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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

File No. 24-3 17 December 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"
Unidentified Flying Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

ATTN: Director, Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

Forwarded herewith is a pending report of investigation by Special Agent DONALD C. HILDRETH, this district, dated 16 December 1948, for your information.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DATE: 10 Oct 57

1530 hrs

SUBJECT: LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS
(INCOMING - OUTGOING)

EXTENSION 8896 RECEIVED BY
PLACED Maj Ralph Bayer PLACE CALLING
OUTGOING CALL AUTHORIZED BY CALLED DO 5

MR LEVY

SUBJECT/FILE NR. 24-185-16

SUMMARY:

Maj Bayer spoke to Col Nold concerning fire ball in Utah. Requested further information. Col Nold was to call back either on this line or to Mr. Levy's office.

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TITLE: Project "SIGN" Unidentified flying objects seen by Lt ROBT. L. KUNZMAN, Radar Observer, during flying mission, on 30 Oct 48.	FILE NO. 24-3 DATE: 16 December 48 REPORT MADE AT: DO #20, McChord AFB REPORT MADE BY: DONALD C. HILDRETH PERIOD: 24 Nov, 7 - 10 Dec 48
CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #20, McChord AFB STATUS: PENDING

REFERENCE:

Ltr fr Hq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, 19 Nov 48.

SYNOPSIS:

Investigation initiated by Dist Commander, DO #20, on receipt of letter from Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, requesting investigation of flying objects seen by Lt ROBERT L. KUNZMAN, Radar Observer, 318th Fighter Sq, on 30 Oct 48, while on controlled mission. Investigation disclosed Lt KUNZMAN saw formation of unidentified objects flying in Easterly, then Northerly direction, at approximately 8,000 feet, approximately 15 miles N. W. of Grays Harbor, Wash., ten miles off the coast. Could give no description as to size, shape, etc. Pilot Major HOMER W. MORRIS did not see objects, but stated Lt KUNZMAN is trained observer. Statements obtained from both Lt KUNZMAN and Major MORRIS. Further investigation being conducted.

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DO #20, McChord AFB

DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #20, McChord AFB, Washington, on receipt of letter from Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 19 November 48, subject "Project 'SIGN'", requesting investigation of an unidentified flying object allegedly seen by Major MORRIS and Lt. "KOONSMAN" of the 318th All Weather Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, Washington, on or about 30 October 48 while on a controlled mission for the Air Defense Control Center, 634th Aircraft Control Squadron, Everett, Washington. (See Inclosure #1)

AT McCHORD AFB, WASHINGTON

2. On 24 November 48, 2nd Lt ROBERT L. KUNZMAN, AO-2027143, 318th Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, was interviewed in this office and a sworn statement obtained. Lt KUNZMAN stated that on 30 October 1948, at approximately 1430 hours, Pacific Standard Time, he saw a formation of unidentified objects, while on a flying mission approximately fifteen miles Northwest of Grays Harbor, Washington. Lt KUNZMAN stated that these objects were at approximately eight thousand (8,000) feet and travelling, apparently quite rapidly, in an Easterly, then Northerly direction. The objects were in Lt KUNZMAN's sight for approximately twenty (20) seconds, and he mentioned the matter to the pilot, Major MORRIS, who was fairly busy at that time and did not see the objects. Lt KUNZMAN stated that these objects first appeared yellow in color, changing to white, then disappeared; that the objects looked rather translucent immediately before disappearance. He could not give any description as to size, shape or other identifying data. (See statement of Lt KUNZMAN, Inclosure #2.)

3. On 7 December 48, Major HOMER WILLIAM MORRIS, AO-1699412, 318th Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, was interviewed in this office and a sworn statement obtained. Major MORRIS stated that on or about 30 October 48, Lt KUNZMAN and himself left McChord AFB at approximately 1400 hours on a special instrument flight controlled by the G.C.I. (505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group) at Neah Bay, Washington. He stated that their first interception proved to be a small freighter travelling South. He was given a bearing to follow for his second interception and just prior to reaching this location his Radar Observer, Lt KUNZMAN exclaimed over the interphone system that he saw a very fast-moving object in the air and asked Major MORRIS if he had observed it. Major MORRIS stated that he did not see anything and, inasmuch as they had reached the rendezvous of the interception and nothing was visible at that time, he radioed the Ground Control Station and asked if they had passed over their target. He received the reply, "Break it off. There is nothing there." Major MORRIS stated that the fact that the G. C. I. station had said that they did have a target out there and later on stated there was no target there, was the reason that he had allowed Lt KUNZMAN to report his observations. He stated that Lt KUNZMAN is a trained observer. (See statement of Major MORRIS, Inclosure #3.)

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4. On 24 November 48, this agent determined, after reviewing the records maintained by Base Operations and the 33rd Military Flight Service Center, McChord AFB, that no United States military or Naval aircraft were flying in the general area mentioned by Lt KUNZMAN, on 30 October 1948, between 1300 and 1600 hours.

5. On 24 November 48, 1st Lt JAMES K. OHLIGSCHLAGER, AO-758214, 2101st Weather Squadron, McChord AFB, was interviewed and the weather sequence was obtained for 30 October at 1515 hours, in the Grays Harbor area. This sequence is as follows:

ABW E10 ⊕ ⓪ 5 FK 48/47 ⌐ 19 E /5 ① E15 ⓪ BRKS

The winds aloft report was indicated a fifteen (15) to twenty (20) Knot Velocity at 290° to 300° from eight thousand (8,000) feet to ten thousand (10,000) feet.

6. On 7 December 48, Major JAMES H. ROSE, AO-905580, S-3, 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, McChord AFB, was interviewed and a verbal statement obtained. Major ROSE stated that the Ground Control Station at Neah Bay, Washington, must have picked up some object on the Radar Scope and then lost it prior to Major MORRIS' aircraft arriving at the interception point. Major ROSE stated to this agent that he would cooperate to his utmost to determine if some object was picked up and lost at the time and date indicated by Major MORRIS and Lt KUNZMAN.

7. This agent ascertained the following information relative to Radar Observer, Lt ROBERT L. KUNZMAN: He is well thought of, both as to character and ability, in his organization. He appeared to be above average in intelligence. His perception as to color, superior; as to speed of moving objects, average; as to size at distance, excellent. His reliability, according to Major HOMER WILLIAM MORRIS, pilot, is excellent. His hobbies: Swimming, golfing, soft ball, and model railroad trains.

INCLOSURES

1. Copy of letter from Hq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 19 Nov 48

2. Statement of 2nd Lt ROBERT L. KUNZMAN, dated 24 Nov 48

3. Statement of Major HOMER WILLIAM MORRIS, dated 7 Dec 48

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 20, McCHORD AFB

AT McCHORD AFB AND NEAH BAY, WASHINGTON

Determine if the objects seen by Lt KUNZMAN on 30 October 48, at approximately 1430 hours, were picked up by the Radar Scope at Neah Bay, Washington. Obtain all available information on the above, if positive.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Acting Agent in Charge
20th OSI District (IG)
McChord Field
Tacoma, Washington

1. This Command is charged with the investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified flying objects and is authorized direct communication with all Air Force installations by Dept of the Air Force letter dated 6 February 1948, subj: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'".

2. A letter from the 634th Aircraft Control Squadron dated 1 Nov 1948 (see incl 1) reports that Maj Morris and Lieutenant Koonsman, both of the 318th All Weather Fighter Sq, 325th Fighter Group, McChord Air Force Base, saw an unidentified flying object 30 October 1948 while on a controlled mission for the Air Defense Control Center, 634th Aircraft Control Squadron, 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, Everett, Washington.

3. It is requested that your office conduct an interview of all available witnesses to this incident. In this connection it is desired that the questions listed on the inclosed form "Essential Elements of Information" (see incl 2) be utilized by the interrogating officer. Attention is directed to items listed under "GENERAL" of the attached form. It is important that this information be obtained.

4. Personnel concerned should be advised of the confidential nature of this investigation. All publicity should be avoided.

5. Direct reply to Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attn: MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ William J Davitt, Lt Col USAF
for H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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Aircraft Contr Sq
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A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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Captain, USAF

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INCLOSURE #1

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DONALD C. HILDRETH
Special Agent, OSI

STATEMENT

McChord Air Force Base, Washington
24 November 1948

Statement of ROBERT L. KUNZMAN, 2nd Lt (Name and Rank) AO-2027143 (ASN)

318th Fighter Squadron (Organization)

My name is ROBERT L. KUNZMAN, 2nd Lt.

I was born on the 12th day of June 1922, at Bellingham, Washington. I was commissioned in the United States Air Force on the 26th day of March 1948, at Hamilton Field, California.

I make the following statement after having heard the 24th Article of War, which was read and explained to me by DONALD C. HILDRETH, whom I know to be a Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, USAF. No threats or promises have been used to induce me to make this statement and I realize that anything I say may be used for or against me in a court of law.

Q. (BY AGENT HILDRETH) Lt KUNZMAN, I understand that on or about 30 October 1948, while on a flying mission, you sighted an unidentified flying object. Will you state the date and time you sighted this object--giving Zonal Time?

A. I think it was the 30th of October 1948, but I would have to look it up to be sure. We flew practically every day. It was some time in the afternoon. I would say it was just about 2230 hours Zonal Time (1430).

Q. What type of aircraft were you in, and what was the speed, altitude and direction of flight?

A. We were flying an F-82-F; speed at the time was approximately 240; our altitude was approximately 8,000 feet; our direction was Northerly.

Q. What was your distance and direction from a city, town or known landmark?

A. We were ten miles West--off the coast--and about fifteen miles North of Grays Harbor, Washington.

Q. What was the clock position of this object from your aircraft?

A. At the time of the initial sighting, it was 10:00 o'clock and they moved all the way around to 3:00 o'clock and disappeared just as they came back to 2:30.

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Q. What was your latitude and longitude?

A. Unknown.

Q. How many objects were there?

A. That is unknown. It appeared to be a formation. When I first saw it at 10:00 o'clock position it looked like a very small compact group. Later, at 1:00 o'clock position, they seemed to string out to an in-line formation. At first I could not identify anything. At that time there were clouds up and down the coast, but none in our immediate vicinity. The first color I noticed was rather yellow. As they came to the 1:00 o'clock position, the color appeared white, and an in-line formation. At that time I thought they were sea gulls--from ten to twenty. At no time could I absolutely identify any object. I could see something and mentioned it to my pilot, who was fiarly busy at the time and didn't see it. They came around to the 3:00 o'clock position in approximately the same type formation--same color. Then at the 3:00 o'clock position they made a turn back to the 2:30 position, parallel with our course, and faded much as an exhaust fume from an airplane would.

Q. What was the distance of the objects from you?

A. I could not tell the distance because of the fact that I did not know what size they were. But they were far enough away at all times that I could not distinguish them.

Q. Can you estimate the altitude?

A. I would estimate they were approximately the same altitude as we were.

Q. How long were they in sight?

A. Approximately twenty seconds.

Q. What was the appearance of the object or objects--color, shape, apparent construction and size?

A. At first sight it was yellow, then changed to white up to the time of disappearance. The shape is unknown--it seemed to change shape slightly. At the time, I really felt in my own mind I had seen something--they looked egg shaped. Part of the time they looked rather translucent--immediately before disappearance. I have no idea of the size, for reasons previously mentioned.

Q. What was the direction of flight of the object or objects?

A. They appeared to be on a Westerly course from the time I sighted them, for about seventeen seconds; then changed to a Northerly course and disappeared.

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Q. Describe the tactics or maneuvers of the objects--such as, vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

A. None of those describe it actually. They seemed to fly as I stated before: West to East, thence North, with no apparent change of altitude. They were not trying to attack nor trying to get away from us.

Q. Was there any evidence of exhaust?

A. No evidence of exhaust.

Q. What was their effect on clouds?

A. There were no clouds in that particular area.

Q. Were there any lights reflected or attached to the objects; were they luminous?

A. No lights. There was no outstanding reflection.

Q. What was the means of support?

A. I was not close enough to see any visible means of support.

Q. What propulsion was used?

A. I couldn't tell.

Q. Did the objects have fins or stabilizers?

A. I couldn't see.

Q. Any air ducts?

A. None visible.

Q. What was the speed of these objects?

A. I would not attempt to estimate the speed.

Q. Sound?

A. No sound.

Q. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i. e., any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such?

A. No.

Robert L Kunzman

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Q. What was the manner of disappearance?

A. They just seemed to dissolve. They didn't go far enough to fade from view.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of four (4) pages, and know the contents thereof and swear the same to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Before executing oath I have been given the opportunity to make any modifications, additions or corrections that I desire.

FURTHER DEPONENT SAYETH NOT.

Robert L. Kunzman
ROBERT L. KUNZMAN
2nd Lt, USAF

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 1 day of Dec 1948.

G. C. Hartman
G. C. HARTMAN
Captain, USAF
Investigative Officer

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Special Agent, OSI

STATEMENT

McChord Air Force Base, Washington
7 December 1948

Statement of HOMER WILLIAM MORRIS Major AO-1699412
(Name & Rank) (ASN)

318th Fighter Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Washington.
(Organization)

My name is Major HOMER WILLIAM MORRIS. I was born on the 24th day of June 1912, at Decatur, Illinois. I received my commission on the 26th day of May 1942 at Manitoba, Canada.

I make the following statement after having heard the 24th Article of War, which was explained to me by DONALD C. HILDRETH, whom I know to be a Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations. No force, threats or promises have been used to induce me to make this statement and I realize that anything I say may be used for or against me in a court of law.

Q. (BY AGENT HILDRETH) Major, would you tell in your own words the story as to what you saw on the 30th of October 1948 when you were flying a mission with Lt. KUNZMAN?

A. Well, on or about 30 October 1948, Lt KUNZMAN and myself took off from McChord Air Force Base at about 1400 hours on a special instrument flight and proceeded to the West Coast near Neah Bay. At this time we checked in with G.C.I. Control. We were given work to do in the location of surface vessels at sea, also bogies in the air. "Bogies" in the air are moving objects, such as airplanes. We vectored our course to a surface vessel, which turned out to be a lightly loaded freighter which was travelling south, parallel to the coast line. After identification was made, we were vectoring to a new location, which turned out to be nothing--that is, no surface vessel there to be found. Just prior to reaching this location, my Radar Observer, Lt KUNZMAN, exclaimed over the interphone system that he saw a very fast-moving object in the air and asked me if I could see it. I made a very hurried scan of all the sky which was in front of me and to the right and left, and was not able to see any object. I asked him where the object was and he said he could not see it any more and stated at that time that it must have been one of those flying discs that you hear so much about. I continued to scan the sky to see if I could locate any object whatsoever, and told him at that time that I could not see anything except white-caps on the surface of the ocean. Then I called the ground control station and

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Statement of Maj. HOMER WILLIAM MORRIS, Contd
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asked them if we had passed our target--that we were unable to locate any object whatsoever on the surface of the ocean. They came back with the message to break it off--that there was nothing out there. At that time we asked for a new vector to the ground control station just to acquaint ourselves with the landing strip around that station.

After reaching that station and acquainting ourselves with the orientation of it, we were dismissed from any further control and proceeded back to McChord, where we were interrogated by Captain HUNT, the Intelligence Officer of the 325th Fighter Group.

Inasmuch as I did not see any object and my Radar Observer said that he did, I allowed him to go ahead and make the statement to the interrogating officer that he did see a fast-moving object. The fact that the Ground Control Station had said that they did have a target out there and later on said they did not have a target, is the only reason I allowed that statement to go through on interrogation.

Q. What altitude were you flying at and what course were you on?

A. I estimate that I was flying between five hundred (500) and one thousand (1,000) feet above the surface, on a magnetic bearing of thirty degrees (30°).

Q. What type of aircraft were you in and what was the approximate speed?

A. The type of aircraft is F-82. The air speed was approximately 275.

Q. What was your distance or direction from a city, town or known landmark?

A. I would estimate that I was off the coast twenty (20) miles, on a bearing of 285 from Westport, Washington, which is near Grays Harbor.

Q. Is it correct that Lt KUNZMAN is a trained observer?

A. That is correct.

Q. When Lt KUNZMAN notified you he had seen the object, were you at that time, or immediately subsequent to that time, in a dive from approximately eight thousand (8,000) feet?

A. Yes. We were descending to the altitude on which we were scanning the ocean. The weather was such that it was solid overcast and sloping from the coast line to Seattle--up to ten thousand feet at Seattle and down to three hundred to five hundred feet at the coast. Therefore, we flew at an eight thousand foot altitude until such time we could let down VFR, and just prior to this statement by Lt KUNZMAN we were diving and descending from approximately eight thousand feet.

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Q. Would it have been possible for condensation on the canopy from your descent to have attracted Lt KUNZMAN's attention?

A. No. The canopies are so designed that you have ventilation which will take care of that. No moisture actually forms when we descend.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of three (3) pages, and know the contents thereof and swear the same is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Before executing oath I have been given the opportunity to make any modifications, additions or corrections that I desire.

FURTHER DEPONENT SAYETH NOT.

Homer W. Morris

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 7 day of December 1948.

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G. O. HARTMAN
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CHARACTER

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REFERENCE

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was predicated upon the request of the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, THRU the Commanding General, Ogden Air Materiel Area, Hill Air Force Base, Hill Field, Utah.

Mr. Fred Nash, 20 Crystal Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah, was interviewed in reference to the sighting of a strange flying object. Mr. Nash sighted an object nine (9) inches long, six (6) inches wide and three (3) inches thick, traveling in a northerly direction toward Salt Lake City, Utah, at an estimated rate of three hundred (300) miles per hour on 16 October 1948. Mr. Nash was in the mountains on a deer hunting trip when he sighted this object.

Details and Exhibits are made a part of this report.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon the request of the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, THRU the Commanding General, Ogden Air Material Area, Hill Air Force Base, Hill Field, Utah.

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

2. This agent interviewed MR. FRED NASH, 20 East Crystal, Salt Lake City, Utah, on 18 November 1948, in reference to Mr. NASH sighting an unknown object flying through the air in the direction of Salt Lake City, Utah at 1145, the morning of 16 October 1948. A signed statement by Mr. NASH is attached (Exhibit "A").

a. Mr. NASH stated that while he was a member of a deer hunting party, approximately one (1) mile south and eight (8) miles east of Sterling, Utah, he saw what he thought to be a "flying disc" going at the rate of 300 mph. This object was going north and a little west in the direction of Salt Lake City, Utah.

b. Mr. NASH was on a mountain ridge approximately 9000 feet above sea level and the object he saw passed less than 500 feet over his head. The object was in NASH'S sight only a few seconds.

AGENT'S NOTE: Sterling is located on U.S. Highway 89, in the state of Utah, approximately 150 miles south of Salt Lake City, Utah.

c. NASH stated that the object resembled a flat football. It was 9 inches long, 6 inches wide and 3 inches thick, "and could have been bigger." There was no evidence of exhaust but the sound was a "throbbing noise or steady purr." (See sketch, Exhibit "B".) It was this sound that first attracted Mr. NASH'S attention to the object. Mr. NASH thought he caught sight of a movement like "a paddlewheel."

d. The weather was calm and there were no clouds in the sky.

e. There was no visible sign of exhaust but from the rear, however, an opening could be seen in the center. The object was silver and black, a silver stripe down the center (from front to rear) and on both sides of the silver stripe the object was black. Mr. NASH saw that part which is exhibited in the sketch (Exhibit "B").

AGENT'S NOTE: Mr. NASH stated that from where he was standing when he sighted the object he saw nine (9) deer a few minutes later. This point was brought out by Mr. NASH to show that his eyesight was good. This agent then asked Mr. NASH how high he thought a certain tree was which was growing in front of Mr. NASH'S place of business. Mr. NASH stated that it was "over one hundred feet high." This agent estimated the tree to be about forty feet high, comparing it to a power pole which towered above it.

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DETAILS (Cont'd):

Information relative to Mr. Fred Nash

3. Mr. FRED NASH was born 11 October 1911 and his occupation is Used Car Dealer and airplane mechanic, his place of business is 2[illegible] So. Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. NASH is in business for himself.

a. NASH is a member, in good standing, of the Latter Day Saints Church (Mormon) having done foreign missionary work in Hawaii. This information was obtained from Church records, Bishopric Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

b. A search of local Law Enforcement Agencies' records revealed no record of NASH.

c. When NASH returned to camp from hunting, the evening of 16 October 1948, he told his companions about what he had seen. It was then suggested by Mr. W.R. NASH, Sr., that the matter be reported, but Mr. FRED NASH was reluctant to do so because he felt that "people would laugh at him." NASH finally consented to report the incident and upon his return to Salt Lake City he telephoned the Deseret News, a statewide daily newspaper, but they did not publish the story.

d. According to Mr. NASH, the telephone call to the Deseret News was the only phone call he made and the only report he made of the matter. NASH did not know to whom he spoke at the newspaper office.

Interview with Mr. W.R. NASH, Senior

4. On 18 November 1948 this agent interviewed Mr. W.R. NASH, Sr., father of Mr. FRED NASH, at his place of business at 1369 So. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

a. NASH, Sr. stated that the first he or any other member of the hunting party knew of the object sighted was when FRED NASH returned to camp that evening. The only additional information NASH Sr. could add to the story was that his son had excellent eyesight and could sight deer in the brush that other members of the party would overlook. NASH Sr. exclaimed that "he would have gladly given up half his hunting trip if he could have seen the object also."

AGENT'S NOTE: It was NASH Sr. that "talked" NASH into reporting the incident.

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Inclosures (Cont'd):

1. Certified True Copy of statement of Mr. FRED NASH (Exhibit "A")

2. Photostatic copy of sketch copied from one drawn by Mr. FRED NASH (Exhibit "B")

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Statement of Mr. FRED NASH

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WITNESSED BY:

/s/ LEO M. CHRISTIANSON
S/A OSI 16th Dist.

/s/ FREDERICK M. TAYLOR
S/A OSI 16th District

/s/ FRED NASH
20 E Crystal Av.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Pelham R. Burnett
PELHAM R. BURNETT
Captain, USAF
District Commander

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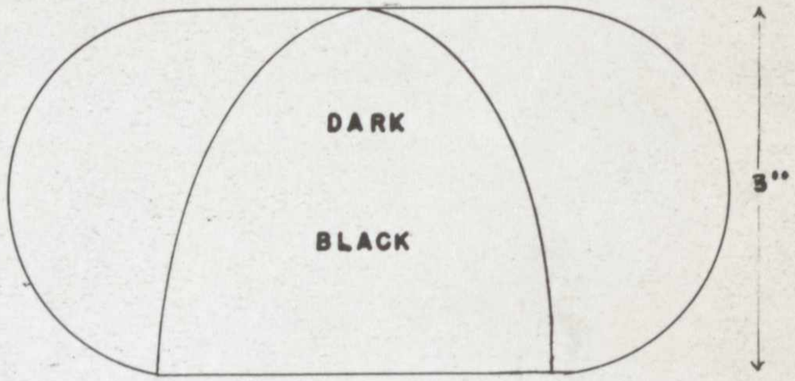
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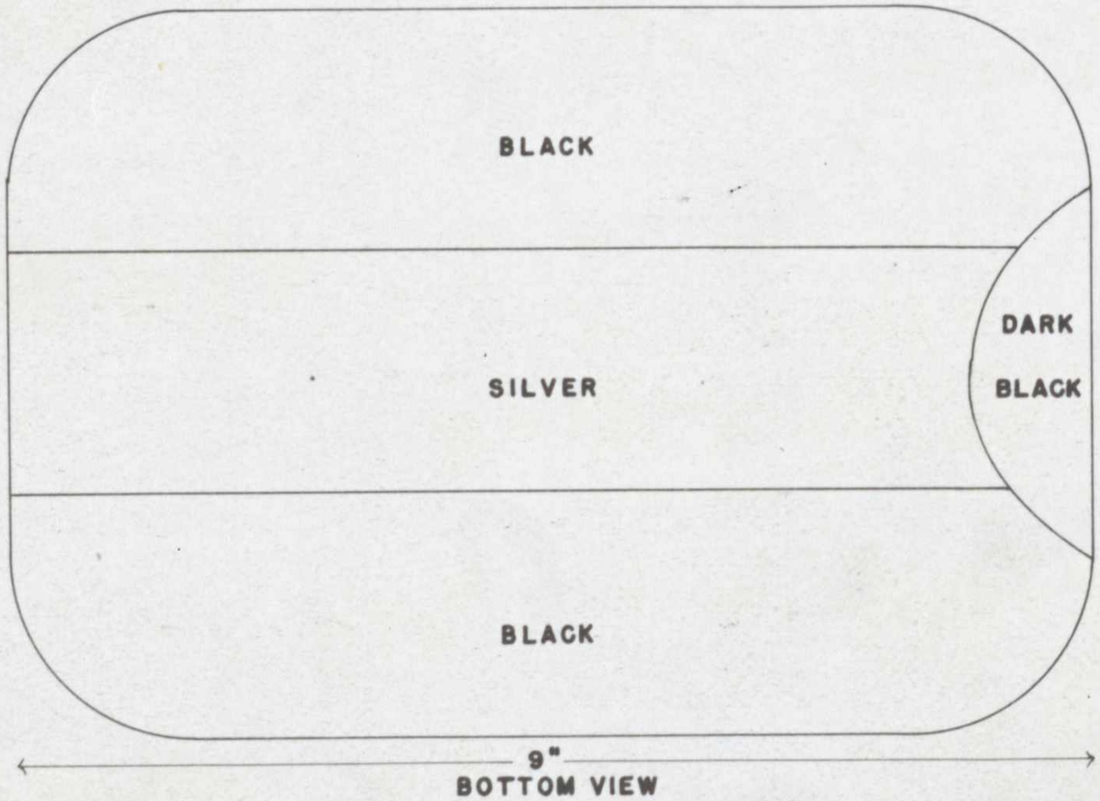
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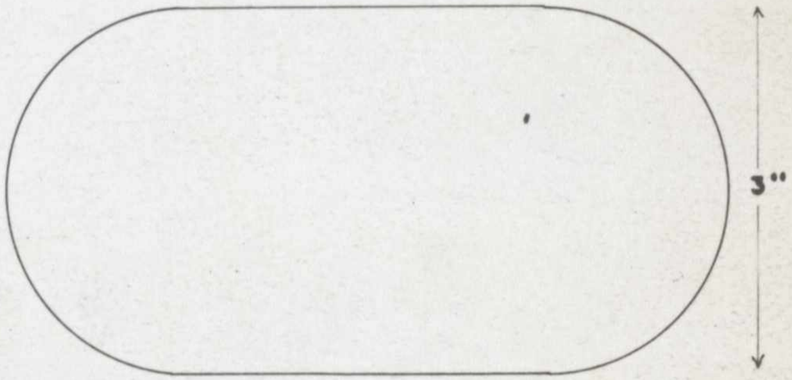
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BOTTOM VIEW



FRONT VIEW

Agent's note: Sketch copied from one drawn by Mr. Fred Nash, 20 Crystal Ave., *Salt Lake City, Utah*

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Witnessed By:

Fred Nash

Leo M Christiansen
S/A OSI 16th Dist

Frederick D Taylor
S/A OSI 16th Dist

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Commanding General
Ogden Air Materiel Area
Hill Air Force Base
Hill Field, Utah
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to OAMA Utah incoming message 262215Z to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, regarding sighting of unidentified flying object.

2. It is requested that the Base Intelligence Officer initiate an immediate investigation of the aerial phenomena observed by Mr. Fred Nash, 20 East Crystal Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah, on 16 October 1948.

3. An "Essential Elements of Information" form is included to assist the interrogator in obtaining the information desired.

4. It is requested that a full report be expedited to Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAXO-3.

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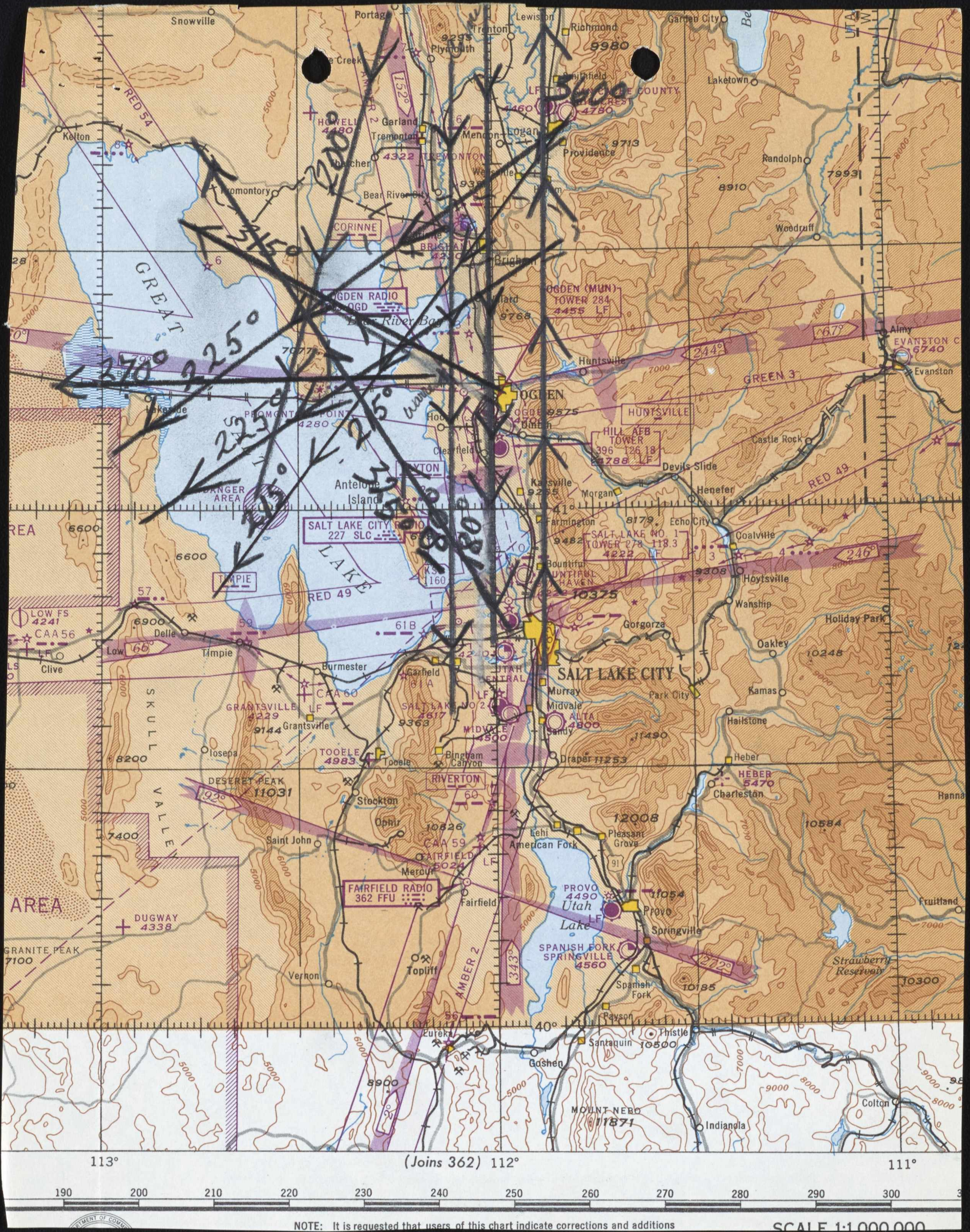
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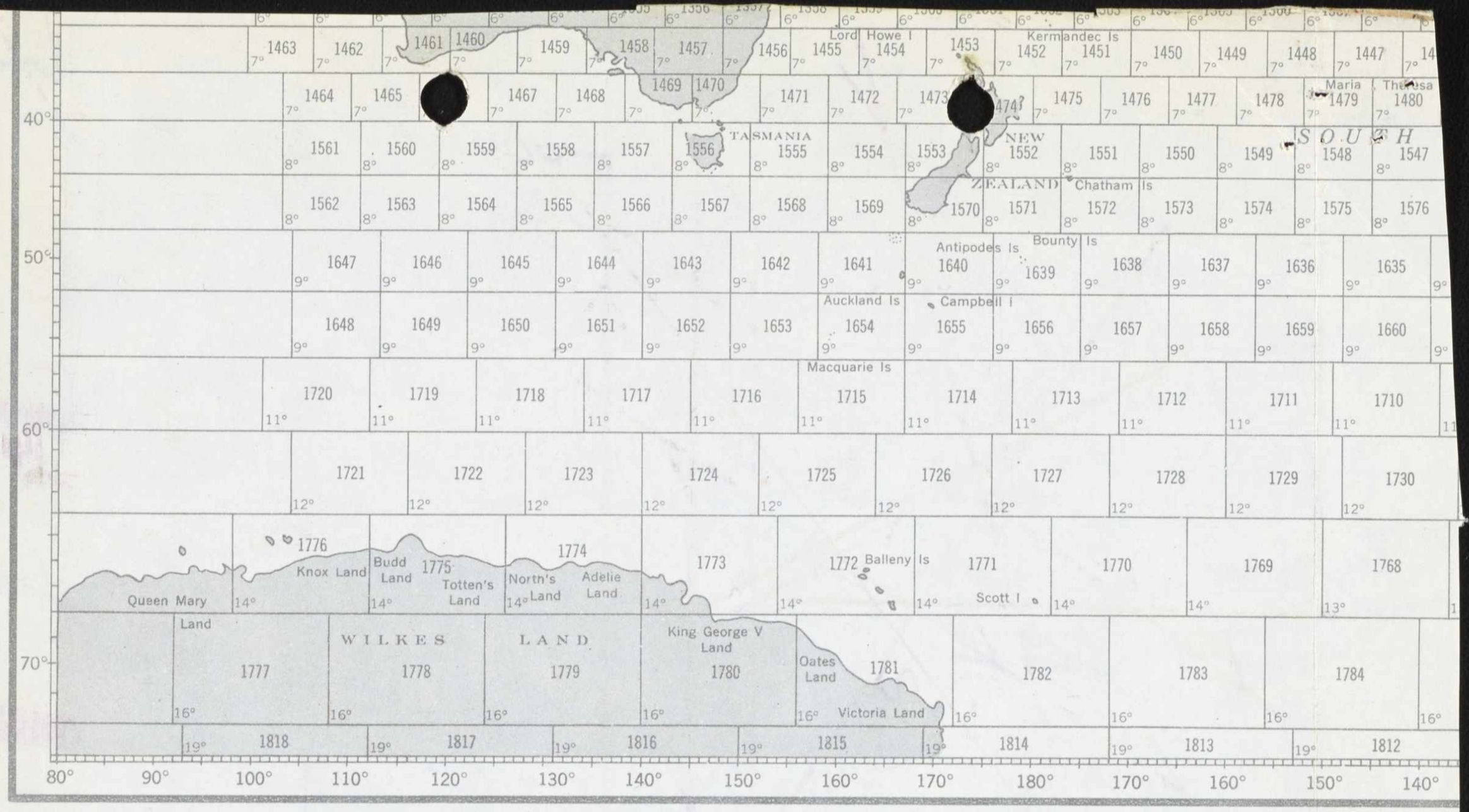
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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE ~~Ltr fr Hqs, Air Materiel Command, Reference File CG, AMC, ATIN: MCIAXO,~~ dated 18 October 1948.

SYNOPSIS

Mr. SYLVESTER BENTHAM stated that on 23 September 1948 at approximately 1230 P.M., he sighted an object at a high altitude going at a very great rate of speed. Mr. BENTHAM's description as to the shape and direction and over-all appearance of this object is in direct contradiction with the statements made by Colonel HORACE EAKINS. This object was brought to BENTHAM's attention by Colonel HORACE EAKINS.

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DO #19, Case No. 24-3

DETAILS:

AT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

1. On 15 November 1948, Mr. SYLVESTER BENTHAM, 2655 Dam Road, Richmond, California, a retired butcher, was interviewed at his home, and made the following statements in substance: On 23 September 1948 BENTHAM was visiting at Castro's Ranch and at approximately 1230 P.M. BENTHAM was talking to Colonel HORACE EAKINS when EAKINS called BENTHAM's attention to a single object in the sky. They saw the object, first, in the Northeast, moving faster than any airplane he (BENTHAM) had ever seen, and it appeared to be very high. EAKINS and BENTHAM watched the object for at least 3 minutes. The object moved toward the Northwest and in a straight line at a constant speed, finally turning to the North and fading from view. The object had a regular rectangular outline with sharp corners. It was buff or gray in color, with several darker vertical lines like ribs. The object appeared to be covered with a translucent material. It appeared like a "vegetable crate" flying through the air. The object's apparent size was approximately 2 inches by 1 inch by 1 inch. It made no noise and left no exhaust or trail. (Sketch is inclosed) Mr. BENTHAM further stated that neither he nor Colonel EAKINS was wearing glasses at the time and that he wears glasses only for reading. Mr. BENTHAM is 70 years of age.

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Rough sketch of flying object as described by BENTHAM.

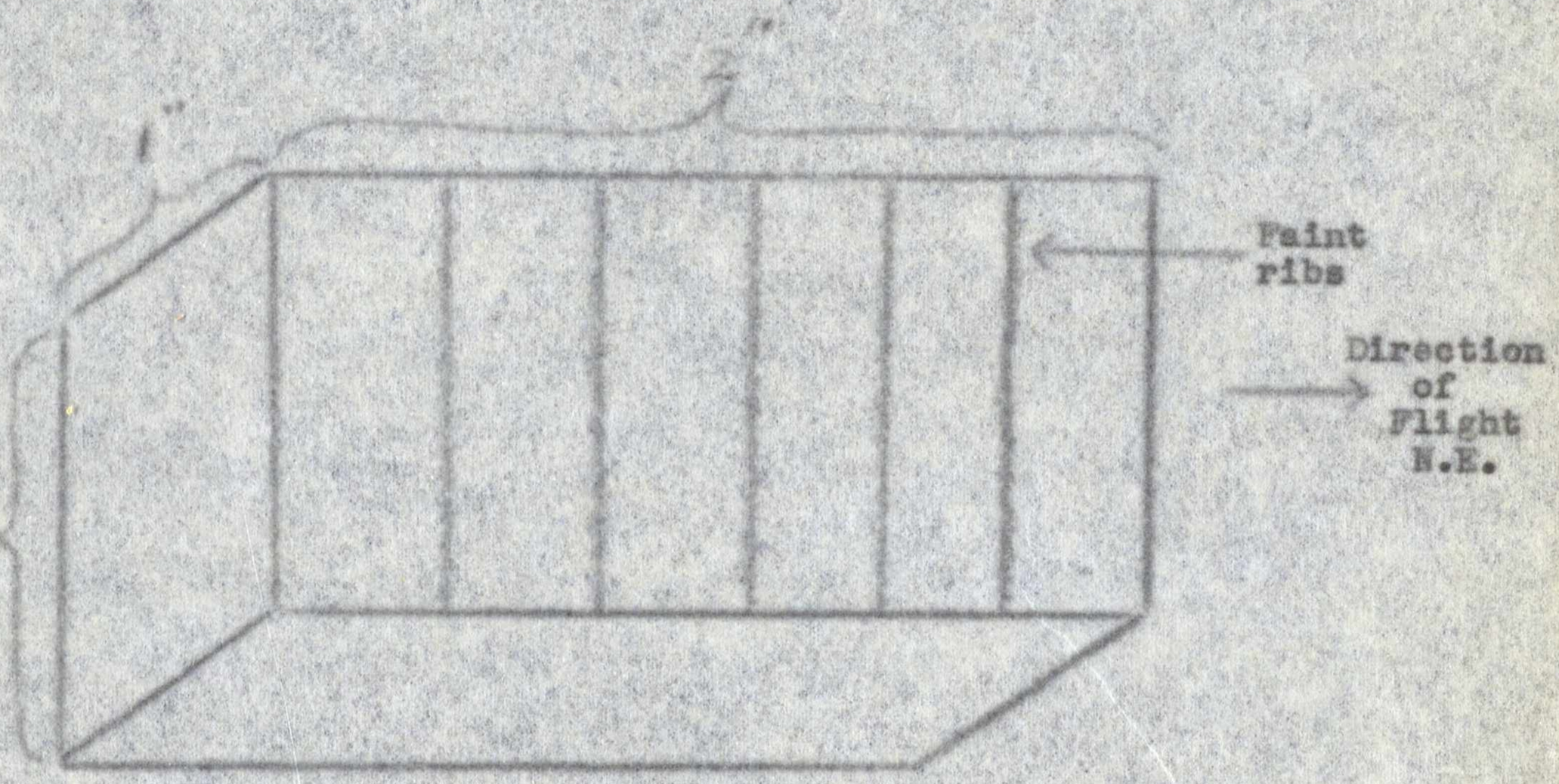
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Apparent Size



Altitude - undetermined
Speed - "
Color - buff-gray

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TITLE: SPECIAL INQUIRY FOR "REPORT OF INFORMATION ON FLYING DISCS"

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: Letter, Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 16 November 1948, Subject: "Project 'Sign'", to 13th OSI District

SYNOPSIS

DETAILS:

AT FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

1. On 22 November 1948, LLOYD G. SANDERS, Manager, Swift and Company, 1505 Ninth Street, North, Fargo, North Dakota, was interviewed regarding his alleged sighting of an aerial anomaly. "Essential Elements of Information - Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects" was used as a guide during the interrogation. The following is SANDER'S conception of the incident:

a. On 24 October 1948, at approximately 1745 hours, SANDERS and his wife were driving towards Fargo, North Dakota, on Highway 52 (see Sketch I). At a distance approximately four (4) miles southeast of Moorhead, Minnesota, SANDERS suddenly ("like an electric light switch was turned on") saw a brilliant light. The object immediately began to move from east to west at terrific speed (800-1000 MPH, or three (3) times as fast as any airplane SANDERS has ever seen). The object traveled toward Moorhead, Minnesota, at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet, and was in a gradual climb. Upon reaching the northern outskirts of Moorhead, and at a point close to the Veterans Hospital, the object suddenly made a sharp right turn to the north. Approximately one (1) second after making the turn, the object suddenly ("again like an electric light switch had been turned off") was lost from view.

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b. SANDERS stated that the sky was clear (no stars were noticed), and that visibility was excellent. The object appeared to be about four (4) times larger than a light seen in a commercial plane's window at night, or "half the size of a full moon, if observed from directly below the moon". The object left no "trail", and cast no reflections. The object appeared to be round; no depth could be observed; it appeared to be a solid form. The object appeared to be approximately three (3) miles away when first witnessed. No sound was heard from the object. The color of the object appeared to be a brilliant golden-white. Total time object was in view is estimated at five (5) to seven (7) seconds.

c. SANDERS is sure the anomaly could not have been an airplane, a beacon, or "anything known to man". SANDERS stated that he still feels an "eerie feeling", and that the "pit of my stomach" tightens up when he thinks of the incident.

2. On 23 November 1948, RICHARD W. SHULTZ, Weather Officer, Hector Airport, Fargo, North Dakota, was interviewed regarding the weather condition on 24 October 1948. SHULTZ stated that between 1600 hours and 2200 hours on 24 October 1948, there was no precipitation, high scattered clouds, and unlimited visibility. Sun down was at 1523 hours.

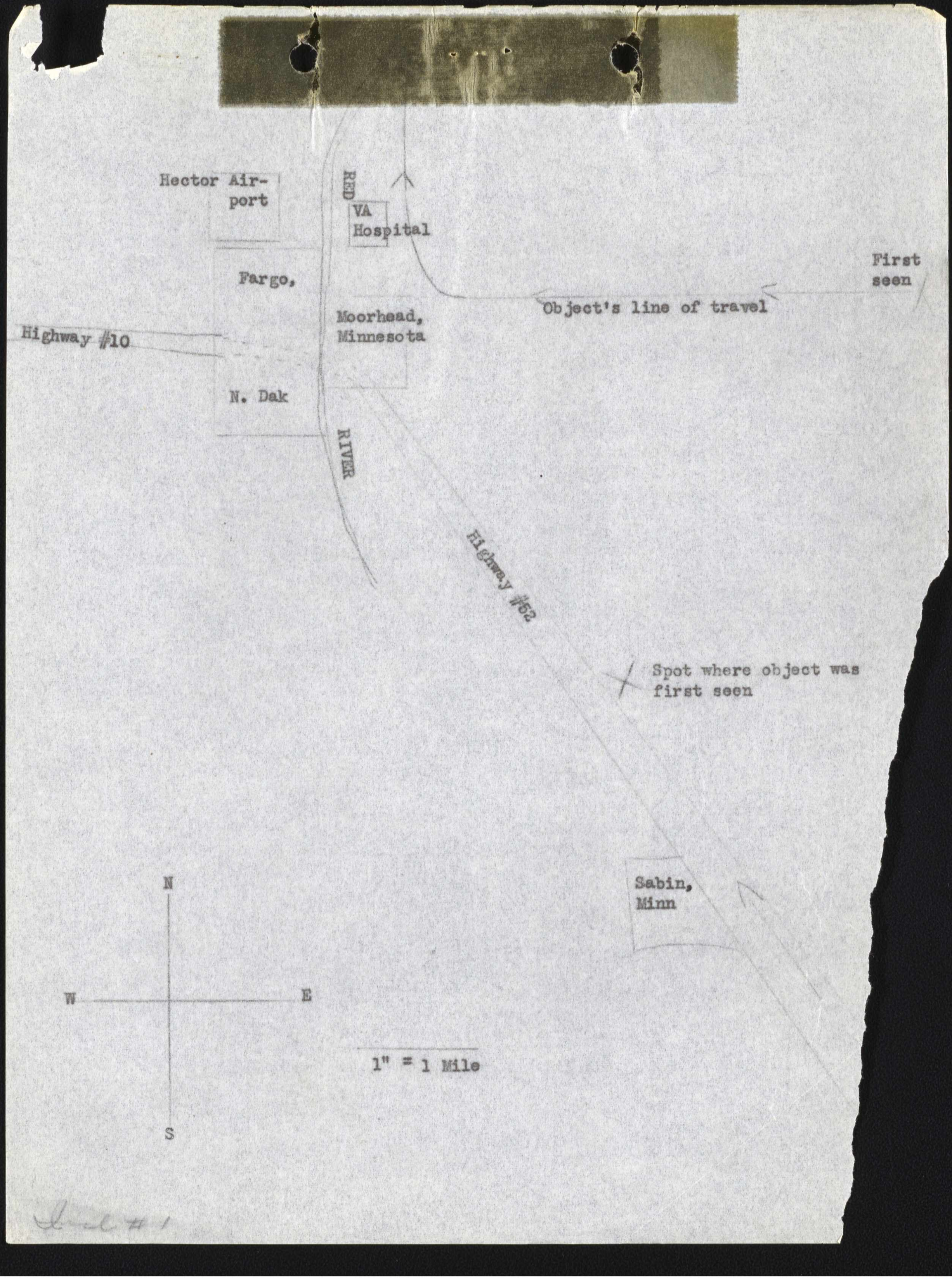
3. On 23 November 1948, DONALD L. JENNINGS, Controller, Hector Airport, rgo, North Dakota, was interviewed regarding flight operations on 24 October 8. JENNINGS stated that no scheduled flights were in progress from 1700 hours 1900 hours on 24 October 1948. JENNINGS further stated that no military or her Government agencies are operating aerial testing centers in this locale.

4. LLOYD G. SANDERS is married and has two teen-age children; he is a successful business man and has no police record in this community; he has no political affiliations. SANDERS stated that he has no particular hobbies; is t color blind; and can judge moving and distant objects in an average manner. DERS further stated that he will render a signed statement to this report, n request. Mrs. JEAN I. SANDERS, his wife and only witness to the incident, l substantiate his statements. In conclusion, this agent feels that LLOYD JEAN SANDERS, 1505 Ninth Street, North, Fargo, North Dakota, did witness rial phenomenon, and that their statements have been given in a sincere ruthful manner.

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17TH DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE
Chandler, Arizona

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24 November 1948

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISC

TO: Commanding Officer
17th District OSI (IG) USAF
Kirtland Air Force Base
Kirtland Field, New Mexico

1. Reference is made to the attached report of Special Agent LYNN C. ALDRICH dated 23 November 1948.

2. The following information identifies the Confidential Informant referred to therein:

T-1 For the purpose of this report only is identified as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Phoenix, Arizona.

Herman E Munroe
HERMAN E. MUNROE
Special Agent, OSI
Detachment Commander

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FLYING DISC

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Letter dated 15 Oct 48, from Confidential Federal Investigative Agency, T-1.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon receipt of a letter from Confidential Federal Investigative Agency, T-1, dated 15 October 1948, that IRA SMITH, a resident of Sedona, Arizona, had recently found what he thought was a FLYING DISC near Willard Springs in Mund's Park, Coconino National Forest. On 12 November 1948, Mrs IRA SMITH, Sedona, Arizona, was contacted and stated that they had found the radio equipment which was attached to a weather balloon and mailed the radio device to Joliet, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

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AT SEDONA, ARIZONA

2. On 12 November 1948, Mrs IRA SMITH, housewife, was interviewed and stated, in substance, that she, her husband, and oldest child were rounding up cattle near Willard Springs in Mund's Park, Coconino National Forest in August, when their son found a radio device which is attached to a weather balloon. After examining this device, they found two cards in a folder which stated "Will the finder please return this radio device to Joliet, Illinois." The other card was self-addressed to the Weather Bureau, Sky Harbor, Phoenix, Arizona. They mailed the radio equipment to Joliet, Illinois, filled out the information on the second card and forwarded it to Sky Harbor. Approximately two weeks after they had mailed the radio equipment to Illinois, they received a thank you card from that office.

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DATE 29 November 1948

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REPORT MADE AT DO # 9, New Orleans Detachment

PERIOD 26 October 1948 - 29 November 1948

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PROJECT "SIGN"

CHARACTER

Subversive Activity

REFERENCE Ltr, dated 18 October 1948, from Colonel W. R. CLINGERMAN, To Branch Intelligence Office, 112th CIC Detachment, New Orleans, Louisiana

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon request of W. R. CLINGERMAN, Colonel, USAF, Acting Chief of Intelligence, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command.

Investigation in New Orleans, Louisiana, concerning above SUBJECT only revealed one individual who saw the aerial object in that Section.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated at the request of the Acting Chief of Intelligence, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

This investigation was turned over to the 9th OSI District by the Fourth Army Branch Intelligence Officer, as a matter pertaining to the United States Air Force, on 26 October 1948.

2. On 8 November 1948 Mr. E. BERNARD WILLIAMS, President of the United Lands Company, was interviewed at his home, 356 Audubon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. WILLIAMS stated that on the morning of 1 October 1948 he was squirrel hunting on his property, and that he had gotten up very early in the morning and was standing on a little ridge facing south. This ridge was located in a clearing which had been cut for telephone lines. The clearing is approximately twenty feet wide and runs from the highway north to the swamps. At this particular time it was too dark to go into the woods hunting, but was light enough to see what time it was by his watch, and at 0540 hours WILLIAMS was looking to the south at the sky and saw the aerial object which he described as follows. "It looked like an ice cream cone traveling toward the east with the larger end in front. At the front it looked as if it were white hot (like the mantels in a gasoline lantern), and toward the rear it got gradually darker red. There was no visible metal or other material and no projections of any kind, only fire. The object made absolutely no noise and left no trail of any kind. It was traveling in a straight line from west to east and did not gain or lose altitude. There was no visible means of propulsion. It appeared to be about three-quarters of a mile away and at an elevation of approximately twenty-five hundred feet. I was looking up at an angle of about thirty degrees elevation relative to the ground, and I watched this object for approximately ten seconds before it was obscured by some trees. It appeared to be about the size of the average airliner and was traveling at approximately three hundred miles per hour. The larger end of the cone appeared to be thicker than the average airliner is through the fuselage, but it was about the same length. The object displayed no lights other than it appeared to be encased in flame, and it did not light up the area. There was no visible means of support and no control surfaces. There were no clouds that day, and the wind was fairly calm."

WILLIAMS stated that he was a student pilot but could not get a pilot's license because of poor muscular coordination in his eyes, but that his color perception was normal and that his hearing is excellent. There were no other eye witnesses to this phenomena, according to WILLIAMS. (F-6)

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 9D 32-2

DATE 29 November 1948

REPORT MADE BY Claude W. Gilliam

REPORT MADE AT DO # 9, New Orleans Detachment

PERIOD 12 November 1948 - 29 November 1948

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 9, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

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REFERENCE Ltr, dated 18 October 1948, from Colonel W. R. CLINGERMAN, To Branch Intelligence Office, 112th CIC Detachment, New Orleans, Louisiana

SYNOPSIS

Investigation at Kentwood, Louisiana, failed to verify information submitted to the War Department from Mrs. ELMA McDANIELS of Tangipahoa, dated 9 September 1948.

Investigation did reveal, however, that Mrs. ELMA McDANIELS has a vivid imagination.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated at the request of the Chief of the Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, upon receipt of information from the War Department to the effect that the War Department had received a letter from a Mrs. ELMA McDANIELS of Tangipahoa, Louisiana, dated 29 September 1948, to the effect that she had heard strange noises over Kentwood, Louisiana, between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. on 5 September 1948.

AT KENTWOOD, LOUISIANA:

2. On 11 November 1948 Mrs. ELMA McDANIELS, age fifty-five to sixty, dairy farmer, stated in an interview that she had heard a strange noise around 1500 hours on 5 September 1948, and that she had gone out of the house to see what it was, but by the time she was out of the house the noise had stopped. Mrs. McDANIELS described the noise as similar to that made by a fast stream-lined train, only much louder. Mrs. McDANIELS stated that her daughter had heard this same noise on 1 September 1948 around 1100 hours and it was traveling from east to west. The noise was heard by both MILDRED McDANIELS (daughter, age twenty-five) and Mrs. McDANIELS again on 19 September 1948 at 1530 hours, but this time it was going from west to east. At no time did either of them sight any object. The noise seemed to come from directly overhead. (E-3)

NOTE: Mrs. McDANIELS's daughter, MILDRED, could not be interviewed inasmuch as she was sick in bed.

3. On 11 November 1948 Mrs. MAY HARTLEY, neighbor of Mrs. McDANIELS, approximately sixty-five years of age, was interviewed and stated that she had not heard any peculiar noises at all, and that Mrs. McDANIELS frequently imagined things. Mrs. McDANIELS and her husband (now deceased) used to spread fabulous tales of supernatural activities around the neighborhood. Mrs. HARTLEY stated that Mrs. McDANIELS exerted quite a bit of influence over her daughter, MILDRED, and that MILDRED was inclined to be like her mother. Mrs. HARTLEY further stated, however, that Mrs. McDANIELS was a good woman and did not intend to do any harm in her story telling, but Mrs. HARTLEY is convinced the story is untrue, even though Mrs. McDANIEL actually believes what she is telling. (F-6)

4. On 11 November 1948 Mr. HENSON BAMBER, neighbor of Mrs. ELMA McDANIELS, was interviewed and stated that he was retired because of a heart ailment, and further that he was around the house all the time and had never heard any peculiar noises in the vicinity. BAMBER further confirmed all of the statements made by Mrs. HARTLEY and related several incidents and stories which had been told by Mrs. McDANIEL, which were such as to convince almost anyone that Mrs. McDANIEL has hallucinations.

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(12 Nov 48)
Subj: Letter of Transmittal (Sign)

5th District OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, 26 Nov 48

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C. ATTN: Major Donald B. White, Asst. Executive, Spec. Investigations (IG)

1. Action has been taken to effect compliance with paragraph 2, basic communication.

2. Attached for your information are reproductions of the authorities under which Air Materiel Command corresponded directly with other OSI Districts with reference to special project "Sign."

H. B. GIBSON
Colonel, USAF
Acting District Commander

3 Incls
1. Ltr dtd 26 Feb 48 (change)
2. Ltr dtd 26 Feb 48
3. CSGID 452.1 dtd 25 Mar 48

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12 November 1948

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. There is attached for your information copies of correspondence relative to a request for investigation initiated by Air Materiel Command and forwarded directly to the 17th OSI District.

2. Suggest that your office advise Air Materiel Command that the correct channeling of such a request should have been through your district office.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Donald B. White
DONALD B. WHITE
Major, USAF
Asst. Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

3 Incls:
1 - Cpy ltr fr 17th Dist, subj: Clarification of Comd Channels
2 - Cpy ltr Hqs AMC, dtd 18 Oct 48, subj: Project "Sign"
3 - Cpy 1st Ind. Hq USAF to 17th OSI Dist, dtd 4 Nov 48

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3 Incls:
1 - Ltr frm Dir, AFOSI, dtd 7 Nov 84
Subj: Request for Classification of Command Channels
2 - Ltr frm Hqs AFOSI, dtd
18 Oct 84, subj: Protocol
"Safe"
3 - Ltr frm Insp Gen USAF to All
Commands, HQ USAF, dtd 7 Nov 84,
Subj: CLASSIFICATION OF COMMAND
CHANNELS

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

DONALD E. MILLER
Major, USAF
Asst. Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

TO : Distrib Commands

Hqs AFOSI District (IG)
Andrews AFB, MD 20331-5000
Subj: Request for Classification of Command Channels

1. There is attached for your information correspondence received from Air Force Base
concerning the subject request.

2. Request that you forward this correspondence directly to the AFOSI District
Office which should have been furnished your district office.

SUBJECT: Request for Classification of Command Channels

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

26 February 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Strategic Air Command
Commanding General, Air Defense Command
Commanding General, Tactical Air Command
Commanding General, Air Training Command
Commanding General, Air University
Commanding General, Alaskan Air Command
Commanding General, Air Transport Command
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command

1. Reference is made to letter from this Headquarters dated 6 February 1948, subject as above.

2. Paragraph 1 of subject letter is changed to read as follows:

"1. Any information pertaining to the sighting of so called flying discs, which is secured by or comes to the attention of any installation under your command, will be forwarded direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI."

3. Hereafter any sightings of flying discs will be reported under the provisions of this letter whether they occur within or outside the United States and Alaska.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

s/ c.p. cabell
t/ C. P. CABELL
Major General, U. S. A. F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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WASHINGTON

26 February 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Caribbean Air Command
Commanding General, United States Air Forces in Europe
Commanding General, Far East Air Forces
Commanding General, Pacific Air Command
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command

1. It is Air Force policy not to ignore reports of sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere but to recognize that part of its mission is to collect, collate, evaluate, and to act on information of this nature.

2. In implementing this policy the Air Materiel Command has been designated as the Air Force agency to collect, collate, evaluate, and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security.

3. Any information pertaining to the sighting of so-called flying discs, which is secured by or comes to the attention of any installations under your command, will be forwarded through channels, to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI.

4. In observing this procedure for reporting information on flying disc sightings, every effort will be made to include the following items:

a. Location and time of sighting.

b. Weather at the time.

c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses.

d. Photographs of objects, if available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration.

f. Object sighted:

(1) Number
(2) Shape
(3) Size
(4) Color
(5) Speed
(6) Heading
(7) Maneuverability
(8) Altitude
(9) Sound
(10) Exhaust trail or not.

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g. General remarks.

5. A copy of all reports or summaries of information sent to Air Materiel Command in accordance with the above provisions will be forwarded at the same time to this Headquarters, Attention: Director of Intelligence.

6. Headquarters, Air Materiel, is authorized direct contact with installations of the addressees of this letter in connection with the development of information on flying discs.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

s/ c.p. cabell
t/ C. P. CABELL
Major General, U. S. A. F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
General Staff, United States Army
Intelligence Division
Washington 25, D.C.

CSGID 452.1

25 March 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Distribution

1. The Intelligence Division has a specific requirement for information regarding the sighting of unconventional aircraft, including the so-called "Flying Discs". If possible, reports should include the following:

a. Location and time of sighting.

b. Weather and time.

c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses.

d. Photographs of objects, if available.

e. Objects sighted:

(1) Number
(2) Shape
(3) Size
(4) Color
(5) Speed
(6) Heading
(7) Maneuverability
(8) Altitude
(9) Sound
(10) Exhaust trail or not

f. Any other pertinent information.

2. As complete an answer to the requirement as may be procurable will be dispatched immediately after sightings.

3. All replies to this requirement should refer to Control No. A-1917

4. Special Procedures:

a. Commanding Generals, Armies, Zone of Interior: Report by collect telegram direct to COMGENAMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO ATTENTION: MCI. This telegram will contain the phrase "Pass to Director of Intelligence, GSUSA". In order to reduce the time factor involved in transmitting this type of information, it is requested that Commanders authorize subordinate elements direct contact with Air Material Command.

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b. The Commanding General, Air Material Command, has been authorized direct communication with the Commanding Generals, Armies, Zone of the Interior, whenever required to develop additional information on so-called "flying disc" reports.

c. All Overseas Addresses: Report by cable to Director of Intelligence, GSUSA. The cable will contain the phrase " Pass to COMGENAMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO ATTENTION: MCI".

5. Warning - Department ofthe Army personnel are cautionrd that all so-calle "flying disc" reports received and studied by the Intelligence Division, GSUSA, to date, were based on sightings of balloons, meteors and other natural phenomena and therefore, reports based on sightings by inexperienced personnel should be extremely explicit and evaluated with care.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

s/

R. F. ENNIS
Colonel, GSC
Chief, Intelligence Group

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Commanding General, Carribean Defense Command, APO 834, c/o PM, New Orleans, Louisiana.
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Commanding General, Fifth Army, 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd, Chicago 15, Illinois. Attention: A.C.of S., G-2
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UNKNOWN OBJECT, Project "Sign"

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CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Ltr fr Hqs, Air Materiel Command, Ref File No. CG,AMC, ATTN: MCIAXO, dtd 18 October 1948

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from Hqs, Air Materiel Command, Ref File CG AMC, ATTN: MCIAXO, dated 18 October 1948.
A check of the radar net of the San Francisco Bay Area; United Air Lines; Air Port Traffic Field, Mills Field; Western Air Lines; Pan-American Airways; American Air Lines; and the Flying Tigers, all of San Francisco, California, revealed no unusual radar readings or sightings during the period from 1100 to 1300 hours on 23 September 1948.

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AT MILLS FIELD, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. On 12 November 1948 Mr. JOE MCMAHAN, Senior Airport Traffic Controller (CAA), Mills Field, California, stated that he knew of no scheduled flights over the Pinole area at approximately 1200 hours on 23 September 1948.

3. On 12 November 1948 Mr. JOHN EVANS, Traffic Representative, Pan American Airways, Mills Field, California, stated that their records for 23 September 1948 showed no scheduled aircraft over the Pinole area. One (1) unscheduled aircraft from Pan American Airways had been on a training mission on 23 September 1948, but the instructor, Mr. RICK MCHENERY, stated that the aircraft had not flown North of Hunters Point, which is a considerable distance South of the Pinole area.

4. On 12 November 1948 Mr. FULLER, Dispatcher for United Air Lines, Mills Field, California, contacted the writer by telephone and stated that United Air Lines Flight No. 576 was over Bay Point, East of the Carquinez Bridge, which is 6.1 miles Northeast of San Pablo, California, and approximately 8 miles due North of Castro's Ranch, at 12:14 (Pacific Daylight Saving Time) on 23 September 1948; West-bound at an altitude of 4,000 feet. Flight No. 576 was a DC-4. Further he stated that Flight No. 562, a DC-4, was South-bound at 11:45 (Pacific Daylight Saving Time) on 23 September 1948, flying at an altitude of 5,000 feet.

5. On 12 November 1948 Mr. L. R. ALLEN, Western Air Lines Passenger Agent, stated that none of their flights of 4-engined aircraft were scheduled to fly over the Pinole area. A check of their daily flight log revealed no record of any training flights or other unschedules missions on this date. The Western Air Lines Radio Communications Section also serves American Air Lines flights and it was revealed that American Air Lines had no 4-engined aircraft in the air after 0745 hours on 23 September 1948.

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6. On 12 November 1948 Mr. R. F. HAHN, Radio Communications Officer for Trans World Air Lines, stated that none of their 4-engined aircraft had been in the Richmond-San Pablo area within two hours of the questioned time.

7. On 12 November 1948 Mr. MIKE CARNES, Station Manager, Flying Tigers Air Lines, Mills Field, California, stated that none of their 4-engined aircraft were scheduled for day time flights to or from Mills Field and that on 23 September 1948, none of their aircraft were utilized for training or any other unscheduled flights.

AT HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE, HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

8. On 15 November 1948 the Army Airways Communications Service, who are charged with the responsibility of the radar net of the San Francisco Bay Area, were contacted and it was revealed that on 23 September 1948 at approximately noon, there were no unusual radar readings reported, nor were there reported any Air Force 4-engined aircraft in the vicinity of Pinole, Pinole Point, Lone Tree Point or Corquinez Straits.

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FILE NO. 24-6

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REPORT MADE BY
WILLIAM H. PITTSON

REPORT MADE AT
DO #17, Kirtland AF Base

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26 October 1948

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Letter, Air Materiel Command, dated 18 October 1948

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, Mr. JOHN C. FAIRCHILD, in a signed statement, substantiated the aerial anomaly sighted over Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 23 September 1948. The reliability of the observer was checked with no derogatory information revealed.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon letter, dated 18 October 1948, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, subject: Project "Sign". Basic letter indicated that JOHN FAIRCHILD, 842 West Manhattan St., Santa Fe, New Mexico, saw an unidentified aerial object over Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 23 September 1948.

AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2. On 26 October 1948, this agent interviewed Mr. JOHN C. FAIRCHILD at 521 Lolita St., Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the following information was obtained: Mr. FAIRCHILD was born 2 April 1920, Sunbright, Tennessee, came to Santa Fe, New Mexico, from Florida in 1945, was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and at Los Alamos, New Mexico, for approximately six (6) months. He is presently employed by a Mr. DON BEERS (521 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico) as a Building Superintendent. On 23 September 1948, Mr. FAIRCHILD and a business associate (Mr. A. R. ANGIER, 2620 Proctor, Waco, Texas) observed an unidentified aerial object over Santa Fe, New Mexico, as outlined in "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as inclosure two (2) of this report. Mr. FAIRCHILD stated he and Mr. ANGIER were the only witnesses to the sighting of the unidentified aerial object. A signed statement of Mr. FAIRCHILD's, regarding the unidentified aerial object is attached to this report as inclosure one (1) and is set forth verbatim below:

26 October 1948

This statement was taken at the residence of Mr. John C. Fairchild at 1415 hours, on 26 October 1948, by Mr. William H. Pittson S/A Office of Special Investigations Kirtland AFB, Kirtland Field, New Mexico

STATEMENT OF: John C. Fairchild

On September 25, 1948 at approximately 0930 hours, while on East Marcy Street down town Santa Fe, New Mexico. I discovered an oblong bright object flying at a high speed I estimated between seven (7) and eight (8) hundred miles an hour, at thirty (30) thousand foot or over this object gave a blue glare to the rear and was traveling from North East to South West. I did not hear any sound but discovered this object while looking up at K.T.R.C. radio tower. At first glance I thought this object was an insulator on one of the wires, but when I discovered it was moving an effort was made to detect sound and to establish hight and direction of course.

/s/ John C. Fairchild
/t/ John C. Fairchild

WITNESS;

/s/ Lawrence E Valdez

/s/ 331 Oter St
/s/ Santa Fe

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3. On 26 October 1948, the following interviews and agency checks were made to substantiate the reliability of the observer: (Reference page 4, paragraph 7 of Essential Elements of Information form.)

a. Mrs. ELOY MONTOYA (Housewife), 828 West Manhattan St., Santa Fe, New Mexico, stated in substance, that she has known Mr. FAIRCHILD approximately three (3) years and that he is a good family man, a hard, aggressive worker, and successful business man. Mrs. MONTOYA further stated that she has no knowledge of derogatory information concerning Mr. FAIRCHILD.

b. Mrs. HAROLD JOHNSTON (Housewife), 820 West Manhattan St., Santa Fe, New Mexico, stated in substance, that she has known Mr. FAIRCHILD approximately one (1) year and that he leads a nice quiet home life and is a very likeable person. Mrs. JOHNSTON further stated she has no knowledge of deregatory information concerning Mr. FAIRCHILD.

c. Police Department, Santa Fe, New Mexico - No record.

Sheriff's Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico - No record.

d. Mr. DON BEERS (filling station proprietor and used car dealer), 521 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, stated in substance, that he has known Mr. FAIRCHILD approximately one (1) year and is presently in his employment as a building superintendent. Mr. BEERS further stated that Mr. FAIRCHILD has never been in trouble and has a fine character and background to the best of his knowledge.

INCLOSURES

FOR HQ., AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB:

1. Signed statement of Mr. JOHN C. FAIRCHILD, dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, 26 October 1948.

2. Essential Elements of Information.

FOR OSI HQ., WASHINGTON, D. C.:

1. Photostatic copy of signed statement of Mr. JOHN C. FAIRCHILD, dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, 26 October 1948.

2. Essential Elements of Information.

FOR DO #10, KELLY AFB:

1. Form of Essential Elements of Information.

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DISTRICT OFFICE #10, KELLY AFB:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

1. Will check the criminal and subversive files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine if JOHN C. FAIRCHILD has a record.

AT WACO, TEXAS

2. Will obtain detailed signed statement from Mr. A. R. ANGIER in reference to the anomaly observed.

3. Will obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 1. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the EEI, should be included.

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WITNESS;

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object(s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting - 23 September 1948

2. Time of sighting
   (Zonal by 24 hr clock) - 0930

3. Where sighted: Santa Fe, New Mexico

   a. Ground

      (1) City, Town - City

      (2) Distance and direction from city or town
          Road, intersections, etc. - seven (7) miles at 30 thousand ft. flying over the southern part of the city

      (3) From building (story), yard, etc - street

      (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing
          Latitude and longitude - 35° 30 minutes 40 seconds north latitude, 105° 45 minutes 45 seconds west longitude

   b. Air

      (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction flight

      (2) Distance & direction from city, town or known landmark

      (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

      (4) Latitude and longitude

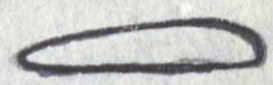
   c. Sea

      (1) Latitude and Longitude

      (2) Proximity to land
          (Name city, country, etc)

4. Number of objects

   a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)



5. Distance of object from observer - seven (7) miles

   a. Laterally or horizontally - laterally

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon - 45° angle

   c. Altitude - 30,000 feet

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6. Time in sight - 1 ½ minutes

7. Appearance of object

a. Color - Bright silvery object

b. Shape
(sketch if possible) - oblong egg shape



c. Apparent construction (translucent) - unknown

d. Size

(1) Estimated size - 150-200 feet

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view
(compared to known object) - one foot

8. Direction of flight North east - South west

9. Tactics or maneuvers - Straight course

a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, osciallating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

10. Evidence of exhaust

a. Color of smoke - Bluish appearance to rear

b. Length and width - sort of a sunflower shape at the end of object seemed to be apart from object but close on its tail

c. Odor (if any) - None

d. Rate of evaporation - Solid bluish appearance stayed at end of object

e. Does trail vary with sound? - None

11. Effect on clouds

a. Opened path thru clouds

b. Formed cloud or mists

Clear sky

c. Reflected on cloud

d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

a. Reflected or attached

b. Luminous - one silver streak

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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13. Support - Could not determine

    a. Wings

    b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

    c. Vertical jet

    d. Rotating cylinder or cone

    e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion - Could not determine

    a. Propeller or jet

    b. Rotor

    c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or osciallating) (KatzMayer effect)

    d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability - Could not determine

    a. Fins

    b. Stabilizers (Horizontal or vertical)

        (1) Size

        (2) Shape

        (3) Location

16. Air Ducts

    a. Slots

    b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. - 700 or 800 miles per hour

18. Sound - None

    a. Continuous whine or buss

    b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

    - None

    c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view X

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer Mr. John C. Fairchild

2. Address 521 Lolita Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico

3. Occupation - Building Supt.

4. Place of business - None

a. Employer or employee - Employee

5. Hobbies - drawing, mechanical, woodwork and photographing

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) since childhood
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc

6. Ability to determine

a. Color - good

b. Speed of moving objects - fair

c. Size at distance - fair

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor - yes
(2) Police Dept. - No record
(3) FBI records
(4) Employer - yes

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8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Was looking up at radio tower when observed object, thought it was an insulator or wire when first spotted

(1) Sound
(2) Motion
(3) Glint of light X

9. Witnesses - Mr. A. R. ANGIER

a. Addresses - 2620 Proctor, Waco, Texas

b. Occupation - Pilot

c. Reliability - Unknown

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated. Subject was well educated, character very good

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc. and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observalbe, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airbourne when object sighted

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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DATE 12 November 1948

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ARWIN F. HEROLD, JR

REPORT MADE AT
DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

PERIOD
4 November 1948

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DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

STATUS
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TITLE UNKNOWN OBJECT, Project "Sign"

CHARACTER
Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Ltr fr Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, File: CG, AMC, ATTN: MCIAXD, dated 18 October 1948

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. At approximately 1200 hours, 23 September 1948, Colonel HORACE S. [illegible]AKINS, U. S. Army (RET), sighted an unknown object moving very fast at a considerable altitude, headed due East. This object was also seen by a Mr. BENTHAM.

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions - Reading at 1030 hours, 23 September 1948; clear visibility 40 miles, pressure 1064 mili bars, temperature 71°, dupoint 31°, surface wind W S W 13°, altimeter setting 29.98 inches.

2. Winds aloft report - Reading at 0900 hours, 23 September 1948; 10,000 ft. 11 miles per hour 290°, 18,500 ft. 17 miles per hour 310°, 30,000 ft. 15 miles per hour 290°.

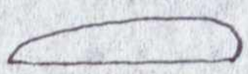
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time - Local flight schedules, none. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations, or any other - None.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils - Object did not contact earth.

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. - No other aircraft involved.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object 

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed - In City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened) - Did not contact earth.

   d. Maneuvers - Flew straight course.

   e. Formation if objects were more than two - Only one (1) object.

8. Secure signed statement - See Inclosure No. 1.

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible - Not possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might persumably be construed as such) - None observed.

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DETAILS

1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Reference File, CG, AMC; ATTN: MCIAXO, dated 18 October 1948.

IN WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA

2. On 4 November 1948 HORACE S. EAKINS, Colonel, U. S. Army (RET) O-8548, 1024 Esther Drive, Walnut Creek, California, was interviewed and in substance stated that at approximately 1200 hours, on 23 September 1948, while standing in front of the packing plant at Castro's Ranch, which is located 4 miles due East of San Pablo, California, and 4.1 miles South of Pinole, California, he noted an Army bomber, two-engined, type unknown, passing overhead at a very low altitude and headed Southeast. Upon watching the bomber, he noticed above and going in the direction of nearly due East, an unknown object. Upon sighting the object, Colonel EAKINS brought it to a Mr. BENTHAM's attention and asked him if he (Colonel EAKINS) were seeing things. BENTHAM substantiated Colonel EAKINS' observation that there was an object above the bomber. Colonel EAKINS described this object as being approximately the size of a large four-engined bomber having a shape similar to an ameba (sketch is inclosed). The object was shaped so that it appeared that there were three (3) appendages forward and two (2) aft. These appendages seemed to be flapping or oscillating while the center portion remained stable. The object appeared to be, in Colonel EAKINS' opinion, a mile or more above the bomber. In the center of this object there appeared a round, dark circle which, in Colonel EAKINS' opinion, seemed to be above the main body of the object. Further it appeared that the main part of the object was translucent and of a dirty gray color and that the dark, circular portion appeared to grow more dense in color as it approached the center. From this observation Colonel EAKINS concluded that the dark portion was spherical, having the shape and depth similar to a globe. Colonel EAKINS further stated that in his mind the main part of the object appeared like canvas. Colonel EAKINS stated there was no way he could estimate the speed of the object but that it was traveling at a far greater speed than the bomber or anything else he had ever seen and that there was no noise of any type, no evidence of exhaust or trail. The object just disappeared from sight, not behind a cloud or hill or any other obstruction, in a very short

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time. Colonel EAKINS could not estimate whether it was a matter of seconds or minutes as he was so engrossed in the object. On this day, and at this time, there were very few clouds in the sky. However, the day was rather dull and hazy. Colonel EAKINS further stated that the object did not reflect or give off light of any type.

3. Colonel EAKINS, prior to his retirement in 1948, was on duty with the Army mission in Panama as a veterinarian. Colonel EAKINS retired because of personal reasons and not because of any physical defects. However, Colonel EAKINS is far-sighted and has to wear glasses. He is presently employed by the California State Department of Agriculture as a Meat Inspector. A check with the neighbors and business associates established the fact that Colonel EAKINS is highly thought of and is reliable in all his dealings and associations with them.

NOTE: Colonel EAKINS expressed the opinion to this writer that he was very reluctant in writing his original letter to G-2, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California, in that he believed somebody would think he was "another quack, probably an old fuddy-duddy." However, in the belief that he had a duty to perform, even though retired, he finally forwarded the information. Colonel EAKINS impressed this investigator as being very stable, intelligent, above average in common sense.

Inclosure:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB; DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB; OSI HEADQUARTERS; AND FILE.

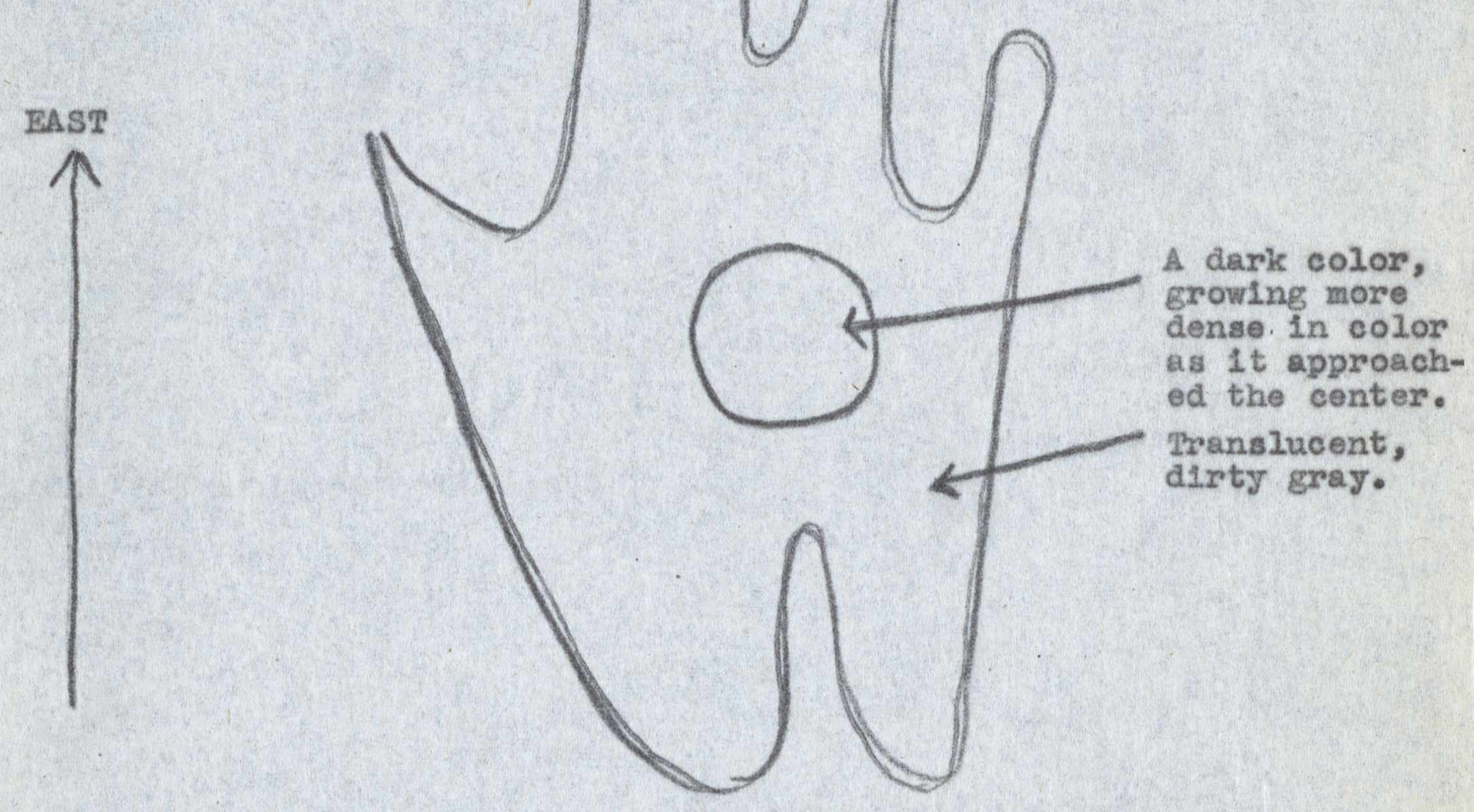
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Forward - direction of flight.



NOTE: About size of 4-engined bomber - longer than wide.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-2

DATE 30 September 1948

REPORT MADE BY
Special Agent WILLIAM G. SPROULL

REPORT MADE AT
Office
DO5F, Western District AF Procurement Field

PERIOD
17, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 September 1948

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STATUS
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TITLE
PROJECT "SIGN"
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command. Aerial object sighted in sky 21 July 1948, was viewed by qualified astronomical observers, through 3", 6" and 12" telescopes at Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles, California, and Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California. Aerial object described as a ribbed, pear-shaped balloon of latex color, with bright rectangular disk suspended from lower portion of balloon. Diameter of balloon approximately twenty-five (25) feet.

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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 8 September 1948, Symbol MCIAXO-3. Letter contained report of sighting unidentified aerial object over Van Nuys, California, 22 July 1948, by MR. HENRY GLOVER, 8531 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 8531 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 florescent lamp.

3. On 17 September 1948, MRS. HENRY GLOVER, housewife, 8531 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.

AGENTS 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, 1244 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 newsman that the

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that the object was a weather balloon and that at that time, he (DR. RICHARDSON) 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.

5. On 22 September 1948, MR. GEORGE ABELL, Griffith Observatory attache, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed. MR. ABELL stated that he was on duty at Griffith Observatory on the evening of 21 July 1948 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 1948. But that instead, he informed the newspaper on the evening of 21 July 1948, 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, being that the object was a meteorological balloon, thus his report to the Los Angeles Times.

6. On 23 September 1948, MR. PAUL E. ROQUES, Telescope Demonstrator, Griffith Park Observatory; home address, 5030 Parkglen Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding his observation of aerial object sighted on 21 July 1948. MR. ROQUES stated that he observed the object with a 12" refracting telescope and that the object was pear-shaped, appeared to be ribbed vertically, apparently composed of some sort of translucent materiel such as fibre glass and suspended from the body 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. ROQUES by this agent, outlining in detail MR. ROQUES' observation of object in question. This statement is attached to this report as Exhibit IV. MR. ROQUES submitted a rough sketch of the object in question. This sketch is being enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report. MR. ROQUES indicated that his impression was that the object in question was not a meteorological balloon and that MR. ABELL wrongly informed the newspapers. MR. ROQUES further stated that the geographic co-ordinates of the Griffith Observatory are as follows:

LATITUDE - 34° 6' 46.8" North
LONGITUDE - 118° 18' 5.5" West
ELEVATION - 1140' above sea level

7. On 28 September 1948, MR. H. C. HARVEY, Supervisor of charts, Los Angeles Weather Bureau, Los Angeles Airport, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding reproduction of Winds Aleft Charts and pertinent data for the date 21 July 1948. MR. HARVEY furnished this agent with the 1300 hours and 1900 hours meteorological soundings for the date 21 July 1948, 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 Darex 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 feet altitude,

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would be approximately 10' to 12' in diameter and at 60,000 to 72,000 feet altitude, would be 18' in diameter and was designed to burst at this point and the instruments which were attached to the sounding device parachute to earth. MR. HARVEY 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 ordinary meteorological balloons being released by any weather station, including Air Force and Navy installations in the area. MR. HARVEY further pointed out that the time of official sunset on 21 July 1948 was at 1902 hours and that there would be approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes of twilight remaining after sunset. Winds Aloft Charts obtained from MR. HARVEY 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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STATEMENT

Statement made by Mr. Henry Glover, Power Consultant, Department of Water and Power, Van Nuys, California; home address, 8531 Variel 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 symetrical (no fuzziness or bluring); 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.

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 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
8531 Variel Avenue
Conoga, California

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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 gaz ing 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 accross 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 advertizing device. It was a definite material object."

END OF STATEMENT.

MRS. HENRY GLOVER
8531 Variel Avenue
Conoga, California

Exhibit II

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Robert S. Richardson
843 Santa Barbara Street (Office)
Pasadena 4, California
Sycamore 6-4351

1244 North Holliston Avenue (Home)
Pasadena 6
Sycamore 4-4451

Written Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1948

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° 12' 55" N, 7 hours 52 minutes 14.3 seconds West, 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 F. Sanford and Horace Babock, 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 tried to photograph it.

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,

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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.

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.

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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 easily discerned through the outer envelope against the bright background of the sky. After sunset the object 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.

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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.

18. Luminous or Incandescence or Lights of any kind. None.

Remarks

About 4:30 PM, I answered a call from the L.A. Times saying that they had received a report of a bright spot over the vicinity of Big Bear Lake. At the Observatory we supposed that this was merely another flying disk rumor and thought nothing of it. But when this remarkable bright object was seen sailing overhead after dinner we became greatly interested and excited. Someone got out the three-inch telescope and after taking a look exclaimed, "It's a balloon!"

We naturally speculated about the objecta good deal that evening and surmised that it was probably a meteorological balloon of some kind. About half a dozen unidentified people called inquiring if we had seen the bright disk. I heard Wausnock tell someone that it was a meteorological balloon, but I cautioned him that we didn't know anything of the kind. When the L.A. Times telephoned a second time I described the object essentially as I have here, but emphasized that its nature was unknown to us. I guessed its altitude was 2000 feet but later realized it must have been much higher.

After returning to the office in Pasadena I sent Mr. Wausnock a copy of Popular Science Monthly for May or June, 1948, which had a picture on the cover of a new type of meteorological balloon. I enclosed a note saying that this resembled the object we had seen over Mount Wilson.

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WILLIAM G. SPROULL, S/A

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STATEMENT

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 materiel 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 9:30 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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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. Unknown 1

DATE 1 October 1948

REPORT MADE BY FERDINAND L. GOETZ

REPORT MADE AT DO #12, Scott AFB

PERIOD 28 Sep 48 - 1 Oct 48

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #12, Chanute AFB

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CHARACTER
IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN OBJECT

REFERENCE Ltr from FBI, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to CO, 134th AFBU, Chanute AFB, Ill, dated 27 September 1948

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Colonel SIMENSON, Base Executive Officer, Chanute AFB, Illinois. Special Agent in Charge, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, district office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised by letter that object conforming to descriptions of flying disc, presumably one of two objects which fell or were dropped from a plane near Horicon, Wisconsin, was recovered by a local farmer and two conservation officers. Object wasbrought by these persons to offices of District Attorney CLARENCE TRAEGER, Dodge County, Wisconsin, where examination revealed object to resemble combination of bazooka welded to a white disc, approximately twenty inches in diameter and possibly containing an explosive which failed to discharge. Object was left in custody of Sheriff, Juneau County, Wisconsin. FBI contacted Captain FRANK BLAZER, CIC, Room 704, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that office advising that all persons concerned would be interviewed. Col. SIMENSON desires OSI obtain object in question for further examination at Chanute AFB, also, that results of investigation conducted by Capt. BLAZER be communicated to Chanute AFB.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Colonel SIMENSON, Base Executive Officer, Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois, subsequent to receipt of letter from the Special Agent in Charge, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, district office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, relative to recovery of object resembling descriptions of a flying disc. Colonel SIMENSON contacted OSI Detachment, Chanute Air Force Base, supplying original letter referred to herein.

2. The following is a copy of letter received by Colonel SIMENSON, Base Executive Officer, Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
735 Federal Building
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 27, 1948

Commanding Officer
Lt. Colonel Robert J. DuVal
Chanute Field
United States Army Air Corps
Rantoul, Illinois

Dear Sir:

For your information and any action deemed desirable, District Attorney Clarence Traeger, Dodge County, contacted this office by telephone from his home in Horicon, Wisconsin, telephone number 30R, Saturday evening 8:30 p.m., September 25, 1948, advising that an object which he described as conforming to recent descriptions of a flying disc, had been recovered in his county and brought to his office by two conservation wardens.

Traeger revealed it was first seen by a farmer living near the Horicon Marsh who noticed a plane fly over and observed two objects fall from it. On investigating the incident, with two conservation wardens who happened to be nearby, one of the objects was recovered.

Traeger described the object as being a combination of a bazooka welded to a disc. The disc is described as white in color and approximately twenty inches in diameter.

The object was examined by Traeger in his office in the presence of the conservation wardens. The examination revealed there was a possibility that the object contained an explosive charge which had failed to explode. Traeger did nothing further

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with the object. He released it to the custody of the sheriff at Juneau, Wisconsin where it was at the time he contacted this office.

Captain Frank Blazer of the local office of Counter-Intelligence Corps, U. S. Army, Room 704, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that a representative of his office was at the scene and would interview all persons possible concerning the case.

No action is being taken by this office and should you desire further information, it is suggested that you may desire to contact District Attorney Traeger and/or Captain Frank Blazer.

Very truly yours,

/s/ H. K. Johnson

H. K. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5-D, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will contact G-2, Fifth Army Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, and advise that letter from the F.B.I., Milwaukee Office, was forwarded to Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois, with full particulars concerning the flying disc. Advise G-2 that the executive officer of Chanute has therefore requested that the disc be sent to Chanute for examination and study. Should G-2 not wish to relinquish control of the discs, then request that copies of their completed investigations, pertinent photographs, findings, and any other available data be obtained and forwarded to Headquarters, 12th OSI, Scott AFB, Illinois, by the most expedious method taking all necessary precaution for safety in shipment.

2. Will secure permission of G-2, Fifth Army, to interview Captain Frank Blazer, Counter Intelligence Corps, Room 704, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for further data on case that may not be included in the case report.

Will advise G-2 in the event the disc is being examined by their ordnance experts that a copy of the result of such examination is to be forwarded to Headquarters, 12th OSI as soon as practicable.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Interview H. K. Johnson, Special Agent in Charge, F.B.I., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and if possible obtain copy of results of Bureau Investigation.

Interview Captain Frank Blazer, Officer in Charge, Fifth Army, CIC, 704 Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and question fully about the disc and the results of his investigation, findings, and status of the case; whether open or closed. The interview is to be made only with the consent of G-2, Fifth Army, Chicago, Illinois.

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Mrs. MADELINE GWYNNE MERCHANT
COMMUNIST MATTERS
Directorate of Intelligence
Attn: Lt Col R. N. Smith, Air Estimates Branch

Office of Special Investigations, IG

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Mr Koch/dr-72231

1. For your information this office recently received a copy of a Secret report from the Intelligence Division, GSUSA, concerning certain theories on "Flying Discs" expounded by Mrs. MERCHANT who resides at 1515 9th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

2. The report consisted of the text of three (3) personal letters that Mrs. MERCHANT had sent directly to the Commanding General, Fourth Army, via Registered Air Mail.

3. Due to the nature of these letters and Mrs. MERCHANT'S interest in physics and electronics, this office became interested in determining her reliability, reputation and background. An investigation conducted by the 20th OSI District Office, Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, disclosed the following information concerning Mrs. MERCHANT:

a. She has been known by G-2, Fourth Army for the past two years and is considered a "crank."

b. No background information regarding her education, loyalty, associations or reliability has been developed.

c. A limited investigation conducted previously by G-2, Fourth Army disclosed that she has secured information from personnel employed at Los Alamos, namely one JOE LACY also known as JOEL LACY and that she corresponds with a known Communist organization, "THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS," located at 1126 E. 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

d. The investigation conducted by G-2, Fourth Army further disclosed the fact that her husband (divorced) was employed in laying out the Los Alamos project and has been employed by the Sun Oil Company as a seismologist in Iran, and that her sister-in-law, (Mrs. DENVER THOMPSON) was employed at AEC, Los Alamos, and is now employed at AEC, Sandia Base.

4. Should this office receive any further information covering this subject it will be furnished to you.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Office of Origin: Hq, Air Materiel Command, Dayton, Ohio File No. 333.5 (24-1)

Reporting Office	Date	Period	Special Investigator
6th OSI District	9 Sep 1948	10 Aug - 25 Aug 1948	Walter M. Cassidy

Title	Character of Case
PROJECT "SIGN"	Special Investigation

SYNOPSIS

1. Basis for investigation:

At 1020, 8 August 1948, this headquarters was advised by letter, dated 6 August 1948, originating at Hq, Air Materiel Command, Dayton, Ohio, to conduct an investigation pertaining to an aerial phenomena reported by various people within 6th OSI District.

2. Facts:

At 0945, 10 August 1948, Lt Colonel Cropper interrogated Mr. Walter C. Massey, Robins Air Force Base employee, regarding an aerial phenomena witnessed by Massey while on duty at Robins Air Force Base the night of 23 July 1948. Massey stated the exact time and pertinent facts regarding the phenomena. Massey appears to be a competent and qualified observer.

On 19 August 1948, Special Investigator Cassidy contacted Robins Air Force Base Flight Operations and the Base Weather Station. All reports pertaining to weather conditions and relative time substantially support Massey's statements made to Lt Colonel Cropper.

On 12 August 1948, S/A Montgomery, 111th CIC Det, contacted personnel at the Atlanta Naval Air Base and adjoining municipality regarding a reported aerial phenomena. It was generally agreed that the phenomena resembled a shooting star, despite the fact that course and altitude did not correspond to the characteristics of such an aerial phenomena.

During the period, 24 - 27 Aug 1948, Special Investigator Morris interviewed seven (7) residents of Augusta, Ga. regarding reported aerial phenomena. It was concluded that objects observed were not aircraft, but probably of meteroic nature.

Approved: Eugene C. Cropper
EUGENE C. CROPPER, Lt Col, USAF

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DETAILS:

At 0945, 10 August 1948, Lt Colonel Cropper, Acting District Commander, 6th District Office of Special Investigations, interrogated Mr. Walter C. Massey, Robins Air Force Base employee, regarding an aerial phenomena witnessed by Massey while on duty at Robins Air Force Base on the night of 23 July 1948. The following is a transcript of this interrogation:

"Q. 1. What is your full name, age, address, and employment?

A. 1. Walter C. Massey. I am 23, unmarried, and live at 141 High Street, Macon, Georgia. I am a member of the Transient Maintenance Alert Crew on the midnight shift - 2400 to 0800 hours.

Q. 2. Do you recall the date and time that you saw this object?

A. 2. It appeared on Friday night, the 23d of July 1948 between 0140 and 0150 hours, Eastern Standard Time. I was standing fire guard on a C-47, directly across from Operations, and I had to take down the take-off time which was between 0140 and 0150.

Q. 3. What was the weather condition?

A. 3. Good visibility and no clouds.

Q. 4. Were there any lights around you? Outside lights or beacons?

A. 4. 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. 5. In what direction did you see this object?

A. 5. 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. 6. Describe in your own words what you actually saw from the time it appeared until it disappeared.

A. 6. 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 altitude of this object?

A. 7. Three thousand feet - - it could be lower or higher, at night it is difficult to judge distance.

Q. 8. What was the size and shape in comparison to the trail of fire?

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 wingless object - - a phosphorescent glow.

Q. 10. Are you familiar with shooting stars?

A. 10. Yes Sir. I thought at first it was a shooting star or a meteor, but a shooting star falls perpendicular. This object was on 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 holes 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.

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Q. 16. Did you read the newspaper account of the two civilian pilots who saw this strange object about the same time and did the paper's description seem to refer to the object you saw?

A. 16. I read the write up about the rate of speed. I don't see how they could tell if it had square or round windows but the description seemed to fit my impressions.

Q. 17. Was there anyone with you when you saw this object?

A. 17. No Sir. 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 had already put his headgear on before I could get his attention and the object was gone.

Q. 18. With whom did you first discuss this matter?

A. 18. I called the tower and asked them if they saw it. They didn't.

Q. 19. What was their reaction regarding this object?

A. 19. They thought I was drunk or seeing things.

Q. 20. Were you unusually fatigued at this time?

A. 20. No Sir, I had been merely reading Air Force magazines prior to this time.

Q. 21. Have you ever had occasion to read much or study Air Force magazines, experiments with guided missiles, objects, or similar material?

A. 21. No Sir, only what I could get out of Air Force and Aviation magazines.

Q. 22. Were you in the Air Force during the war?

A. 22. Yes Sir, I was an Aircraft Engine Mechanic with a rating of Buck Sergeant in the Ninth Air Force.

Q. 23. Is there anyone else on the Base who saw this particular object that you know of?

A. 23. No Sir.

Q. 24. 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 odors at that time?

A. 28. I heard no sound and everything was quiet. No engines were warming 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 similiarity 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 Fowles.

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 southwest 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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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The following is information collected by agents of the 111th CIC 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 northeast. 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 phenomena. 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 1910 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 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. 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 Renfroe, Apartment 212 A, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia
(5) Mrs. John Gall, Apartment 201 G, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia

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AGENT'S NOTE: 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.

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

On 24 August 1948, at 1830 hours, Randolph Russell, of 402 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 oder 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 - CAA, 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 B. 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 while in view 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, 26 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 southeast at eight 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 were 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, "ALERT CREW MAN 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

NOTE: Exhibits are attached to original of this report only.

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SUBJECT: "FLYING DISCS"
SECURITY SURVEYS - 35

TO: District Commander, 10th OSI District (IG)
Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas

1. This Headquarters recently received a copy of a secret report from the Intelligence Division, GSUSA, concerning certain theories on "Flying Discs" expounded by a Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant, 1515 9th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

2. The report consisted of the text of three (3) personal letters that Mrs. Merchant had sent directly to the Commanding General, Fourth Army via registered Air Mail.

3. Due to the nature of these letters and Mrs. Merchant's interest in physics and electronics, this Headquarters is interested in determining her reliability and background.

4. It is therefore requested that an agent of your office contact Lt. Colonel Roland J. Meeker, Acting AC of S, G-2 Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to determine if there is on file information concerning Mrs. Merchant's background, reliability and professional standing. It is further requested that this Headquarters be informed of the results of this investigation, particularly as to Mrs. Merchant's credibility and professional reputation.

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None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command. Aerial object sighted in sky 21 July 1948, was viewed by qualified astronomical observers, through 3", 6" and 12" telescopes at Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles, California, and Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California. Aerial object described as a ribbed, pear-shaped balloon of latex color, with bright rectangular disk suspended from lower portion of balloon. Diameter of balloon approximately twenty-five (25) feet.

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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 8 September 1948, Symbol MCIAXO-3. Letter contained report of sighting unidentified aerial object over Van Nuys, California, 22 July 1948, by MR. HENRY GLOVER, 8531 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 8531 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 florescent lamp.

3. On 17 September 1948, MRS. HENRY GLOVER, housewife, 8531 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.

AGENTS 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, 1244 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 newsman that the

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that the object was a weather balloon and that at that time, he (DR. RICHARDSON) 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.

5. On 22 September 1948, MR. GEORGE ABELL, Griffith Observatory attache, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed. MR. ABELL stated that he was on duty at Griffith Observatory on the evening of 21 July 1948 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 1948. But that instead, he informed the newspaper on the evening of 21 July 1948, 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, being that the object was a meteorological balloon, thus his report to the Los Angeles Times.

6. On 23 September 1948, MR. PAUL E. ROQUES, Telescope Demonstrator, Griffith Park Observatory; home address, 5030 Parkglen Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding his observation of aerial object sighted on 21 July 1948. MR. ROQUES stated that he observed the object with a 12" refracting telescope and that the object was pear-shaped, appeared to be ribbed vertically, apparently composed of some sort of translucent materiel such as fibre glass and suspended from the body 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. ROQUES by this agent, outlining in detail MR. ROQUES' observation of object in question. This statement is attached to this report as Exhibit IV. MR. ROQUES submitted a rough sketch of the object in question. This sketch is being enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report. MR. ROQUES indicated that his impression was that the object in question was not a meteorological balloon and that MR. ABELL wrongly informed the newspapers. MR. ROQUES further stated that the geographic co-ordinates of the Griffith Observatory are as follows:

LATITUDE - 34° 6' 46.8" North
LONGITUDE - 118° 18' 5.5" West
ELEVATION - 1140' above sea level

7. On 28 September 1948, 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 1948. MR. HARVEY furnished this agent with the 1300 hours and 1900 hours meteorological soundings for the date 21 July 1948, taken by Los Angeles Weather Bureau. MR. HARVEY was questioned as to his knowledge of any [illegible]lative data concerning meteorological balloons. MR. HARVEY stated that two types of balloons currently used by weather stations for [illegible]ata. These balloons being the Darex balloon and a balloon by Cruiser Corporation. Neither balloon would aptly fit the description of object described by persons previously interviewed. MR. HARVEY stated that the average meteorological balloon was 6' in diameter [illegible]hat the balloon, when at a 20,000 foot altitude,

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would be approximately 10' to 12' in diameter and at 60,000 to 72,000 feet altitude, would be 18' in diameter and was designed to burst at this point and the instruments which were attached to the sounding device parachute to earth. MR. HARVEY 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 ordinary meteorological balloons being released by any weather station, including Air Force and Navy installations in the area. MR. HARVEY further pointed out that the time of official sunset on 21 July 1948 was at 1902 hours and that there would be approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes of twilight remaining after sunset. Winds Aloft Charts obtained from MR. HARVEY 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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STATEMENT

Statement made by Mr. Henry Glover, Power Consultant, Department of Water and Power, Van Nuys, California; home address, 8531 Variel 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 symetrical (no fuzziness or bluring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 69 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.

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.

SPROULL: What was your impression of the actual shape or dimension of the object?

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 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.

R. SPROULL: Was there an exhaust trail?

. GLOVER: No exhaust trail at all.

SPROULL: Did you notice the object as carrying any lights?

GLOVER: There were no distinguishing characteristics at all except for the bluish light.

ROULL: Did this occur to you to be something resembling a flying saucer?

OVER: 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
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STATEMENT

Statement made by Mrs. Henry Glover, 8531 Variel Avenue, Canoga 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 advertizing device. It was a definite material object."

END OF STATEMENT.

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Written Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1948

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° 12' 55" N, 7 hours 52 minutes 14.3 seconds West, 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 Wausneck, stewards at the Monastery; Al Kochanski, cook; Drs. Roscoe F. 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 tried to photograph it.

5. Construction, size, shape, etc. Anthony Wausneck 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 Wausneck and me while we were observing at the six-inch. Schwarzschild,

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Wausneck, 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. Wausneck and asked him how big he thought the object was. Without prompting from me he made an estimate of 1/6 the full moon, which is in good agreement.

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.

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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. Wausneck and myself. The inner sphere was easily discerned through the outer envelope against the bright background of the sky. After sunset the object 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.

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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.

18. Luminous or Incandescence or Lights of any kind. None.

Remarks

About 4:30 PM, I answered a call from the L.A. Times saying that they had received a report of a bright spot over the vicinity of Big Bear Lake. At the Observatory we supposed that this was merely another flying disk rumor and thought nothing of it. But when this remarkable bright object was seen sailing overhead after dinner we became greatly interested and excited. Someone got out the three-inch telescope and after taking a look exclaimed, "It's a balloon!"

We naturally speculated about the objecta good deal that evening and [illegible]d that it was probably a meteorological balloon of some kind. About [illegible]alf a dozen unidentified people called inquiring if we had seen the bright [illegible]sk. I heard Wausnock tell someone that it was a meteorological balloon, [illegible]t I cautioned him that we didn't know anything of the kind. When the L.A. [illegible]imes telephoned a second time I described the object essentially as I have [illegible]n, but emphasized that its nature was unknown to us. I guessed its altitude was 2000 feet but later realized it must have been much higher.

After returning to the office in Pasadena I sent Mr. Wausnock a copy [illegible]opular Science Monthly for May or June, 1948, which had a picture on the [illegible] of a new type of meteorological balloon. I enclosed a note saying that [illegible] resembled the object we had seen over Mount Wilson.

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WILLIAM G. SPROULL, S/A

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STATEMENT

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 materiel 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.

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Reporting Office	Date	Period	Special Investigator
6th OSI District	9 Sep 1948	10 Aug - 25 Aug 1948	Walter M. Cassidy

Title	Character of Case
PROJECT "SIGN"	Special Investigation

SYNOPSIS

1. Basis for investigation:

At 1020, 8 August 1948, this headquarters was advised by letter, dated 6 August 1948, originating at Hq, Air Materiel Command, Dayton, Ohio, to conduct an investigation pertaining to an aerial phenomena reported by various people within 6th OSI District.

2. Facts:

At 0945, 10 August 1948, Lt Colonel Cropper interrogated Mr. Walter C. Massey, Robins Air Force Base employee, regarding an aerial phenomena witnessed by Massey while on duty at Robins Air Force Base the night of 23 July 1948. Massey stated the exact time and pertinent facts regarding the phenomena. Massey appears to be a competent and qualified observer.

On 19 August 1948, Special Investigator Cassidy contacted Robins Air Force Base Flight Operations and the Base Weather Station. All reports pertaining to weather conditions and relative time substantially support Massey's statements made to Lt Colonel Cropper.

On 12 August 1948, S/A Montgomery, 111th CIC Det, contacted personnel at the Atlanta Naval Air Base and adjoining municipality regarding a reported aerial phenomena. It was generally agreed that the phenomena resembled a shooting star, despite the fact that course and altitude did not correspond to the characteristics of such an aerial phenomena.

During the period, 24 - 27 Aug 1948, Special Investigator Morris interviewed seven (7) residents of Augusta, Ga. regarding reported aerial phenomena. It was concluded that objects observed were not aircraft, but probably of meteoric nature.

Approved: Eugene Cropper
EUGENE C. CROPPER, Lt Col, USAF

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DETAILS:

At 0945, 10 August 1948, Lt Colonel Cropper, Acting District Commander, 6th District Office of Special Investigations, interrogated Mr. Walter C. Massey, Robins Air Force Base employee, regarding an aerial phenomena witnessed by Massey while on duty at Robins Air Force Base on the night of 23 July 1948. The following is a transcript of this interrogation:

"Q. 1. What is your full name, age, address, and employment?

A. 1. Walter C. Massey. I am 23, unmarried, and live at 141 High Street, Macon, Georgia. I am a member of the Transient Maintenance Alert Crew on the midnight shift - 2400 to 0800 hours.

Q. 2. Do you recall the date and time that you saw this object?

A. 2. It appeared on Friday night, the 23d of July 1948 between 0140 and 0150 hours, Eastern Standard Time. I was standing fire guard on a C-47, directly across from Operations, and I had to take down the take-off time which was between 0140 and 0150.

Q. 3. What was the weather condition?

A. 3. Good visibility and no clouds.

Q. 4. Were there any lights around you? Outside lights or beacons?

A. 4. 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. 5. In what direction did you see this object?

A. 5. 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. 6. Describe in your own words what you actually saw from the time it appeared until it disappeared.

A. 6. 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 altitude of this object?

A. 7. Three thousand feet - - it could be lower or higher, at night it is difficult to judge distance.

Q. 8. What was the size and shape in comparison to the trail of fire?

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 wingless object - - a phosphorescent glow.

Q. 10. Are you familiar with shooting stars?

A. 10. Yes Sir. I thought at first it was a shooting star or a meteor, but a shooting star falls perpendicular. This object was on 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 holes 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.

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Q. 16. Did you read the newspaper account of the two civilian pilots who saw this strange object about the same time and did the paper's description seem to refer to the object you saw?

A. 16. I read the write up about the rate of speed. I don't see how they could tell if it had square or round windows but the description seemed to fit my impressions.

Q. 17. Was there anyone with you when you saw this object?

A. 17. No Sir. 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 had already put his headgear on before I could get his attention and the object was gone.

Q. 18. With whom did you first discuss this matter?

A. 18. I called the tower and asked them if they saw it. They didn't.

Q. 19. What was their reaction regarding this object?

A. 19. They thought I was drunk or seeing things.

Q. 20. Were you unusually fatigued at this time?

A. 20. No Sir, I had been merely reading Air Force magazines prior to this time.

Q. 21. Have you ever had occasion to read much or study Air Force magazines, experiments with guided missiles, objects, or similar material?

A. 21. No Sir, only what I could get out of Air Force and Aviation magazines.

Q. 22. Were you in the Air Force during the war?

A. 22. Yes Sir, I was an Aircraft Engine Mechanic with a rating of Buck Sergeant in the Ninth Air Force.

Q. 23. Is there anyone else on the Base who saw this particular object that you know of?

A. 23. No Sir.

Q. 24. 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 odors at that time?

A. 28. I heard no sound and everything was quiet. No engines were warming 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 similiarity 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 Fowles.

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 southwest 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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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The following is information collected by agents of the 111th CIC 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 northeast. 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 phenomena. 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 1910 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 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. 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 Renfroe, Apartment 212 A, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia
(5) Mrs. John Gall, Apartment 201 G, Georgia Tech Apartments, Chamblee, Georgia

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AGENT'S NOTE: 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.

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

On 24 August 1948, at 1830 hours, Randolph Russell, of 402 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. ~~Mc~~Smith 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 - CAA, 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 B. 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 while in view 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, 26 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 southeast at eight 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 were 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, "ALERT CREW MAN 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

NOTE: Exhibits are attached to original of this report only.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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SUBJECT: "FLYING DISCS" x-ref PROJECT "SIGN"
SECURITY SURVEYS - 35

TO: District Commander, 10th OSI District (IG)
Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas

1. This Headquarters recently received a copy of a secret report from the Intelligence Division, GSUSA, concerning certain theories on "Flying Discs" expounded by a Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant, 1515 9th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

2. The report consisted of the text of three (3) personal letters that Mrs. Merchant had sent directly to the Commanding General, Fourth Army via registered Air Mail.

3. Due to the nature of these letters and Mrs. Merchant's interest in physics and electronics, this Headquarters is interested in determining her reliability and background.

4. It is therefore requested that an agent of your office contact Lt. Colonel Roland J. Meeker, Acting AC of S, G-2 Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to determine if there is on file information concerning Mrs. Merchant's background, reliability and professional standing. It is further requested that this Headquarters be informed of the results of this investigation, particularly as to Mrs. Merchant's [illegible]ibility and professional reputation.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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