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[redacted]

Page 2 Incident: 1803

[redacted] Studebaker Corp

Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s): very reliable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: On Wednesday, October 13, 1948 [redacted] was called by Miss [redacted] to observe an unidentified flying object. Mr [redacted] observed a spinning or flashing object which seemed to be moving at a high rate of speed from northwest to southeast and holding a steady course. It appeared either silver or chrome in color. Observer was unable to determine what the object was, its size, height, or rate of speed.

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ATTN: R. L. Wassell
Col, USAF

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Attached hereto find letter indicating the action taken relative to the [redacted] sighting at South Bend, Indiana.

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Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intel Div
Intelligence Department

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Scott Air Force Base
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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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PRESENT LT COL MCGINNIS
MAJ TOLBERT

CSAF [redacted]
ATTENTION PROJECT SIGN

REQUEST BRIEF SUMMARY AND EVALUATION REGARDING UNIDENTITIED FLYING OBJECT INCIDENT REPORTED TO HAVE OCCURRED AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 14 OCTOBER 1948.

END 3 [redacted]

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PRESENT HERE: MR. WHITE
MR. POST

AMC-3 [redacted]

REFERENCE CSAF-3 CMA 21 OCT 48, CONCERNING PROJECT "SIGN", SOUTH BEND CMA INDIANA INCIDENT, 14 OCT 48.

ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THIS COMMAND TO OBTAIN FULL CMA AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT INCIDENT.

UPON RECEIPT, COMPLETE INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED.

END AMC-3 [redacted]

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No. 35-1 | Date 4 Jan 49 rsw

Report made by
GOMER L. GIBSON

Report made at
DO #12, Scott AFB

Period
25-29 Nov 1948; 1 Dec 1948

Office of origin
Hq, Air Materiel Command

Status
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Title
PROJECT "SIGN"

Character
Security Survey (Flying Disc)

Reference
Ltr Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, 22 Oct 48, file-MCIAXO-3.

Synopsis
Investigation requested by Colonel W. R. CLINGERMAN, Acting Chief, Intelligence, Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB. On or about noontime, 13 October 1948, a clear day, Miss [redacted], Secretary, and [redacted], chief clerk, Engineering, of the Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana, reported to [redacted], Executive Engineer, Body Engineering Department of Studebaker that on or about 11:40 A.M., they had viewed a flying anomaly, flying over the city of South Bend. [redacted] first saw an unknown type of plane fade from view after which her eye noted a spinning, flashing, silver, flat object without fins or protrusions, traveling at great speed, on a direct course, and at a height of 1500 feet. [redacted] called [redacted] to view the object and he confirmed her impression. The object was in view eight to ten seconds. A responsible executive of the Studebaker Corporation vouchsafed for the high calibre and reliability of [redacted] and [redacted] who collaborated to answer questions listed in Essential Elements of Information regarding "Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects, Project "Sign"," wherein they reiterate their initial observations of the anomaly. Investigation into the backgrounds of [redacted] and [redacted] revealed them to be individuals of good repute. Weather data was obtained from the South Bend station of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, who rated 13 October 1948, as to average cloudiness, with 4, on a scale of zero to ten. No object such as described reached the earth at or near South Bend. No commercial aircraft were scheduled over South Bend at time anomaly viewed.

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Action Copy forwarded to
Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio.
Attn: Acting Chief,
Intelligence Division.

Approved
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JAMES C. RICHARDSON,
Lt Colonel, USAF.
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DETAILS:

This investigation was requested by Col W. R. CLINGERMAN, Acting Chief, Intelligence, Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who by a letter dated 22 October, subject: "Project 'Sign'", informed this office that an aerial anomaly had been reported from South Bend, Indiana. Said letter contained as an inclosure a list of questions to be utilized, entitled, "Elements of Essential Information".

AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

1. On 25 November 1948, Mr. [redacted], S., South Bend, Indiana, and Executive Engineer for Body Engineering, Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana, stated that upon his return from lunch 13 October 1948, Miss [redacted] told him about seeing an aerial anomaly from her office window. Mr. [redacted] Chief Clerk, Engineering Department, Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana, also saw the aerial anomaly after his attention was called to it by Miss [redacted] according to Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] immediately questioned both persons having noted this phenomenon, separately, endeavoring to get a clear picture of just what had been seen. Mr. [redacted] himself did not actually see this apparation. Mr. [redacted] is a former Captain in the United States Army Air Force and was Projects Officer in the Production Division of Wright Engines while stationed at Wright Field. During the early days of the war, Mr. [redacted] was Chief Engineer of the Air Aviation Division of the Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana.

2. On 29 November 1948, the writer interviewed Mr. [redacted], Vice President in charge of Engineering of the Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana, who stated that he had heard about the aerial anomaly, but did not observe its flight. However, Mr. [redacted] stated that in his opinion, the veracity of Miss [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] was unquestionable.

3. On 1 December 1948, reporting Agent interviewed Miss [redacted], Secretary to Mr. [redacted], Vice President in charge of Engineering, Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana. Miss [redacted] stated that at approximately 1145 hours on 13 October 1948, while looking out the office window facing north, she noticed a very dark colored plane flying directly north, but it was so distant she could not determine what type of plane it was, other than the fact that it was not a transport plane, inasmuch as they see transports frequently, which she described as silver in color, traveling East and West, or Southeast and Northwest, while within the scope of vision of her window. As Miss [redacted] watched the described plane fade from view, another object caught her attention. At first she believed it to be a piece of paper being blown along by the wind. However, after observing it more closely, she noted that it was much higher than would be possible for a piece of paper to normally be floating. The object was traveling at what seemed to be a very high rate of speed, and it was impossible for her to determine the altitude at which it was moving. The object was silver in color, and seemed to be turning or spinning so that the sun reflected from the object. As the object was traveling very rapidly, and, at what seemed a very high altitude, it was not possible to determine its shape. She was certain however, it was not an airplane. It, also, did not appear to be smooth-surfaced object because of the flashing of the sun's rays against it. the object was traveling a direct course from Northwest to Southeast, and was within her scope of vision for perhaps 15 to 20 seconds.

NOTE: A test was conducted by Mr. [redacted] and the writer to ascertain the accuracy of Miss [redacted] conception of seconds. This test was repeated three times, and each time it was noted that her conception of time(which she had estimated as 15 seconds) varied from 8 seconds to 10 seconds.

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4. On 1 December 1948, Mr. [redacted], Chief Clerk, Engineering Department, Studebaker Corporation, South Bend 27, Indiana, stated he and Miss [redacted] occupy the same office, and that on Wednesday, 13 October 1948, at approximately 1145 hours, Miss [redacted] called Mr. [redacted] to the office window facing North. He stated that he observed going across the sky at what seemed to be a high rate of speed, a spinning or flashing object of either silver or chrome appearance. This object seemed to be holding a steady course from Northwest to Southeast. Mr. [redacted] was unable to determine what this object could be, or its size, altitude or rate of speed, but it did occur to Mr. [redacted] that it might be one of the flying discs of which he heard so much.

5. Mr. [redacted], Assistant Vice President, Engineering Department, Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana, stated that he did not see the aerial anomaly, but heard about it, and since he had passed it off as a joke, he did not pay any more attention to it. He stated however, that Miss [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] were of the high type caliber employees, and were, in his opinion, two persons that could be regarded as reliable.

6. In an attempt to gain more information, the following additional checks were made in an interview with Miss [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]

a. They were not sure the object was rotating, but gained that impression because of the flashing of the sun from its surface.

b. They were not sure of the object's altitude, but felt that it was not traveling over 1500 feet.

c. The object was traveling at very high speed, estimated approximately three times the speed of a transport. (Inasmuch as transports frequently fly over the city and can be readily seen from Miss [redacted] window, she was able to make this comparison.)

d. There was no vaper trail and no noise that could be heard from the object.

e. Neither Miss [redacted] or Mr. [redacted] would attempt to estimate the distance away, nor the actual altitude that the object might have been, nor did they notice any fins, semblance of wings, or similar protusions.

f. The writer asked if it might have been an escaped weather balloon, and they were both positive that it was not spherical, and that it was not an airplane.

g. Miss [redacted] estimate of its size was that it was not as large as a DC-3, probably larger than a Piper Cub.

7. Both Miss [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] are considered a high type of person by their employers, and hold important positions with the [redacted] Corporation of South Bend, Indiana. They have no criminal records, and no derogatory information could be learned concerning them in South Bend or Mishawaka, Indiana.

NOTE: The writer check with Mr. [redacted], Chief, Weather Bureau, South Bend, Indiana. In company with Mr. [redacted], the reporting agent contacted the Civil Aeronautic Administrative Air Port tower, St. Joseph County, St. Joseph Air Port, South Bend, Indiana, and learned there were no unusual circumstances, 13 Oct 48. This determined by checking the log."

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Inclosures:

1. Extract of monthly Climatological Summary.
2. Statement from Miss [redacted]
3. Statement from Mr. [redacted]
4. Map of South Bend.
5. Air Line Schedules, South Bend, Indiana.
6. Questionnaire, "Essential Elements of Information".

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There is no astronomical explanation for this incident. Reflection of the sun from a balloon or aircraft appearing in foreshortened position might possibly account for the description given here.

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The following is an extract of data pertaining to 13 October 1948 as obtained from Monthly Climatological Summary of the South Bend Station for the month of October, 1948.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WEATHER BUREAU
MONTHLY CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY
With Comparative Data

STATION South Bend, Indiana (airport) Month October 1948

Phone 3-6001 ; 90th Meridian Time; Lat 41°42' N, Long86°19'W; Eleva 776 ft

Date: 13 October 1948

Temperature:	
Maximum:	53
Minimum:	40
Mean:	49
Departure fr Normal:	-6
Degree, Days Base 65°	17

Precipitation:
Total (inches) 0.00
Wind: Prevailing Direction: NW
Weather: Average Cloudiness, Scale 0 to 10: 4

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s/ Edmond F. Striker,
Official in Charge,
Weather Bureau.

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In compliance with request contained in "Elements of Essential Information, Project, Sign", Miss [redacted] on 1 December 1948 executed and signed the following statement.

THE STUDEBAKER CORPORATION
South Bend 27, Indiana

December 1, 1948

At approximately 11:45 AM on October 13, 1948, while looking out through our office window facing North, I noticed a very dark colored plane flying directly North, but it was so far away I could not determine what type plane it was other than the fact that I felt it was not a transport plane inasmuch as we see transports very frequently, they are sliver in color and travel East and West, or Southeast and Northwest while within our scope of vision from this location.

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[redacted]
Edwardsburg, Michigan
December 1, 1948

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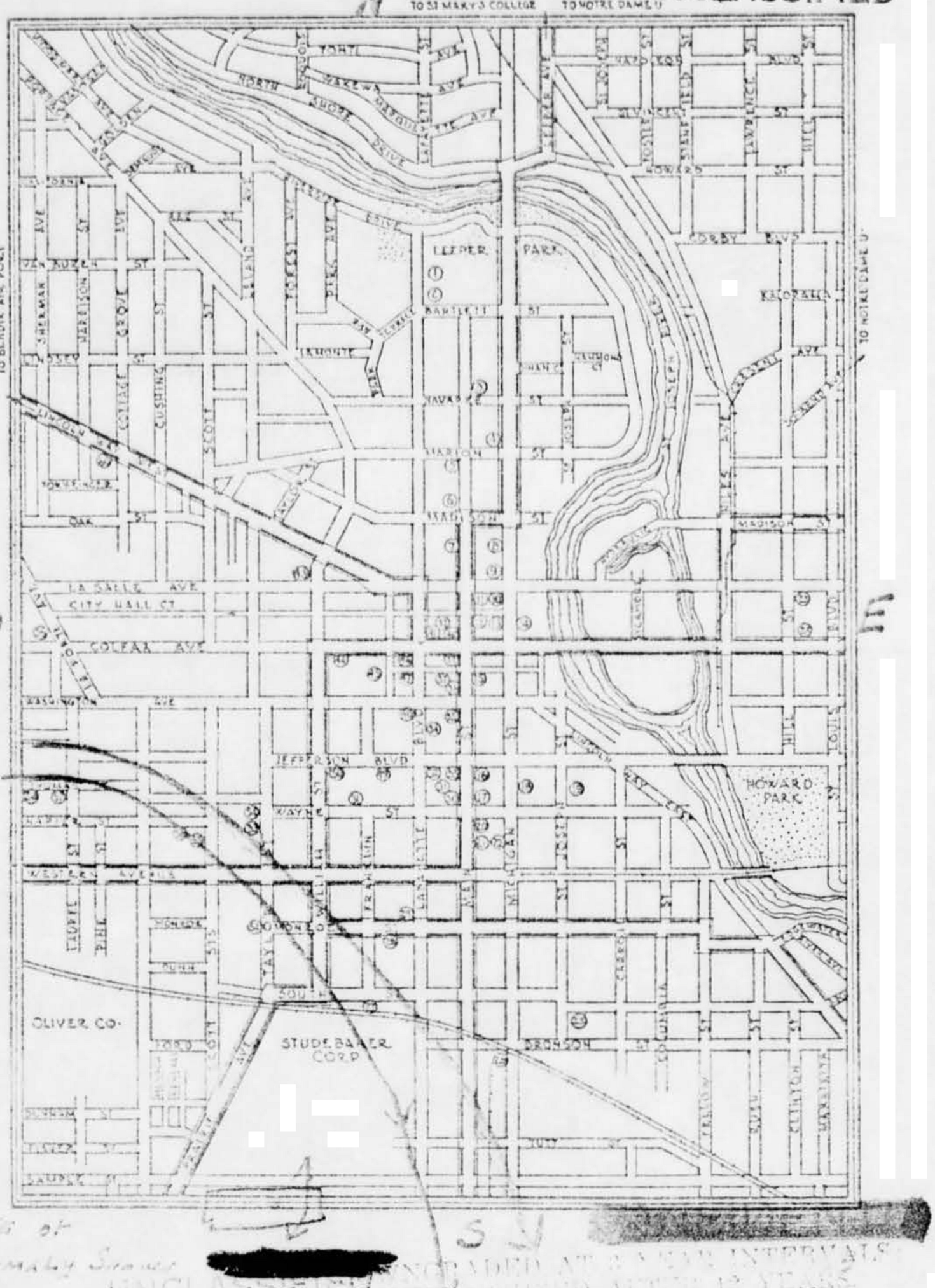
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The South Bend, Indiana, flight schedules of known Commercial Air Lines, are set forth below. No flights were scheduled to be over South Bend at 1145 hours, 13 October 1948.

UNITED AIR LINES

	Leave
Flight 111, West Bound	1:35 p.m.
Flight 131, West Bound	6:46 p.m.
Flight 209, West Bound	10:40 p.m.
Flight 128, East Bound	9:35 a.m.
Flight 136, East Bound	12:25 p.m.
Flight 146, East Bound	6:15 p.m.
Flight C800 (Cargo) East Bound	10:20 p.m.

TRANS WORLD AIRLINE

Flight 457, West Bound	1:15 p.m.
Flight 467, West Bound	10:40 p.m.
Flight 520, East Bound	8:05 a.m.
Flight 376, East Bound	1:30 p.m.
Flight 450, East Bound	4:20 p.m.

AMERICAN AIR LINES

Flight 729, West Bound	3:57 p.m.
Flight 728, East Bound	10:36 a.m.

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Miss [redacted] Engineering, and [redacted] Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana, collaborated on 1 December 1948 to supply the answers to the below listed questions contained in "Essential Elements of Information".

1.	Date of Sighting	13 October 1948
2.	Time of Sighting	1145 hours
3.	Where sighted:	
	a. Ground	
	(1) City, Town.	South Bend, Indiana
	(2) Distance and direction from city.	Over Main part of South Bend.
	(3) From Building, yard, etc.	Seen from building.
	(4) Map coordinates.	Unknown
	b. Air	Not applicable
	c. Sea	Not applicable
4.	Number of objects	One (1) only
5.	Distance of object from observer	Could not answer
6.	a. Laterally or horizontally	Not definite
	b. Angle of elevation from horizon	"
	c. Altitude	"
6.	Time in sight	8-10 seconds
7.	Appearance of object	
	a. Color	Aluminum or chrome
	b. Shape	Definitely flat or disc shape
	c. Apparent construction	Unknown
	d. Size	
	(1) Estimated size	Unknown
	(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view.	Not as large as a DC-3 transport, larger than a Piper Cub.
8.	Direction of flight	From Northwest to Southeast
9.	Tactics or maneuvers	Flew straight line
10.	Evidence of Exhaust	
	a. Color of smoke	Unknown
	b. Length and width	Unknown
	c. Odor	Unknown
	d. Rate of evaporation	Unknown
	e. Does trail vary with sound	Unknown
11.	Effects on clouds	
	a. Opened path thru clouds	Clear day
	b. Formed cloud or mists	Clear day
	c. Reflected on cloud	"
	d. Shown thru cloud	"
12.	Lights	None observed
13.	Support	None observed
14.	Propulsion	None observed
15.	Control and stability	None observed
16.	Air Ducts	None observed
17.	Speed - MPH	Very high rate of speed
18.	Sound "	None heard
19.	Was any radio antenna to be observed	None observed

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20. Manner of disappearance	
a. Faded from view	Faded from view

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer	[redacted]
2. Address	
3. Occupation	Secretary
4. Place of business	Studebaker Corp, South Bend, Ind.
5. Hobbies	None
6. Ability to determine	
a. Color	yes
b. Speed of moving objects	fair
c. Size at distance	fair
7. Reliability of observer	
a. Sources	
(1) Neighbors	Good
(2) Police Department	No Record
(3) FBI records	No Record
(4) Employer	Well qualified & trusted employee
8. Notes relative to observer on	
a. Sightings in general	Fleeting object going through sky
b. How attention was drawn to object(s)	
(1) Sound	None
(2) Motion	Glint of light when Miss Brooks looked out window, moving
(3) glint of light	Glint of light
9. Witnesses	Mr [redacted]
a. Addresses	[redacted]
b. Occupation	Studebaker Corporation
c. Reliability	Very reliable
10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.	Persons highly recommended as to character, appear to be very intelligent to reporting agent.

Relative to Radar Sightings

Neither of the persons interviewed could give information relative to that requested in questions one and two.

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions	- See Incl 1.
2. Winds aloft report	No record kept
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military acft	See Incl #5
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, etc.	No record of any
5. If object contacted earth, etc.	Faded from sight.
6. If object came near other aircraft, etc.	Unknown
7. Obtain photographs; secure sketches, etc.	None obtained.
8. Secure signed statement.	Incl #2 and #3.
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence.	None to be had.

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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:
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b. Fair or low probability:
#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 38, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:
#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:
#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):
#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:
#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:
#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

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Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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/s/ W. A. West
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Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

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INCIDENT NO. 12
180A

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2. Exact time (local) 1145

3. Place of Observation South Bend, Indiana

4. Position of observer Window of office building

5. What attracted attention to object :. --

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size Smaller than DC-3 but larger than cub

8. Color of object silver - aluminum or chrome

9. Shape flat object or disc-shaped

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11. Direction from observer

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13. Direction of flight of object(s) Northwest-Southeast

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15. Speed great speed - three times that of transport

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21. Manner of disappearance Faded from view

22. Effect on clouds clear day - no clouds

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR WEATHER SERVICE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply
Refer To: AWS DSS

11 May 1949

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No. 130: No date given hence no analysis possible.

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Incident: 180A

Name and address of observer: [redacted], Studebaker Corp., South Bend, Ind

Occupation and hobbies: [redacted]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s): Highly recommended as to character. Ability to judge color: O. K., ability to estimate speed & size of objects fair.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: While watching a conventional plane fading from view another object caught the attention of Miss [redacted] At first she thought the object was a piece of paper but on closer observation noted that it was much higher that it would be possible to see a piece of paper floating. Also, the object was traveling at a high rate of speed. It was impossible for observer to determine the altitude. Object was silver in color and seemed to be turning or spinning so that the sun reflected on it. The shape could not be determined altho observer was certain it was not an airplane. It appeared smooth-surfaced because of the flashing of the sunrays against it. The object was traveling a direct course from northwest to southeast and was seen for perhaps 15 to 20 seconds

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INCIDENT NO. 180B

1. Date of Observation 13 Oct 1948 Date of Interview 1 Dec 1948
2. Exact time (local) 1145
3. Place of Observation South Bend, Indiana
4. Position of observer window of office building
5. What attracted attention to object [redacted]
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