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TITLE

AERIAL PHENOMENA
VICINITY CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of S/A R. R. LUMSDEN, 10th District OSI, 21-39, 27 May 1949

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No._____

1. Date of Observation 7 May 49 Date of Interview 10 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) About 2130

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) 913.6-854.5, Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Walking

5. What attracted attention to object:

Saw a light brighter than a star

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One - no formation

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About twice the size of the brightest star visible.

8. Color of object:

Varicolored, predominately white, varying blue with flashes of red.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round as far as able to determine

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

About an angle of thirty degrees.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

Azimuth of 315 degrees

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

Appeared closer than a star but at a great distance

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Stationary

14. Time of sight:

About 35 minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

No speed

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16. Sound and odor:

None noticed

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None noticed

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Twice as bright as the brightest star visible

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

None

21. Manner of disappearance:

Faded out

22. Effect on clouds:

None noticed

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Generally fair, scattered clouds, wind from the South, about 15 miles per hour.

Name and address of observer:

Capt Duncan C. Perkins
Asst G-3, 3d Armored Division

Occupation and hobbies:

Army Officer
None

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Excellent observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Saw light with naked eye and through field glasses

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar in the area

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

Not applicable

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

Not applicable

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

Not applicable

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

Not applicable

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

Not applicable

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

No weather station data available

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Location of point of contact not determined

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

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

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(Map Coordinates)

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OP #1, standing

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Moving light

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Three feet in diameter.

8. Color of object:
Amber then greenish yellow

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
5 mils above the horizontal

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
North

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
1500 yards

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
East to West then West to East

14. Time of sight:
2 or 3 minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Incl Fairly slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Glow

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None noticed

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Behind horizon

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Dark clear night with a few clouds.

Name and address of observer:

Lt. Tom S. Groseclose
"C" Co, 6th Tk Bn, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Army Officer
Hobby - Photography

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Excellent Observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) Incident No. 1

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment available

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

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

No Weather Station reports available

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined.

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

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T.COOPER
Capt, FA

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2310

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) 9140-8500, Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Standing guard on Observation Post

5. What attracted attention to object:
Happened to see light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One - then reappeared

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Two or three feet in diameter, smaller than the moon.

8. Color of object:
Red when first seen and then greenish

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
Above and then below horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
North, a little East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
1 mile

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
From East to West and then from West to East

14. Time of sight:
Two or three minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Slow, when reappeared traveled somewhat faster

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Glow, like a light through a window

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None noticed

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Disappeared behind hill near the installation, then reappeared

22. Effect on clouds:

None noticed

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Reasonably clear - some stars - slight haze

Name and address of observer:

Pvt Joe V. Alford, Co "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment was in operation

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

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

Wind from the south

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with the earth not determined.

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

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA
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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation ~~23 May 40~~ Date of Interview ~~24 May 1940~~

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2330

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood, Texas 9140-8560

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing up on Guard

5. What attracted attention to object:

One of the other men calledthat there was a light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light which reappeared about twenty times.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of a silver half-dollar.

8. Color of object:

The color of a light bulb.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

Slightly above the horizon.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

South

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

About 2000 yards.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Straight up and down, occasionally a slight movement right andleft.

14. Time of sight:

Several seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Incl Slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Straight up and down with slight movement right and left.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Dropped down below horizon

22. Effect on clouds:

None noticed.

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear with a light wind from the South.

Name and address of observer:

James F. Criddor, Pvt. Co "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Observer did not wear glasses.

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) Incident No._____

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

Not applicable, no radar equipment available

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

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Location of point of contact with earth not determined.

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

None obtained.

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained.

Interviewed by:

Samuel T. Cooper

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Capt, FA

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) A few minutes after 1000hrs

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood
914.0-856.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing up drinking coffee

5. What attracted attention to object:

The lieutenant called that there was a light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

Between the size of a star and the moon.

8. Color of object:

Pale yellowish

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round with the edges blurred

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

Slightly above the horison

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

North to East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

About one mile

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

From left to right.

14. Time of sight:

One minute

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull, less bright than the North Star

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

None- straight level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Did not observe

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Stars were out, there was a little haze

Name and address of observer:

Sgt Jackie E. Parker, 6th Med Tk Bn, C Company, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) Incident No. 1

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment was in operation

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

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined

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

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

Samuel T. Cooper

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt., FA

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) A little after 2100 PM

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) 9140-0860
Observation Post No 1

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing drinking coffee

5. What attracted attention to object:

The leiutentant called that there was a light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of an automobile headlight.

8. Color of object:

Yellowish tinge

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

Just above the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

North to Northeast

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

A good distance, at least several miles.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Left to Right

14. Time of sight:

One or two minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull, less bright than a star - like a flashlight covered with yellow paper

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None noticed

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Disappeared behind trees.

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Light wind from the South, clear

Name and address of observer:

PFC John L. Owens, "C" Co, 6th Med Tk Bn, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) Incident No. 1

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment in operation

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

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

No Weather Station reports available.

2. Winds aloft report:

Light Southerly wind

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canddian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None known

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined.

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

None obtained.

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained.

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt., AA

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 25 May 65 Date of Interview 26 May 65

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2100

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) Observation Post No 1 9140-8560

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing at the Observation Post

5. What attracted attention to object:

Happened to see a light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light which reappeared several times.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of a light bulb.

8. Color of object:

Amber

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

Slightly above the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

Southwest

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

4000 yards

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Straight up and down

14. Time of sight:

Less than a minute

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Like a bright bulb

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Straight up and down about five times at irregular intervals.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Disappeared behind horizon

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Hazy - cloudy

Name and address of observer:

Pvt Murray S. Birnbaum Jr, Eq & Sv Co, 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) Incident No. 2

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment wasin operation

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

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

Southerly wind

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined

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

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 25 May 1945 Date of Interview 28 May 1945

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2330 - From 2300 to 2400

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood
914.0-866.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing up

5. What attracted attention to object:

Happened to see the light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light which reappeared five or six times.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

Between the size of a star and the moon.

8. Color of object:

Color of a light bulb.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

About on the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

South (mostly)

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

2000 to 2500 yards

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Straight up and then down

14. Time of sight:

45 seconds to a minute

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Incl Slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Brighter than the moon

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Straight up and down

21. Manner of disappearance:

Behind trees

22. Effect on clouds:

None on clouds, but before thelight appeared could see a reflection

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Southerly wind and clear

Name and address of observer:

Pvt Milton Renk, "D" Company, 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

   a. No radar equipment was in operation
      Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

   Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

   Not available

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

   Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined

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

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 9 of 23 May

1. Date of Observation 24 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0930

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood 914.0-858.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing up.

5. What attracted attention to object:

Checking telephone and happened to see the light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light which reappeared about ten or twelve times.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of a light bulb.

8. Color of object:

The color of a light bulb at a distance.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

On the horizon, and it went to the height of one hand.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

Southwest

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

2000 to 2500 yards.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Straight up and down

14. Time of sight:

Sometimes the light went up and then immediately returned downward. Other times the light stayed at the top position 25 to 30 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Fairly slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

The light moved straight up and down.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Dissappeared behind the horizon.

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear

Name and address of observer:

Pvt Ivan L. Fischer, 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

None

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

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Weather Station reports are not available.

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined.

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

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

Samuel T. Cooper

SAMUEL T.COOPER
Capt. FA

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 6 June Date of Interview 7 June

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2105 to 2107.40

3. Place of Observation: Arty OP # 2, Camp Hood, Texas
(Map Coordinates) 913.985-855.330

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Standing, observing

5. What attracted attention to object:
Bright unusual light on an overcast sky

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
Initially one, disintegrating into smaller particles at last sight

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Appeared to be 2 or 3 mils in BC Scope.

8. Color of object:
Dull glow - orange - similar to ball of fire.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
At distance - round.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
312 mils

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from ~~North~~): W. Watertower
2771 mils (south)

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Approx. 1 to 1½ mile. Very difficult to estimate.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
South to West or Southwest (Left to Right)

14. Time of sight:
2140"

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull as a flash light with blackout disk

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Initially appeared stationary, through BC Scope it maintained a level flight, tracked with constant turn on BC Scope.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Seemed to disintegrate into smaller object which disappeared in a fraction of a second.

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

Pty Of # 1 observed phenominon at the same time but on an az. of 2640 mils.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Sky completely overcast in South.

Name and address of observer:

1st Lt Virgil H. Williams
"B" Btry, 14th AFA Bn

2d Lt Marvin L. Jones
"C" Btry, 14th AFA Bn
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Officer U.S. Army

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Excellent observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

BC Scope was used for sightings.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

   No radar in area

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

   Not Applicable

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

   N.A.

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

   N.A.

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

   N.A.

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

   N.A.

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

   No weather station data available

2. Winds aloft report:

   Not available

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

   Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

AF Plane approached OP about 1 hour after incident, flashed landing lights and continued on its course.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Location of point of contact not determined.

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

Not obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

Nont obtained

Interviewed by:

George M. Sievers

GEORGE M SIEVERS
Captain, Inf

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 6 June Date of Interview 7 June

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2105 to 2107

3. Place of Observation: Arty OP # 1 - Good:
(Map Coordinates) 913.390 - 858.700, Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Standing OP # 1

5. What attracted attention to object:
Orange or yellow glow on black sky

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
one. Maybe two side by side

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Dime

8. Color of object:
Yellow or Orange

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
312 mils

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
2840 mils - south

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Impossible to determine - Great distance

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
~~West to East~~ East to West - Level plain.

14. Time of sight:
2105 to 2107

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Very slow

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16. Sound and odor:
None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Fairly dull until it burst.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Level flight. When it burst parts went up and down.

21. Manner of disappearance:
It appeared to burst and Faded out.

22. Effect on clouds:
Undetermined.

23. Additional information concerning object:
Object burst after approx 2 minutes of observation. OP # 2 made observation at same time but at Az. of 2771 mils.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Overcast sky, no stars or moon.

Name and address of observer:
Lt Bernard G. RAFTERY
"B" Btry, 92d AFA Bn

Lt Alfred H. JONES
"C" Btry, 92d AFA Bn
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:
Officer, U.S. Army

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Excellent

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
None

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

None in Area

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

N.A.

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

N.A.

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

N.A.

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

N.A.

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

N.A.

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

No weather station data available.

2. Winds aloft report:

None Available.

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

None Available.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

AF Plane approached OP approx 1 hr later, flashed landing lights and continued on course.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Location of point of contact not determined.

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

None obtained.

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained.

Interviewed by:

George M. Siewers

GEORGE M. SIEWERS
Captain, Inf

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 13 June Date of Interview 14 June

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2015 Approx.

3. Place of Observation: Hq Ave and 162d St.
(Map Coordinates) Camp Hood

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Walking south on 162d St.

5. What attracted attention to object:
Bright Light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Size of Flare.

8. Color of object:
White with pink trail.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Round with what appeared to be a pink trail.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
Approx. 35 degrees.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
South - 190 degrees.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Unk...

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
West to east.

14. Time of sight:
2 or 3 secords.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Very fast - faster than jet plane.

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16. Sound and odor:
None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
Pink trail about 3 times the diameter of object.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Very bright - brighter than a star.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Level downward Flight.

21. Manner of disappearance:
Went out completely while in flight.

22. Effect on clouds:
None.

23. Additional information concerning object:

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Overcast sky in north, with occasional flashes of "heat lightning".

Name and address of observer: 1st Lt Lee R. CANTLEBARY
Hq 92d AFA Bn
Camp Hood, Texas (Licened U.S. Army Liaison Pilot)

Occupation and hobbies:

Officer - U.S. Army

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Excellent Observer.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

None.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground
   No radar in area.

   a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
   Not Applicable.

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

   N.A.

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

   N.A.

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
   N.A.

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
   N.A.

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

   No weather station data available.

2. Winds aloft report:

   N.A.

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

   N.A.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

Unknown

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.
Location of point of contact not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:
Not obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 13 June Date of Interview 16 June 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) Between 2245 & 2300

3. Place of Observation: From patio in rear of Camp Hood Officers Club.
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Sitting.

5. What attracted attention to object:
Brilliant light, similar to meteorite.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Estimate - 500 to 700 ft - with tail extending out to the rear 1000 yds.

8. Color of object:
Main body green, tail sodium-yellow and green.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Not discernable.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
60 to 70 degrees.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
200 degrees - approx.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
70 to 75 miles.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
East to southwest.

14. Time of sight:
5 to 10 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
3000 ft per second.

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16. Sound and odor:

None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

Color - Same as # 8, 1000 yds length, persistency 3/4 of a second.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

About 3 times the brilliancy of meteorite.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight, loseing altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Faded out or burned out.

22. Effect on clouds:

None.

23. Additional information concerning object:

There were patches of cirrus clouds at 25 to 30,000 ft (6 miles) at an azimuth of 110 degrees.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear, no ceiling, visability unlimited.

Name and address of observer: Capt Samuel B. FSIH (Light Aviation Officer)
Hq 92d AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:
Officer U.S. Army

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Excellent Observer.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

   No radar in area.

   a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
      Not applicable.

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

      N.A.

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

      N.A.

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

      N.A.

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

      NA.

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

   No weather station data available.

2. Winds aloft report:

   N.A.

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

      N.A.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

Unknown.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Location of point of contact not determined.

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

None obtained.

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.
None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.
None obtained.

Interviewed by:
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 13 June Date of Interview 15 June 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) Between 2245 & 2300

3. Place of Observation: From patio in rear of Camp Hood Officers Club.
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Sitting.

5. What attracted attention to object:
Brilliancy of object.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Inestimable.

8. Color of object: From front to rear - Green, Red, Dark Red, Purple, with dark out line.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Round with tail.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
30 degrees.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
225 degrees to 190 degrees.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
7000 yds.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
North to South.

14. Time of sight:
30 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Covered ½ mile in 30 seconds.
Incl 3 "As fast as molten metal being poured."

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16. Sound and odor:

None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

Main body red with color of spectrum following in trail.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Lit up the sky.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Moved in a downward arc, spiraling as it moved.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Faded out in a second while in flight.

22. Effect on clouds:

No clouds.

23. Additional information concerning object:

Observer majored in Petrol & Geological subjects at University of Okla., he definitely believes object sighted was not a meteorite. By the color of the trail, observer believes it burned a fuel of hydrocarbon base.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear sky with light breeze from the south.

Name and address of observer:

Major Alexander B. WELCHER
Hq 78th AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Tex.

Occupation and hobbies:

Officer U.S. Army - Photography & Paleontology.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Superior observer, well informed on geology.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar in area.

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

Not applicable.

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

N.A.

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

N.A.

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

N.A.

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

N.A.

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

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

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

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

No weather station data available.

2. Winds aloft report:

N.A.

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

Unknown

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Location of point of contact not determined.

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

Not obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Securedsigned statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained.

Interviewed by:

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GEORGE RICHARD ROLFE
924 Wilmont Court
Baltimore 2, Maryland

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

REFERENCE
This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation authorized by telephone conversation between District Commander, District Office No. 4 and Colonel CARPENTER, Headquarters, OSI, on 8 July 1949. On 1 July 1949, Mr. GEORGE ROLFE reported to the District Intelligence Officer, 109th CIC Detachment, that he and a number of neighbors had observed from fifteen (15) to twenty (20) unidentifiable objects for a period of two hours on 29 June 1949 between the hours of 1830 and 2030. All neighbors in the area were interviewed and many of these persons confirmed Mr. ROLFE's statement. A check of the Maryland Air National Guard and Baltimore Municipal Airport, as well as private and commercial Aircraft in the area, has failed to reveal any additional information on the subject.

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DETAILS

1. This investigation was predicated upon a report submitted to Special Agent CLAUDIUS E. BELK by Captain WILLIAM E. HANLEY, District Intelligence Officer, 109th CIC Detachment, Baltimore, Maryland, on 6 July 1949. Telephonic conversation between KIRBY M. GILLETTE, Lt. Colonel, USAF, District Commander, and Colonel CARPENTER, Headquarters, OSI, on 8 July 1949, authorized the opening of a "Special Inquiry" type of investigation and the conducting of a thorough investigation on a top priority basis.

2. On 1 July 1949, an individual identifying himself as Mr. GEORGE ROLFE, 924 Wilmot Court, Baltimore 2, Maryland, came into the office of the 109th CIC Detachment, Old Navy Building, Baltimore, Maryland, and reported to the District Intelligence Officer that he had observed fifteen (15) to twenty (20) unidentifiable aerial objects flying over the northeast section of Baltimore on 29 June 1949, between the hours of 1830 and 2030 daylight time. A stenographer prepared the following statement of conversation made by Mr. ROLFE to Captain HANLEY:

"At approximately 1830 hours on 29 June 1949, I was sitting on my front porch and noticed a monoplane flying east. It had something underneath the plane in a symmetrical shape. National Guard fighter planes came from the direction of the airport in groups of three. They flew toward the cloud, then backed away from it. I began to notice something circulating the cloud very quickly. Once in a while the objects made a wide circle east to southeast toward the direction of the airport. About fifteen minutes later I called my wife who also saw the objects. Then we called the neighbors. The objects darted in and out of the clouds. They seemed to be in groups of 15 or 20 in perfect formation. We watched them for approximately two hours, or until it became dark. They moved from southeast Balto to northeast Balto. They came down and southeast of Balto. We saw a monoplane flying out of that area. It flew where we had seen these objects. Then they disappeared after the plane began flying around. I first saw them between 1830 and 1900. It took a period of about three seconds to complete their movement from side to side. They flew from one corner of the building to the other corner. They were about four or five miles from where we were standing. They were darting in and out of the cloud cover. They were dark against the cloud. The cloud was in the background. In the lighter part of the cloud we could see them better than in the darker part of it. They appeared to be beyond the airport because I saw two transports coming in for landing and they seemed to be beyond the transports. They were about 1500-2000 ft in the air.

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They seemed to be power driven. They were moving much faster than the transports, I'd say between 500-700 miles per hour. They alternated their speed. From the distance, they appeared to be the size of a pigeon. We called the newspaper (News-Post) who called the airport, who couldn't find out anything. The shape of the objects were indefinite. They were not round. They left no vapor trail, and they were traveling counter-clockwise."

3. On 6 July 1949, Special Agent CLAUDIUS E. BELK contacted Major ALLEN C. CLARK, Serial No. AO-423284, Base Detachment Commander, 104th Fighter Squadron, 113th Group, 53rd Fighter Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, concerning Air National Guard planes that were in the air between the hours of 1830 and 2030 on 29 June 1949. MAJOR CLARK stated that he had heard no mention made by anyone in the National Guard Squadron concerning the strange aerial objects on the day noted or at any other time. The Major expressed the opinion that had objects been seen by pilots of his organization a report would have been made immediately, since these pilots are continually called upon to aid the tower, Baltimore Municipal Airport, in local traffic control. Major CLARK instructed the Operations Officer, 104th Fighter Squadron, to make available to this Agent the Form 5s and Form 1s of his organization.

4. Captain STANLEY L. SOUDERS, Operations Officer, 104th Fighter Squadron, Maryland National Guard, interviewed on 6 July 1949, stated that no report of strange objects had been made by pilots flying in the area on 29 June 1949 between the hours of 1830 and 2030 local time. The following information was removed from the official records of Maryland Air National Guard:

29 June 1949 - all times local: The following planes of Maryland Air National Guard were airborne at times indicated:

Pilot	Aircraft	Time
ALBERT G. GAMACHE 1st Lt., AO-201234	F-47 (9104)	1830 - 2100
ELIAS S. FRIANT 2nd Lt., AO-841949	F-47 (3577)	1810 - 2020
VICTOR F. KILROMSKI* Captain, AO-824646	F- 47 (9931)	1840 - 2055
JOSEPH J. MAISCH 1st Lt., AO-798522	F-47 (2878)	1830 - 2100
WILFORD M. DAVIS Captain, AO-798105 HARRY S. CLOPPER 1st Lt., AO-721972	C-47 (5970)	1900 - 2200

* - Flight Leader

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5. On 6 July 1949, FRANCIS A. KANE, Chief Control Officer, Control Tower, Baltimore Municipal Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed and stated, in substance, that no report was made to his office by tower personnel on 29 June 1949 concerning unidentified aerial objects. Mr. KANE consulted the official tower log, which revealed nothing concerning this investigation.

6. On 6 July 1949, Mr. VERNON W. KEHS, Senior Control Officer, Afternoon Watch, 1500 - 2300 E.S.T., 29 June 1949, was contacted and stated, in substance, that at approximately 1900 hours the tower received a telephone call from the Baltimore "News-Post", asking for information concerning strange objects seen in the sky over the airport. Mr. KEHS stated that he made a quick scan of the sky and informed the "News-Post" that nothing was visible. Mr. KEHS further stated that during the entire period of his watch no one in the tower observed strange objects in the sky.

7. Official weather forecast as obtained from the official records of the Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, is as follows:

29 June 1949 - 1730 E.S.T., 12,000 overcast, 3,000 scattered, strato-cumulus, 7/10ths coverage, 9 miles visibility, wind four (4) miles east;

1830 E.S.T., 10,000 overcast, 3,000 scattered, strato-cumulus, 7/10ths coverage, 9 miles visibility, wind six (6) miles east.

The following actual observation of weather conditions was entered in the tower log, Municipal Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, on 29 June 1949;

1830 local time, 10,000 overcase, 3,000 scattered, 9 miles visibility, wind ten (10) miles east.

8. On 8 July 1949, this Agent contacted flying members of the 104th Fighter Squadron, Maryland National Guard, during their weekly drill period and obtained the following information:

A flight of four F-47s, led by Captain VICTOR F. KILKOWSKI, assembled in formation near the Baltimore Municipal Airport at approximately 1845 hours, and flew in the local area of the airport until 1930, when the flight departed for Dover, Delaware. Three F-47s, piloted by 1st Lt. ALBERT C. CAMACHE, 1st Lt. JOSEPH J. MAISCH and Captain VICTOR F. KILKOWSKI, flew in a tight "V" formation. The fourth fighter, flown by 2nd Lt. ELIAS S. FRIANT, did not join the formation, but flew

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approximately one-half mile in the rear. Lt. FRIANT followed the formation about thirty miles from Baltimore on the cross-country to Dover, and returned to the Municipal Airport and landed. The flight of three F-47s returned to the Baltimore area at approximately 2020 hours, circled the city for approximately twenty minutes, and landed. Captain KILKOWSKI, flight leader, stated that visibility had dropped from nine (9) miles to four (4) miles and the weather appeared to be closing in. Therefore, he discontinued training operations for the night. All four above-mentioned pilots stated that they saw nothing strange during the entire flight.

Captain WILFORD M. DAVIS, Pilot, and 1st Lt. HARRY S. CLOPPER, Co-pilot, were airborne in a C-47 from 1900 to 2200 hours on 29 June 1949. Captain DAVIS stated that his plane flew locally within the Baltimore area for the entire period at an altitude of approximately 3,000 ft., and neither he nor the co-pilot observed anything unusual during the flight. Captain DAVIS further stated that during the flight he maintained radio contact and was worked by Andrews Air Force Base, GCA, and National Airport, Washington, D.C., MEW. During this entire training mission neither radar station reported anything that might answer the description given concerning the unidentifiable objects, the subject of this investigation.

9. On 8 July 1949, Colonel ROBERT L. GOULD, Commanding Officer of the 104th Fighter Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, was interviewed by this Agent. Colonel GOULD stated, in substance, that no report had been made by any member of his command concerning the unidentifiable objects, the subject of this investigation. Colonel GOULD further stated that Captain KILKOWSKI and Captain DAVIS were both highly reliable individuals and he felt confident in saying that any statement they had made concerning this investigation could be accepted as a true statement, to the best of their ability. Colonel GOULD extended the facilities of his command to the Air Force, and wholeheartedly offered complete cooperation, including air coverage, if an investigation of this type is deemed necessary.

10. On 9 July 1949, this Agent, accompanied by Special Agent OTTO D. SUNDSTAD, went to Wilmont Court, Baltimore,2, Maryland, for the purpose of conducting neighborhood interviews. Wilmont Court is part of a Federal low-rent slum clearance housing project and is located a few feet north of Madison Street, running parallel to this street for approximately six (6) blocks. The 900-block of Wilmont Court has its entrance on Ensor Street, and lies north of Madison and east of Ensor. The court is completely enclosed by two-story brick, apartment-type residences. Each two apartments have a small concrete slab porch, and it is the normal habit

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during hot weather for all residents to sit in the cool shade of the building on these porches. Most of the individuals living in this neighborhood are of a very low-income group and the general area does not have a good reputation. Madison and Ensor Streets lie in the older section of Baltimore that is now almost exclusively occupied by negroes.

11. On 9 July 1949, this agent interviewed Mr. GEORGE RICHARD ROLFE, 924 Wilmont Court. Mr. ROLFE, a commercial art student, is a former Tech. Sergeant, USAF, AF-12045461. Mr. ROLFE stated that he was a graduate of the Myrtle Beach Gunnery School, serving two years as a tail gunner in a B-26 Air Force plane. Mr. ROLFE served eleven (11) months in combat flying out of Sardinia, and completed fifty-four (54) combat missions before being shot down over enemy territory. SUBJECT was captured by the Germans and served nine (9) months in various prisoner-of-war camps throughout Germany. ROLFE suffered from a nervous breakdown following his return to USAF control and is now drawing partial disability pension. Mr. ROLFE is still very interested in flying and spends much of his spare time in the afternoon and early evening sitting on his front porch observing aircraft flying in the area. Mr. ROLFE also stated that, as a commercial art student, he spends a great deal of time studying cloud formations for color and shadow effect. It was during one of these periods of sky study that SUBJECT noted 15 to 20 unidentifiable aerial objects flying near the base of the cloud. Concerning this specific incident on 29 June 1949, Mr. ROLFE stated in substance as follows:

"On 29 June 1949, I returned from Commercial Art School about 1530 and after bathing, taking a short nap and eating dinner, I moved to my customary position on the front porch of my abode at 924 Wilmont Court, Baltimore 2, Maryland, and began my usual study of cloud formation. At approximately 1830 hours, local daylight time, I observed a monoplane (civilian-type light plane) flying east at an altitude of approximately 2,000 ft. On closer observation of this plane, I noticed what appeared to be a cylindrical object attached beneath the plane in the normal position of a belly tank on a fighter airplane. Several minutes later I observed three (3) flights of three (3) each aircraft flying from the general direction of the airport toward a cloud, into which the civilian-type monoplane had disappeared. This cloud was a strato-cumulus type formation and appeared to be several city blocks in size. At the time of this observation, I presumed the nine (9) airplanes to be Maryland National Guard planes, since they resembled P-47s as flown by the Guard in this area. Upon nearing the cloud, the formation of nine planes veered sharply in course and flew away into the clouds. I did not again see the civilian-type monoplane. While my eyes were still focused on the spot where the civilian-type monoplane had disappeared, I suddenly noticed something

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circling the cloud at a terrific rate of speed. These objects would appear for about two-second intervals and then disappear from sight for a period of one to two seconds. My attention became riveted to this spot in the sky and I observed the action of these objects for the next two hours, or until approximate darkness. After observing these objects for a period of about fifteen minutes, during which time I was able to ascertain that there were approximately 15 to 20 "V"-shaped objects flying (or moving) in circular formation in and out of the cloud, I summoned my wife from inside the house and pointed out the objects to her. She was able to see exactly the same thing that I had been witnessing. Within a few minutes almost all of the persons living in Wilmont Court had gathered around my front door step, and we spent the next two hours observing and discussing what we were witnessing. After observing the objects for approximately thirty minutes, I realized that I was observing something of a phenomena and telephoned the Baltimore "News Post" and requested that they send a reporter out to witness the flight of the unidentified objects. The "News Post" was rather skeptical about the whole thing, and informed me that they would call the airport and see if there were anything to it. When I made the call to the "News Post" I had not considered the $25.00 reward normally offered by this newspaper for the scoop of a news story, and this fact was not brought to my attention until sometime later by one of the neighbors. Fifteen or twenty minutes later, I called the newspaper back, and asked them what they had found out. The individual informed me that he had called the tower at the Baltimore Municipal Airport and they reported no activity at that point. The reporter stated that he might drop by Wilmont Court, but he never came out. I had a pair of field glasses, but was unable to bring the objects into focus due to the rapidity of their motions. All the neighbors in the crowd watching the objects were able to see them, and to the best of my knowledge all of these persons agreed that it could not possibly be a flight of birds, a conventional type of airplane or airplanes, or any of the various advertising schemes employed in the Baltimore area. The best description that I can give of the objects is that they resembled a boomerang which had been pulled out. Actually, they were an open angular, with the vertex angle approximately 70°; the legs of the angle had some thickness, but there was no evidence of engines, fuselage, cannopies, landing gear or other conventional aircraft construction. Upon first observing the objects, they were circulating at a rapid rate of speed around the cloud. Within a few minutes, the tactics of the formation was changed, and a darting motion in and out of the cloud appeared. The objects first appeared

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at a bearing of about 135° from the north, and at a distance that I would estimate as six (6) miles, which I believe would put them over the Bay, beyond the airport. This position was later confirmed by the traffic pattern of several Commercial airliners landing at the airport. The objects were in plain view to me at the same time I was observing the commercial-type airliners, and it was quite evident that the objects were beyond the airport traffic pattern, but in the exact direction of the airport. The objects moved from southeast to Northeast Baltimore, and finally disappeared at a bearing of approximately 95°. The altitude of initial observation was approximately 20° from the horizon. However, on two occasions the unidentifiable aerial objects flew in the direction of my vantage point and reached a height of about 50°. On these occasions I was able to observe the objects more closely and could more plainly confirm my initial description of the objects. The objects were black in color, with a dull sheen that showed no sun reflection. I was extremely impressed by the high degree of maneuverability and the terrific rate of speed at which the objects appeared to be traveling. The objects seemed to possess the ability to reverse their course 180° instantaneously, as they would be flying in one direction, disappear for one to two seconds, and reappear flying on a course 180° opposite from the initial course. The objects seemed to prefer in and around the small puffy clouds just below the strato-cumulus cloud formation. I would estimate the size of these objects to be about the size of a doubled fist extended arm's length."

Mr. ROLFE stated that during the time that he flew as a field gunner in the Air Force he observed airplanes from a distance and birds in flight many, many times, and he was absolutely positive that what he saw on the afternoon of 29 June 1949 was not something he had witnessed before in his life. Mr. ROLFE further stated that he made several attempts the next day to contact the proper authorities so that a report might be made of the situation. On 1 July 1949 he went to the Old Navy Building and talked to Captain HANLEY, District Intelligence Officer, who told him that he would turn the information over to the proper Air Force authorities in Baltimore for investigation. Mr. ROLFE stated that he was rather reluctant to make a report, due to the treatment he had received from the "News Post", but, being an Air Force veteran, he felt it a patriotic duty to report the situation to the proper authorities.

AGENT's NOTE: Mr. ROLFE appears to be a very well educated, intelligent, conscientious individual, and gives the impression of full sincerity in the report of this matter. Mr. ROLFE is a commercial artist student,

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and has volunteered to attempt to place what he saw on a black and white ink drawing. He estimates that it will take him approximately two weeks to complete this drawing, since it will be necessary to make numerous preliminary sketches from memory. Mr. ROLFE has been requested to save all preliminary sketches and all work sheets.

12. The following persons were interviewed by Special Agents BELK and SUNDSTAD on 9 July 1949, all house numbers - Wilmont Court, Baltimore, 2, Maryland, and these individuals stated, concerning unidentifiable aerial objects observed 29 June 1949, in substance as follows:

Mrs. D. LIBERTINI, 932, - stated that she and her husband observed approximately 50 dark objects in the southeast section of Baltimore, and traveling north at a speed far in excess of that made by birds. The objects were observed for about twenty seconds, and then would disappear for a couple of minutes and reappear traveling in the opposite direction. The objects were dark in color and flew in no set formation. She had the objects pointed out to her by the group collected around Mr. ROLFE. The objects were seen from approximately 1830 to 2030 hours.

Mr. FLOYD G. PAYNE, 923 - advised that he observed approximately twenty flying objects about 1915 hours and that these objects appeared over southeast Baltimore and maneuvered over in a northeasterly direction. Mr. PAYNE described the actions of the objects as grouping in a mass in flight and forming into a winglike formation on the turns. Mr. PAYNE advised that the objects seemed to appear for 20-second intervals at one minute periods. The shape of the objects somewhat resembled airplanes and were last seen just before darkness. Master EDWARD PAYNE, age 9, son of above informant, advised that he saw a number of black objects traveling at a speed much faster "than airplanes ever went" from about 1900 hours until dusk.

Mrs. RUTH ALEXANDER, 937 - Miss VIRGINIA LOWTHER, 919, - and Mrs. FAYE VOLK, 917, - advised that at approximately 1800 hours they had seen objects, which they described as "wedge shaped", flying from the southeast to the northeast sections of Baltimore at a very high rate of speed, almost as though they were being pulled through the air. The objects were described as being smaller than planes, and were said to have disappeared upon the appearance of other planes in the area. The objects were thought to be black in color, but due to the rapid rate of speed at which they were traveling none of the above-mentioned individuals could make an accurate statement as to the description of the objects. The number of objects was thought to be about twenty, and the time of disappearance was estimated at about 2000 hours.

Mrs. MILDRED LESLIE, 929 - advised that she had seen an unknown number of strange objects circling southeast and northeast of Baltimore about dusk. Mrs. LESLIE advised that she did not know whether the objects were birds or not, but described them as being about the size of planes and

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dark in color. She went on to say that during the time the objects were seen several airplanes flew across her field of vision while she observed the objects, but that the presence of airplanes in the area did not seem to have any effect on the actions of Subject objects.

Mrs. CHARLES FREDERICK, 925 - stated that at approximately 1900 hours she had watched the black objects in the southeastern sky through field glasses, and that they appeared to be too high to be birds, and that the objects appeared to swoop and turn at a very high rate of speed. She stated that the objects did not appear to maintain any set formation, but that they did progress more in a northernly direction, disappearing into the northeastern sky just before dark.

Mrs. GEORGE ROLFE, 924 - stated that her husband called her from the porch of her home at approximately 1845 hours and pointed out to her some objects in the sky which he had been observing. She and her husband and a group of neighbors observed these objects until dark. Mrs. ROLFE's description of the objects tallied completely with that of her husband.

Mrs. LEON J. McCOMAS, 926 - stated that she observed objects in the sky for about two hours, between 1830 and 2030. Mrs. McCOMAS said her eyesight was not good, and the objects appeared to be thick strings, appearing and disappearing below a layer of strato-cumulus clouds.

Mrs. MARY WALTZ, 920 - observed the objects from 1830 to 2030 hours, and first thought them to be birds. Closer observation made her realize that birds did not travel at the terrific rate of speed at which these objects appeared to be going. The objects continued to dart in and out of the clouds.

Mr. VERNON HOLLAND, 928 - brother of Mrs. WALTZ, saw the same objects as his sister. Mr. HOLLAND further stated that the next day, while on duty on the third floor of the Accident Ward, John Hopkins Hospital, he overheard a conversation between three unknown doctors concerning objects they had observed in the sky the afternoon before. Mr. HOLLAND stated that the objects darted in and out of the clouds much too fast for birds, and that it could not have been light flashes on the bottom of the clouds since he saw a definite solid object.

JOSEPH BRAUN, ALICE BRAUN, his wife, and ROBERT BRAUN, age 12, 918 - saw groups of objects, in a triangular shape, darting in and out of the clouds much too fast for birds. The clouds were light in color and the objects were dark. These objects were observed for approximately two hours.

Mrs. JOSEPH J. SCHMITT, CARL SCHMITT, age 9, 916 - saw what appeared at first to be a group of birds, but these objects were moving much too fast in and out of the clouds. There appeared to be about twenty (20) objects in the group, at an altitude of about 20° from the horizon. Mrs. SCHMITT stated that she did not see the objects after two airplanes appeared in the vicinity.

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MICHAEL HESSLER, JR, age 12, 902 - saw the objects darting in and out of clouds for about two hours before dark. He stated they were much too fast for birds,- "I ain't never seen no birds do like them things did."

Mrs. KATHERINE GROSS, JOSEPH GROSS, age 13, 904 - Mrs. GROSS saw the crowd watching objects in the sky, but did not go outside to see what was going on. However, JOSEPH said he saw objects in the sky that looked like airplanes, "except more like the kind in Buck Rogers."

Mr. ANTHONY PISTORIO, 906 - observed what he thought to be flashes of light on the bottom of the cloud from the ball diamond immediately adjacent to Wilmont Court, at about 1900 hours. He paid no attention to the matter and continued to play baseball.

Mrs. RITA MICUCCI, 1012 - saw the crowd, but did not know what they were looking at.

TOMMY GORSUCH, 1010 - was sitting on his front porch at 1830 hours and observed the crowd in the next block of Wilmont Court. He walked to the corner and looked in the direction the crowd was pointing and saw what appeared to be a group of pigeons flying in formation, but flying far too fast for birds. He estimated the height to be approximately 20° above the horizon. Mr. GORSUCH further stated that he was positive that what he saw was a solid object and not a conventional aircraft.

Mr. ANDREW PRUITT, 1000 - accompanied Mr. GORSUCH to the corner and observed the same thing, as stated in the above interview.

13. The following individuals were interviewed by Special Agent BELK, and all stated that they did not observe anything in the sky on 29 June 1949, between the hours 1830 and 2030. However, each qualified his remarks by stating that he "wasn't looking for anything in the sky."

Mr. J. B. GODMAN, 928 Wilmont Court
Mrs. ROSIE WHITMAN, 912 Wilmont Court
Mrs. KATHERINE STUDERS, 900 Wilmont Court
Mr. V. CIRINCIONE, 913 Wilmont Court
ROSE ZOLLNER, 911 Wilmont Court
Mr. & Mrs. MICHAEL ARMAN, 915 Wilmont Court
Mr. JAMES F. BURNSIDE, 1017 Wilmont Court
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CHARLOTTE PARR, 838 Harford Court
Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH SHAPIRO, 924 Ashland Court
DOROTHY CORPISZ, 930 Ashland Court
Mrs. MAIMIE PAYNE, 922 Ashland Court
Mr. GEORGE PATTEN, 839 McAleer Court
Mr. JOHN BIRKMAIER, 1027 Valley Street.

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14. A suggestion was made that persons might possibly be observing a split beam used for advertising by Universal Motors, Inc., 29th and Remington Streets, Baltimore, Maryland. On 9 July 1949, Universal Motors was contacted telephonically and it was ascertained that the beacon had not been operating during this period of time.

15. On 10 July 1949, Mr. GEORGE ROLFE, 924 Wilmont Court, was again interviewed and the following additional information obtained:

Mr. ROLFE enlisted in the U. S. Air Force on 10 January 1942 and was discharged from the Fort Dix, New Jersey, Separation Center on 5 October 1945. He was born 13 October 1922.

The possibility of the objects seen by Mr. ROLFE being flashes of light on the bottom of the cloud was discussed. Mr. ROLFE again flatly denounced any such theory and insisted that he had seen objects as described in his previous interview.

16. On 10 July 1949, an attempt was made to contact doctors in the Accident Ward of John Hopkins Hospital, Monument & Rutton Streets, Baltimore, Maryland, concerning the report made by Mr. VERNON HOLLAND. All doctors on duty in the Accident Ward were hastily interviewed between patients, and no information concerning this investigation was revealed. It was suggested that the investigation be cleared through the Office of the Director, John Hopkins Hospital, and that some information might be obtained through that office as to doctors on the third floor on 29 June 1949 between the hours 1830 and 2030.

17. On 11 July 1949, Special Agent D'HOOGE contacted Mr. JIM ADAMS, of the Aerial Insecticide Fungae Corporation, Catonsville, Maryland. Mr. ADAMS stated, in substance, that between the hours of 1930 and 2015 on 29 June 1949, his company had a Steerman, N-1379V, towing a thirty-letter sign. The sign on the banner read, "Drink Beery Gunthers". This sign was flown from an altitude of 1,000 to 1,700 ft., and circled over the northeast part of Baltimore. The Steerman was accompanied by a silver aerocoupe which maintained radio contact with the ground and Mr. JOE FRANCE, of Radio Station WBMD. The Steerman was flown by Mr. FRANCIS X. McNANEY, Catonsville.

18. On 12 July 1949, this Agent interviewed Mr. FRANCIS X. McNANEY, Catonsville, Maryland, who stated, in substance, that he was flying a Steerman, N-1379V, and towing a 180-foot banner on a 350-foot rope behind the plane. Each letter in this sign is 7' by 4'. He did not know what area he was flying, as he was in radio contact with a silver aerocoupe owned by the Atlantic Aircraft Division of the Municipal Airport. He saw no strange objects while in the sky and had heard nothing concerning this matter.

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19. The following information was obtained by this Agent from Radio Station WBMD:

The Gunther Brewing Company, of Baltimore, Maryland, sponsors a radio program known as "Stop the Plane" over Radio Station WBMD. A Steerman towing a sign, "Drink Beery Gunthers", flies over various sections of the City of Baltimore. Radio contact is maintained with Mr. JOE FRANCE, Announcer on the Gunther Program on WBMD. As the plane picks up a landmark in the various subdivisions of the city, two telephone calls are placed to persons residing in that area. If they can "Stop the Plane" by supplying the missing letter in the sign they win a series of valuable prizes.

AGENT'S NOTE: Due to this contest, Baltimore is overpopulated with "sky watchers".

20. On 14 July 1949, the records of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 1909th AACS, Andrews Air Force Base, were consulted by Special Agent MURRAY H. CHASIN. These records indicated that 1st Lt. ANDREW VENEDETTI, AO-932632, was on duty as GCA Control Officer, between the hours of 1700 and 2400 on 29 June 1949. Lt. VENEDETTI was interviewed and stated that there were no unusual occurrences or receptions on the GCA radar screen between 1900 and 2200 hours on 29 June 1949.

On 15 July 1949, Special Agent JOHN R. GOOLSBY interviewed Captain T. A. GIANTATSIS, Officer-in-Charge, National MEW Radar Station, Gravelly Point, Alexandria, Virginia, who stated, in substance, that the operations at the National Airport revealed that on 29 June 1949 a C-47 aircraft, No. NC-5970, had requested a position from the radar station and that the station had remained in contact with the airplane for approximately forty minutes. The logs made no mention of having picked up any unidentifiable aircraft or objects, and operators who were questioned stated that they did not recognize any forms or unusual objects in their radar scope. Captain GIANTASIS explained that the radar scope might reveal metallic objects which would reflect in the scope. However, unless the pilot specifically requested from the station operator some information relating to the unidentifiable objects, they would appear to the operator to be other aircraft in the area. Captain GIANTASIS stated that the principal characteristics of the unidentifiable objects were of such a nature as to preclude any "PIPS" on the radar screen. However, he stated that he would like to point out the fact that, even if the operator did not report any such incident, this fact did not necessarily preclude the possibility of such objects being in the area at the time indicated. Station MEW tracked the above-mentioned C-47 for about forty minutes. Copy of the log indicated that the aircraft was flying at an altitude of 2,000 ft.; radar control was assumed at 1954-E on Channel 9; and radar screens were 5 X 5.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will conduct investigations at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, Edgeworth Arsenal Proving Ground, Maryland, and Martin Aircraft Company, Baltimore, Maryland, to determine whether any experimental firing was being conducted in the area.

2. Copies of sketches will be picked up from Mr. ROLFE about 1 August 1949.

3. Will report completion of investigation.

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 29 June 1949 Date of Interview: 9,10,11 July 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local):

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of. Give details.):
924 Wilmont Court, Madison & Ensor Streets, S.E., Baltimore, Maryland.
Observer standing in common area between courts.

5. What attracted attention to object? Observer sitting on front porch watching the flight of National Guard and Commercial airplanes in the area.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: Fifteen (15) to twenty (20) objects flying in a circular group formation when first noted. Formation of objects changed rapidly to include echelon of objects, "V" formation and straight line.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Each object appeared to be slightly larger than a doubled fist.

8. Color of object: Objects were black in color.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Objects resembled an open angle, with a vertex of 70 degrees, and sides of angle had thickness. There was no evidence of engines, fuselage or tail assemblies. Witness described objects as a "boomerang that had been pulled out", "a flying wing without interior sections."

10. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): Objects varied in angular height from the observers from 20° to 50°. Objects flying at base of clouds confirmed by metro as 2500 ft.

11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North): Objects varied in bearing from 135° to 95° from observer.

12. Direction of flight of object (s): Objects appeared first bearing 135° and disappeared at 95°.

13. Time in sight: Objects in sight approximately two (2) hours, 1830 - 2030, local daylight time.

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14. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Very rapid motion with extreme maneuverability.

15. Sound and odor: None

16. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be): Objects appeared to be beyond Municipal Airport, approximately seven (7) miles away.

17. Trail (color, length, width, peristance, etc.): none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Black, non-reflecting.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): Complete description given in interview, Mr. GEORGE ROLFE.

21. Manner of disappearance: Dissolved into the clouds.

22. Effect on clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: 12,000 overcast, 3,000 scattered 7/10th coverage, strata-cumulus clouds, nine (9) miles visibility, ground wind four (4) miles east.

Name and address of observer: Mr. GEORGE ROLFE
924 Wilmont Court
Baltimore, Maryland

Occupation and hobbies: Commercial artist.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer. (Check neighbors, police department, FBI records, employer, etc.):

Observer appears to be a reliable and conscientious citizen and appears to have reported this incident in good faith. G-2, 2nd Army, Baltimore Police reveal no record of SUBJECT. (Complete personal history in interview.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Glasses were not worn.

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DATE 1 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY
JOHN T. REILLY

REPORT MADE AT
DO #20, McChord AFB

PERIOD
8, 13, June; 1 July 1949

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DO #20, McChord AFB

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TITLE

AERIAL PHENOMENON
Unknown object sighted over
Hillsboro Airport, Hillsboro,
Oregon

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by the Acting District Commander after being advised of an unknown object, which was sighted over the Hillsboro Airport, Hillsboro, Oregon. Investigation revealed that the object was sighted on 4 June 1949 at 1105 hours (PST) by Mr. ROBERT C. SMITH, Rt. #5, Box #819, Portland 1, Oregon; and Mr. WALDO L. PAWLOFSKE, 9704 NW Cornell Road, Portland 1, Oregon, while sitting on a hilltop about seven miles West of the Hillsboro Airport. Position of observers at time of sighting was: 45° 30' 54" North Latitude and 122° 48' 02" West Longitude. According to the observers, this object appeared to be metallic in color, rather large and round in shape, and comparable to the size of an object 3/8" in diameter held at arm's length. It appeared to wobble slightly, but remained in a fixed position. There was no sound nor exhaust trail associated with the object. After remaining in view for approximately three minutes, it then appeared to move in a Southwesterly direction at a very rapid rate of speed.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by the Acting District Commander after being advised of an unknown object, which was sighted over the Hillsboro Airport, Hillsboro, Oregon.

AT BEAVERTON, OREGON

2. On 8 June 1949, Mr. ROBERT C. SMITH, Rt. #5, Box #819, Portland 1, Oregon; and Mr. WALDO L. PAWLOFSKE, 9704 NW Cornell Road, Portland 1, Ore., were interviewed and stated in substance as follows: At 1105 hours (PST), on 4 June 1949, they were sitting in the open on a hilltop which enabled them to view the surrounding countryside. As was their habit during lunch hour, they were observing (with the naked eye) the airplanes flying in the vicinity of the Hillsboro Airport, Hillsboro, Oregon. The airport is approximately seven miles West of where they were eating their lunch. Their attention was attracted to an amphibious-type aircraft that entered the area. While watching this craft, they noted something reflecting light from the sun a considerable height above the general level of the other airplanes. They then gave this object all of their attention in an effort to determine what type of aircraft it was. They noticed that they were only able to see it when it flashed, or reflected the light from the sun. The object appeared to be metallic in color, rather large and round in shape. They estimated it to be approximately the size of an object 3/8" in diameter held at arm's length. They emphasized, however, that due to the reflection of light, it was difficult for them to determine with any accuracy the size or shape of the object. In regard to maneuverability, it appeared to wobble slightly, but remained in a fixed position. It was the lack of movement that raised the doubt in their minds of its being an ordinary aircraft, and resulted in their making known their observations. The object remained in view for approximately three minutes, and then appeared to go in a Southwesterly direction at a very rapid rate of speed. The flashing, or reflection ceased, and they could no longer see the object. There was no sound nor exhaust trail associated with the object. The weather was clear, good visibility, bright sunshine, and no clouds in the sky. Its position was approximately 45° above the horizon and between 9 and 10 o'clock clockwise from North. The altitude was first estimated at six or seven thousand feet. However, this estimate was later retracted. Due to the lack of clouds and the unknown size of the object, they decided that they had nothing on which to base any estimate as to altitude. They did emphasize, however, that they could make out other aircraft far below the object. Position of observers at time of sighting was: 45° 30' 54" North Latitude and 122° 48' 02" West Longitude. The observers are in the middle-aged

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group. Neither SMITH nor PAWLOFSKE wears glasses. They are employed by the Wolf Creek Highway Water District, Cedar Mills, Oregon. There was no apparent attempt for notoriety, as the story was not published by any newspaper. Mr. SMITH notified only the Federal Bureau of Investigation of his observations. No one in the surrounding area, including their fellow workers, had any knowledge of these observations. On 8 June 1949, it was learned that there had been no reports in Beaverton, Oregon, of anyone having seen any unidentified aircraft or objects in the air.

AT HILLSBORO, OREGON

3. On 8 June 1949, it was learned that there had been no reports of anyone having seen any unidentified aircraft or objects in the air over Hillsboro, Oregon.

AT FOREST GROVE, OREGON

4. On 8 June 1949, it was learned that there had been no reports of anyone having seen any unidentified aircraft or objects in the air over Forest Grove, Oregon.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

5. On 8 June 1949, it was learned that there had been no reports of anyone having seen any unidentified aircraft or objects in the air over Portland, Oregon.

6. On 13 June 1949, forecasters on duty with the U. S. Weather Bureau, Customs House, 200 NW 8th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, were interviewed. The Surface and Winds Aloft Charts were consulted, and the data thereon are as follows: Surface Observations for 1100 hours (PST), 4 June 1949: Ceiling unlimited; visibility - 5 miles; pressure - 1020.3 millibars; temperature - 79°; dew point - 56°; wind from the West North West at 7 mph; sea level pressure - 30.12 inches. Winds Aloft Chart: At 3000 feet the wind was 5 mph from 20°. As the altitude increased, there was a gradual increase in velocity and shifting of the wind to the Northeast. At 10,000 feet the wind was 12 mph from 50°.

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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MT/LWN/blb
12 July 1949

SUBJECT: Mr. ROY E. BURNS
Osceola, Iowa
SPECIAL INQUIRY ("Flying Saucers")

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

1. Transmitted herewith are three copies of the report of Special Agent FRANK A. GALLAGHER, dated 12 July 1949, subject as above.

2. It is requested that two copies of the above mentioned report be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, attention: Director of Technical Intelligence.

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DATE 12 July 1949

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FRANK A. GALLAGHER

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DO #13, Offutt AFB

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TITLE

ROY E. BURNS, Osceola, Iowa

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Ltr frm Hq OSI, File No. 24-185, dated 19 May 1949

SYNOPSIS

Mr. ROY E. BURNS, Osceola, Iowa, was interviewed and stated that the reported flying discs were nothing more than reflections from automobile headlamps from cars coming from the east going into the sun in the west, the sun sending these reflections into the atmosphere.

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DETAILS:

AT OSCEOLA, IOWA

1. Mr. L. H. FOSTER, Postal Clerk; Mr. V. J. PASCHALL, Assistant Postmaster; and Mr. MILAN BLAKE, Assistant Cashier, all of Osceola, Iowa, were interviewed on 22 June 1949 regarding Mr. ROY E. BURNS. Informants stated that they have known BURNS from ten to twenty years as a member of the community and that he has never been involved in any serious trouble. BURNS is not known to drink to excess. Informants stated, however, that BURNS is a "peculiar" fellow and odd in many of his ways. Informants do not believe that BURNS would intentionally tell a falsehood, but because of his age and eyesight, he might see things that do not exist, or his judgment of things he does see may be faulty. BURNS was ordered by a Water Committee to have a leak in his plumbing fixed. BURNS ranted and raved and threatened to sue as he said he could not get a plumber to fix the leak, and finally had the water at his place shut off. This matter was checked into, informants stated, and it was found that BURNS had not contacted a plumber to do the work for him. BURNS is eccentric and because he has a lawyer's certificate is of the opinion that his opinions are correct and are not to be questioned. BURNS has never practiced law to informants' knowledge. BURNS' eyesight is bad and it is difficult for him to read. Informants stated that BURNS had told a "wild" story about flying discs and claimed he knew what they were. BURNS appeared to be sincere in his statements about the discs. Informants stated that BURNS possesses fine character, is a respected citizen of the community, and they know nothing derogatory concerning him.

2. Mr. ROY E. BURNS, retired lawyer, Osceola, Iowa, was interviewed on 22 June 1949. Mr. BURNS stated that he saw the objects on 12-15 May 1949 at 2:00 P.M. Central Standard Time. BURNS stated that he was in a car about one mile east of Osceola, Iowa, and was approaching Highway #34, which runs east and west, from the north. BURNS was about forty yards north of Highway #34, facing south, was looking up at the sky, and saw six to ten objects. These objects were the size of an automobile headlamp, and BURNS stated that he recognized the creases and metal bands encircling the headlamps. BURNS stopped his car a short distance from the highway and watched the objects, trying to determine what they were. The objects looked like glass, had a metal color to them, were round and were not lighted. Mr. BURNS was facing south and the objects came from his left and sailed into the clouds in the east or left. The first object was going due east and was high in the air; the others skimmed along the ground and rose into the sky. The first one was in sight for fifteen seconds and the others were in sight up to thirty seconds. BURNS estimated their speed at 15 seconds, 60 degrees. They had no sound or odor, there were no projections, and they climbed upward and disappeared into clouds, upon which they had no effect. The first object was about four hundred yards from BURNS and the others were about forty yards. At the time Mr. BURNS sighted the objects, there was a cloud bank in the east, altitude indeterminable, and the sun was bright in the west with a few scattered clouds very high. Mr. BURNS stated that after watching the objects for

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about one hour, he came to the conclusion that they were nothing more than reflections of the headlamps of automobiles coming from the east and going into the sun in the west. Mr. BURNS believes that the sun in the west was sending these reflections from automobile headlamps into the atmosphere. BURNS stated that as the sun moved further into the west, the reflections decreased in the angle of their rise and at times were barely above the ground. Mr. BURNS stated that he is a loyal American who wants to help the Government clear up the mystery of these flying discs, and believes that the objects which people are reporting seeing are nothing more than reflections. Mr. BURNS stated that he was of the opinion that one should investigate things of which one is not sure. To illustrate his point, he told a story of an incident which occurred when he was a young boy. BURNS stated that he was coming home one misty night and in passing the cemetery thought he saw a ghost. Had he gone on home without investigating, he stated, he would have been sure he saw a ghost. BURNS investigated, however, and found that what he thought was a ghost was nothing more than a cow with a large white spot on her back.

3. There are no radar sightings in the vicinity of Osceola, Iowa. The teletype sequences of local weather conditions were as follows: 12 May 1949, at 1400 hours, 5000 feet; scattered broken clouds; visibility, 12 miles; pressure, 186; temperature, 78 degrees; dew point, 56; winds, sw 04 knots; altimeter, 008. The winds aloft report was as follows:

2,000	300'	at 05 knots	5,000	270'	at 06	8,000	250'	at 05
3,000	296	at 06	6,000	260	at 05	9,000	310	at 03
4,000	280	at 06	7,000	250	at 06	10,000	340	at 07

Local flight schedules of commercial aircraft flying in the vicinity were as follows: United Air Lines: Westbound, 1435 hours; Eastbound, 1505 and 1320 hours. Mid-Continent Air Lines: Northbound, 1511 and 1533 hours; Southbound, 1554 and 1610 hours.

4. The name files of the Police Department, Osceola, Iowa, and the Sheriff's Office, Clarke County, Osceola, Iowa, were examined and no record of subject was revealed.

AGENT's NOTE: Mr. BURNS appears to be a fairly intelligent man. He is inquisitive about things and is sincere in his desire to clear up the matter of "these discs" for the Air Force. BURNS is approximately seventy years of age and is well kept. BURNS owns his home and property elsewhere. BURNS wears exceptionally thick glasses. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. This does not appear to be a publicity stunt.

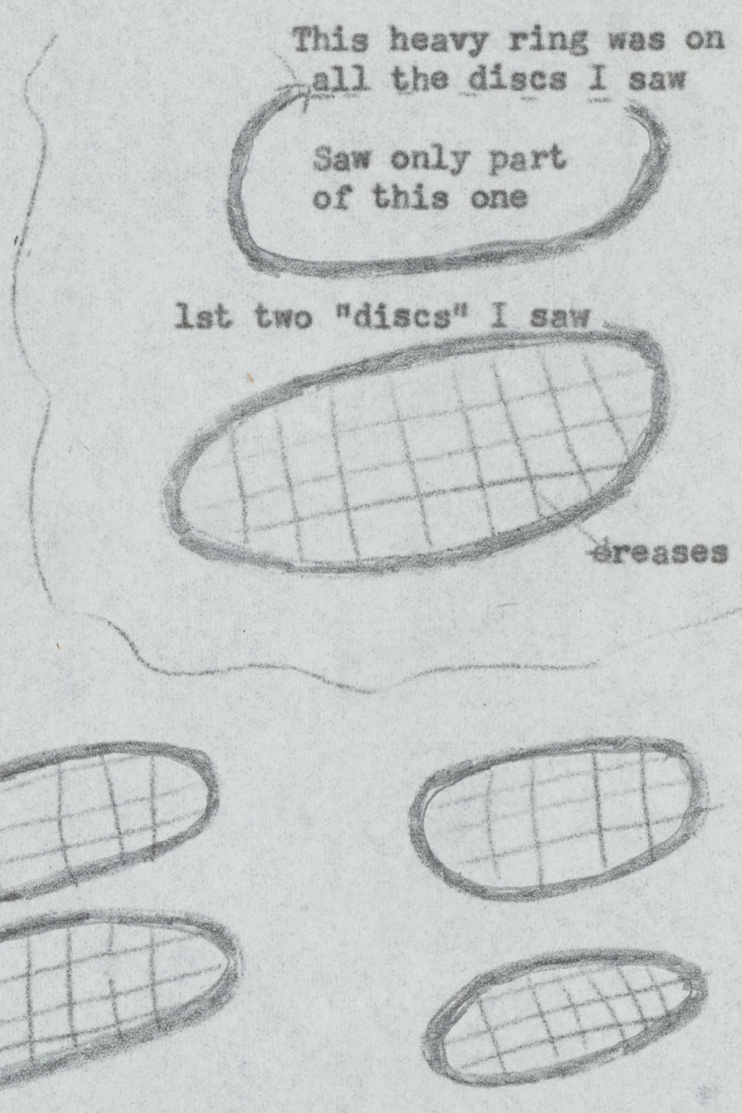
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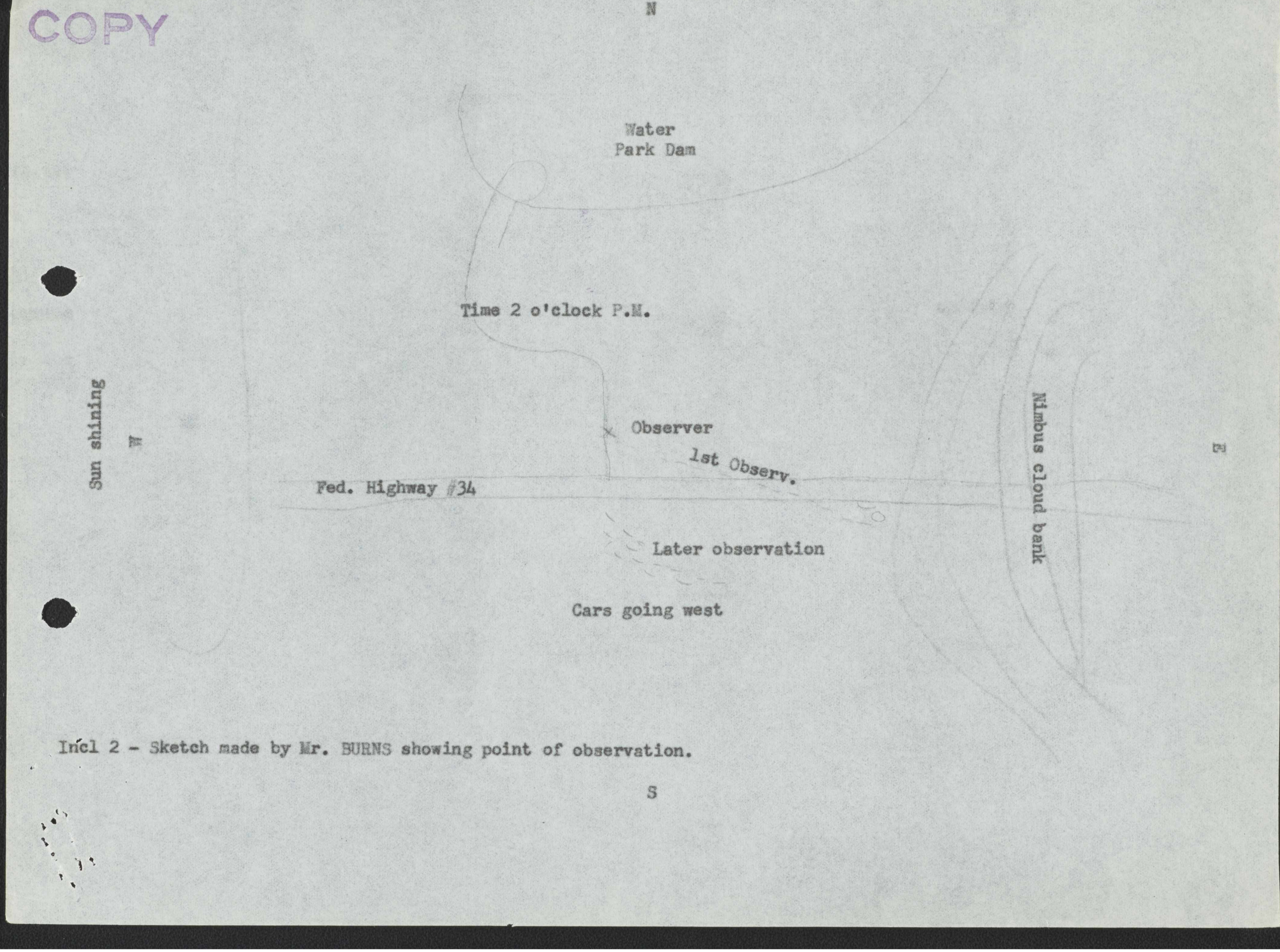


"These discs are not true to scale and I am not a good artist." - Mr. BURNS

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PROJECT GRUDGE
INCIDENT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
18 JUNE 1949

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Mrs. SARA NOWLIN, Gunter AFB, saw 20 - 25 flying saucers on 18 June 1949. NOWLIN did not notify authorities sooner for fear of unfavorable publicity.

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DETAILS:

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

1. On 8 July 1949, Mrs. SARA NOWLIN, Quarters 602-C, Gunter AFB, wife of Lt. D. M. NOWLIN, stated that she sighted flying saucers on 18 June 1949. NOWLIN supplied the following details:

Date of observation	18 June 1949, 1700 hours
Place of observation	Approximately one mile from Montgomery, Alabama, city limits enroute to Gunter AFB, Alabama
Position of observer	In automobile while driving to Gunter AFB, Alabama
Other witnesses	None
Photographs or sketches of objects	None
Number of objects	20 to 25
Shape of objects	Saucerlike
Size	Appeared to be size of dinner plate
Color	Aluminum
Speed	Slower than airplane
Heading	No particular direction. Appeared to be bubbling up and down around and into large thunderhead
Maneuverability	Extremely maneuverable
Altitude	Over 500 feet. Operating in and out of thunderhead.
Sound	None
Exhaust	None
Position	Over Gunter AFB, Alabama, about two miles from observer

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Time in sight — Approximately five minutes

Weather conditions — Sun was shining but there was a large thunderhead over Gunter AFB

2. NOWLIN's husband has been in the Air Force for over 7 years and she is thoroughly familiar with all types of aircraft. She has never seen anything of this type before. NOWLIN told her husband of the incident immediately upon reaching home but told no one else for fear of ridicule. As far as she knows, no one else saw the saucers.

NOTE: NOWLIN seemed a normal, mature woman.

3. On 11 July 1949, a check of the weather records at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, revealed the following information:

1530 weather — 18 June 1949

15,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, wind calm.

1630 weather — 18 June 1949

15,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, wind from North 6 knots.

1730 weather — 18 June 1949

18,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, a few cirrus clouds, wind from West 4 knots.

1830 weather — 18 June 1949

18,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, a few cirrus clouds, wind from West 4 knots.

1930 weather — 18 June 1949

18,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, smoke layer, wind calm.

4. Four weather balloons were released from Maxwell AFB on 18 June 1949 at the following times: one at 0315, one at 0900, one at 1445, and one at 2134. No unusual conditions or phenomena were noticed.

NOTE: No weather facilities are available at Gunter AFB. Gunter AFB Operations calls Maxwell Weather Station for clearance data.

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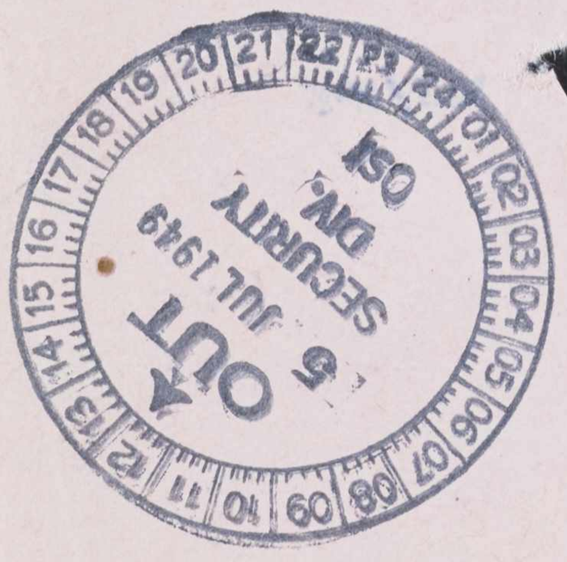
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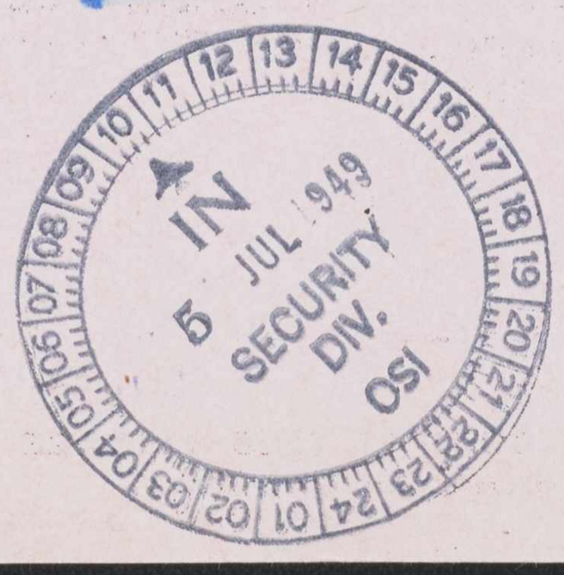
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11 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Dayton, Ohio
28 June 1949

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

1. Reference is made to R & R, your office, dated 29 June 1949 requesting investigation of sighting reported in the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald of 29 June 1949.

2. Forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate is the report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. LAYMAN, this office, dated 11 July 1949. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been covered and reported.

3. Your attention is invited to Paragraph 11 of Air Force Regulation 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of the nature, sources or existence of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

4. With the submission of this report, the files of this office are being closed regarding this case.

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Acting District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 5D 24-21W

DATE 11 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. LAYMAN nlb

REPORT MADE AT DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

PERIOD 29, 30 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Dayton, Ohio
28 June 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated on Routing and Record Sheet from the Acting Chief of Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, MCIAXS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, dated 29 June 1949, confirming telephone call from Mr. G. W. TOWLES on same date requesting investigation of sighting on 28 June 1949, reported in the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald on 29 June 1949. Interviews with persons who witnessed the aerial phenomena revealed it to be a ball of fire with a tail of flame and traveling from west to east at a high rate of speed. All persons interviewed agreed on time and direction of sighting the object as being about 1745 hours and to the north of them.

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated on Routing and Record Sheet from the Acting Chief of Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, MCIAXS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, dated 29 June 1949, confirming telephone call from Mr. G. W. TOWLES on same date requesting investigation of sighting on 28 June 1949, reported in the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald on 29 June 1949.

AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO

2. On 29 June 1949, this agent contacted Mr. H. A. HABERER, Press and Radio Section, Public Information Office, MCGIXP, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who advised that he had obtained the following names from Mr. A. M. PRITCHARD, Reporter for the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald, as having observed an aerial phenomena and reported it to his paper:

Mr. JAMES H. BAYLESS, 829 Vermont Avenue, Dayton, Ohio
Miss MARY KENNETT, 3905 Riverside Drive, Dayton, Ohio
Mr. JOHN YOUNG, 2101 Titus Avenue, Dayton, Ohio

3. On 29 June 1949, this agent, accompanied by Mr. G. W. TOWLES, MCIAXS, Special Analysis Section, Technical Intelligence Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, interviewed Major RICHARD L. LONG, O-46931, TSXGF, Army Field Forces, Liaison Section, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Major LONG related that on 28 June 1949, at 1745 hours, while flying alone in an L-17 (Ryan Navion) heading north at five thousand feet altitude and directly over the Urbana, Ohio Airport, he sighted what at first appeared to be a rocket powered guided missile. However, on taking a second look, Major LONG stated it appeared to be a meteor like body. The object first noticed by the long trailing flames, seemed to appear out of a cloud bank which was building up to the northwest. It was generally round in shape, a bright orange ball, with a tail of flame which was mixed orange and blue and a pale blue at the trailing end. When first seen the object was about 45° to the west of north, and traveled from west to east in a straight path with a slight decline. When directly north of Major LONG, it was about 10° above his eye level and he judged it to be about fifty or more miles distant. In a period of three or four seconds the object covered an angular distance of 90° to 120° at which time it disappeared, apparently burning out. There was no marked change in intensity of incandescence of the object up to the time that it disappeared. Major LONG judged the tail to be between two and three finger widths, at arms length, in length; and the tail to be roughly ten times the diameter of the object in length. The tail appeared to become shorter as the object progressed. There was no sound, odor, or radio interference noticed by the Major. Visibility at the time of the sighting was about fifteen miles. There was no cloud background for the object other than a

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haze at the horizon. Major LONG wore no glasses but viewed the object through the canopy of the plane. In flying over the general area in which the object disappeared, Major LONG could observe nothing unusual in the terrain.

Major LONG has flown for approximately two thousand hours over a period of ten years. He has witnessed the firing of such rockets as the V-2, the JB-2 or V-1, and the WAC CPL. The Major's hobbies are flying, photography, and sports.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

4. On 29 June 1949, this agent, accompanied by Mr. G. W. TOWLES, MCIAXS, interviewed Mr. JOHN YOUNG, 2101 Titus Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. YOUNG stated that at approximately 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949 while sitting on his lawn at the above listed address with a neighbor and facing north, he observed a large ball of orange flame which appeared to be five feet in diameter with a tail of about twenty feet. The object was first sighted just above a large tree directly north of Mr. YOUNG and at an angle of about 30° above the ground. Neither Mr. YOUNG nor his neighbor detected any odor or sound other than the noise of a small plane which Mr. YOUNG estimated to be a mile away and flying south. The object appeared to pass between the plane and informant and also to be above the plane. The object was visible for only a few seconds and disappeared behind the house next door, by the time Mr. YOUNG could call his neighbor's attention to it.

5. On 29 June 1949, this writer, accompanied by Mr. G. W. TOWLES, MCIAXS, interviewed Miss MARY KENNETT, 3905 Riverside Drive, Dayton, Ohio. Miss KENNETT was interviewed at the Play Grounds of the Charles L. Loos School, Wampler Road and Columbine Place, Dayton, Ohio, where she frequently takes children in the neighborhood to play. She stated she was here at the play grounds on the afternoon of the 28 June 1949 when at approximately 5:45 she observed an apparent ball of fire passing above the trees surrounding the play grounds. The ball appeared silver in color, round in shape, and somewhat "V" shaped in front. It had a fiery tail which she stated was a mixture of all colors. Miss KENNETT heard no sounds other than that of a plane circling overhead at the time. Miss KENNETT stated that next school season she will be a Freshman in High School.

6. On 30 June 1949, this writer interviewed JAMES H. BAYLESS, 829 Vermont Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, who stated that at about 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949 while walking north on Vermont Avenue, he observed a ball of fire with the brightness of the sun and considerably larger. It was a deep reddish orange in color and had a tail which appeared to be an incandescent white. The object gave off sparks which were brighter than any sparks from welding that Mr. BAYLESS had ever seen. Mr. BAYLESS stated that his attention was first attracted to the object by a hissing sound like that of escaping compressed air. The

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object was at about 45° elevation traveling a straight line from west to east and dropping slightly. The object disappeared out of sight over the tops of the buildings. Mr. BAYLESS is a welder by trade at the New Ideal Welding Company, 344 South Main Street, Dayton, Ohio.

AT CRYSTAL LAKES, OHIO

7. On 30 June 1949, this writer interviewed Mr. ROBERT BURNS, R R #1, New Carlisle, Ohio, located on Lake Road, Crystal Lakes, Ohio. Mr. BURNS stated that at about 5:45 on the evening of 28 June 1949, while driving to the home of a friend in Crystal Lakes, Ohio, he observed what he believed to be a meteor. It appeared to the north of him at about a 450 angle and about one thousand to fifteen hundred feet elevation and losing altitude gradually. It was passing from west to east and Mr. BURNS lost sight of it when he turned the corner with the car. He described the object as a ball of apparent fire of almost white incandescence. It had a long streamer or tail of flame which was a mixture of blue and yellow, fading out at the end to darkness which was possibly smoke. He noted no sound or unusual odor. Mr. BURNS lives on a farm and is also an insurance agent and substitute mail man. Mr. BURNS stated that he has seen meteors fall before and was an eye witness to an especially large one which fell in Lake Erie some years back.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-26

DATE 29 June 49

REPORT MADE BY J. E. KUTTLER

REPORT MADE AT DO #20, McChord AFB

PERIOD 9 - 12 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

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PROJECT "GHUDGE" (Incident - Boise, Idaho, 13 May 1949)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of S/A WILLIAM D. JOHNSON, DO #5, dated 1 June 49, file 5D-24-21 O

SYNOPSIS

ROBERT F. SMITH, Lewiston, Idaho, stated he saw six unidentified flying objects on 13 May 49, between 1100 and 1119 hours, Mountain Time; that he was travelling East toward Boise, Idaho, by auto, when the objects were observed to his left, approximately 9:30 o'clock; that the objects were within his sight about five minutes; that five of the objects were in "V" formation, flying in a Southwesterly direction, approximately eight to twelve or fifteen miles from his point of observation. He described the objects as being about the size of a B-29 aircraft, silver on top and dull on bottom, and having the shape of a half-circle with a point in the front, which was the middle of the arc. Persons living in the vicinity of the location from where SMITH observed the flying objects were interviewed but none had ever seen any unidentified flying objects. H. G. JEPSON, Pilot Instructor and Trainer, Bradley Field, Boise, Idaho, stated that on 24 Apr 49, at about 0900 hours, he was on a flight to Mountain Home, Idaho, in an L-13-B with two passengers and that they observed flying objects about 1,000 feet above his altitude, flying in the same direction as he but at a faster rate of speed. He described these objects as being oval shape with a small point in the forward section. No commercial or private flights were known to have been in the vicinity where the objects were observed by SMITH; neither were any military aircraft scheduled in that area. No radar sightings or testing devices were in the area.

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DO #20, McChord AFB

DETAILS:

AT BOISE, IDAHO:

1. On 9 June 49, this agent proceeded to Room 442, Yates Building, Boise, Idaho, and interviewed TOM CUNNINGS, Director of the Idaho State Board of Publicity. Mr. CUNNINGS stated that ROBERT F. SMITH had left his employment and had gone to Lewiston, Idaho, where he worked for the Lewiston Tribune. CUNNINGS also stated that he had no direct knowledge of the incident in question, but referred this agent to a Mr. DAVE JOHNSON of the Idaho Daily Statesman, Boise, Idaho.

2. On 9 June 49, Mr. DAVE JOHNSON, Aviation Editor, Idaho Daily Statesman, Boise, Idaho, stated that on 13 May 49, ROBERT F. SMITH, who was at that time working for the Idaho State Board of Publicity, Room 442, Yates Building, Boise, Idaho, advised him that at approximately 1400 hours, 13 May 49, he had seen six flying discs, five of which were flying in a "V" formation, about ten miles West of Shafer Butte. JOHNSON carried the story of this incident in his column of the Idaho Daily Statesman dated Friday, 13 May 49, which is quoted verbatim as follows:

"FLYING DISCS APPEAR AGAIN IN BOISE AREA

World War II Pilot Sees Mystery Objects in Tight Formation

A World War II bomber pilot said today he saw six flying discs, five of them in V-shaped formation circling about 10 miles west of Shafer butte, and, he said, he wasn't "kidding".

Bob Smith, 1109 North Fifteenth Street, Boise, a former B-24 pilot, said he saw the six objects at approximately 11:05 a.m. at an altitude he would estimate to be 13,000 feet.

He said he was driving from Caldwell to Boise when he saw the objects.

The objects, he said, were black on the bottom and silver on top, and their size at the distance from which he saw them indicated that they would be approximately the size of a four-engined airplane.

He said he saw a single object first, then five more flying in tight formation. He said they spiraled down three or four thousand feet, then climbed abruptly at great speed and disappeared.

'They acted as if they were intelligently controlled,' he said. 'When they turned toward me they were silver, because they were in a turn and I could see the sun flash from their tops. When they banked away it appeared the bottom side was colored black.'

He said he had no way of judging their speed in spiral flight, but he said it would compare to that of an F-51 fighter.

The CAA radio communications station here said there were no Air Force planes in the area, and the 190th fighter squadron of the Idaho National Guard said it had a single F-51 up during the morning.

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'I know what I saw,' said Smith. 'I'm not trying to make jokes.'"

3. As a reporter, Mr. JOHNSON revealed to this agent a background on the stories he had received from a Mr. KENNETH ARNOLD, who was reported to have been the first individual to have seen so-called flying discs in the vicinity of Boise and reported to have written several articles on the subject. JOHNSON stated that ARNOLD had undergone an exhaustive investigation by the Fourth Air Force at Hamilton Air Force Base. Efforts to locate KENNETH ARNOLD met with negative results.

4. Accompanied by DAVE JOHNSON, this agent proceeded to the spot where SMITH had reportedly been when he first observed the flying discs. Photographs were taken of this area and are attached as Exhibits "A", "B" and "C".

5. On 10 June 49, Mr. J. G. NEWBY, Route 1, Boise, Idaho, a farmer living in the farm home nearest to the spot from where the discs were allegedly seen by SMITH, was interviewed. NEWBY stated that he had not seen any unidentified objects in the sky on or about 13 May 49, or at any other time either previous or subsequent thereto.

6. On 10 June 49, Mr. H. G. JEPSON, Pilot Instructor and Trainer, Bradley Field, Route 1, Boise, Idaho, was interviewed and stated that on 24 April 49, at approximately 0900 hours, he was on a flight to Mountain Home, Idaho, in an L-13-B plane, cruising at approximately 140 miles per hour, at approximately 9,000 feet altitude, and was estimated to be approximately ten miles North of Mountain Home, travelling in an East by Southeasterly direction, when he and his two passengers observed what first appeared to be birds in the sky, approximately 1,000 feet above his altitude of flight. A more careful scrutinization revealed that the objects were travelling in the same direction as he and at a faster rate of speed. These objects could not be identified as any type of plane known to JEPSON or his passengers and were soon lost from sight. The objects sighted were reported to have been oval in shape with a small point in the forward section of the objects. JEPSON stated that he did not report the incident because there had been so many false reports in that area that he felt that his story would be just one more that would be scoffed at. He did not recall the name of one of his passengers; however, the other passenger was a pilot working at Bradley Field by the name of LAMON. Efforts to contact Mr. LAMON met with negative results.

7. On 10 June 49, Captain MARTIN H. JOHNSON, AO-430973, Reserve, Operations Officer, 190th Fighter Squadron, Idaho National Guard, Boise, Idaho, was interviewed and the operational records were checked to determine aircraft that were flying on 13 May 49. It was found that one F-51 was on a test flight but was not over mountainous terrain in the area where the objects were viewed by SMITH, as that area was restricted by squadron regulations to fighter craft unless on operation orders. Captain JOHNSON further stated that to his knowledge there were no radar sightings in the immediate area of Boise, Idaho, the nearest radar to his knowledge being at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah. He also stated that there were no testing devices in the area by the armed forces or any research organizations.

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8. On 10 June 49, Boise Municipal Air Terminal Weather Station was contacted and a review of their records revealed that at 1128 hours, Mountain Time, 13 May 49, weather was reported to be as follows: Sky, 30,000 thin, scattered; visibility, 30 miles; sea level pressure, 1010.5 millibars; temperature 82; dewpoint 42; wind, Southeast, 5 mph; altimeter, 29.91; Cumulonimbus clouds Southwest of station. Between 1028 and 1128 hours, Mountain Time, there were no conditions that required any special observation to be made or recorded.

9. On 10 June 49, a schedule of commercial traffic revealed that United Air Lines had a scheduled commercial trip from Pendleton, Oregon, to Reno, Nevada, via Boise, Idaho, due in Boise at 1135 hours, Mountain Time. This flight would probably not have been in the line of sight of ROBERT F. SMITH since the airway would have been to the Southeast of the position from where SMITH saw the flying objects. United Air Lines also had a scheduled flight from Portland, Oregon, to Boise, Idaho, due in Boise at 1205 hours, Mountain Time. Empire Air Lines had one commercial flight departing Boise at 1202 hours, Mountain Time, via Idaho Falls, Idaho. It was further determined that there were intermittent student flights from three local airports. No flights, however, were reported to have been in the vicinity where the objects were viewed by SMITH.

10. On 10 June 49, the following law enforcement agencies in Boise, Idaho, were contacted for any leads or additional developments in this case and for any type of criminal record on ROBERT F. SMITH, with negative results: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and Idaho State Patrol. It was revealed, however, by MARTIN B. UNDERWOOD and JOHN J. SWEENEY, Special Agents, FBI, Boise, Idaho, that KENNETH ARNOLD, above referred to, had undergone an extensive investigation, the results of which were turned over to the Air Force and are believed to be part of an investigation conducted by Headquarters Fourth Air Force, Hamilton AFB.

AT LEWISTON, IDAHO:

11. On 11 June 49, ROBERT F. SMITH, c/o Lewiston Tribune, Lewiston, Idaho, was contacted and interviewed. SMITH stated that the exact time of his observation of the unidentified aerial objects was 13 May 49, approximately between 1100 and 1119 hours, Mountain Time. The place of observation was approximately ten miles East of Caldwell, Idaho, on U. S. Highway 20. SMITH stated that he was travelling by automobile, heading directly East toward Boise, Idaho, when the objects were observed to his left in the vicinity of Shafer Butte, shown on Regional Salt Lake City World Aeronautical Map No. 305 as being 045° true and 028½° magnetic North of Shafer Butte. Altitude of Shafer Butte, as listed, is 7,591 feet and the distance from Highway 20 to Shafer Butte is approximately 18 airline miles. SMITH verified the place of observation as reported by DAVE JOHNSON (see par. 4, supra).

12. SMITH further stated that he was first attracted by a silvery object in the Western sky over Shafer Butte and that this object disappeared and there immediately appeared five other objects flying in "V" formation. The objects appeared to be in a slow spiral let-down, circling to the left. Each of the objects appeared to be as large or larger than a B-29 aircraft. SMITH stated that they were not small, but appeared to be large, lumbering objects. The objects could be compared to the size of a silver dollar at a distance of about ten miles. SMITH

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further stated that the color of these objects was silver on top, described as being extremely brilliant and even bordering on a flash effect, and the bottom was black or very dull, as determined by the fact that SMITH would almost lose sight of them when they turned in a position showing only what he felt to be their undersides. The shape of the objects could not easily be recalled or described by SMITH. The best description he could give was that they were the shape of a silver dollar cut in half, or a half circle, with a tiny point in the center of the arc in the front of the object.

13. SMITH further stated that the altitude of the objects sighted would be very difficult to estimate, in that when working four dimensions one can only guess at distances; that perhaps 12,000, 13,000 or 14,000 feet was the altitude, with a let-down of between 2,000 to 4,000 feet, as nearly as he could estimate. He stated that the direction of his observation was to his left, in a West by Northwest direction, approximately 9:30 o'clock. When last seen, the objects appeared to be approximately 7:30 o'clock, travelling skyward. He stated that the distance from the point of his observation to the objects would again be very difficult to estimate, but that he would judge between eight to twelve or fifteen miles; that the flight of the objects was Southwesterly. He further stated that the length of time the objects were within his sight could not have been over five minutes; that as far as the velocity is concerned, an F-51 aircraft could have overtaken the objects when they were descending in a spiral formation, and that they seemed to be linked together because they remained in an almost perfect formation. However, when their course changed and they took off into the sky, nothing that he knows of today could have been able to equal or even approximate their speed. He further stated that there was no sound, no exhaust, no vapor trail, no contrail and no odor; that the distance between each object appeared to be approximately two wing spans of a B-29. He further stated that so far as their luminosity is concerned, they were extremely brilliant on the upper side and their bottom sides were extremely dull. They had no projections, such as fins, wings, rods, antenna or canopies, so far as he observed. Their maneuvers are described above, as well as their manner of disappearance. He stated that there was no physical effect on the clouds, inasmuch as there was probably only approximately 2/10 coverage, the day being clear with high Cirrus clouds. Weather conditions and light at the time of sighting the objects, as stated by SMITH, were found to correspond exactly with the observation made by the Boise Municipal Air Terminal Weather Station (see par. 9, supra).

14. SMITH's name was verified by his AGO Card and by his employer, the Lewiston Tribune. He stated that at present he does not have a residence address inasmuch as he has been in Lewiston, Idaho, only a short time, but that he can be reached in care of the Lewiston Tribune as Assistant City Editor-Reporter. He stated that at present his occupation is that of a newspaper reporter, and that his hobbies are photography and flying. SMITH was first observed by this agent as wearing glasses, but stated that they were used only for work and that they were not needed. He did not recall whether or not he had them on at the time of his observation of the flying objects. He did state, however, that on the date the objects were viewed the windows of his car were rolled down and that the objects were not viewed through any transparent material, unless he happened to have had his glasses on at the time, which would be unlikely.

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15. SMITH appeared to this agent to be of above average intelligence. As noted above, there was no indication, through law enforcement agencies, that he had ever been involved in any type of civil or criminal court action. He appeared to be extremely concerned and cautious as to whom he discussed the incident, and required complete identification of the interrogator. He stated that he did not use any type of dope and that he did not drink excessively, which points were verified by his employer, the Editor in Chief of the Lewiston Tribune, who stated that, although he had only known SMITH for a short period of time, he appeared to be of above average intelligence and was considered a trustworthy and honorable employee. Photographs of SMITH were taken and are attached as Exhibits "D", "E" and "F".

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PHOTOGRAPH OF ROBERT F. SMITH, LEWISTON, IDAHO

Taken by: J. E. Kuttler, Special Agent, OSI
Date taken: 11 June 49
Place taken: Lewiston, Idaho
Camera: Ground, 4x5, type C-3
Setting: 100th sec. at F/16

EXHIBIT "D"

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-32

DATE 6 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY FRANK A. GALLAGHER

REPORT MADE AT DO #13, Offutt AFB

PERIOD 20, 21 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, W/PAFB, Dayton, Ohio

STATUS RUC

TITLE

PROJECT "BRIDGE" Object
Incident, Des Moines, Iowa
7 April 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of S/A HARRY FYVIE, DO #5, File No. 5D 24-21N, dated 26 May 1949

SYNOPSIS

Investigation reveals that Mr. M. L. AHERN, 2900 Rutland Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, is eccentric, has been a source of trouble in the neighborhood, and is capable of giving information that does not exist. AHERN stated he first witnessed the phenonema at 0415 hours, 7 April 1949. AHERN described the object as being twice the size of a full moon, reddish, yellow, and purple in color, resembling a scoop. The object was about four (4) inches over two (2) feet in length and was less than two (2) feet wide.

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DETAILS:

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

1. Mrs. LOIS M. WALTON, 2910 Rutland, Des Moines, Iowa, housewife and private nurse, was interviewed on 20 June 1949. Mrs. WALTON stated that she has known Mr. M. L. AHERN for three years as a neighbor, and that from her observation of him, he (AHERN) appears and acts odd. Mrs. WALTON also stated that Mr. AHERN has caused trouble in the neighborhood and that she would not put it past AHERN to think up something unusual for a bit of publicity.

2. Miss OSIE TAYLOR, 2906 Rutland, Des Moines, Iowa, saleslady, was interviewed on 20 June 1949. Miss TAYLOR stated that she has known Mr. AHERN for nine years as a neighbor and has found him to be odd and eccentric. Informant also stated that she stays away from AHERN because he has caused trouble in the neighborhood. Informant stated that AHERN has a feeling that some of his property may be taken away from him, as some of the neighbors had their lots surveyed and in the surveying it was determined that the lot stakes were not exactly right. The neighbors were entitled to a few more feet of land. This caused AHERN a great deal of concern as he felt that this would revert down the line until he would be the last and that some of his land would be taken away from him. AHERN is hot headed and is capable of giving information that does not exist.

3. Miss MELISSA TAYLOR, 2906 Rutland, Des Moines, Iowa, accountant, was interviewed on 20 June 1949. Miss TAYLOR stated that she has known Mr. AHERN for eight years as a member of the community, and believes that he is capable of giving information which is not substantiated by facts. AHERN has written letters to the local newspaper which has caused his family great concern because it jeopardized his son's position. AHERN is eccentric and informant stated that she and her sister have stopped having anything to do with him.

4. Mr. M. L. AHERN, 2900 Rutland, Des Moines, Iowa, retired, was interviewed on 20 June 1949. Mr. AHERN stated that he was awakened from a sound sleep by a terrifying light shining through his blinds on 7 April 1949 at 0415 hours. AHERN stated that he watched the light from his bed and that it gave off a light brighter than day. AHERN stated that he could see shadows in his back yard, especially the eave from the garage next door, but that it gave or cast no shadow from the telephone pole to the rear of his house. He (AHERN) then got up and went to the window on the west and watched the light until it disappeared behind the neighbor's house and chimney. AHERN stated that he awakened no one in the house because they have two roomers who have to go to work early, and also a young grandchild who, if awakened, will not go to sleep again. AHERN stated that when he was a young boy fourteen years old he looked directly into a sun spot, and that this phenomena in the sky is the closest thing he has seen to the sun spot. AHERN stated that looking into that sun spot

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has left a lasting impression on him but that he had not thought about it until this happened the other night. AHERN called the local paper and told them about it and that he didn't mind a little publicity if they would report the truth as he saw it and not make it appear that he (AHERN) had seen a "flying saucer." AHERN stated that he has read articles about aerial phenomena and that the last article he read had given the address to which correspondence concerning unusual activity should be sent. AHERN reported the incident to the newspaper before he communicated with Wright Field. AHERN stated that no one from the newspaper had come to see him. The object was moving north and AHERN stated he had to get on his knees to see out his window and over the roof of the house next door on the west. AHERN stated that the shadow on his bedroom floor was moving south and that the light was so intense that it shown through his blinds which are heavy, green, non-transparent blinds.

AGENT's NOTE: AHERN appeared to be making statements which he was not sure were correct. When the writer remarked about them, AHERN would counter by asking if his statements were not correct. AHERN's grandchild was present and this appeared to make the interview very uncomfortable for AHERN. The grandchild was asking questions and AHERN appeared desirous of having the child out of the room.

5. The name files of the Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, and the Sheriff's Office, Polk County, Des Moines, Iowa, were examined and revealed no derogatory information concerning AHERN.

Inclosures:

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1. Cy of "Guide to Investigation. Unidentified Aerial Objects."

2. Sketch showing salient features of Project "GRUDGE" as viewed by AHERN.

3. Sketch showing AHERN's description of aerial phenomena.

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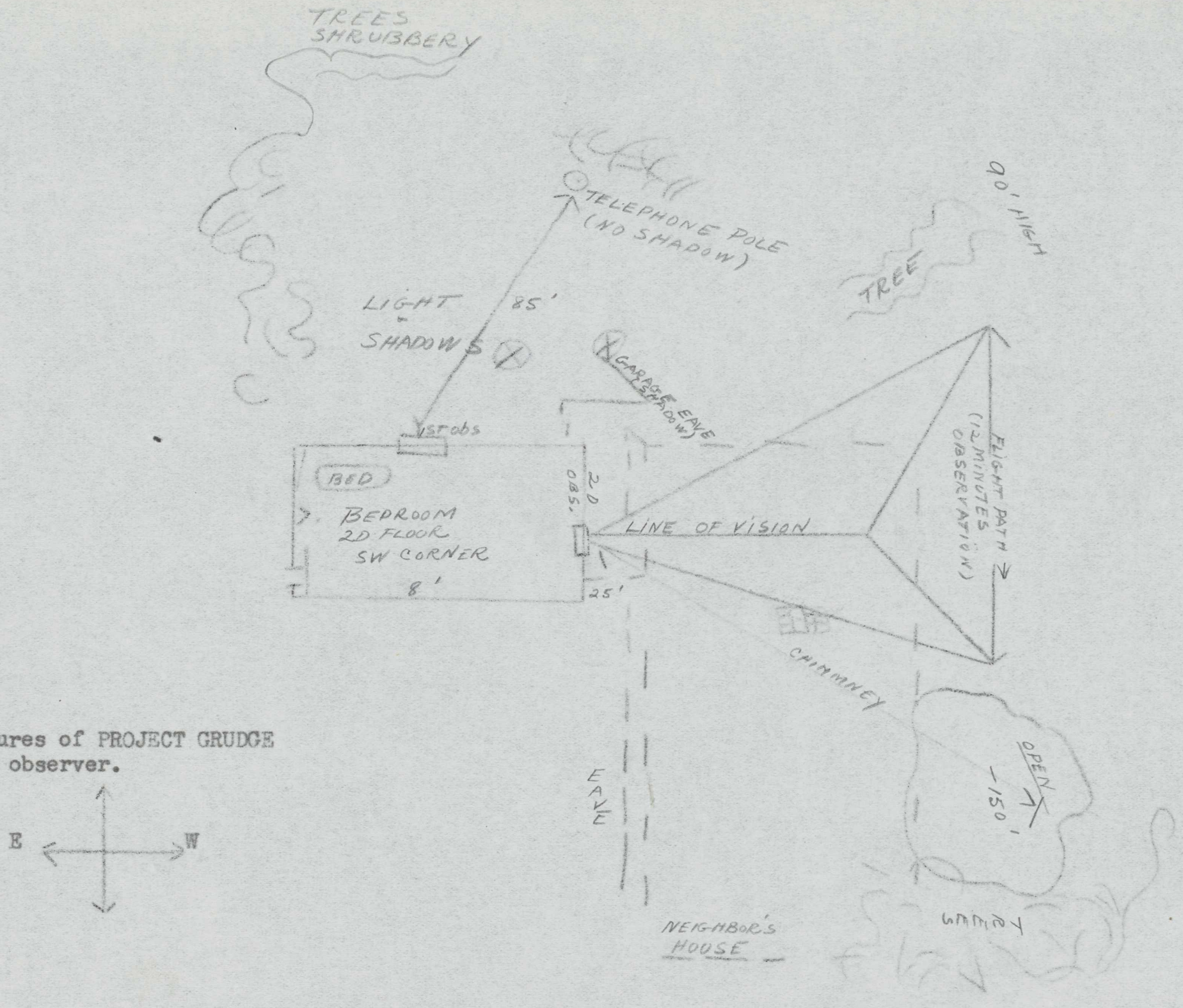
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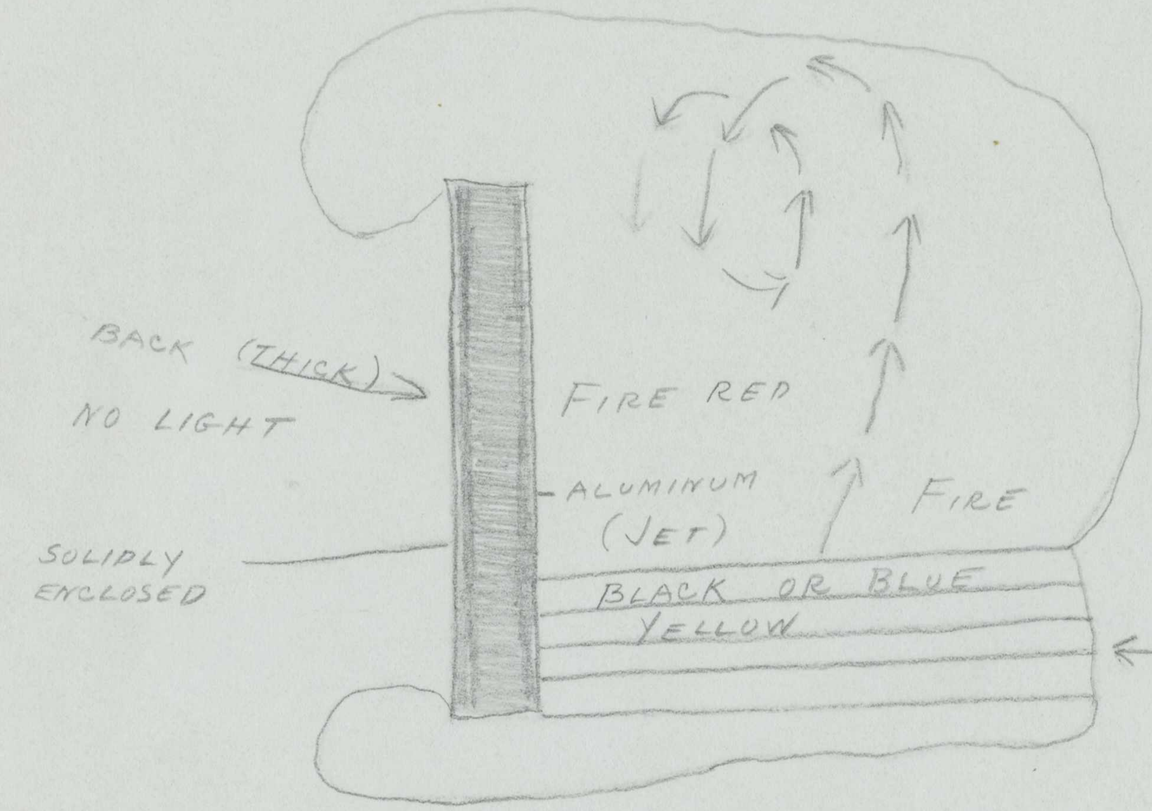
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SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident, Castleton, New York
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to R&R, your office, dated 2 May 1949, subject, "Project Grudge - 296."

2. Inclosed is report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES E. JACKSON, DO #22, Rome, New York, dated 1 June 1949.

3. With the submission of this report the files of this office are being closed in instant investigation.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-3

DATE 1 June 1949

REPORT MADE BY
Charles E. Jackson, SA

REPORT MADE AT
DO #22, Griffiss AFB

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PROJECT GRUDGE
Incident, Castleton, New York
6 April 1949

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE Report of SA John L. Brenner, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 5 May 1949, File No. 5D 24-211

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was requested by the Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB. This investigation concerns the alleged observation of "flying saucers" in the vicinity of Castleton, New York, on 6 April 1949. Investigation reveals one witness who stated that he saw certain objects, which he assumed to be flying saucers on 6 April 1949, in the vicinity of Castleton, New York. Attempts to contact other witnesses of the alleged incident in the vicinity and the surrounding vicinity of Castleton, New York, proved to be futile.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Colonel W. R. CLINGERMAN, Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, based upon the receipt of a communication from Colonel CLINGERMAN regarding the alleged sighting of alleged flying saucers.

AT EAST GREENBUSH, NEW YORK

2. Mr. RAYMOND J. WERKING, East Greenbush, New York, advised that on 6 April 1949 at 0755 hours, while he was engaged in driving a school bus, he observed three objects in a "C" formation flying in an easterly direction toward Boston, Massachusetts. He further stated that he immediately thought the objects to be flying saucers. He described the objects as objects that appeared to be the size of a full moon, approximately twenty inches in diameter, round, not perfectly flat, and raised toward the center. He further described the objects as shiny objects that were silver in color. Mr. WERKING further declared that he viewed the objects at a forty-five degree angle, and that the objects appeared to be at the height of a thirty-five story building and at a distance of five to eight miles. He related that the objects appeared to spin very fast and that they traveled through the air very slowly. Mr. WERKING informed that the objects appeared to be approximately one hundred-fifty feet apart. He advised that he believes that the objects disappeared either into a cloud or with a cloud.

3. Mr. WERKING, is a produce farmer and a school bus driver for the Columbia Central High School, East Greenbush, New York, it was learned by this agent. This agent was informed that SUBJECT is considered to be a respected citizen in this community.

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

4. A check of the files of the F. B. I. and the files of the Albany Police Department and the files of the State Police, reveals no information concerning the alleged incident.

AT CASTLETON, NEW YORK AND RAVENA, NEW YORK

5. No witnesses of the alleged incident could be contacted in Ravena, New York or in Castleton, New York.

AT SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

6. Captain MYERS, Commanding Officer, Detachment 2, 648th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, located in the Schenectady General Depot,

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United States Army, advised that this organization was not in operation on 6 April 1949. He stated that this radar station would have been the only station capable of making contact with the objects in the area of the alleged incident.

Inclosure:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

1. Guide to Investigation (EXHIBIT I)

2. A clipping from the Times-Union, an Albany, New York daily newspaper, dated 7 April 1949 (EXHIBIT II)

This investigation was conducted in accordance with the provisions of OSI Bulletin No. 8.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8

DATE 5 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY JACK L. BOLING

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 2, 11, 20, 27 June 1949

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Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Rpt. Inv., File and Subject as above, DO#17, By JACK L. BOLING, dtd 7 June 1949

SYNOPSIS

Additional inconclusive reports of observation of anomalous luminous objects reported as of 2, 11, 20, and 27 June 1949. Details reported on form specified.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 2 [illegible] 1949 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0030 EST

3. Place of Observation:
   (Map Coordinates) Los Alamos, N.M.

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

   Car or jeep

5. What attracted attention to object:

   Light and color

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

   One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

   N/A

8. Color of object:

   Green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):

   Ball of light

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):

    Est. 7 to 10 thousand feet

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):

    Northeast

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

    Est. 5 miles

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

    Descending, east to north

14. Time in sight:

    One second

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

    No estimate

16. Sound and odor:

    None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)
Long, unbroken green trail of same width as object

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):
Self-luminous

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Descending at appx 40 degree angle for full path

21. Manner of disappearance:
N/S

22. Effect on clouds:
N/S

23. Additional information concerning object:

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear

Name and address of observer: Walter M. Bridges, AESS, Los Alamos, N.M.

Occupation and hobbies: Security Inspector, AESS

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Background investigated under PL 585

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
N/S

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 13 June 49 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2057 MST

3. Place of Observation: Los Alamos, N.M.
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
N/S

5. What attracted attention to object: Light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): About size of star

8. Color of object: Green, then red at end of flight

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
N/S

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): Appx 25 degrees

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
Appx 210 degrees

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Estimted 20 to 30 miles

13 Direction of flight of object (s):
Southwest to northeast

14. Time in sight: 4 to 5 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
N/S

16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

Short red trail

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

Self luminous

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Appeared to be climbing sharply then fell almost straight down

21. Manner of disappearance: Seemed to "go out"

22. Effect on clouds: N/A

23. Additional information concerning object:

Did not appear to be a meteor, according to observer, because of color and path

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear weather, just after good darkness

Name and address of observer: Inspector T.W. Moyman, AEC, Los Alamos, N.M.

Occupation and hobbies: AEC Security Inspector

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

CBI required prior to employment per PL 585

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

N/A as to glasses

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1. Date of Observation 20 June 1949 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2010 MST

3. Place of Observation: Los Alamos, N.M.
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Outdoors near center of mesa

5. What attracted attention to object: light and color

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
one

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
N/S

8. Color of object: Green, turning to orange red just before vanishing

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): 90 degrees (through zenith)

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
started in west, went to east through zenith

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): N/S

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
West to east

14. Time in sight: 3 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
N/S

16. Sound and odor:
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)
None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):
Self-luminous

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
None

21. Manner of disappearance: as though extinguished

22. Effect on clouds: N/O

23. Additional information concerning object:
see report of sighting by Arnmeyer

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Good

Name and address of observer: Inspector Virgo, AESS, Los Alamos, N.M.

Occupation and hobbies: Security Inspector, Los Alamos, N.M.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Background investigation required for employment

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
N/O

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1. Date of Observation 20 June 1949 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2010 MST

3. Place of Observation: Los Alamos, N.M.
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Outdoors near center of mesa

5. What attracted attention to object: Light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: one

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): N/S

8. Color of object: Blue green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
N/S

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): Directly overhead

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
travelled from west to east directly through zenith

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): N/S

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
West to east

14. Time in sight: 1½ seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
N/S

16. Sound and odor:
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

Self-luminous

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

None

21. Manner of disappearance:

Vanished as though extinguished

22. Effect on clouds:

N/S

23. Additional information concerning object:

Stated not to be moving "too fast"

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Good

Name and address of observer: Inspector Ammemeyer, AESD, Los Alamos, N.M.

Occupation and hobbies: Security Inspector

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Background investigation required for employment

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

N/S

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Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 27 June 1949 Date of Interview 27 June 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0130 to 0140

3. Place of Observation: Kirtland AFB, N.M.
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Second floor, Barracks T-458, south window

5. What attracted attention to object: Movement

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Slightly larger than the brightest stars visible

8. Color of object: Similar to star- slightly more orange

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Appx. 30 degrees at first- almost at zenith at disappearance

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
Sighted at 250 degrees, lost at 110 degrees

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Unable to estimate

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
West to east

14. Time in sight:
Appx 2 Minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
140 degrees in 2 minutes time

16. Sound and odor:
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

At times object flared up and seemed to have a short, very faint, fan-shaped trail

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

Self luminous

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Object slowed down, apparently, and light faded; then as speed increased the light would flare up and the faint trail would be visible

21. Manner of disappearance: Went behind building

22. Effect on clouds: No clouds

23. Additional information concerning object:
see sketch

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
clear and dark

Name and address of observer: WALLACE E. BAKER, 17th District OSI, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

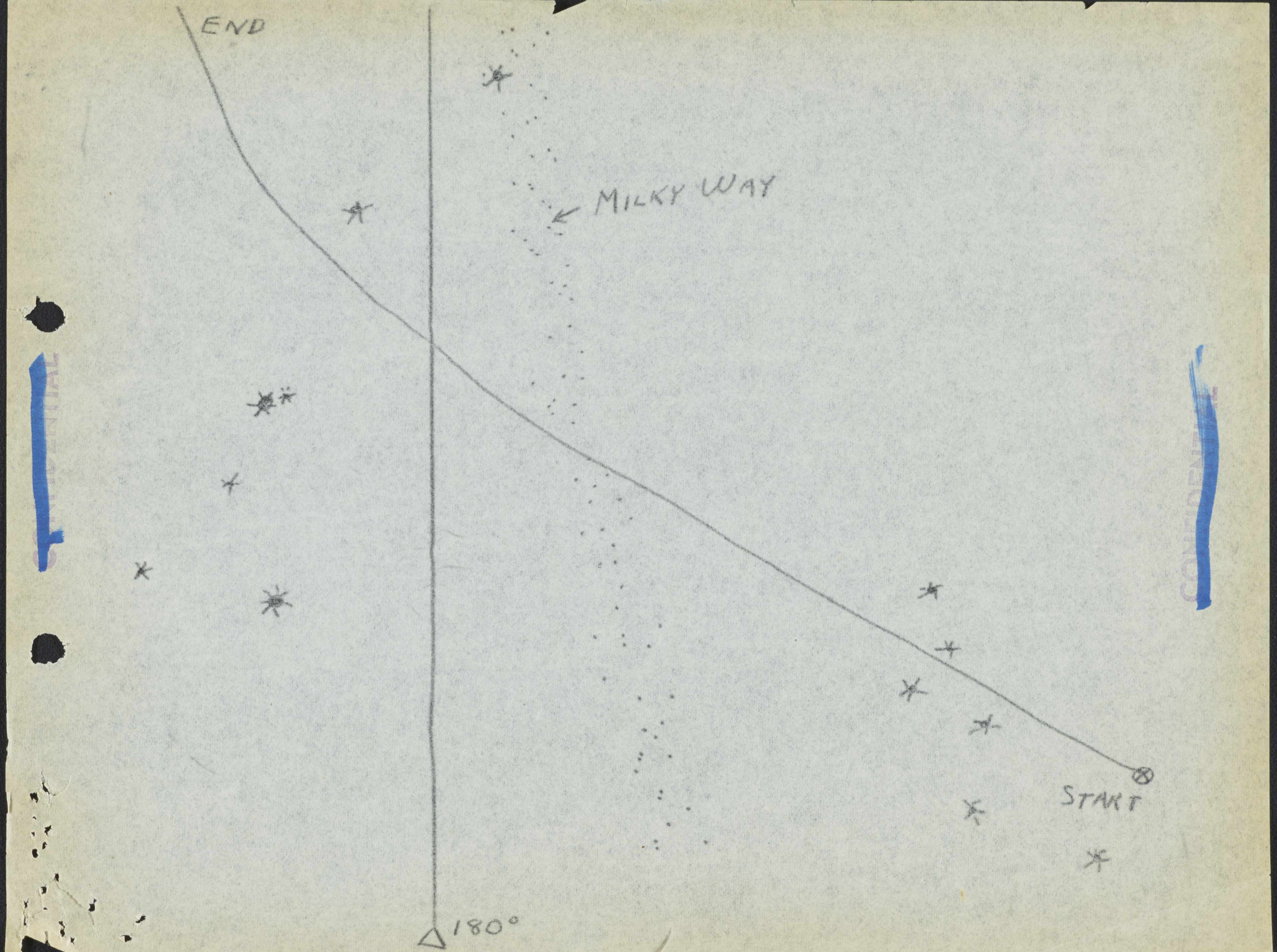
Occupation and hobbies: Clerk typist, Security Division, 17th District OSI

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
BAKER has prepared most of previous MEI forms from this office and is familiar with the requirements of obs rvation. Is exceptionally intelligent and has a good character.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
Saw partly through window glass.

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