T

I was called out of my residence at approximately 2230 hours on the night of 20 June 1948 by Lt. Colonel William T. Hull, Jr., who lives next door. He showed me a light in the sky and asked me what I thought it was. I saw what appeared to be a light traveling an erratic course in approximately a 340° direction. My only comparable description of the object was to compare it to someone carrying a lantern at night some distance away. No aircraft was flying at the time and no engine noise of any description could be heard. It appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed somewhere in the vicinity of the broken overcast. I watched it disappear into the northwest.

Earl J. Harrington
EARL J. HARRINGTON
Major, USAF

Incident # 131

Incident # 132

INCIDENT 132
EX H-355-17
N.D 12199
T-7477
MK 4210

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 12 Dec 1947
2. Time 20:05 & 20:12
3. Location Oslo, Norway
4. Name of observer Daughter to M. Kai A. Rasmussen, Col 530
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Sundsø MA, Oslo, Norway
7. Place of observation Oslo, Norway (Ground)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Between two and three seconds
11. Altitude N/S (Apparently traveling fairly close to ground or would be visible to more people)
12. Speed Not quite as fast as a meteor
13. Direction of flight SE-SW to NW(?)
14. Tactics Performed arc of circle, curvature-very great
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color Luminous white with greenish-yellow tail
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction Meteor-like
21. Exhaust trails Greenish-yellow trail
22. Weather conditions No fog, sky clear and star-lit
23. Effect on clouds None
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Temporarily obscured vision
26. Remarks: Office employee reports unusual no. of falling stars
light of 12 Dec.
Div Observatory has no record of incident.

Luminous Object Observed in Norway

MCIAIO-5

MCIAIF-2

17 Sept 48

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1. Reference is made to your R & R dated 29 June 1948, requesting additional information on this object.
2. We are advised by HQ, USAF that it is felt no useful purpose would be served questioning a 10 year old girl eight months after the incident.
3. A requirement is in effect requesting that all unidentified flying objects be reported.

CARL C. BROCK
Chief, Foreign Liaison Section
Tech Intelligence Division
Intelligence Department

HAN/drs
6-5322
P 204D
Bldg 288

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MCIAKD-3

29 Jun 48

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1. It is requested that the employee of the Office, OMA, Oslo, Norway, be interrogated as to the "falling stars" she observed the night of 13 December 1947.

2. The attached form which is to be forwarded as an inclosure to the letter to the M. should be filled out by the witness and this accompanied by a signed statement as detailed and accurate as possible should be returned this office.

3. Should any other phenomena be observed the questions itemized could form the nucleus of future reports. Any comments by qualified personnel - particularly from the University of Oslo - both in regard to the incidents of 12 and 13th Dec and any possible future phenomena would prove most helpful.

1 attach:
Form

C. A. GRIFFITH
Chief, Operations Section
Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

CAG/mw
Rm 50289
Bldg 288

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Ref No. 912-3200

OGS Intelligence Report

4365-17

Initial Object

OGS/Norway

-3 Evaluation

Incl Name

Date of info: 12 Dec 47 Date of Report: 17 Dec 47
Prepared by: Kai E. Rasmussen, Col, GSC

Summary or Brief Report: 1. My daughter, sixteen (16) years of age, is the source of this report which covers the appearance of a luminous object in the OHIO skies at 2205, Friday, 12 December. When she told me of the strange falling star she had seen on her return from the movies, I requested her to write out all details in her own words without my questioning her. Her report follows:

2. "I was coming up our drive between 2205 and 2208 when I saw what appeared to be a falling star which began to the left of our house about two-thirds of the way up in the sky. It was traveling from right to left on the arc of a circle, the curvature of which was very great. The trees on the left of the driveway obscured my vision in a very short time after first seeing the object. There was no fog and the sky was clear and star-lit. The object had what looked like a tail which was visible to me the entire time the star was. It was unusually bright in comparison to other falling stars which I have seen. It is hard to give the exact length of time the star was falling but it was longer than an ordinary falling star as I remember having time to make a wish. I believe that I was able to observe it for between two (2) and three (3) seconds."

3. After receiving the original report I took my daughter outside and had her stand exactly where she was when she saw the object. In describing the arc and plotting the road and my driveway on a map I deduced the object was traveling somewhere within the arc 320-330 to 340-350. She said that she saw no other falling stars. She heard no noise, there was no smell; it was intensely white in color with a tail being a less intense color which she described as greenish-yellow.

4. I have ascertained from the University Observatory here the fact that they have no record of this incident and I have heard no one else commenting on this fact. Naturally my daughter has had no interest or knowledge of any previous incidents of this nature, except that she remembered having read about them in the papers a little more than a year ago. The objects are apparently traveling fairly close to the ground or they would be discernible to many more people. Another thing which appears is that the time of burning of the object while under observation seems to be just a few seconds.

5. An employee of this office reports that on Saturday night, 13 December when she was returning from the city to her home, she observed an unusual number of falling stars. So in view of that information it could well be that my daughter did in fact see a falling star and not a flying missile. This report is submitted nevertheless in order that all this type of incident may be brought to the attention of the department.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 20 - 26 Feb 45
2. Time Usually around 2130 hours
3. Location N/S (Norway Denmark & Sweden)
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation N/S
8. Number of objects N/S
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude From tree-top level to 20,000 f
12. Speed one to two miles per second
13. Direction of flight Come from direction of Pennslands
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color (green tail)
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S (~~xxxxxxxx~~)
21. Exhaust trails green
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks The trend of these objects to appear at 2130 hours might be significant.

Ref A-93-48

27 Feb 48

Aviation in Denmark

Date of Info: 20-26 Feb 48

1 Incl Lt Col Franklin E. Tomlinson

Inclosed is a summary of aviation reports contained in Danish newspapers and ~~the~~ news for the period 20 Feb to 26 Feb inclusive. Topics discussed are:

1. B-24 plane enroute from LONDON to LISBON struck by "fire ball"
2. Flying missiles from direction of PANSMUKKE reported over Sweden, Norway and Denmark.
3. On 25 Feb 48, Danish Financial Board granted 22,158,000 Danish Kroner for improvement of Danish airports.
4. Routine technical inspections and overhauling of A-100-4 aircraft has been permanently based at Copenhagen.

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1. A British European Airways Plane, flying from London to Lisbon, was hit in the air by "fire ball" which hit the nose of the aircraft, shook it violently, and made a hole in the elevator (further details not available.) B-6
2. Flying missiles, emitting a green flame but leaving no trace in the sky, have been reported recently over Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, coming from the direction of PANSMUKKE, generally at 2130 hours, at altitudes ranging from tree-top level to 20,000 feet, at an estimated speed of one to two miles per second.

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CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 134

1. Date of Incident 28 May 1948
2. Time of Incident 1500 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Place of observation 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
4. Name of observer 1st Lt Alexander Kekelomä
5. Occupation of observer 1st Lt USAF Corps of Engineers, Security Officer
6. Address of observer 835 Eng. Aviation Bn, Co. B, Osceola AF Base, Michigan
7. Number of objects observed 5 objects; 3 at first; 2 later
8. Distance of object from observer 2 miles to left of their plane
9. Time in sight 10 to 15 seconds
10. Altitude 7500 to 8,000 ft
11. Speed well over 500 MPH
12. Direction of flight Southwest
13. Tactics executed abrupt turns, flew in line of stern stepped up.
14. Lights N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 300 to 400 ft - about the same size of lake freighters on Lake Erie
17. Color bright silvery golden hue
18. Shape disc shape with well rounded contours - all had hazy or fuzzy outline
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails no exhaust or trail of any kind
22. Weather conditions high overcast at 15,000 ft and a low thin stratus layer
23. Effect on clouds very broken at 8,000; lateral visibility 10 - 15 miles
24. Sketches or photographs drawing
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Lt Makolemis first observed the objects from the navigator's window. At the time their plane was on a 35° heading, altitude approx 8,000 ft and they were six miles e. of Monroe, Michigan. The objects came into view at 9:00 o'clock position and disappeared in the haze at a 7:00 o'clock position, making an abrupt turn to their right, ship's left. Visibility into the sun was some 8 miles. The size of the objects seemed about 300-400 ft (about the size of the lake freighters on Lake Erie). The objects were moving at great rate of speed well over 500 MPH. Their track thru the sky was smooth. They were disc shaped with well rounded contours. All of the objects maintained a slight nose-up attitude and all had a hazy or fuzzy outline. They were a bright silvery gold color. They left no exhaust or trail of any kind.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 28 May 1948
2. Time 1500 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Location ^{Enroute to} Selfridge Fld., Mt. Clemens, Mich f/MacBil Fld
Position: 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
4. Name of observer M/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr. (colored)
5. Occupation of observer M/Sgt
6. Address of observer Selfridge Field
7. Place of observation 6 miles due east of Monroe, Michigan
8. Number of objects 2
9. Distance of object from observer 25 to 30 miles to ~~mm~~ left
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude approx 8,000 ft
12. Speed ~~XXXX XXXX~~ Over 400 miles per hour
13. Direction of flight South West from 35° at 8:00 o'clock position
14. Tactics Pursued straight course
15. Sound N/S
16. Size Appeared to be four feet in diameter
17. Color Shiny brass
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, high overcast at 18,000 ft; thin stratus layer broken at 8,000 ft, lateral visibility:
23. Effect on clouds 10 to 15 miles
N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Sketch
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks Discrepancy as to position of 2nd object in group 2 as sighted by Lt Kokelomis (Ino 134)
Witness perceived only top-side of object. Objects seen flying over wooded section

Subject: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

INT 333.5

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Headquarters, 56th Fighter Wing, Selfridge AFB, Mt Clemens, Michigan, 28 Jun 1948.

TO: Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
(Attn: MCIAO-3)

1. Reference respective sub-paragraphs, 1st Ind. above, the following information is submitted:

- a. Yes, but the objects were out of the pilots vision.
- b. No.
2. There is no further information available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT J. LAUX,
1st Lt, USAF
Security Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 56th FIGHTER WING
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

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8 June 1948

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: 1501A

Transmitted herewith, as per SAC Regulation 45-5, Headquarters,
Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base 20, D. C., 19 February 1948,
are two reports pertaining to observation of flying discs.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:

1. Statements of witnesses (2)
2. Sketches of objects (2)

ROBERT J. LULA
1st Lt, USAF
Security Officer

Copies furnished:

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Subject. Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

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1st Ind

WGLAO-3/JCB/aw

Hq. 40, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio 16 June 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq 56th Fighter Wing, Selfridge Air Force Base,
Mt Clemens, Michigan.

1. Additional information is requested concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object 7 June 1948. It is requested that the pilot of the aircraft on which Lt Kokolonis and W/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr., were passengers be interrogated to secure the following information:

a. Did the two passengers attempt to call his attention to the objects?

b. Was the haze level or other atmospheric conditions at that time such that the sun shining on ground objects such as water tanks, etc., might cause them to appear to be high in the air?

2. Any further information on this matter will be appreciated. Any information regarding future sightings will likewise be appreciated.

3. It is requested that your reply be marked for the attention of WGLAO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:
w/d

H. A. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS 96th FIGHTER WING
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

RL/ert

6 June 1948

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSMH

Transmitted herewith, as per SAC Regulation 45-5, Headquarters,
Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base MD, D. C., 19 February 1948,
are two reports pertaining to observance of flying discs.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:	ROBERT J. LANK
1. Statements of witnesses (2)	1st Lt, USAF
2. Sketches of objects (2)	Security Officer

Copies furnished:

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HEADQUARTERS 56TH FIGHTER WING
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES

On 7 June 1946, at Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan, 1st Lt. Alexander Kokolonis, AO-114202, USAFR, Corps of Engineers, 838 Eng. Aviation Bn, Co. B, was interviewed by the Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan Security Officer and stated in substance: On 28 May 1945 at approximately 1500 hours, while riding in an Air Force C-47, en route from MacDill Air Force Base, Florida to Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan on 35 degree heading, at approximately six miles east of Monroe, Michigan at 6,000 feet, I saw foreign objects in the sky.

Looking out at the navigator's window, I saw three disc-like objects approximately two miles to our left come down from above and level off at our altitude. These objects were going in the opposite direction from that of the plane I was in. I first saw these objects at a nine o'clock position and when they were out of sight into the haze, they were at a seven o'clock position to my aircraft, making an abrupt turn to their right, my left. —

The weather at the time of the sighting was clear and visibility into the sun was about eight miles. I would judge the size of the objects to be about 300 to 400 feet, about the same size of the lake freighters I had seen on Lake Erie. The objects were going at a great rate of speed, well over 500 miles per hour. They were a bright silvery gold color. Their track through the sky was smooth. The three objects were disc shape, with well rounded contours. They left no exhaust or trail of any kind. The objects flew in line of stern, stepped up. The time the three discs were in sight was approximately ten to fifteen seconds.

Approximately ten seconds after the first three objects were out of sight I observed two more objects come down from above in like manner and level off approximately 500 feet below, and about 2 1/2 miles out to my left. I called them to the attention of M/Sgt. Davis, who was riding in the radio operators seat, and we observed the second two objects for about ten to fifteen seconds. These last two objects were similar in shape and color to the first three. They were also flying astern, stepped up, the second about 50 feet higher than the first. About three seconds before they were out of sight, at 7:30 O'clock position to our airplane, they also made a turn to the right, my left, but it was not as abrupt as the turn of the first three. All five objects had a slight nose-up attitude and all had a hazy or fuzzy outline. I could not observe any definite characteristics of the objects other than roundness, and the bright silvery golden hue.

I had partaken of neither beer nor any other alcoholic beverage within twenty-four hours preceding the observation of the objects.

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OFFICER'S NOTE: Lt. Kokolonis is a white officer in charge of the Colored Engineering Company. He was very emphatic on his distances and approximated speeds. The times mentioned above are Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The average size of lake freighters on the lakes is 500 feet. The C-47 pilot stated that there was a high overcast at 18,000' and a low thin stratus layer, very broken at 6,000' with a lateral visibility of from 10 to 15 miles.

On 2 June 1948, at Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan, W/Sgt. Ernest Davis, Jr. (colored) AF-34452376, Co. B, 838 Aviation Bn, was interviewed by the Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan Security Officer. Sergeant Davis stated in substance: At approximately 1500 hours 28 May 1948 while I was riding as passenger in an Air Force plane, model C-47, at an elevation of approximately 8,000 feet, six miles due east of Monroe, Michigan, on a heading 55° towards Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, I saw two objects in trail, the second approximately 50 feet lower than the first, in the air about 25 to 30 miles to our left and at a lower altitude. The two objects were at an eight O'clock position to our plane, headed in a south westerly direction from our plane.

I cannot definitely say how fast they were going but they seemed to be going well over 400 miles per hour. I observed them to be round and approximately four feet in diameter and having a shiny brass hue to the top side, the only side I saw them at. They left no trail, smoke, flame, etc. The objects were over a wooded section flying a straight course. They were viewed for approximately 30 seconds.

I had partaken of neither beer nor any other alcoholic beverage within twenty-four hours preceding the observation of the objects.

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Drawing of lines and position of same in relation
to C-47.

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TRACK OF SECOND TWO (2) OBJECTS

TRACK OF FIRST THREE (3) OBJECTS

FIRST THREE (3) OBJECTS

SECOND TWO (2) OBJECTS

Incident # 134

Incident # 135

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date Between 15th & 20th Aug 7
2. Time 2130 MST
3. Location Rapid City AF Base, Weaver, S.D.
4. Name of observer Maj Elmer H. Hammer, Jr. (AO-46014)
5. Occupation of observer Intel Officer
28th Bombardment Group (WR)
6. Address of observer Rapid City AF Base
Weaver, S. D.
7. Place of observation Weaver, S. D.
8. Number of objects 12 (Approx)
9. Distance of object from observer 4 miles
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 10,000 ft to approx 6,000 ft.
12. Speed 500 MPH +
13. Direction of flight Approached first from NW
then turn to right and disappeared in SE
14. Tactics tight diamond-shaped formation
15. Sound no noise heard
16. Size Length: 100+ ft estimate
17. Color Yellowish-white - brilliant
18. Shape Elliptical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds, stars visible, wind, calm
visibility 30+
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs Sketches
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared on a SE heading
26. Remarks There appears to be minor discrepancies as to
speed and altitude in the report given verbally
to Glasbrook and ltr to this Hq 1/Maj Hammer

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HEADQUARTERS 28th Bombardment Wing (WH)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
Rapid City Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota

26 BGS 2350.09

1 July 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: PROJ. SIGN

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation No. 45-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 20, D. C., dated 19 February 1948, the following information is submitted for your information and guidance.

- a. Flying Discs sighted over Rapid City Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota at 2130 MST between 15th and 20th of Aug 1947
- b. Sky - clear; no clouds, stars visible; visibility 30+; wind - calm.
- c. Name, occupation and address of witness:
Major Elmer H. Hammer, Jr. AO-46014
Intelligence Officer
28th Bombardment Group (WH)
Rapid City Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota
- d. No photographs available
- e. See Inclosure Number 1
- f. Object sighted: Flying Discs
 - (1) Number: Twelve (12). (Approximate)
 - (2) Shape: Oval shaped
 - (3) Size: Length: One hundred plus (100+) feet (estimate)
 - (4) Color: Yellowish-white, brilliant
 - (5) Speed: Five hundred plus (500+) MPH.

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- (6) Heading: Approached the base from the NW on a SE heading at 8 to 10,000 feet altitude; when at 5 to 6,000 feet and a mile or so West of the field, a turn to the right was made (by the entire formation) in a wide arc, and while turning began a climb at a 30° to 40° angle, accelerating very fast. Disappeared on a SW heading.
- (7) Maneuverability: Very maneuverable; held a tight formation (all equally spaced) and remained so during all maneuvers.
- (8) Altitude: Ten thousand (10,000) feet when first seen; descended to approximately six thousand (6,000) feet near the field.
- (9) Sound: No sound whatsoever. (The night was very still and no aircraft engines were running or other noises to distract).
- (10) Exhaust trail: No exhaust trail - unknown means of propulsion.

g. There is no doubt as to the existence of these sightings, but there is little substantiating evidence inasmuch as no other witnesses are known and no pictures could be taken. The objects sighted were visible only for approximately one (1) minute. Their form remained the same throughout the time observed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.

- 1. Diagram of size and formation

ELMER H. HANKE, JR.
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

Excerpt from R/R dated 5 July 1948 f/MCIA XO-3 to MCIA XO-4, Subj: "Interrogation" (Taken f/ Ino File No. 130)

"4. Contacted Major E. H. Hammer, Staff Intelligence Officer of the 28th Bomb Hq. stationed at Rapid City, AFB who is in charge of interrogation of all air crews of that Wing. Crew reports showed nothing of interest, however, Major Hammer stated that one evening between the 15 - 20 Aug 47 soon after dark he was sitting in the parking lot near the line area when he sighted approximately 12 objects flying a tight diamond shaped formation stocked down from the lead. They were approaching from the Northwest in a shallow descent, leveled off at approximately 5000 feet made a gentle, large radius turn of about 110° to the right about 4 miles from the observer and started climbing to the Southwest. The angle of attack was estimated to be between 30° - 40° and they appeared to accelerate rapidly in the climb. They appeared to be traveling between 300-400 miles per hour during the observed period. The objects were elliptical appearing in the plan view and appeared to be about the size of a B-29 in span. No estimate was made as to the aspect ratio but they didn't seem to appear unnaturally thick or thin compared to the overall configuration. There were no aircraft being run-up on the line at the time but no noise could be heard nor any exhaust trail or flame observed. No other light could be observed except that the whole object seemed to have a yellow white luminous glow. A report is being prepared by Major Hammer and will be forwarded to this Headquarters, Attention: Project Sign

CLARENCE R. GLASEBROOK	CRG/esh
1st Lt., USAF	5-2233
ATI Branch, Operations Sec.	B6278

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/s/

CLARENCE R. GLASSBROOK CRG/esh
1st Lt., USAF 5-2033
ATI Branch, Operations Sec B-278.

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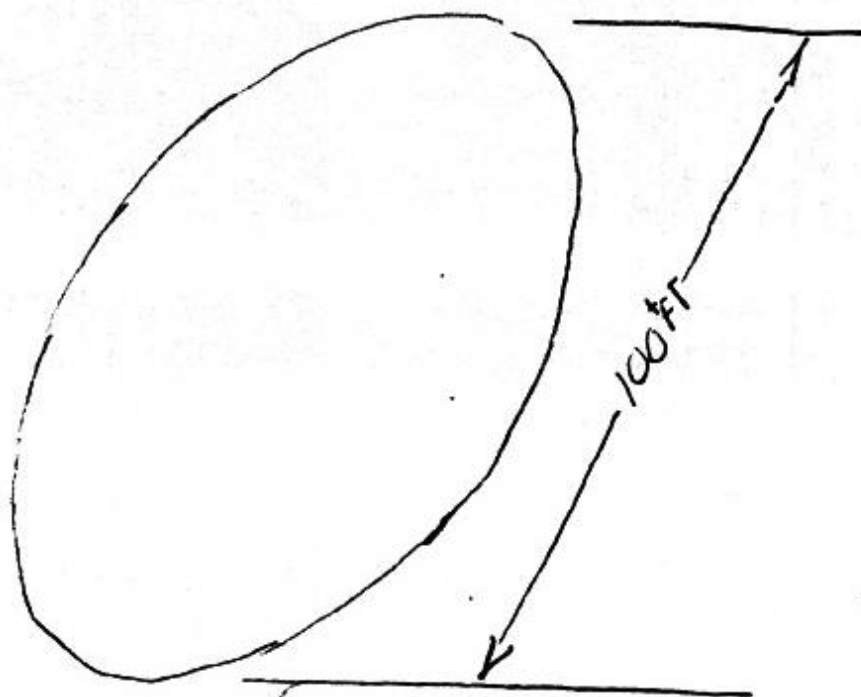
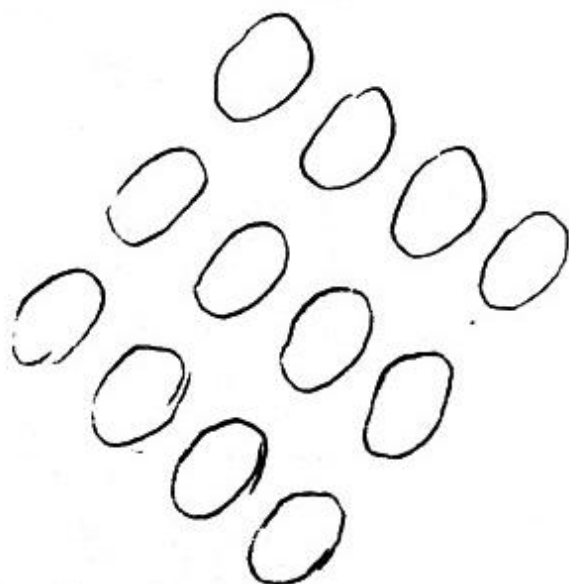


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FORMATION PATTERNS



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Incident # 136

CHECK LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident: 136

1. Date: 30 June 1948
2. Time: 2140
3. Location: S. Knoxville, Tenn.
4. Name of Observer: Mrs Whitehouse
5. Occupation of observer: wife of Maj Harvey J. Whitehouse
Commanding Officer, ASU, 3319 Tennessee
6. Address of observer: see above
7. Place of observation: South Knoxville, Tenn
8. Number of objects: 1
9. Distance of object from observer: N/S
10. Time in sight: 3 minutes (according to Mrs Whitehouse)
3 seconds (according to CRC instructors)
11. Altitude: 50,000 ft
12. Speed: 1,000 MPH
13. Next Direction of flight: West
14. Tactics: N/S
15. Sound: N/S
16. Size: N/S
17. Color: orange
18. Shape: Ball
19. Odor detected: N/S
20. Apparent construction: "fire"
21. Exhaust trails: "streamer of bluish color trailing"
22. Weather conditions: N/S
23. Effect on clouds: N/S
24. Sketches or photographs: none
25. Manner of disappearance: Over horizon
26. Remarks: (over)

At approximately 2140 hours, 30 June, a ball of fire of orange color with a streamer of bluish color trailing, traveled thru the sky in a westerly direction and disappeared over the horizon to the west. The object traveled at a very fast rate of speed. No sound was heard.

Witnesses: Mrs. Whitehouse, wife of Maj Harvey J. Whitehouse,
C. O., A.J. 3319 Tennessee
ORC instructors, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. Tryon W. Setliff (See Incident 136a)

Mrs. Whitehouse stated that the object remained visible for approximately 3 minutes and that the streamer emitted sparks.

Mr. Setliff stated that the object was visible for about 3 seconds and traveled at an estimated speed of 1,000 miles per hour at an altitude of about 30,000 feet.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 June 1948
2. Time 2140
3. Location S. Knoxville, Tenn
4. Name of observer Mr Tryon W. Setliff
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Oakridge, Tennessee
7. Place of observation Knoxville, Tenn
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 3 seconds
11. Altitude ~~15,000 feet~~ 30,000 ft
12. Speed 1,000 MPH
13. Direction of flight Westerly
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Orange Color
18. Shape Ball
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Fire
21. Exhaust trails Bluish Color
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Over horizon to West
26. Remarks

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Incident # 136

Incident # 137

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date 7 July 1948
2. Time 2114 and 2115
3. Location Chapel Hill, N. C.
4. Name of observer James Eaves, Lt, U. S. Naval Reserve
5. Occupation of observer Mathematics Instructor
6. Address of observer Univ of North Carolina
7. Place of observation Chapel Hill, N. C.
8. Number of objects 3
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Approx 1 minute
11. Altitude Extreme
12. Speed High
13. Direction of flight East Northeast
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S *h*
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks

Both objects seemed to have a blunt front which tapered to a point in the rear shaped like a cigar. Appeared about the size of an airplane in the sky. They were about 3-1/2" in length. They didn't have any wings or any apparent means of getting around in the sky. They did not seem to be pursuing a definite course but were moving generally north.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 137a

1. Date **7 Jul 48**
2. Time **2114 and 2115**
3. Location **Chapel Hill, N. C.**
4. Name of observer **H. W. Daniels**
5. Occupation of observer **Capt., Infantry, Reserve**
6. Address of observer **Box 188, Chapel Hill**
7. Place of observation **Chapel Hill, N. C.**
8. Number of objects **three (3)**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **Approximately one (1) minute**
11. Altitude **Extremes**
12. Speed **High**
13. Direction of flight **Fast Northeast**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **Jet**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Not Visible**
22. Weather conditions **Clear**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks:

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PAGE TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE GSUSA CONTROL NO A-1917

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THREE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER CHAPEL HILL NC BETWEEN
2114 AND 2115 CMA SEVEN JULY CMA AT AN EXTREME ALTITUDE AND AT A HIGH
RATE OF SPEED CMA BEARING EAST NORTH EAST PD CRAFT WERE NOT SIGHTED
BY OBSERVER. CMA EXHAUST TRAIL NOT VISIBLE CMA CHARACTERISTIC JET
LOUD CMA WEATHER CLEAR PD WITNESSES CLN JAMES EAVES LT US NAVAL
RESERVE CHAPEL HILL CMA MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
CAROLINA SMCLN AND H W DANIELS CAPTAIN INFANTRY RESERVE CMA BOX 188
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Project "SIGN" - Unidentified Aircraft

Capt W. M. Daniels
U. S. Infantry Reserve
Box 108
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

1. Clarification is requested as to your sighting of unconventional aircraft on 7 July 1948.
2. Teletype received at this Headquarters from Hq. Third Army, at McPherson, Ga, reads in part:

"THREE UN-IDENTICAL AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER CHAPEL HILL PD
BETWEEN 2110 AND 2115 CMA SEVEN JULY 48 AT AN UNKNOWN
ALTITUDE AND AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED CMA MOVING EAST
THEY WERE NOT SIGHTED (?) BY OBSERVERS CMA
TRAIL NOT VISIBLE CMA CHARACTERISTIC JET SOUND CMA WEATHER
CLEAR PD..."

3. It is requested that you furnish this Headquarters with a signed statement regarding the above sighting. This information should be directed to the attention of MCIAKO-3, as indicated in the upper left-hand corner of this letter.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief of Intelligence
Intelligence Department

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Incident # 138

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 Jul 48 Incident #138
2. Time 0920
3. Location Columbus, Ohio
4. Name of observer Wm. Milton M. tek
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 2773 Avalon Ave.
Columbus, O.
7. Loc. of observation Grd.
8. Number of objects two (2)
9. Distance of object from observer N/3
10. Time in sight four (4) minutes
11. Altitude Judged to be around 3000 feet
12. Speed Could not be estimated around
13. Direction of flight First seemed NE then North
14. Tactics Bobbed up and down
15. Sound None
16. Size With binoculars (Type M-3, 6 x 30) about 3 1/2" in length by
1" in diameter
17. Color Silver
18. Shape Like a cigar or torpedo
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Metallic
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, sunlight, no clouds
23. Effect on clouds None (There were none)
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Faded away
26. Remarks: (Over)

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Mrs. Zittek said that the objects looked like something going through air currents. They had a blunt nose and the tail was obscured. At first they looked like a dark blot. Both ends were indistinct. They were visible for three or four minutes and began to fade away.

Subject's powers of observation were checked on air craft flying in the area and were found to be good as far as direction and movement, but poor for distance and altitude.

A check at Patterson Field Operations showed two F-80's in the air at the time of sighting.

Capt. Darnell, pilot of one F-80, was flying a loose formation in trail of Lt. Collins while pacing him in a calibration speed check. The aircraft were not equipped with wing tip tanks. The pilots stated that they were in the Columbus Area. Mrs. Zittek position was from a three quarter rear position at sighting.

An article was published by the Columbus Citizen News Paper, Columbus, Ohio, 8 Jul 48.

Interrogation

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1. Contacted Captain Dwight I. Boyd, District Intelligence Officer, 109 CIC Detachment, Old Post Office Building, Columbus, Ohio, at 0900, 10 July 1948. Read the agents' report and proceeded with the agent to the home of Mrs. Paul Vittek, 2579 Avalon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.
2. Interviewed Mrs. Vittek and received the same information as contained in the agents' report (WD AGO Form 341) except that the bobbing movement described there was brought out to be a smooth undulating movement "like something going through air currents".
3. The subject stated that the object was cigar shaped, with a blunt nose and the tail obscured. "I couldn't make it out plain. It was like a dark blot". The main thing that had attracted her attention was the sunlight reflected from the shiny center of the object, both ends being indistinct.
4. The subjects' powers of observation were checked on aircraft flying in the area and were found to be good as far as direction and movement were concerned, but poor for distance and altitude. The binoculars were checked and found to be Type M-3, 6 x 30, with artillery mil scales imposed. No blemishes or defects in the optics were found. The subject had no accurate idea as to the amount of the mil scale the object occupied.
5. A check at Patterson Field Operations showed two F-50's in the air at the time of the sighting. Contacted Captain Darnall, MEWOP, the pilot of one of the F-50's who stated that he was in the Columbus area at the time of sighting. He was flying a loose formation in trail of Lt. Collins while pacing him on a calibrated speed check. The aircraft were not equipped with wing tip tanks.
6. In view of the fact that Mrs. Vittek's sight of the objects was from a three quarter rear position it is highly possible they were the two F-50's in the Columbus area as this position from a distance lends itself to a distortion comparable to what she saw, i.e. blunt nose, obscure tail, and apparent lack of wings.
7. A check was made with the Intelligence Officer at the Port Columbus Naval Air Station with negative results.

CLARENCE R. GLASBECK
1st Lt., USAF
AFI Branch, Operations Section
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10 July 1948

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

THRU: JC of S, C-2
Headquarters, Second Army
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

TO: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters, File # CID 452.1, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, dated 25 March 1948, and to your Control Number A-1917.
2. In compliance with paragraph 2, above mentioned letter, Inclosed herewith is CIC Agent Report, and two Summary of Information reports, concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft ("Flying Discs").
3. A copy of attached reports has been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

cc: ALC

DWIGHT L. ROYD
Captain, Infantry
District Intelligence Officer

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- Incl 1 - Agent Report dtd 9 July 48
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE 2 July 1948

PREPARING OFFICE

C. P. C. 10th C C Detachment, Columbus, Ohio

SUBJECT

Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE . . . A

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OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 1 July 1948, the following article concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft "flying discs", was published in the Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio:

"Woman Reports Seeing Pair of 'Flying Discs'

The 'flying discs' saw were again. Mrs. Paul Ittek, 2672 Avalon Place, Columbus, Ohio, reported on Thursday morning when she looked out the window of her home and saw 'two of the silver objects bobbing up and down in the sky'.

With a pair of field glasses she studied the torpedo-shaped objects for 'three or four' minutes before they seemed to 'fade out'. She said there was no sound and that they appeared far to the north."

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AGENT REPORT

1. Name of Subject or Title of Incident	2. Date Submitted
2. TING UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT	9 July 1948
4. Report of Findings	3. Control Symbol or File No.
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On 9 July 1948, Mr. Alvin Rubbs VITTA, 2579 Avalon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft on 7 July 1948, and stated in substance:

I was cleaning the venetian blinds in my living room about 0820 on 7 July 1948, and while dusting the upper part of the blind, I noticed through the window objects in the sky to the north. The weather at the time was clear, the sun was shining brightly and there were no clouds in the vicinity of the objects. I immediately looked for binoculars we have in our house and having spent approximately one or two minutes locating the binoculars, I proceeded to the front porch which is on the north side of the house and focused the glasses on the objects. There were two flying objects and it was not possible to see both objects through the binoculars at the same time. The flying objects appeared to have a flat or blunt front and seemed to taper to a point at the rear. They were shaped very much like a cigar; however, it was not possible to clearly distinguish the rear section of the objects. I set the glasses trained on the objects alternately for approximately one and one-half minutes. The sun was shining on them and they appeared to be silver in color. With the naked eye, they appeared to be about the size of the airplanes one sees writing advertisements in the sky. Through the binoculars, they appeared about three and one-half inches long and one inch in diameter, or, in other words, they seemed to be a little more than three times their diameter in length. Their speed I could not estimate, but from the time I saw them until they disappeared, I would judge to be approximately four minutes. The objects were headed or proceeding in a northeast direction and seemed to bob up and down rather than to pursue a set or steady course. Having watched the objects for one and one-half minutes, a neighbor boy, Joseph Edward McCoy, nine years old, 2585 Avalon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, came out in the yard and asked what I was looking for. I told him, but he could not see the flying objects. I then trained the glasses on the objects again and one had disappeared completely and the other faded away in less than one minute. The altitude of the flying objects, I would judge to be approximately 3000 feet, although I have nothing concrete on which to base this estimate. There was no sound audible from the objects nor was there any exhaust trail visible.

I heard a radio broadcast this morning (9 July 1948) at 0730 over WHEB Columbus, Ohio, concerning a similar incident. The announcer, Chet Long, stated he had received a telephone call 9 July 1948, from a woman in Celina, Ohio, who stated that Wednesday, 7 July 1948, five members of her family saw flying objects that looked like "pan cakes" or "pie pans" flying over their house in the direction of East Columbus, Columbus, Ohio.

5. Typed Name and Organization of S/A
 MELVIN L. HUTCHINSON
 100th CIC Detachment

6. Signature of Special Agent

Melvin L. Hutchinson
 Melvin L. Hutchinson

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AGENT REPORT

1. Name of Subject or Title of Incident UNKNOWN NATIONAL AIRCRAFT	2. Date Submitted 9 July 1948 3. Control Symbol or File No. A-1917
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4. Report of Findings

Agent's Notes: Mrs. Willa Rubbe VITTE was calm in her explanation of her experience and stated that she had read in the newspapers of other people having seen flying objects in the sky and that she more or less passed it off as if they might have imagined they saw objects. But now she believes, after her experience, that it is possible that others have had the same experience as she. The binoculars used by Mrs. VITTE were binocular '33, 6x30, Westinghouse 1441 'A. 'A. 7.

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5. Typed Name and Organization of S/A
 HARVIN L. HUTCHISON
 109th CIC Detachment

6. Signature of Special Agent

Harvin L. Hutchison
 /s/ Harvin L. Hutchison

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

9 July 1948

PREPARING OFFICE

COLUMBUS DISTRICT OFFICE, 109th CIC Detachment, Columbus, Ohio

SUBJECT

Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
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 RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F

OF INFORMATION

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . 1
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 TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED . . . 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

6 July 1948, the following article concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft "flying discs", was published in the Columbus Citizen, Columbus, Ohio:

"Flying Discs Appear in Columbus Sky Again"

Strange flying objects appeared in Columbus skies again Thursday. They were the first sighted since the Army last week took official recognition of their existence. The Army asked its bases throughout the nation to keep close watch for soaring discs or other objects in the sky.

Today's were sighted near Fort Columbus by Mrs. Paul Vittek, 2579 Avalon Place. "I was cleaning the blinds in my living room," Mrs. Vittek said. "I looked out the window and saw two silver things in the sky. I thought at first they were planes, but they were bobbing around and acting so strange. I knew they couldn't be. I got a pair of binoculars and went out onto the front porch and watched them through the binoculars. I watched them for several minutes. They were silvery objects, shaped like a torpedo, except they didn't have a rounded or pointed end. They were blunt, like a cylinder. They weren't very long.

They didn't have any wings or any apparent means of getting around in the sky. As I watched, they just seemed to disappear in the sky. They didn't seem to have any definite course of direction. I saw them in the east, toward Fort Columbus. They seemed to be moving generally north, but without any definite course.

A neighbor boy came over while I was watching, and asked what I was looking at. I pointed toward the objects, but by that time they had disappeared. They couldn't have been airplanes. I think I've lived near Fort Columbus long enough to recognize airplanes," Mrs. Vittek concluded.

Officials at the Naval Air Facility at Fort Columbus said they had received no reports of the flying objects. They could offer no explanation.

Mrs. Vittek's husband, Paul, works for the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.

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received from Captain Boyd, District Intelligence Office,
Office, Columbus, Ohio

Unconventional aircraft sighted by Mrs. Wilda Zittek, 2579 Avalon Ave., Columbus at 0820 on 8 July. Weather was clear, sun shining brightly, no clouds near the object. She first saw the object with her naked eye, then spent two minutes looking for binoculars. Observed the object for about two minutes with them. There were two flying objects; both appeared to have a blunt front and seemed to taper to a point at the rear. The shape was very much like a cigar. The sun was shining on them and they appeared to be silver in color. With the naked eye, they appeared to be about the size of airplane when writing in the sky. They were about $3\frac{1}{2}$ " in length and 1" in diameter. In other words, they seemed to be a little more than three times the diameter in length. Speed was not estimated. Observed for approximately four minutes. When first seen, they were headed northeast. Seemed to bob up and down rather than pursuing a set and steady course. Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft. No sound audible from the object; no exhaust trail visible. First seen in east going toward Port Columbus, then moved generally north from there. Binoculars were M3 (X30)

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The following was broadcast over radio this morning (9 Jul) but persons not yet interviewed: On 7 July, five members of one family saw the objects which looked like pie pans, directly over Port Columbus.

Incident # 138

Incident # 139

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 19

1. Date 9 Jun 5
2. Time 2147
3. Location Akron, Ohio
4. Name of observer Clarence Glasbrook, 1st Lt., USAF, Bq AWC (P-1AXO-4)
5. Occupation of observer AWC Investigator
6. Address of observer Bq AWC (P-1AXO-4)
7. Place of observation Akron
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight appeared 3 times each time being 1-2 sec and duration
11. Altitude 3000 to 4000 feet
12. Speed between 500 & 600
13. Direction of flight west (east to west)
14. Tactics rare intermittent appearances at regulated intervals
15. Sound none
16. Size could not be estimated
17. Color pale yellowish white (luminous)
18. Shape N/S
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails none
22. Weather conditions Clear w/quarter moon in the East-Southeast.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Suddenly at angle of approx. 70° to horizon in front of observer who was looking north
26. Remarks:

Lt. Glasbrook was a reconnaissance pilot in World War II.

The object seemed to glow and was not a directed beam.

It is believed that his powers of observation are above average and that the estimates of speed can be considered to be fairly accurate.

Unidentified Flying Object

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16 July 48

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1. At 2117 hours on 9 July 1948, the undersigned sighted an unidentified object flying from east to west at approximately three to four thousand feet over the north end of Osborn, Ohio.

2. The object appeared as a pale yellowish white light that seemed to glow. It was not a directed beam. The light was traveling at a rate of speed between five or six hundred miles. It appeared long enough to allow the observer to determine its flight path (approximately one to two seconds) and then went out. There was a pause of three seconds, the light then reappeared again for the same length of time, another three-second pause and the pattern was repeated. After the third appearance it was not seen again. The final sighting was made with the object at an angle of approximately 70° to the horizon in front of the observer who was looking north. The last sighting was slightly above the horizon to the west, just north of Patterson Field. The intermittent appearance of the light was at a regulated interval.

3. The sky was clear with about a quarter moon rising in the East-southeast; however, nothing could be ascertained except the glow of the light. There was no sound or trail.

4. The undersigned was a reconnaissance pilot in World War II and served for eight months in the 160th Reconnaissance Sq. (J. P.) flying PP-80 type aircraft. It is believed that his powers of observation are above average and that the estimates of speed can be considered to be fairly accurate.

CLARENCE. GLASERBROOK
1st Lt., USAF

CWG/aw
Rm 65310
Bldg 288
Post 201F

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Incident # 140

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17. Sound None
18. Size N/S
19. Color bright yellow-white
20. Shape N/S
21. Other detected N/S
22. Apparent construction luminous
23. Exhaust trails N/S
24. Weather conditions Clear - bright moonlight
25. Effect on clouds N/S
26. Sketches or photographs None
27. Manner of disappearance N/S
28. Remarks: Mr. Chester Taylor gave the same version as that of his son. Mrs. Taylor apparently did not observe the phenomenon.

Interrogation

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MCIA-XO-4

19 July 48

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1. Proceeded to the home of Mr Howard Enslow in Sylvania, Ohio, with an agent of the 1st Lt. Detachment at 1000, 10 July 1948.

42. Interviewed Mrs. Howard Enslow who stated that on the night of 1 July 1948 between 2100 and 2200 hours, she, Mr. Enslow, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Taylor and their sons, Lowell and Jack, of 400 Grove St., Columbus, Ohio, sighted an unidentified object flying through the air. Mrs. Enslow described it as "a beautiful golden saucer glowing like a halo with a silver rim around it." Direction of flight was from Northeast to Southwest and the object was visible for approximately three seconds. Subject was very religious and appeared to attribute the phenomena to holy visitations. Was unable to contact the subject.

43. Proceeded to the home of Mr. Chester Taylor and interviewed his son Jack, age 15. He had three years service and is now active in the National Guard. He stated that the object was a bright yellow-white light that moved through the sky at a terrific rate of speed. It was a glow and not a directed light and was about two seconds in duration. The light faded out but ceased abruptly. The line of flight appeared to be flat and the object appeared from the Northeast going Southwest, at an altitude of about three or four thousand feet. There was no audible noise although it was a quiet night and the object appeared close in at an angle to the horizon of about forty-five degrees. Although the sky was clear and the moon was bright nothing but the light was seen.

44. Mr. Taylor's story was the same as that of his son's. Mrs. Taylor was in the car and did not observe the phenomena. The other witness was not readily available.

45. Proceeded to the sight of the observation and determined that, under the conditions of course and altitude as estimated by the subject, it was possible that their line of vision was restricted by a grove of trees thus limiting the observed line of flight to the two three-second periods reported.

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Incident # 140

Incident # 141

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 Jun 48 Incident # 141
2. Time 11:25 to 1327 and shortly thereafter
3. Location Hecla, S. D.
4. Name of observer Norman Pfutzenreuter and Rose Pfutzenreuter
5. Occupation of observer Chemical Engineer - Amateur Astronomer
6. Address of observer Hecla, S. D.
7. Place of observation Between Watertown, S. D. & Webster, S. D. on highway #61 and #12 US
8. Number of objects one (1) when broken up 300-350 (Norman), 300 (Rose)
9. Distance of object from observer 20 miles to 0 miles to 20 miles
10. Time in sight Slightly over two hours
11. Altitude 150 miles (?)
12. Speed Stationary (hovering)
13. Direction of flight Stationary
14. Tactics Remained in one approximate position then disintegrated (hovered).
Appeared to enlarge then fade out.
15. Sound None
16. Size Original bodies approx. 3000 feet diameter.
17. Color Like polished aluminum
18. Shape Changing Note sketch.
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction Seemed to be a cluster of parts
21. Exhaust trails Particles of disintegrating mass left very faint trails of vapor.
22. Weather conditions Brilliantly clear (CAVU) - Wind velocity 3 MPH
23. Effect on clouds No clouds
24. Sketches or photographs Map showing locations of sightings
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated into smaller pieces
26. Remarks: Object appeared as cluster of parts which remained fairly stationary and constant for some two hours when it underwent a rather

slow change in shape. A large chunk fell off. Within the next 2-1/2 minutes the entire spot started to very slowly disintegrate. Three larger parts moved away out from the mass and formed a perfect isometric triangle, the remaining parts continued to move apart holding their related positions of a perfect triangle but gradually getting smaller and fainter until they disappeared some 9 minutes after the initial break-up. It could easily be seen that the parts were moving away from the earth.



breakup complete

A. G. P.	
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ROUTINE	X
MULTIPLE ADDRESS	

TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

MCIAZO-3/GHH/cw

FROM: AWC

DATE: 20 July 1948

TO: Mr. Norman P. Futscher
Peola, South Dakota

W. K. CLINGERMAN, USAF
Chief, Technical Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department
NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASS:

MCIAZO-7-3. PLEASE HAVE GOVERNMENT COLLECT IF 24 JULY WOULD BE SUITABLE
FOR INTERVIEW. DIRECT REPLY TO TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, HQ., AWC.
W.I. HT-PATTERNS & AF BASE, ATTN: MCIAZO-3.

Incident

COORDINATION

C. G. O. C. O.	CONTROL OFFICE	MAINTENANCE	P & T	SUPPLY	BUDGET & FISCAL	OTHERS

27 Jul 48

1. Capt M. Martin, Lt C. H. Glasebrook, and Lt. T. S. Byington of the Air Technical Intelligence Branch, Operations Section, Technical Intelligence Division, departed Patterson Field 0810, 24 Jul 1948. Arrived Bismarck, North Dakota, 1420 the same day. Contacted Mr. Bonneville's home by telephone and were informed that Mr. Bonneville would not be available until approximately 1630.

2. Arrived at Mr. Bonneville's home at approximately 1630. Conferred with Mr. Bonneville for approximately two (2) hours attempting to acquire all available information. Mr. Bonneville seemed sincere in his statements, however, he took quite some time to answer specific questions. He answered questions with generalities. It is believed he tried to give correct answers but was unsure of himself. He also stated that most of the answers given in his letter to the Technical Intelligence Division were more specific and that he believed he chose his words with considerable care towards accuracy.

3. Departed Bismarck, North Dakota, 1230, 25 Jul 1948. Arrived Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1520, 25 Jul 1948. Contacted Mr. Pfutzenreuter's home at approximately 1630 by telephone. At that time his mother informed us that he was out of town and would return at approximately 1930. Mr. Pfutzenreuter called back at about 2000 and arrangements were made to visit with him the following day.

4. Arrangements were made for transportation to Hecla, South Dakota. Mr. Pfutzenreuter and his wife were contacted at approximately 1145, on the 26th of Jul 1948. We conferred with Mr. Pfutzenreuter alone for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. We conferred with Mrs. Pfutzenreuter for approximately twenty-five minutes. We then conferred with Mr. and Mrs. Pfutzenreuter for approximately thirty minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Pfutzenreuter seemed sincere in their answers and showed a willingness to help. They attempted to answer our questions to the best of their ability. Mr. Pfutzenreuter seemed to have a background which would qualify him as a fairly reliable observer of the incident. Mrs. Pfutzenreuter kept a constant watch on the object while Mr. Pfutzenreuter was driving. Several stops were made and their curiosities were so aroused that they watched the object with intense interest. It is believed that the intense interest of the two witnesses makes their observations fairly reliable.

5. Departed Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1630 on 26 Jul 1948. Arrived Patterson Field 2200, 26 Jul 1948.

Metho Martin

METHO MARTIN
Captain, USAF
ATI Branch
Operations Section

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Address reply to:
Commandant
U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters
Washington 25, D. C.

13 July 1948
File: INT 64 (H)

From: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard
TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, U. S. Air
Force, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

Subj: Aerial Phenomena between Watertown and Webster, South Dakota

1. There is forwarded for your action a report from Mr. Norman Pfutzenreuter dated 4 July, 1948, addressed to the Commander, 2nd Coast Guard District, St. Louis, Mo., describing an unusual atmospheric phenomena observed by him on 30 June, 1948 while traveling by car on Route 81, between Watertown and Webster, South Dakota.

2. There is also inclosed a copy of a letter from the Commander, 2nd Coast Guard District, to Mr. Pfutzenreuter dated 7 July, 1948, acknowledging receipt of Mr. Pfutzenreuter's report.

By direction of the Commandant.

S. Y. HANCOCK
LCDR, USCG
Chief, Intelligence
& Law Enforcement Division

Incls:

1. Report from Mr.
Norman Pfutzenreuter
2. Copy ltr Cdr. 2CGD, to
Mr. Pfutzenreuter

CG-64

Comdr. 2nd CG District (dl1)

7 July 1948

From: Commander, Second Coast Guard District (dl1)

To: Commandant (INT)

Subject: Unusual Atmospheric Phenomenon; report of

In conformity with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Intelligence & Law Enforcement Circular No. 1-48, there is forwarded herewith for Headquarters evaluation for transmission to the Department of the Air Force, a letter received this date, from a Mr. Norman Pfutzenreuter, Hecla, South Dakota, describing an unusual atmospheric phenomenon observed by him, together with his wife and several other persons, on 30 June, 1948, while traveling, by car, on Route 1, between Watertown and Webster, South Dakota.

R. G. WILSON
by direction

Incls:

1. Letter from Norman Pfutzenreuter, dated

W. F. PFUTZENREUTER - Dealer in
General Merchandise

Hecla, South Dakota 7-4-48

Commander 2nd
Coast Guard District
Old Custom House
4th & Olive
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Attn: Intelligence Officer

Dear Sir:

I am submitting this information to you in the belief that it may be of value to this country's information. I just talked by phone to Bretzker, Mr. Hill, of Coast Guard Station, H. P. B. F., near Groton, S. D. He advised me to write to you. I gave him a very limited account of what I observed, because I did not know for sure, whether this information might prove confidential.

I have been living in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past 3 years. My home which I was returning to, is Hecla, South Dakota, where I now am. The observation was made on June 30, 1948, between Watertown, S. D., and Webster, S. D. I was traveling on Highway #81, from Watertown, to Webster (see inclosed small map). At arrow #1, I stopped the car to watch a small plane. I noticed a small (round) spot in the sky, looking to the north it was 20° to the right and about 20° to north of azimuth. (Nearly overhead). I thought at first it was an aluminum covered plane, very high. I watched it for a 1/2 minutes and noted no movement. My next conclusion was that it might be a star. We continued driving north stopping at about 5-10 minute intervals and again looking (my wife watched it out the side window constantly). At arrow #2 I stopped and walked down to the ditch and lined it up with a telephone wire and watched very carefully for any movement for 5 minutes. No movement detected, I decided it must be a bright star (Venus or Sirius) neither should have been at that spot at that time, and I had never seen a star at noon. I made two more stops at arrow #3 and #4. Position was the same. At arrow #5 I stopped for gas and water (I was pulling a 6,000# trailer and the car was over heating). I called attention to the object to the proprietor and three customers (place - Arnold's Store) I made no comment but waited for their deductions -

Proprietor: Star
1st Customer: Star
2nd Customer: Can't be a star - if possible
3rd Customer - Never saw anything like that

They were all looking when I left and a little scared.

This territory is very thinly populated and these people are my only witnesses.

We continued north (making innumerable observations at a few minute intervals. No change in appearance or position was noted, except it appeared to be a cluster of parts or pieces instead of one solid piece:

thus:

The next stop of importance was at arrow #6 on Highway #12. The location was nearly exactly the same, a couple of degrees closer to overhead if anything. It was slightly smaller and its shape was not constant. It appeared to very slowly change from to . We were just about to

get into the car when my wife said: "Look, a piece fell off." - I

would have sworn at that moment it was a parachute. (Parachutes don't operate 50 to 150 miles altitude). In the next 2-1/2 minutes the entire spot started to very slowly disintegrate. Three larger parts moved away out from the mass and formed a perfect isometric triangle, the remaining mass slowly moved into hundreds of small parts, seemingly leaving very faint trails of vapor. At this point the height was very apparent - 50 to 150 miles. The smaller parts slowly disappeared as if moving outward, that is, directly away from the observer. The three remaining parts continued to move apart and hold their constant position of a perfect triangle, gradually getting smaller and fainter until they disappeared about 9 minutes after the initial break up. It could easily be seen that the parts were moving away from the earth. No other sight of the object was had - after this at arrow #6. My convictions at this point were that it could not be anything terrestrial.

The day was brilliantly clear, no cloud or haze visible above the horizon. Wind velocity about 3 MPH in direction shown on map.

Times are shown below for different arrow locations at stopping time:

#1 - 11:25 A. M.
2 - 11:31
3 - 11:47
4 - 11:53
5 - 12:02 PM
6 - 1:27 PM

Colour and irridescence
comparable to polished aluminum

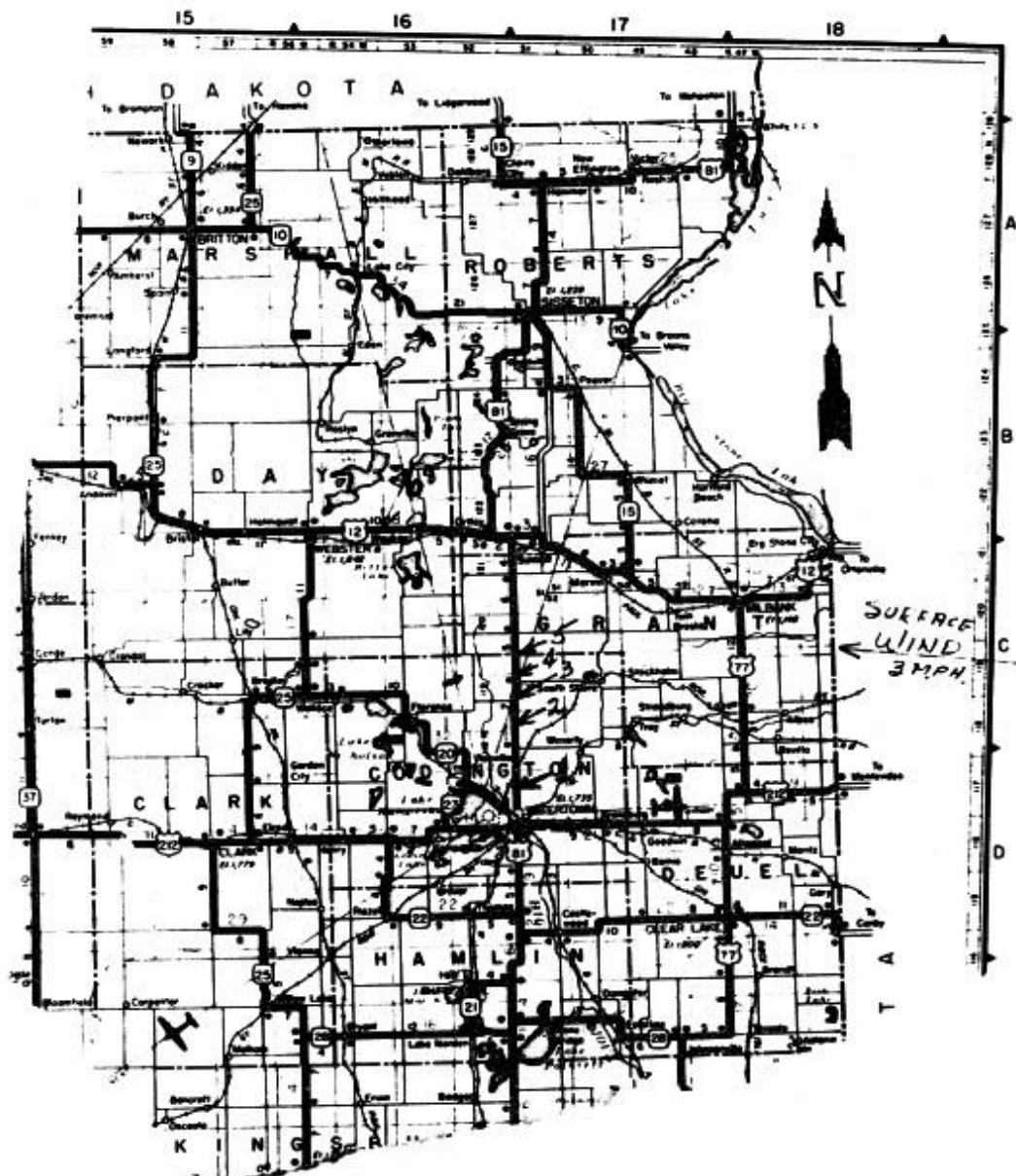
I may be able to give more details if wanted. I know about the new large plastic balloons for weather or cosmic ray observation. It could not have been one.

I am a chemical engineer and have been an amateur astronomer for years, so please don't take this as a crackpot's story. I'm in dead earnest and will swear to these statements.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Norman Pfutzenreuter

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CG-64
Comdr 2nd CG District (dl1)

7 July 1948

Mr. Norman Pfutzenreuter
Hecla, South Dakota

Dear Sir:

This will serve to acknowledge receipt of, and to express appreciation for, the very comprehensive and interesting report on the unusual atmospheric phenomenon observed by you, together with your wife and several other persons, on June 30, 1948, while traveling, by car, on Route 81, between specified points in South Dakota.

Your original letter and attached map section are being forwarded this date, to the proper authority in Washington, D. C., and, no doubt, you will be communicated with directly by such authority should additional information be desired.

By direction of the Commander, Second Coast Guard, District.

Very truly yours,

R. G. WILLOH
Capt, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve
Chf, Legal & Intelligence Section
Second Coast Guard District

Description of object as stated by Mr. Norman Pflutzenreuter.

First sighting was at approximately 1125 on 30 June 1948. The object was thought to be a star. Being an amateur astronomer, it aroused the curiosity of Mr. Pflutzenreuter. There was no concrete shape to the object. It had a round appearance but was not sharply enough defined to positively state that the object was round. Upon observing the object for a short while, it appeared to change its shape having a tendency to flatten out in spots and then return to a round shape again. There was no definite pattern, time, or cycle to the change of shape of the object. The appearance indicated that it was a formation attempting to retain a circular shape. The main tendency was toward roundness. The witness could not state whether or not the object had depth to it.

The object was viewed for approximately two hours. During that period of time the witness moved approximately 22 miles due north and then to a point approximately 13 miles west at an approximate 90° angle to the original direction of travel. The object retained an apparent constant position. At first sighting the object appeared at a compass heading of approximately 5°. At the last sighting the compass heading was approximately 65°. The vertical angle of sight remained constant at about 75° to 80°. Due to the position of the object and estimations, the witness decided that the altitude of the object would be approximately 50 miles. The times and locations of the various sightings are as shown in the original correspondence and map. Mr. Pflutzenreuter stated that the times and positions originally listed were correct. Time readings were checked against his wife's watch which was checked with radio time signals after the sightings, and found to be correct.

There was no change in appearance of the object except for an increase in size, until the last sighting at 1327 when the object started to break up. The object had a definite polished aluminum color and showed no dark or bright spots. There were no trails of any sort apparent prior to break up. The estimated diameter of the original was thought to be approximately 2000 to 3000 feet. Just prior to the breaking up of the mass, it took on a fuzzy appearance resembling a large cluster of golf balls in a round group. The mass seemed to take on a box shape. Suddenly one ball about 1/12th the size of the original mass dropped from the center of the mass to a distance about 10 times the original diameter of the mass and hung in space. Immediately two balls of the same size as the first moved out of the sides of the mass, accelerated rapidly and came to a quick stop when they reached a distance from the center of the mass equal to the first. The large balls formed an inverted isometric triangle with the first ball at the apex. There were slight whitish trails visible from the three while assuming their new positions. Shortly thereafter the larger remaining mass tended to break up into equal thirds with the lower sections going downward and the upper section going up forming an upright triangle. During the breaking up of the central mass, a whitish haze was apparent towards the center of the triangle from each of the moving thirds. Each third appeared to have over 100 spheres which appeared to be the size of aluminum specks. It took approximately 25 to

30 seconds for the central mass to take on its new configuration after the three larger balls took up their new positions. The color of the spheres remained a polished aluminum. Trails were apparent only during the break up period. The small spheres appeared to be of two definite sizes, very small and fine specks. The smaller of the small spheres appeared to be approximately 1/10th the size of the large spheres. The other spheres were approximately 1/5th to 1/4th the size of the large spheres. No estimate of ratio between the numbers of the two sizes of small spheres could be made.

Upon assuming this new configuration, the complete mass began to recede from view. The small particles became invisible after one or two minutes. The three larger balls did not seem to start to recede until after the smaller ones were no longer visible. It took about four minutes for the three to disappear after the smaller ones were no longer visible. There was no explosion. There just seemed to be a receding out of sight with the large balls retaining their isometric triangle positions.

The following statements by Mrs. Pfutzenreuter were not in accord with Mr. Pfutzenreuter. Except for the following variations, the statements and descriptions of the witnesses were almost identical.

1. The original mass varied from round to oblong with the distortion not being in any specific direction. The color was described as a polished aluminum with the light shimmering on it similar to the effect of sun shimmering on aluminum aircraft.
2. The original size of the mass was about the size of a star. Prior to break-up, the mass had assumed a size 15 to 20 times larger than the original size. The relative size just prior to break up of the mass was compared to the size of a hard ball being caught by the first baseman as viewed from the third base position.
3. The first impression of the ball's dropping from the center of the mass was similar to a parachute coming out, however, it did not take on a parasol shape but assumed a ball shape. The three balls moving away from the mass moved very rapidly and came to a sudden stop when they reached their new positions. There were no trails apparent. After the break up, the balls appeared to have a more whitish appearance with less glare or shimmer. The color was described as being a very bright white. The comparison of the large balls to the small ones was stated as a comparison of a baseball (hardball) and a dime as viewed at a distance. Mrs. Pfutzenreuter believed that the small balls were all of the same size. Mrs. Pfutzenreuter did not recall any trail except a foggy haze behind the small balls during their break up. When the small balls were lost from view, a foggy haze was seen at their previous position. This haze had dissipated before the large balls had receded from sight.

Arthur M. Martin
ARTHUR MARTIN
Captain, USAF
AFI Branch
Operations Section



First part of break up



Break up completed.

Incident # 141

Inclinet # 142

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date
2. Time
3. Location
4. Name of observer Mr. Charles W. Shangle, Jr.
5. Occupation of observer
6. Address of observer Boise, Idaho
7. Place of observation
8. Number of objects
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight
11. Altitude
12. Speed
13. Direction of flight
14. Tactics
15. Sound
16. Size
17. Color
18. Shape
19. Odor detected
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails
22. Weather conditions
23. Effect on clouds
24. Sketches or photographs
25. Manner of disappearance
26. Remarks:

Incident # 142

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Project "SIGN"

Commanding Officer
Gowen Field
Boise, Idaho
ATTENTION: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force units by Hq. USAF, in letter dated 6 February 1948.
2. It has come to the attention of this Office that a Mr. Charles W. Shangle, Jr., of Boise, Idaho, has reported five different sightings of "flying discs." He also claims to have taken two photographs of the phenomena.
3. It is requested your office interview this individual and obtain the original photographs, if possible, (for loan and reproduction by this Hq), and forward them together with a signed graphic account of the various sightings witnessed. It is further requested that each of the sightings be treated as a complete and separate report presenting the following salient facts: Location, date and time of sighting, weather conditions at the time, names, occupations and addresses of witnesses, (if any), photographs or sketches, luminous or metallic construction, number, shape, size, color, speed, in what part of sky first observed, direction, manner of disappearance, maneuverability (tactics), altitude, sound, exhaust trail, odor, if any, effect on clouds, etc.
4. It is requested that the individual be convinced of the necessity of avoiding publicity in relation to this investigation and that it be considered "Confidential."
5. All pertinent material will be forwarded directly to Commanding General, AEC, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention: MCI, in accordance with USAF letter dated 26 February 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

2-4830

BOISE, IDAHO

30 October 1948

SUBJECT: Project Sign.

TO: Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton,
Ohio.

ATTENTION: Chief of Intelligence.

1. Letter your headquarters dated 4 August 1948, copy enclosed, requested to have intelligence officer, Owen Flinn, who received by this organization, the only using military agency of the field since WW II.

2. This organization has no intelligence officer, so the undersigned has interviewed Mr. Shangle and submits the following observations.

3. Mr. Shangle is a lad 19 years old residing at 1432 Colorado Street, Boise, Idaho. His speech is incoherent at times and his thinking is shallow. None of his photographs revealed an object of any kind. He states that at age 12 he saw his house slippers walk from one side of the room to the other. He summoned his parents so that they might observe the return trip of the slippers, but nothing seemed to happen. He dotes on football plays and is quite good, as evidenced by the fact that the coaches of the local high school and junior college solicit his services to help develop new plays.

4. I feel sure that the acquisition of the details you requested is not justified from the standpoint of wasted time alone.

JAMES M. TRAIL,
Major Det & 242nd ASG,
1st AG,
Commanding.

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Incident # 212

Incident # 143

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 143

1. Date
2. Time
3. Location
4. Name of observer Mrs. Felix G. Matthews
5. Occupation of observer
6. Address of observer Columbia, South Carolina
7. Place of observation
8. Number of objects
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight
11. Altitude
12. Speed
13. Direction of flight
14. Tactics
15. Sound
16. Size
17. Color
18. Shape
19. Odor detected
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails
22. Weather conditions
23. Effect on clouds
24. Sketches or photographs
25. Manner of disappearance
26. Remarks:

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MCIAAO-3/RAL/aw

5th Aug (7)

Project "SIGN"

Commanding Officer
Shaw Air Force Base
Sumter, South Carolina
ATTENTION: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is currently engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentifiable aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force units by Hq, USAF, in letter dated 6 February 1948.
2. It has come to the attention of this Office that Mrs. Felix G. Matthews of Columbia, South Carolina, has reported witnessing the so-called "flying discs."
3. It is requested your office interview this individual and obtain a signed graphic statement as to the anomaly observed. It is further requested that the observer indicate to the best of her ability the following salient factors: Location, date and time of sighting, weather conditions at the time, names, occupations and addresses of witnesses, (if any), photographs or sketches, luminous or metallic construction, number, shape, size, color, speed, in what part of sky first observed, direction, manner of disappearance, maneuverability (tactics), altitude, sound, exhaust trail, odor, if any, effect on clouds, etc.
4. It is requested that the individual be informed that her disclosures will be treated as "strictly confidential", and that, in the interests of national defense, all publicity surrounding this investigation be stringently avoided.
5. All pertinent material will be forwarded directly to Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCI, in accordance with USAF letter dated 26 February 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. MCCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, of Intelligence

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Incident 143

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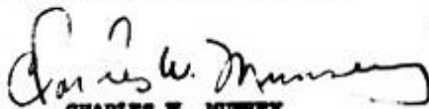
Headquarters 20th Fighter Wing
OFFICE OF THE WING A-2

20 August 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO : CHIEF Of Intelligence
Air Materiel Command
Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Fld., Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to letter your office MEIAXO-3/RAL/AW, Subject, "Project Sign," dtd, 5 August 1948.
2. This is an interim report. The matter is being investigated. The report will be submitted within a few days.


CHARLES W. MUNNEY
Major, USAF
Wing A-2

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Basic: Ltr Fr Hqs, AMC, subj: Project "SIGN" Dtd, 5 Aug 48

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CWM/wrf

HEADQUARTERS, 20TH FIGHTER WING, Shaw Air Force Base, Shaw Field,
South Carolina. 23 Aug 48

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAXO-3

An attempt was made by the A-2 this headquarters to contact the
subject with the following results:

Mrs. Felix G. (Minnie G.) Matthews was a transient resident in
Columbia, S. C. Her temporary residence was the Devine Tourist Home,
3000 Devine st, Columbia, S. C. She moved in February 1948 and left
no forwarding address. The above information was obtained from her
landlady, Mrs. Stokes, who also added that in her opinion, the sub-
ject was not very reliable.

CWM
CHARLES W. MURSEY
Major, USAF
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Incident # 143

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 24 July 1948 Incident # 144
2. Time 0245
3. Location 20 miles south of Montgomery, Ala.
4. Name of observer Pilot Clarence Shipps Chiles & Co-pilot John B. Whitted & Mr. McKelvie
5. Occupation of observer Pilot and Co-pilot (EAL) Mr. McKelvie's occupation N/S
6. Address of observer Atlanta Office of EAL
7. Place of observation air - 20 miles south of Montgomery, Ala.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 700 ft
10. Time in sight 10 to 15 seconds
11. Altitude 5,000 ft
12. Speed 500 to 700 MPH (See Atlanta Constitution - 25 July 48)
13. Direction of flight southwest toward Mobile and New Orleans
14. Tactics Pulled up sharply with tremendous burst of flame
(Atlanta Constitution - 25 July 48)
15. Sound none
16. Size 100 ft long and about twice the diameter of a "B-29"
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Cigar-shaped
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails red-orange flame with blue fluorescent glow running underneath the object
22. Weather conditions full moon, clear with broken cloud coverage of 4/10
at 6,000 ft
23. Effect on clouds N/S - pulled up into one.
24. Sketches or photographs 2 sketches
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared into a cloud
26. Remarks: See attached statements.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

File No. 333.5 (24-1)

Period	Special Investigator
10 Aug - 25 Aug 1948	Walter H. Gandy
Director of Case	
Special Investigation	

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On August 22, 1948, SA Edward G. Sawyer, Acting District
Attorney, Office of Special Investigations, interrogated
[redacted] from employee, regarding an
[redacted] while on duty at Robins Air Force
Base, on 23 July 1948. The following is a transcript of
the interview.

Q. What is your full name, age, address, and employment?

A. I am E. Sawyer. I am 33, unmarried, and live at 141 High Street,
Boston, Massachusetts. I am a member of the Transient Maintenance Aircraft
Group on the midnight shift - 2400 to 0800 hours.

Q. Do you recall the date and time that you saw this object?

A. It appeared on Friday night, the 23rd of July 1948 between 0140
and 0150 hours, Eastern Standard Time. I was standing five feet
from a door, directly across from Operations, and I had to take
down the time-off time which was between 0140 and 0150.

Q. What was the weather condition?

A. Good visibility and no clouds.

Q. Were there any lights around you? Outside lights or hangar lights?

A. I am not sure whether the flood lights on the hangar were on or
off. I was facing the north looking away from any possible lights.

Q. In what direction did you see this object?

A. It was coming out of the north. I was facing the north and
actually didn't see it until it got overhead, but it came out of
the north and was in my view for about twenty seconds. The last
I saw of it the object was taking a southwest course.

Q. Describe in your own words what you actually saw from the time
it appeared until it disappeared.

A. The first thing I saw was a stream of fire and I was undecided
as to what it could be, but as it got overhead, it was a fairly
clear outline and appeared to be a cylindrical shaped object
with a long stream of fire coming out of the tail end. I am
sure it would not be a jet since I have observed P-84s in flight
at night on two occasions.

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- Q. 7. Approximately what was the height and distance of the object?
- A. 7. Three thousand feet - - it could be lower or higher. It is difficult to judge distances.
- Q. 8. What was the size and shape in comparison to the object?
- A. 8. The trail of fire was longer than the cylindrical shape of the object.
- Q. 9. Was the entire object illuminated? Describe its shape.
- A. 9. I noticed a faint glow on the belly of the object, almost a phosphorescent glow.
- Q. 10. Are you familiar with shooting stars?
- A. 10. Yes Sir. I thought at first it was a shooting star, but a shooting star falls perpendicular. This object was in a straight and level plane. When it disappeared it disappeared from sight due to distance rather than drop.
- Q. 11. How did it differ from a shooting star or meteor in size and shape?
- A. 11. I have only seen one or two meteors and they appear to be round or more or less ball-shaped and this object was long and cylindrical in shape.
- Q. 12. What was the color of the light?
- A. 12. It was a trailing faint blue flame.
- Q. 13. Was there any moonlight at this time?
- A. 13. I didn't pay too much attention to the moonlight. I wouldn't say for sure whether there was a moon.
- Q. 14. Where did the light that illuminated the shape of the object seem to come from?
- A. 14. It looked like it was close to the bottom deck.
- Q. 15. Did it give you the impression that there were windows or hales and did the decks appear to be divided into sections?
- A. 15. I am not sure. It would be hard to tell if there were windows and a divided deck could not be recognized from the ground.

Q. 19. Did you read the newspaper account of the two civilian pilots
who saw this strange object about the same time and did the
report's description seem to refer to the object you saw?

A. 19. Yes, I was thinking about the rate of speed. I don't see how
it could be a ball if it had square or round windows but the
description seemed to fit my impressions.

Q. 20. Did you agree with you when you saw this object?

A. 20. I was standing in front of No. 2 engine and I tried
to call the co-pilot's attention to the object in the sky. He
immediately put his headgear on before I could get his attention
and the object was gone.

Q. 21. With whom did you first discuss this matter?

A. 21. I called the tower and asked them if they saw it. They didn't.

Q. 22. What was their reaction regarding this object?

A. 22. They thought I was drunk or seeing things.

Q. 23. Were you unusually fatigued at this time?

A. 23. No Sir, I had been merely reading Air Force magazines prior to
this time.

Q. 24. Have you ever had occasion to read much or study Air Force
magazines, experiments with guided missiles, objects, or similar
material?

A. 24. No Sir, only what I could get out of Air Force and Aviation
magazines.

Q. 25. Were you in the Air Force during the war?

A. 25. Yes Sir, I was an Aircraft Engine Mechanic with a rating of
Back Sergeant in the Ninth Air Force.

Q. 26. Is there anyone else on the Base who saw this particular object
that you know of?

A. 26. No Sir.

Q. 27. What type of construction, color, size, and material did this
object appear to resemble?

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- A. 24. I would say that it looked like it was about the size of a B-29. It might have been a little larger, in circumference. It was too large for a jet. It seemed to be a dark color and constructed of an unknown metallic type material.
- Q. 25. What would you say its speed was in comparison with other type aircraft?
- A. 25. About seven hundred miles per hour.
- Q. 26. How did you arrive at that estimate?
- A. 26. I have seen P-80 and P-84 type aircraft flying but this was one of the fastest objects I have ever seen. I saw German V-1s in the summer of 1944 and they were fast, but this one was even faster. This object was much larger. A V-1 is very small and only made about three hundred miles per hour speed.
- Q. 27. How did it disappear?
- A. 27. Just like an airplane in normal flight fading away from normal vision.
- Q. 28. Was there any sound or odor at that time?
- A. 28. I heard no sound and everything was quiet. No engines were running up at that time.
- Q. 29. How about the maneuverability and exhaust trail of this object?
- A. 29. It was flying straight and level and took a changing southwest course while in sight. The flame seemed to be longer, maybe due to the object moving through the air.
- Q. 30. Had you consumed any alcohol in the preceding four or five hours?
- A. 30. No Sir, I do not drink.
- Q. 31. Did you ever see any planes in "Buck Rogers" comics that resembled this object?
- A. 31. Maybe the length and roundness resembled but as far as the wings, I couldn't tell if this object had any.
- Q. 32. What did you say your educational background and Air Force experience was?
- A. 32. I am a high school graduate and I was in the Air Force for four years.

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Q. 33. How long have you worked here?

A. 33. Since September 1947.

Q. 34. When did you get out of the Air Force?

A. 34. I was discharged in March 1947 as an enlisted reserve Buck Sergeant engineer.

Q. 35. Is there anything further you would like to add to aid in this evaluation?

A. 35. Yes Sir. During the Battle of the Bulge, a Sergeant and myself were on guard duty and saw something that resembled this object in question. We later found that we had witnessed the launching of a German V-2 rocket. It carried a stream of fire that more or less resembled this object. This object looked like rocket propulsion rather than jet propulsion, but the speed and size was much greater.

Q. 36. Did the altitude, speed, and size of this object have any similarity to a meteor or shooting star?

A. 36. No Sir.

Q. 37. What else did you associate your thoughts with when you first saw this object?

A. 37. It looked like a rocket and was the shape of an XS-1. It was too large for an XS-1. My final conclusion was that it was energized by rocket propulsion.

Q. 38. Were you excited when you told the other people about this object?

A. 38. No Sir. They more or less kidded me about it and was informed that Flight Service wanted to see me.

Q. 39. Who did you talk to in Flight Service?

A. 39. I talked to a man over the interphone system but did not know his name. He wanted to know whether I was a civilian or military and asked me a few questions. I think Flight Service turned it over to Air Defense Command the next morning.

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Q. 40. Is there anything further now that you would like to say?

A. 40. No Sir.

Q. 41. I wish to remind you that this is a confidential investigation and that what we have discussed here is not to be discussed with anyone else.

A. 41. I will regard it as such.

AT ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

On 19 August 1948, Special Agent Cassidy contacted Capt H. R. Daniels, Public Information Officer, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia to determine whether or not any publicity releases were given to the reported sightings on Robins Air Force Base. Captain Daniels stated that no press releases were given out on this information but an article had been written in the Robins Air Force Base paper on Monday, 9 August 1948. A copy of this article is attached as Exhibit I.

On 19 August 1948, Special Agent Cassidy contacted Flight Operations to determine the exact time of takeoff of the C-47 type aircraft on which Walter C. Massey was standing fire guard when he sighted the aerial phenomena. This agent was advised that a C-47 type aircraft took off at 0256 hours 24 July 1948. The destination of this aircraft was Olmsted Field and the Pilot's name was Captain Fowler.

AGENT'S NOTE: This is undoubtedly the aircraft on which Massey stood Fire Guard since it takes about 30 to 40 minutes to warm the engines of the aircraft and to taxi out to take off position and take off.

On 19 August 1948, Special Agent Cassidy contacted the Weather Station on the Flight Line and obtained the official weather sequences and reports for the time when the aerial phenomena was apparent. In general, the weather was as follows: The 2330 hours sequence of the 23 July indicated broken clouds at 3500 feet and a high overcast at 10,000 feet. The visibility was 10 miles in light rain. The temperature was 77 degrees and the dew point was 76 degrees. The wind was out of the southeast at 6 miles per hour. By 0030 hours the clouds were scattered at 4000 feet and the light rain had stopped. The wind shifted to the west and decreased to 2 miles per hour. At 0130 hours the scattered clouds had disappeared but the high overcast at 10,000 feet remained and the wind had shifted to the north at 2 miles per hour. At 0230 the overcast at 10,000 feet became scattered and the wind was calm. The moon was full phase. (Exhibit IV)

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CHARACTER:

Special Investigation

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DETAILS: (Cont'd)

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The following is information collected by agents of the 11th CIO Detachment, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia:

On 12 August 1948, Doyle L. Avery, Observer, Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Georgia, was interviewed. Avery stated that he was on duty in the observation tower on 26 July 1948. About 2100 hours he sighted a blue white light traveling southeast from northwest. He declined to estimate the altitude of the light. However, the light was very high, traveling very fast, and maintained a uniform altitude and speed. The light looked very much like a shooting star except for the fact that it maintained a uniform altitude. Avery stated that he watched the light for a few seconds and then turned to get his field glasses. The light appeared to gain altitude and then turned sharply to the south as Avery turned for his glasses. The weather was clear and still at the time the light was sighted. Avery stated that he heard no sound and could furnish no additional information concerning the aerial phenomenon. He said that shortly after he sighted the light, several residents of the area called the observation tower and reported seeing the same thing. Avery stated that no flights left or arrived at the station after 1900 hours on 26 July 1948.

AGENT'S NOTE: Avery is considered a qualified observer. He served as an observer in the U.S. Navy during the war and has performed that duty at the Atlanta Naval Air Base for the past four months.

On 12 August 1948, the following persons were interviewed and made statements substantially the same. On 26 July 1948, they were seated on the lawn of the Georgia School of Technology Housing Project at Chamblee, Georgia. About 2045 hours, Mrs. John Gall sighted a strange light and immediately called it to the attention of her companions. The light appeared about the size of a football and was traveling southeast in a steady course. It was green and faded into a silver colored trail. The light appeared to lose altitude slowly much the same as a plane coming in for a landing. It appeared to fade away in flight as if extinguished. The light was absolutely silent. Informants could furnish no additional information:

- (1) Mr. & Mrs. Harold Shaw, Apartment 201 F, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia
- (2) Mrs. Robert Sebring, Apartment 212 F, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia
- (3) Mrs. Jeanne Hill, Apartment 219 A, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia
- (4) Mrs. Myrtle Renfro, Apartment 212 A, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia
- (5) Mrs. John Gall, Apartment 201 G, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia

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Investigation failed to reveal other persons who observed unidentified aerial objects on 26 July 1948.

Records of the Weather Station, Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Georgia revealed that visibility was good and that winds were light and variable from two to five miles per hour until 2030 hours, 26 July 1948.

Records of the Atlanta Naval Air Base, Atlanta Municipal Airport and Marietta Army Air Base, Marietta, Georgia revealed no scheduled flights in the vicinity of Chamblee, Georgia during 1910 hours to 2200 hours on 26 July 1948.

Investigation in the vicinity of Chamblee, Georgia revealed no record of testing devices sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Army, Air Forces, Weather Bureau, Research Organizations or any other.

ANGUSTA, GEORGIA

On 24 August 1948, at 1830 hours, Randolph Russell, of 408 Greene Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Morris, in the office of the Chronicle News, Augusta, Georgia. The informant stated in substance:

"I am a newspaper man by occupation and work for the Augusta Chronicle. While working in this capacity on the 26th of July 1948, numerous calls came in at approximately 2015 hours pertaining to an object in the sky. Between 2100 hours and 2130 hours, John Battle, who is the night editor for the Augusta Chronicle, called some of the office staff into his office to view the object in the sky. On arriving at the front window, I first saw the object in the southwest, traveling in a general southwest direction. The altitude and speed of the object could not be ascertained. The object resembled a red light. Its tactics were of a bobbing and weaving nature. I viewed the object for only a few seconds."

AGENT'S NOTE: Russell did not seem too interested in the object nor the object's identity. He stated that he was stationed in Alaska and witnessed many phenomena, such as shooting stars and meteorites. He did not draw any conclusion as to the sighted object. Russell detected no sound nor odor in connection with this object.

On 24 August 1948 at 1900 hours, Earl L. Bell of 1439 Heard Avenue, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Morris, in the offices of the Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Georgia. The informant stated in substance:

"My occupation is that of a teletype editor for the Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Georgia. I was on duty the night of the 26th of July 1948, when Mr. John Battle called for some of the newsmen to witness an

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object in the sky. This was between 2100 hours and 2130 hours. I viewed the object which appeared to me as a luminous glowing object with no particular size, shape, or form. The object seemed to be traveling in a general southwest direction. I could not approximate the distance of the object, but estimated that it was 5,000 to 6,000 feet in altitude. The object was moving up and down in its flight, and it did not resemble any known type of aircraft. I heard no sound, nor did I detect any odor in connection with this object."

On 24 August 1948 at 2000 hours, John Francis Battle, of 1609 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Morris, at his residence. The informant stated in substance:

"My occupation is that of night editor for the Augusta Chronicle. I was working in that capacity on 26th July 1948. I started receiving calls at approximately 2050 hours to the effect that there was a ball of fire in the sky. I received these calls from various sections of the city, and from South Carolina. I looked out the window in my office and saw what appeared to be a bluish light. The light was sighted southwest and was moving in a southwest direction, bobbing and weaving in flight. It was not traveling in a level plane but seemed to go slightly up and down. The speed was approximately that of an average passenger aircraft. I judged the object's distance from me to be approximately five miles. There was a slight trail following the object which seemed to burn itself out in the course of flight. The object itself gradually disappeared from sight as a normal aircraft might do in flight. The altitude was approximately 5,000 feet."

AGENT'S NOTE: Battle has never witnessed any type of jet aircraft in flight.

On 25 August 1948 at 0800 hours, Linton R. McSmith of 812 Russell Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Agent Morris in the office of the Delta Airlines, Daniels Field, Georgia. The informant stated in substance:

"My occupation is Chief of Communication - GAA, Daniel Field, Ga. On 26 July 1948, at 2140 or 2150 hours, while standing on my front porch at 812 Russell Street, I sighted an object which appeared out of the southwest and was traveling in a northwest direction. I was facing the north at the time I sighted this object. The size of the object appeared to be about one-fourth the size of a full moon. It was a multi-colored object and was very brilliant. My opinion is that the object was a meteor traveling in the lower level. The object was trailed by natural fragments which burned themselves out in flight. The distance of the object could not be established. Its estimated speed was between 10,000 and 12,000 miles per hour. The object, itself, was viewed for a period of two to three seconds and it then disappeared from view."

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On 25 August 1948, at 1900 hours, Charles Atkinson of 1112 Cobb Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Morris in the office of the Augusta Chronicle. The informant stated the following in substance:

"My occupation is that of a printer and I work for the Augusta Chronicle on the night shift. On 26 July 1948 at 2300 hours, I sighted an object in the northeast. The object was traveling from the northeast to the southwest. It appeared in the shape of a right angle. The point of the angle was the leading edge with the trailing edges appearing in the sky as approximately one foot in length. The color was that of normal electric light, evenly distributed. The object was traveling at a speed of approximately one hundred and fifty miles per hour and the object maintained a level plane. There was no maneuverability and the object passed directly overhead. The altitude was approximately 5,000 to 6,000 feet."

On 27 August 1948, at 0930 hours, Mrs. Myrtle Skinner of 1914 Ellis Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed at her residence by Special Investigator Morris. The informant stated the following in substance:

"I am a housewife and on 26 July 1948, I was sitting on my front porch at my residence when I sighted an object to the north. The object was traveling from east to north or in a northwest direction. The object was very brilliant. It appeared as a red ball of fire with a bluish tint. It was the size of a kitchen plate with a tail approximately six feet in length. The tail was the same color with lesser brilliancy than the body. The object was traveling extremely fast. I could not make an estimate of the speed. It was traveling in flight on a straight plane with a slight slant toward the earth. The object disappeared from view behind a group of trees and was not seen again. The object resembled a shooting star but was very brilliant. The object did not appear to be a type of aircraft. I sighted this object at 2145 hours on the 26 July 1948."

On 27 August 1948, at 1030 hours, Mrs. Harry P. Proveaux of 608 Grant Avenue, North Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed at her residence by Special Investigator Morris. The informant stated the following in substance:

"I am a housewife and on 26 July 1948 my husband and I were in our car returning from the drug store at approximately 2130 or 2145 hours. We were crossing the 13th Street Bridge on our way home when we saw an object in the sky. The object was larger than a very large shooting star and was traveling from east to west. It was red with bluish-white. Following the trailing light, or tail, appeared to be another ball the approximate size of the one leading. The light was very brilliant and appeared to be traveling in the lower atmosphere. The object gradually

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disappeared from view in flight as if burning out or going beyond the line of vision. The object stayed the same size in flight until it disappeared and did not burn out in the manner of a shooting star. The object traveled in a straight or level plane."

The following is the weather report as reported by the Daniels Field Weather Station for the period of 2130 hours to 2230 hours, 23 July 1948:

The visibility was 12 miles. There were high scattered clouds with less than four-tenths coverage. The temperature was 82 degrees. The dewpoint was 67 degrees and the wind was from the southwest at 12 miles per hour. The barometric pressure was 30.02 inches of mercury. At 2230 hours, the weather aloft remained substantially the same except that the wind had decreased by eight miles per hour to six miles per hour. It was reported that no radio sound or balloon equipment was released at this time by the Weather Station at Daniels Field.

Attention is invited to the following Exhibits attached:

- EXHIBIT I - Article Robins Field Times, 9 August 1948, "ALIENT CROW SEEN SEES RED, OVERHEAD"
- EXHIBIT II - Article Augusta Chronicle, 27 July 1948, "BALL OF FIRE SEEN IN THE SKIES OVER AUGUSTA"
- EXHIBIT III - Article, Atlanta Constitution, 27 July 1948, "SAW FIREBALL"
- EXHIBIT IV - Weather Sequences 23 July 1948

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Source: *Atlanta Daily Times*, 9 August 1948 "SAINT JOHN HAS BEEN RED OVERHAUL"



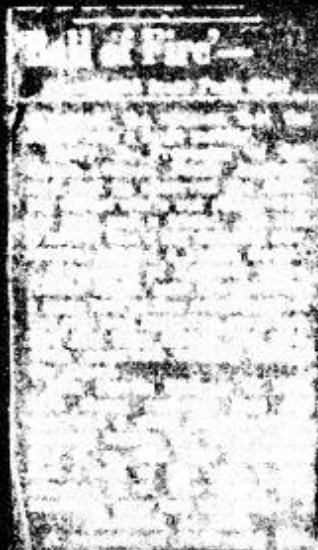
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EXHIBIT II

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Chronicle, Augusta, Chronicle, 27 July 1948, "BALL OF FIRE SEEN IN SKIES OVER AUGUSTA"



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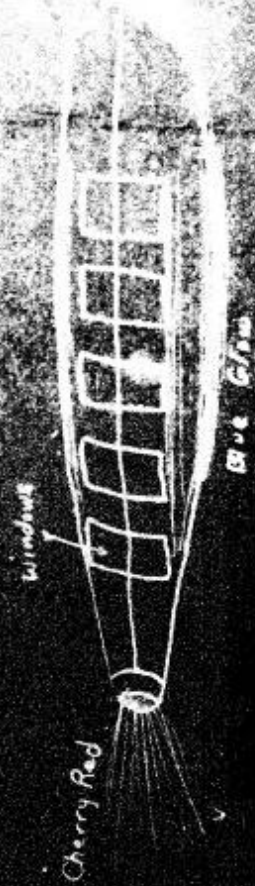
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WEATHER CONDITIONS ON THE 26 JULY 1948 UNTIL 2030 EST.

2 TENTHS OF CIRRUS CLOUDS AT 25,000 FT. WITH 1 TO 4 TENTHS OF
LOWER STRATO-CUMULUS AT 5000 FT. VISIBILITY 12 TO 15 MILES.
SURFACE WINDS LIGHT AND VARIABLE 2 TO 5 MILES PER HOUR.
THESE TEMPERATURE REACHED A HIGH OF 92°F. AT 1430 EST. AND
DROPPED TO 85°F. BY 2030 EST. THE STATION PRESSURE WAS GENERALLY
STEADY, BUT WITH A TENDENCY TO DROP.

2030 EST HCR 0450 12 143/85/71 CALN 998
STATION PRESSURE 28.955
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Atlanta Pilots Report Wingless Sky Monster

By ALBERT RILEY

Atlanta pilots of the Eastern Air Lines have baffled the world with a bizarre story of a wingless, jet-propelled, double-decker aircraft that they said they saw yesterday morning on the Montgomery approach to the airport at Mount Pleasant.

Capt. Clarence Shipe, Eastern's chief pilot, John B. Whitted, Eastern's chief pilot, said they saw a "wingless" aircraft flying over the city at a speed they estimated between 300 and 700 miles an hour. The mysterious aircraft was brilliantly lit with red lights on the windows. Underneath on the belly of the ship, they said, there was a sort of blue fluorescent glow.

Following a northeasterly course on a scheduled flight from Houston, Texas, via New Orleans, to Atlanta, the two pilots saw the strange object whiz past them in a southwesterly direction toward Mobile and New Orleans.

Both pilots, who served in Army fliers during the war, said they had never seen anything before that even faintly resembled the mystery craft, and they had no idea what it could have been.

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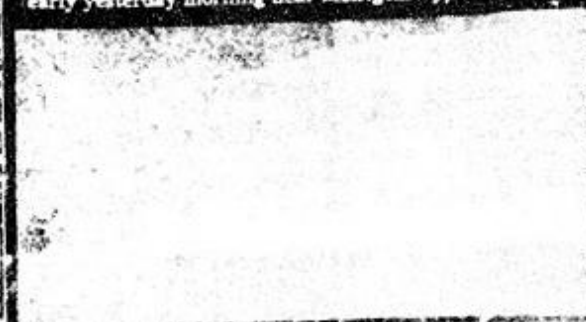
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DESCRIBE MYSTERIOUS "PLANE"—Co-Pilot John B. Whitted (left) and Pilot Clarence Shipe Chiles, of an Eastern Air Lines DC-3, tell Lockwood Doty, WCON News Director, how they saw a huge, strange, jet-propelled, double-decker, wingless aircraft whiz past them early yesterday morning near Montgomery, Ala.



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The pilot said the aircraft was flying at a speed they estimated between 300 and 700 miles an hour. The mysterious aircraft was brilliantly lit with red lights on the windows. Underneath on the belly of the ship, they said, there was a sort of blue fluorescent glow.

Following a northeasterly course on a scheduled flight from Houston, Texas, via New Orleans, to Atlanta, the two pilots saw the strange object whiz past them in a southwesterly direction toward Mobile and New Orleans.

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Massive 'Ball of Fire' Trailing Tail of Flame Sighted Over Atlanta

ATLANTA, July 25 (AP) — A massive, trailing ball of fire, described by witnesses as a "ball of fire" or "ball of flame," was sighted over Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday night, July 23, 1945. The fireball, which was reported to be about 100 feet in diameter, was seen by a large number of people, including several police officers and a fireman. The fireball was reported to be moving in a northerly direction, and was seen at a distance of about 10 miles from the city. The fireball was reported to be very bright, and was seen by many people who were not near the city. The fireball was reported to be very large, and was seen by many people who were not near the city. The fireball was reported to be very bright, and was seen by many people who were not near the city.

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August 17, 1948

Colonel Howard McCoy, M.C.I.
Office of the Commanding General, A.M.C. Headquarters
Wright Field
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Colonel McCoy:

I am enclosing herewith the data requested by
your Mr. A. C. Loedding.

I hope it meets your requirements.

Instructions have been issued that any flight
personnel who again see any unusual craft will report
them to our Vice President of Operations, Mr. Sidney L.
Shannon, and we shall be glad to get in further touch
with you.

Sincerely yours,



Stanley de J. Osborne
Vice President

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Memorandum

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TO S. L. Shannon

ADDRESS New York

FROM P. A. Stone

ADDRESS Atlanta

SUBJECT Capt. C. S. Chiles
Pilot J. B. Whitted

DATE August 6, 1948

As per your request, I give you below a brief outline of the employment of Capt. C. S. Chiles and Pilot J. B. Whitted by Eastern Air Lines.

Capt. C. S. Chiles - Capt. Chiles was employed January 4, 1940. He served Eastern Air Lines as a co-pilot up until the time he went into the Army on March 14, 1942. He returned to Eastern Air Lines on October 2, 1945. During the period of Chiles' service as co-pilot with Eastern Air Lines, he showed above average ability, with a progressive and conscientious attitude towards the company and his job. Immediately after he returned from the Army, he was checked out as captain, and started flying the line. He has had an exceptionally good record as captain, and appears to be very conscientious in all details of his job. He works very good with the CAA and ARC Centers, and has made any number of good suggestions to the company towards improvements and every-day flying procedures.

In my opinion, Captain Chiles is a very stable person. He is truthful and sincere in every respect, and his loyalty to Eastern Air Lines has been unquestionable.

Pilot J. B. Whitted - Pilot Whitted was released from the Army in November 1945, and applied for a position with Eastern Air Lines on November 27, 1945. His application was approved, and he was employed on July 1, 1946. Since that time, Pilot Whitted has shown constant improvement, and his pilot progress report grades are above those of the average co-pilot. Pilot Whitted is very conscientious, and in his work he appears to be very progressive. On our standardization sheets, he is now qualified as exceptionally good captain material.

In my estimation, Pilot Whitted is of a stable nature, and is very truthful in his statements.

F. A. Stone

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...a report of an unidentified aircraft which
...hit and me, as we were twenty miles
...Ala. July 24, 1948 as we were on
...way.

...were cruising at 5,000 feet when there came,
...at Jet type of aircraft to our right and
...passing us. It was a clear moon light night
...visibility excellent; therefore we were able to
...as it passed for a period of around ten seconds.
...that there were no wings present, that it was powered
...other type of power shooting flame from the
...feet. There were two rows of windows, which
...upper and lower deck, from inside these windows
...light was glowing. Underneath the ship there
...glow of light.

...passed, it pulled up into some light broken clouds
...lost from view. There was no prop wash or rough air
...as it passed.

...talking to the only passenger awake at the time, he
...the trail of fire as it passed and pulled into the
...I called the company at Columbus and ask if there
...any reported Jet Army Craft and requested if the AEC
...any aircraft under control. I was told that no such
...craft was reported by either source.

W. C. Smith
U.S. Marine
Captain E.A.L.

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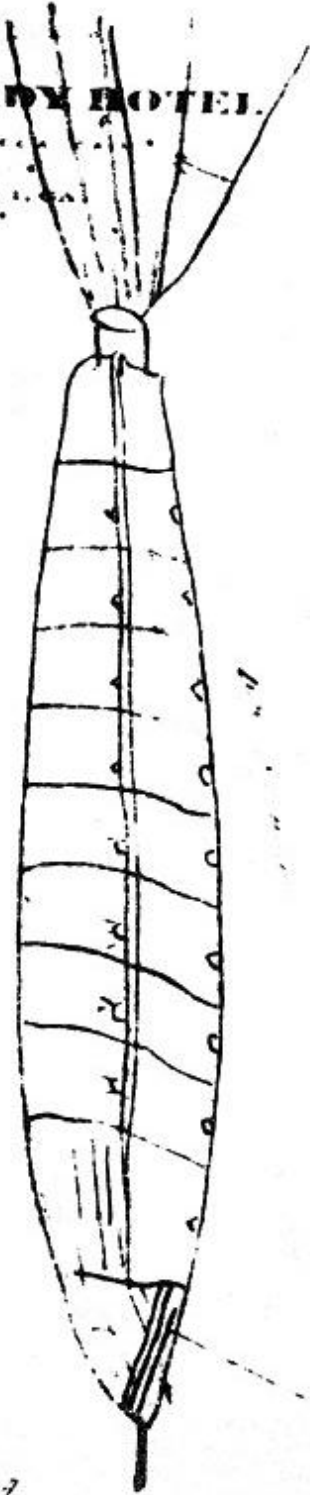
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HENRY GRADY HOTEL.

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HENRY GRADY HOTEL.

ATLANTA, GA.



EXHIBIT 1

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of the proposed system on the performance of the system. The study is divided into two main parts: a theoretical analysis and an experimental evaluation.

2. Theoretical Analysis

The theoretical analysis is based on the assumption that the system is a linear system. The analysis is performed using the Laplace transform. The results of the analysis show that the system is stable and that the response is bounded. The analysis also shows that the system has a high degree of robustness.

The experimental evaluation is performed using a computer simulation. The simulation results show that the system performs well under a wide range of conditions. The results also show that the system is able to handle a large amount of data.

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3. Conclusion

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- (1) That pertaining to sightings by Massey, Chiles, Whitted and McKelvie
- (2) That of Tuldvary, Canfield and Kingsley
- (3) That of Aramp, Russell, McKittrick, Skinner and Frowen
- (4) That of Call, Shaw, Mr & Mrs. Sebring, Mrs. Hill and Mr. Renfrow

b. To exclude irrelevant factors in a systematic manner, the information presented in Exhibit "B" is presented in the order of occurrence and significance.

(1) Incident #1

- a. Object was sighted 24 July 1948 between 0140 and 0150 EST from the ground at Robins Air Force Base, Macon, Georgia.
 - b. Object was again sighted from an altitude of 5,000 feet by Chiles & Whitted while flying a TC-3 over 20 miles south of Montgomery, Alabama. The time of the sighting was 24 July 1948 at approximately 0245 EST.
 - c. Both the Massey sighting and that of Chiles & Whitted describe the object as "cigar" or "cylindrical" in shape. (McKelvie perceived only the glow emitted by it)
 - d. All observers agree that the object was traveling in a general southerly heading and that it was trailed by a flame varying in color and that it behaved like a normal craft insofar as disappearing from the line of sight was concerned.
- NOTE: It is a known fact that at various conditions such as varying degrees of humidity and incidence of light refraction often influence the color of the light observed. This would serve to explain why many observers conflict in their descriptions as to color of light displayed by the object or its trail.
- e. Four witnesses to this sighting are involved; three are trained observers. In no instance were there any indications of subversive or ulterior influences involved.
 - f. Both the Massey account and that of Chiles, Whitted and McKelvie were officially made within a period of time that would preclude any chance of impressions being gained from radio or newspaper reports.

(C) Incident #2

Object #2 was observed by Felvary, Mansfield and Kingsley at 0230 hours on July 1948, while airborne, between Blackstone, Virginia, and Greensboro, North Carolina. This sighting is considered separately since the descriptions of speed as "meteoric" or "terrific", the manner of travel described as an arc or horizontal, and the fact that it "faded like a meteor" seem to indicate that the object seen was not the one observed in Incident 1.

(C) Incident #3

This object was observed between 2100 and 2300 hours on July 1948 at Columbus, and Augusta, Georgia, by observers Aver, Russell, Bell, Battle, Atkinson, Mr. Skinner, Provost and Gall. This object was not thought to be a meteor in that it maneuvered. The glow was described as varied in color but predominantly brilliant blue-white. The course was described as generally "southern". Although the dates seem to indicate that this sighting could not be the same as that described in Incident 1, yet the major portion of this testimony refers to a "blue white light". Observations in the first instance describe a "blue glow" running the entire length of the fuselage. When viewed from the ground it is logical to assume that the blue glow would be mostly visible.

NOTE: In this connection, Dr. Josef Allen Hink, astrophysicist, OSUMF, who is presently to serve as consultant on this project, was advised that it is possible for a celestial body to appear to travel in a straight line and slant downwards. (It is extremely improbable, although aerodynamically possible, for some objects to achieve an effect of lift through the forces generated during their flight through the atmosphere). It is his further opinion that it is impossible for any celestial body to maneuver violently and make sharp turns. It is extremely unlikely for heavenly bodies to appear to move slowly when passing through the lower layers of the atmosphere, but, from greater distances, it is possible to observe far-distant bodies for extended periods of time. Objective size is contingent upon (1) distance of the heavenly body from the earth and (2) its mass. The manner of disappearance of a meteor is like a light suddenly blinking off.

(b) Incident 4

Object #4 was observed by Shaw, Mr & Mrs. Sebring, Mrs Hill, Mrs Renfro and Mr. Nesmith, between the hours of 2045 to 2050, 26 July 1948, at Chamblce, Georgia and Augusta, Georgia. Description of this object seems to indicate that it was a meteor. Five of the observers said that the object was "football shaped"; that it appeared to be a green light with a silvery trail and that it observed level flight. The last observer stated that the speed was "10,000 to 20,000 mph" and that "it appeared to be 1/2 the size of a full moon", and that "it was a multi-colored, brilliant light trailing burning fragment." The terrific speed together with the description of a multi-colored light trailing burning fragments seems to establish this object as a meteor.

2. CONCLUSIONS

1. The only incident which possesses absolute intelligence significance is incident #1. It is obvious that this object was not a meteor. There has been no evidence to support any findings of unreliability, nor have there been any major inaccuracies on the part of the witnesses.

2. Weather reports establish areas of visibility as stated in the observers' reports.

3. Available information from Ordnance, Army, Navy and AF Western Bureau, Research Organizations, and other, failed to reveal any evidence of testing devices to which this incident could be attributed.

4. Apparently it is not of domestic origin since a thorough check of 225 flight schedules, both commercial and governmental, revealed that in only one instance did the reported flight paths cross. (See chart included as Exhibit "I". This single exception was the flight in a northwesterly direction of a C-47 enroute Robins AF Base to Olmsted Field, Pa. Its time of departure would have enabled it to have passed through the approximate areas on the 24 Jul. 1948 where the sightings were reported. However, the factors of speed, direction of flight, maneuvers, configurations, lights and other factors rule out this one possibility.

5. Objects similar in configuration have been reported as follows:

- a. Rocket-like objects capable of immense speed were seen during the past summer in broad daylight in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
- b. A wingless aircraft was observed moving at high speed at Obrechtstreet, Arnheim, The Hague, Holland. The object was seen intermittently through clouds and was reported to have two decks.

c. An American newspaperman observed a wingless craft some 25 miles from Moscow USSR which was traveling at a speed faster than that of a conventional aircraft.

d. That this development is possibly of foreign origin would seem to be a logical premise.

7. The heading of the object (generally south - S. W. or S. E. - would tentatively establish the destination as (1) United States or (2) Mexico.

8. While the cigar or torpedo shaped body represents an efficient form for the fuselage of an airplane or the body of a guided missile, in either case has it been used as a primary lift producing surface. However, an extension of the Prandtl theory of lift indicates that a fuselage of the dimensions reported by the Western Airlines pilots White and Chiles in the Montgomery, Alabama, incident could support a gross weight of approximately 12,000 pounds at a landing speed of 150 m.p.h., conservatively estimated. If a lift coefficient twice as great were used (such a value has been given by a German scientist from theory of air wind tunnel researches in Germany), a gross weight of 24,000 pounds could be supported at the same landing speed.

9. While the craft sighted by White and Chiles was reported to be without wing or fins, it is possible that it could have been equipped with extensible wings for take-off and landing, contained within the fuselage. In such a case, a wing span of nearly 90 feet would be possible. If an aspect ratio of 5 were used (18 ft mean aerodynamic chord), and if the wing design incorporated slots and flaps, the wing could support 115,200 pounds at a landing speed of 150 m.p.h. If the angle of incidence of the wing to the fuselage were sufficiently large, a further lift contribution from the fuselage could be obtained. In addition, lift could be obtained as a component of the propulsive jet thrust, or by angling or swiveling the propulsive jet, the total thrust could be applied as a lift force. Adding all of the possible lifting forces, there is no reason why the reported craft could not support a gross weight of the order of a quarter of a million pounds at a landing speed of 150 m.p.h. The further possibility that an extensible rotor, concealed within the fuselage, could have been used, would provide another method for landing and takeoff that would allow wingless flight at very high speed. Such a design could result in a relatively large duration of flight and corresponding range.

10. While no stabilizing fins were apparent on the "flying fuselage" reported by White and Chiles, it is possible that vanes within the jet, operated by a gyro-servo system could have provided static stability, longitudinally, directionally and laterally. The same vanes could also have been used for accomplishing static balance or trim, as well as control for maneuvering. A square tailed body of the type reported with the center of gravity sufficiently far forward can develop, approximately, a neutral

tionality and the possibility exists that definite static stability could be produced by a judicious use of flow-control slots located somewhere along the fuselage.

Robt P. Sneider
Capt, USAF
Project Officer

Incident # 145

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... .. The objects were found to be moving in excess of 500 mph
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... .. the surrounding woods. However, as the objects
... .. the sound seemed to enter the room like that of a
... .. ft. No exhaust trails were visible. There were no
... .. available.



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72ND RCN SQUADRON (VLR) PHOTOGRAPHIC
Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 731, c/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

LVRCS

SUBJECT: Report of Information on "Flying Discs"

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

ATTN : KODIN

1. At approximately 1205 AEST 9 July 1948, 1st Lt's Dominick J. Caracchia and Thomas E. Carpenter, both of the 72nd Recon Squadron (VLR) Photo, sighted a group of unidentified objects while fishing at Fielding Lake (6° 11' - 145° 40' W).

2. The weather at the time of the sighting was described as bright and sunny with unlimited visibility and no more than 5/10 strato-cumulus cloud coverage.

3. The objects resembled a group of dots, grayish black in color and numbering about 20. They were plainly visible, and were either spheroid or disc shaped. They appeared to be jockeying back and forth in the group formation, which gave the overall impression of a shotgun blast pattern.

4. The objects were estimated to be at 5,000 feet or more above the terrain, and were thought to be moving at a speed in excess of 500 M.P.H. (This figure was reached in view of the fact that the objects were out of sight in five seconds or less. The group seemed to be immediately below the clouds. Direction of flight was from SEW to ESE, and the objects were definitely flying a straight course.

5. Just before the objects were sighted, a loud roaring sound was heard, and was attributed to a strong wind blowing through the surrounding woods. However, as the objects approached and passed, the sound sharpened into a buzz much like that made by a group of Jet Aircraft. No exhaust trails were visible.

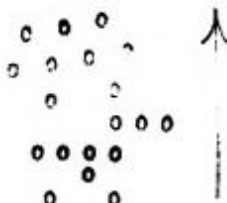
6. Photographs of the objects were not available. The following

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is a sketch of the overall conformation of the group. "O" indicate
individual objects, arrow indicates direction of flight:



GALLEN E. NIEDENFUEHR
Captain, USAFR
Intelligence Officer

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14 July 1948

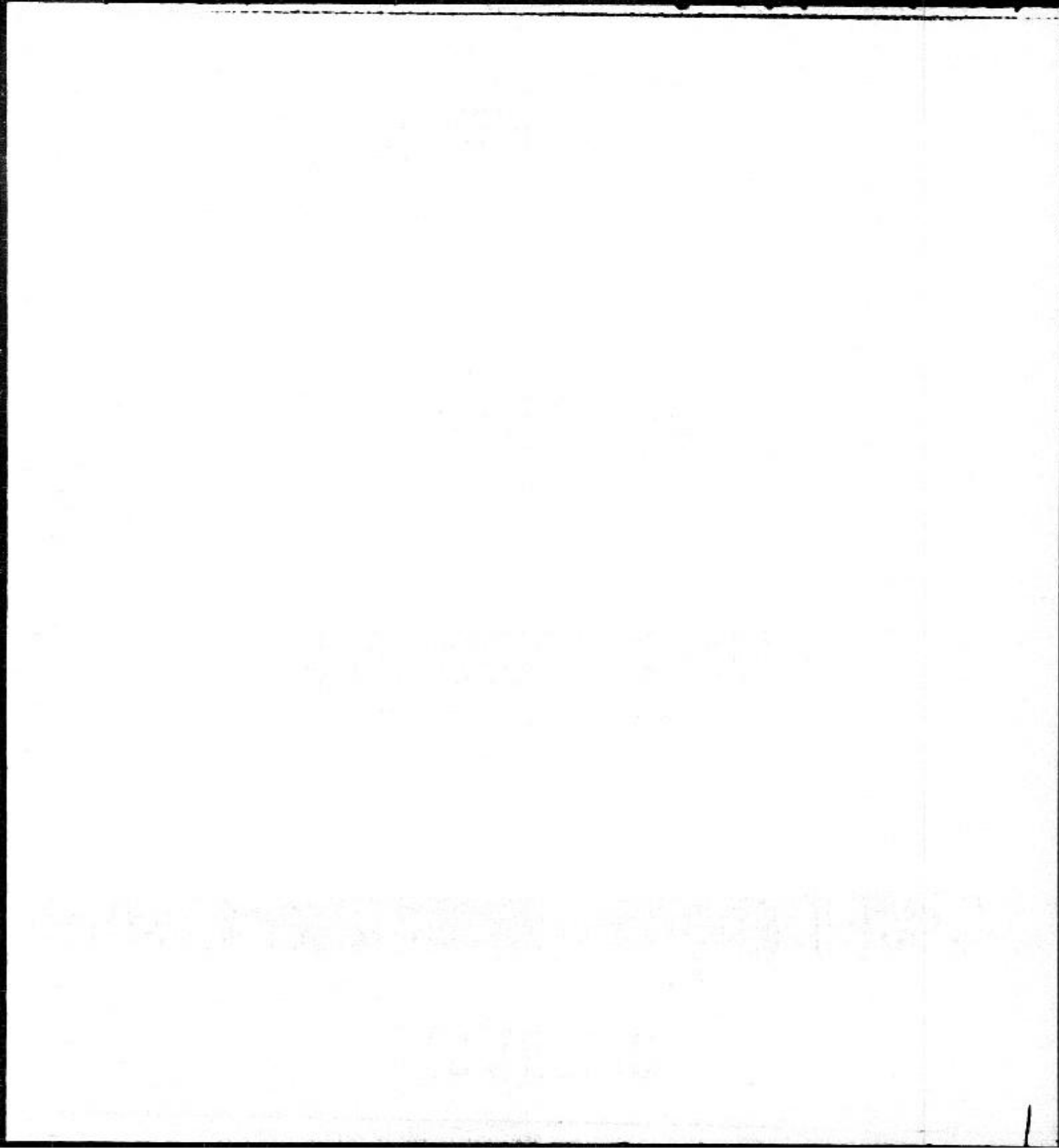
HEADQUARTER, YMAON COMPOSITE WING, Ladd Air Force Base, APO 731, c/o
Postmaster, Seattle, Washington

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright - Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIM

HOWARD A. BURL
Major, USAF
Staff Intelligence Officer

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Incident # 146



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 17 July 1948 Incident # 146
2. Time 1650
3. Location Vicinity of San Acacia Dam, 65 miles south of Albuquerque
4. Name of observers M/Sgt Wm R. Carter & M/Sgt Bernard E. Harvey
5. Occupation of observers M/Sgt Carter: Armament technician
M/Sgt Harvey: experienced AF non-com
6. Address of observer 425th AFHQ Kirtland AF Base
7. Place of observation Vicinity of San Acacia Dam
8. Number of objects 7
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 20,000 ft
12. Speed 1,500 MPH (if estimated altitude correct)
13. Direction of flight northerly heading (between north and northwest)
14. Tactics Maintained formation
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Color of aluminum aircraft at high altitude
18. Shape When overhead: circular. After passing south: indeterminate
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction metallic
21. Exhaust trails none
22. Weather conditions CAVU At 20,000 ft wind velocity 8 to 10 miles
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
N/S in northwest
26. Remarks: (over)

About 65 miles south of Albuquerque 7 unidentified objects flying on northerly heading were observed. Objects initially in V formation at an estimated altitude of 20,000 ft above earth. Formation varied from "V" to "L" to "Q" and then grouped in an irregular formation and a regular pulsating flashing light was observed from them after they had passed 30° beyond zenith. The shape was difficult to ascertain. When directly overhead they were circular and resembled a cluster of balloons traveling at a great rate of speed. The color was that of aluminum at high altitude (or white painted aircraft). If the altitude estimation is correct the speed could be estimated as 1500 MPH. There was no vapor, smoke or other trail visible. They did not appear spherical when viewed at oblique angle. Disappeared on heading between north and northwest.

AGENTS NOTES: Sgt Carter is a sober industrious, level headed individual, an ardent technician of outstanding ability. Definitely not the type to experience hallucinations. Info received in other instances from this individual in each instance proven accurate.

Sgt Harvey is an experienced AF man-com accustomed to the sight of aircraft at various altitudes and speeds.

EVALUATION OF INFORMANTS: "A"
OF INFORMATION: 3.

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Unidentified Objects in Flight

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ATTN: Mr. A. C. Loedding

Attention is invited to the inclosed agent's report relative to above subject,
dated 23 July 1948.

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dated 23 Jul 48 (trip)

THOS. S. McFARLAND, JR.

Major, USAF

Acting Chief, Operational Intel Div

Intelligence Department

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AGENT REPORT

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

Unidentified Objects in Flight

2. DATE SUBMITTED

23 July 1948

3. CONTROL, SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 22 July 1948 M/Sgt. William R. Carter, AF 6882242, and M/Sgt. Bernard E. Harvey, AF 6996775, 122nd AFHQ, Kirtland Air Force Base, made substantially the following statement to this agent:

On Saturday, 17 July 1948 at 1630 hours, while on a fishing trip in the vicinity of the San Antonio Dam, their party consisting of the two (2) informants and their wives and children, were parked for lunch some five (5) miles south of the dam. M/Sgts. Carter and Harvey were alone; the rest of the party were down at the stream. Sgt. Carter was taking a nap and Sgt. Harvey was just loafing around the camp area. Sgt. Harvey happened to look up and saw seven (7) unidentified objects approaching from the south in a V formation. While he watched, the objects slid off into an L formation. Sgt. Harvey's first impression was that the objects were some type of sub-sonic jet fighters and the type unknown to him. Sgt. Harvey awakened Sgt. Carter and pointed out the objects to him. The objects then moved into a circular formation after which they started shifting around retaining no regular formation. They were continuing on a northerly heading. At about thirty (30) degrees past the zenith, the objects were grouped in an irregular formation and a regular pulsating, flashing light was observed from the objects. No vapor, smoke or other trail was visible.

Weather conditions at the time of observation were CAVU. The altitude of the objects was estimated by both informants to be approximately twenty thousand (20,000) feet. If this altitude estimate is correct the estimated speed of the objects was approximately fifteen hundred (1,500) miles per hour based on the rate of angular movement. While the objects were overhead they appeared circular, however, when viewed before and after passing the zenith the shape was indeterminate but not circular. The color of the objects was indefinite but appeared to be that of an aluminum aircraft at high altitude. While overhead the objects resembled a cluster of balloons traveling at a high rate of speed but when viewed on the oblique they did not present the appearance of a sphere.

The two (2) informants had last had a drink of alcoholic contents at breakfast time of 17 July 1948. Since then they had fished for approximately six (6) hours, had eaten and loafed around.

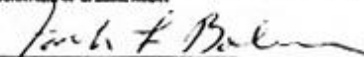
The portion of the party which was fishing at the time did not observe the objects.

AGENT'S NOTE: This agent is personally acquainted with Sgt. Carter and has a working acquaintance with Sgt. Harvey. Sgt. Carter is a sober, industrious, level headed individual, an excellent technician of outstanding ability. He is definitely not the type of person who would be expected to be visited by hallucinations. Sgt. Harvey is an experienced Air Force man who is accustomed to the sight of aircraft at various altitudes and speeds. This agent has no reason to doubt Sgt.

1. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

Jack L. Baling
S/A 782-2 GIB Det. (HAW)

2. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT



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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

Harvey's statement. Information has been received in other instances from Sgt. Carter and in each instance was entirely accurate. The evaluation assigned to the informants on this report is given on the basis of the character of the informants and previous experience with information received from Sgt. Carter.

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On 23 July 1948 this agent requested a check of winds aloft for the date and location concerned in this incident. The following information was obtained from 2nd Lt. Lloyd D. Smith, AG790479, Weather Officer: From ground level to ten thousand (10,000) feet wind one hundred ninety (190) degrees at ten (10) miles per hour. From ten (10) to sixteen thousand (16,000) feet the wind shifted gradually from one hundred ninety (190) degrees at ten (10) miles per hour to one hundred twenty (120) degrees at five (5) to eight (8) miles per hour. Sixteen (16) to twenty thousand (20,000) feet the wind shifted from one hundred twenty (120) degrees at five (5) to eight (8) miles per hour to two hundred ninety (290) degrees at ten (10) miles per hour.

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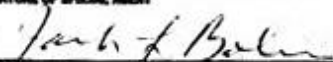
The San Acacia Dam area is located some sixty five (65) miles south of Albuquerque, New Mexico on the Rio Grande River.

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

Jack L. Belling
S/A 700-F GIN Det. (UNAF)

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT



PRIORITY

23 July 1948

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOCI

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Maj. USAF
Chf, Investigation Sec
Operational Intel Div
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MARSHALL C. KIDWELL
Lt Col, USAF
Chf, Operational Intel Div
Intelligence Department

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Incident # 147

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **27 July 48** Incident # **147**
2. Time **2200**
3. Location **Springfield, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. E. H. Gibson**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **1217 East Main St.**
7. Place of observation **Springfield, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **3 seconds**
11. Altitude **Great height**
12. Speed **That of a jet plane**
13. Direction of flight **north**
14. Tactics **None - traveled in straight line**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **Witness stated object resembled "huge ball"**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **Round**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Bright red tail of fire**
22. Weather conditions **Some thunder and lightning**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Flew out of sight**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On night of 27 July 48, at 2200 hours observer saw object which resembled a huge ball in the sky. It came from the south and was headed north traveling at speed of jet planes which often fly over observer's house. Object trailed a bright red tail of fire and traveled in a straight line. There was some lightning and thunder at the time, but from observer thought the object something entirely foreign. No noise could be heard. Object only seen for three seconds.

Agents note: Mrs. Gibson is the wife of a local carpenter, and is highly respected. Not inclined to exaggerate or brag, according to neighbors.

On July 17, 1947, Mrs. H. N. Gibson, housewife, 1217 East Main Street,
St. Louis, Mo., was interviewed concerning a strange object which she
saw in the sky, and stated in substance:

On July 17, 1947, at 2200 hours, I saw an object in the sky
resembled a huge ball. This object came from the south, and was
traveling at about the speed of jet airplanes which fly
in the sky. The object trailed a bright white smoke.
There was no lightning and thunder at the time, but
the object was very bright. I could not
see it clearly - probably because of the great light of the object.
I saw the object for a period of about three seconds before it flew out
of sight. I did not see any other objects in the neighborhood of the object.
I did not see anything like this object before, and I have never seen it

Agent's Note: Mrs. Gibson is the wife of a coal carpenter, and is
a native of St. Louis. She is inclined to exaggerate or brag, according to

AGENT REPORT

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

2. DATE SUBMITTED

30 July 1948

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

AIABR-2/

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 28 July 1948, Mrs. H. M. Gibson, housewife, 1217 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio, was interviewed concerning a strange object which she saw in the sky, and stated in substance:

"On the night of 27 July 1948, at 2200 hours, I saw an object in the sky which resembled a huge ball. This object came from the south, and was heading north, and travelled at about the speed of jet airplanes which fly over here often. The object trailed a bright red tail of fire and travelled in a straight line. There was some lightning and thunder at the time, but I am sure that this object was something entirely foreign. I could hear no noises which were strange, probably because of the great height of the object. I could see the object for a period of about three seconds before it flew out of sight. I do not know of anyone else in the neighborhood who saw the object. I have never seen anything like this object before, and I have no idea what it is."

Agent's Note: Mrs. Gibson is the wife of a local carpenter, and is highly respected. She is not inclined to exaggerate or brag, according to neighbors.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

EDWIN A. MURPHY
109th CIC Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

/signed/ Edwin A. Murphy

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3			INFORMATION
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REMARKS At the height of the storm's lightning display at 10 p. m., Springfield seemingly had its first report of the mysterious "phantom flicker" which has been reported in the nation's south and far west. H. M. Gibson of 1217 E. Main advised that he and his wife from their backyard had sight an aerial object with a "ball of fire" at both front and back and about 15 feet long, high up and passing from the south horizon out of sight northward in four seconds. "You could best describe it by comparing it with a half dollar at the front of a cigar," said Mr. Gibson. "It certainly wasn't lightening." "I'm pretty imaginative but my wife is not," Mr. Gibson declared and we both saw it." He added that he had never "seen" a "flying saucer" and never believed in them. Clipping from Springfield Morning Sun - 28 July 48 (Springfield, Ohio)			
FROM NAME OR TITLE		DATE	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	
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Incident # 148

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 148

1. Date **28 July 48**
2. Time **0400**
3. Location **Springfield, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Rose Henry**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **826 Dibert Ave., Springfield, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **826 Dibert Ave., Springfield, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **1st time: 5 minutes. 2d time: 15 minutes**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **Remained nearly stationary**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **Hovering**
15. Sound **Witness thought she heard sound of plane before she saw the object**
16. Size **About the size of a basketball**
17. Color **Intense yellow**
18. Shape **Round**
19. Color 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 **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Faded away**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On morning of 28 July (about 0400) Mrs Rose Henry happened to look out of her bedroom window toward the northeast and saw an object the size of a basketball which gave off an intense yellow light. It remained for some 5 minutes and appeared to fade away. ~~Summit~~ In a moment it reappeared and was visible for some fifteen minutes, then faded away completely. It made no noise. Sound like that of a plane heard before the object was seen. No witnesses.

Agent's Note: Mrs. Henry is a colored woman about 50 yrs of age and is a respected member of the community. She appeared well educated and sure of her statements during the interview.

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AGENT REPORT

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

2. DATE SUBMITTED

30 July 1948

SUBJECT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 28 July 1948, Mrs. Rose Henry, housewife, 328 Dibert Avenue, Springfield, Mo., was interviewed regarding a strange object which she had seen in the sky and stated as follows:

This morning (28 July) I happened to look out of my bedroom window towards the northeast and saw an object the size of a basketball which gave off an intense yellow light. I first saw the object at 0400 and it remained until 0405 when it seemed to fade away. I saw the object reappear in a moment and it stayed for about fifteen minutes. The object made no noise, and moved only slightly before it faded away completely. I am not certain, but I think that I heard an airplane before I first saw the object. I have no idea what this object was, and have never seen anything like it. None of the neighbors saw the object to my knowledge.

Agent's Note: Mrs. Henry is a colored woman about 50 years of age, and is a respected member of the community. She appeared to be well educated, and was sure of her statements during the interview.

5. FULL NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

WORTH A. MURPHY
109th CIC Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

/signed/ Edwin A. Murphy

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Incident # 149

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 149

1. Date 19 Jan 48
2. Time 7:30 AM
3. Location North Jutland (Hjerrin, the Sæw and Hjerup)
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S) Taken from ONA E-34-48 (NAD 11796)
as prepared by Lt Col Franklin E.
Tomlinson
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation North Jutland
8. Number of objects ~~XXXX~~ Three
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed apparently rocket-like
13. Direction of flight ~~XXXX~~ East - West
14. Tactics "suddenly stopped, exploded and disappeared"
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape ball - smooch
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction rocket-like objects
21. Exhaust trails ~~tailfin~~ tail of green light
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Exploded and disappeared
26. Remarks: (over)

Various parts of North Jutland have reported that on 19 Jan 45 at 7:30 AM the numerous so-called flying saucers were observed. The phenomena has been observed in Hjerring, the Sæw and Hjerup. The objects were surrounded by a bluish light and had tail of green light, moving east west. One observer thought they looked like three balls. Several observers in the Sæw say they were rocket-like objects which suddenly stopped, exploded and disappeared.

M/A COM WT: Impossible to get any verification of this from Danish officials or Danish War Ministry.

Incident # 149

Incident # 150

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 150

1. Date **Approx 1 Mar 48**
2. Time **0930 hours**
3. Location **Swedish Coast**
4. Name of observer **N/S - a Norwegian pilot**
5. Occupation of observer **OEL pilot**
6. Address of observer **N/S** **Material taken from MA B-130-48**
7. Place of observation **Air - enroute from Aalborg, Denmark to Oslo, Norway**
MAD 20560
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **4 seconds**
11. Altitude **20,000 ft**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **Southeast - passing along Swedish Coast and disappearing over Norway**
14. Tactics **N/S - flight path followed earth's surface**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S but emanated a bluish-green flame**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Over Norway**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

An OHL plane enroute from Aalborg, Denmark, to Oslo, Norway, sighted a projectile coming from the southeast, passing along the Swedish Coast and disappearing over Norway. The missile was at 20,000 ft and disappeared over the horizon in four seconds. It emitted a bluish-green flame but left no trail in the sky. The projectile seemed to skim follow the earth's surface.

Notes: Similar missiles have been observed at Kjeller, Norway & Finse, Norway.

In this connection, it is of interest to know that heavy water is currently being produced in Kjeller.

Observers: A Norwegian pilot and his co-pilot.
The pilot served with the Royal Norwegian AF in Great Britain.

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Incident # 151

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 29 July 1948 Incident # 151
2. Time 0955
3. Location Northeastern part of Indianapolis, Indiana (See attached sketch of location)
4. Name of observer Mr. James W. Toney & Mr. Robert Huggins
5. Occupation of observers ~~None~~ Both employees of W. O. Jones Rug Cleaners
6. Address of observer Toney: 235 So Bradley, Indianapolis
Huggins: 5040 Indianaola, Indianapolis
7. Place of observation (See attached drawing of location)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S - not over a few hundred feet
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 30 feet - just above tree-tops
12. Speed 25 to 30 MPH
13. Direction of flight He dived south in bank to left
14. Tactics gliding with no apparent spinning action
15. Sound no discernible sound
16. Size 6 to 8 feet long by 1-1/2 to 2 feet wide (See attached drawing.)
17. Color Aluminum and shiny in color
18. Shape Shaped like a broad short propeller (See attached drawing.)
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Aluminum construction
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions CAVU - no clouds
23. Effect on clouds No clouds
24. Sketches or photographs 2
25. Manner of disappearance Went down in wooded area (seemingly)
26. Remarks: (over)

Object was shaped like a broad short propeller approximately 6 to 8 ft. each blade approximately 2 feet wide and approximately one foot thick with cups on upper side of blades. It appeared aluminum and shiny in color. Traveled approximately 25 to 30 MPH. It was sighted just above the trees at a proximately a 30 ft altitude in bank to the left of approx 20° and appeared in a slight descent. There was no discernible sound and no exhaust trail.

NOTE: Track had just started across bridge (see diag) when object was sighted directly ahead above the trees. Witnesses stopped on the other side of the cantilever bridge but could not relocate object.

Search by Lt John E. Hoskins, Base PIO, and Lt Russell J. Carey, Jr. Base Intel Off. (331st AFBU) Res Tng Stout Fld. did not produce any result. However the area in which it was believed to have fallen is densely wooded with many hills and valleys. See diagram attached.

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HEADQUARTERS
331ST AIR FORCE BASE UNIT (RES TNG)
STOUT FIELD, INDIANAPOLIS 6, INDIANA

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3 August 1948

SUBJECT: Report on "Flying Disc"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

In accordance with ADC Letter 45-5 Subject: Reporting of information on "Flying Discs", dtd 25 March 1948, the following report is hereby submitted:

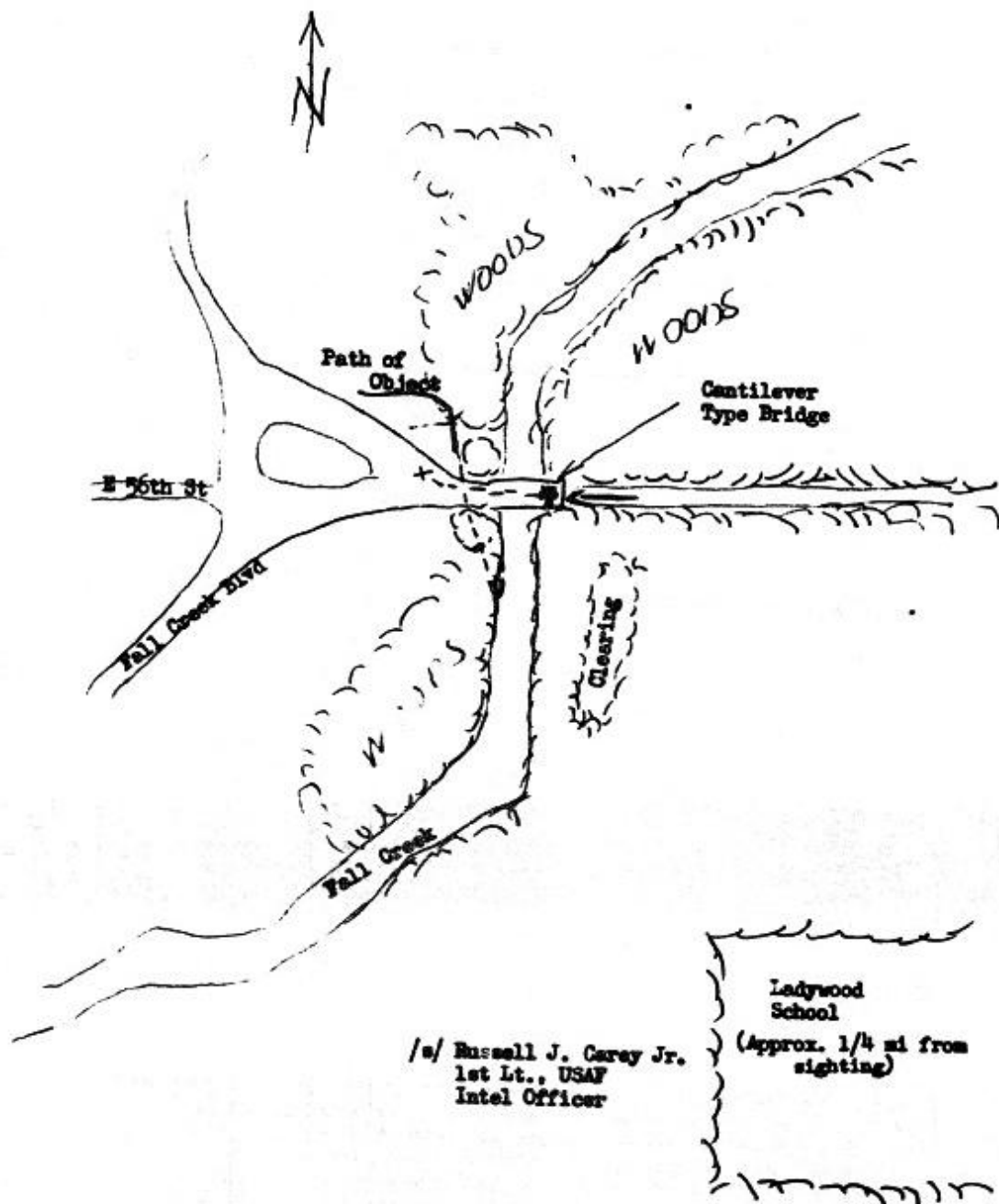
- (1) Sighted at approximately 0955 hours on 29 July 1948 at the bridge East of the intersection of East 56th St and Fall Creek Boulevard in the Northeastern part of Indianapolis, Indiana.
- (2) Weather at time of sighting was excellent, no clouds in sky.
- (3) Witnessed by Mr. James W. Toney 235 So. Bradley, Indianapolis and Mr. Robert Huggins 5040 Indiana Ave, Indianapolis, both employed by the W.O. Jones Rug Cleaners, 4440 N. Keystone Ave, Indianapolis.
- (4) No photographs available.
- (5) Sketch of object attached.
- (6) Object sighted:
 - (a) One (1)
 - (b) Shaped like a broad short propeller.
 - (c) Approximately six (6) to eight (8) feet long, each blade approximately two (2) feet wide and approximately one (1) foot thick with cups on upper side of blades.
 - (d) Appeared to be aluminum and shiny in color.
 - (e) Traveling approximately twenty-five (25) or thirty (30) mph.
 - (f) Headed approximately South and in a bank to the left.
 - (g) Sighted just above the trees at approximately thirty (30) feet altitude.
 - (h) Appeared to be gliding with no apparent spinning action.
 - (i) Made no discernable sound.
 - (j) No exhaust trail
- (7) Two witnesses were in a company truck at time of sighting

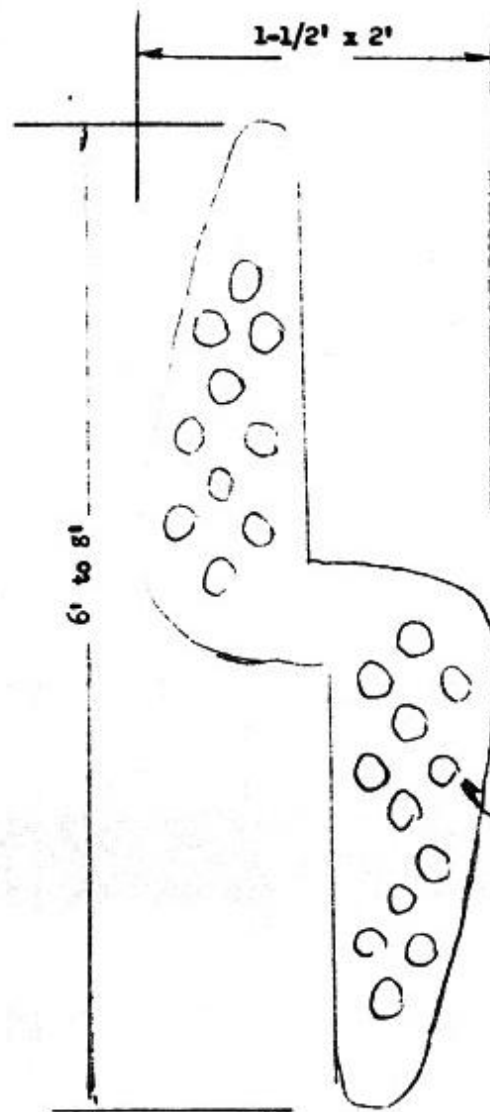
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and were headed West on East 56th Street. Just as the truck started across the bridge, the object was sighted directly ahead just above the trees in a bank to the left of approximately twenty degrees (20°) and appeared to be in a slight descent. Witnesses stopped on the other side of the bridge and jumped out for another look but the object could not be seen. Lt. John E. Hoscins, Base FIO and Lt. Russell J. Carey Jr. Base Intelligence Officer made an investigation and thoroughly searched the area but could not find the object, however the area in which the object was believed to have fallen was densely wooded and had many hills and valleys. See diagram attached of the area of sighting.

JAMES A. ROWIN
Colonel USAF
Commanding

- 2 Incls
Incl 1 - Diagram of
Object Sighted
Incl 2 - Map of area
of sighting





/s/ Russell J. Correy, Jr.
1st Lt., USAF
Intel Officer

These are round cups which protrude

Incident # 151

Incident # 152

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 152

1. Date **31 July 48**
2. Time **0825**
3. Location **Indianapolis, Indiana (South-Central part)**
4. Name of observer **Mr. & Mrs Vernon Swigert**
5. Occupation of observer **~~YANKEE~~ an electrician and housewife**
6. Address of observer **2020 Boyd St., Indianapolis, Indiana**
7. Place of observation **As above -**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **10 seconds**
11. Altitude **2,000 ft**
12. Speed **1800 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **90° - east**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **~~30-40 ft dia~~ - 20 ft in dia. and approx 6 to 8 ft in height in center - Ratio about 3:1**
17. Color **white with no shine**
18. Shape **like a cymbal**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Sky clear**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **1**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Object first perceived in the west. The object was shaped like a cylinder with smooth surfaces and approximately 20 feet in diameter at the base and approximately 6 to 8 feet in height in the center. Ratio was about 3:1. It appeared to be flat white in color with no shine. It traveled extremely fast crossing the sky in approximately 10 seconds (a distance of about 5 miles) on a 90° heading. It maintained a level course and shimmered in the sun giving the appearance of spinning. The altitude was estimated at approximately 2,000 ft. Object made no discernible sound and left no exhaust trail. No openings were noted on the object.

NOTE: Mr. Seigert was standing by open bathroom window which faces the west when he was attracted by the object in the sky. Couldn't believe his eyes. He rushed into adjoining kitchen and showed his wife the object thru the kitchen window facing south. He thought stated the object appeared large enough to carry one person.

NO E: Investigation conducted by Intel Officer, 1st Lt Russell J. Carey, Jr. on a call from Mr. Seigert. It was noted that visibility was good from both windows for such observation.

No other reports received on this object.

**HEADQUARTERS
331ST AIR FORCE BASE UNIT (RMS TNG)
STOUT FIELD, INDIANAPOLIS 6, INDIANA**

AF331BI

3 August 1948

SUBJECT: Report on "Flying Disc"

**TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDHM**

In accordance with ADC Letter 45-5, subject: Reporting of information on "Flying Discs", dtd 25 March 1948, the following report is hereby submitted:

- (1) Sighted at approximately 0025 hours on 31 July 1948 in the South central part of the city of Indianapolis, Ind.
- (2) Sky was clear at time of sighting.
- (3) Witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swigert, 2080 Boyd St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Swigert is an electrician.
- (4) No photographs available.
- (5) Sketch of object attached.
- (6) Object sighted:
 - (a) One (1)
 - (b) Shaped like a cymbal with smooth surfaces.
 - (c) Approximately twenty (20) feet in diameter at the base and approximately six (6) feet to eight (8) ft in height at center. Ratio about 3:1.
 - (d) Appeared to be flat white in color with no shine.
 - (e) Traveling extremely fast, crossing the sky (a distance of about five (5) miles) in approximately ten (10) seconds.
 - (f) Heading ninety degrees (90°).
 - (g) Object maintained a level course and shimmered in the sun giving the appearance of spinning.
 - (h) Altitude of the object estimated at approximately two thousand (2000) feet.
 - (i) Made no discernable sound.
 - (j) No exhaust trail.
- (7) Mr. Swigert was standing by open bathroom window, which faces West, and was shaving when attracted by the object in the sky. Couldn't believe his own eyes so he rushed into adjoining kitchen and showed wife the object through kitchen window facing South. Mr. Swigert stated the object appeared large enough to carry one person. No openings were noted on the object. Investigation conducted by the

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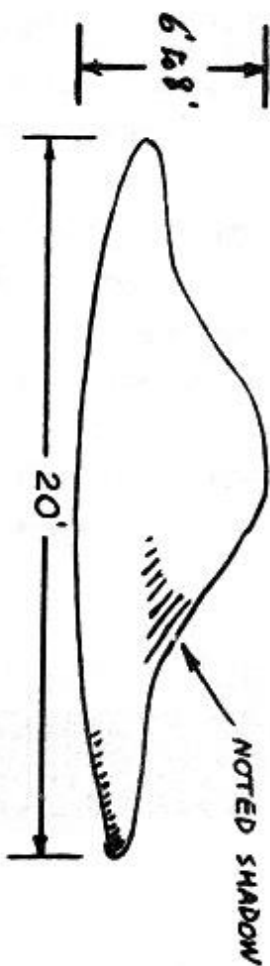
Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. Russell J. Carey Jr. on a
call from Mr. Swigert. On the investigation, it was noted
that the visibility was good from both windows for such an
observation. No other reports were received on this object.

JAMES A. BOHIN
Colonel USAF
Commanding

1 Incl - Diagram of
Object Sighted

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(Ratio approx. 3:1)

Franklin J. Conroy
 SERGEANT, 1st CAV
 1st Lt., USAF
 Intelligence Officer

Incident # 152

Incident # 123

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date ~~16-24-48~~ 5 August 48 Incident # 153
2. Time 0100 hours
3. Location Between Farrott, Ga. and Richland, Ga.
4. Name of observer James Amaral, Former AF Pilot
5. Occupation of observer E/S - but formerly AF pilot
6. Address of observer E/S (Info forwarded f/Turner AF Base)
7. Place of observation Between P. rrott, Ga. & Richland, Ga.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer E/S
10. Time in sight 5 to 10 seconds
11. Altitude 20,000 to 35,000 ft
12. Speed ~~3800~~ 3600 MPH (estimated)
13. Direction of flight 250°
14. Tactics E/S
15. Sound None
16. Size E/S
17. Color blue-white streak of light
18. Shape "streak"
19. Odor detected E/S
20. Apparent construction "rocket-like"
21. Exhaust trails A trail of sparks several miles long followed it
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds E/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance E/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Witness was traveling between Parrott, Ga., and Richland, Ga., in an automobile when he observed a brilliant blue-white streak of light which lasted from 5 to 10 seconds, traveling in an apparent level flight on a heading of approximately 250°, at about 30,000 ft altitude (estimated). After the light disappeared a trail of sparks was observed which appeared several miles long. This trail lasted from 45 seconds to (1) minute

NOTE: Mr. Amral did not believe this to be any celestial but based on his experience as a pilot in the AF, he stated it appeared to be a burst of power applied to a rocket or rocket ship.

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HEADQUARTERS 31ST FIGHTER WING
OFFICE OF THE A-2
Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia

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11 August 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

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

Attention: MOI

In compliance with Letter, Hq TAC, Subject: same as above, file TAC 000.92, dated 16 February 1948, and amendment thereto dated 1 March 1948, the following report is submitted.

- a. Between Parrott, Ga. and Richland, Ga.,
5 August 1948 at 0100 hours.
- b. Clear, CAVU
- c. James Amaral, Former Air Force Pilot, Albany,
Georgia.
- d. None available.
- e. Only exhaust visible.
- f. Object sighted

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) One | (6) Between 235 deg |
| (2) Unknown | and 270 deg. |
| (3) Unknown | (7) Unknown |
| (4) Unknown | (8) 20000 to 35000 ft. |
| (5) 3600 MPH (estimated) | (9) None heard |
| | (10) Yes |

g. Witness was traveling between Parrott, Ga. and Richland, Ga. in an automobile when he observed a brilliant blue-white streak of light which lasted from 5 to 10 seconds, traveling in an apparent level flight on a heading of

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Reporting of Information on Flying Discs, dtd 11 Aug 48.

approximately 250 degrees, at about 30000 ft altitude (estimated). After the light disappeared a trail of sparks was observed which appeared several miles long. This trail lasted from 45 seconds to one (1) minute.

Mr. Amaral was questioned as to the possibility of his observations being a meteor or some other Celestial phenomena and he stated that he had observed many Meteors and falling stars but never anything resembling this. He stated that it appeared to be a burst of power applied to a rocket or rocket ship. Mr. Amaral based his estimates of speed and altitude on his past experience as a Pilot in the Air Force.

WILLIAM P. CUMISKY
Captain, USAF
Wing A-2

Information cys to:

Hq TAG (2 cys)

Hq Ninth Air Force (1 cy)

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Incident # 194

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #154

1. Date **2 Aug 48**
2. Time **1945 hours**
3. Location **Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Charles Saunders**
5. Occupation of observer **Attorney**
6. Address of observer **265-1/2 South High St**
7. Place of observation **Yard of 1337 Clifton Ave., Columbus, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **10-15 minutes**
11. Altitude **1,500 to 2000 ft**
12. Speed **15 M H**
13. Direction of flight **Moving south from the north**
14. Tactics **Constant slow speed - Once it hesitated & then trail of smoke issued from opposite direction of travel. Changed position assuming different shapes**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **Judged to be about 20 to 30 ft in diameter**
17. Color **N/S. Perimeter: constant gray-black. Center: transparent.**
18. Shape **Changing. First: side-view: Parallelogram. Second: ^{circular} ~~similar~~ then reverted to original form**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **thin trail of smoke**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU**
23. Effect on clouds **No clouds**
24. Sketches or photographs **4 sketches**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

On 2 Aug 48 at approx 1945 a round object which appeared to be about 20 to 30 ft in diameter was observed moving in southerly direction from the north over center of Columbus. Had constant gray-black perimeter with a transparent center. The blue sky could be observed through this gray-black perimeter while it moved at a constant, slow speed of about 15 MPH. It made no noise of any kind. Once it hesitated in its movements and a thin trail of smoke issued from the opposite direction of travel. The smoke soon disappeared and was not seen again during the 10 to 15 minutes object was visible to the observer. The object changed position - but not direction of travel - three times. When first seen, it evidently presented a side view which was a parallelogram in shape. (See). Slowly its position altered and it became circular in form, only to revert after a time to its original form. The altitude was judged to be some 1500 to 2000 ft above ground.

Agent's Note: Saunders drew the following sketches

Fourth

Third

Second

First

The above drawings constitute four positions of one phase. The object passed thru three of these phases during the 15 minute period.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **2 Aug 48** Incident # **154a**
2. Time **7:50 P. M.**
3. Location **Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Jaynes Saunders, A. B., M. A.**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **1337 Clifton Ave, Columbus, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Columbus, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **15 minutes**
11. Altitude **N/S**
~~XX~~ **1/2 mile high**
12. Speed **slow and regular speed**
13. Direction of flight **from North to South to Southwest**
14. Tactics **N/S**
Oblong to circular to oblong change in shape
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **of small plane**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **Changing but circular for the most part**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **tail of smoke**
22. Weather conditions **Unusually favorable for observation. Light sufficient**
without interference from sun's rays.
23. Effect on clouds **Cloudless**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

On 2 Aug 48, at 7:50 P. M. Mrs. Saunders observed an unusual object in the sky. Her attention was directed toward it because some neighborhood children were looking toward the north. She called her husband, Charles Saunders, (Inc 154) to witness the phenomenon. The sky was cloudless and the light was then sufficient, without interference from the rays of the sun which were hidden by the buildings of the city.

Object first appeared oblong in shape and was traveling from north to south at a slow, regular speed. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ at a height of a half mile. During the 15 minutes under observation the object traveled approx 7-1/2 miles. Although it did not change its course, it presented different appearances from time to time. From oblong to circular then to oblong. Object went thru this change three different times until observer lost sight of it. However, for the most part it presented a circular appearance. Outline very dark in contrast with the transparency of the center. Only when the shape appeared circular was observer aware of the center being a void. Once as it hesitated momentarily, observer noticed a tail of smoke emanating from the rear, after which the object continued in a southerly direction. This tail of smoke was observed but once. The size appeared to be that of a small plane. It made no sound altho at one time observer thought she detected one. At approx 8:00 P. M. observer lost sight of the object just as it appeared to be changing direction from South to Southwest.

16 August 1948

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: AG of S, G-2
 Headquarters Second Army
 Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

FROM: Director of Intelligence
 General Staff
 Department of the Army
 Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, File 20010
 452.1, Subject Unconventional Aircraft, dated 21 March 1948, and to
 your Control Order 4-1917.

2. In compliance with paragraph 2, above mentioned letter,
 inclosed herewith are six agent reports concerning the sighting of
 Unconventional Aircraft.

3. A copy of attached report has been furnished the Commanding
 General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

1 Incl
 Apt re kr & Mrs Saunders

JOSEPH A. BYD
 Captain, Infantry
 District Intelligence Officer

cc:
 AGC, Wright Fld

AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

2. DATE SUBMITTED

16 August 1948

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

- (2) On 10 August 1948, Jaymes Saunders, A.B., M.A., housewife, 1337 Clifton Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed and stated in substance:

On 2 August 1948, at 7:50 p.m., I observed an unusual object in the sky. My attention was directed toward it because the children in the neighborhood had stopped playing and were looking toward the North. I called to my husband, Charles Saunders, immediately who came out of the apartment to look. The weather was unusually favorable for observation. The sky was cloudless, and the light was more than sufficient without interference from the rays of the sun which were hidden by the buildings of the City. I observed one object which at first was oblong in shape traveling from North to South at a slow and regular speed. I observed this object at least fifteen minutes during which time it traveled approximately seven miles at a height of a half mile. Although its direction of travel did not change, the object presented different appearances from time to time. From oblong to circular, then to oblong. The object went through this change three different times until I lost sight of it. However, the object for the next part, presented a circular appearance. The outline of the object was very dark in contrast with the transparency of the center. Only at the time I observed the circular shape was I aware of the center being a void. The object seemed to hesitate momentarily soon after I first noticed it. From its rear, I saw a tail of smoke, and the object continued in a southerly direction. I observed this tail of smoke but once. Taking into consideration the height and distance of the object from where I stood, I would estimate the object to be as large as a small airplane. It made no sound, although at one time I thought I detected one; however, I dismissed it from my mind as a part of traffic in another part of the city. At approximately 8:00 p.m. I lost sight of the object just as it appeared to be changing direction from South to Southwest. (B-2)

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

/Signed/ George W. Henderson

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2. DATE SUBMITTED

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3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

- (1) On 11 August 1948, Charles Saunders, attorney, 265 1/2 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed and stated in substance:

On 2 August 1948, at approximately 1945 hours, my wife called to me to come out into the yard at 1337 Clifton Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, in order to observe a strange sight in the sky. The atmosphere was clear, visibility excellent and the heavens were without cloud or haze. I saw a single object, round in shape, which appeared to be about twenty to thirty feet in diameter, and moving in a southerly direction from the North, over the center of the City of Columbus. The object had a constant grey-black perimeter while the center was transparent. The blue sky could be observed through the grey-black outline of the object, while it moved at a constant and slow speed. Once, I observed the object to hesitate in its movement, and a thin trail of smoke issue from opposite direction of travel. The smoke soon disappeared, and I did not observe it again during the ten or fifteen minutes I followed it with my eye. In its movement, the object changed positions, but not the direction of travel three times. Upon first seeing the object, evidently a side view was presented, which was a parallelogram in shape. Slowly its position altered and it became circular in form, only to revert, after a time, to its original form. The object may have traveled five or six miles until I lost sight of it. I cannot estimate the height at which the object traveled; however, I judge it to have been between fifteen hundred and two thousand feet above the ground. The object appeared to be traveling about fifteen miles an hour and made no noise of any kind. The evening was still and the neighborhood was quiet while the object was under observation.

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Agent's Note: Saunders drew the following sketches:



The above drawings constitute four positions of one phase. The object passed through three of these phases during the fifteen minute period.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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Incident # 194

Incident # 155

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **1698 31 July 45** Incident # **155**
2. Time **1630**
3. Location **480 E. Monroe Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Edward G. Watson**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **480 E. Monroe Ave., Columbus, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Columbus, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **6 or 7**
9. Distance of object from observer **Very great distance away**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S - very great**
12. Speed **Hovering**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **Hovering - hanging in the sky**
15. Sound **N/S -**
16. Size **of an ash tray**
17. Color **gold**
18. Shape **starlike**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU - bright sunlight**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness Statement:

Objects first looked like large stars. They seemed to be at a very great distance and appeared to be about the size of an ash tray. There were approximately six or seven of them in a formation that resembled the shape of the big dipper. Did not have a definite shape individually but just seemed to be a group of spots glittering in the sky. They were gold in color and seemed to be just hanging in the sky. The sky was clear and blue and the sun was shining but do not believe the gold color caused by a reflection of the sun.

Corroborated by truck driver but ^{witness} could not obtain his name.

AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT	2. DATE SUBMITTED 9 August 1948 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. A-1517
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

- (1) On 2 August 1948, Mrs. Edward G. Watson, housewife, 480 North Monroe Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning unidentified objects which she saw in the sky on Saturday, 31 July 1948, at approximately 1630 hours, and stated in substance:

"My husband and I had just left our house which is located on the southeast corner of Leonard and Monroe Avenues and had turned west on Leonard when I glanced up at the sky and saw some objects which looked like large stars. They seemed to be a very great distance away and appeared to me to be about the size of an ash tray. There were approximately six or seven of them and they were in a formation that resembled the shape of the Big Dipper. They did not have any definite shape individually but just seemed to be a group of spots glittering in the sky. They were gold in color and were not moving but seemed to just be hanging in the sky. The sky was clear and blue and the sun was shining but I do not think that the gold color was caused by a reflection of the sun. I do not think these objects were man-made but I believe they were just a strange celestial phenomena. I told my husband to look at the strange objects in the sky but he could not see them and told me I was having hallucinations. When we stopped for the traffic light at Leonard and St Clair Avenues, a truck stopped beside us and I asked the truck driver if he could see anything in the sky. He said he saw them but did not know what they were. I was not able to obtain the truck driver's name as traffic started to move. We turned south on St Clair Avenue then and I could not see the objects as my sight was obstructed by buildings. I called the Columbus Dispatch (newspaper) at approximately 10:30 p.m. that evening to find out if anyone else had reported seeing them, and I told the editor my story. It was a strange sight and I have never seen anything like it before."

- (2) On 2 August 1948, Mrs. Martin Price, housewife, and Mrs. Mary Rippetoe, mother of Mrs. Price, both of 2186 Lamont Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, were interviewed concerning an unidentified object in the sky, and stated in substance:

"On Saturday evening, 31 July 1948, at approximately 8:00 p.m., we were driving south on Fremont Road and as we approached the WOSU radio tower which is located on the University Golf Course, we saw a large object which looked like a huge lantern floating in the sky. The weather was clear, there were no clouds, and it was still daylight, so we could see the object quite clearly. It was oblong in shape and was about the size of a gasoline drum. It was coming from the west and moving very slowly. It passed close to the

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Incident # 195

Incident # 156

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 156

1. Date 31 July 48
2. Time 8:00 P. M.
3. Location Columbus, Ohio - Tremont Rd near WOSU radio tower
located near University Golf Course
4. Name of observer Mrs. Martin Price & Mrs. Mary Rippstein
5. Occupation of observer Mrs. Price: housewife
Mrs. Mary Rippstein: mother of Mrs. Price
6. Address of observer 2186 Lamont Ave., Columbus, Ohio
7. Place of observation Tremont Rd near WOSU Radio Tower
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 250 feet
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 250 feet
12. Speed very slow
13. Direction of flight West to East
14. Tactics Did not change course or altitude
15. Sound No noise
16. Size of gasoline drum - Approx 5' x 6'
17. Color ~~gray~~ Black
18. Shape Oblong
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Spouted black smoke from the top
22. Weather conditions Clear with no clouds
23. Effect on clouds No clouds
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (above)

On Saturday evening, 31 July 45, at approximately 8:00 P. M. , while driving south on Fremont Road as observers approached the WOSU Radio Tower located on the University Golf Course, a large object resembling a huge lantern was seen floating in the sky. The weather was clear, and it was still daylight so object could be seen quite clearly. It was oblong in shape and about the size of a gasoline drum. It was coming from the west and moving very slowly. It passed close to the tower and was about 1/2 the height of the tower from the ground. As it passed overhead traveling east, it spouted black smoke from the top and at the bottom on the left side there was a dull emerald light like that of a lamp. The object did not change its course or altitude but continued on to the east with black smoke trailing behind. The object was black. It did not make any noise. There were no wings visible nor did it have any motor. No openings of any kind could be seen.

NOTE: Another car stopped near them with two occupants who claimed that they had never witnessed anything like it before.

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On 2 August 1948, Mrs. Martin Price, housewife, and Mrs. Mary Rippetoe, mother of Mrs. Price, both of 2186 Lamont Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, were interviewed concerning an unidentified object in the sky and stated in substance:

On Saturday evening, 31 July 1948, at approx 8:00 P.M., we were driving south on Tremont Road and as we approached the WOSU radio tower which is located on the University Golf Course, we saw a large object which looked like a huge lantern floating in the sky. The weather was clear there were no clouds, and it was still daylight, so we could see the object quite clearly. It was oblong in shape and was about the size of a gasoline drum. It was coming from the west and moving very slowly. It passed close to the radio tower and was about half the height of the tower from the ground. As it passed overhead, traveling east, it was spouting black smoke from the top and at the bottom on the left side there was a dull enclosed light like a lamp. The object did not change its course or altitude but continued on to the east with black smoke trailing behind. The object was black and did not make any noise. It did not have any motor or wings visible and we could not see any openings of any kind. We stopped our car to observe this object and another car stopped near us. There was a boy and a girl in it and they both said they never saw anything like the object before. We did not get their names. We called the Columbus Dispatch (newspaper) when we got home and the editor took our story but he misrepresented the facts in the newspaper. We did not see any "glittering whirling discs" or "glittering balls" as stated in the paper. We saw only one object.

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Incident # 157

Object was perceived floating in the air coming from the west over Ohio State Stadium Housing Project and was approximately 100 feet off the ground when first observed. It got lower all the time and landed in a field nearby. Three small boys ran toward it and observed and went to investigate. One boy picked up a piece of paper and observed it was a large ball of waste and smoke when first observed and this was caused by a large ball of waste white waste paper. (Like old time "Candy-Bar" not air balloons) It was smoking when first observed and this was caused by a large ball of waste on it and it was fastened underneath it. There were no marks or writing on it.

Note: See Incident 156 - in which time a direction rally.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 157

1. Date **31 July 48**
2. Time **8:00 P. M.**
3. Location **Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Robert C. Goshorn**
5. Occupation of observer **Teletype Operator**
6. Address of observer **State Highway Patrol Radio Station**
7. Place of observation **Near Golf Driving Range, Columbus, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **Object was balloon which fell to earth & was investigated by observer**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **Came to earth from around 100 ft (when first observed)**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **earthward**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **2 ft x 3-1/2 ft**
17. Color **white crepe paper**
18. Shape **N/S - but said to be like old time "County Fair" balloon - round**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. ~~Appearance~~ construction **crepe paper**
21. Exhaust trails **smoking - caused by large ball of waste material**
22. Weather conditions **N/S - (clear - see Incident: 156)**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S (no clouds)**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Fell to earth where it was retrieved.**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Object was perceived floating in the sky coming from the west over Ohio State Student Housing Project and was approximately 100 feet off the ground when first observed. It got lower all the time and landed in a field nearby. Three small boys ran toward it and observer went over to investigate. Saw paper bag affair approx 2 feet in diameter and 3-1/2 feet long made of white crepe paper. (like old time "County-Fair" hot air balloons) It was smoking when first observed and this was caused by a large ball of waste material which was fastened underneath it. There were no marks or writing on it ~~and it was not a balloon~~

Note: See Incident 156 - in which time & direction tally.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

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radio tower and was about half the height of the tower from the ground. As it passed overhead traveling east, it was spouting black smoke from the top and at the bottom on the left side there was a dull enclosed light like a lamp. The object did not change its course or altitude but continued on to the east which black smoke trailing behind. The object was black and did not make any noise. It did not have any motor or wings visible and we could not see any openings of any kind. We stopped our car to observe this object and another car stopped near us. There was a boy and a girl in it and they both said they never saw anything like the object before. We did not get their names. We called the Columbus Dispatch (newspaper) when we got home and the editor took our story but he misrepresented the facts in the newspaper. We did not see any "glittering whirling discs" or "glittering balls" as stated in the paper. We saw only one object.

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(3) On 2 August 1948, Robert C. Goshorn, teletype operator, State Highway Patrol Radio Station WPOO, Ackerman Road, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Saturday evening 31 July 1948, at approximately 8:00 p.m., I was at the refreshment stand of the Golf Driving Range which is located on Dedridge Street across from Union Cemetery, when I saw an object floating in the sky. It was coming from the west over the Ohio State Student Housing Project and was approximately 100 feet off the ground when I first observed it. It was getting lower all the time and I saw it land in a field nearby. Three small boys ran toward it and I went over to investigate. The object was a paper bag affair approximately 2 feet in diameter and 3 feet long, made of white crepe paper. It was like the old time "County Fair" hot air balloons. It was smoking when I first observed it and I found that this was caused by a large ball of waste material which was fastened underneath it. There were no marks or writing on it and I do not know where it came from.

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9 August 1948

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

FROM: AC of S, G-2
Headquarters Second Army
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

TO: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters, File CSGID 452.1, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, dated 25 March 1948, and to your Control Number A-1917.

2. In compliance with paragraph 2, above mentioned letter, enclosed herewith are CIC Agent reports concerning the Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft.

3. A copy of attached report has been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

MELVIN L. HUTCHISON
Captain, FA
Actg District Intelligence
Officer

2 Incls

Incl 1 - Rpt re Watson, Price, Rippstone, Goshorn
Incl 2 - Rpt re Yantis

W: Wright Field ✓

Incident # 157

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 158

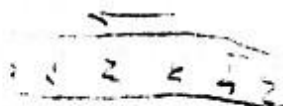
1. Date 1 Aug 45
2. Time 2:00 P. M.
3. Location ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Groveport, Ohio
4. Name of observer Harold A. Yantis
5. Occupation of observer Student, R
6. Address of observer 25 West Hinson Ave.
7. Place of observation 1 mile west of Groveport, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S very high
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight in westerly direction against a light wind
14. Tactics N/S - just exhaust visible - smoke pattern dark & very large dispersed rapidly and appeared again as wide streak a mile or so in length
15. Sound No sound twisted from wide to narrow streak and back.
16. Size N/S - object not seen
17. Color N/S - object not seen
18. Shape Just a streak observed
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S An exhaust trail (smoke)
21. Exhaust trails Appeared as black cloud with no definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it exploded
22. Weather conditions ~~cloudy~~ Few white clouds - but clear
23. Effect on clouds black cloud silhouetted among them that moved
24. Sketches or photographs 3 figs.
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Observer noticed what appeared to be a small black cloud between two white ones. Seemed peculiar because the weather was clear and there were a few white clouds in the sky - but no other dark clouds or formations of any kind. The black cloud did not have any definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it explodes. Suddenly it stretched out into a wide streak with smaller vertical streaks, then rapidly turned and twisted, moving into a different direction and disappearing. In three or four seconds, the smoke burst appeared again spontaneously, approximately 20° west of the place where first noticed. Smoke pattern dark, very large, and dispersed rapidly, appearing again as a wide streak a mile or so in length which appeared to twist from a wide to a narrow streak and then back again changing direction as it twisted. Moving in westerly direction against light wind. Plainly visible altho far away and very high. No sound heard. Seemed like a streak that would be made if a flying wing with several engines were banking and turning and leaving exhaust trails.

Note: Yantis was in the war and had seen a lot of anti-aircraft shells burst and many vapor trails from planes but he never observed anything like this. He states: "It was so spontaneous like a rubber band which is round, then suddenly is stretched at length and twisted, and then disappears without a trace."

Agent's Note: Yantis drew the sketches below

Streak twisted and turned - suddenly disappeared



1st position

width same - length
estimated at 1 to 2 miles

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AGENT REPORT

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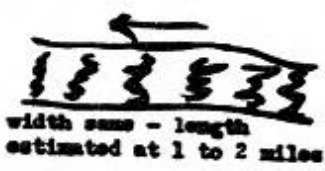
(1) On 2 August 1948, Harold A. Yantis, student, 25 West Hixman Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning an unidentified phenomenon in the sky, and stated in substance:

On Sunday, 1 August 1948, at approximately 2:00 p.m., I was driving east on Groveport Pike with my family. I was about one mile west of Groveport when I glanced up toward the North and noticed what appeared to be a small black cloud between two white clouds. This seemed very peculiar to me because the weather was clear and there were a few white clouds in the sky and no other dark clouds or formations of any kind. The black cloud did not have any definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it had exploded. Suddenly it stretched out into a wide streak with smaller vertical streaks, then it rapidly turned and twisted, moved into a different direction and disappeared. In three or four seconds, the smoke burst appeared again spontaneously, approximately 20 degrees west of place where I first sighted it. The smoke pattern was dark, very large, and dispersed rapidly, appearing again as a wide streak a mile or so in length which appeared to twist from a wide to a narrow streak and then back again changing direction as it twisted. It appeared to be moving in a westerly direction against a light wind and it was plainly visible although I would judge it was far away and very high. There was no sound and I can only describe it as a streak that might appear if a flying wing with several engines was banking and turning and leaving exhaust trails. However, I was in the war and have seen a lot of anti-aircraft shells burst and I have seen vapor trails from airplanes but I have never seen anything like this before. I only saw it twice, because I was driving along and almost had an accident, and by the time I stopped my car I had lost track of it. It was so spontaneous, like a rubber band which is round, then suddenly is stretched at length and twisted, and then disappears without a trace. I figured that it was very high where the air is thin and that is why it disappeared so rapidly without any trace remaining.

Agent's Note: Yantis drew the following sketches:



streak twisted and turned - suddenly disappeared.



width same - length estimated at 1 to 2 miles



1st position

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/signed/ Floyd S. Dunning

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

- (2) On 2 August 1948, Mrs. Harold A. Yantis, graphotype operator, Veterans Administration, South Starling Street, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning the unidentified phenomenon which she witnessed in the sky on Sunday, 1 August 1948, at approximately 2:00 p.m., while traveling east on Groveport Pike with her husband. Her statement was substantially the same as that of her husband and did not disclose any new information or facts concerning this phenomenon. Mrs. Yantis called the Ohio State Journal shortly after arriving home to inquire if anyone else had witnessed this unusual occurrence. The Journal did not have any information and the editor called Mrs. Yantis on the same date at approximately 9:00 p.m. to get her statement, which was subsequently published. B-6

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

/signed/ Floyd S. Dunning

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Incident # 159

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #159

1. Date **30 July 1948**
2. Time **2015 hours**
3. Location **Worthington, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **John A. Felton**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **5800 High St. Worthington, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Worthington, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **15 minutes**
11. Altitude **Approx 3000 ft**
12. Speed **very slow**
13. Direction of flight **SW**
14. Tactics **None**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **cylindrical**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with high scattered clouds, visibility good**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Object appeared cylindrical in shape with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. No standard marker lights were displayed and there were no engine noises. The object emitted a steady silver glow.

Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft and the object was moving very slowly in a southwest course. It was in line of vision some 15 minutes. No other aircraft, military or civilian were in vicinity of Felton's hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and the visibility was good.

NOTE: Felton questioned by Maj Campbell of the USAF, but nothing further was gained by this interview with the exception that his wife also saw the object.

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17 Aug 48

W. R. Clingerman, Col, USAF
Chf, Tech Intel Div
Intel Department
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Douglas Leigh Sky Adv Corp
C/O Naval Air Station
Lakehurst, New Jersey

MCIAXD-8-6. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF YOUR LIGHTER-THAN-AIR
CRAFT IN VICINITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, DURING PERIOD 30 JULY TO 3 AUG 48.
PLEASE DIRECT REPLY GOVW COLLECT HQ ANG, ATTN: MCIAXD-3

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SUBJECT : Unidentified Airborne Object.

TC : Major H.M. Campbell, U.S. Air Force

1. On the evening of Friday 30 July 1948, from my home at 5800 High Street, Worthington, Ohio, I saw an object in the southwest sky that did not look like any of the aircraft that I am familiar with. I first saw this object at exactly 2015 hours. The object appeared to be cylindrical in shape, with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. There were no standard marker lights displayed, and no engine noises. The object did, however, emit a steady silver glow.

2. I should judge that its altitude was approximately 3000 feet and moving very slow in a southwest course. It was in my line of vision until 2030 hours. There were no other aircraft, military or civilian, in the vicinity of my hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and visibility was good.

John A. Felton

JOHN A. FELTON
5800 High Street
Worthington, Ohio

2 August 1948

Upon questioning, Mr. Felton revealed nothing more than the above, except that his wife saw the same object.

H. M. Campbell -
Major, US AF

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Incident # 160

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 160

1. Date **4 July 48**
2. Time **11:15 P. M.**
3. Location **Dravasburg, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **John Jannick, Jr.**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **Box 227, Dravasburg, Pa.**
7. Place of observation **Dravasburg, Pa.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **20 seconds +**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **Hovering - then moving on at undetermined speed**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **moved across sky, stopping three times and resuming movement**
15. Sound **No noise**
16. Size **of a star**
17. Color **same as a star**
18. Shape **looked like a star**
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 **Vague sketch**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

On 4 July 48 at approx. 11:15 P. M., CST, witness and his wife thought they saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star which was moving. ~~At first they thought it was a star but~~
~~but it was not a star because it was moving and it was not a star because it was moving~~
~~it was not a star because it was moving and it was not a star because it was moving~~
Then they thought it was a plane but it made no noise. The object moved across the sky, then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds, then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When the object stopped in the sky, it resembled a star and only by following its course could the difference be noticed.

NOTE: Witness states that he lives some 2-1/2 miles from the two women (McKeesport, Pa.) who reported seeing a big silver plate seeming noiselessly overhead in the direction of Kennywood Park. See Inc. 161.

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9 AUG 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Attached civilian communication is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.
2. This letter has been acknowledged by the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, but not by this Headquarters. It is assumed that your Command will make proper acknowledgment.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 incl
Ltr fr J. Jannicky
dtd 9 July 1948 w/2 Incls.

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Special Agent in Charge
Intelligence Division
Directorate of Intelligence

Box 227
Dravasburg, Pa.
7/9/48

U. S. War Dept.
Washington D. C.

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sirs:

On the fourth of July (July 4, 1948) my wife and I were sitting on a bench on our lawn and we were watching the stars, planes, etc. At 11:15 P. M., O. S. T. we saw something very strange.

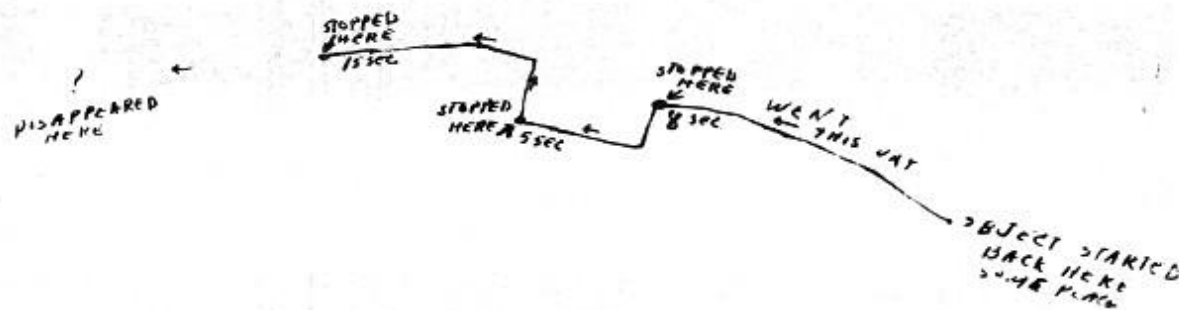
We thought we saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star and it was moving. We decided it was a plane but it made no noise. We soon changed our minds because this "thing" moved across the sky then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When this thing stopped in the sky, if you didn't know where it was at you would not tell it from a star as the resemblance was identical to a star.

After reading in the paper on July 8, 1948 about two women seeing "flying saucers" in the daylight July 8, I believe I saw a "flying saucer" or something in the night July 4, because I know it was no star or an airplane because neither can travel and stop in the air like this "thing" did. I live above 2-1/2 miles from these women who saw the "discs" in the daylight.

Has the War Department any comments on these strange "discs"? They are not reported in the heart of the steel industry.

Yours

John Jannicky, Jr.
Box 227
Dravasburg, Pa.



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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date **Around July 8, 48**
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **McKeesport, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Nell Voway & Mrs. Elizabeth Golts**
5. Occupation of observer **housewife**
6. Address of observer **Mrs Voway: 3404 Grover Ave
Mrs Golts: 2604 Grover Ave.) McKeesport, Pa.**
7. Place of observation **McKeesport, Pa.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **N/S - toward Kennywood Park**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **noiseless**
16. Size **12 to 15 inches in dia.**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **"plate"**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **disappeared in cloud bank**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **disappeared in cloud bank**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness saw what looked like a "big, silver plate" zooming noiselessly overhead in the direction of Kenneywood Park.

"Oh look, that's not a plane, screamed Mrs. Vewey of 3404 Grover to her neighbor, Mrs. Golts, 3604 Grover, "it looks like one of these flying saucers."

Mrs. Vewey said the disc was about 12 to 15 inches in diameter. It disappeared in a cloud bank but reappeared on the far side and was seen by Mrs. Golts. They followed the direction of the disc until out of sight.

NOTE: Taken from the Daily News McKeesport, Pa. - July 8, 1948.

—THE DAILY NEWS, McKEESPORT PA.

Flying Disc In Sky Here, Women Say

"Then, after we reported in the district again last Tuesday, we found a woman looking out side their home door, crying and they say what looked like a big silver plate sitting on the ground, and it didn't look like it was a piece of metal or anything like that."

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Mr. Vento said the dead animal's 12 to 15 inches in diameter, did not appear in a closed bank, but resurfaced on the far side and a hole was seen by Mr. Gately who was standing on her front porch.

We follow up the case study with an all-purported with of 51 and Mr. A. as subject.

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Incident 163

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date ²¹ 22 July 48 Incident # 163
2. Time hour before dark
3. Location Van Nuys, Calif
4. Name of observer Capt Henry Glover & wife
(Off-Res)
5. Occupation of observer Ordnance Reserve Officer
6. Address of observer 8531 Variel Ave., Canoga Park, Calif
7. Place of observation Van Nuys, Calif.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 2000ft overhead
10. Time in sight N/S about an hour
11. Altitude great height
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight toward the sun from the East or West
E to W
14. Tactics traveled a vertical arc of about 25° or more
15. Sound N/S
16. Size of weather balloon at 2000 ft
17. Color bluish luminescence like fluorescent lamp which gradually changed to orange color at dusk
18. Shape round tending to spherical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions CAVU ground temperature 70-75°
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance snapped off like a lamp when you throw switch
26. Remarks: (Over)

Object appeared round and probably spherical. At first looked similar to weather balloon at about 2000 ft but there was no characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground with fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. In the time it was under observation (about an hour) it traveled thru a vertical arc of about 25° or more. After watching the object for a while the observer concluded that whatever it was the thing was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when the switch is thrown. The outline was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring), the air clear with visibility unlimited. Direction of travel from East directly toward the sun.

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STATEMENT

Statement made by Mr. Henry Glover, Power Consultant, Department of Water and Power, Van Nuys, California; home address, 8531 Varie! Avenue, Conoga Park, California. 1230 hours, 17 September 1948, concerning object sighted in the sky, 22 July 1948, in the vicinity of San Fernando Valley, California:

"On the evening of 22 July 1948, between the hours of 1930 and 2030, my wife and I were having dinner in the patio of an open air market in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange object in the sky almost directly overhead.

DESCRIPTION: It appeared to be round and probably spherical. At first, it appeared to be a weather balloon at about 2000 feet but there was none of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground in fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching it a while, I concluded that whatever it was, was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more. The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 60 degrees an hour after dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly toward the sun.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION BY SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM G. SPROULL

- MR. SPROULL: Can you approximate the geographical location when you first sighted the object?
- MR. GLOVER: Directly over Van Nuys. ~~about 25 or 30 degrees~~ it travelled. *(x2)*
- MR. SPROULL: Approximately what was the time when you first sighted this object?
- MR. GLOVER: I didn't know the exact hour, but it was about an hour before sundown.
- MR. SPROULL: Who called your attention to the object?
- MR. GLOVER: Unidentified member of a group at the patio.
- MR. SPROULL: What was the weather condition at the time?
- MR. GLOVER: Very clear sky. Visibility unlimited.
- MR. SPROULL: What was your impression of the actual shape or dimension of the object?
- MR. GLOVER: It appeared to be round with no certain construction.

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MR. SPROULL: What was the approximate size of the object?

MR. GLOVER: The size, as near as I could judge, would be a weather balloon at 2,000 feet. I am POSITIVE it was not a weather balloon.

MR. SPROULL: What would you approximate as the speed?

MR. GLOVER: That I wouldn't know except that it travelled about 25 or 30 degrees ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ approximately forty-five minutes to an hour.

MR. SPROULL: In what direction did it move?

MR. GLOVER: Overhead directly into the sun.

MR. SPROULL: Did you think it might be a reflection from anything?

MR. GLOVER: I thought it might be a reflection from the sunlight at first but then I couldn't account for the blue tinge.

MR. SPROULL: Did it glint or sparkle?

MR. GLOVER: No, it didn't sparkle at all. The light from the object was constant with a constant intensity but changed as the sun set lower until it turned toward an orange color. As the sun was setting, it became yellow and after the sun completely dropped, it became orange color. I was just observing this particular change of coloring, when it disappeared completely.

MR. SPROULL: What was the manner of disappearance?

MR. GLOVER: It disappeared like the turning off of a light. I was looking directly at it, when it seemed to disappear as an incandescent light when one turns off the switch. There was no expansion and no change in dimension whatsoever. That is the last I saw of the object.

MR. SPROULL: Any tactics employed during flight of object?

MR. GLOVER: No change in altitude or direction.

MR. SPROULL: Was there any sound to this object?

MR. GLOVER: There was no sound whatsoever.

MR. SPROULL: Was there an exhaust trail?

MR. GLOVER: No exhaust trail at all.

MR. SPROULL: Did you notice the object as carrying any lights?

MR. GLOVER: There were no distinguishing characteristics at all except for the bluish light.

MR. SPROULL: Did this occur to you to be something resembling a flying saucer?

MR. GLOVER: When I first viewed the object, the flying saucers immediately came to my mind.

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MR. SPROULL: Do you feel that you were observing a definite object?

MR. GLOVER: Yes, it had a definite sharp outline - something I had never seen before. At first I thought it might be a gaseous formation but it didn't have the characteristics of a meteor or comet and the outline was too definite and sharp to be gaseous. It instead appeared to be a definite material object. I had even considered that it might be an astronomical object caught in our Earth's rotation like the moon, but it travelled faster than the sun so it couldn't have been. It was travelling three times as fast as the sun and was going in the same direction as the sun.

MR. SPROULL: Do you know any of the persons who observed this object personally?

MR. GLOVER: No.

END OF STATEMENT

Henry Glover
HENRY GLOVER
8531 Varial Avenue
Conoga, California

STATEMENT

Statement made by Mrs. Henry Glover, 8531 Variel Avenue, Conoga Park, California. 1215 Hours, 17 September 1948, regarding object sighted in the sky, 22 July 1948, in the vicinity of San Fernando Valley, California.

"On the evening of 22 July 1948, at Valley Market Town, while in the company of my husband, Mr. Henry Glover, we were having dinner in the patio when my attention was called by my husband to an object in the sky. This was approximately between the hours of 1930 and 2000, before dark. Upon gazing straight upward, the object seemed to be round and luminous. It appeared to be metallic changing to yellow-orange and to deeper hues, toward the blue, as darkness came. It seemed to be at a very great distance. In comparing the size, it would be as if I were looking at a platter across a room at approximately twenty feet distance. There were no seeming gaseous elements, no rays or sound as far as I can remember. It seemed absolutely round. At the time, the sky was cloudless. There was no other object or air craft in the sky. In fact, it was the only object in the sky. Over a period of thirty minutes or more, the object moved from straight upward to a westerly direction. I should say that it travelled approximately twenty or thirty miles.

This object moved in a steady gliding motion. There was no exhaust trail or vapors from this object. The color of this object changed gradually seeming to reflect the atmospheric conditions of nightfall. When next my attention was drawn to it, I no longer saw it. My attention was drawn to it, as stated above, by my husband who was standing with a group of eight or ten people who were also gazing at the object. The object was entirely different from anything I had ever seen. It did not appear to be a balloon or any advertising device. It was a definite material object."

END OF STATEMENT.

Mrs Henry Glover

MRS. HENRY GLOVER
8531 Variel Avenue
Conoga, California

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Exhibit #

HENRY GLOVER
3531 Variel Ave
Canoga Park, Calif

13 Aug 48

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Air Materiel Command
Fort Belvoir, Calif

Content:

SUBJECT: STRANGE OBJECT IN FLIGHT

In the evening of 12 Jul 48 my wife and I were having dinner in the patio of a rooming house in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange object in the sky almost directly overhead.

Description. It appeared to be round and, probably spherical. At first it appeared to be a weather balloon ~~was~~ at about 2000 feet but there was none of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground in fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching it a while I concluded that whatever it was was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more. The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 60 degrees an hour after dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly toward the sun.

Very truly yours,

Henry Glover

HENRY GLOVER
Capt, Ord-Res
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Robert S. Richardson
813 Santa Barbara Street (Office)
Pasadena 4, California
Sycamore 6-4351

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Written Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1948.

1244 North Holliston Avenue (Home)
Pasadena 6
Sycamore 4-4451

Robert S. Richardson

1. Location first sighted. The object was first seen at the Monastery of the Mount Wilson Observatory. The "Monastery" is the name applied to the place where the astronomers live while working on Mount Wilson. It is within a few yards of a mark at $34^{\circ} 12' 55''$ N, 7 hours 52 minutes 14.3 seconds east, at an altitude above sea level of 5494 feet.
2. Date and Time of Sighting. About 7:00 PM, Pacific Daylight Saving Time, of July 21, 1948
3. Weather Conditions and Others who Sighted Object. The sky was clear and the visibility excellent. The people present who saw the object were Mr. Kenneth DeHuff, engineer at the Observatory; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wausnock, stewards at the Monastery; Al Kochanski, cook; Drs. Roscoe P. Sanford and Horace Babcock, astronomers; Dr. Martin Schwarzschild, a visiting astronomer from the Princeton University Observatory; and myself. Mr. Tom Nelson, night assistant at the 100-inch telescope, was present at dinner that evening but left early without seeing the object.
4. Persons Who might have known of the Object or Tried to Photograph it. I know of no others who actually saw the object or who tried to photograph it.

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Exhibit III

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5. Construction, size, shape, etc. Anthony Wausnock and I viewed the object through a six-inch telescope on the mountain top about ten minutes after it was first sighted below at the Monastery. At the Monastery it was viewed through a portable three-inch telescope. Dr. Schwarzschild joined Wausnock and me while we were observing at the six-inch. Schwarzschild, Wausnock, and I were the only ones who examined the object through the six-inch.

The nature of the object was immediately apparent through the six-inch, which enabled us to see it as if only a few yards away. It consisted of a thin translucent outer envelope enclosing a sphere at the top, the whole having the shape of a pear. Beneath this pear-shaped assembly a square yellow disk was attached by cords. I am sure of these facts.

I believe also that the thin outer envelope had a diamond shaped pattern as if criss-crossed by a network of cords. Also that the cords attached to the yellow disk extended beyond it.

As the object was unfamiliar to us and there was nothing nearby with which to compare it, we could not make an accurate estimate of its size. After thinking it over, however, I think we can get a good idea of its size as follows: I would estimate that the object appeared about $1/5$ the diameter of the full moon or subtended an angle of $6'$. Today (September 22) I called Mr. Wausnock and asked him how big he thought the object was. Without prompting from me he made an estimate of $1/8$ the full moon, which is in good agreement.

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Now an object 10,000 feet away that subtends an angle of 6' of arc has a diameter of 17.4 feet. If 20,000 feet away its diameter would be 34.8 feet; if distant 30,000 feet its diameter would be 52.2 feet, and so on. From the general appearance of the object I should say a diameter of about 25 feet would seem reasonable.

6. Color change. The outer envelope resembled a thin white membrane. The square disk below was distinctly yellow without marking. We observed no change in color.
7. Speed. When the object was first sighted at 7:00 P.M. it was slightly south of the Monastery and high overhead, probably over Sierra Madre. When last seen about 8:30 PM, PDST, it was far to the west probably near the coast about 30 miles away. This would mean that it had moved 30 miles in 1.5 hours making its speed 20 miles per hour nearly straight west.
8. Part of Sky First Observed. I would estimate that it was directly south of the Monastery at an altitude of approx. 80° .
9. Direction of Travel. Nearly straight west as seen from Mount Wilson.
10. Manner in which Last Seen. The object was last seen about 8:30 PM, PDST, through the 3-inch telescope at the Monastery by Mr. and Mrs. Wausnock and myself. The inner sphere was

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easily discerned through the outer envelope against the bright background of the sky. After sunset the object ~~was~~ appeared like a brilliant white star in the evening sky, much brighter than the planet Venus. It was very conspicuous owing to the fact that it was still illuminated by the sun's rays while the valley below was in shadow.

11. Maneuverability if any. During the time we observed the object it moved steadily westward without any sudden change in direction.
12. Approximate Altitude. At least 10,000 feet above Mount Wilson which would make its altitude above sea level 15,000 feet. I told the reporter who called me from the L.A. Times that it was only about 2000 feet overhead but later realized that this was much too low.
13. Sound if any. No sound.
14. Exhaust Trails. No exhaust trails detected. They should have been readily visible through the six-inch telescope.
15. Odor. None.
16. Effects on Clouds or Sky Condition. None that we could see. The sky was exceptionally clear around the object all during our observations.
17. Flight Pattern. Steadily westward as described above.

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George B. Smith

S T A T E M E N T

Statement made by Paul E. Roques, Telescope Demonstrator, Griffith Park Observatory, P. O. Box 9787, Los Feliz Station, Los Angeles, California; home address, 5030 Parkglen Avenue, Los Angeles 43, California. Statement taken by Special Agent William G. Sproull, 23 September 1948.

"The object in question was first noted by myself at approximately 6:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, 21 July 1948, while I was leaving the East Telescope Dome, Griffith's Observatory. It had an altitude of about 60 degrees and an azimuth, from the south point, of about 225 degrees as nearly as I could tell. When I last observed the object at about 8:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, the altitude, I would judge, was about 40 degrees and the azimuth about 100 degrees. The object was moving in a Westerly direction. As seen with the naked eye, the object appeared as a bright round disc with a very slow Westward motion. I first observed the object with a 12" refracting telescope when the object was at about 60 degrees, azimuth 140 degrees. The balloon or main body of the object was an excellent reflector of sunlight and apparently it was composed of some sort of translucent material such as fibre glass or the like. Suspended from the balloon was a rectangular metallic appearing disc appearing to be gold in color, and hanging from the disc was a length of cord or cable the length of which I could not determine. The object appeared to have ribs running vertically down the side of the main body. Upon further close examination through the 12" telescope, the object appeared to have a shape similar to a pear with the smallest portion hanging towards the bottom. I observed no lights nor any construction on the object such as wings or anything resembling a power plant of any sort. The object was magnified 125 times through the telescope. I would judge the altitude of the object to be at approximately 20,000 feet. The object continued to reflect sunlight even after the sun set because of its altitude. When observing the object, it was at times so brilliant that it was hard to continue looking through the telescope at it. I presume this was due to the reflection of the sunlight, off of the object on to the telescope. During the course the object traversed, it maintained a steady rate of motion and did not appear to be bobbing or maneuvering in any way. Occasionally the object appeared to swing and the rectangular metallic disc would present itself as a knife edge, indicating that the disc was flat with no thickness. I lost sight of the object at about 8:30 P.M. after dark which indicates to me that the object was not generating its own light. I do not know of anyone who photographed or made drawings of the object or personally observed it. I observed no exhaust trails, heard no sound, nor detected any odors with relation to the object.

Paul E. Roques

PAUL E. ROQUES

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, through COLONEL W. R. CLINGERMAN, Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Intelligence Department, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, per letter dated 3 September 1948, Symbol MCIAXD-3. Letter contained report of sighting unidentified aerial object over Van Nuys, California, 21 July 1948, by MR. HENRY GLOVER, 5531 Variel Avenue, Canoga Park, California, and requested attempt be made by this office to identify the object.

2. On 17 September 1948, MR. HENRY GLOVER, Power Consultant, of 5531 Variel Avenue, Canoga Park, California, was interviewed regarding sighting of unidentified aerial object on 22 July 1948. MR. GLOVER referred to the letter of 13 August 1948 which he addressed to Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, offering description of object in question. His statement was substantially the same. MR. GLOVER'S additional remarks, based on interrogation by this agent, is included in a signed statement which is attached to this report as Exhibit I. MR. GLOVER'S impression of the object in question is that the object was spherical in shape and reflected a bluish color luminescence, such as a fluorescent lamp.

3. On 17 September 1948, MRS. HENRY GLOVER, housewife, 5531 Variel Avenue, Canoga Park, California, was interviewed regarding sighting of aerial object over Van Nuys, California, on 22 July 1948. MRS. GLOVER'S statement is substantially the same as MR. GLOVER'S. A signed statement is attached to this report as Exhibit II. Her impression of the object in question was that object appeared to be spherical in shape, metallic in substance, reflecting the colors of yellow and orange and deeper hues such as purple.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: MR. and MRS. HENRY GLOVER both stated the object in question was sighted on 22 July 1948. However, during the course of the interrogation, it was revealed by both MR. and MRS. GLOVER that it was on a Wednesday evening that the object was observed. The date, therefore, would have correctly been 21 July 1948 that the object was observed instead of 22 July 1948.

4. On 21 September 1948, DR. ROBERT S. RICHARDSON, Solar Observer, Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California; home address, 1241 North Holliston Avenue, Pasadena, California, was interviewed. DR. RICHARDSON was interrogated concerning his observation of unidentified aerial object which he observed through a 3" and 6" telescope at Mount Wilson Observatory between hours of 1900 and 2030 on 21 July 1948. DR. RICHARDSON described the object in question as consisting of a thin translucent outer envelope enclosing a sphere at the top; the whole of the object having the shape of a pear and beneath the pear-shaped assembly, a square yellow disk was attached by cords. A signed statement was obtained from DR. RICHARDSON giving all pertinent data and is attached to this report as Exhibit III. DR. RICHARDSON stated that the information which was released to the Los Angeles newspapers in regard to the object in question was released by an assistant at Mount Wilson Observatory. The information released was erroneous and was given on snap judgment. DR. RICHARDSON pointed out that he overheard the assistant talking to the newspaperman on the telephone and heard the assistant state to the newspaper that the

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that the object was a weather balloon and that at that time, he (MR. WHEATSON) told the assistant that he should not have made such a statement to the newspapers. However, no attempts were made to change the information given to the newspapers, as there was no proof that the object was not a weather balloon.

6. On 22 September 1947, MR. GEORGE ABELL, Griffith Observatory attache, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed. MR. ABELL stated that he was duty at Griffith Observatory on the evening of 21 July 1947 and that he was handling the telephone switchboard; further that he did not observe the object in question as reported by the Los Angeles Times newspaper on 22 July 1947. But that instead, he informed the newspaper on the evening of 21 July 1947, when the newspaper called the Griffith Observatory to obtain information regarding the sighting of unidentified aerial object, that the object was a meteorological balloon. MR. ABELL stated that this was the impression he had obtained from various people at the Observatory, adding that the object was a meteorological balloon, thus his report to the Los Angeles Times.

7. On 23 September 1947, MR. PAUL A. ROGUES, Telescope Demonstrator, Griffith Park Observatory; home address, 4030 Farview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding his observation of aerial object sighted on 21 July 1947. MR. ROGUES stated that he observed the object with a 12" reflecting telescope and that the object was pear-shaped, appeared to be rigid vertically, apparently composed of some sort of translucent material, such as fibre glass and suspended from the top of the object was a rectangular metallic appearing disk, gold in color, and suspended from the disk was a length of cord or cable. The object was approximately 20 to 25 feet in diameter. A signed statement was obtained from MR. ROGUES by this agent, outlining in detail MR. ROGUES' observation of object in question. This statement is attached to this report as Exhibit IV. MR. ROGUES submitted a rough sketch of the object in question. This sketch is being enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report. MR. ROGUES indicated that his impression was that the object in question was not a meteorological balloon and that MR. ABELL wrongly informed the newspapers. MR. ROGUES further stated that the geographic co-ordinates of the Griffith Observatory are as follows:

LATITUDE - 34° 51' 06.2" North
LONGITUDE - 118° 18' 5.5" West
ELEVATION - 1110' above sea level

8. On 23 September 1947, MR. H. C. HARVEY, Supervisor of Charts, Los Angeles Weather Bureau, Los Angeles Airport, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding reproduction of Winds Aloft Charts and pertinent data for the date 21 July 1947. MR. HARVEY furnished this agent with the 1200 hours and 1300 hours meteorological soundings for the date 21 July 1947, taken by the Los Angeles Weather Bureau. MR. HARVEY was questioned as to his knowledge of appearance and relative data concerning meteorological balloons. MR. HARVEY stated that there are two types of balloons currently used by weather stations in computing weather data. These balloons being the Dares balloon and a balloon manufactured by the Air Cruiser Corporation. Neither balloon would aptly fit the description of the object described by persons previously interviewed. MR. HARVEY stated that the average meteorological balloon was 6' in diameter at point of release and that the balloon, when at a 20,000 foot altitude,

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would be approximately 1' to 12' in diameter and at 60,000 to 72,000 foot altitude, would be 12' in diameter and was designed to burst at this point and the instruments which were attached to the sounding device parachute to ear H. MR. HARTY checked all files of his office pertaining to releases of balloons in the greater Los Angeles area, but could find no record of a balloon other than military meteorological balloons being released by any weather station, including Air Force and Navy installations in the area. MR. HARTY further pointed out that the time of official sunset on 21 July 1947 was at approximately 20:00 and that there would be approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes of twilight remaining after sunset. Winds Aloft Charts obtained from MR. HARTY are enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report. Clippings from Los Angeles newspapers with respect to the object are enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report.

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Incident 163

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # ¹⁶⁴
~~164~~

1. Date 29th June
2. Time 11 P. M.
3. Location Uniontown, Pa.
4. Name of observer Mrs Catherine McDonald
5. Occupation of observer H/S widow
6. Address of observer 35 Kensington Circle, Uniontown
7. Place of observation Uniontown, Pa. - Observer's front porch
8. Number of objects three - one at a time
9. Distance of object from observer H/S
10. Time in sight H/S
11. Altitude 5000 ft
12. Speed Very fast
13. Direction of flight NE
14. Tactics spinning vertically on edge
15. Sound none
16. Size H/S
17. Color luminous
18. Shape oval
19. Color detected None
20. Apparent construction H/S - transparent
21. Exhaust trails trail of light about 1 yard long
22. Weather conditions stormy and cloudy
23. Effect on clouds H/S - flew across sky beneath base of clouds - lightning could be seen thru it.
24. Sketches or photographs vague sketch -
25. Manner of disappearance lost sight of - obstructed by neighboring houses
26. Remarks: (over)

Witness saw a luminous, oval-shaped object flying at an altitude of approx 5,000 ft which was traveling beneath the base of some cumulus cloud from southwest to northeast across the sky. The weather was stormy and cloudy and as a second object flew across the sky a flash of lightning could be seen thru it. It seemed to be transparent. The objects(3) traveled very fast and seemed to just disappear within 10 seconds. The ob appeared at approximately five minute intervals. There was no odor or sound felt from them. However, a trail of light about a yard long was observed. The objects rolled vertically on their edges and appeared to be spinning on end across the sky. Witnesses lost sight of the objects as neighboring houses obstructed their view.

Witnesses: Mrs. Margaret Hollar
Police Sergeant Shah & himn his daughter

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 29 June 48 Incident # 164a
2. Time 2300
3. Location Uniontown, Pa.
4. Name of observer Mrs. Margaret Hollar et al
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 100 Moore Ave., Uniontown, Pa.
7. Place of observation 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown
(home of Mrs. Catherine McDonald)
8. Number of objects 3 - one at a time
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 10 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed very fast
13. Direction of flight from Southwest to Northeast
14. Tactics rolled along on its edge
15. Sound ~~N/A~~ No sound
16. Size "platter"
17. Color luminous
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected ~~N/A~~ None
20. Apparent construction N/S - luminous
21. Exhaust trails a tail of about a yard in length
22. Weather conditions cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance View obstructed by neighboring houses
26. Remarks: (over)

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At approximately 11 P. M. on the 20th of June Mrs Hollar saw a luminous oval-shaped object ~~resembling~~ ^{resembling} a meat platter rolling along on its edge. It appeared to be going very fast since it disappeared in about 5 to 10 seconds. It was without sound or odor but seemed to have a tail which extended about a yard or so. Five minutes later, witness saw a second object and after another five-minute interval a third object was observed. They appeared in the Southwest and flew to the Northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. The objects flew over the Oakland St. Area or just to the side of it (East of Oakland St.) They traveled about 1,000 ft and then disappeared behind the houses across the street from the witnesses.

Witnesses: Mrs. Catherine McDonald
Police Sergeant Sruh & daughter

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #164 A

1. Date 19 June 48
2. Time 2300
3. Location Uniontown, Pa.
 4. Name of observer Mrs. Margaret Hollar et al
 5. Occupation of observer Housewife
 6. Address of observer 100 Moore Ave., Uniontown, Pa.
 7. Place of observation 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown
(home of Mrs. Catherine McDonald)
 8. Number of objects 3 - one at a time
 9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 10 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed very fast
13. Direction of flight from Southwest to Northeast
14. Tactics rolled along on its edge
15. Sound ~~N/S~~ No sound
16. Size "platter"
17. Color luminous
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected ~~N/S~~ None
20. Apparent construction N/S - luminous
21. Exhaust trails a tail of about a yard in length
22. Weather conditions cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance View obstructed by neighboring houses
26. Remarks (over)

At approximately 11 P. M. on the 29th of June Mrs Heller saw a luminous oval-shaped object ~~appearing~~ like a meat platter rolling along on its edge. It appeared to be going very fast since it disappeared in about 5 to 10 seconds. It was without sound or odor but seemed to have a tail which extended about a yard or so. Five minutes later, witness saw a second object and after another five-minute interval a third object was observed. They appeared in the Southwest and flew to the Northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. The objects flew over the Oakland St. Area or just to the side of it (East of Oakland St.) They traveled about 1,000 ft and then disappeared behind the houses across the street from the witnesses.

Witnesses: Mrs. Catherine McDonald
Police Sergeant Smith & daughter

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **29 June 48** Incident # 168
2. Time **2300 - 11:00 P. M.**
3. Location **Uniontown, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **Sgt Chas E. Schuh & daughter**
5. Occupation of observer **Uniontown Police Dept.**
6. Address of observer **32 Lawton Ave., Uniontown**
7. Place of observation **from front porch of 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **5 - 7 seconds**
11. Altitude **6,000 ft**
12. Speed **100 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **NE - sighted in west**
14. Tactics **straight & level**
15. Sound **none**
16. Size **half of a large meat platter (1-1/2')**
17. Color **N/S luminous**
18. Shape **semi-circular**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **partly cloudy**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On the night of 29th June at about ~~11:00~~ 11:00 P. M., witness saw an object that resembled a half of a large meat platter which appeared over in the west end of the city at Oakland Ave & West Main St., Uniontown, Pa. It seemed to be at a height of about 6,000 ft and sailed in a straight line of about 8 or 900 feet in about 5 to 7 seconds. No sound was heard and the object ~~emitted~~ emitted no rays. It was traveling in a northeastly direction.

Witnesses: Mrs. McDonald
Mrs. Hollar
Sgt Schmh's daughter

Old Guessing Game: Whence Cometh the Aviating Pottery?

Flying Saucer Season Here Again

Four Unmanned People Report Seeing Soaring Dinner-Plates.
Forewarned Editors to Brace Themselves for a Flock of Inquiries

E. Pat O'Neil
phenomena strictly out of the
Apocalypse.
Last year the flying saucers
worked their feverish magic on a
popular which traced their source
to Mars or Moscow. Nor was the
influence of the celestial discs con-
fined only to the man in the
street.
Men in high command detailed
military equipment—such as
planes and personnel to the task
of running the things to earth.
Japanese balloons, meteorologi-
cal equipment, pie-plates and
moonbeams rewarded the search-
ers but nary a Man from Mars
was cleaned from the skies.
The Pittsburgh

Close as he was to the gadget,
he had earthbound competitors
who saw the things from Seattle,
Wash. to Salem, Mass. The switch-
boards of the nation's newspapers
testified to the excitement of the
people.

Yet it was not strange to the
editor, who listened to and re-
corded the information. A man
named Charles Fort wrote at least
three books filled with data on
even more weird events. He col-
lected all his material from news-
papers.

His research showed that peo-
ple are apparently eager to flout
science and see frogs falling from
the skies, red snow and tropical
glens in Greenland.

Last summer's aviating pottery
—whether pure china or Spode—raised hell with the genus car-
pentone knoweth not was not
as baleful a piece of mass sugges-
tion as some of the stunts perpe-

Sheep Displeased By Central Park

NEW YORK, July 2 (P)—
Central Park's sheep meadow
had sheep in it Friday for the
first time in almost 15 years.
But they didn't stay long.

Movie makers wanted a pas-
toral scene. They wanted the
park's sheep meadow with the
towers of Manhattan in the
background. And they wanted
sheep. So they turned a dozen
loose in the meadow.

Within minutes it was an
empty meadow again. One
sheep was in the Tavern-on-the-
green. One g Bopped out into
Columbus Circle. Some hid in
thickets, and one barged into
the park zoo. It was three
hours before all the sheep were
back in the meadow.

Take the golden-cater for
instance. The pawatorial post
in all its a 'den declensions. It
had also a dubious nutritional
value.

Traced to Mars or Moscow.

Photographic evidence was pro-
duced to show the discs. A Coast
guard aviator produced a photo
of what he believed to be a cele-
stial object who see the saucer.

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Headquarters
2239TH AIR FORCE RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

28 August 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference "Confidential" letter, your Headquarters, MCIAXO-3, dated 16 August 1948, Subject as above, the following Investigation Report is submitted herein.

2. On 27 August 1948, Mr. Pat O'Neill, Staff Writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the name of the Correspondent Reporter who obtained the facts from the named witnesses. Mr. (Dad) Albright, Court Reporter for the Herald-Standard, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and Correspondent Reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, was not available for interview. The informant also supplied the name of the "Coast Guard Aviator" as being Mr. Frank Ryman, who had photographed an unidentified aerial phenomenon near Seattle, Washington. Further information concerning the Coast Guardsman not available. Mr. O'Neill was quite concerned in the fact that the U.S.A.F. was investigating this matter. The informant was requested not to publicize any information relative to this investigation. The informant's response to this request was, "Lieutenant, you can tell your boss that I was discharged in 1945, I did not sign up in the Reserves, and I am a newspaperman." Your attention is invited to (Exhibit I), extracted from the morning edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 28 August 1948. 17

3. On 27 August 1948, Mr. H.M. Gerber, U.S. Weather Bureau, at Pittsburgh Allegheny County Airport, was interviewed. The informant supplied the name of William W. Marsteller, O.D., who is a cooperative weather observer residing at 49 Byer Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

4. On 27 August 1948, William W. Marsteller, O.D., the above-mentioned weather observer, was interviewed. The informant supplied weather data contained in (Exhibit II).

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5. On 27 August 1948, Sergeant Charles E. Schuh, Uniontown Police Department, residing at 32 Lawton Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit III).

a. Uniontown, Pa., 8-27-48. "To whom it may concern: On the night of June 29th about 11:00 P.M. I noticed an object in flight that resembled a half of a large meat platter. This object appeared in the west end of the city at Oakland Avenue and West Main Street. Seemed to be at a height of about 6000 feet and sailed on a straight line of about 8 or 9 hundred feet in about 5 to 7 seconds. This object was illuminated. Weather conditions partly cloudy. Mrs. Hollar a neighbor called my attention to the object as she and Mrs. McDonald had saw two previous to the one I saw. There was no sound no rays connected to the object. It was flying North East. Signed: Charles E. Schuh and Daughter Catherine."

6. On 27 August 1948, Mrs. Catherine McDonald, housewife, and widow of the late David McDonald, residing at 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit IV).

a. "To whom it may concern: On the night of 29 June 1948 at Eleven P.M., I was sitting on my front porch when suddenly I noticed a very peculiar sight. At around 5,000 Feet I saw a luminous oval shaped object flying through the air. It was travelling very fast and seemed to just disappear within ten seconds. I called Mrs. Margaret Hollar's attention to it. We saw three of the same objects at approximately five minute intervals. After seeing the second one we called it to Police Sergeant Schuh's and Daughter Catherine's attention. They saw the third one. It was a very beautiful sight. As the second one flew across the sky a flash of lightning could be seen through the object. It seemed to be transparent. I would say the weather at that time was stormy and cloudy. But, the object was beneath the base of the clouds. There was no odor or sound from it. However, it had a trail of light about a yard long attached to it. It rolled vertically on its edge not flat. Looked something like this:" (See (Exhibit IV)). "Spinning on end across the sky. Travelled from Southwest to Northeast. I saw it disappear behind the houses across the street from where I was sitting. - Signed: Mrs. Catherine McDonald."

7. On 27 August 1948, Mrs. Margaret Hollar, housewife, residing at 100 Moore Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed

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statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit V).

a. "To whom it may concern: At approximately eleven P.M. on the twenty-ninth of June of this year Mrs. Catherine McDonald called my attention to a luminous flying object sailing through the air. I was just walking up the steps to her porch, paying her a visit. I saw exactly the same thing Mrs. McDonald saw. A very pretty sight it was. Looked like an oval shaped platter rolling along on its edge. It must have been going very fast because it disappeared almost five to ten seconds from the time I first noticed it. It was without sound or odor but it seemed to have a tail on it about a yard or so in length. Looked like a luminous plate or meat platter. I saw all 3 of them at five minute intervals. Sergeant Schuh of the Police Department and his daughter Catherine saw the third one. I would say these flying objects came from the Southwest and flew to the Northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. In fact, it had been stormy most of that afternoon and evening. The objects flew over around the Oakland Street area or just this side of it which would be East of Oakland Street. They travelled about 1,000 feet before they disappeared behind the houses across the street from us. - Signed: Margaret Lollar."

8. On 27 August 1948, Mr. I. P. Gregory, Senior Airways Traffic Controller, at Pittsburgh Allegheny County Airport, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following information. No scheduled, commercial airline or Military traffic pass over the area in question. Connellsville Airport, a small "P" field, from which light, privately owned aircraft are operated, is located on the right side of the Northeast leg of the Morgantown, West Virginia, range station on Airway Blue 39. This area is also outside of the Reserve Training flying areas for Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Therefore, Base aircraft would not be operated over the city of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

9. On 27 August 1948, Captain Samuel F. Freeland, Forecaster, assigned to the 102nd Weather Group, 10th Weather Detachment, at Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied true copies of two (2) teletyped weather sequences for 29 June 1948, marked (Exhibit VI).

10. Reference paragraph 5 c., basic letter, there are no activities geographically located in or near Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

6 Incl
Exhibits
I thru VI, Inclusive.

Wallace F. Shirey
WALLACE F. SHIREY
1st Lt., U.S.A.F.
Ass't. Intelligence Officer

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Air Force Asks P-G For Flying Disc Data

**Lieutenant on Trail of Aviating Saucers
Sighted Near Uniontown on June 30**

The high cost of flying saucers was demonstrated here Friday when a flying second lieutenant of the United States Air Force dropped into the Post-Gazette editorial room on the trail of some aviating discs sighted near Champaign.

Kunming 1944.11.11

"I'm not a doctor, but I think I can help you," said the man. "I've been thinking about you for a long time, and I want to help you. I want to help you because I know you're a good person, and I want to help you because I know you're a good person."

[illegible]

The difference in
Wormsley did to help out
the soundtrack for the
album is to turn it into
June 1968 - February 1970
album.

Photographed Near Seattle

But Mrs. MacDonald and company may expect a visitation any day now from Lieutenant Shrey. He'd want to know the size velocity shape and nationality of the searing underware.

During the Post-Gazette phase of his investigation, Lieutenant Shree dug up the name of Coast Guardsman Frank Evans, who photographed a dive near Seattle last year.

It was plain to see, however, that Lieutenant Shaver didn't have a hope of getting that message sent. It plainly calls for a brigade general.

June 1915

EXHIBIT II

W. B. Form No. 1011

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WEATHER BUREAU
CINCINNATI, OHIO

COOPERATIVE OBSERVER'S MEMORANDUM

(Date) August 29, 1915

TEMPERATURE

Maximum, 72 Minimum, 69

After setting—Max. _____ Min. 69
(These should agree closely.)

PRECIPITATION

Began, 10 15 a Ended, 10 45 a

5:20 p 6:30 p

Amount—Rain, melted snow, hail, or sleet,
.80 inches (and hundredths).

Snowfall, unmelted, since last observation,
_____ inches (and tenths).

Depth of snow on ground at time of observation,
_____ inches (and tenths).

Prevailing direction of wind for the day, S

Character of day—Clear, partly cloudy, or cloudy,
determined from several observations during
the day Partly cloudy

REMARKS

5:20 - 6:30 p Thunder storm
heavy rain & high wind

Note.—As soon as observation is made the
required figures should be carefully and neatly
copied on Form No. 1009. 11-5022-2

1/2 H. Marsteller

EXHIBIT II

Umontown Pa.

8-27-48

To whom it May Concern
on the night of June 29th
about 11⁰⁰pm. I noticed an
object in flight that resembled
a half of a large light Platter
this object appeared in the
West end of the City at Oakland
av. and West Main st seemed to
be at a height of about 6000
feet and sailed on a straight
line of about 8 or 9 thousand
feet in about 5 to 7 seconds
This object was illuminated
over

Weather Conditions rather cloudy me
Helen a neighbor called my attention
to the object as she and me
Mr. Donald had saw two swallows
by the one I saw there was no
found no trace connected to the
before it was flying north east

Charles E. Rich
and Daughter Catherine

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EXHIBIT 17

21 AUGUST 1948

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

ON THE NIGHT OF 29 JUNE 1948
AT ELEVEN P.M., I WAS SITTING ON
MY FRONT PORCH WHEN SUDDENLY I
NOTICED A VERY PECULIAR SIGHT.
AT AROUND 5,000 FEET I SAW A
LUMINOUS OVAL SHAPED OBJECT FLYING
THROUGH THE AIR. IT WAS TRAVELLING
VERY FAST AND SEEMED TO JUST
DISAPPEAR WITHIN TEN SECONDS.

I CALLED MRS. MARGARET HOLLAR'S
ATTENTION TO IT. WE SAW THREE OF
THE SAME OBJECTS AT APPROXIMATELY
FIVE MINUTE INTERVALS. AFTER SEEING
THE SECOND ONE WE CALLED TO CATHERINE'S
POLICE SERGEANT SCHUH'S ATTENTION.
THEY SAW THE THIRD ONE.

IT WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.
AS THE SECOND ONE FLEW ACROSS THE
SKY A FLASH OF LIGHTNING COULD BE
SEEN THROUGH THE OBJECT. IT SEEMED TO
BE TRANSPARENT.

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EXHIBIT IV

I would say the weather at
that time was stormy and cloudy.
But, the object was beneath the
base of the clouds

There was no odor or sound from
it. However, it had a trail of light
about 100 feet long attached to it.
It rolled vertically on its edge
not flat. Looked something like
this. SPINNING ON END ACROSS THE SKY.

 → Travelled from
southwest to north east. I saw it
disappear behind the houses across
the street from where I was sitting.

SIGNED

Mrs Catherine McDonald

STATEMENT OF
MRS CATHERINE McDONALD (Housewife)
38 KENSINGTON CIRCLE
UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
PHONE 3694

EXHIBIT IV

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27 August 1948

To whom it may concern:

at approximately eleven P.M.
on the twenty-ninth of June of this
year Mrs. Catherine MacDonald called
my attention to a luminous flying object
sailing through the air. I was just
walking up the steps to her porch,
saying her a visit.

I saw exactly the same thing
Mr. MacDonald saw. A very pretty
sight it was. Looked like an oval
shaped plate rolling along on its edge.
It must have been going very fast
because it disappeared almost five to
ten seconds from the time I first
noticed it.

It was without sound or odor
but it seemed to have a tail on it
about a yard or so in length.
Looked like a luminous plate or
metal plate. I saw all 3 of them
at five minute intervals.

Sergeant Schenk of the Police
Department and his daughter Catherine

saw the third one.

I would say these flying objects came from the Southwest and flew to the Northeast.

The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder.

In fact it had been stormy most of that afternoon and evening.

The objects flew over around the Oakland Street area on just the side of it which would be East of Oakland Street. They travelled about 1,000 feet before they disappeared behind the house across the street from me.

Margaret Hollar
SIGNED

STATEMENT OF
MRS. MARGARET HOLLAR (house wife)
110 MOORE AVENUE
UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
PHONE 1703-J

Incident # 164

Incident # 16

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 26 July 1945 Incident # 165
2. Time 2100 #
3. Location Chamblee, Ga.
4. Name of observer Doyle L. Avery et al
5. Occupation of observer Observer, Atlanta Naval Air Base
6. Address of observer Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Ga.
7. Place of observation Observation tower
8. Number of objects 1 blue white light
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Type N/S - like shooting star
13. Direction of flight SE turning S and gaining altitude
14. Path straight & level & gaining altitude
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color blue-white light
18. Shape N/S - object not seen
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction like shooting star
21. Exhaust trails N/S - possibly the blue white light was the exhaust
22. Weather conditions 2/10 cirrus at 25,000 ft; 1 to 4/10 of lower strato-cirrus at 5,000 ft. Visibility 12 to 15 miles. Surf wind light & variable 2-5 N/E
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks (over)

~~Carroll~~ Doyle L. Avery Observer, Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Ga., while on duty at the observation tower on 26 July 48 about 2100 hours sighted a blue-white light traveling southeast from the northeast. It was traveling very fast and maintained a uniform altitude (undetermined) and speed. It looked like a shooting star except for the fact that it maintained the same altitude. While under observation it then appeared to gain altitude and then turned sharply to the south. The weather was clear and still. There was no sound. Shortly after sighting the light several residents of the area called and reported seeing the same thing. No flights left or arrived at the station after 1910 hours on 26 July 48.

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Witnesses of this phenomena who were interviewed made statements as follows: On 26 July 48 they were seated on the lawn of the Georgia School of Technology Housing Project at Chamblee, Ga. About 1045 hours Mrs. John Gall sighted a strange light and called it to the attention of her companions. The light appeared about the size of a football and was traveling southeast on a steady course. It was green and faded into a silver-colored tail. The light appeared to lose altitude slowly much the same as a plane coming in for a landing. It appeared to fade away in flight as if extinguished. No sound was heard.

Witnesses: Mr. & Mrs. Harold Shaw
Mr. Robert Sebring
Mrs. Jeanne Hill
Mrs. Myrtle Renfroe
Mrs. John Gall

Incident # 106

Incident # 166

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 166

1. Date 30 Aug 48
2. Time 20,000 hours or 8:00 P. M.
3. Location Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Name of observer S/Sgt Leroy H. Estes
5. Occupation of observer S/Sgt
6. Address of observer H/S 1301 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles
7. Place of observation 1301 W. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer H/S
10. Time in sight H/S
11. Altitude estimated to be well over 20,000 ft.
12. Speed thought to be well over 700 MPH
13. Direction of flight None to West
14. Tactics none - flew level course
15. Sound No sound
16. Size Larger than B-29
17. Color silver
18. Shape V-2 rocket
19. Color detected H/S
20. Apparent construction rocket - like
21. Exhaust trails blue exhaust trail
22. Weather conditions H/S
23. Effect on clouds H/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance H/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Object resembled the fuselage of a V-2 rocket - but much larger. S/Sgt Estes stated that it was much larger than a B-29 and silver in color and that it completely filled the lens of a 10 X-50 field glass which was taken from a German 8 mm artillery piece. Each lens was 8" in diameter. Speed estimated to be well over 700 MPH, and object was traveling at an altitude of well over 20,000 ft. No sound was heard. Left a blue exhaust trail. Object traveling from west to east. Only one object sighted.

March Flight Service Center
March Air Force Base
Riverside, California

NAVY. MARSHAL

13 September 1948

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: TSDIN

In compliance with FS Regulation 200-4, dated 16 August 1948, the following report is submitted, reference TFX, DMZ 0048 W, March Flight Service Center:

- a. An object was sighted west of the City of Los Angeles. The time of the sighting was reported as 2025 Pacific Daylight Time.
- b. The weather was reported to be clear with visibility twelve (12) miles.
- c. The object was reported by Staff Sergeant Leroy H. Estes, residence - 1301 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, California; assigned to the Public Information Office of the Los Angeles Army and Air Force Recruiting Station, located at 610 South Main Street, Los Angeles; Telephone - Tucker 3710 or Van Dyke 6625. Object was not reported by any other person or persons to the March Flight Service Center.
- d. No photographs or sketches are submitted with report.
- e. Object sighted:
 - (1) Number - One
 - (2) Shape - Reported to resemble a German V-2
 - (3) Size - Unknown
 - (4) Color - Unknown
 - (5) Speed - Unknown
 - (6) Heading - Reported flying North to South
 - (7) Maneuverability - Unknown
 - (8) Altitude - Estimated 20,000 feet to 30,000 feet
 - (9) Sound - Unknown
 - (10) Exhaust trail or not - Resembling shooting star

Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects

1 Sep 48

g. Sergeant Estes reported that he followed the flight of the object with a pair of high powered binoculars, and was certain that it was not a shooting star.

CHARLES M. TAYLOR
Major, USAF
Commanding

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Chief of Staff, USAF, Wash 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence
Commander, MATS, Wash 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Div.
Commanding Officer, Flight Service, Wash 25, D. C.
ATTN: A-2

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TO CG/ATTN TLDIN/ATC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO JEPG/CO/ATTN A-2/HQ FLT SVC WASHDC

AF GRNC

UNRESTRICTED/DMZ 2048 H PD ROCKET SIGHTED FLYING NORTH TO SOUTH

WEST OF LOS ANGELES ESTIMATED TO 20 TO 30 THOUSAND FEET AT 2025

POT WEATHER CLEAR 12 MILES PD REPORTED

BY S/SGT ESTES LOS ANGES PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE PD FUSELAGE

RESEMBLES A GERMAN V-2 ROCKET PD WITNESS FOLLOWED RICKET WITH PAIR

OF HIGH POWERED GLASSES AND WAS CERTAIN IT WAS NOT A SHOOTING STAR

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Incident # 167

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **6 May 1948** Incident # 167
2. Time **0905 GCT**
3. Location **19° 08' N - 164° 05' E between Kwajalein Island, Marshall Islands and Hickam Field..**
4. Name of observer **Capt Floyd Barnes**
5. Occupation of observer **Pilot USAF**
6. Address of observer **Pacific Division, Milit Air Trans Service**
7. Place of observation **Ahead & above his plane**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **4 to 5 miles**
10. Time in sight **split second**
11. Altitude **10,000 ft**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **exploded like a shell**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **white**
18. Shape **ball**
19. Order detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S "fire"**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **5/10 cloud coverage**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **exploded**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

A large white ball of fire was observed some four to five miles directly ahead of and slightly above the aircraft. It was observed for only a split second and was comparable to the explosion of a shell. There were no streamers or "tails" observed such as usually related to a meteor or a distress signal. As the aircraft approached the approximate position where the ball of fire was observed a single white light was seen on the water surface. However, this disappeared within a few seconds after sighting because of the existing cloud coverage. More lights were immediately observed on the water surface some 10 miles north of the plane's course. It is the opinion of the witness (Capt Barnes) that these were from a surface vessel. Some 10 minutes elapsed after these lights were observed on the water surface when an aircraft was sighted flying a reciprocal course (240°) at about 1000 ft below the observers' aircraft and slightly to the right of the course. Capt Barnes made numerous attempts to contact this aircraft on Channel "3" and "C", "VHF" but acknowledgment of his transmission was never received.

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HEADQUARTERS
PACIFIC DIVISION
MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
APO 963

DS/CJP/44

23 August 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIARD-3

1. Letter your Headquarters, above subject, 10 August 1948, addressed to Commanding General, Headquarters Eastern Pacific Wing, has been endorsed to this office, and, in turn, was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, 51st Air Base Group, APO 184, where Capt. Barnes was last reported to be assigned.

2. After receiving the report of "Possible Firing Between Johnston Island and Hickam Field" from Capt. Barnes, this office immediately dispatched a query to the District Intelligence Officer, 14th Naval District, Old Naval Station, Honolulu, Hawaii, whose reply is quoted as follows:

"It is believed that the USS BOXER was engaged in tactical training operations in the vicinity of the contact reported by Captain Barnes, ATC pilot."

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl:
Cp Hq PACD ltr
dtd 10 May 48

BURTON K. WOOLERS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

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HEADQUARTERS
PACIFIC DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
APO 953

DC/CJP/da

10 May 1948

SUBJECT: Spot Report

TO: Commanding General
Air Transport Service
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: AG/S, Intelligence

1. The following information was reported by Captain Floyd Barnes, Pilot of aircraft, who was in flight between Kwajalein Island, Marshall Islands, and Hickam Field, T. H., at the time the incident occurred.

2. While flying magnetic course 060°, altitude 9000 feet, at approximately 09:05 GCT, 6 May 1948, a large white ball of fire was observed 19° 05' N - 164° 05' E, four to five miles directly ahead of and slightly above the aircraft. The ball of fire was observed for only a split second and was comparable to the explosion of a shell. There were no streamers or "tails" observed as usually related to a meteor or a distress signal.

3. Immediately after the ball of fire was observed, Captain Barnes instructed the Radio Operator to check the IFF. The IFF was reported by the Radio Operator to be in position No. 2 and operative.

4. As the aircraft approached the approximate position of where the ball of fire was observed, a single white light was seen on the water surface. However, this light was obscured within a few seconds after sighting because of the existing cloud coverage (4/1 - 5/10).

5. More lights were immediately observed on the water surface approximately ten miles north of the aircraft's course. It is the opinion of Captain Barnes and other persons aboard who observed these lights, that it was a surface vessel.

6. Approximately ten minutes elapsed after the last lights were observed on the water surface, when an aircraft was sighted flying a reciprocal course (240°) at about 1000 feet below the

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Subject: Spot Report

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOEL A. HARPER
Major, USAF
DAC/S, Intelligence

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Carl M. Zyer

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Basic ltr fr Hq AWC, 10 Aug 48, Subj: Project "SIGN"

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HQ 530TH AIR TRANSPORT WING, PACD, MATS, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California,
16 August 1948.

TO: Commander, Pacific Division, MATS, APO 953. ATTN: AC/S, Intelligence

Captain Floyd Barnes was transferred from this station to 1500th AFBU, Hickam per paragraph 16, SO 113, Hq 1504th AFBU, 23 April 1946. He returned to the states on emergency leave from Guam on 19 February 1947 and departed the U.S. on 22 March 1947 per paragraph 3, SO 25, Hq 1537th AFBU, 15 February 1947.

Arthur Conrad Jr.
ARTHUR CONRAD JR.
Major, USAF
AC/S, A-2

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Hq, Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service, APO 953, 21 August 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, 541st Air Base Group, APO 184
ATTENTION: Intelligence Officer

1. Request compliance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of basic letter. Information copy of results obtained will be forwarded to this office.
2. Copy of original report based on an interview with Capt. Barnes is attached for your information.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL TOMLINSON:

Burton K. Voorhees
BURTON K. VOORHEES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

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Cy Hq PACD ltr
dtd 10 May 48

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **20 July 1948** Incident # 168
2. Time **1330 local**
3. Location **Obrechtstreet, Arnhem, The Hague**
4. Name of observer **A. D. Otter**
5. Occupation of observer **Chf. Investigator of Court of Damage**
6. Address of observer **Arnhem, The Hague**
7. Place of observation **52° 30' N, 4° 30' E**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **very high**
12. Speed **high speed - comparable to V-2**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **Same as V-2**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **Aircraft with 2 decks and no wings**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **visibility unlimited - scattered clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **Object appeared to be wingless aircraft with two decks. It was traveling at very high altitude and was seen four times intermittently thru clouds. Visibility: unlimited.**

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SEPTEMBER 1948

IN 011854Z

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FROM: OFFICE OF MIL ATTACHE THE HAGUE 231600Z

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TO: AMCWPAFB

IN REPLY CITE: REF NHR BLACK 268.

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"Aircraft with 2 decks and no rpt no wings sighted",

"Local on 20 July 48",

"High speed, sound of V2"

and "through clouds by A D Otter, Obrechtstraat rpt Obrechtstraat 41, Arnhem,

Chief Investigator of Court of Damage inquiry Arnhem age 47"

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August 1948

IN 011316Z

FROM: MILATTACHE THE HAGUE SIGNED HOLLY 231600Z

ACTION: TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND
COMGENMAC WRIGHT PATTERSON FIELD

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ATTN: MCI.

IN REPLY CITE: REF NBR BLACK 268

Reference CSQID letter 452.1 dated 25 March 48 control number A1917.
Aircraft with 2 decks and no rpt no (GARBLE BEING SVCD) sighted at 52
degrees 30 minutes North 4 degrees 30 minutes East at 1330 local on
(GARBLE BEING SVCD) 48. weather scattered clouds, visibility unlimited, very
high altitude, highspeed back sound of V2, seen 4 times through clouds by
(GARBLE BEING SVCD) 41, arnhemvage Chief Investigator of Court of Damage
inquiry arnhemvage 47 and his daughter.

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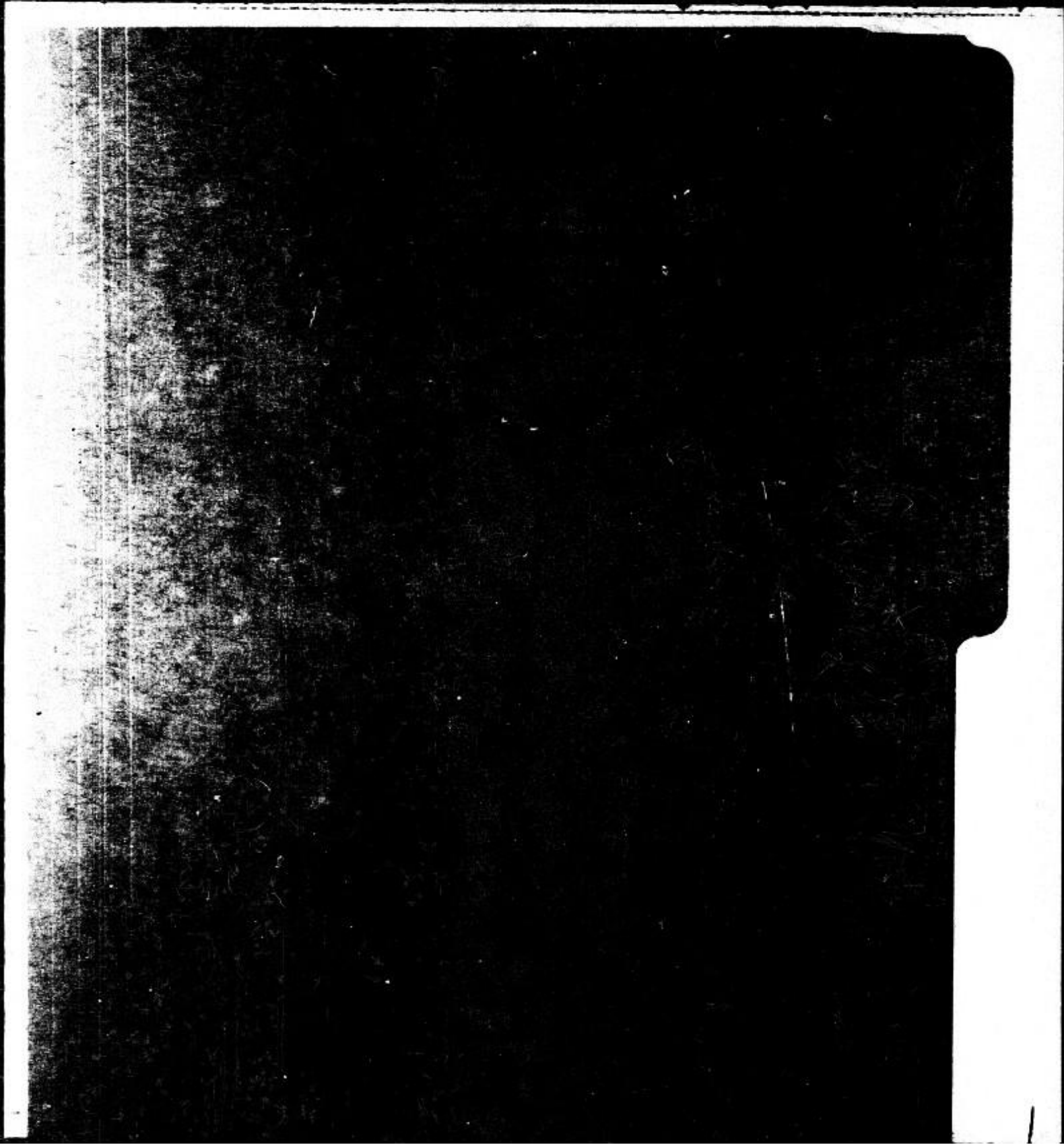
Incident # 169

1. Date 29 Aug 48
2. Time 0530
3. Location Maplewood, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mr. Faby Hiewonger
5. Occupation of observer farmer
6. Address of observer RD #1, Maplewood, Ohio. Phone: Jackson Central 8-0742
7. Place of observation Maplewood, Ohio
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics Arose from behind woods - seemed to unravel a silver substance that floated earthward
15. Sound N/S
16. Size large
17. Color silver
18. Shape sphere
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails - silver substance (?)
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated in mid-air
26. Remarks: (over)

Witness observed a large silver-colored sphere which seemed to arise from behind his woods and continued to float across his farm. While in flight it seemed to unravel a silver substance which floated earthward. While under observation it disintegrated in mid-air.

NOTE: Witness seemed very conscientious and sincere while relating this incident. Subject arose while witness was talking to a man from this Command (NCIAEP) when an airplane chanced to fly overhead.

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Item from Turkish newspaper "Yeni Sabah" Istanbul, 5 May 48:

"There have been reports lately to the effect that shining objects like meteors, have been sighted in various parts of the country. Some people suggest that these might be rockets. Information received from authorized circles reveals that such a thing passed over Adapazari and was seen to explode in the air. Parts of it fell into a village nearby and killed a sheep dog. The thing was found to be a rocket and the debris will be inspected by experts. Obers

Observers say that the rocket which is claimed to have come from the Northwest was flying at an altitude of 200 meters over Adapazari before it fell.

According to rumors, it is possible that the rocket is connected with the "flying disc" experiments being conducted by the Russians at the station on Mt Alagoz close to the eastern frontiers.

SOURCE: HA, Ankara, Turkey, 10 May 1948, Serial 86-48, Eval F-O.

COMSTEN: Air Attache, Ankara, Turkey, has been requested to investigate this incident fully and encourage Turkish General Staff to do likewise. Whether incident can be confirmed or not Air Attache has been directed to determine sources for information contained in Yeni Sabah article.





Incident # 171

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 3 Aug 48 Incident # 171
2. Time Sunset
3. Location Moscow, USSR
4. Name of observer N/S - American Newspaper Reporter
5. Occupation of observer Newspaper reporter
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation About 25 kilometers (19 to 20 miles) NW of Moscow
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed high but not excessive
13. Direction of flight Southwest-Northeast direction
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound No sound
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S - shone brightly
18. Shape long narrow
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Apparently metallic since it shone very brightly
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S - sunny
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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About Sunset on 3 Aug 48, about 25 kilometers (20 miles) northwest of Moscow an experienced American newspaper reporter saw an unidentified object at very high altitude. It was long and narrow and proceeded at a high but not excessive speed in a generally south-west- northeast direction. It shone very brightly probably from reflected sunlight. No wings could be seen and no sound was heard. It looked like a rigid airship and was so identified by a Russian acquaintance who saw it at the same time. However, the reporter, in spite of the appearance of the object was of the opinion that it was not a rigid airship due principally to its high speed. He had no theory to offer

MA COMMENT: This object might have been anything. Its speed seems insufficient for a guided missile, but it could have been either a jet or conventional airplane as unusual light conditions and fore-shortening frequently give aircraft a freakish appearance. The possibility that it was a dirigible should not be excluded. Reference "A" should not be excluded.

REFERENCE "A": The upper winds in Russia are not published but it was noted that on the following morning there were high surface winds with storm predictions.

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RTT CONF NR 0051

FM: CSAF WASH DC 021130Z

TO: CG AMC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

SUBJ: REG A-2 CONF

CLASS: BY ITEM

FRES: LT COL MCGINNIS
LT HUMNICUTT

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SORRY IT IS SPECIAL A-2 CONFERENCE

CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE BEEN
RECEIVED REGARDING FLYING OBJECTS
AND ARE FORWARDED FOR PROJECT "SIGN"
RECORDS:

1. ITEM FROM TURKISH NEWSPAPER YENI
SABAH, ISTANBUL, 5 MAY 1948. "THERE
HAVE BEEN REPORTS LATELY TO THE EFFECT
THAT SHINING OBJECTS LIKE METEORS, HAVE
BEEN SIGHTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE
COUNTRY. SOME PEOPLE SUGGEST THAT THESE
MIGHT BE ROCKETS. INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM AUTHORIZED CIRCLES REVEALS
THAT SUCH A THING PASSED OVER ADAPAZARI
AND WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE AIR.
PARTS OF IT FELL INTO A VILLAGE NEARBY,
AND KILLED A SHEEP DOG. THE THING WAS FOUND

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TO BE A ROCKET, AND THE DEBRIS WILL BE
INSPECTED BY EXPERTS. OBSERVERS SAY THAT

SOURCE: NA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL
123-48, 4 AUGUST 1948, EVAL. B-2.

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3. MOSCOW, USSR. "WHILE IN
MOSCOW THE FRIEND HAD MET WITH MEMBERS
OF THE MOSCOW IZVESTIYA EDITORIAL STAFF,
AT WHICH TIME HE HAD LEARNED THAT THE
CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE IS MAKEING A
SPECIAL, SECRET STUDY OF THE AMERICAN
"FLYING SAUCER" STORY AND THE "ROCKETS
OVER SWEDEN" INCIDENT. SOURCE HAD NOT
HEARD OF THE "FLYING SAUCERS" IN
AMERICA AND SO WAS COMPLETELY IN THE
DARK AS TO WHAT THE "SECRET STUDY"
MIGHT IMPLY.

SOURCE: NA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL
38-S-48, 10 JUNE 1948, EVAL. F-3.

REQUEST AMC CONTINUE ANY FOLLOW-UPS
DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF PROJECT "SIGN". INFORMATION RECEIVED
BY HEADQUARTERS, USAF, REGARDING FOLLOW-UPS
ON TURKISH REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMC.
END CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

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PROBABLY FROM REFLECTED SUNLIGHT. NO
WINGS COULD BE SEEN AND NO SOUND WAS
HEARD/ IT LOOKED LIKE A RIGID AIRSHIP,
AND WAS SO IDENTIFIED BY A RUSSIAN
ACQUAINTANCE WHO SAW IT AT THE SAME TIME.
THE REPORTER, HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THE
APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT, WAS OF THE
OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT A RIGID AIRSHIP,
DUE PRINCIPALLY TO ITS HIGH SPEED. HE HAD
NO THEORY TO OFFER, AND COULD ONLY
SAY THAT IT WAS A MYSTERY, LIKE THE
AMERICAN 'FLYING SAUCERS'.

NA COMMENT: "THIS OBJECT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN ANYTHING. ITS SPEED SEEMS
INSUFFICIENT FOR A GUIDED MISSILE,
BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A JET
OR CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE, AS UNUSUAL
LIGHT CONDITIONS AND FORESHORTENING
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WINDS. THE UPPER WINDS IN RUSSIA ARE
NOT PUBLISHED, BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT
ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING THERE WERE
HIGH SURFACE WINDS WITH STORM
PREDICTIONS".

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THAT SUCH A THING PASSED OVER ADAPAZARI
AND WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE AIR.
PARTS OF IT FELL INTO A VILLAGE NEARBY,
AND KILLED A SHEEP DOG. THE THING WAS FOUND

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TO BE A ROCKET, AND THE DEBRIS WILL BE
INSPECTED BY EXPERTS. OBSERVERS SAY THAT
THE ROCKET, WHICH IS CLAIMED TO HAVE COME
FROM THE NORTHWEST, WAS FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE
OF 200 METERS OVER ADAPAZARI BEFORE IT FELL.

"ACCORDING TO RUMORS, IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT THE ROCKET IS CONNECTED WITH THE FLY-
ING DISC EXPERIMENTS BEING CONDUCTED BY
THE RUSSIANS AT THE STATION ON MOUNT
ALAGOZ CLOSE TO OUR EASTERN FRONTIERS."

SOURCE: NA, ANKARA, TURKEY, 10 MAY
1948, SERIAL 86-48, EVAL. F-O.

DABCOMMENT: AIR ATTACHE, ANKARA, TURKEY,
HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS
INCIDENT FULLY AND ENCOURAGE TURKISH
GENERAL STAFF TO DO LIKEWISE. WHETHER
INCIDENT CAN BE CONFIRMED OR NOT AIR ATTACHE
HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO DETERMINE SOURCES
FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YENI SABAH
ARTICLE.

2. MOSCOW, USSR. " AT ABOUT SUNSET
ON 3 AUGUST 1948, ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS
NORTHWEST OF MOSCOW, AN EXPERIENCED
AMERICAN NEWSPAPER REPORTER SAW AN
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT AT A VERY HIGH
ALTITUDE. IT WAS LONG AND NARROW AND
PROCEEDED AT A HIGH BUT NOT EXCESSIVE
SPEED IN A GENERALLY SOUTHWEST-NORTHEAST
DIRECTION. IT SHONE VERY BRIGHTLY,

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PROBABLY FROM REFLECTED SUNLIGHT. NO WINGS COULD BE SEEN AND NO SOUND WAS HEARD/ IT LOOKED LIKE A RIGID AIRSHIP, AND WAS SO IDENTIFIED BY A RUSSIAN ACQUAINTANCE WHO SAW IT AT THE SAME TIME. THE REPORTER, HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT, WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT A RIGID AIRSHIP, DUE PRINCIPALLY TO ITS HIGH SPEED. HE HAD NO THEORY TO OFFER, AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS A MYSTERY, LIKE THE AMERICAN 'FLYING SAUCERS'.

NA COMMENT: "THIS OBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANYTHING. ITS SPEED SEEMS INSUFFICIENT FOR A GUIDED MISSILE, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A JET OR CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE, AS UNUSUAL LIGHT CONDITIONS AND FORESHORTENING FREQUENTLY GIVE AIRCRAFT A FREAKISH APPEARANCE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS A DIRIGIBLE, AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, (4-BANVAT 7, , & 85-00-43,5 SPEED FROM

WINDS.

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REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, OBTAINING ITS APPARENT SPEED FROM HIGH WINDS. THE UPPER WINDS IN RUSSIA ARE NOT PUBLISHED, BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING THERE WERE HIGH SURFACE WINDS WITH STORM PREDICTIONS".

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SOURCE: NA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL
123-48, 4 AUGUST 1948, EVAL. B-2.

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3. MOSCOW, USSR. "WHILE IN
MOSCOW THE FRIEND HAD MET WITH MEMBERS
OF THE MOSCOW IZVESTIYA EDITORIAL STAFF,
AT WHICH TIME HE HAD LEARNED THAT THE
CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE IS MAKING A
SPECIAL, SECRET STUDY OF THE AMERICAN
"FLYING SAUCER" STORY AND THE "ROCKETS
OVER SWEDEN" INCIDENT. SOURCE HAD NOT
HEARD OF THE "FLYING SAUCERS" IN
AMERICA AND SO WAS COMPLETELY IN THE
DARK AS TO WHAT THE "SECRET STUDY"
MIGHT IMPLY.

SOURCE: NA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL
38-S-48, 10 JUNE 1948, EVAL. F-3.

REQUEST AMC CONTINUE ANY FOLLOW-UPS
DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF PROJECT "SIGN". INFORMATION RECEIVED
BY HEADQUARTERS, USAF, REGARDING FOLLOW-UPS
ON TURKISH REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMC.
END CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

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Incident # 172





CHUCK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 172

1. Date of Incident 1 Oct 1948
2. Time of Incident 2100 hrs
3. Place of observation Fargo, N. Dakota from plane over Fargo and vicinity
4. Name of observer George F. Gorman
5. Occupation of observer Mgr Constr Co. (Pilot of F-51 in Air Mail Guard)
6. Address of observer 15 Fed Hous Proj Fargo N. Dakota
7. Number of objects observed ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 1
8. Distance of object from observer 1000 yds
9. Time in sight 27 minutes
10. Altitude 1000 to 1400 ft
11. Speed much faster than F-51
12. Direction of flight various
13. Tactics Several left turns, one right turn, diving and climbing
14. Lights clear white light
15. Sound none noted
16. Size at nearest closest observation 6 to 8 inches
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round at all times
19. Odor detected none
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none seen
22. Weather conditions CAFU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance in steep climb
26. Remarks: Northern lights were visible in the NE quadrant
(over)

One object was observed over a period of 27 minutes. It consisted of a small round ball of clear white light with no physical form or shape attached. It was about 6 to 8 inches in diameter. At times this light traveled faster than the F-51 and performed maneuvers in both evasive and aggressive manner. When first sighted the object was traveling at about 250 MPH at 1,000 ft altitude. Under this condition the light was not continuous but blinded off and on. At higher performance the white light was continuous. Possibilities of other aircraft, meteorological balloon releases, Canadian Vampire Jets having been in immediate vicinity have been discredited. Seiger check now being performed on F-51 aircraft for comparison survey with unaffected aircraft. Technical studies have been initiated.

The closest Gorman ever got to the object was in a head-on pass at which time the object passed over him at less than 500 feet. It then appeared to him to be from 6 to 8 inches in diameter. It was white with no apparent glare and a clear cut edge. It apparently had depth. It did not seem an exact ball but appeared "flat".

Realizing that the speed of the object was too much for him Gorman attempted to cut it off in turns. At this time his fighter was under full power. His speed varying from 300 - 400 MPH. The object circled to the left, he cut back to the right for a head-on pass. The pass was made at 5,000 ft, the object approaching head-on until a collision seemed inevitable. It then veered and passed 500 feet or less over the top of him. He circled around still without the object in sight. The object then made a 180° turn and initiated a pass at Gorman. This time Gorman watched it approach all the way and as it started to pull up he pulled up attempting to run. The object went straight up with him following to 14,000 ft. Gorman stalled out at 14,000 ft with the object 2000 ft above him circling to the left. They then made two circles. The object then pulled away and made another head-on pass, but did not complete it, breaking off at quite some distance from Gorman and headed over Easter Airport at around 11,000 ft. Gorman gave chase circling to the left trying to cut it off until he was some 25 miles SE of Fargo. He was then at 14,000 ft, the object at 11,000 ft. Again giving his engine full power he tried to catch it in a diving turn. The thing turned around and made another head-on pass. This time when it pulled up he pulled up also but it outclimbed him, traveling straight up until lost from view. Gorman then returned to the field and landed.

Gorman states positively that there was "thought" behind the maneuvers.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **1 Oct 1948** Incident # **178 A**
2. Time **2100 hrs**
3. Location **Fargo N. Dakota Air port**
4. Name of observer ~~XXXXXXXX~~ **L. D. Jensen**
5. Occupation of observer **Airport traffic controller**
6. Address of observer **1423 6th Ave Fargo S. N. Dakota**
7. Place of observation **Control Tower of Fargo N. Dakota Airport**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **1/2 mile**
10. Time in sight **several seconds**
11. Altitude **4000 to 5000 ft.**
12. Speed **extremely fast**
13. Direction of flight **W.S.W.**
14. Tactics **Horizontal flight**
15. Sound **none noted**
16. Size **Tail lamp of an airplane**
17. Color **clear white**
18. Shape **round**
19. Odor detected **none noted**
20. Apparent construction **none noted**
21. Exhaust trails **none noted**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU**
23. Effect on clouds **none**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **straight out**
26. Remarks:

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 1726

1. Date 1 Oct 1948
2. Time 2100 hrs.
3. Location Fargo, N. Dakota Air port
4. Name of observer Manuel E Johnson
5. Occupation of observer Assistant Air port Traffic controller
6. Address of observer 1422 Broadway, Fargo N. Dakota
7. Place of observation Control Tower of Fargo, N. Dakota Airport
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 1 to 2 miles
10. Time in sight several seconds
11. Altitude 2000 to 2500 Ft
12. Speed extremely fast
13. Direction of flight N.W.
14. Tactics one turn
15. Sound none
16. Size of a lamp
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected none noted
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none noted
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance straight line
26. Remarks:

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 1 Oct 1948
2. Time 2100 hrs
3. Location Fargo N. Dakota
4. Name of observer Dr. Cannon
5. Occupation of observer Oculist
6. Address of observer Newmans Jewelers, Fargo N. Dakota
7. Place of observation from Airplane and Fargo N Dakota Air port
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 1 mile
10. Time in sight at intervals for seconds only
11. Altitude 5000 to 6000 ft
12. Speed very fast
13. Direction of flight N.W.W. S.E. and W.
14. Tactics straight line
15. Sound none
16. Size tail light of airplane
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round
19. Color detected none
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none seen
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance straight line
26. Remarks:

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4 October 1948

INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 2

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Krbala

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: Gorman, George F.
AGE: Twenty-five years.
ADDRESS: Building 18, Federal Housing Project, Fargo, N.D.
OCCUPATION: Manager of construction work.
MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child.
EDUCATION: Two and one-half years college - mechanical engineering and physics.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

RANK: 2nd Lieutenant.
SERIAL NUMBER: A0943873.
UNIT: North Dakota Air National Guard.
NUMBER YEARS' SERVICE: Two years with the National Guard.
WAR ASSIGNMENT: Pilot instructor for French military students.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

2nd Lt. Gorman did not make the impression of being a dreamer. He reads little, and only serious literature. He spends 90% of his free time hunting and fishing; drinks less than moderately; smokes normally; and does not use drugs. He appears to be a sincere and serious individual who was considerably puzzled by his experience and made no attempt to blow his story up.

Summary of Interrogation:

Lt. Gorman had been with his squadron on a cross-country flight. When the squadron returned at approximately 2030 hours, Lt. Gorman decided to remain in the air inasmuch as he wanted to do some night flying. He flew west as far as Valley City and returned to Fargo to watch the foot ball game from the air, his altitude being approximately 1500 feet at this time. Circling the foot ball field, he saw about 500 feet beneath him a Piper Cub. At approximately 2100 hours he decided to return to the field. He called the tower to find out if all was clear, and was told that one other ship was in the air, the aforementioned Piper Cub, which was flown by Dr. Cannon of Fargo, North Dakota.

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As he flew into the pattern preparatory to landing, what seemed to be the tail light of another airplane passed him from the right. He called the tower immediately and complained that they had misinformed him, that there was a third ship in the air. The tower came back with the information that no other aircraft was reported out, that they had just checked with all other air fields in the area. Lt. Gorman, seeing the tail light run just outside the Piper Cub, pulled up and cut towards the moving light in order to identify what he thought to be another aircraft. He saw the Piper Cub plainly outlined beneath him against the city lights, but saw no outline of anything around the moving light. Lt. Gorman then proceeded to move toward the object (he thinks that he was about 1000 yards from the object at this moment), which appeared then to be about 6 to 8 inches in diameter. The light was clear white, completely round without fuzz at the edges, and was, until then, blinking on and off. He then proceeded to follow the light which suddenly became steady and pulled into a sharp left bank, making what he thought to be a pass at the tower. Lt. Gorman dived after the light, bringing his manifold pressure to 50 inches and realizing 2000 RPM, which increased at the finish of the dive to 3000. He was unable to catch up with the object which began to gain altitude.

Lt. Gorman continued to follow the object, in the meantime calling the tower and advising them as to what was going on. The object continued gaining altitude and again made a left bank. Lt. Gorman then cut his P-51 into a sharp turn and tried to cut the object off in the turn. By that time he was to an altitude of 7000 feet. The object then made a sharp right turn and Lt. Gorman turned about and headed straight at the object which had completed its turn and was coming toward him. At the point where collision seemed imminent, Lt. Gorman got scared and went into a dive, the object passing over his canopy at approximately 500 feet. At this time he had 60 inches of manifold pressure and 3000 RPM. The object again made a left circle approximately 1000 feet above him and he again gave chase. He cut again sharply toward the object which was once more coming at him and, at the time when collision seemed imminent again, the object went straight into the air and he started climbing after it until he gained approximately 14000 feet, at which time his plane went into a power stall. The object then turned in a north-west northern heading and disappeared. It was then 2127 hours.

Lt. Gorman proceeded to return to the field, being so excited that he had to make two passes at the field before he could properly land. During these entire maneuvers, Lt. Gorman noticed no deviation on his instruments. His magnetic compass reacted normally, there was no interference with his radio. He heard no sounds, noticed no odors, and saw no exhaust trails.


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Major, USAF,
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INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 3

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Kubala.

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: L.D. Jensen.
AGE: Twenty-eight years.
ADDRESS: 1423 Sixth Avenue, South, Fargo, N.D.
OCCUPATION: Airport traffic controller (CAA).
MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child.
EDUCATION: Two years' college.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

None - Civilian.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

Mr. Jensen is exactly what his name implies - typical quiet, steady, Scandinavian type of individual. He seems very reliable, deliberate and calculated in his observations. He is sober, does not smoke, use drugs, nor have any habits which could affect his normal way of thinking.

Summary of Interrogation:

Mr. Jensen was on duty since 1600 hours October 1, 1948, in the traffic control tower as traffic controller. There was not much traffic during the evening hours on that day, and, with the exception of the P-51, there was no other airplane from Fargo Air Field in the air. At 2050 hours he was advised from a privately owned field south of Fargo that Piper Cub No. 701, piloted by Dr. Cannon, had taken off and had asked for permission to land at Fargo Air Field to attend the ball game. At 2100 hours Lt. Gorman called the tower, asking if any other aircraft were in the air and he was given the position of the Piper Cub. Approximately 5 minutes after that Lt. Gorman called again and stated that there was another aircraft in the air at approximately the same altitude as the Cub; however, it could not be the Cub in view of its speed. He was advised that no other aircraft was in the air from Fargo Air Field and none other was signalled from other air fields.

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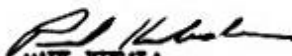
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Lt. Gorman then called in again and stated that he was going to follow the other aircraft. Mr. Jensen then stepped to the south window of the tower and at that moment saw the object, approximately 1000 feet from the tower in a north-western direction, passing very fast over the field. Mr. Jensen happened to have, at this particular moment, a pair of binoculars in his hand, and he watched the object as it passed over the field. He was, however, unable to distinguish any shape or form other than what appeared to be the tail light of a very fast moving craft. Mr. Jensen did not see the maneuvers carried on by the object nor the P-51 of Lt. Gorman. He saw the object only once, and then only as it passed in a straight line over the field.

Mr. Jensen states that approximately 10 minutes prior to Lt. Gorman's call, the Weather Station at Fargo had released a lighted weather balloon; however, the balloon was at all times in sight by Mr. Sanderson of the Weather Station, the balloon flying slowly in a westerly direction at an altitude of about 500 feet. Mr. Jensen further states that the voice of Lt. Gorman became, at times, very garbled and he had to repeatedly ask him to speak clearer. He thinks, however, that during the diving and climbing maneuvers of the P-51, Lt. Gorman's throat microphone had probably slipped.

Mr. Jensen heard no sound from the object, noticed no odor, and saw no exhaust streaks in the air.


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Chief, ATI Field Office.

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4 October 1948

INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 4

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Kubala.

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: Manuel E. Johnson.
AGE: Thirty-four years.
ADDRESS: 1422 Broadway, Fargo, N.D.
OCCUPATION: Assistant airport traffic controller, Fargo Airport.
MARITAL STATUS: Married, no children.
EDUCATION: High School graduate.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

None - Civilian.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

Mr. Johnson is approximately of the same type as Mr. Jensen, stoical, quiet, Scandinavian type, not easily impressed, testotaller, smokes pipe only, has never used habit-forming drugs.

Summary of Interrogation:

Mr. Johnson was on duty at the Fargo Airport tower since about 1400 hours, 1 October 1948, and was in the tower at the time the F-51 called in requesting information about local traffic. At the time when Lt. Gorman called the second time in regard to the object, Mr. Johnson walked to the rear of the receiver and, looking out of the south window, saw the object and the Cub. Object, at this particular time, was a little higher than the Piper Cub, and outside of him. Object seemed to be on a north heading and then turned northwest.

Mr. Johnson had no other information to offer in support of what Mr. Jensen had to say. He added, however, that Dr. Cannon and partner had, in the meantime, landed and come to the tower and that Dr. Cannon had walked on to the balcony of the tower and remained on the southeast corner watching the object. Mr. Johnson heard no sound from the object, noticed no odor, and saw no exhaust streaks.

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INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 5

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Kuhala.

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: Dr. L.N. Cannon.
AGE: Sixty-six years.
ADDRESS: Newman's Jewelry Store, Fargo, N.D.
OCCUPATION: Occulist.
MARITAL STATUS: Widower.
EDUCATION: Six years' medical college.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

None - Civilian.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

The doctor, in spite of his age, appeared to be highly alert, quick-witted, and very capable. He took up flying two years ago and owns two aircraft today, flying them from the Fargo Flying Club, which is located south of Fargo. The doctor was not at all impressed with the occurrence of the night of 1 October, and seemed to be of the impression that a Canadian jet airplane may have come over and played tag with Lt. Gorman.

Summary of Interrogation:

At approximately 2030 hours, Dr. Cannon had taken off from the south airport of Fargo and had made several circles over the foot ball field on the outskirts of the city, watching the game going on. As he proceeded to land, he noticed what appeared to be the tail light of another ship go at considerable speed in a westerly direction.

Dr. Cannon landed his Piper Cub at the Fargo Airport and proceeded to the tower where he delivered some bottles of coca-cola to the tower operators. On his entrance, he overheard the running commentary between Lt. Gorman and Mr. Jensen. He stepped on the balcony and watched the maneuvers of the P-51 from the southeast corner of the tower. He did see the object from the tower, twice. The object was again headed in a westerly direction, returning very shortly, going into a steep bank and then disappearing in a northwestern by north direction.

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Dr. Cannon noticed no deviation on his instruments. He did not, however, watch his magnetic compass inasmuch as he flies more by knowledge of terrain than by compass. Dr. Cannon thought at all times that the light he saw belonged to another airplane, most probably to a Canadian jet, some of which have come over at various times and buzzed the Fargo field. He did, however, notice that there was no sound from the object at any time, no odor and no exhaust streaks in the sky.


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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
Hector Airport
Fargo, North Dakota

DCJ:trb
5 October 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Statements Pertaining To Aerial Phenomenon
Scene on 1 Oct 48.

TO : Chief Intelligence Department, Headquarters Air Materiel
Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

1. Transmitted herewith are statements pertaining to the
observation of an Aerial Phenomenon on 1 Oct 48.
2. While the undersigned is cognizant of the fact that reports
of this nature are classified material, the fact that a number of
civilians were aware of the alleged engagement which Lt. Gorman
had with the object, it was necessary that a press release be made
in order to avoid an exaggerated account being printed and a con-
sequent mild hysteria.
3. No attempt is made by the undersigned to evaluate the
statements herewith attached.

Donald C. Jones
Donald C. Jones
Major, AF, NDNG
Commanding.

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Statement of an interview conducted by Major Donald C. Jones,
Commanding Officer, 173rd Fighter Squadron and 2nd Lt. George
F. Gorman, Pilot in the above organization pertaining to the
witnessing of an Aerial Phenomenon by Lt. Gorman.

Q. How did you happen to first notice the object in question?

A. Flying in circles to the left over the city of Fargo at 270
miles an hour, I noticed a cub circling the Football Field
on the North end of Fargo. At almost the same time I noticed
the object traveling from East to West between the tower at
Hector Airport and the Football Field. The time was 2100.

Q. How did the object first look to you?

A. At first observation it appeared to be the rear navigation
light on an aircraft except that it had no glare and was
blinking on and off.

Q. What did you then do?

A. My first reaction was to keep it in sight and circle with it. At
the time, the object was making a circle around the city of Fargo
at approximately 1000 feet traveling at the same rate of speed
as I. Putting it in the light of the city, myself being above
it, I checked it for wings and fuselage but it appeared to have
none. I could distinguish the outline of the cub distinctly.

Q. Did you have any conversation with the tower regarding the
position of any aircraft in the air?

A. Yes.

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- Q. What was the gist of this conversation and the time it occurred?
- A. My first call occurred at 2107 at which time I asked the tower if any other aircraft were in the air besides the cub and myself.
- Q. What was the towers response?
- A. They knew of no other local aircraft.
- Q. What did you do then?
- A. I contacted the tower, gave them my position, the position of the object, and notified the tower that I was heading off and going to have chase.
- Q. How near did you estimate that you got to the object during the chase?
- A. The closest time I got to the object was in a head-on pass at which the object passed over me at less than 500 feet.
- Q. How large did the object appear when it passed over you?
- A. It appeared to me from 6 to 8 inches in diameter.
- Q. Can you describe the object?
- A. The object was white light with no apparent glare and clear cut edge.
- Q. Did the object have any depth?
- A. Apparently no.
- Q. Could you describe it as merely a ball of light?
- A. No, it seemed to be flat.
- Q. How long were you able to keep the object in view?
- A. Twenty-seven (27) minutes.

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1. Can you describe briefly what occurred during these 27 minutes?
2. After the initial peel off, I realized the speed of the object was too great to catch in a straight chase, so I proceeded to cut it off in turns. At this time my fighter was under full power. My speed varied between 300 and 400. The object circled to the left, and back to the right for several times. The pass was made at approximately 14,000 feet. The object made a head-on pass until collision seemed inevitable. The object was at a distance of approximately 200 feet or less over the top above me. I circled around and still without the object in sight. The object made a 180 degree turn and initiated a pass at me. This time I watched it approach all the way and as it started to pull up, I pulled up abruptly trying to ram the object until straight up with me following to apparently 14,000 feet. I stalled out at 14,000 feet with the object apparently 2000 feet above me circling to the left. We made two circles to the left. The object then pulled out away from me and made another head-on pass. At this time the pass started and the object broke off a large distance from me heading over Hector Airport to the Northwest at apparently 11,000 feet. I gave chase circling to the left trying to cut it off until I was 25 miles Southeast of Fargo. I was at 14,000, the object at 11,000 when I again gave the aircraft full

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power and trying to catch it in a diving turn. The object turned around and made another head-on pass. This time when pulling up, I pulled up also and observed it traveling straight up until I lost it. I then returned to the field and landed.

Q. Did the object at anytime change it's appearance?

A. Yes.

Q. In what way?

A. When the object was traveling slow, the light varied in intensity and blinking on and off.

Q. Did the light ever remain steady?

A. Yes.

Q. At what time?

A. When the object increased it's speed, the light increased in intensity and became steady.

Q. What did you estimate its fastest speed to be?

A. Somewhere above 600 miles per hour.

Q. Did the object appear to be opaque?

A. No.

Q. At any time did the light change color?

A. No.

Q. Did the light also appear the same even in turns?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the light at any time have an elliptical shape?

A. No.

Q. Did you have the impression that the object was controlled?

A. Definitely, there was thought behind the maneuvers.

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Q. How was the weather especially the visibility at the time of this enroute?

A. 7.5.

Q. Were you conscious of the Northern lights?

A. Yes, I had observed them low on the North Eastern horizon through out my flight.

Q. Are you willing to certify that this is a true and accurate statement to the best of your knowledge?

A. Yes, I so certify to the best of my powers of observation, that every statement herein is true.

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A STATEMENT BY DOCTOR A. E. CANNON:
October 1st at 11:20 PM

A gentleman and myself took off from Skye Ranch Flying Field, which is five (5) miles South of Hector Airport, at eight-forty (8:40) P.M. to do a little night flying. We were in a two way radio connection with the tower at Hector Airport. I was doing the flying and Nielson was using the phones and while circling the Football Field at the A.C. at 1600 feet, the Fargo tower advised us there was a 51 in the air and a few moments later asked who the third plane might be. We had noticed the 51, and when we were over the North side of Hector Field going West, a light seemingly on a plane flared above and to the North moving very swiftly toward the West. At first we thought it was the 51 but we then saw the lights of the 51 higher and more over the field. We landed on runway three (3) and taxied into the Add building and went up to the tower and listened to the calls from the 51 which seemed to be trying to over-take the plane or lighted object which then went southward and over the city. The plane was moving very swiftly, much faster than the 51. Tried to get a better view with a pair of binoculars but couldn't follow it well enough. The 51 landed and we took off just ahead of Northwest plane and landed at Skye Ranch and registered on the flying sheet at 10:20 P.M. I saw the light and the 51 at the same time. The lights seemed to be outside of the circle made by the 51.

A TRUE COPY

Donald C. Jones
Donald C. Jones
Major, A.F. HONO
Commanding

/s/ Doctor A. E. Cannon

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HECTOR AIRPORT
Fargo, North Dakota

5-1723
DCJ:trb
16 October 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Statement.

TO : Chief Intelligence Department, Headquarters Air Materiel Command,
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

1. In accordance with the attached communication, transmitted herewith, is the statement requested.

2. Since the CAA Control Tower at Hector Airport has no recording device, no copy of the conversation between the Control Tower and Lt. Gorman is obtainable.

Donald C. Jones
DONALD C. JONES
Major, AF, NDNG
Commanding

12:56
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Wm. D. Jones
W.D. Jones
W.D. Jones

This is in reply to your request for a statement relative to the subject entitled by you, and others on the right of the C. I.

Lt. Cannon and I took off from "Sky Launch
 Airport" 3.20 PM on the night of Oct 1st to
 do a little night flying. We circled the AC
 north of field watching the gasco - I was
 in the front seat of the Cock and how was
 flying at the time so I put on the phone and
 turned on the scanner just in case that the
 Fargo town might want to contact us. After
 circling the football field a number of times
 Fargo town called and requested our position.
 I gave the town our position as "just S.E. of the
 field over Fargo at 1600 feet." Fargo town ack-
 nowledged the message and then asked if we
 had observed any other aircraft in the area at
 about 4000 feet. ~~Nothing~~ ^{CONFIDENTIAL} ~~we had~~ ^{nothing} ~~seen~~ ^{seen} ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing}

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to the same. It is that there was no aircraft in sight at the time. Judge Tower then said as I had me in sight but that he had observed another aircraft in the area at about 1400 5 thousand.

We headed north and soon a "object" came observed above us and to our right - it was traveling west and we were both very much impressed at the speed it was traveling at. I immediately called the tower and gave them the position of the craft thinking they would contact it. It had no lights and appeared only as a large bluish white glow. The night was clear but there was no moonlight so it was impossible to observe any outline of the object and there was no reflection observed.

The object then made a large sweeping turn of about 90° - it seemed to maintain its altitude in the turn - and it traveled south at a very high rate of speed and was seemingly gaining altitude as it traveled south. We saw the 51 in pursuit just as it made its turn south but the 51 was slow

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We landed and went to the tower to
find out if they had made contact with the
craft but they hadn't. While in the tower
we saw the object making smooth spiraling
to the over Targa - at a much higher altitude
- also saw the position lights of the 51 as it
passed after it. The 51 appeared to be flying
in a smaller circle than the other obj. but even
so it could not match its speed. It came
within and could hear the 51 - but there seemed
to be no sound of any kind from the other
craft.

I haven't the least idea what the object
was but I do know what I saw was not
an illusion.

Yours truly,
R. J. Ford

10:18

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Airport Traffic Control Tower
Hector Airport - Box 1756
Fargo, North Dakota

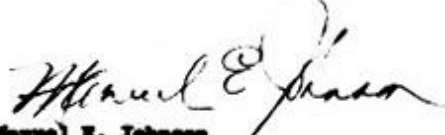
October 1, 1948

178th Fighter Squadron
Air National Guard
Fargo, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

Attention: Maj. D. Jones

The object in question was first noticed just east of the airport, and appeared to be on a north heading. After passing to the east of the airport it seemed to take up a northwest heading. The object seemed to be at about two thousand feet and appeared to be traveling at quite an excessive speed compared to a Piper Cub that was east of the field at the time. No definite outline could be identified. Both objects were noticed at the same time.


Manuel E. Johnson
Assistant Airport Traffic Controller
Civil Aeronautics Administration

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Airport Traffic Control Tower
Hester Airport - Box 1758 - I.O.W.
Fargo, North Dakota

October 1, 1948.

176th Fighter Squadron
Air National Guard
Fargo, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

Attention: Maj. D. Jensen

This is to advise that I sighted an object or a light traveling at a high rate of speed, through B. & L. 6 x 30 binoculars, with an F-51 following. The object passed between my position and the city traveling at a high rate of speed apparently on a southwest heading. The F-51 was some distance behind and the object was traveling fast enough to increase the spacing between itself and the fighter. This took place at approximately 9:10 P.M. on October 1, 1948. The object appeared to be only a round light, perfectly formed, with no fuzzy edges or rays leaving its body. The edges were clear cut. No other shape was observed. The main identifying characteristic was the high rate of speed at which it was apparently traveling.

Lloyd D. Jensen
Lloyd D. Jensen
Senior Airport Traffic Controller
Civil Aeronautics Administration

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Incident # 12

Date: 29 October 1948

FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Geiger Radioactivity Check of F-51 #511435
Air National Guard, Fargo, North Dakota

TO: MCIAT
Attn: Mr. Dayarmond
THRU: MCIAO Mr. Money
MCIA Mr. Loedding

1. In compliance with decisions between this office (MCIAO) and Mr. Lawrence H. Truettner, Aeronautical Engineer, Chief of Guided Missiles Branch and Mr. Alfred C. Loedding, Technical Assistant to this division (MCIA), Capt. Robert R. Snider, Project Sign Officer, in the company of Air Technical Field Organization Officers acting as pilot (1st Lt. T. S. Byington), co-pilot (1st Lt. Eluhow), and engineer and crew chief (Capt. Crawford), departed Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, on or about 0905 hours, 23 October 1948. The Air National Guard Airdrome Officer of the Day was contacted in the absence of the Commanding Officer, and arrangements were made for a comprehensive radioactivity check of a number of F-51 aircraft, including subject airplane, by exposure to a Geiger-Mueller Radiation Measurement Set, Model GLB-200A (hand-portable).

2. To obtain a comparative "Geiger" reading of the subject aircraft the following method of testing and measuring radioactivity was utilized:

- a. Only certain fixed areas on all aircraft were checked.
- b. A period of ten (10) seconds was allotted each reading. (a mean average could thus be established.)
- c. Portions of aircraft indicating more than usual radioactivity were checked for maximum and minimum Geiger readings.
- d. All aircraft tested (with the exception of the No. 11380 which was flown 20th Oct) had been flown on 22 October.

NOTE: Subject aircraft, in addition to having been flown 1 October 1948 (date of the incident) had been in use the 2, 8, 14, 21 and 22 of October.

- e. The selected aircraft were not equipped with oxygen thus precluding flights in excess of 10,000 feet. (Questioning of crews and two pilots revealed that none had been flown higher than 7,000 ft.

3. It will thus be seen that the factor of relative exposure to normal cosmic rays could be presumed to be fairly constant since only F-51's flown under 10,000 feet and whose daily flight-schedules corresponded to those of the subject aircraft were chosen.

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