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31 AUG 1956

SUBJECT: ~~(Unclassified)~~
REPORTING OF UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECT
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is copy of letter from the Commander, Utah General Depot, U. S. Army, Ogden, Utah, subject: Domestic Security, dated 25 June 1956.

2. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

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As stated

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HESTON C. COLE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE	
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	
ROBERT N. DENNIS	
CAPTAIN, USAF	

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UTAH GENERAL DEPOT U. S. ARMY
OGDEN, UTAH

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SUBJECT: Domestic Security

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff
Headquarters Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
ATTN: AMGBI-1-3

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1. Reference is made to classified letter AMGBI-1-3, 350.09, 11 May 1956, subject as above.

2. Installation Intelligence Officer received telephone call from Mrs. Hudgins (wife of Executive Officer, Utah General Depot) at 1340 hours, 24 June 1956, stating that she had seen a huge, round silver colored object flying through the air at a very fast speed making a 45 degree turn while revolving in a circular motion. Mrs. Hudgins stated in her opinion object remained in her view for a period of approximately two (2) minutes and then disappeared in the vicinity of the Promontory Mountains located to the Northwest of Utah General Depot.

3. Intelligence Officer notified the following immediately and was informed that no prior reports had been received.

- a. Resident Agent, 115th CIC Detachment, Region IV.
- b. Field Officer of the Day, Hill Air Force Base, Major Carl.
- c. Duty Officer, Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield Utah, CWO Dittamore.
- d. Officer of the Day, Captain Donahue, this depot.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

/s/ R. S. Chaplin
R. S. CHAPLIN
Major, MPC
Installation Intelligence Officer

Copy furnished:
CO CIC, 115th Det, Region Iv

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(U) Unidentified Flying Object - February 1961

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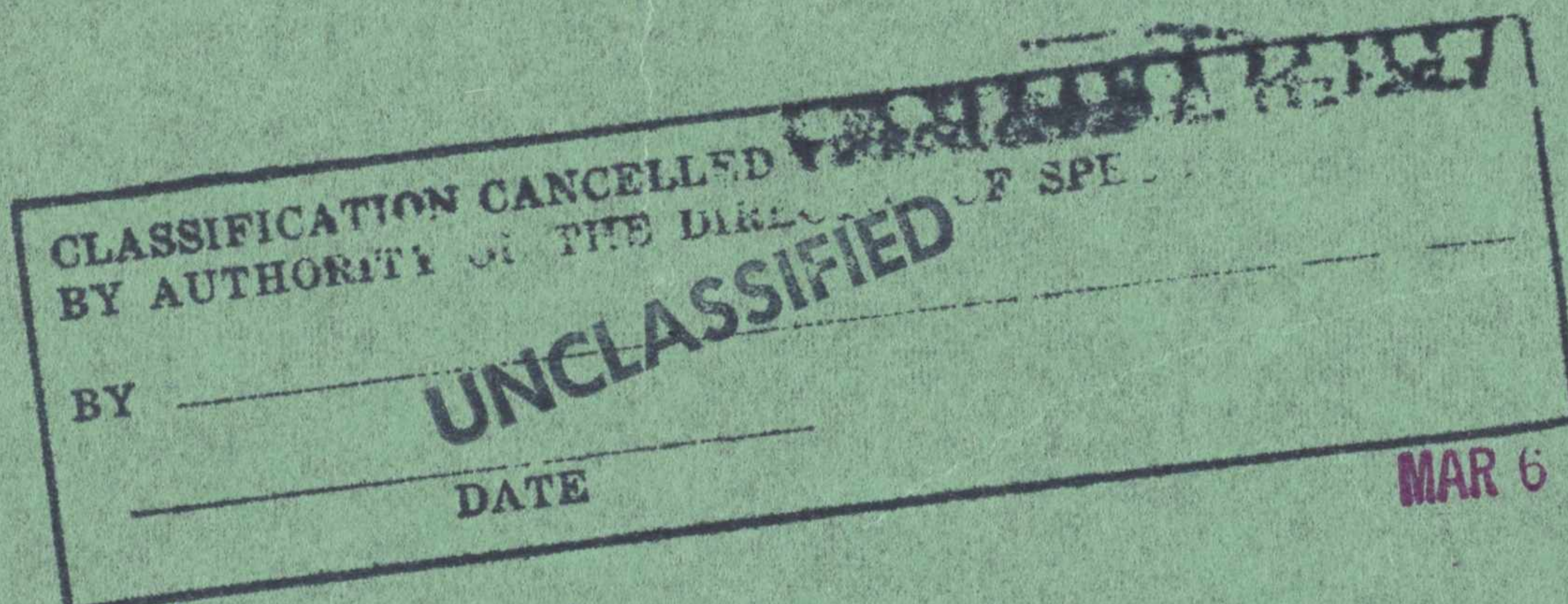
1. Attached is a copy of a letter and envelope referred to this Directorate by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which concerns the reported sightings of a "space ship" in the vicinity of Brush, Colorado, by Mrs. Perry Barland.
2. The attached correspondence should be furnished to the appropriate command authorities for whatever action they deem appropriate.
3. The FBI has advised that Mrs. Barland was not notified her letter was referred to the Department of the Air Force.

FOR THE DIRECTOR



ROBERT F. ELDRIDGE
Directorate of Special Investigations (IG)

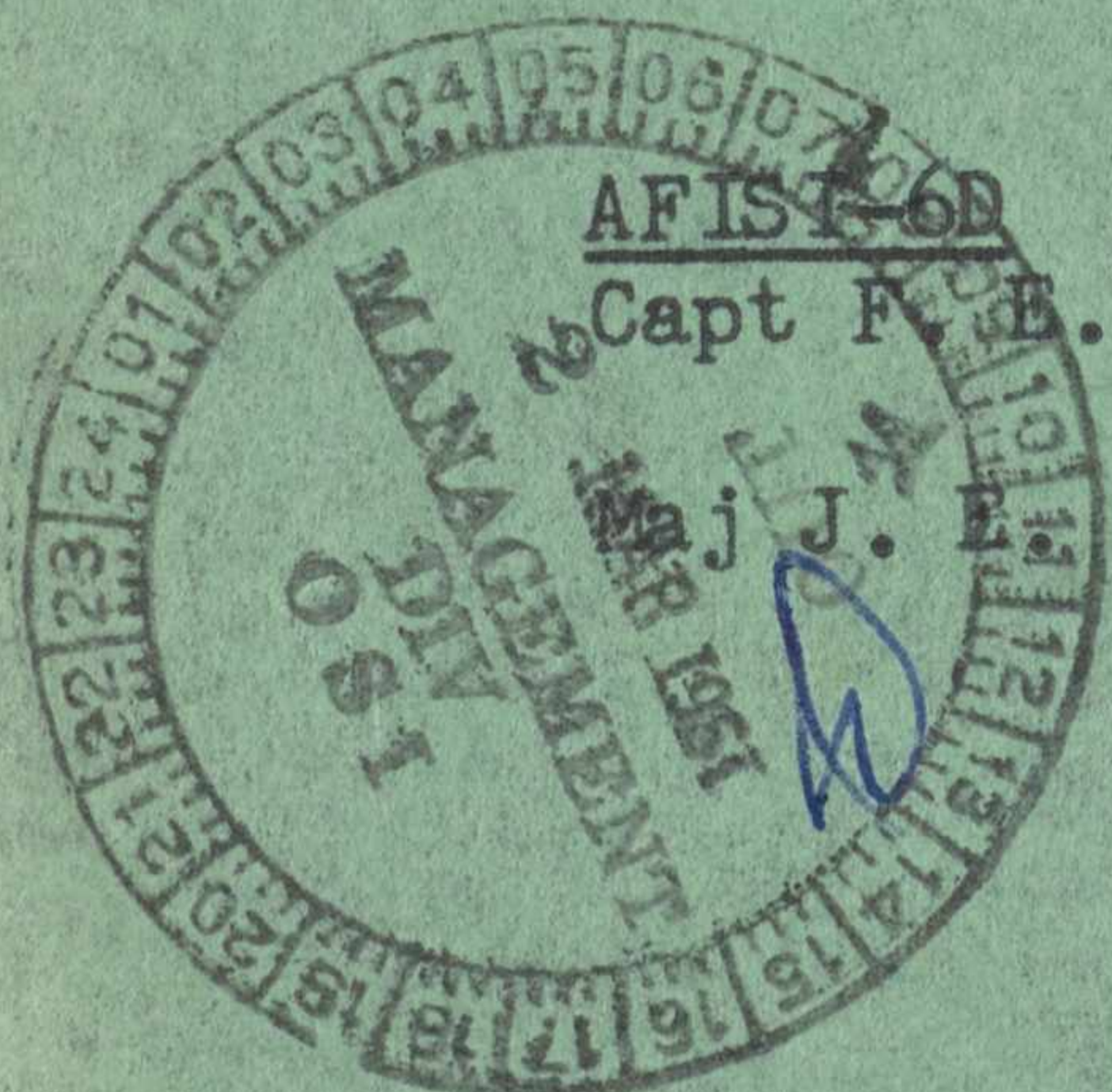
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Ltr to J. Edgar Hoover
dtd 10 Feb 61 w/envelope



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All sightings of this nature are to be automatically referred to the appropriate base commander - then if he can't explain the situation, he might ask OSI to interview the complainant.

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Capt F. E. Drohan - *Shelton 28-2-61*

Maj J. E. McRoberts *McRoberts 28/2/61*

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Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (CG) and the experimental group (EG). The CG was exposed to a control environment (CE) and the EG was exposed to an experimental environment (EE). The EG was further divided into two subgroups: the EG1 and the EG2. The EG1 was exposed to a control environment (CE) and the EG2 was exposed to an experimental environment (EE). The EG1 and the EG2 were further divided into two subgroups: the EG1.1 and the EG1.2, and the EG2.1 and the EG2.2, respectively. The EG1.1 and the EG1.2 were exposed to a control environment (CE) and the EG2.1 and the EG2.2 were exposed to an experimental environment (EE). The EG1.1 and the EG1.2 were further divided into two subgroups: the EG1.1.1 and the EG1.1.2, and the EG1.2.1 and the EG1.2.2, respectively. The EG2.1 and the EG2.2 were further divided into two subgroups: the EG2.1.1 and the EG2.1.2, and the EG2.2.1 and the EG2.2.2, respectively. The EG1.1.1 and the EG1.1.2 were exposed to a control environment (CE) and the EG1.2.1 and the EG1.2.2 were exposed to an experimental environment (EE). The EG2.1.1 and the EG2.1.2 were exposed to a control environment (CE) and the EG2.2.1 and the EG2.2.2 were exposed to an experimental environment (EE).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date February 15, 1961

The attached is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has ^{not} been notified of this reference.

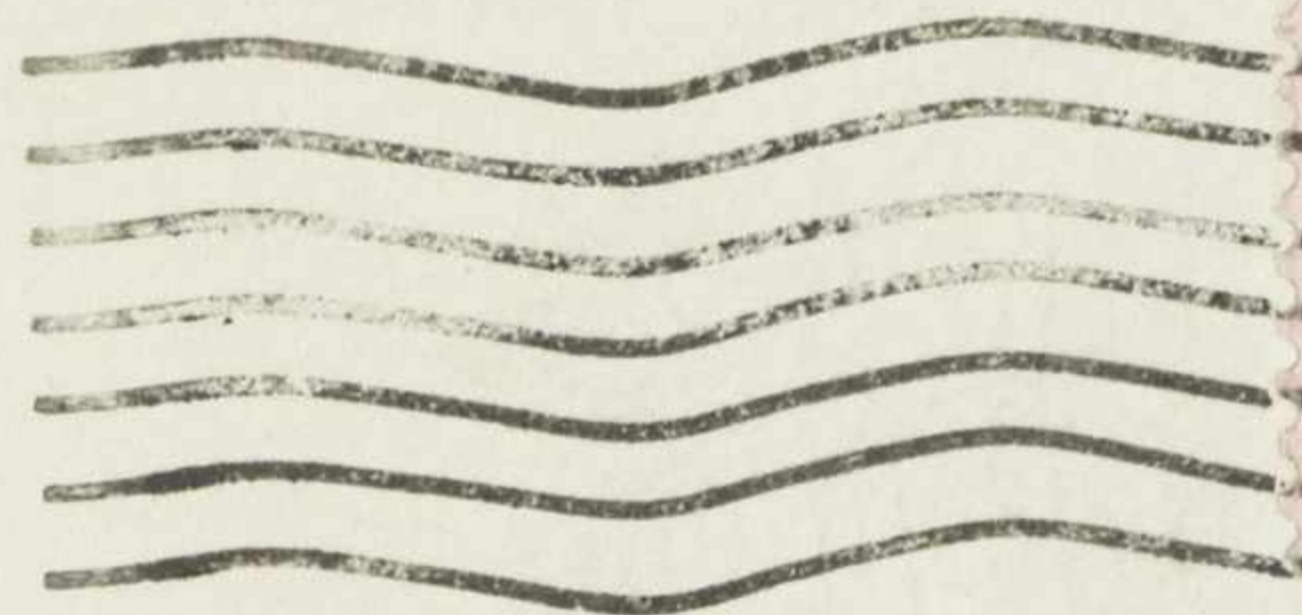
Remarks:

Director of Special Investigations
Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E
Fourth and Adams Drive, Southwest
Washington, D. C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

218. Curtis St.
Brush. Colo.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington.
D.C.

Friday 6/1

Mr. Hoover.

This may seem a little odd - as to my part - but I knew of no place else where to write.

Since January. There has been a "Space Ship" seen around these parts - Brush. Weldona. Snyder. Akron - We have heard nothing of this on T.V. the radio - or heard of it in the papers. It is never seen in the daytime. It appears about 8:30 at night - It will skip around in the air - or maybe land. It is pretty large. Whenever it passes over a car the radio or the car stops, and you can't get it started again. It is an orangeish color and has a glowing appearance. It is round. There is a white light - like a ~~tail~~ ~~tail~~ tail light. It gives the appearance as if it is spinning, as the light travels around the ball.

At approximately 10:30, it just disappears as fast as it appears.

As far as we know - No person has approached it.

Could this be some device that belongs to the Air Force or Navy and is secret. We have often thought it could be a device created by Russia - or France or a foreign country. It appears to have no orbit.

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It just comes and goes as it so pleases.
If approached - would it be harmful
to a person? If it was radio active -
wouldn't it do something more to automobiles
than just kill the engine temporary? We
thought it could be radio active by its glowing
appearance.

We would like your opinion on
what you think it is? If it was an
experiment by the Air Force or Navy - wouldn't
they at least put it in the papers and on radio
and television if it were lost and dangerous?

Thank You.
Mrs. Perry ~~Barland~~ⁱⁿ
218 Curtis Street
Brush - Colorado.

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18 FEB 1961
Unidentified Flying Objects ^{witnessed} near the confluence of the Salmon
and Pahsimeroi Rivers By
EDGAR W. Smith, Salmon Idaho
^{24-185-18 (old report)}
Comdr, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

1. The following information, received by this District Office on 9 February 1961, is furnished for your information in accordance with AFR 200-2.

2. By letter (date unknown), Mr. EDGAR W. SMITH, P.O. Box 1185, Salmon, Idaho, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Butte, Montana, that on 13 January 1961, while driving north on the Salmon River near the confluence of that river and the Pahsimeroi River, he witnessed what he thought to be "flying saucers." He stated he could not call them "saucer shaped," but seemed, at a distance, to be shaped like a squatty rutabaga or turnip. They caught his attention by the way they shot to one side or the other and returned to formation in straight lines.

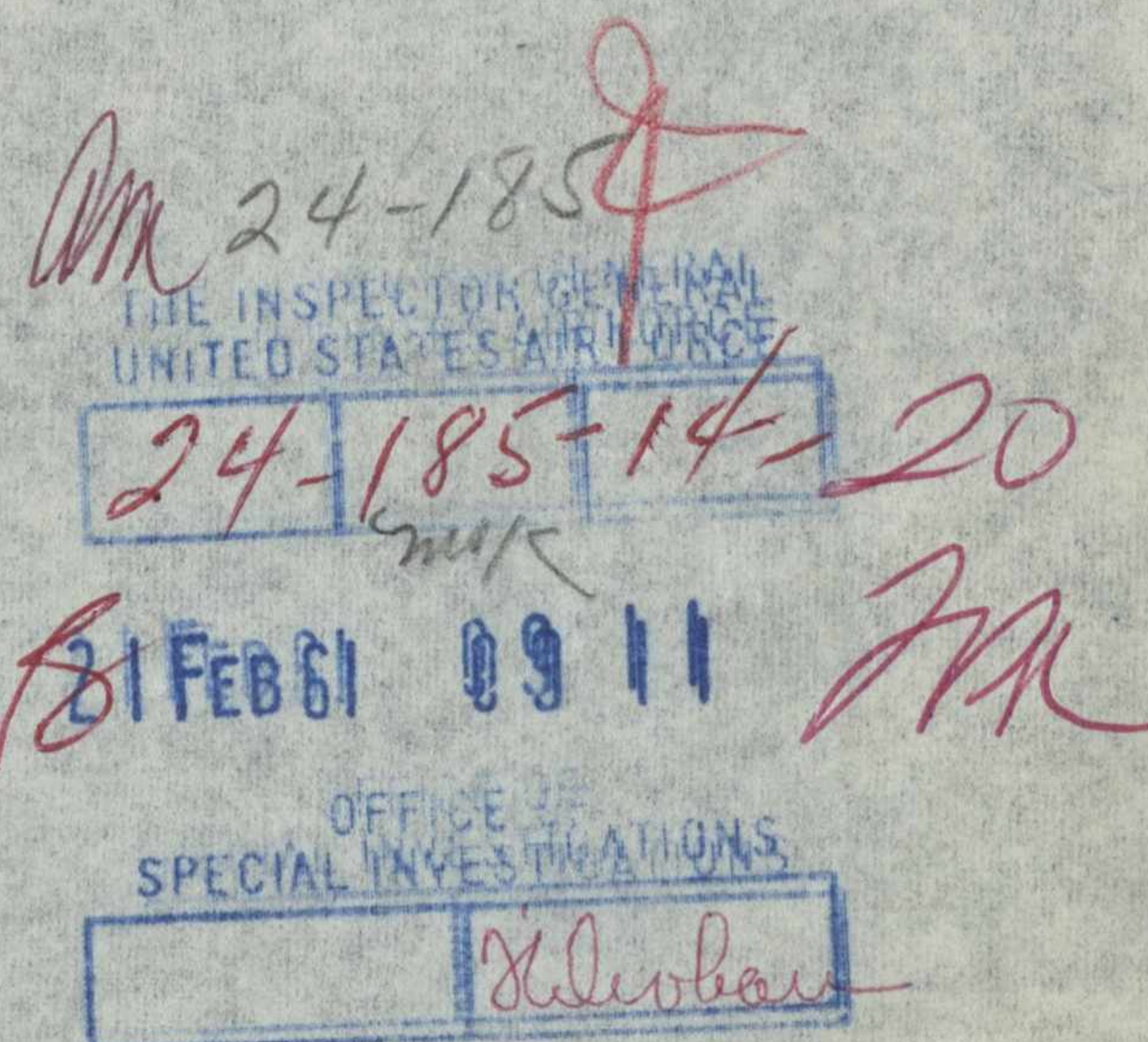
3. Mr. SMITH, who identified himself to the FBI as a former Idaho State police officer, said he has seen bright objects in this same area twice before and paid no attention to them other than to feel they were in a queer pattern.

for R.R. Whitman
D. L. ROBERTS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

➔ cc: HQ USAF (AFISI-6)

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Yonah Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

1. The following information, received by this District Office on 9 February 1961, is furnished for your information in accordance with AFM 200-2.

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D. L. ROBERTS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

cc: HQ USAF (AFM-2)

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Unidentified Flying Object - Sighted 14 December 1960, ~~CHEYENNE, WYOMING~~

TO: 706th Strategic Missile Wing (BDCL)
Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming

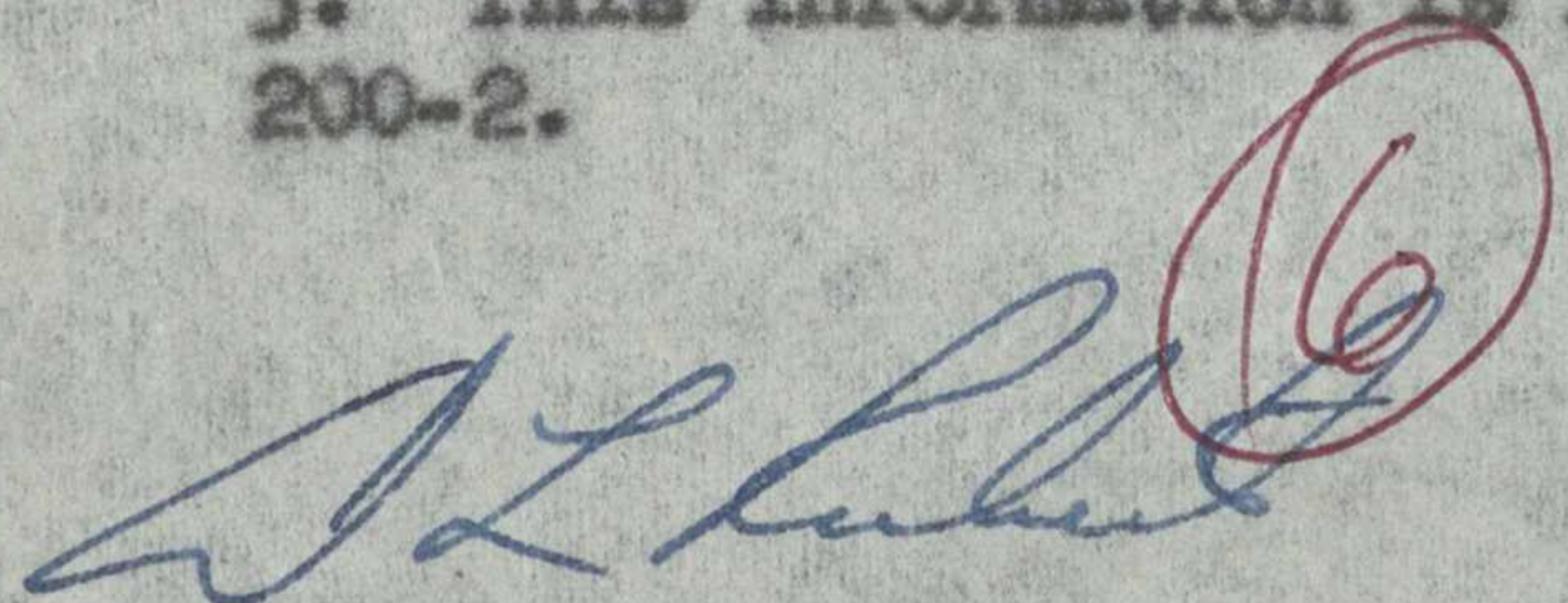
1. This letter confirms telephonic report of information pertaining to subject as above made by Special Agent CHARLES H. DANIEL, this District Office, at 1710 hours, 14 December 1960, to Major THOMAS B. CRISP, Base Deputy Commander for Security & Law Enforcement, and to Lt Colonel CHARLES O. WELIS, Director of Intelligence, 706th Strategic Missile Wing.

2. At 1700 hours, 14 December 1960, Special Agent HARRY V. JONES, FBI Resident Agent, Cheyenne, Wyoming, telephonically informed Special Agent DANIEL as follows:

A Mr L. C. ~~VANCE~~, Box 624, Route #2, Cheyenne, Wyoming, telephone 632-8039, employee of Morrison-Knudsen Construction Company, was driving to work on Happy Jack Road, west of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and had observed an object at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet, at approximately 0645 hours, 14 December 1960. VANCE stopped his car and observed an object at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet going from east to west. This object appeared to have orange-colored flames approximately 200 feet in length extending to the rear. VANCE stated that the object appeared to be on a path horizontal to the earth, and estimated the object was traveling extremely fast and that it appeared to crash into the mountains west of Warren AFB. VANCE stated that when the object appeared to crash into the mountains, there appeared to be a flash of light which died down and then after a second or two came back up and died down again.

Special Agent JONES advised that VANCE called him from his home in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and that VANCE did not appear to be inebriated nor did he appear to be a "crack-pot" of any type. JONES also stated that VANCE called him after he got off work as a telephone was not available in the area in which he was working.

3. This information is forwarded with reference to Air Force Regulation 200-2.

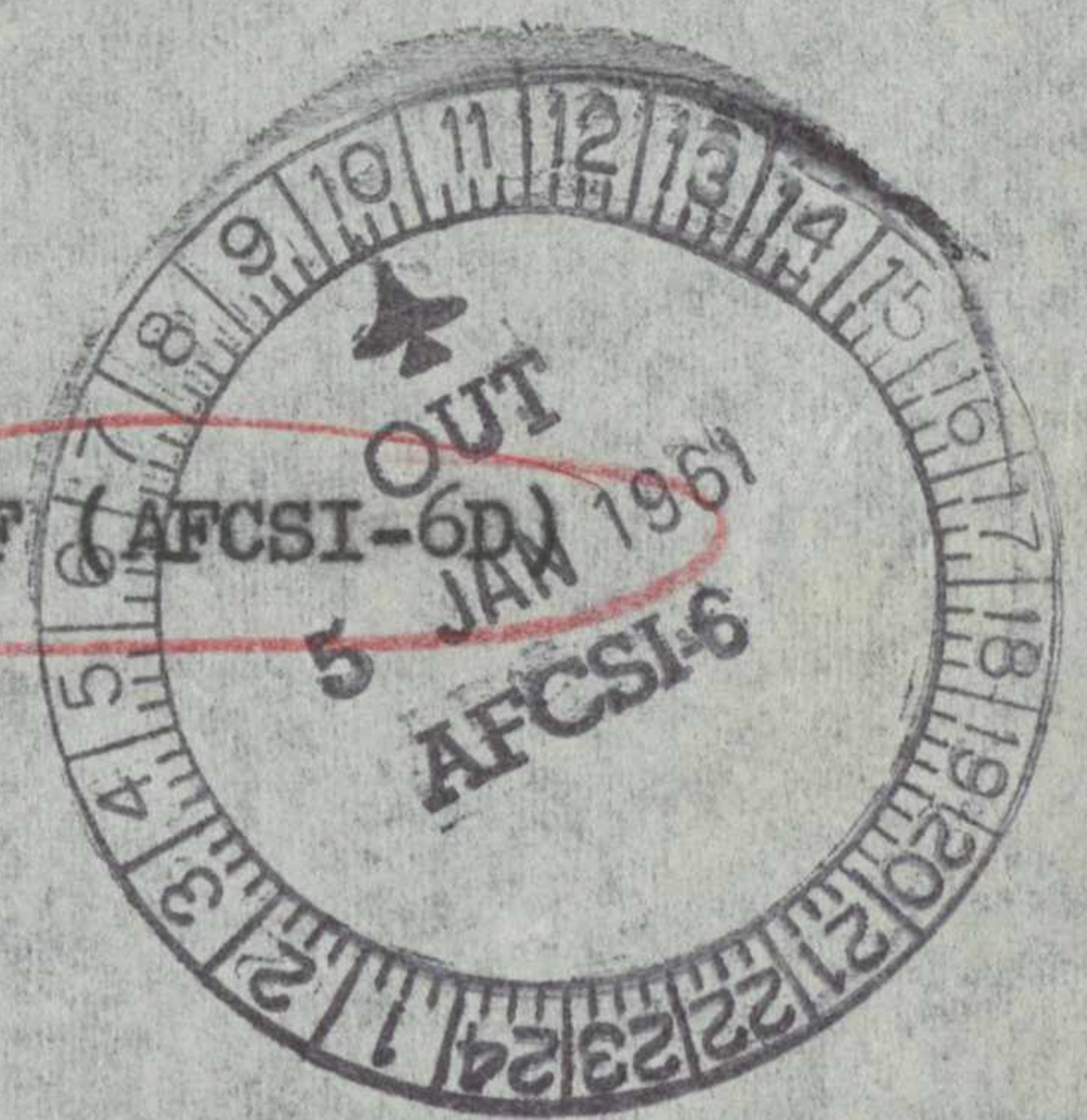

D. L. ROBERTS
Lt Colonel, USAF
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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CI
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado

MAY 14 1959

REPLY TO 24-433
ATTN OF: CI

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object, 9 October 1958,
~~Cheyenne, Wyoming~~

TO: ATIC (Wright-Patterson AFB)
~~Dir OSI~~
~~DO # 5~~

INFO TO: BC (F E Warren AFB)
DO # 5

1. This investigation, concerning an Unidentified Flying Object, was conducted by the Office of Special Investigations at the request of the Commander, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on 5 May 1959, in the absence of an Intelligence Officer or a 1006th Air Intelligence Service Squadron facility. Basis for this investigation was a teletype message from Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, a copy of which is attached.

2. On 7 May 1959, Special Agent CHARLES A. SUTTON interviewed DAN B. GREER, M. D., 207 Bell Building, 1603 Central Avenue, and HENRY Y. TSUMAGARI, M. D., 3133 White Cloud Road, both of Cheyenne, Wyoming, at Dr. GREER's office. Drs. GREER and TSUMAGARI explained that during a moose hunting trip some thirty (30) miles north of Pinedale, Wyoming, on 9 October 1958, at approximately 2000 hours MST (0300 hours, 10 October 1958, Zulu Time), they and CHARLES H. MOORE, M. D., 3810 Reed Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming, had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO). Some two or three weeks later they wrote a letter reporting this sighting to the Unidentified Flying Objects Department, Washington 25, D.C. In latter December 1958 they received a questionnaire, in which applicable questions specified in paragraph 15, Air Force Regulation 200-5, dated 5 February 1958, were incorporated. They returned the questionnaire and their answers to all questions to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and subsequently received a letter of acknowledgement.

Drs. GREER and TSUMAGARI answered questions specified in referenced TWX as follows:

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QUESTION: What was the general behavior of the stars?

ANSWER: Stars normally seen in the sky from the observers' location appeared as usual.

The unidentified flying object appeared as a brilliantly luminous body, from three to five times larger than any celestial bodies (other than the sun and the moon) normally seen in the sky, and was a light green in color--approximately equal to a reading of 500 on the spectrograph--with possibly a slight bluish tinge. It appeared sometimes as a circle, at other times as an ellipsoid and at still other times as a greatly elongated ellipsoid. Its intensity of brightness varied; and it appeared to have a jerky, tumbling-like motion. Its path was erratic and changes of course were not effected by smoothly rounded turns, but appeared rather as sharp angles. Between angular corners at which changes of course occurred, the object followed straight course lines, sometimes in a horizontal direction, sometimes vertical and sometimes diagonal; it both climbed and descended on separate legs of its course, and moved in an easterly direction at times, at other times in a westerly direction. It never retraced any leg of its course; nor did it follow any specific geometric pattern. As previously explained in their answer to the ATIC questionnaire, this appeared as a single body, although often, immediately after it had changed course, a smaller light appeared behind the main body. This they believe to have been an "after-light" effect.

QUESTION: Did they appear as steady points of light, or did they appear to twinkle?

ANSWER: The light did not twinkle although, as previously pointed out, it varied in intensity--sometimes brighter, then dimmer, then brighter again.

QUESTION: Was the estimate of size as seen through binoculars or with unaided eye?

ANSWER: Both. Celestial bodies normally seen were the basis of comparison.

QUESTION: Was the entire movement of object within field of binoculars, or were binoculars moved in order to keep object in sight?

ANSWER: The entire movement of the object was within the field of the binoculars, although it occurred over almost the entire field of vision of the binoculars as they were held in a fixed position of aim. Binoculars used have a power of 8 x 30; and the angle subtended is 8.5 degrees.

QUESTION: Was the elevation given for object above surrounding terrain, or above observers' horizontal plane?

ANSWER: Above the observers' horizontal plane.

QUESTION: If possible, request observers draw a map of area indicating their precise location and nature of surrounding area, such as mountain ranges, trees, etc.

ANSWER: Neither felt that he could draw an exact map of the area. They were able to establish their sighting-time position, accurate to within one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile, on a United States Geological Survey topographical contour map of the Fremont Peak, Wyoming area, a copy of which is attached. As indicated by the "X" on this map, their position was approximately 43 degrees and 19 minutes North latitude, 109 degrees and 55 minutes West longitude. They stood at the north edge of a meadow approximately one-quarter mile in diameter and observed the object over a "saddle", or lower ground elevation, occurring between Little Sheep Mountain and the mountain peak next adjacent to the southeast of Little Sheep Mountain. No trees or other visual obstructions intervened between observers and object. The nearest trees in line of sight were on the far side of the meadow, which extended across the "saddle" center. Only the top of these trees were visible, and they were well below the line of sight from observers to object.

QUESTION: What type of weather prevailed in the area prior to time of sighting, such as rain, storm, etc.?

ANSWER: Sky was completely clear, with no clouds; visibility unlimited; no wind; temperature, approximately 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

QUESTION: In addition to the above information, request any other pertinent items the observers may recall that might aid in determining the nature of their sighting.

ANSWER: Both said the object disappeared some seventeen (17) to twenty (20) minutes after their initial sighting--that its brilliance faded gradually as it disappeared. Dr. GREER explained that he had previously observed SPUTNIK with the naked eye, and that SPUTNIK appeared to be of approximately the same size as, and similar in its tumbling effect to, the object sighted by him and his companions. He pointed out the following dissimilarities:

- a. Referenced UFO was greenish in color, whereas SPUTNIK appeared to be yellowish orange;
- b. Referenced UFO's light was of brighter intensity than that of SPUTNIK; and
- c. Referenced UFO described an extremely irregular, erratic pattern of flight, whereas SPUTNIK traveled a smoothly arcing course.

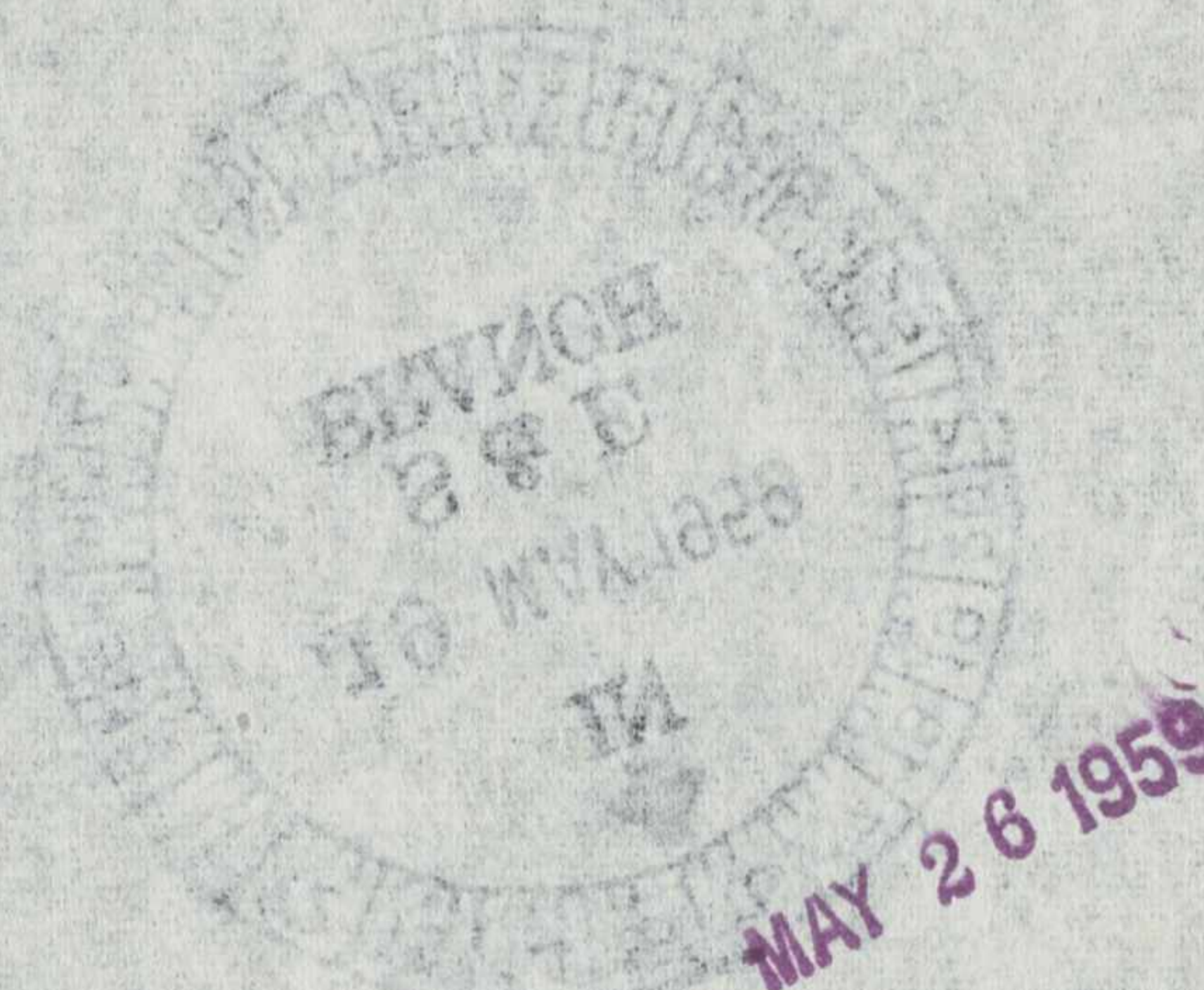
They said the moon was not in evidence. They did not believe any of the vision was due to effects of heat waves or aurora borealis.

Both Dr. GREER and Dr. TSUMAGARI added that neither of them nor Dr. MOORE is color-blind, and that none of them had imbibed in alcoholic beverages during the entire day of 9 October 1958.

3. On 8 May 1959, Dr. MOORE telephonically confirmed Dr. GREER's and Dr. TSUMAGARI's answers to referenced questions.

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 HESTON C. COLE
 Lt Colonel, USAF
 District Commander

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 2. Map of Fremont Peak,
 Wyoming, area



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TO FRANCIS E WARREN AFB WYOMING

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REQUEST YOUR ORG CONTACT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING AN UFO
SIGHTING BY THEM ON 9 OCT 1958 CLN DR CHARLES MOORE CMM 3310 REED
AVE CMM CHEYENNE CMM DR Y. HENRY TSUMAGARI CMM 3133 WHITE CLOUD RD
CMM CHEYENNE CMM DR DAN B. GREER CMM 207 BELL BLDG CMM CHEYENNE.
SPECIFICALLY CMM THE FOLLOWING INFO IS DESIRED CLN WHAT WAS THE GENERAL
BEHAVIOR OF THE STARS QUES DID THEY APPEAR AS STEADY POINTS OF LIGHT
CMM OR DID THEY APPEAR TO TWINKEL CMM ETC QUES WAS THE ESTIMATE OF
SIZE AS SEEN THROUGH BINOCULARS OR WITH UN AIDED EYE QUES WAS THE
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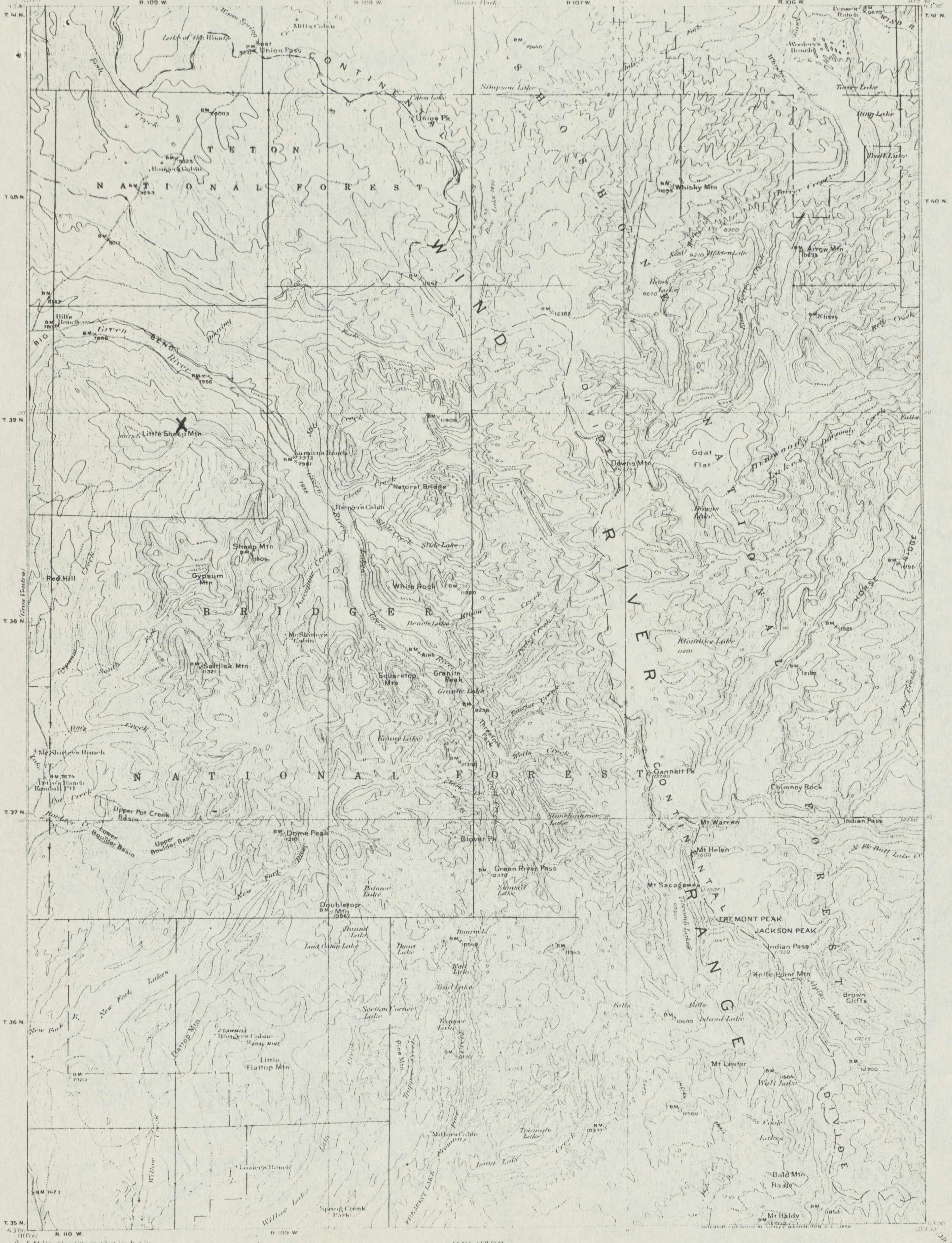
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FOR OBJECT ABOVE SURROUNDING TERRAIN CMM OR ABOVE OVSERVERS HORIZONTAL
PLANE GUES IF POSSIBLE CMM REQUEST OVSERVERS DRAW A MAP OF AREA
INDICATING THEIR PRECISE LOCATION AND NATURE OF SURROUNDING AREA CMM
SUCH AS MOUTIAN RANGES CMM TREES CMM ETC. WHAT TYPE OF WEATHER PRE-
VAILED IN THE AREA PRIOR TO TIME OF SIGHTING CMM SUCH AS RAIN CMM
STORM CMM ETC GUES IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE INFO CMM REQUEST ANY OTHER
PERTINENT ITEMS THE OVSERVERS MAY RECALL THAT MIGHT AID IN DETERMIN-
ING THE NATURE OF THEIR SIGHTING.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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TETON PEAK QUADANGLE



Topography by T.M. Barron, S.C. Stahl, and W.N. Rose
Triangulation by T.M. Barron
Surveyed in 1906

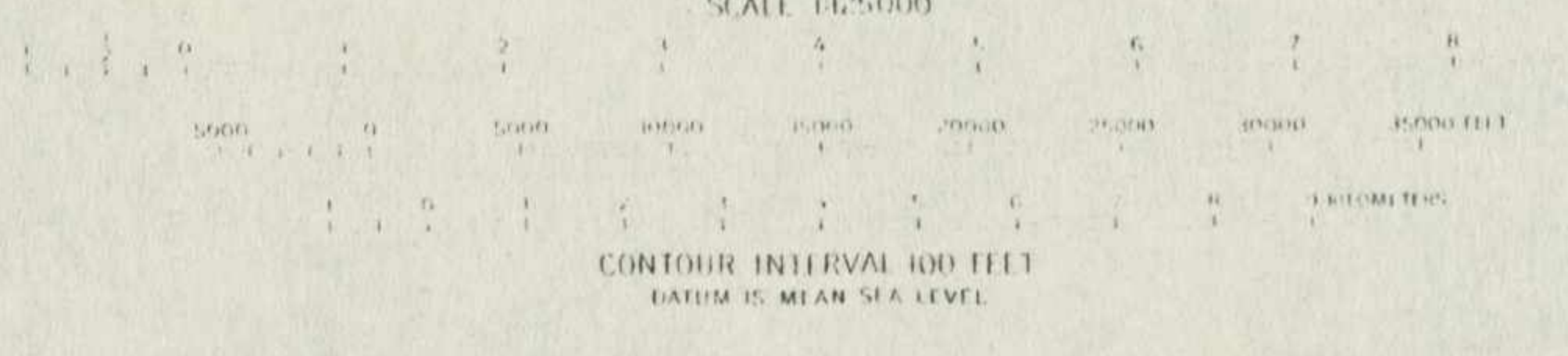


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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Investigative Detachment
14th District OSI (IG) USAF
Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
28 August 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander
3450th Technical Training Wing
Francis E. Warren Air Force Base,
Wyoming

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object REPORTED SEEN BY
MRS JERRY WICKSTROM, Route #1, Box 687,
Cheyenne, Wyoming on 27 Aug 56.

1. Reference is made to AFR 200-2 dated 12 August 1954, subject as above. On 28 August 1956 this office was advised by Alfred J. Kennisen, T/Sgt, AF12184735, 3450th Air Police Squadron, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, that he had received a report of an unidentified flying object on 27 August 1956 from Mrs Jerry Wickstrom, Route 1, Box 687, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mrs Wickstrom reported that her son, David, had observed the unidentified flying object at approximately 1815 hours, 26 August 1956. The Wickstrom ranch is located approximately four (4) miles north of Round-Top Reservoir on State Route 220.

2. At approximately 0845 hours, 28 August 1956 David Lee Wickstrom, age 16 years, was interviewed and the following information was obtained:

(1) Description of the object:

- a. Shape. Object appeared round with convex top and bottom. No visible protrusions.
- b. Size. Object appeared to be approximately fifteen (15) feet in diameter when viewed from the ground.
- c. Color. Silver
- d. Number. One (1)
- e. N/A
- f. Any discernable features. Object appeared smooth
- g. Tail, trail or exhaust. None
- h. Sound. None
- i. Other pertinent features or details. None

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CC: for Dir, OSI

Investigative Detachment
14th District OSI (IC) BRAC
Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
28 August 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander
3450th Technical Training Wing
Francis E. Warren Air Force Base,
Wyoming

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reported Seen by
Mrs. Jerry Wickstrom, Route #1, Box 611,
Cheyenne, Wyoming on 23 August 1956.

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above. On 28 August 1956 this office was advised by Alfred J. Hansen,
T/4, 3450th Technical Training Wing, 3450th Air Force Squadron, Francis E. Warren Air Force
Base, Wyoming, that he had received a report of an unidentified flying
object on 27 August 1956 from Mrs. Jerry Wickstrom, Route #1, Box 611,
Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mrs. Wickstrom reported that her son, David, had
observed the unidentified flying object at approximately 1015 hours,
28 August 1956. The Wickstrom ranch is located approximately four (4)
miles north of Round-Top Hotspring on State Route 200.

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feet in diameter when viewed from the ground.
- c. Color. Silver.
- d. Number. One (1).

Other pertinent features or details. Object appeared smooth.

Tail, trail or exhaust. None.

Sound. None.

Other pertinent features or details. None.

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(2) Description of course of object:

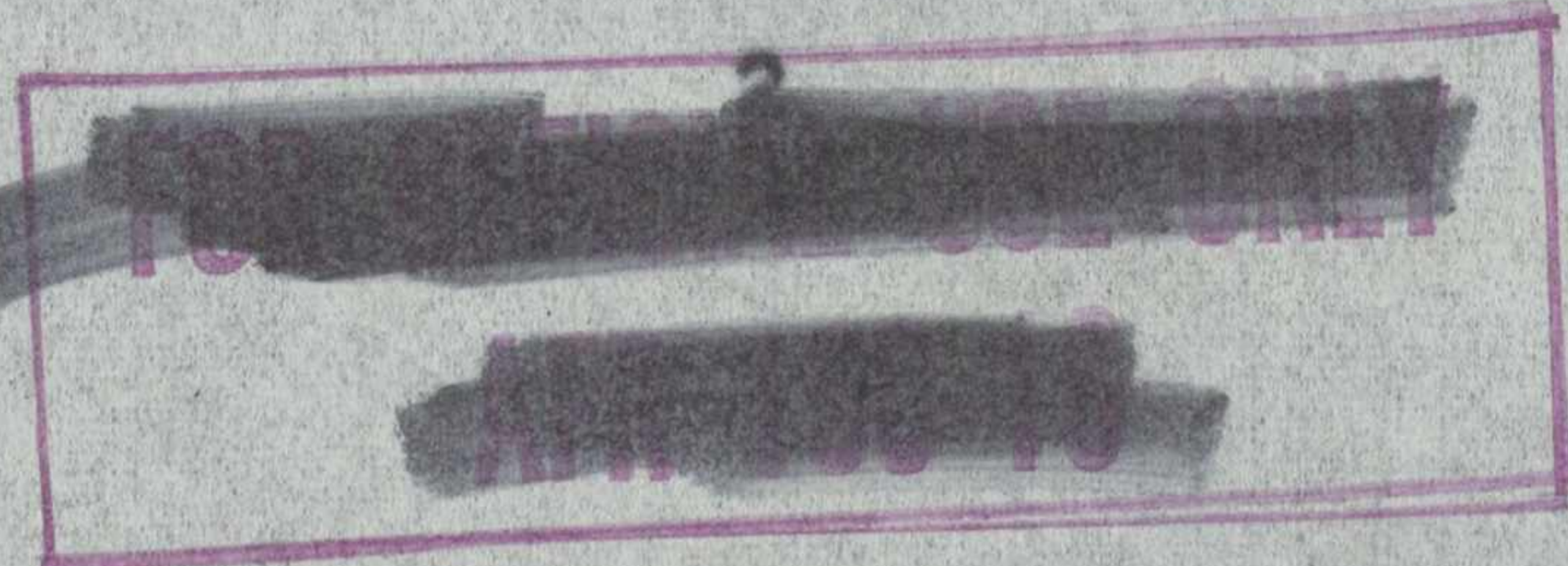
- a. What first called the attention of observer to the object? Bright flash or reflection.
- b. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed. Approximately overhead and slightly forward of observer.
- c. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance. Object moved in a northwesterly direction from observer, in level flight.
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object. Object appeared to be moving from southeast to northwest in level flight. As object passed over abandoned car body a white puff of smoke appeared to come from rear of car body. Subsequent examination of car body by observer and his father disclosed rear window completely shattered, with approximately six (6) inch hole in window. Fracture lines formed series of small squares and rectangles approximately one-fourth (1/4) inch in size. No heat present on shattered window or car body.
- e. Manner of disappearance of object. Object disappeared from sight behind a hill, northwest of Wickstrom ranch.
- f. Length of time in sight. Approximately five (5) or six (6) seconds.

(3) Manner of Observation:

- a. Ground - visual.
- b. N/A
- c. N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

- a. Approximately 1815 hours, Mountain Standard Time, 26 August 1956
- b. Light conditions. Dusk



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(5) Locations of observer. Approximately four (4) miles north of Round-Top Reservoir, approximately one-hundred (100) yards south of State Route 220 and approximately two-hundred (200) yards west of access road.

(6) Identifying information of observer.

a. Civilian.

David Lee Wickstrom

DOB: 13 June 1940

Route 1, Box 687, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Occupation: Student, 9th grade, McCormick Junior High School, Cheyenne, Wyoming

b. N/A

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

a. Observers account of weather conditions. Weather clear, few small clouds on horizon and over mountains.

b. Report from nearest U.S. Weather Bureau Office. Wind direction and velocity. Surface wind northeast at seven (7) miles per hour. No report on winds aloft available covering time of sighting.

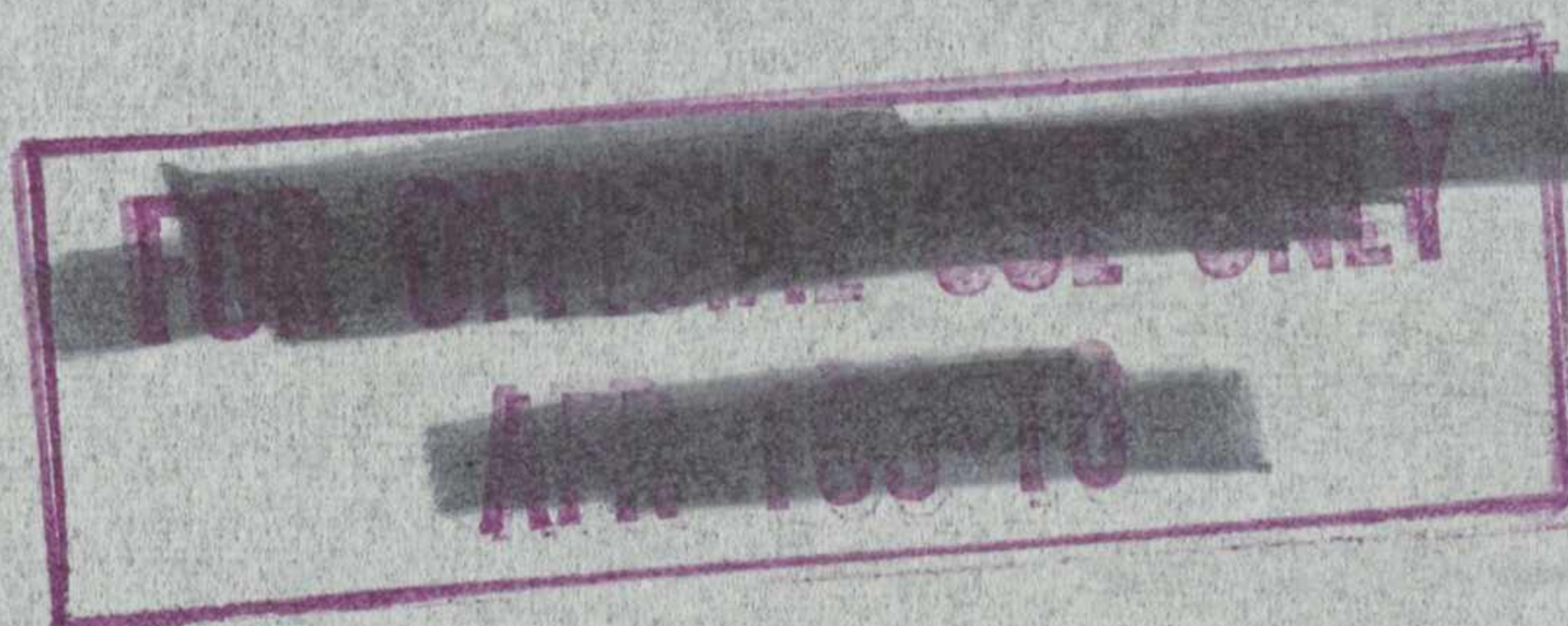
c. Ceiling. No fixed ceiling.

d. Visibility. Fifty (50) miles.

e. Amount of cloud cover. Scattered clouds at 800 feet; broken clouds at 14,000 feet; higher broken clouds at 25,000 feet. All altitudes given are distance above ground.

f. Thunderstorm in area and quadrant in which located. Rain shower of unknown intensity from cumulo-nimbus cloud east north east of Cheyenne airport.

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. Mr Howard Erickson, Meteorologist, U.S. Weather Bureau advised that during the period in question there were no meteorological or astronomical conditions which might account for the sighting.



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- (9) Interception or identification action taken. None.
- (10) Location of any air traffic in the area at the time of sighting. Mr William B. Olson, Control Tower Operator, Cheyenne Airport, Cheyenne, Wyoming, advised that during the period in question air traffic leaving Cheyenne Airport used a left hand pattern and would be turning away from the area in which the sighting occurred. Olson further advised that during the time in question there were no aircraft in the area capable of creating a sonic explosion.
- (11) Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs. Photographs of the shattered windows were obtained and attached as inclosures. Mr Percy A Wickstrom, father of observer advised that all available evidence at his ranch would be covered to protect it, since the vehicle body is no longer usable Wickstrom stated that the rear window would not be touched.

Inclosures:

4 Photos showing damaged rear window of an abandoned car body located on Wickstrom Ranch

FREDDIE L. CAPPS
Major, USAF
Detachment Commander

cc: Dir OSI *W/Hand*

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) *Q R.*
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Sighted by
Sam T. Taylor near La Veta, Colorado,
25 November 1955
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado

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and marked FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY, effective on
3 Apr 67, under the authority of the Directorat
of Special Investigations, by *Capt Pulido*,
AFISIIC. (Name) (Grade)

1. The Honorable Sam T. Taylor, Democratic Floor Leader, Colorado State Senate, in a letter written to the Denver Office, Federal Bureau of Investigations, dated 5 December 1955, stated that on or about 25 November 1955 he had seen an unidentified object in the vicinity of La Veta, Colorado.
2. The Denver Office, FBI, referred the matter to this office by letter, dated 9 December 1955. Two attempts were made by this office to contact TAYLOR at his home in Walsenburg, Colorado.
3. On 12 January 1956, Special Agent JAMES A. ROGERS, of this office, interviewed Senator TAYLOR at the Senate Chambers, Colorado State Capitol Building. Senator TAYLOR verified the date and location where he had seen the object. He described the object as being shaped like a dirigible, slightly barrel-shaped with a large front end and tapering toward the tail. He compared the object when he observed it in the sky to three-fourths of the diameter of a fifty gallon barrel and approximately twice the length with a tapering tail. He said that the object was greenish-blue in color, appeared luminous, seemed to be of a jelly-like substance and had no distinguishable features. The object did not make any sound nor was any exhaust or trail made. He estimated that the object was approximately 15,000 feet elevation above sea level, traveled about ten miles during his observation and suddenly disappeared from view over Mt. Mestas. He estimated that the object was in his sight for approximately five seconds and he estimated the speed of the object as being about one-half the speed of a meteorite. He stated that the object suddenly appeared from view almost overhead diving at approximately a 45 degree angle, leveled off and ascended at approximately a 30 degree angle until its disappearance. He stated that the flight line of the object would have been from southwest to northeast. He estimated the altitude of the object approximately 7000 to 8000 feet. He said that the time of the sighting was approximately 1030 hours 25 November 1955, that there was an unlimited ceiling, and that there were no clouds or thunderstorms in the area. In conclusion, Senator TAYLOR stated

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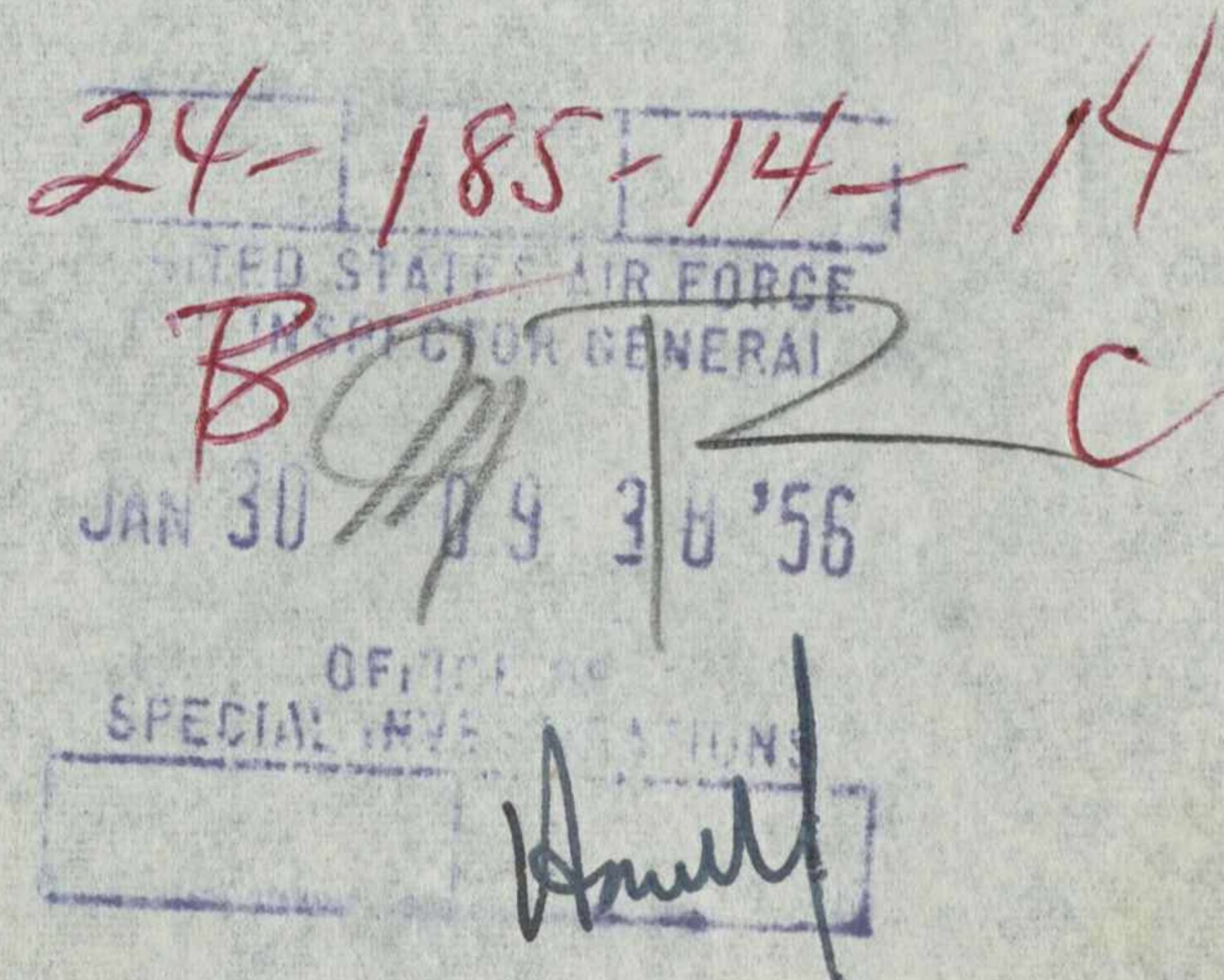
that it is his belief that Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SHOSKY, owners of the Alpine Cafe, Walsenburg, Colorado, had also observed an unidentified object on the same date and that it could possibly have been the same one that he had observed.

4. On 18 January 1956, S/A LEONARD F. REDDISH, of this office, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SHOSKY, Walsenburg, Colorado. The SHOSKYS stated that on or about 1 December 1955 when driving approximately twenty-nine miles south of Pueblo at 1600 hours they observed an unidentified flying object. SHOSKY stated that his attention was called to the object by what could be called a vapor trail. He said that the object appeared to be white in color, was shaped roughly like a cigarette with a pure white color, apparently glowing at the top. He said that they observed the object for approximately twenty minutes and that its movement was too slow for a jet. He said that there were no clouds in the sky on that day and there is no normal air travel in that area. He said that the last he saw of the object was when he was approaching Walsenburg when it apparently disappeared over Mt. Baldy.

5. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.


FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir. OSI



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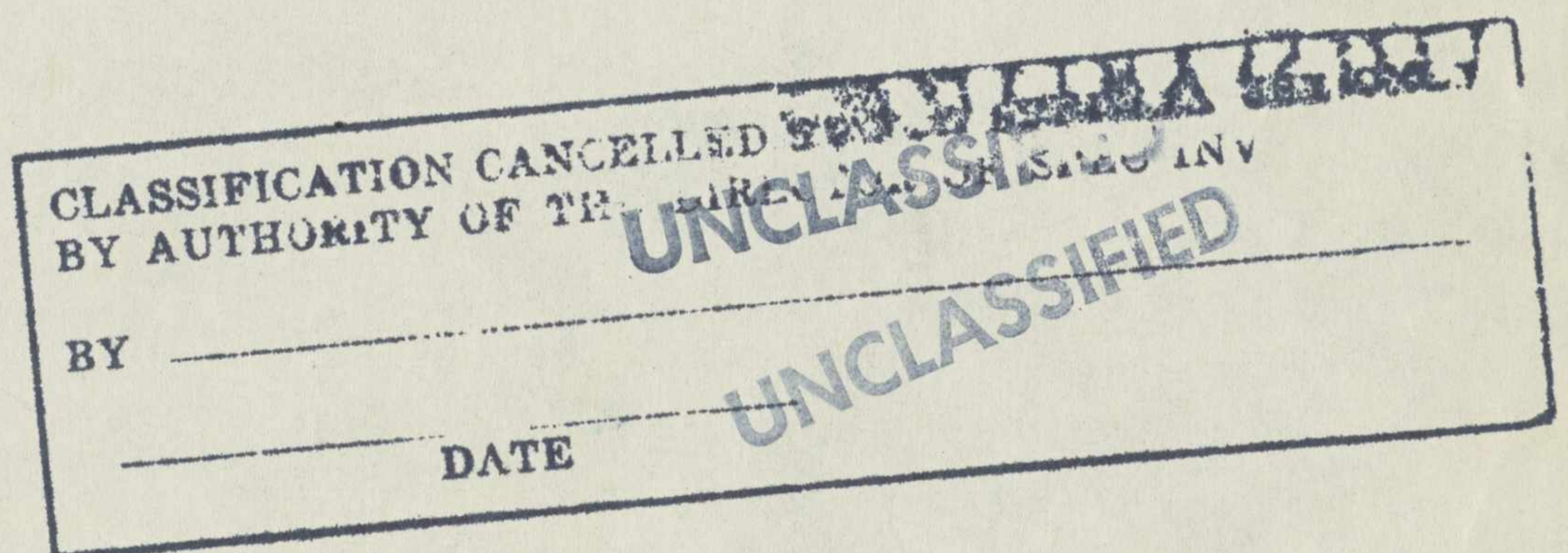
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TO : Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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by this office is contemplated.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

29 JUN 1955

TO : Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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~~Chapman, Wyoming~~
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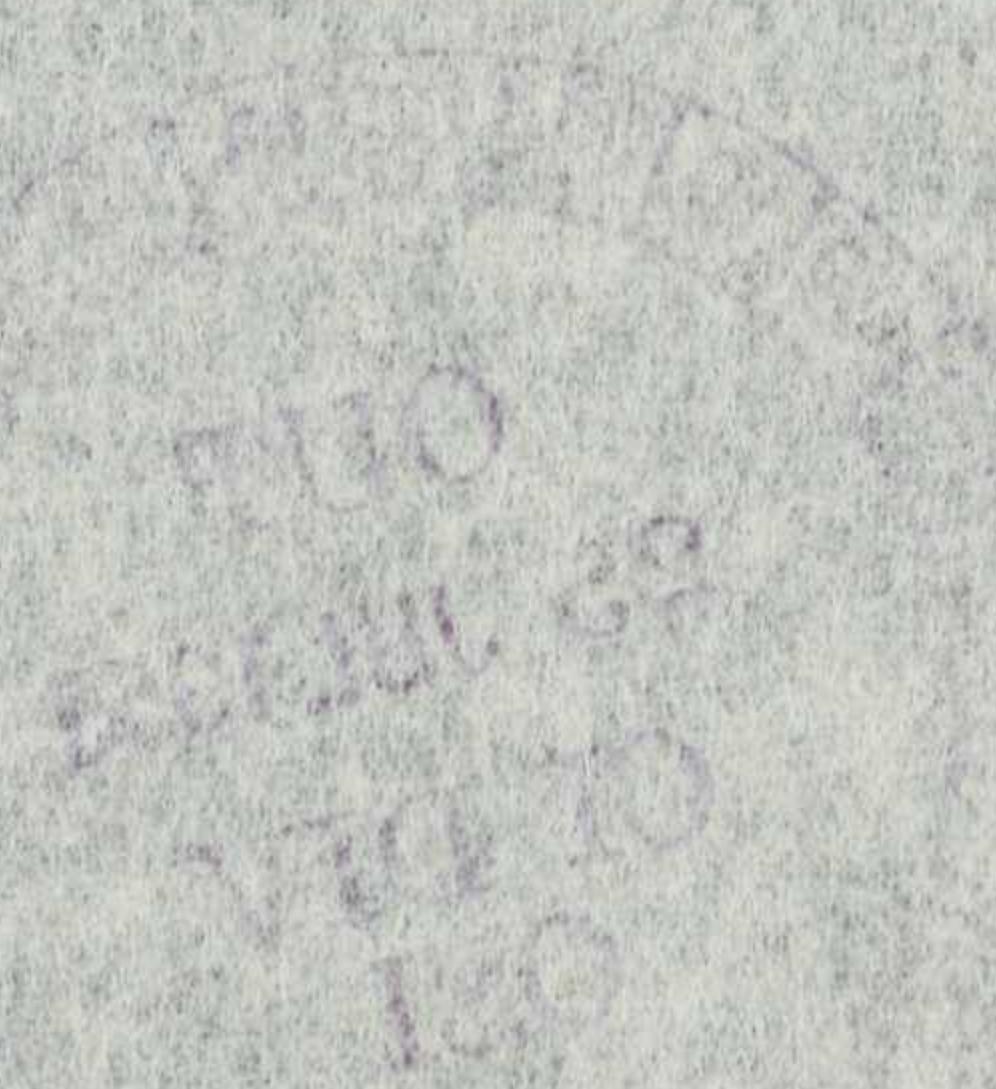
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Investigative Detachment
14th District OSI (IG) USAF
Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
27 May 1955

24-0

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander
3450th Technical Training Wing
Francis E. Warren Air Force Base
Wyoming

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

1. Reference is made to AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, subject as above. On 26 May 1955, this office was advised by IRWIN J. SHAPIRO, A/B, AF-12468950, and EDWARD G. INGBER, A/B, AF-12468342, both of the 3457th STURON, F E Warren AFB, Wyoming, that they had observed unidentified flying objects at approximately 2400 hours, 22 May 1955, approximately five miles south of Cheyenne, Wyoming, while their car was parked on US Highway #85.

2. At approximately 1600 hours, 26 May 1955, both airmen were interviewed and the following information was obtained:

a. Description of objects.

- (1) Shape. Objects Nos. 1 and 2 - slender, rectangular, in vertical position. Objects Nos. 3 and 4 - oval, with protruding top.
- (2) Size. Objects appeared slightly larger than baseball.
- (3) Color. Objects Nos. 1 and 2 - white; Objects Nos. 3 and 4 - dark, with intermittent bluish-purple illumination.
- (4) Number. Four (4).
- (5) Formation. Side by side.
- (6) Features. Nos. 1 and 2 - slender, vertical, rectangular. Nos. 3 and 4 - oval, with protruding top.
- (7) Tail, trail of exhaust, including size. Negative.
- (8) Sound. Negative.

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- (9) Other pertinent or unusual features. Objects Nos. 1 and 2 appeared to be illuminated with a white light. Objects Nos. 3 and 4 appeared dark with only white side lights showing, but would intermittently light up a bluish-purple color. Size and shape of Objects Nos. 3 and 4 were determined during periods of illumination in bluish-purple light.

b. Description of course of objects.

- (1) What first called the attention of observers to the objects? Objects first observed while looking from car window.
- (2) Angle of elevation and azimuth of objects when first observed. Objects Nos. 1 and 2 appeared to be approximately ten (10) feet above the horizon. Objects Nos. 3 and 4 appeared to be an undetermined height, a considerable distance above the horizon.
- (3) Angle of elevation and azimuth of objects upon disappearance. Objects Nos. 1 and 2 appeared to ascend slightly and disappear from sight. Objects Nos. 3 and 4 began a southward ascending movement and went out-of sight in approximately ten seconds.
- (4) Manner of disappearance. Objects Nos. 3 and 4 disappeared from sight due to height and distance.
- (5) Length of time in sight. Objects Nos. 1 observed approximately five to six seconds, then disappeared. Objects Nos. 1 and 2 then appeared for approximately ten seconds. Object No. 3 appeared and was observed for approximately five minutes. Object No. 4 appeared to move into sight along side No. 3, moving in a westerly direction.
- (6) Manner of observation. Observation visual from ground level. No electronic equipment or optical equipment used.

c. Time and date of sighting.

- (1) Approximately 2345 hours, 22 May 1955 to 0030 hours, 23 May 1955.
- (2) Light conditions. Night.

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- d. Location of observers. Between the Junction of US Highway No. 85 and No. 87, in the southerly city limits of Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- e. Identifying information of all observers. A/B EDWARD C. INGBAR, AF-12468342 and IRWIN J. SHAPIRO, A/B, AF-12468950
- f. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings.
 - (1) Observers account of weather conditions. Weather clear; visibility unlimited; no clouds.
 - (2) Report from nearest US Weather Bureau Office. Wind direction and velocity: Surface wind from 340° at 8 knots; at 6,000 ft from 300° at 16 knots; at 10,000 feet from 320° at 13 knots; at 16,000 feet from 290° at 20 knots; at 19,000 feet from 250° variable at 40 - 45 knots. No information is available concerning wind direction and velocity above 19,000 feet.
- g. Ceiling. At 1,000 from approximately 2000 hours to 2400 hours.
- h. Visibility. 15 miles.
- i. Amount of cloud cover. Approximately .5 (broken into scattered clouds at 1,000 feet, clearing at approximately 2328 hours.
- j. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located. Negative.
- k. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for sighting. Arthur H. Hosick, Meteorologist, U.S. Weather Bureau, advised that during the period in question there were no unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions which might account for the sighting.
- l. Interception or identification action taken. Negative.
- m. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting. Tom Powell, Control Tower, Cheyenne, Wyoming, advised that the only traffic which could have been in that area was Frontier Airlines, Flight 21, which departed from Cheyenne, Wyoming, for Denver, Colorado, at 2343 hours, 22 May 1955. Mr. Powell, operator of the Control Tower, identified the type of aircraft as a DC-3.

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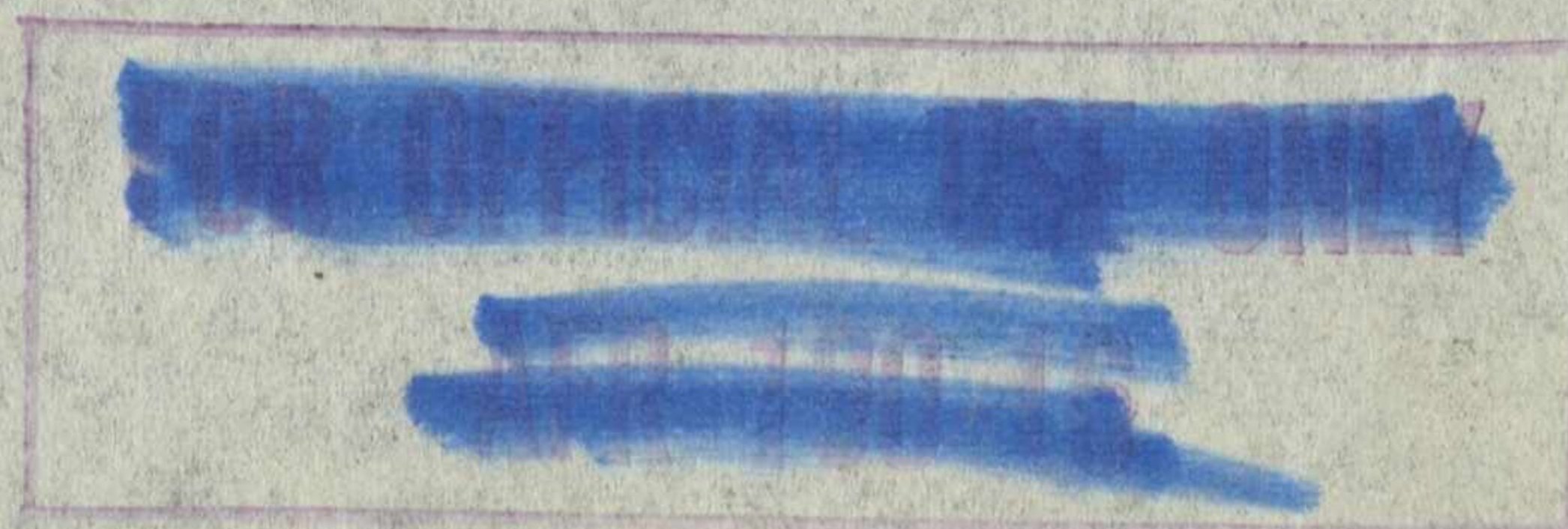
n. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials
and photographs. Negative.

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Major, USAF
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14 OCT 1954

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SUBJECT: (CONFIDENTIAL)
Unidentified Aerial Objects
Denver, Colorado
5 October 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO : Commander
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 4 DEC 1975

1. The following information is furnished in order that your command may comply with Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

2. On 6 October 1954, A/1C RICHARD C. WEST, AF 16321813, 3425th Technical Training Squadron, reported to this office that he had observed unidentified flying objects while attending a movie at the East Drive-Inn Theatre, Denver, Colorado, on the evening of 5 October 1954. The following information, as required by paragraph 7 d, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954 was obtained from Airman WEST:

a. Description of Object(s):

- (1) Shape: Circular.
- (2) Size: Compared to a pea.
- (3) Color: Ranging from orange to bright red.
- (4) Number: First sighting, one (1); second sighting five (5); third sighting, seven (7) to ten (10); fourth sighting, ten (10); fifth and sixth sighting, approximately twenty (20); seventh and eighth sighting, approximately thirty (30).
- (5) Formation: Ranging from straight line to a V.

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- (6) Discernible features or details: None.
- (7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.
- (8) Sound: None.
- (9) Other pertinent or unusual features: Objects maintained constant position and speed approximated at 1500 miles per hour, changing from light orange in distance to bright red directly overhead.

b. Description of course of objects:

- (1) What first called the attention of observer to objects? First observed by airman's wife.
- (2) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the objects when first observed: Elevation, 30 degrees; azimuth, approximately 315 degrees. Each group appeared at elevations varying from approximately 300 to 330 degrees, crossed directly overhead and disappeared in a general southeast direction at approximately 60 degrees elevation.
- (3) Angle of elevation and azimuth of objects upon disappearance: Elevation 60 degrees, varying between 60 degrees elevation; azimuth varying from 120 to 150 degrees.
- (4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of objects: Straight flight path, no maneuvers.
- (5) Manner of disappearance of objects: Faded.
- (6) Length of time in sighting: Three (3) to four (4) seconds (each group).

c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Observed: Ground-visual.
- (2) Optical aids: None.
- (3) Pertains to sighting from aircraft: Not applicable.

d. Time and date of sighting:

- (1) Zulu date-time group of sighting: 052615 - 05 2925.
(Period of approximately three (3) hours.)

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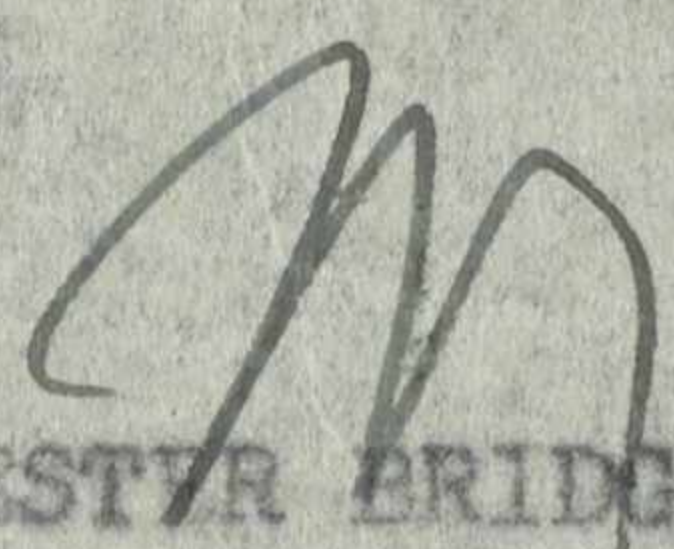
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(2) Light conditions: Night.

- e. Location of Observer: East Drive-Inn Theatre, Denver, Colo.
- f. Identifying information of all observers: Airman WEST; Mrs. RICHARD C. WEST, 1665 Roslyn Street, Denver, Colorado; A/1C DONALD J. TEETER, AF 19333690, 3427th Student Squadron, Lowry AF Base, Colorado, and Mrs. DONALD J. TEETER, 335 E. 34th Avenue, Denver, Colorado.
- g. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observers account of weather conditions: Cloudy to partly cloudy - rest unknown.

3. This matter is considered closed in the files of this District Office and no additional investigation is contemplated in the absence of a specific request.


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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

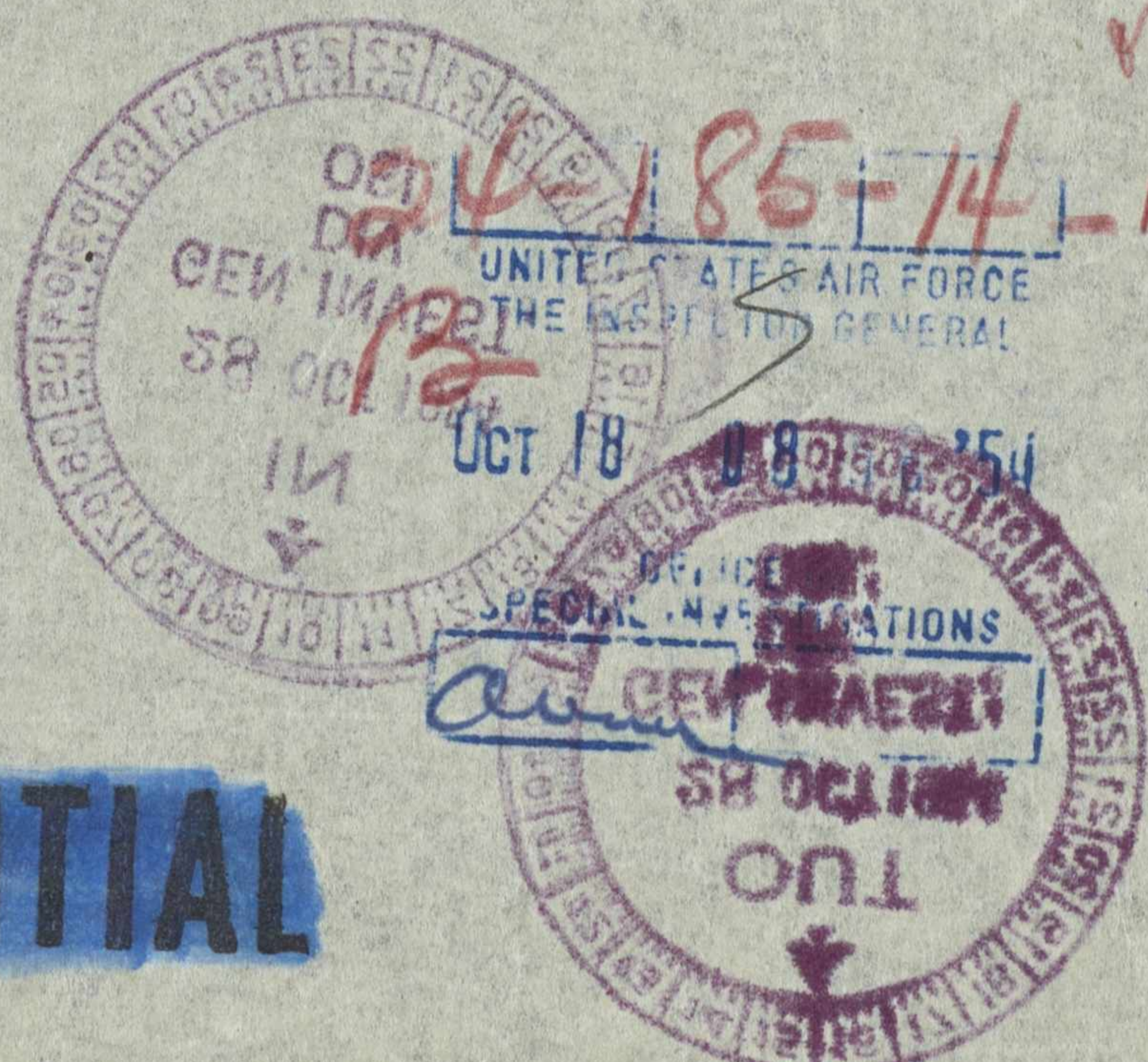
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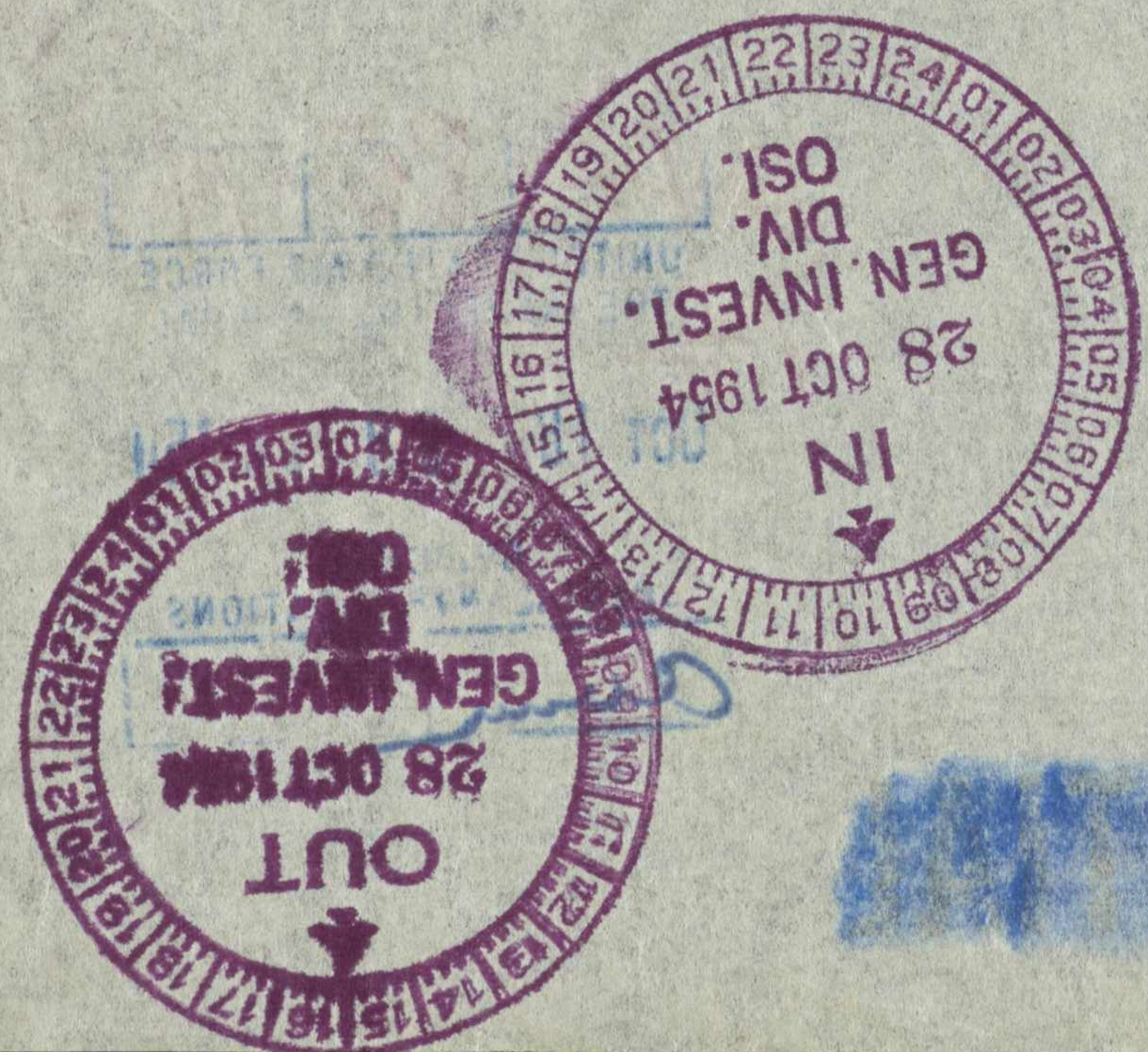
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

25 SEP 1954

SUBJECT: Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
ATTN: Plans and Policy Division
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to AFCSI Letter 85 dated 7 January 1953 in the above captioned matter.
2. Paragraph 4c of referenced letter requires that the various offices of the Directorate of Special Investigations take action as set forth in paragraph 7c, AFL 200-5.
3. It is noted that AF Regulation 200-2 dated 14 August 1954 rescinds the regulation which rescinds AFL 200-5. It therefore appears that the current instructions to the field are outdated.
4. It is recommended that AFCSI Letter 85 be written to conform to the latest instructions from the Department of the Air Force.
5. In the event the Directorate sees fit to rewrite AFCSI Letter 85, it is suggested that it may be desirable to include in the letter the specific data which is set forth in paragraph 7 of AFR 200-2 dated 12 August 1954.

L. H. Barnard
LEROY H. BARNARD
Colonel U. S. Air Force
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

22 SEP 1954

TO : Commander
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado

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1. The following information is furnished in order that your command may comply with paragraph 7, AFL 200-5.

2. On 15 September 1954, A/1C RICHARD C. WEST, AF 16 321 813, 3425th Technical Training Squadron, 3415th Technical Training Wing, reported to this office that he had observed an unidentified flying object at 1230 hours 10 September 1954. WEST advised that he was at his home at 1665 Roslyn St. and was watching a B-36 flying overhead. At this same time WEST advised that he saw a silver object at approximately a 60° angle in a true southwest direction. WEST was unable to give the size or the height of the object but stated it was traveling directly away from him at what he would estimate a rough speed of between six and seven hundred miles per hour. When queried as to the height of the object, WEST advised it would be hard to judge since he was unable to determine the size of the object and stated that if he was to make an estimate of the height of the object, he would estimate it to be 35,000 feet. WEST further advised the object was oval shaped and remained within his field of vision for approximately thirty seconds when the object disappeared. WEST further advised that that section of the sky was extremely clear and void of any clouds. WEST was unable to furnish any further information regarding the sighting of this object.

3. No further action in this matter is contemplated by this office in the absence of a specific request.

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District Commander

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23 SEP 1954

24-235

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object
Sighted by R. E. TOWN,
930 Lima Street, Aurora, Colorado
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado

1. The following is furnished for your information in order that your Command may comply with paragraph 7c of AFL 200-5.

2. On 7 September 1954 this office received, through the Base Commander, a letter from the Denver Regional Office of the Federal Civil Defense Administration to General John T. Sprague, Commanding General, Lowry Air Force Base. This letter advised that the Denver Regional Office, Federal Civil Defense Administration had received a report from Mr. R. E. TOWN, 930 Lima Street, Aurora, Colorado, at 1005 hours, 22 August 1954, that he had seen flying saucers on the night of 21 August 1954 from the Lakeshore Drive-In on Sheridan Boulevard. The report made by Mr. TOWN to the Federal Civil Defense Administration reflected that at 2115 hours, 21 August 1954, he saw one (1) flying saucer traveling North at what appeared to be about the vicinity of Stapleton Airfield. At 2130 hours, TOWN advised that he saw a flight containing from ten (10) to twelve (12) flying saucers traveling West over North Denver toward Stapleton Airfield at a high rate of speed.

3. Several attempts by this office to contact and interview Mr. R. E. TOWN met with negative results inasmuch as TOWN is a traveling salesman and was not available.

4. On 17 September 1954, Special Agent CHESTER A. CUMMINS interviewed Mr. RALPH E. TOWN at his residence at 1730 hours. Mr. TOWN advised that he was at the Lakeshore Drive-In on the night of 21 August 1954 when at 2130 hours he observed ten (10) to twelve (12) dim red

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Aurora, Colo. - SPECIAL INQUIRY

fluorescent objects which may have been individual objects or one (1) mass with a light emitting from it. Mr. TOWN advised that the object or objects were almost directly overhead and traveling due West. Mr. TOWN further advised that the object or objects were observed by him for approximately three or four seconds, he would judge them to be forty to fifty miles distant and traveling at a speed of five to six thousand miles per hour. Mr. TOWN further advised that the sky was clear and that the objects left no trail.

5. Mr. TOWN advised the Agent of this office that he had approximately three thousand (3,000) flying time in World War II and could furnish no additional information in regard to the unidentified object other than that reported above.

6. No further investigation is contemplated by this office in the absence of a specific request.

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LEROY H. BARNARD
Colonel, U. S. Air Force
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14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

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SUBJECT: (CONFIDENTIAL)
YONAH H. FORTNER
17 Morrison Avenue
Tonawanda, New York
Civilian
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 4 DEC 1975

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2. Transmitted herewith are two (2) copies of Report of Investigation by Special Agent JOSEPH M. RATLIFF, District Office No. 4, file 24-588, dated 3 November 1954.
3. With the submission of the report listed in paragraph 2 above, all logical leads have been developed and reported and this matter is considered closed in the files of this District Office.
4. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the disclosure of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

cc: Dir OSI

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		REPORT MADE AT DO #4, Bolling AFB, Washington, D. C.	
		PERIOD 27 October 1954	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #14, Lowry AFB, Colorado	
		STATUS RUC	
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REFERENCE ROI, S/A CHESTER A. CUMMINS, DO #14, file 24-236 dtd 7 Oct 54.			
SYNOPSIS Files Dir OSI and DO #4 reflect no record on SUBJECT. DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. On 27 October 1954 files of the Directorate, Office of Special Investigation and District Office No. 4 were checked and reflect no record concerning SUBJECT. REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN UNCLASSIFIED <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF Historian DATE 4 DEC 1975</div>			
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TITLE "CHANGED" CONFIDENTIAL 24-185-14-7 YONAH N. FORTNER (DOB: 9 Feb 1939) Aka: JOHN N. FORTNER 17 Morrison Avenue Tonawanda, New York Civilian		REPORT MADE BY JAMES S. MERRILL, Jr, S/A	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #22, Sampson AFB	
		PERIOD 14, 18, 21 Oct 54	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #14, Lowry AFB	
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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE ROI, S/A CHESTER A. CUMMINS, DO #14, File 24-236, dtd 7 Oct 54 (24-185-14-7)			
SYNOPSIS LAC in Buffalo and Town of Tonawanda, New York negative regarding SUBJECT. Investigation reveals that SUBJECT is 15 years old and suffering from infantile paralysis. SUBJECT is a senior student at Kenmore Senior High School, maintains average grades and has an IQ of 119. The Principal and Guidance Counselors, Kenmore Senior High School, all believe SUBJECT more or less a problem as he is very bold and overbearing at times and appears to have a very imaginative mind.			
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The following information was obtained from a review of the files of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and from a review of the files of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and from a review of the files of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force.

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File No. 24-135

DETAILS:

1. The title of this case is being changed to include the name JOHN N. FORTNER, as reflected in records of Kenmore Senior High School.

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

2. On 14 October 1954, files of the following law-enforcement agencies were examined with respect to SUBJECT, with negative results:

Buffalo Police Department
Erie County Sheriff's Office
Buffalo Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation

AT TOWN OF TONAWANDA, NEW YORK

3. On 18 October 1954, files of the Town of Tonawanda Police Department were examined relative to SUBJECT, with negative results.

4. On 18 October 1954, SUBJECT, YONAH H. FORTNER, age 15 years, was interviewed at his home at 17 Morrison Avenue. SUBJECT advised he had desired information concerning the official attitude of the United States Air Force, with respect to unidentified flying objects and that he called the Air Force Filter Center, 2500 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, seeking this information. SUBJECT stated that he was informed by personnel at the Filter Center that the principal source of information would be the Commander of the Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

AT KENMORE, NEW YORK

5. On 21 October 1954 records, Kenmore Senior High School, were examined and reveal that SUBJECT is presently in the Senior class, with date of birth listed as 9 February 1939 at New York City, New York. Records indicate that SUBJECT's IQ was 119. SUBJECT maintains average grades.

6. On 21 October 1954 RAYMOND FRAZIER, Principal, Mrs. LYDIA WEIR, Chief Guidance Counsellor and PAUL ROTH, Guidance Counsellor, all of Kenmore Senior High School, advised that SUBJECT is presently in attendance at this school and that he appears to be a lonely type boy who does much reading and has a very imaginative mind. All stated that SUBJECT tries to impress people with his vast knowledge of the problems of the world. Interviewees further stated SUBJECT has been more or less of a problem during his attendance there, in that he is bold and sometimes overbearing in his attitude.

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AGENT'S NOTE: SUBJECT is a victim of infantile paralysis and seems to be very studious with somewhat radical ideas about life in outer space, believing he has mental contact with such inhabitants.

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REPORT MADE BY

CHESTER A. CUMMINS, S/A

REPORT MADE AT

DO #14, Lowry AFB, Colo.

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8 and 20 September 1954

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DO #14, Lowry AFB, Colo.

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by Commander, 14th District OSI, Lowry AFB, Colorado. On 20 August 1954, Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado, received letter from individual signing himself as YONAH N. FORTNER, 17 Morrison Avenue, Tonawanda, New York, which stated "I have been directed to contact your office so that I might obtain a statement of the official attitude of the Air Force of the United States of America, with regard to the so-called 'unidentified Flying Objects'". Thanking you for your consideration and cooperation I am, Sincerely, Yonah N. Fortner".

Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibits the disclosure of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by Commander 14th District OSI, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. Letter received by Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on 30 August 1954 from an individual signing himself as YONAH N. FORTNER, 17 Morrison Avenue, Tonawanda, New York, stated that he had been directed to contact Air Defense Command to obtain a statement of the official attitude of the Air Force with regard to so called "Unidentified Flying Objects".

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

2. On 8 September 1954 this District Office received from the Commander Air Defense Command, a letter addressed to Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, with return address of YONAH N. FORTNER, 17 Morrison Avenue, Tonawanda, New York. This letter is set forth verbatim.

"17 Morrison Avenue
Tonawanda, New York
14th August, 1954

Commander, Air Defense Command, ATT: COC
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sir,

I have been directed to contact your office, so that I might obtain a statement of the official attitude of the Air Force of the United States of America, with regard to the so-called 'Unidentified Flying Objects'.

Thanking you for your consideration and co-operation, I am, Sincerely,

/s/ Yonah N. Fortner
/t/ Yonah N. Fortner

pic/ynf/pc."

AT DENVER, COLORADO

3. By letter dated 15 September 1954 a reliable Federal Government agency which also conducts security type investigations, advised that the indices of that office contain no information identifiable with SUBJECT, and further advised that they had no objection to this office developing information as to what authority or what organization directed FORTNER to contact the Commander, Air Defense Command regarding his request.

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LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

24-236

Mr. Charles W. Brown
Special Agent in Charge
Denver Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 254, New Customs House
Denver, Colorado

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian

DATE 4 DEC 1975

Re: ~~YONAH N. FORTNER~~
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Dear Charlie:

The Commander, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado has received from an individual signing himself as YONAH N. FORTNER, 17 Morrison Avenue, Tonawanda, New York, the following communication:

"I have been directed to contact your office, so that I might obtain a statement of the official attitude of the Air Force of the United States of America, with regard to the so-called 'unidentified Flying Objects'".

"Thanking you for your consideration and co-operation, I am, Sincerely, /s/ Yonah N. Fortner".

The Commander, ADC, feels that it may be appropriate to develop information as to what authority or organization directed FORTNER to contact General CHIDLAW's office.

Inasmuch as there is no indication that FORTNER is in the military service of the United States, the matter is being referred to the FBI for the development of the indicated information.

In the event the Bureau does not desire to assume jurisdiction in this matter, it would be appreciated if this district could be informed in order that the Office of Special Investigations may develop the information requested by General CHIDLAW.

1024 FEB 51 JS 53 Sincerely,

LEROY H. BARNARD
Colonel U. S. Air Force
District Commander

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From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

5D 24-21-152

27 August 1954

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted at Lowry Air Force Base,
Denver, Colorado, on 9 July 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

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1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of a letter, dated 9 July 1954, from the 14th OSI District, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Cy ltr, dtd 9 Jul 54

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ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: *Dir* OSI w/o Incl

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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Request that the attached letter from District Office #14, dated 9 July 1954, concerning the above subject, be transmitted to ATIC for their information.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Ltr fr DO #14
(24-214) dtd 9 Jul 54
(in dip)

G. P. Moritz
GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

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TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. At 1320 hours on 9 July 1954 this office received a telephonic communication from Captain GEORGE W. GERMAN, AO 671740, Operations Officer, Flight Service, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, advising that between 1300 and 1310 hours he had observed 6 or 7 objects flying at a very high altitude and rate of speed and that he did not believe the objects were conventional type aircraft.

2. Special Agent EDWARD L. RUSH and M. L. McNABB conducted interviews with personnel of the 3933rd Radar Bomb Squadron (Detachment 3), who advised that at about 1300 hours on 9 July a B-36 aircraft was in the vicinity of Lowry Air Force Base flying at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet and was working a radar and radio jamming problem. All personnel interviewed advised that no unusual formations or objects had been sighted on the radar scopes at that time. However, the jamming devices being used by the B-36 aircraft were very effective.

3. Special Agents McNABB and Rush interviewed Captain GERMAN at approximately 1345 hours 9 July 1954 and obtained the following information. At approximately 1300 hours on 9 July 1954 Captain GERMAN was telephonically contacted by Mr. E. W. CARMICHAEL, Flight Dispatcher, United Air Lines, Stapleton Field, Denver, Colorado, who stated that he and Mr. W. B. MICKLE, Flight Dispatcher, United Air Lines, had been observing several objects flying at a very high altitude and requested that GERMAN also make some observations. GERMAN immediately proceeded out of his office and from the ramp in front of Operations Building, observed 6 or 7 objects overhead which appeared to be approximately one half inch in diameter, 3 or 4 of which were in some semblance of formation and were moving in a Northeasterly direction above a cirrus

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cloud layer which at the time was estimated to be at 30,000 feet. The objects were visible for approximately a ten second period, and appeared to be traveling at an estimated rate of speed of 1500 miles per hour, were oscilating and also appeared to be descending.

4. At 1430 hours Mr. E. W. CARMICHAEL and Mr. W. B. MICKLE were interviewed by Special Agent RUSH at Air Traffic Control Center, Stapleton Field, Denver, Colorado. MICKLE and CARMICHAEL advised they had been watching a B-36 type aircraft making passes over the Denver area at what they judged to be 30,000 feet. The B-36 disappeared behind some clouds and in attempting to resight the B-36 observed 4 or 5 shining specks at what they believed to be approximately 50,000 feet. MICKLE and CARMICHAEL both advised that the objects appeared to be triangular in shape and that they appeared to be capable of hovering in one spot for some period of time and then moving off at a normal rate of speed in a Northeasterly direction. The only thing unusual they observed about the objects were what appeared to be their ability to hover in one place for extended periods of time. MICKLE and CARMICHAEL stated they observed the objects for approximately 35 minutes and then called the Flight Service Center at Lowry Air Force Base. Neither MICKLE or CARMICHAEL observed any unusual rates of speed during their observation of these objects.

5. According to Captain GERMAN the objects were observed by himself and 1st Lt DONALD W. HOLLWAY, 21674A and Captain WILLIAM K. BYLE, AO 808089. Both BYLE and GERMAN are Senior Pilots and the civilians MICKLE and CARMICHAEL have been Flight Dispatchers for United Air Lines for some period of time.

6. Information has reached this office to the effect that Operation CHECK POINT are having some maneuvers in this vicinity and that various air bases in this vicinity have either no knowledge or very limited knowledge of aircraft participating in the operation. At approximately 2000 hours on 9 July 1954 a local radio station advised during a news broadcast that Operation CHECK POINT was being held in this vicinity and that F-86 type aircraft was repelling the attack at exceptionally high altitude.

2 cc: Comdr LAFB

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LEROY H. BARNARD
Colonel, U. S. Air Force
District Commander

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TO: DO 114 C-1, DIR OSI, 10-10-54, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects.

cloud layer which at the time was estimated to be at 30,000 feet. The objects were visible for approximately a few seconds, and appeared to be traveling at an estimated rate of speed of 1500 miles per hour, were oscillating and also appeared to be descending.

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5. According to Captain GERTMAN the objects were observed by himself and 1st Lt DONALD A. KOLLMAY, 215th and Captain WILLIAM K. DYER, 4080889. Both DYER and GERTMAN are Senior Pilots and the civilians MICKLE and CARMICHAEL have been Flight Dispatchers for United Airlines for some period of time.

6. Information has reached this office to the effect that Operation CLUCK POINT are having some maneuvers in this vicinity and that various air bases in this vicinity have either no knowledge or very limited knowledge of aircraft participating in the operation. At approximately 2000 hours on 9 July 1954 a local radio station received during a news broadcast that Operation CLUCK POINT was being held in this vicinity and that B-36 type aircraft was repelling the attack of exceptionally high altitude.

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Colonel, U. S. Air Force
District Commander

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LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

AIRMAIL

31 MAR 1954

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reported
by United Airlines Flight 600, 30 March 1954

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. At 1610 hours, 30 March 1954, Commander, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, made available to this office for informational purposes a copy of the following TWX:

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TO JEPW/SD WASHDC

JEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

JWPLW/COMDR LOWRY AFB COLO

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FLYING EASTBOUND AT 19 THOUSAND FEET MEAN SEA LEVEL OVER A POINT 12
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TRUE FROM OBSERVATION POINT AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND CLOUD BANK SLANTING
DOWNWARD 30 DEGREES TO LEFT OF VERTICAL. TIME OF OBSERVATION 280125M.
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FIRMED BY CO-PILOT. CONFIRMED BY PILOT N28392 DC 3 5 MILES WEST OF
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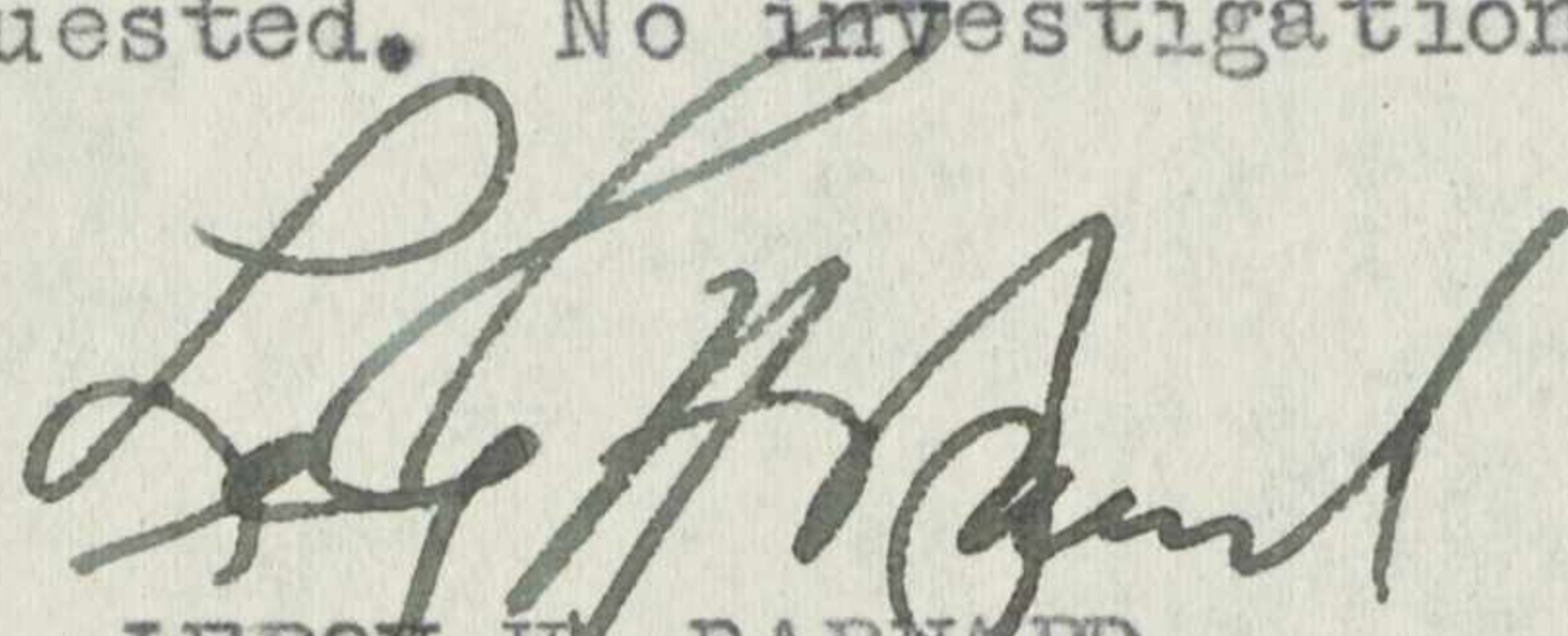
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Ltr fr 14th Dist OSI (IG) USAF, Lowry AFB, Colo., file 24-0, subject:
"Unidentified Flying Object Reported by United Airlines Flight 600,
30 March 1954."

2. No investigation requested. No investigation contemplated
by this office.



LEROY H. BARNARD
Colonel, U. S. Air Force
District Commander

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

9 MAY 1953

24-0-146

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SUBJECT: Flying Saucer Sighting 19 April 1953
Reported by Mrs. LARRY PETERSON,
1236 Kennedy Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Lowry AFB
ATTN: Wing Training and Operations Officer
Denver Colorado

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SI

BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian 4 DEC 1975

DATE

1. This is to confirm telephonic conversation between
Special Agent WILLIAM C. GALLEMORE of this office with Major
JOHN C. MORGAN, AO 2044877, on 7 May 1953.

2. Attached is a letter received by the Denver Field Office,
Federal Bureau of Investigation from REX RANKIN, 768 North Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado, reporting the sighting of a flying
saucer by Mrs. LARRY PETERSON, 1236 Kennedy Avenue, Grand Junction,
Colorado at about 1630 hours, 19 April 1953.

3. The Denver Field Office, FBI has advised this office that
it has acknowledged the letter from Mr. RANKIN, but has conducted
no further investigation.

4. No investigation in this matter has been conducted by this
office and none is contemplated.

5. The above information is being forwarded your command for
appropriate action under the provisions of Air Force Letter 200-5
dated 29 April 1952.

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Orig Ltr fr RANKIN to
FBI, 24Apr53

cc furnished: DSI w/1 Incl

DONALD D. LETTOW
Major USAF
District Commander

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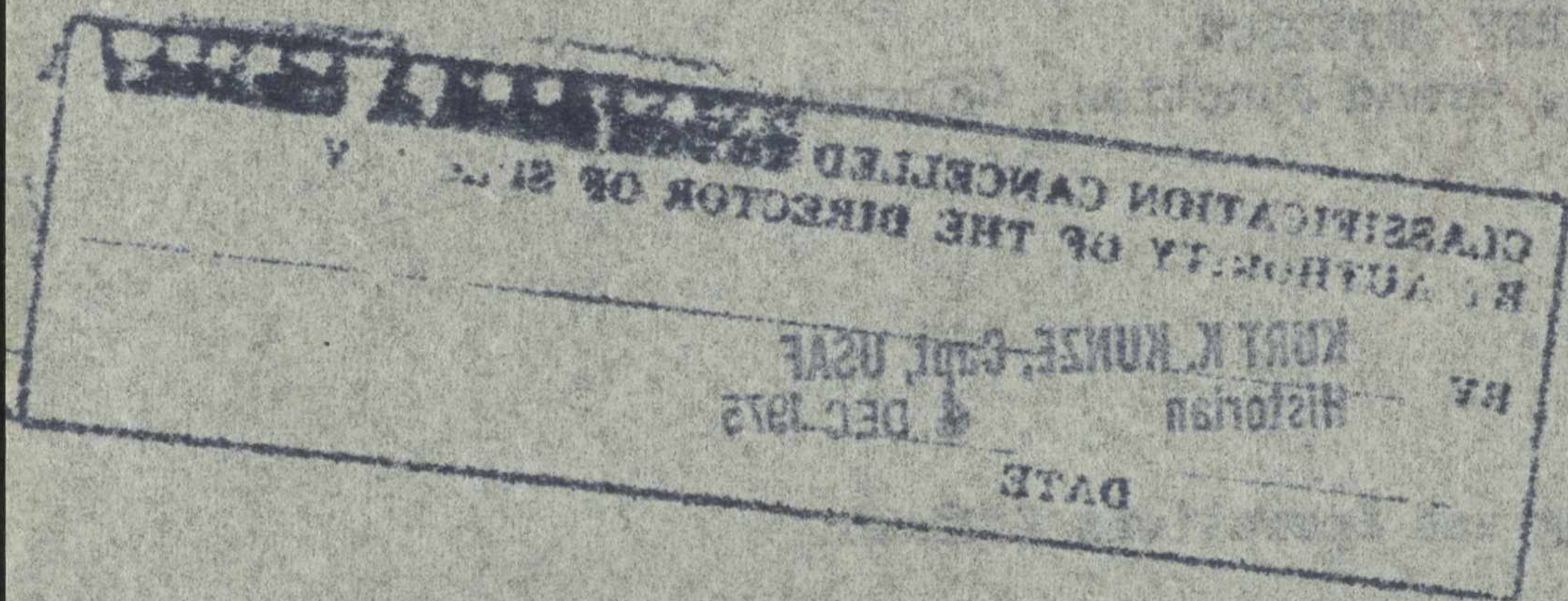
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REX RANKIN
Realtor

Farm and Ranch Loans
Appraisals - Sales
Office: Rankin-Bond Bldg.
768 North Ave. - Telephone 137 - Grand Junction
Colorado

Apr 24 1953

Attn: H. P. Moss
G Jct-Colo

Data concerning Flying Saucer Incident

23 Apr 53 - Call to Rex Rankin by Mrs Larry Peterson
Phone 1191-R
G Jct-Colo

Report:

Mrs Peterson was in auto in area of Oil Shale Plant -
Grand Valley - -hw - -driving to G. Jct.

About 4:30 P M -
Sun - 19 April 53 -

She saw a Flying Saucer above and beyond a plane flying from
Denver to G. Jct. She stated that she stopped and watched it for some time -
very distinct and with vivid colors.

She did not want any publicity - nor her name used, but her
husband felt she should report same.

/s/ RR

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-185 UNCLASSIFIED DATE 24 Jan 50
TITLE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FAST MOVING FLAME AT LOWRY AF BASE, by 1st Lt. A. P. WEBB on 18 Jan 1950		REPORT MADE BY FREDERICK F. HANSEN, S/A d1
		REPORT MADE AT DO #14, LOWRY AF BASE
		PERIOD 19-20-23-24 Jan 1950
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #14, LOWRY AF BASE
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT		STATUS CLOSED
REFERENCE None - This is an Initial Report (24-185, Hq, OSI)		
SYNOPSIS <p>Investigation requested by CG, Lowry AF Base. Unidentified fast moving flame or light was reported to have been observed by Lt. A. P. WEBB, 1859 hours, 18 Jan 50 while flying in vicinity of Denver. Investigation disclosed WEBB and six (6) other pilots flying in four aircraft observed similar flame or light, at times varying slightly. All observers described flame or light in similar terms and gave its course generally as southwesterly. All four military aircraft were airborne in different locations and on various headings when the observations were made by the pilots. Lowry Radar inoperative, 1800-2030, 18 Jan 50. Lowry AFB Training & Operations personnel advised they had ^{not} been notified of experimental aircraft in area, 18 Jan 50. Observations plotted and continuation of course suggest flame or light heading towards Holloman AFB, New Mexico. No ground observations of the flame reported. Weather conditions clear, visibility unlimited.</p>		
DISTRIBUTION CG, AMC (Incl) 2 CG, LOWRY AFB (Info) 1 Hq, OSI (Incl) 2 DO #13 (Info) (Incl) 1 DO #17 (Info) (Incl) 1 FILE 2		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO COMMANDING GENERAL AIR MATERIEL COMMAND WRIGHT-PATTERSON AF BASE DAYTON, OHIO ATTN: MCIA XO-3
UNCLASSIFIED		FILE STAMP 24-185-14-1 JAN 31 11 55 AM '50 FEB 7 1950 4176
APPROVED L. J. SEIBERT Major, USAF <i>District Commander.</i>		

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DETAILS:

AT LOWRY AF BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

1. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent FREDERICK K. UNGERER and the writer.

2. This investigation was predicated upon telephonic report by 1st Lt ARTHUR P. WEBB, 16142A, 3415th Student Officers' Squadron, 19 January 1950 who advised that while flying in the vicinity of Denver during the evening of 18 January 1950 he observed a flame move across the sky at a high rate of speed.

3. WEBB was interviewed and stated substantially as follows: WEBB and a Lt. DRYSDALE were flying a T-6 and when they reached a point about 15 miles southeast of Denver, he observed an unusual spectacle. He saw a long streak of flame cylindrical in shape, rounded at the front and tapered towards the rear. It was of a white reddish color with more red in the front. WEBB stated that it moved on an estimated heading of 200 degrees at a high rate of speed without apparent change in altitude or course. WEBB could not estimate the distance to the flame from his aircraft, but estimated the length of it as 100 feet. The flame remained in sight for about 5 seconds and then faded out. The altitude of the flame was estimated as about 5000 feet higher than the observer. WEBB was unable to see any running lights, silhouette or other features. WEBB noted the time of the observation was 1859 hours.

4. 1st Lt DOUGLAS R. DRYSDALE, AO 755895, 3416th Student Officers' Training Squadron stated substantially the same as WEBB. DRYSDALE described the flame in the same general terms as WEBB but added that it looked just like a shooting star on a flat trajectory. According to DRYSDALE the time of the observation was 1905 and he estimated the flame to be at an altitude 1500 feet higher than the T-6.

5. WEBB and DRYSDALE both gave their aircraft heading as 190 degrees and their altitude as 8500 feet. Both stated they were on interphone and thus noted no unusual radio noises at the time of the observation. Both pilots stated they had never seen a comparable sight.

6. Captain H. F. DANIEL, AO 559076, Hq & Hq Squadron, 3415th Technical Training Wing; and 1st Lt. ROBERT P. ROMBERG, 16301A were flying a C-47 aircraft in the vicinity of La Junta, Colorado on the evening of 18 January 1950. DANIEL and ROMBERG were interviewed and both stated that they had observed a flame or light moving across the sky very fast. DANIEL saw the flame appear at his left and move across his path. He nudged ROMBERG who then saw the flame too. DANIEL and ROMBERG watched the flame fade out at their right. Both pilots estimated the flame to be on a heading of 200 degrees. The flame was described by both as light blue with a tinge of orange and quite long. Both stated they could not estimate the size of the flame or its distance from their aircraft. They estimated the altitude of the flame slightly higher than that of their aircraft. The C-47 was on

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a heading of 110 degrees and an altitude of 10,000 feet. The flame was sighted at 1905 and was visible for 15-20 seconds. DANIEL stated the C-47 was about ten minutes out of La Junta and ROMBERG gave the position as half way between Colorado Springs and La Junta.

7. Captain JOHN W. KREITZ, AO 827009 and Major LYNDALL J. AVERY, 798A, 3416th Student Officers' Squadron were flying a C-47 type aircraft on the evening of 18 January 1950. KREITZ stated in an interview that he observed what appeared to be a meteor but larger and slower and maintaining level flight. KREITZ described it as a flame, light blue to white in color, similar to that of an oxygen torch. The flame was at an estimated altitude of 25,000-30,000 feet and moving faster than jet-flight. KREITZ estimated the distance from his aircraft to the flame as 35 miles. The C-47 was at 9000 feet on a heading of 60 degrees at a point about 35 miles northeast of Akron, Colorado when the observation was made. The time was 1900. KREITZ stated the flame was apparently travelling on a heading of 240 degrees and was visible for about 15 seconds before it faded out. Major AVERY did not see the flame.

8. Captain JOHN L. ELLINGER, AO 663025 and 1st Lt. CLINTON C. LEGG, AO 2056029, both of the 3416th Student Officers' Squadron, were interviewed 19 January 1950. Both pilots advised that they were flying a T-6 type aircraft at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet on a heading of 60 degrees when at 1858 hours, 18 January 1950, at a point approximately one-half way between Denver and Akron Colorado, they observed a flame traveling at a high rate of speed on a course of approximately 210 degrees. LEGG stated that he observed the flame for about 20 seconds and ELLINGER stated that he observed it 5-8 seconds. Both pilots estimated the altitude of the flame at 12,000 feet. Both described it as bright orange to white, five to ten miles away and maintaining a straight even course. The flame merely faded from view. ELLINGER estimated the length to be 50 feet and LEGG estimated it to be 50 yards.

9. The positions and headings of the four aforementioned aircraft were plotted on an over-lay of Sectional Aeronautical Charts, Trinidad (S-4); Denver (T-4) and Cheyenne (U-4). Adjacent to each aircraft an arrow was plotted to show the approximate position and heading of the flame when observed by the pilots of the respective aircraft. The aircraft are numbered on the overlay and carried pilots as follows:

NO. (1) KREITZ and AVERY	NO. (3) WEBB and DRYSDALE
NO. (2) DANIEL and ROMBERG	NO. (4) ELLINGER and LEGG

10. A check with the Denver Bomb Plot, Det. A. 3903d Radar Bomb Scoring Sq., disclosed that their radar was not operating between 1800-2030 hours, 18 January 1950.

11. A check with Base Operations, 3415th Technical Training Wing Training and Operations, and Flight Service Section, all of Lowry AFB, failed to reveal any record of notice of experimental aircraft in the area.

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12. An extension of the course of the flame as plotted in DO #14 area suggests it would pass over the area in vicinity of Holloman AF Base, New Mexico.

13. Weather conditions in area of observation, evening of January 18, 1950 were clear and visibility unlimited. Some slight electrical disturbance was noted along the horizon.

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FOR CG, AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AF BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

1. One (1) copy of overlay of Sectional Aeronautical Charts

FOR CG, LOWRY AF BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

1. (Same as indicated above)

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON D. C.

1. (Same as indicated above)

FOR DO #13, OFFUTT AF BASE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

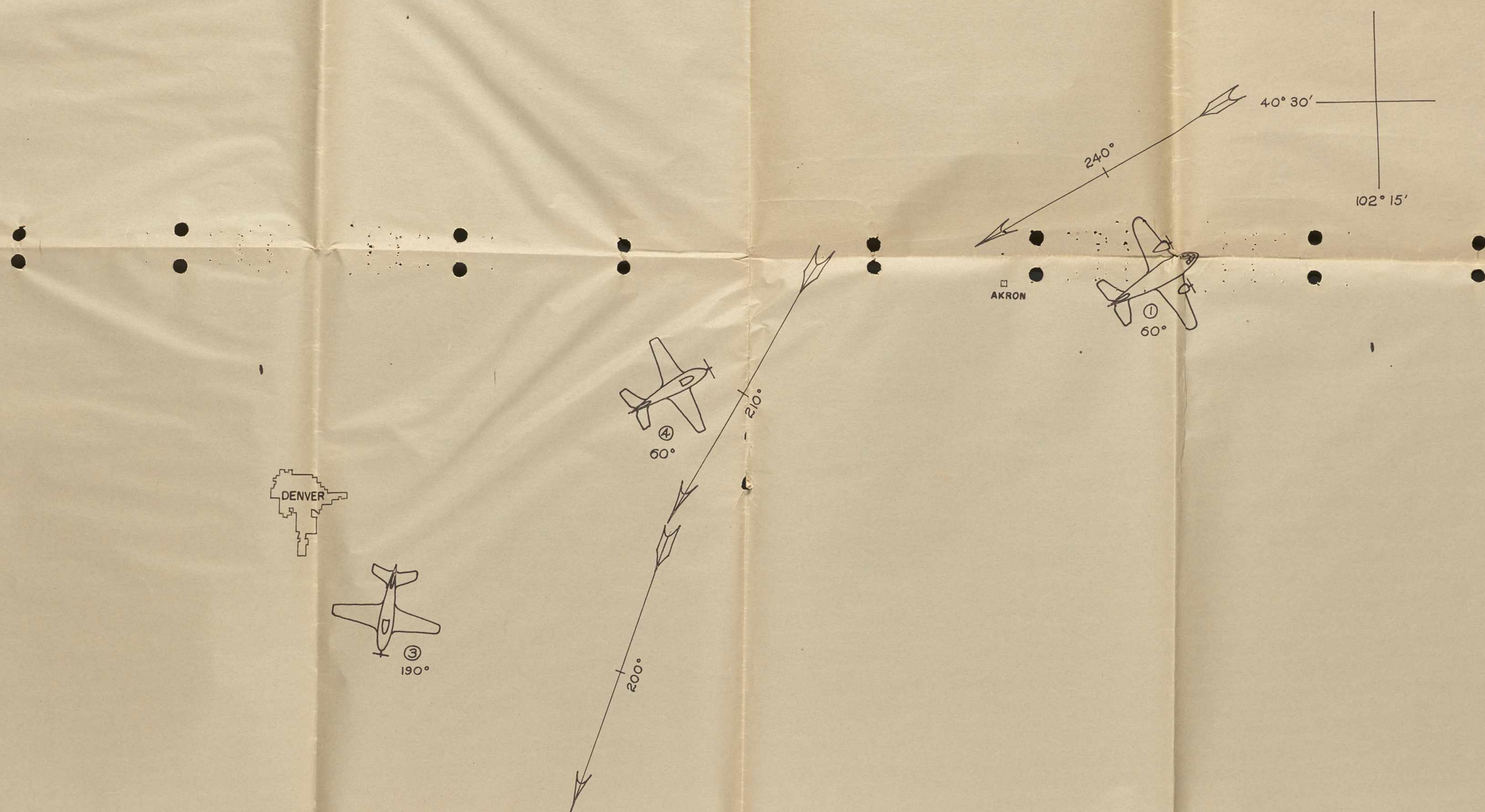
1. (Same as indicated above)

FOR DO #17, KIRTLAND AF BASE, NEW MEXICO

1. (Same as indicated above)

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(OVERLAY)
SECTIONAL AERONAUTICAL CHARTS
(A) TRINIDAD (S-4), (B) DENVER (T-4), (C) CHEYENNE (U-4)



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COLORADO SPRINGS

LA JUNTA

