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25TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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Unidentified Flying Object Sighting, 2110 hours, 26 July 1960 at 3413 Ferry Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

Commander,
Selfridge AFB

1. On 27 July, 1960, Mr. RICHARD PONIATOWSKI, age 14, of 3413 Ferry Avenue, Detroit, Michigan reported by telephone to this District Office that he had sighted an unidentified flying object at 0910 hours, 26 July, 1960.

2. The following gleaned telephonically from PONIATOWSKI is reported pursuant to AFR 200-2, as follows:

a. Description of the object

(1) Round - circular - flat on bottom

(2) Size - between a quarter and a nickel if held at arms length

(3) Bright white - steady

(4) Only one (1)

(5) One only

(6) No other details

(7) No trail, tail or exhaust

(8) No sound

(9) No unusual features

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b. Description of course of object

(1) Amateur astronomer - was standing in yard looking in sky

(2) At about a 45 degree angle toward the eastern horizon

(3) Did not see disappearance - watched object for about ten minutes, then went to get his telescope - took about five minutes - when again looked in area where last seen, object was gone - scanned sky, but all appeared normal

(4) Object traveling in a southwest direction, was northeast of the North Star at what appeared to be slightly less than an arm's length

(5) Unknown

(6) App 10 minutes

c. Manner of observation

By human eye only

d. Time and date of sighting

(1) At approximately 9:10 P.M., 26 July 1960

(2) Clear - clouds in South - dark

e. Unknown except address, 3413 Ferry Ave., Detroit, Mich

f. Civilian, RICHARD PONIATOWSKI - age 14, 3414 Ferry Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, school, Tel Nr. WA-53651

g. Clear - clouds in south - dark - no wind

(1) Good visability

(2) As stated

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h. Nothing unusual

i. None

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(U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO): SIGHTED 0200 HOURS NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1959 (DATE UNK), AT 7520 PINE KNOB RD., CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

COMMANDER
1ST FIGHTER WG
ATTN: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
SELFRIDGE AFB

1. ON 29 APR 1960, ONE VIRGINIA WHITESELL, 7520 PINE KNOB RD., CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONED A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL, OSI DISTRICT NR 25, TO ADVISE THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AT 0200 HOURS IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER 1959 AND HAD TAKEN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED, THE FOLLOWING IS FURNISHED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF AFR 200-2:

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

A. SHAPE - "EGG SHAPE"
B. SIZE - "GRAPEFRUIT SIZE"
C. COLOR - WHITE
D. NUMBER - ONE (1)
E. FORMATION - N/A
F. DISCERNIBLE FEATURES - FOUR (4) TIMES BRIGHTER LIGHT THAN ANY STAR.
G. REAR OF OBJECT - LEFT TRAIL OF LIGHT.
H. SOUND - NONE
I. OTHER PERTINENT FEATURES - NONE

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CONTINUED DESCRIPTION:

A. WHAT CAUSED OBSERVER TO NOTICE OBJECT - BRIGHT LIGHT.
B. ANGLE OF ELEVATION OF OBJECT - APPROXIMATELY 45° TO HORIZON.
C. ANGLE OF ELEVATION UPON DISAPPEARANCE - SAME AS B.
D. FLIGHT PATH - NORTH TO SOUTH THROUGH 600 ARC.
E. MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE - FADED OUT.
F. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT - ONE (1) TO TWO (2) HOURS.

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MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. OBSERVED WITH - GROUND VISUAL.
B. OPTICAL AIDS - NONE
C. SIGHTED WHILE AIRBORNE - N/A

TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. ZULU TIME AT SIGHTING - 0700 ON A NIGHT IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1959 (DATE UNK).
B. LIGHT CONDITION - NIGHT, STARS SHOWING.

LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

7520 PINE KNOB RD. - 8 MILES NORTH OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

IDENTITY OF OBSERVER:

CIVILIAN
MR. & MRS. HAROLD WHITESELL, AGE (UNK)
7520 RNE KNOB RD.
CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN
OCCUPATION - MRS. WHITESELL, DRUG-STORE CLERK AND HOUSEWIFE
MR. WHITESELL, MATERIAL CONTROL CLERK IN FACTORY

WEATHER AND WINDS:

CLEAR WEATHER, CRISP, COLD, LITTLE WIND AND FIRST SNOW ON GROUND.

A. VISIBILITY - UNLIMITED
B. CLOUD COVER - LITTLE TO NONE

METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES TO ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING:

NONE

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

PICTURE, 35MM SLIDE, IN COLOR

3. MRS. WHITESELL OFFERED THE COLOR SLIDE PHOTOGRAPH WHICH WAS ACCEPTED AND A NEGATIVE COPY MADE. THE ORIGINAL HAS BEEN RETURNED TO MRS. WHITESELL AND THE NEGATIVE COPY IS ATTACHED.

for Randall
STANLEY V. SZAPIEL
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Joseph Perry

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1. Reference is made to letter this Headquarters, dated 26 April 1960, concerning captioned individual.

2. Attached for your further information and any action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 21 April 1960, with two attachments.

3. It is requested that we be furnished a copy of any correspondence forwarded by your office to Perry, in order that this Headquarters may comply with the request set forth in paragraph 2 of the attached letter, dated 21 April 1960.

4. No investigation is being conducted of Perry by this Headquarters.

for Garland, Major, USAF

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, by memorandum dated 9 March 1960, advised this Headquarters that Mr. Joseph Perry, 3079 Edwards Street, Grand Blanc, Michigan took some photographs of the moon through a homemade telescope at 0100, 21 February 1960. After developing the film and preparing his slides, Perry noticed on two of the slides what appeared to him to be a flying object. After enlarging the particular negatives, Perry stated the object thereon appeared to be flat on the bottom, oval in shape and to have a fluorescent glow. He said the object was evidently moving because the photograph showed what appeared to be a vapor trail. Perry also stated that due to his thirty years of experience in photography, during which he has taken over a thousand photographs of the moon, he is sure that what appears on the slides is actually a flying object and not a malfunction of the camera, a blur on his telescope, or the result of faulty developing. Perry advised he took the pictures through his homemade telescope, which was set between 350-400 power, with a 35 mm German Retna camera, using Super Ansco color film. Perry gave the photographic slides in question to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, by memorandum dated 9 March 1960, furnished the foregoing information and photographic slides to the Commander, OSI District Nr. 25, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, who in turn forwarded the information and slides to the Commander, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan in accordance with the procedures set forth in AFR 200-2.

3. Attached for your information and any action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 6 April 1960 and a copy of a letter dated 21 March 1960, which was addressed to President Eisenhower by Perry. OSI District Nr. 25 has advised the Commander, Selfridge AFB, of Perry's 21 March letter.

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SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: 25D 24-0-189

SUBJECT: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) JOSEPH PERRY
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN
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TO: DIR OSI (USAF) (CI DIVISION)

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTER, THIS DISTRICT OFFICE, SUBJECT AND FILE AS ABOVE, DATED 6 APR 1960.

2. ON 21 APR 1960, PERRY ARRIVED AT SELFRIDGE AFB, MICHIGAN, AND REQUESTED THAT HIS PHOTOGRAPHS BE RETURNED TO HIM. HE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH MAJOR LOUIS W. KUPPERSMITH, DIRECTORATE OF OPERATIONS, 1ST FIGHTER WING. MAJOR KUPPERSMITH ADVISED PERRY THAT HIS PHOTOGRAPHS WERE BEING EXAMINED AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB.

3. ATTACHED IS A COPY OF AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE 24 APR 1960 ISSUE OF THE DETROIT SUNDAY TIMES, SUBSEQUENT TO PERRY'S VISIT TO SELFRIDGE AFB. THE ARTICLE IS BEING FORWARDED FOR INCLUSION IN YOUR FILES.

4. THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TO PRECLUDE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION.

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COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE
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Full Moon, Then—Trouble

By Bernard Mullins
Staff Writer

GRAND BLANC, April 24 —A full moon has been said to affect men in strange ways.

It has been blamed for turning mild-mannered men into monsters and sweet old ladies into bloodthirsty vampires.

Joe Perry, a pizza pie tailor, is about ready to go along with the strange and legendary powers of the full moon.

"All I did was take a picture of it," Joe said," and the government people have been mighty strange about returning it."

JOE'S PICTURE had a saucer-like object silhouetted against the glowing moon, which accounts for some of his difficulty.

Joe has been trying to get his picture back. He hasn't got it yet.

To date he's dealt with the FBI, the President of the United States and the air force, including a variety of bureaus in each case.

As the result of the latest air force action, Joe has become an "incident" under the provisions of paragraph 12a, Air Force Regulation 200-2

It started as a rather simple and routine thing, coming on the night of the second full moon in February. That's when Joe started to become an "incident."



JOE PERRY TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT ONE OF HIS MOON PHOTOS

They sat around a table and talked, stiffly, officially. They wouldn't relax. They wouldn't drink coffee. This made Joe even more suspicious.

slides they felt the "object" was caused by damage to the film emulsion, but they wanted to get official confirmation because of the public interest in Joe's slide.

paragraph 12a, AFR 200-2, and concerned the processing of the "incident."

Obviously disturbed by the effect the full moon was having on his life, Joe said:

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MAJ. L. W. KUPERSMITH

WHEN HE processed the lunar shots for that night Joe noticed the small object. Upon closer examination with a magnifying glass the object appeared to have a dome and was surrounded by a bluish-green glow.

Joe's friends said it looked like a "flying saucer."

It created quite a stir around the pizza place, with people coming in by the dozens to see Joe's saucer.

Then a newspaper story appeared asking people with pictures of unidentified flying objects to turn them over to the air force.

JOE CALLED the FBI about his moon shot with the "object" in it.

Two agents came to the little side street pizza place to look at the slides.

"They watched the slides," Perry said, "and when the one with the thing on it came on they got excited, jumped up and took that one and another one. They said they were sending them to Washington.

"They didn't say anything about bringing them back, and then I started getting letters from people telling me that I probably wouldn't get them returned."

JOE SAID HE became even more concerned over his pictures when an Unidentified Flying Object group wanted to buy his rights to the slides and take the government to court to get the saucer picture back.

He got an offer from a national magazine to buy the picture. Inquiries came from all sections of the country.

Joe wrote a letter to President Eisenhower after a few weeks, telling the President that people said he wouldn't get his slides returned.

He received his answer in the form of two FBI agents who made three trips to his restaurant two weeks ago and finally contacted him by telephone. They told him the slide was at Selfridge Air Force Base.

JOE ASKED whether he could get the slide. The FBI men said they didn't know; they were just relaying a message from J. Edgar Hoover's office.

Then they returned to Joe's place two days later and asked him whether he had the address right. Joe said he did.

He asked about the slide again. The agents said they were just relaying the message.

"They told me not to mention their names to anybody," Joe said.

JOE DECIDED to go to Selfridge and find out about the slide for himself.

At the gate he explained about the FBI and his slide to a corporal. When he got to the part about taking the picture the corporal said:

"You what?"

Joe tried to explain a second time a little more clearly.

The corporal said he would have to talk to a sergeant on the telephone. Then Joe talked to the sergeant. Then another call to a lieutenant.

Then to a pleasant woman at the Public Information Office.

THE SERGEANT sent Joe to the Public Information Office, where Joe talked in person to the girl with the "honey voice." He was put in touch with a private, or airman.

The airman showed Joe some slides. Joe said they weren't his. The airman said he was afraid he didn't know what to do for Joe. He asked Joe whether he wanted a cup of coffee.

Joe declined, thanked him and said he would like his slides.

THE WOMAN with the "honey" voice said she'd try the major.

Maj. Louis W. Kupersmith recognized Joe's name right off, invited him in and told his his slides were in Ohio at the UFO Center of the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

The major said that through examination of the

He said a letter had been mailed to Joe explaining.

When Joe got home he found the letter saying what the major said, but adding that it was in accordance with

"I don't care what it turns out to be. I just want to get the thing over with and get things back to normal.

"I do want my slides, though."

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO), 1800 HRS, 5 NOV 1959, SIGHTED BY GARY WALKER, AGE (UNK), 22013 NEGAUMEE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

COMMANDER
1ST FIGHTER WING
ATTN: OPERATIONS OFFICER
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
MICHIGAN

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO TELEPHONE CALL TO MAJOR LA GROE, WING OPERATIONS OFFICER, SELFRIDGE AFB, BY SPECIAL AGENT HOPKINS OF THIS DISTRICT OFFICE IN WHICH THE INFORMATION CITED BELOW WAS FURNISHED.

2. ON 5 NOV 1959 AT 1855 HOURS, MR. TOM WABER, RADIO STATION WXYZ, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONED A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS DISTRICT OFFICE TO ADVISE THAT GARY WALKER, 22013 NEGAUMEE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, HAD CALLED THE WXYZ RADIO STATION, STATING THAT HE HAD OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FLY ACROSS THE FACE OF THE MOON AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS, 5 NOV 1959. WALKER, IDENTIFIED AS A YOUNG CHILD, HAD CALLED A MRS. ANN WELLS, 22007 NEGAUMEE, WHO, IN TURN, VERIFIED SEEING THE OBJECT. BOTH INDIVIDUALS FURTHER ADVISED THAT THEY OBSERVED THE OBJECT GO ACROSS THE FACE OF THE MOON TWICE, PERIODICALLY SPURTING FLAMES.

3. THE ABOVE IS FORWARDED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AFR 200-2. NO FURTHER ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS DISTRICT OFFICE.

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15 OCT 1959

REPLY TO ATTN OF: 24-0-180

SUBJECT: ALLEGED FLYING SAUCER AT ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 0500 HOURS, 9 OCT 1959

TO: COMMANDER
1ST FIGHTER WING
ATTN: OPERATIONS OFFICER
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
MICHIGAN

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO TELEPHONE CALL TO MAJOR LA GROS, WING OPERATIONS OFFICER, SELFRIDGE AFB, BY SPECIAL AGENT HOPKINS OF THIS DISTRICT OFFICE IN WHICH THE INFORMATION CITED BELOW WAS FURNISHED.

2. ON 9 OCT 1959 AT 1700 HOURS, MR. TOM WABER, RADIO STATION WXYZ, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONED A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS DISTRICT OFFICE TO ADVISE THAT MRS. MARGARET WORTMAN, 28258 PARKWOOD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN, HAD CALLED THE WXYZ RADIO STATION AT 1415 HOURS, 9 OCT 1959, AND HAD REQUESTED VERIFICATION OF A STORY RELATED TO HER INDICATING THAT A "FLYING SAUCER" HAD LANDED AT THE ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL AT 0500 HOURS, 9 OCT 1959. MR. WABER WAS OF THE OPINION THAT MRS. WORTMAN APPEARED TO BE THE VICTIM OF A PRACTICAL JOKE. HOWEVER, MR. WABER REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THE AIR FORCE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH MATTER.

3. THE ABOVE IS FORWARDED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AFR 200-2. NO FURTHER ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS DISTRICT OFFICE.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO), SIGHTED (U)
0230 Z HOURS, 28 SEP 1959, 5764 BEACONSFIELD, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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1. CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, 5 OCT 1959, BETWEEN MRS. ANN COWAN, SECRETARY TO THE DIRECTOR OF WING OPERATIONS, AND SPECIAL AGENT JAMES W. BARTON, JR. OF THIS OFFICE, CONCERNING THE ABOVE SUBJECT, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) SHAPE - SPHERICAL

(2) SIZE - BASKETBALL

(3) COLOR - WHITE; HOWEVER, THE FURTHER IT TRAVELED FROM GEOTTES, BLUER IT BECAME.

(4) NUMBER OBSERVED - ONE

(5) FORMATION - N/A

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES - NONE

(7) TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST - NONE

(8) SOUND - NONE

(9) OTHER UNUSUAL FEATURES - NONE REMEMBERED

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

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(1) OBSERVER WALKED INTO THE YARD AND LOOKED SKYWARD.

(2) THE ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY 75 DEGREES, AZIMUTH, AND TRAVELLING PARALLEL WITH THE EARTH.

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(3) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance was approximately parallel with the earth until disappearing behind trees.

(4) Straight flight; no maneuvers of object.

(5) Manner of disappearance - Disappeared behind trees.

(6) Length of time in sight - Six (6) or seven (7) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground visual

(2) No optical aids used.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0230 Z Hours, 28 Sep 1959

(2) Light conditions - Dark and clear

e. Location of Observer - 5764 Beaconsfield, Detroit, Michigan.

f. Identification of all observers:

NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
JOHN R GEOTTES	17	5764 Beaconsfield, Detroit, 24, Michigan	Student Denby High School
TIM JR GEOTTES	20	" " " "	Student Detroit Inst. of Technology
JOHN JR DEMAS	26	Address Unknown	Bar Tender at Downtown Bar, 143 W. Lafayette Detroit, Michigan

g. Weather and winds:

(1) Visibility - Good

(2) Amount of cloud cover - None

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2. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AFR 200-2.

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SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

APR 6 1960

REPLY TO ATTN OF: 25D 24-0-189

SUBJECT: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO); JOSEPH PERRY, GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

TO: DIR OSI (USAF)(CI DIV)

1. ATTACHED IS A COPY OF THE DETROIT DIVISION, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION REPORT DATED 9 MAR 1960, SETTING FORTH CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SIGHTING OF A UFO BY ONE JOSEPH PERRY, GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN, ON 21 FEB 1960.

2. THE DETROIT DIVISION, FBI, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE ON 9 MAR 1960 AND ULTIMATELY FURNISHED THE TWO (2) 35 MM COLOR SLIDES OF THE UFO. THIS OFFICE, IN TURN ON 14 MAR 1960, TRANSMITTED THE TWO (2) COLOR SLIDES TO THE COMMANDER, SELFRIDGE AFB, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OSI BULLETIN NR 51, FOR HIS ACTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AFR 200-2.

3. ATTACHED ALSO ARE NEWS CLIPPINGS CONCERNING PERRY'S UFO SIGHTING WHICH APPEARED IN THE FLINT JOURNAL, DATELINED 27 MAR 1960, AND WHICH WERE FURNISHED THIS OFFICE BY THE DETROIT DIVISION, FBI, ON 31 MAR 1960.

4. THIS MATERIAL IS BEING FORWARDED SINCE PERRY HAS ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT DEMANDING THE RETURN OF HIS SLIDES. THE COMMANDER, SELFRIDGE AFB, HAS BEEN APPRISED.

5. THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TO PRECLUDE THE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION.

STANLEY W. SZAPIEL
COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE
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2. NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM FLINT JOURNAL

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Grand Blanc Man Makes Plea to Ike

Film of Flying Saucer Up in Air

By Allan R. Wilhelm

The scene is a very good address on Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D. C. The time is late last week.

A balding gentleman of distinguished bearing picks up a letter, blinks a few times in obvious astonishment and then pushes the button on his intercom.

"Get hold of White (Gen. Thomas D., Air Force chief of staff) and Hoover (J. Edgar, FBI chief) and tell them to give Joe Perry back his flying saucer," he orders.

If such a scene did not take place, it's not because a Grand Blanc Township pizza merchant didn't write the letter. He did.

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It all started because Perry, operator of Perry's Pizza Grill, 3079 Edward St., likes to take pictures of the moon through his big homemade telescope. Because he usually doesn't open until well after the sun is set, he does most of his celestal sight-seeing between pizzas.

A color shot he took about 1 A. M. on a cold night last month caused him no end of consternation. Looming against the full moon on the slide was a "saucer-like" object.

Perry showed the slide to a number of his patrons. When they saw it projected on a screen he has built into the wall of his grill, he said, most of them agreed that it looked like a flying saucer — or what most folks think a flying saucer looks like.

Then he read a newspaper

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Joe Perry and His Telescope (Journal Photo)

report that the Air Force was interested in all reports of unidentified flying objects (UFO's). So he gave it to the Flint FBI office which said the slide was sent to the Washington office of the Air Force, which deals with UFO's.

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When word got around that Perry had the slide, things began to happen. Since then he's had at least 50 letters and calls about it.

One of the letters concerned him greatly. It was from the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena. The committee had noticed an article about Perry's find in a Detroit paper.

"From past experience with photographic evidence," the letter continued, "we consider it unlikely that you will ever see your picture again." The letter said NICAP wanted the picture made public.

All Perry knew about the whereabouts of the picture was that it was in Air Force hands. The FBI would only say that it was in "proper hands," Perry said.

So last week Perry wrote to the President telling him he can't find out where his slide is and asking assurance that he will get it back.

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"The only way I'll be satisfied if I don't get it back is if the Government tells me it's top secret," said Perry later.

He has had offers for the slide from groups that indicate they would go into court to gain possession of it from the Government.

For those who want to buy it, Perry has a stock answer: "It's not for sale."

Perry, whose hobby is expensive, admits that some financial gain wouldn't be a bad idea. But he declared **"if I get it back, it's for everybody." He said he was informed a national magazine wants to use it.**

Perry is confident that his slide shows some sort of space vehicle.

He bristled with indignation when asked if anyone had suggested that the saucer might help sell pizza. His pizza, he declared, is its own best advertisement.

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Perry said it shouldn't take an expert long to tell if the slide is legitimate. The Government, he believes, wouldn't look kindly on a hoax and would make a fool of a person trying to fake such a picture.

Perry said he did not see the object through the scope. He was unaware of it until the slide was processed. He does his own processing.

The object, Perry said, looked as if photographed from the side. It is surrounded by blue-green radiation and has the appearance of being in motion.

"Everybody who has contacted me about it seems to know more about it than I do," he commented.

All these people sounded serious, he observed, even the fellow who called long-distance and said he had ridden in a flying saucer and wanted a picture of one to show his friends. Perry said he didn't take him seriously, however.

Asked what he'd advice for others who might come up with a picture of an unidentified flying object, he said:

"Yes, make a copy."

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3079 Edward Street
Grand Blanc, Michigan
March 21, 1960

Mr. D. Eisenhower, President U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Eisenhower:

As I can't find out any information from anyone, I am writing to you.

The first part of March I turned over to the F.B.I. a colored transparency of the moon and a unidentified flying object for identification. Up to this point I have not been able to locate where it is except that it is supposed to be in the proper hands.

Quoting from a letter of March 14, from Major Donald E. Keyhoe, "From past experience with photographic evidence, we consider it unlikely that you will ever see your picture again."

Also, from other U.F.O. societies I have received the same perdictions.

I would like the assurance that this colored transparency will be returned to me within a short time, as it would be financially profitable in the pursuit of my hobby, (cameras and equipment).

I am enclosing a clipping from The Detroit Times in regards to this item.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Joseph F. Perry

Joseph F. Perry

JFP/rp
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AF WANTS TO KNOW

Pizza Pie—Or Flying Saucer?

GRAND BLANC, March 9—The FBI today probed into a color photograph of the moon taken by Joe Perry, a talented pizza pie maker, who also takes potshots at the sky with a home-made telescope-camera.

The FBI is interested in the picture Joe snapped last month on the second night of the full moon.

The picture shows a saucer-like object silhouetted against the moon.

The "thing" radiates a trail in green and appears nearer to the earth than the moon," Joe said. "It is round, much smaller than the moon, and it has a dome."

JOE DID not think anything of the photograph until customers in his restaurant asked to see it again and again.

"It's a flying saucer," they said.

The FBI got wind of it last Friday and the next day two agents from the Flint office visited Joe's place here.

"I showed them several slides of photographs I took on that particular night," Joe said. "They did not seem to be interested until I showed this particular one and then both of them jumped up."

The agents took the photograph and several others.

JOE, A grandfather at 44, hopes he has been of some service to government experts in their search for answers in outer space.

"But I hope I get that picture back," he said.

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24 June 1959

Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), Sighted (U)
0305 Z hours, 18 June 1959, Madison Heights, Mich.

Commander
66lst Air craft Control & Warning Squadron
Attn: Intelligence Officer
Selfridge Air Force Base
Michigan

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1. Confirming telephone conversation between 1st Lt. Lewis Libengood, 66lst ACWRON and Special Agent James Barton of this office concerning the above subject; the following information is submitted:

a. Description of the object:

(1) Shape - round.

(2) Size compared to a known object held in the hand at arms length - penny.

(3) Color - pure white.

(4) Number observed - one (1).

(5) Formation - n/a.

(6) Discernible features - none.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - none.

(8) Sound - whistling (airplane without engine).

(9) Other unusual features - none.

b. Description of course of object:

(1) Observer heard object.

(2) Object was traveling directly downward.

(3) Object was traveling directly downward.

(4) Maneuvers of object - none.

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(5) Manner of disappearance - disappeared behind house roof.

(6) Length of time in sight - 10 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground - visual.

(2) No optical aids used.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0305 Z hours, 18 June 1959.

(2) Light conditions, night.

e. Location of observer: 30237 Longfellow, Madison Heights, Michigan.

f. Identification of observer: Mr. Frank D. Risko, age 26 years, 30237 Longfellow, Madison Heights, Michigan, electrical engineer.

g. Mr. Risko advised this office that in the event an interview was desired he could be contacted at LIncoln 9-1122, ext. 381; home phone: LIncoln 1-1056.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
25TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 25D INV 24-0-171

26 MAY 1959

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO), SIGHTED (U) 1225 HOURS, 25 APRIL 1959, WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

TO: COMMANDER
661ST AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND
WARNING SQUADRON
ATTN: INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

1. CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CAPTAIN VOGEL, ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER, 661ST ACWRON AND SPECIAL AGENT R. K. COULTER OF THIS OFFICE CONCERNING THE ABOVE SUBJECT, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) SHAPE - CIRCULAR.

(2) SIZE COMPARED TO A KNOWN OBJECT HELD IN THE HAND AT ARMS LENGTH - 6-8 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

(3) COLOR - BRIGHT RED.

(4) NUMBER OBSERVED - ONE (1).

(5) FORMATION - N/A.

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES - NONE.

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST - NONE.

(8) SOUND - NONE HEARD.

(9) OTHER UNUSUAL FEATURES - MOVING RAPIDLY.

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B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) OBSERVER JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK OUT WINDOW AND SAW OBJECT.

(2) OBJECT WAS IN LEVEL FLIGHT, HEIGHT UNKNOWN, TRAVELING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION WHEN FIRST OBSERVED.

(3) OBJECT CONTINUED IN LEVEL FLIGHT IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT.

(4) MANEUVERS OF OBJECT - NONE.

(5) MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE - DISAPPEARED FROM LINE OF SIGHT OVER TREES.

(6) LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT - MOMENTARY.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND - VISUAL.

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 1225 HOURS, 25 MAY 1959.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS - DAY, CLEAR.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 6626 E. DARTMOOR. W. BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

F. IDENTIFICATION OF OBSERVER: MRS. MARION NEWMAN, AGE 34, 6626 E. DARTMOOR, W. BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN, HOUSEWIFE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) VISIBILITY - UNLIMITED.

(2) CLOUD COVER - SCATTERED TO NONE.

2. MR. WILLIAM NEWMAN, OBSERVER'S HUSBAND, ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT IN THE EVENT AN INTERVIEW OF HIS WIFE WAS DESIRED, THAT HE BE CONTACTED AT WOODWARD 1-2084, EXT. 240, TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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17 April 1959

SUBJECT: (U) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Unidentified Flying Objects Sited at Detroit, Michigan, 14 April 1959

TO: Commander
1st Fighter Wing (Air Defense)
ATTN: Director of Operations
Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan

1. This letter is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. At 1225 hours, 15 April 1959, TIM WENDLER (DOB: 24 May 47), 15401 Spring Garden Street, Detroit, Michigan, Telephone: VEnice 9-4066, telephonically advised that on or about 2100 hours, 14 April 1959, he was on Seymore Street, Detroit, Michigan, with two (2) of his friends when they observed orange glows in the sky. WENDLER stated that the glows were about the size of a star and that they were traveling at the speed of a jet aircraft. Both glows were traveling in a northerly direction, and they were in sight for approximately two (2) minutes. Source advised one (1) glow appeared to be fifty (50) lengths behind the other. Source failed to observe any discernible features or details; and no sound was heard. Source stated that he had seen aircraft flying at night before, and these glows did not resemble anything he had seen before. Source advised that visibility was good, and he did not notice any clouds in the sky.

3. No further action is contemplated by this office in this matter.

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16 February 1959

X Lado, Robert DR.

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
Selfridge Air Force Base
Michigan

1. The attached memorandum dated 4 February 1959 was received from the Detroit Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. This memorandum is furnished for your information and such action as deemed necessary pursuant to AFR 200-2.

3. No further investigation in this matter is contemplated, and the matter is considered "CLOSED" in the files of this office.

For and in the absence of
B. E. PRATER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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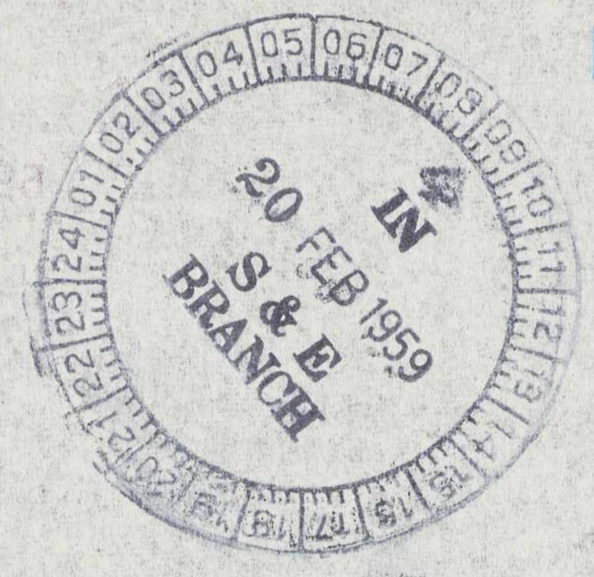
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MEMORANDUM TO SAC

February 4, 1959

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RE: FLYING SAUCER SIGHTING
Information Concerning

Dr. ROBERT LADO, 717 Burke Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Director of the English Language Institute and Professor of English, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, advised the writer this date of the following information:

Dr. LADO and his wife while driving west on the Ohio Turnpike, near Turnpike Exit # 7, at 6:00 PM on February 2, 1959, observed a so called "Flying Saucer". He described it as a yellow toward orange speck on the west horizon when they initially saw it. He said at that time they were amused in that it looked like what they had heard of "Flying Saucers", and they were only mildly interested in determining what it actually was.

The speck of light grew larger as it approached their location or as they drove toward it. The color was quite distinct but at this point it still gave no distinct shape. It headed due south leaving a decided yellow tail, very straight and bright. This tail, Dr. LADO said, might compare with the appearance of the lining of a cloud in the setting sun. On watching it however, he said, he and his wife determined to their satisfaction it was in fact the tail of the thing. It left a straight tail which dispersed in time like tail stream of a jet.

The thing then lost altitude, described a lowering arch which left a long tail, the tail becomming corrugated, as though fading away. It stopped then illeaving a tail streak and there developed a decided separation between the speck of thing and the stream or tail. In the general area of the yellow point, Dr. LADO said they then observed the silhouette of a conventional aircraft going in the opposite direction and decending closer to their position than was the thing. He said they saw no contact between the yellow thing and the aircraft.

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He said the "yellow thing" had an upper part much like the top of a sphere, while the lower part was rather lever or flat.

Dr. LADO stated that he and his wife observed the above circumstances for a full six minutes in a clear sky from about 6:00 to 6:06 PM 2/2/1959. He added that he and his wife had previously skoffed at this sort of thing. He volunteered that both he and his wife are reasonably intelligent persons and are both level headed. He added that both he and his wife are of the conviction they observed a "Flying Saucer".

It is recommended that the above be furnished to the appropriate military agency at Detroit.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)
2125 Hours, 16 August 1958
Birmingham, Michigan
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Selfridge Air Force Base
Michigan

1. At 1330 hours, 18 August 1958, Mr. ROBERT D. TURNER, 1213 E. Maple Street, Birmingham, Michigan, office telephone: KEnwood 2-4000, telephonically advised Special Agent H. K. McDEVITT of this office, that at approximately 2125 hours on 16 August 1958, he observed a lighted, moving object at approximately 45°, 20 minutes, North, moving in an East-Southeast direction. TURNER stated that the object was in his sight for three (3) or four (4) minutes before it faded over the horizon, and that the light would fade and then return to the brightness of a secondary star.

2. It is noted that the above time and date of sighting corresponds closely with the newspaper account of when "Sputnik #3" would pass over.

3. This report is submitted for your information and such action as deemed necessary pursuant to AFR 200-2.

4. With the submission of this report, this matter is considered closed in the files of this office.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)
0155 Hours, 15 August 1958
Southfield, Michigan
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Selfridge Air Force Base
Michigan

1. At 0200 hours, 15 August 1958, JEROME J. GIBBS, 25255 Orchard Grove Road, Southfield, Michigan, phone: ELgin 6-2334, telephonically contacted Duty Agent FRED A. ZIERK, this office, that at approximately 0155 hours, 15 August 1958, he (GIBBS) got out of bed to have a cigarette, looked out of his window and observed an Unidentified Flying Object.

GIBBS declared that he observed a bright, reddish colored ball with a tail moving in the direction of South to North in the sky. GIBBS asserted that the object was very high in the sky and moving at a fast rate of speed. The angle of the azimuth of the UFO, according to GIBBS, was approximately 45° from his residence. GIBBS averred that the UFO was approximately the size of a baseball held in the hand at arm's length. He declared that he observed the object for an approximate period of four (4) seconds, at which time it appeared to have fallen to the earth and disappeared. GIBBS advised that there were no after effects after the UFO disappeared. GIBBS related that his wife also witnessed this UFO, and he opined that it was not a "flying saucer."

GIBBS related that a Nike site is located in the proximity of his dwelling. He declared that he thought at first the UFO may have originated from this site. He also indicated that the UFO appeared to have fallen to the earth in the vicinity of US 24 (Telegraph Road) and 14 Mile Road.

2. This report is submitted for your information and such action as deemed necessary pursuant to AFR 200-2.

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3. With the submission of this report, this matter is considered closed in the files of this office.

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25th District OSI (IG) USAF
Selfridge AFB, Michigan

5 November 1958

File: 25D 24-0-161

SUBJECT: Sighting of UFO 1545 Hours 26 October 1958
/Detroit, Michigan

TO: Commander
Selfridge Air Force Base,
Michigan

1. Reference is made to telephonic report of sighting of unidentified flying object rendered by this district office 24 October 1958.

2. The following information was received telephonically by OSI Detachment 2501 at 1555 hours 24 October 1958:

1. Description of the Object
   a. Round
   b. Softball or Basketball
   c. Red
   d. One (1)
   e. N/A
   f. Slow, glowing flash
   g. None
   h. Jet aircraft sound but louder than usual
   i. None

2. Description of Course of Object
   a. The loud aircraft noise
   b. Not known
   c. Moving South toward Detroit River
   d. N/A
   e. Faded out
   f. 1/4 to 1/2 minute

3. Manner of Observation
   a. Ground visual
   b. None
   c. N/A

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4. Time and Date of Sighting
   a. 094524Z (1545 - 24 Oct 58)
   b. Day

5. In Eastern Detroit
   South of Warren Avenue
   East of Chalmers
   West of Outer Drive
   North of Mack Avenue

6. ELVIO ROSATI
   28 years of age
   4690 Balfour, Detroit
   Student, Wayne State University

7. Weather and Winds
   a. Poor visibility
   b. Overcast, rainy

8. N/A

9. N/A

3. Source advised when the red flash disappeared the sound disappeared.

4. At 1615 hours 26 October 1958 the source again contacted the writer and stated he had heard that an aircraft had crashed in East Detroit.

5. The above is furnished pursuant to the provisions of AFR 200-2 dated 5 February 1958 as amended.

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31 JUL 1958

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted Detroit, Michigan
2150 hours, 18 July 1958

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Synopsis. Three brothers, ages 14, 16, and 19 sighted an object not identifiable at 2150 hours, 18 July 1958. Subsequent interviews of two of the brothers established object was round and visible for a period of 25 minutes over the downtown section of Detroit, Michigan. (Source - interviewees C-4)

2. This report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

3. Details. At approximately 2150 hours, 18 July 1958, LAWRENCE MILLER, age 16, 945 Labrosse Street, Detroit, Michigan, telephonically advised this office that he and his two brothers observed a round shaped object, light grey in color, high in the sky over his home moving in a northerly direction. MILLER stated that object was not a falling star or any other type of known object.

4. FREDERICK MILLER, age 19, 945 Labrosse Street, Detroit, Michigan, a dish washer, advised that he, his two brothers, MICHAEL, age 14, and LAWRENCE, age 16, observed an object at high altitude for approximately 15-25 minutes about 2130 hours, 18 July 1958, over downtown Detroit, Michigan, from the back yard of their home. FREDERICK MILLER furnished the following description:

a. Description of the object:

(1) Shape: round.

(2) Size: about the size of a dime held at arm's length.

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(3) Color: silver with two lights on one side of it.

(4) No sound or other discernible features were observed.

b. Description of the course of the object:

(1) MICHAEL MILLER first saw it in the back yard of their home.

(2) Object was at a 45 degree of elevation over downtown Detroit when first observed. (MILLER's home is approximately one-half mile from downtown Detroit in a south west direction.)

(3) Object had just passed overhead swinging to a west, south west direction when it disappeared behind clouds.

(4) The object was visible for about 15-25 minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) The object was observed without help of any instrument or device (ground-visual).

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 2130 hours, Detroit local time, 18 July 1958.

(2) Night.

e. Weather:

(1) FREDERICK MILLER advised that there were some clouds, however, the stars were visible over Detroit. He was unable to estimate the altitude of the clouds.

5. LAWRENCE MILLER, age 16, student in junior year of high school, was interviewed and furnished the following information regarding the object:

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a. Description of the object:

(1) Round or disc-shaped.

(2) About the size of a dime held at arm's length.

(3) Dull gray in color with two light colored spots opposite each other on the sides of the object.

(4) No sound or other discernible features were observed.

b. Description of the course of the object:

(1) MICHAEL MILLER, age 14, first observed it in the back yard of the MILLER home.

(2) Object was at approximately 45 degree angle in the sky when first observed.

(3) Object had just passed overhead when it disappeared behind clouds.

(4) Object traveled from downtown area of Detroit passing directly overhead and swinging a little to the right (this would indicate object came from northeast direction swinging to west, south west).

(5) Object disappeared above clouds just as it passed overhead.

(6) Object was visible for a period of 15 to 25 minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual, no instruments or devices were used in the observation.

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e. Weather:

(1) LAWRENCE MILLER advised that there were some clouds, but he was unable to estimate their altitude. The stars were visible over downtown Detroit.

6. OSI Comment. FREDERICK MILLER, who was interviewed at his place of work, was in the U.S. Army for one year and was released from the Army because, according to him, "I wasn't smart enough." His story and description were vague and confusing. He continually referred to his younger brother, LAWRENCE, to authenticate anything he might say. LAWRENCE MILLER, seemingly intelligent and a good student according to his father and older sister, is intensely interested in military life and he stated he intended to make a career of the Armed Forces. When he was questioned as to the possibility that the object might have been a weather balloon, LAWRENCE stated that it couldn't have been a weather balloon because his physics book has a picture of a weather balloon and they have instruments hanging from them. When LAWRENCE was informed that weather balloons did not necessarily have instruments attached to them, he stated that the object may have been like a balloon but he wasn't sure.

7. Action. This office contemplates no further action in this matter. Distribution effected as indicated below.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
25TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOX 326 RPA, DETROIT 32, MICHIGAN

21 December 1956

SUBJECT: Weather Balloon Reported 18 December 1956 at Macomb County, Michigan as UFOB

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counterintelligence Division

1. On 18 December 1956, at 0305 hours, an unidentified object was reported to this District Office by Special Agent ED MASON, Detroit Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. WALTER REED, Shady Lane Trailer Park, Macomb County, Michigan, had reported an unidentified object in the sky in the vicinity of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Inquiry revealed the observer saw an unidentified object in the sky NE of her position at approximately 0230 hours on 18 December 1956. Object moved to ESE direction from observer and disappeared. Observer watched the object for approximately one (1) minute. Initial inquiry further revealed a weather balloon with a light attached was released approximately 3/4 of a mile NE of observer's position at the approximate time of observation.

2. In view of the coinciding time and distance factors in this instance, it is logical to assume that the UFOB reported was the weather balloon released. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

F. P. DUNNINGTON, JR.
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
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BOX 326 RPA, DETROIT 32, MICHIGAN

21 December 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Possibly Meteor
Observed 18 December 1956, 1930 hours,
Livonia, Michigan

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counterintelligence Division

1. On 19 December 1956, this District Office received a report of an unidentified flying object sighted at 1930 hours, 18 December 1956, in the sky East by Southeast of Detroit, Michigan. The object was observed moving in a Northeasterly direction on a horizontal inclined trajectory. The object was reported by a Mr. RICHARD STAFFORD FIFIELD, 30989 Dalkay, Livonia, Michigan, who described it as far away and about the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length. The object was reported circular with a small conical tail which appeared to be a part of it. The object was stated to be kelly-green and the tail yellowish-orange. It was observed for five or six seconds before it disappeared similarly as if the light had been turned off.

2. Captain EUGENE A. HARBRECHT, of OSI District Office Nr. 25 reported he was flying in the general vicinity of Detroit in the evening on 18 December 1956, and observed what he believed to be a larger than usual meteorite falling in the sky at approximately 150 degrees from north and at approximately 1930 hours. Visibility was unlimited at the time except for a light haze over the city of Detroit.

3. An article appearing in the Detroit Times on 19 December 1956 stated:

"The Detroit Times received two reports of an unusually brilliant "shooting star," or meteor, that streaked across the northeastern sky at about 7:30 p.m., but professional astronomers here and at the University of Michigan had no reports. The Washtenaw County Sheriff's office reported a whistling noise from the sky at about the same time,

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but Selfridge AFB officers said an unusual number of planes had been engaged in night maneuvers and that the sound probably was that of a jet."

4. It is believed probable that the unidentified flying object reported by Mr. FIFIELD is the same as that observed by Captain HARBRECHT, and that reported in the Detroit Times. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

F. P. DUNNINGTON, JR.
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4 August 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Counter Intelligence Division

1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. J. DOUGLAS CARROLL, JR., 1109 E. Vernon Drive, Flint 3, Michigan, reported that on a recent trip to Canada he saw certain unknown, unidentified objects in the sky on 26 July 1952 at 0024 hours, EST. (5th Army Regional Office, Detroit - C-6)

2. DETAILS: Mr. and Mrs. J. DOUGLAS CARROLL, JR., 1109 E. Vernon Drive, Flint 3, Michigan, were on a weekend trip to Canada when they observed two (2) strange objects in the sky at 0024 hours, EST, on 26 July 1952. Mr. CARROLL stated that he and his wife were in their automobile listening to the Democratic Convention when his wife said, "Look." Immediately he saw two (2) objects in the sky.

a. The CARROLLs' location at the time was on Canadian Route No. 21, approximately eight (8) miles north of Forest, Ontario, Canada. They were staying at a motel in Ipperwash Park. Mr. CARROLL pinpointed his approximate location as 43 Degrees, 10 Minutes North, 82 Degrees West.

b. The objects appeared to be two (2) balls of light that traveled in a pattern of one trailing the other. They were of a whitish color and were of the intensity of a bright star or planet. The light lasted for approximately one and one-half minutes and was a steady light. Both lights remained visible for the entire period of time. At the time of the sighting, they were at an 80 degree elevation and disappeared at

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a 60 degree elevation. Mr. CARROLL stated that when he took a nickel from his pocket and held it at arm's length the nickel covered the area between the two objects. The objects stayed in the same relative position to each other during the entire period of visibility.

c. The objects, when sighted, were west of the observers and were flying in a south or southeastern direction. Mr. CARROLL alleged they were headed for the Cleveland area instead of the Detroit area. Visibility was good as there were no clouds in the sky and there was no moon. There are no cities near, thus no reflected lights. While sitting in their automobile, the CARROLLs had been watching for falling stars. They had seen some during the evening, but said they had lasted for only a few seconds at a time and were of a different color than the unidentified objects.

d. Mr. CARROLL stated that the unknown objects held their altitude, which was very high. He did not know what the means of propulsion was as there was no apparent sound connected with the flight. The speed of the unknown objects was estimated to be considerably faster than the 300-400 miles per hour of the average commercial airliner.

3. COMMENTS: The observer appeared to be sincere in reporting these unknown objects to the Air Force. During the World War II period, he had served on an aircraft carrier so was familiar with flight patterns of conventional aircraft at night. Presently, he is the Resident Director of the Social Science Research Project, Institute of Human Adjustment, University of Michigan, with office at 200 East Kearsley Street, Flint, Michigan.

4. ACTION: Copies of this report are designated for Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (thru DO #5). In accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, no investigation will be conducted unless specific request is made by competent authority.

ALFRED J. FOX
Lt Col, USAF
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7 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type Aircraft
Near Oscoda, Michigan
20 July 1952
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TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATI

1. The following information was received from the 25th OSI District, Detroit, Michigan, in a Spot Intelligence Report, dated 4 August 1952:

"The following article appeared in the 24 July 1952 issue of "The Press", an Oscoda, Michigan weekly newspaper. The date of the reported sighting was 20 July 1952.

'AT LONG LAST

'FLYING SAUCERS COME TO OSCODA

'Oscoda--Flying saucers of one description or another have been reported in nearly every state of the union during the past few years and at last Oscoda has its own.

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'Mrs. Hillard Haywood and her mother, Mrs. L. Carkeek, both of Detroit, who are vacationing at the Saterlee Cottages on Lake Huron saw what they believed was a flying disc Sunday night about 10:30 p.m.

'The white light, when first noticed, was approaching from the south and traveling at a high rate of speed in a northerly direction. It appeared directly over the Tawas Point light when first seen and appeared to be flashing off and on as it moved through the sky.

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"I ran to the beach for a better view of the disc-like object and stopped to determine if it was making any noise," Mrs. Haywood said. "No sound whatsoever accompanied the flight," she added.

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"The white light around the object appeared to flash on and off for about every 100 feet, until it disappeared from view to the north," concluded Mrs. Haywood.

'Mrs. Haywood and her mother know that whatever they saw created the same impression and their descriptions of the flying disc were identical.

'The women sighting the object will make a complete report to the Air Force agency, which investigates "flying saucers" on a nation wide scale.'

"Confirmation has been made that there are parties in Detroit who are vacationing at or near Oscoda, Michigan, with the above-mentioned names. The home addresses are: Mrs. Hillard Haywood, 19951 Steel, Detroit, and Mrs. Leach Carkeek, 19969 Sorento, Detroit."

2. The foregoing is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate. No further investigative action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in this matter.

JAMES H. GUNN
Lt Colonel, USAF
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BOX 326 RPA, DETROIT 32, MICHIGAN

4 August 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Counter Intelligence Division

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Near town of Ada in Northwestern, Minn.	CG, 31st A. Div. Ft Snelling, Minn.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
6 May 1952	10 April 1952	F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
WILLIAM R. RILEY 2nd Lt. USAF	State Patrol Officer Cal Cummings

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

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SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

The inclosed report was forwarded to this Headquarters by the Chief Highway Patrol Officer for the State of Minnesota on the 29th of April 1952.

At 4:15 a.m. (local time) on the tenth of April 1952 Officer Cummings and Mr. Donald Turnball sighted a strange flying object near Ada, Minnesota. This object was similar to another one seen about four years ago by Officer Cummings.

SIGNIFICANCE: The observer claims to have seen the same object flying in the same path about four years ago, but said nothing about it because he had no other witness to verify his observation at that time.

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CG, 31st Air Div. Ft. Snelling, Minn.	3-52	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

Officer Cal Cummings and Mr. Donald Turnball of the Minnesota State Highway Patrol sighted a strange flying object on the 10th of April 1952. The details are reported below.

DESCRIPTION IN OBSERVER'S OWN WORDS: "It was no falling star as we know them as it went in a horizontal line, level, It started out as a circle, then became oval, then part of it left the main body, during all this time the object as a whole was on a level plane, all parts of the same brightness at all times and all went out of sight at about the same time. This THING was going south."

Officer Cummings's superior in a separate letter says, "I questioned Cal in particular regarding the size of the object and he said it looked to him to be as large as a fair sized house ....."

TIME: 10/1015Z

MANNER OF OBSERVATION: Visual

LOCATION OF OBSERVER DURING SIGHTING: Sitting in patrol car facing North at the junction of Highways 31 and 32, 11 miles east of Ada, Minnesota

LOCATION OF OBJECT: "....this THING was to our left a little or in other words a little West of where we were. I see this same THING or one like it about 4 years ago, it too was going South and was in about the same line of flight.....First time I see this THING I was going East on US #10 just a little West of Jct. 10-32 and in looking at the map you will see that it took the same route."

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: None other than the fact he is a Minnesota State Patrolman.

WEATHER: At 0430 skieswere practically clear, with only thin, wispy, high, cirrus clouds, Visibility at the surface was unrestricted. Winds aloft at the 10 and 20 thousand ft level were 310 degrees, 25 knots.

ANY OTHER ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING: None known

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: No known physical evidence.

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SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Object, Oregon

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DATE OF REPORT	**DATE OF INFORMATION**	**EVALUATION**
6 May 1952	23 April 1952	F-3
PREPARED BY (Officer)	**SOURCE**	
James C. Lucas, Major, USAFR 6 MP	McChord Flight Service Center, McChord AF Base, Washington.	

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
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Report contains information concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object northwest of Pendleton, Washington on 23 April 1952.

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Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	IR-205-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

1. The McChord Flight Service Center, McChord AF Base, Washington reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object by a civilian at Hinkle, Oregon (27 miles northwest of Pendleton and 3 miles south of Hermiston). The time of the sighting was 1630 PST, 23 April 1952.

2. No sketch or photograph of the object is available. Other details concerning the object sighted are:

a.	Number :	One
b.	Shape :	Ball
c.	Size :	Not known
d.	Color :	Silver flash followed by light green ball
e.	Speed :	Not known
f.	Maneuverbility:	Not known
g.	Heading :	Vertically toward the ground
h.	Altitude :	Not known
i.	Sound :	None
j.	Exhaust Trail:	Light brown with brownish trail remaining visible for some 20 seconds after the object struck the ground.

3. The weather at the time of the sighting was 25,000 feet overcast; 25 miles visibility; temperature 73°; dew point 45; wind: North Northeast 13 mph.

4. Witness:

Mr. Charles Munger
Ninth & Cherry Streets,
Walla Walla, Washington
Phone: 1654J
Railroad Engineer

5. Information submitted by witness at 1330 PST, 28 April 1952 to the INSAC (Interstate Air Communications-CAA agency) radio station Walla Walla, Washington and thereafter relayed to McChord Flight Service Center. No reason offered by witness for 5-day delay in reporting the sighting.

6. Witness claimed he saw phenomenon from the steps of the Hinkle Hotel, Hinkle, Oregon. First noticed a silver flash, followed by a light green ball descending vertically leaving in its wake a light brown trail. Object struck the ground beyond second or third ridge about 12 miles south of Hinkle. The brownish trail remained visible for 20 to 30 seconds. Other unidentified witnesses were alleged to have observed the brownish substance after the object struck the ground.

Preparing Officer's Comment:

If part or all of the object sighted struck the ground there is a possibility that the point of impact could be located and examination made of the immediate area to determine whether or not the object was a meteoric body.

Charles J Powley
for JAMES C. LUCAS
Major, USAFR

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SUBJECT: Information On Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON: Battle Creek, Michigan, USA

FROM (*Agency*): 30th Air Division (Defense)
Selfridge AFB, Michigan

DATE OF REPORT: 24 October 1951

DATE OF INFORMATION: 21 October 1951

EVALUATION: B-3

PREPARED BY (*Officer*): 1st Lt. Robert K. Hall, Director of Intelligence

SOURCE: Mr. N.S. Manteris, Civilian

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*): ADCL 200-1, 11 April 1951. Reports Control Symbol-Not required as provided in par 9b (1), AFR 174-1

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

Mr. N.S. Manteris, a civilian pilot of fourteen (14) years flying experience encountered a disk-like, highly polished flying object which closed head on with his Navion aircraft at an extremely high rate of speed, in the vicinity of Battle Creek, Michigan. Altitude of the object was estimated to be 3,000 feet and 1,000 feet below observer's aircraft.

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Visibility conditions were unlimited above 4,000 feet and a haze restricted visibility to an estimated eight (8) miles below 4,000 feet.

Check of available sources both civil and military indicate no known aircraft in the vicinity of the sighting at that time.

Mr. I.T. Woodhams, Austin Lake, Michigan, Airport Manager, has known observer for three years and considers him a very stable individual. Investigating officer concurs in this estimate of observer.

Robert K. Hall
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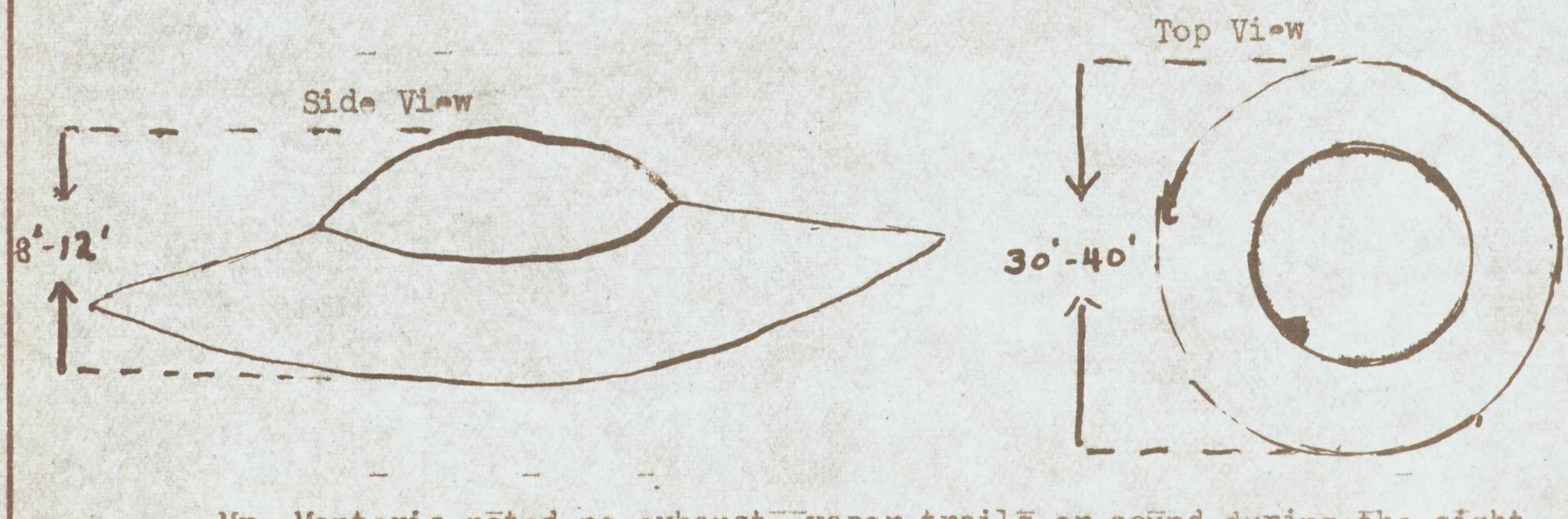
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At approximately 21/1750Z October 1951, Lt. Robert K. Hall, Director of Intelligence, 30th Air Division, was notified by Captain Kinder, Senior Controller at 30th Air Division ADCC, that an unusual flying object had been reported as having been observed by a Mr.N.S. Manteris, 10926 Worden Street, phone LA 7-4649, Detroit, Michigan, while flying near Battle Creek, Michigan. Subsequent investigation revealed the following information:

Mr. N.S. Manteris, proprietor of the restauraunt at Detroit City Airport, was piloting a Navion aircraft, number N-9I424, on a heading of approximately 265 degrees, approximately seventeen miles due east of Battle Creek, Michigan (40° 19' N, 84° 55' W) at 4,000 feet indicated altitude, and 135mph indicated air speed. At 21/1625Z October 1951, Mr. Manteris observed an object straight ahead of him apparently flying directly at him at "tremendous" speed ("much faster than a jet"). The object first attracted his attention because of the sun's reflection on an extremely highly polished surface. The sun at that time was coming from behind the observer. Weather in the vicinity was unlimited overhead but a haze below 4,000 feet restricted visibility to eight (8) miles. (weather sequence: 21/1625Z October 1951, BTL 250-012, 166/61/56↑↗14 999) Mr. Manteris' first thought as the object approached, was that a collision was inevitable, but before he could take any action to avoid the object, he realized that the object would pass below him, as it did at an estimated distance of 1,000 feet. While the object was far enough in front of him to get a nearly head on view, it appeared to have a dome shaped center on top with sloping sides, and an oval shaped underside. As it passed out of sight under the Navion's nose, it appeared to be perfectly round when seen from above. Mr. Manteris sketched the object as it appeared from slightly above head on, and also as it appeared from nearly plan view below him. Tracings of Mr. Manteris' sketches, with his dimensional estimates follow:



Mr. Manteris noted no exhaust, vapor trails or sound during the sighting which lasted possibly three (3) to five (5) seconds. The object was unpainted metal of some sort Mr. Manteris believes, and no holes vents, or means of propulsion were observed. As the object passed

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out of sight beneath him, Mr. Manteris immediately orbited once on course, but was unable to see the object again. A passenger, Mr. Ed Neil, was studying a map at the time of the sighting and observed nothing of the object. Mr. Manteris then unsuccessfully attempted contact with Battle Creek radio after which he proceeded to Austin Lake Airport where he landed at approximately 21/1700Z October 1951 and made report of the sighting to the State Police at Paw Paw, Michigan, who after discussing his experience with Mr. I.T. Woodhams, Airport Manager, reported the incident to CAA. CAA reported the incident to the 30th Air Division ADCC at 1750Z.

Factors:

1. Check with Mr. I.T. Woodhams, Airport Manager at Austin Lake indicated he has known Mr. Manteris for three years and considers him a "very stable individual", but stated that Mr. Manteris seemed quite upset as a result of his experience.

2. The interviewing officer's impression of Mr. Manteris concurs with that of Mr. Woodhams', although Mr. Manteris was visibly upset during the interview conducted at the Detroit City Airport, approximately four (4) hours after the occurance. He stated that in the past, he has often laughed at reports of strange flying objects, but is "through laughing since this experience". Mr. Manteris was reluctant to tell his story "for fear people will think I have lost my marbles", however, he did tell his story in an oriented manner with frequent qualifications as to the accuracy of his facts. He was particularly impressed with the extremely high polish of the silver colored object and stated that in his estimation, no aluminum surface could ever be polished to such a high brilliance. He was also definite in believing that there was a "break" or indentation in the upper surface, so positioned, as to form a dome shaped crown. When questioned further on this point, he felt certain that the indentation was truly a matter of the form of the object as opposed to a line of paint or illusionary sun reflection which might give the appearance of an indentation.

3. Mr. Manteris first soloed in 1937 and has been flying actively ever since. He flys small aircraft two or three times a week and had approximately 100 hours in the air in the past year. On numerous occasions, he has encountered jet aircraft in the air and has closed with them head on. He has observed weather balloons from the ground and from the air.

4. The only aircraft noted in the vicinity in question by Mr. Manteris were: "a large" commercial aircraft on an approximate heading of 300 degrees at an estimated 6,000 feet, about ten (10) minutes previous to the incident reported, and one C-47 observed after landing at Austin Lake. Mr. Manteris and Mr. Woodhams watched the C-47 with no markings discernable whatsoever pass over the field at less than 2,000 feet. No connection has been established between the two above described aircraft and the incident.

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5. Check of all 30th Air Division fighter squadrons indicate no known activity by Air Force aircraft in the vicinity of Battle Creek. At approximately 21/1800Z, October 1951, a flight of two F-51 aircraft from Selfridge AFB, flying patrol north of Selfridge AFB, were instructed to be on the alert for an unusual flying object but reported negative results. Check with CAA revealed no known civil aircraft activity applicable to the sighting. Check of Military Flight Service records indicate one possibility of questionable consideration. This aircraft, a B-47, registration number AF-0015, had a VFR flight plan from Wichita to Camp Atterbury, Indiana and return at 40,000 feet at approximately the time period in question. AF-0015 flight plan indicated take off at 21/1330Z, TAS of 425mph, and estimated three hours, fifteen (15) minutes enroute. Drastic deviation from flight plan would be possible but improbable.

6. 30th Division radar stations with radar coverage of the area, observed no target that can be correlated with reported object.

7. Request by Sergeant Grant, Lansing detachment of State Police, for press release concerning the incident, as relayed through Captain Bjorkback of 661st AC&W Squadron, was denied by the Director of Intelligence, 30th Air Division.

8. Complete verbal report of all above information was relayed via land line to Director of Intelligence, EADF at 22/0030Z, October 1951.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
25TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOX 326 RPA, DETROIT 32, MICHIGAN

24 July 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Balloons
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Counter Intelligence Division

1. REFERENCE: Reference is made to letter this District Office, subject and file as above, dated 18 July 1950.

2. SYNOPSIS: Balloons reported drifting over Ironwood, Michigan, with what appeared to be red flares attached, reported to be balloons with surplus army flares attached.

3. DETAILS: An Associated Press report datelined Ironwood, Michigan, July 21, states:

"Prodded by alarmed citizens, police solved the mystery of red lights that have floated over the city for 10 nights. A small boy had bought some flares at an Army surplus store, and was sending them up attached to balloons."

4. ACTION: Copies of this report are designated for recipients of the letter referenced in par. 1, above and, in addition, to the FBI, Detroit for their information and file.

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18 July 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Balloons
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Counter Intelligence Division

1. SYNOPSIS: FBI reports that balloons with what appeared to be red flares attached to the bottom sighted drifting over Ironwood, Michigan since 1 July 1950.

2. DETAILS: By letter dated 17 July 1950, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit Division, FBI, informed as follows:

"Information has been received from the Chief of Police at Ironwood, Michigan that commencing July 1, 1950, balloons have been observed in the vicinity of that city with what appeared to be red flares attached to the bottom of same. None have been recovered to date. They appeared to be drifting over the city at an altitude of approximately 2,000 feet and had been observed by reputable policemen as well as numerous citizens in the community.

"Inquiry in the area did not identify these balloons as weather balloons.

"Last balloon appeared at approximately 9:30 P.M., July 16, 1950."

3. ACTION: Copies of this report are designated for CG, Tenth Air Force, CG, Air Materiel Command (thru DO #5), CG, 56th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, Detroit Regional Office, AC of S, G-2, Fifth Army,

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type Aircraft
(Unexplained "Blip" on Radar
Scopes Caused by Metallic Targets)
X Selfridge AFB

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Counter Intelligence Division

1. SYNOPSIS: 1st Lt. FRANK K. MATTSON, AO-926313, Radar Operator and Controller, 661st AC & W Squadron, Selfridge Air Force Base, Mich., and 1st Lt. FRANCIS E. PARKER, AO-743469, same duties, same organization, did on 9 March 1950 observe in radar scopes unexplained "Blip". The "Blip" acted in a peculiar manner. It was assumed by MATTSON and PARKER that the unidentified "Blip" was of an unconventional type aircraft. Observations of "Blip" also recorded by enlisted personnel on duty during the concerned period of time.

2. DETAILS: Lt MATTSON was on duty with the 661st Radar Section on 9 March 1950 to control the positions of local jet aircraft. Observations and control were normal until approximately 1948 hours, at which time MATTSON observed a "Blip" on the "HRI" scope at approximately 40,000 feet, range and azimuth holding steady at 270°, 68 miles. "Blip" was brilliant for a few seconds, then faded, and came back at a different location approximately five (5) minutes later. At this time other radar operators observed the "Blip" and questioned it. The estimated speed, which was not well founded but assumed to be about 2500 miles per hour, is a combination of vertical speed and horizontal speed based on various vectors derived from the instruments. The "Blip" was observed when picked up the second time to move laterally to a bearing of 345° and was observed to be consistent for about three (3) minutes with the "PPI" scope. MATTSON, during this period of time, did not record the information in a log. However, his curiosity caused him to contact various jet fighters in the area to determine their altitude, bearing, and speed so it could be used as a double check on the radar scope. MATTSON then left the Radar Room and turned over controller work to

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Lt. PARKER. Lt. PARKER requested that the radar crews record in the log various readings and coordinate the various scopes. When PARKER's crew first observed the unidentified "Blip", he noticed a very definite rapid decrease in altitude on "HRI" scope to about 15,000 feet. The time was not noted. The "Blip" was again picked up at approximately 2046 hours on the "PPI" scope.

To facilitate understanding of bearings and zones, a 360° circle divided into four (4) equal quadrants, the first quadrant, i.e., 0 to 90° being Zone 1, 90° to 180° Zone 2, 180° to 270° Zone 3, and 270° to 360° Zone 4, the radar lines being cardinal directions -- north, east, south and west. Some of the entries from the "PPI" scope log reveal at 2046 hours, 156°, 45 miles, phantom aircraft; 2047 hours, 151°, 49 miles, phantom aircraft; 2048 hours, 146°, 56 miles; 2049 hours, 142°, 60 miles; 2050 hours, 139°, 67 miles; 2051 hours, 136°, 73 miles; 2052 hours, 133°, 79 miles. The readings of "HRI" scope log reveal at 2105 hours, 180°, 32 miles, 15,000 feet; 2106 hours, 175°, 38 miles, 24,000 feet; 2107 hours, 165°, 38 miles, 25,000 feet; 2108 hours, 160°, 39 miles, 27,000 feet; 2109 hours, 157°, 41 miles, 29,000 feet; 2110 hours, 153°, 48 miles, 35,000 feet; 2112 hours, 146°, 51 miles, 33,000 feet; 2113 hours, 140°, 56 miles, 35,000 feet; 2114 hours, 137°, 60 miles, 36,000 feet; 2115 hours, 129°, 70 miles, 38,000 feet. The "Blip" was then lost for a period of time, however, at various times throughout the evening, a one (1) to three (3) second observation was made of the unidentified "Blip".

Both PARKER and MATTSON are agreed that the approximate size of the unidentified "Blip" would be similar to a B-36 and that the "Blip" at times apparently was following the vectors of various jet fighters in Zones 2 and 4. PARKER and MATTSON also believe that the erratic vertical readings could be deliberate on the part of the "Blip", as it appeared to occur after the radar would hold steady on the "Blip" for a period of several seconds to a minute or so. MATTSON and PARKER further estimated speeds to be from 420 miles an hour horizontal to 2500 miles per hour vertical. They observed more activity to be in vertical readings. MATTSON and PARKER explained that the Radar Observation Room was in total darkness and the readings on the logs for the time element concerned would vary and it was caused by the man making recordings to have his watch position wrong. Both PARKER and MATTSON recalled 15,000 feet altitude variations within a matter of seconds on the part of the unidentified "Blip". The rapid changes in vertical readings would occur between 30,000 and 45,000 feet. At one time, Lt. PARKER followed the unidentified "Blip" to a distance of 120 miles

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from the station in Zone 4 and in as close as 38 miles in Zone 4. Lt. MATTSON advised that on Friday, 3 March 1950, at approximately 2305 hours, after he had left a stag party in the Officers' Club and having had only one beer during the course of the evening, he had observed a yellowish light in the sky. MATTSON, at this time, was driving his car from the Officers' Club in the direction of the PX on Selfridge Air Force Base. He slowed his car down and observed the light, the size and brilliancy undetermined but described to be the approximate color and size of an electric light within a house showing through a normal size window at a distance of about 50 to 75 feet on a dark night. The light was descending vertically over the Base and at first appeared to be a flare but, due to the color of the light, it was realized it could not have been a flare. MATTSON then stopped his car and observed the light further. The light then proceeded westward holding the same azimuth for approximately 40 to 50 miles. The light then went southward approximately the same distance, stopping and returning northward from the center line of sight the same distance giving the north-south movement approximately 80 to 100 miles. This occurred within four (4) minutes of time.

3. COMMENT: Persons furnishing this information appeared to be particularly sincere and interested.

4. ACTION: Two copies mailed through District Office No. 5 to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIA. Additional copies forwarded to:

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