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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date December 20, 1967

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

The writer has been notified of this reference.

Remarks:

Office of Special Investigations
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109 Mills Avenue So Beach
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December 13, 1967

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Further to you, if I may, concerning the natural or otherwise subversive element using radio-hypnotic conditioning and flying saucers, it has crystallized in my mind that the Mexico City outlet message for "300,000 intensifieds", is perhaps important to investigate from the point of view of this location being the testing place or manufacturing place of flying saucers.

After reading about this phenomena in the Flying Saucer book by Otto Binder, I have come to the conclusion that the "little people" so often reported as being seen are robot children who have been stolen, perhaps during World War II when so many families were bombed out of their homes in Europe and elsewhere. Somehow with the aid of intense radioactivity of the environment, supernatural creatures have been able to speak to and train humans to build these space craft "flying saucers", perhaps in Newfoundland, or Mexico City inside of the tops of mountains, or elsewhere. They have taught the children who were stolen long ago to reproduce early and now they have an army of little people who perhaps have been treated with too much radiation as a natural result of flying in the space craft, or deliberately and they have become midgets. These former children are now manning the space crafts.

Also, there must be 300,000 flying saucers, and the message must have been referring to craft that has been intensified with radiation to enable it to fly. It may be that they do fly to other planets, but I do not believe they are able to obtain food there and they must return to earth very frequently to obtain food. Perhaps they are transporting people to other planets, a lot of people have disappeared, however the danger to our country is in the fact that there may be 300,000 flying saucers ready to be manned by "turned -on" people, or narcotics users. This message certainly must have some significance and I am requesting you to find a way to protect the people of this country from an attack by flying saucers. Since the weapon used seems to be intense radiation, reports of people being burned by rays coming from these saucers, we need aluminum roofs on our important governmental buildings, and aluminum air raid shelters so that these people cannot inundate and stultify our governmental officials into surrender. We will then become an enslaved people. Also, obviously these saucers are transporting people somewhere. Also obviously the little people are not originally from another planet, nor are the materials of the saucer. Therefore, kindly look for their manufacturing place and please use your influence to convince the U.S. Air Force that flying saucers are a real threat and danger and that we cannot afford to overlook all of the real or fancied dangers which may evolve.

Thank you for your protection , I know its difficult to believe, I have trouble believing anyone could be motivated by supernatural (robo creatures also, but I also know that the time is past for us to disbelie and still survive as we know life today.

Sincerely,
Catherine McDermott

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Date June 3, 1965

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

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Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force

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Raymond W. Sayre
3708 Pennington Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21226

May 30, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Gentlemen:

It seems to me that some action on the part of the U. S. Government is needed to either make ourselves more familiar with the planet earth or else put a stop to such misleading factual advertising as printed on page 12 of the National Enquirer of May 30, 1965, Vol. 39. No. 38.

"The Hollow Earth" by Dr. Raymond Bernard is truly a revelation if the advertising matter is reliable, otherwise it implicates our Government and the good name of Admiral Richard E. Byrd--deceased. If the myth of the flying saucers is no longer secret and other people do inhabit our planet Earth, then it should behoove us to communicate with them before going too far out into space. This civilization of super intelligent beings occupying an area larger than North America, 800 miles down, with substantially the same environment as ours would suggest that gravity, as we know it, is present there also, thereby causing their surfaces to be concave and without a horizon instead of convex as ours with a corresponding horizon. The stunning relation that Dr. Bernard will lead us through this subteranean World, years after Admiral Byrd and a team of Navy men made the discovery, seems incredible and fantastic.

I haven't seen the book so maybe it isn't the Admiral Richard E. Byrd nor our government either which somehow might keep them off the hook of misrepresentation but I don't read it that way.

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Yours truly,

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hear a paper on this subject. I believe, however, that the papers in this session will show that the radio astronomers must make considerable progress before they can offer the cosmologists anything of value. Take first the method of counting the sources: this technique is subject to serious errors when the number of sources is too great in relation to the resolving power of the aerial system. We are to hear two papers on this subject. The limitations of the second method, namely measuring the probability distribution, are less well understood and perhaps we can touch on this subject in discussion. At first sight one would expect it to be significantly affected by the enormous dispersion in the apparent angular diameter of extragalactic sources that must presumably be produced by clusters.

Two obvious difficulties in drawing cosmological conclusions from the source counts are: (1) we have no distance calibration, and (2) there is no evidence that we are dealing with a homogeneous population. In dealing with both these difficulties it would be valuable to have observations of the apparent angular diameters of large numbers of the Class II sources. Such observations as have been made indicate that their diameters are consistent with those to be expected for extragalactic sources, but there are few published measurements. The measurement of a large number of diameters would permit us to test the homogeneity of the sources; furthermore, coupled with additional optical identifications, it might be possible to estimate the distances to which our measurements are reaching. It is also possible, and I hope we shall hear something about this in the present session, that measuring diameters is a more promising way of testing cosmological theories than counting sources in different magnitude ranges.

2. THE IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES

A few sources, less than twenty, have been identified with *normal* galaxies, and in this context *normal* implies that these galaxies show no trace of abnormality when examined photographically. The apparent radio (m_r) and photographic (m_p) magnitudes of these few galaxies have been compared, and an attempt has been made to test whether the quantity $m_r - m_p$ is constant for a given type of galaxy and if it varies systematically with type. The published measurements show that radio emission is a common property of Sb- and Sc-type spirals, and the few available results show a scatter in the value of $m_r - m_p$ of about ± 2 magnitudes. It has also been suggested tentatively on the basis of these results that Sc-type spirals radiate less radio energy in relation to their light than Sb-type spirals do. Observations of the Magellanic Clouds, which are bedeviled by the problem of establishing reliable integrated magnitudes, suggest that irregular galaxies may be relatively weak radio emitters, while, so far, all attempts to detect the radio emission from a single E- or Sa-type nebula have failed.

Dr. Hazard and I are engaged in a further study of *normal* galaxies and I will give a short report on this work later. Briefly, we have found that

for galaxies of type Sb and Sc there is a surprisingly close relation between the radio and light emission, the scatter in $m_r - m_p$ for the dozen galaxies so far observed does not exceed ± 0.5 magnitudes. The results also show that any systematic difference in $m_r - m_p$ for Sb and Sc is small and does not exceed 0.5 magnitudes. In analyzing our data we have tried to compare as closely as possible the total radio and light output from the galaxies. The photographic magnitudes must, of course, be corrected for galactic absorption and "diaphragm" effects, also for the orientation of the Galaxy with respect to the observer. The radio observations must be corrected for the apparent angular size of the galaxies in order to derive their integrated magnitudes. As an example of the importance of this last correction I would like to draw attention to the fact that when observed at 160 Mc/s the angular diameter of M 31 is about 10×5 degrees, and it is therefore reasonable to expect that an Sb galaxy of comparable size will have an angular diameter of at least half a degree even when it is as faint as apparent magnitude +10.

In addition to these *normal* galaxies a few radio sources have been identified with *abnormal* galaxies. The most striking examples are the colliding galaxies in Cygnus and Perseus, and the curious Galaxy NGC 4486 which has a jet protruding from the nucleus. These objects exhibit a far higher ratio of radio emission to light than the normal galaxies, and as an extreme example the value of $m_r - m_p$ for the Cygnus source is about -14 compared with a value of about $+0.5$ for normal spirals. More identifications are badly needed and we look forward to two papers on this subject. The difficulties of this work are great: first, the radio positions are generally too vague, and second, the majority of radio sources appear to be associated with faint objects.

In conclusion I must emphasize how far we are at present from understanding the extragalactic radio-source population; we have in fact no reliable idea of the shape of the radio-source luminosity function. We need to study the radio emission from galaxies, not only by type, but also under different conditions of space density and interaction. Our present data tell us about the behavior of single spirals in conditions of comparatively low space density such as that prevailing in the Ursa Major Cloud, and we also know something about the radio emission in the other extreme case where spirals are in violent collision. But, as yet, we have very little information about the radio emission in intermediate conditions; for example, how do galaxies behave in the space density that prevails in compact clusters such as the Coma and Perseus clusters? There is some evidence that the radiation from these clusters is greater than one would expect on the basis of the little that is known about individual galaxies under conditions of low space density. It may well be that in a compact cluster the individual galaxies effectively lose their individual identities as far as radio astronomers are concerned, and it will be of great interest and importance to extragalactic studies to test this by observation. I hope that if there is any observational evidence on this last point it will be brought forward in this session.

SIR I BELIEVE CTA-102 COULD BE SENDING INTELLIGENT SIGNALS FROM THEIR GALAXY

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SIR 1952 UFO SIGHTING AUTHENTIC, CIA AGENTS DIDNOT KNOW, USAF SECRET AGENTS MUST BE GIVEN MY INFORMATION.

PLEASE O.K. VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. OR ATIC DAYTON BASE W.C. 202 S. 17TH ST. PHILA. PENNA. THANK YOU SIR

by impressive military sightings, including a filmed encounter at White Sands. Publicly, the Air Force still denied the existence of flying saucers.

1952

This year saw the greatest number of verified UFO sightings ever recorded. Stated an ATIC colonel: "These people are not crackpots; they are seeing something." Air Force Secretary Finletter added: "There are flying-saucers sightings the Air Force is unable to explain." Captain Ruppelt, at Project Blue Book, told the press: "The flying saucers haven't struck yet. But that doesn't mean they are not a potential threat."

Shortly after this, the Air Force again ordered its pilots to fire on UFOs. When this became public, protests caused the order to be revoked. To calm hysteria over the nationwide sightings, the Air Force held a debunking press conference. But behind the scenes the massed evidence led to a plan for releasing UFO information, including the Utah formation pictures.

1953

In January, leading scientists secretly weighed the evidence at the Pentagon, at the instigation of the Central Intelligence Agency. The plan to inform the public was disapproved, reportedly because of CIA pressure. (This was *after* Admiral Hillenkoetter served as CIA Director.) Censorship was tightened, but leaks continued. In November, the Air Force was seriously worried by the loss of an F-89 jet and its two-man crew. An official statement from Truax Air Force Base said the jet was followed by radar until it merged with an object over Lake Superior. The object was not identified, nor was any trace of the jet or its crew ever found.

1954

As Mars approached the earth, UFO sightings quickly increased here and abroad, as in previous Mars oppositions. Marine Corps jet pilots reported meeting a UFO squadron near Dallas. A British airliner crew encountered a mother ship and six smaller UFOs. As the censorship cracked, the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Nathan Twining, publicly stated: "There is no proof these things are real, but if there is a civilization on Mars that far ahead of us I don't think we have anything to worry about."

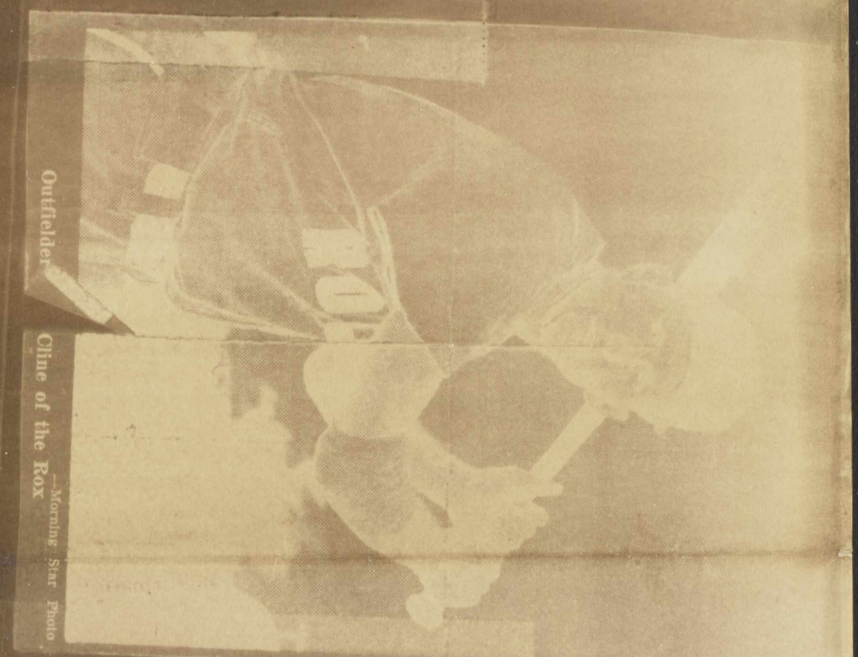
1955

In April, Air Force jets fired on a UFO circling a weather balloon near Rockford, Illinois.[3] But renewed censorship kept most sightings from the press. On October 8, General Douglas MacArthur was quoted in *The New York Times* as saying world nations would have to unite against enemies from outer space. He refused any further explanation. Soon afterward, the Air Force issued a new debunking report, Project Blue Book Report 14. It was immediately denounced by Captain Ruppelt as a revival of a "worthless" evaluation he had discarded when he was project chief in 1953. (Report 14 is still quoted by Air Force Headquarters as proving all its claims.)

By September 1956, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena had been formally established. This first step was taken by a small group headed by Mr. Townsend Brown. Though I did not then join the staff, I helped to secure Board members.

Thus far in '56, continued UFO operations and censorship had shown the increasing need for an open, national investigation. The most serious incident occurred one night in January when Colonel Lee Merkel, Commander of the Ken-

[3] Signed report and press account in NICAP files.



Outfielder Cline of the Rox —Morning Star Photo

record [illegible] not he seems to have clinched the league title for the second straight season. Harry Minor of Keokuk ranks second with 20 home runs, Joe Macko of Burlington has 18, Jerry Cline of Rockford 14, and Rudy Halabuk, Kewanee, 13.

Tanner's home run parade:

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2	May16	Olinger (B)	
3	May 23	Luttner (B)	
4	May 28	Wenclewicz (Kew)	
5	May 30	Lietz (R)	
6	June 1	Bradley (Kew)	
7	June 2	Whitmore (Kew)	
8	June 5	Cain (Kew)	
9	June 12	Ippolito (Kew)	
10	June 17	Tarabilda (Clin)	
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12	June 17	Rothman (Cl)	
13	June 18	Rothman (Cl)	
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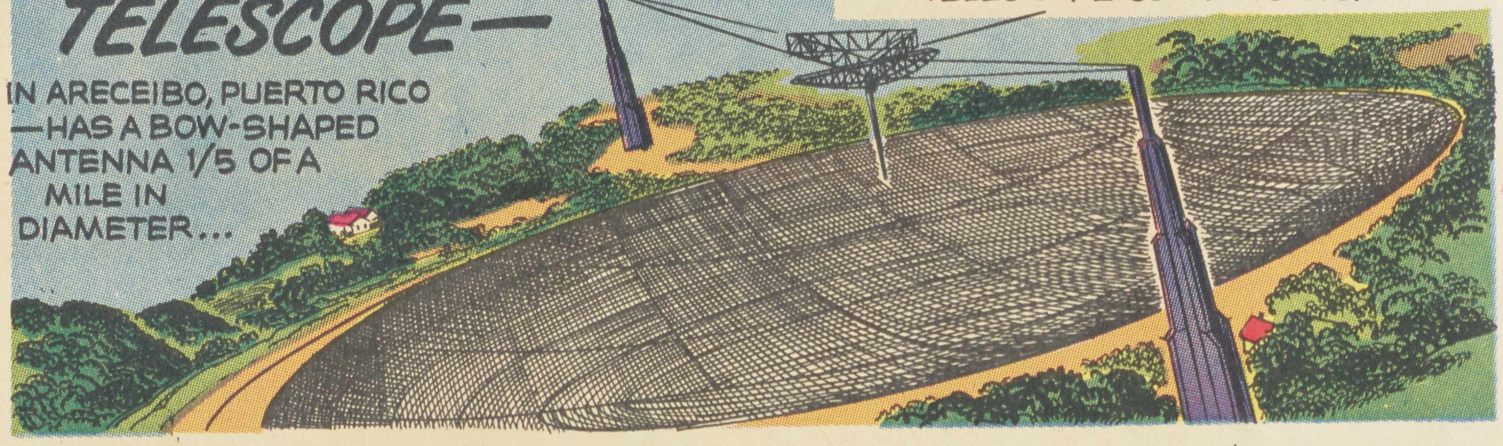
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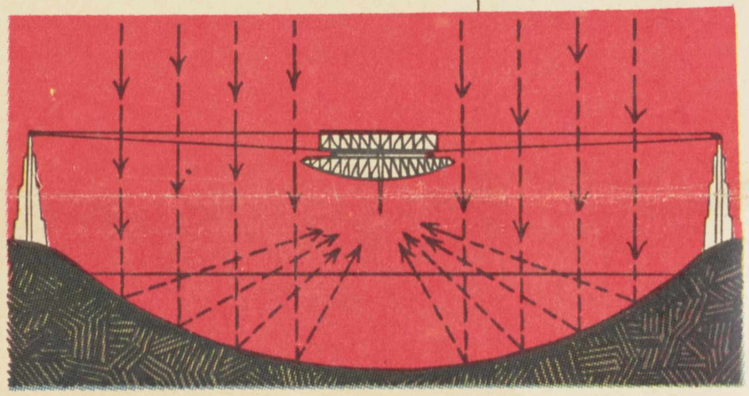
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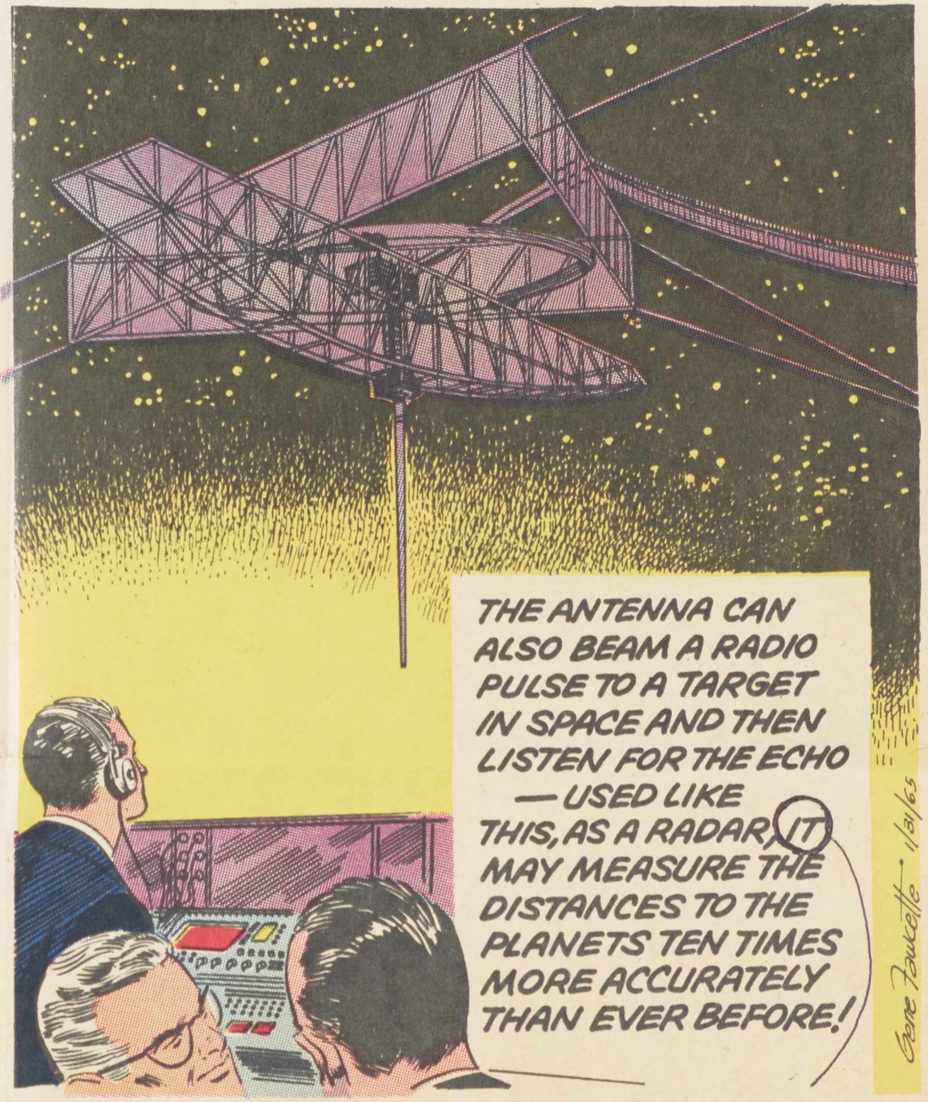


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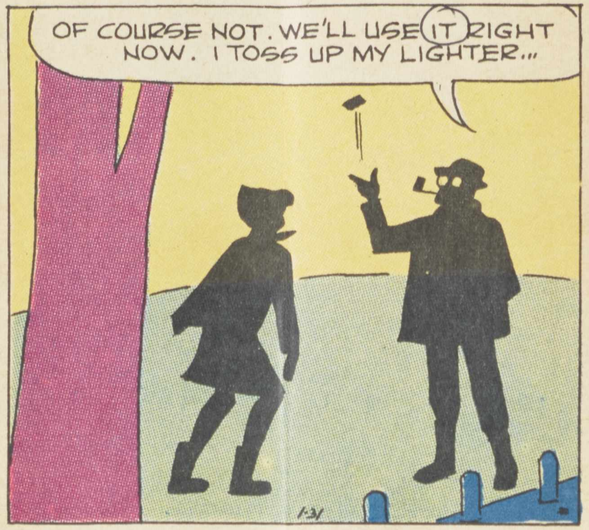
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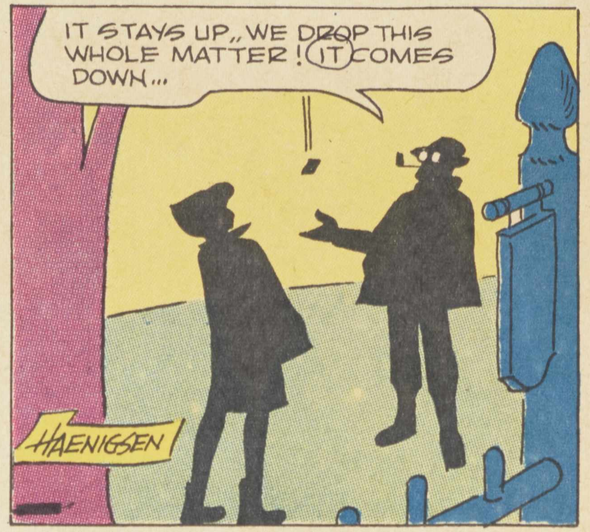
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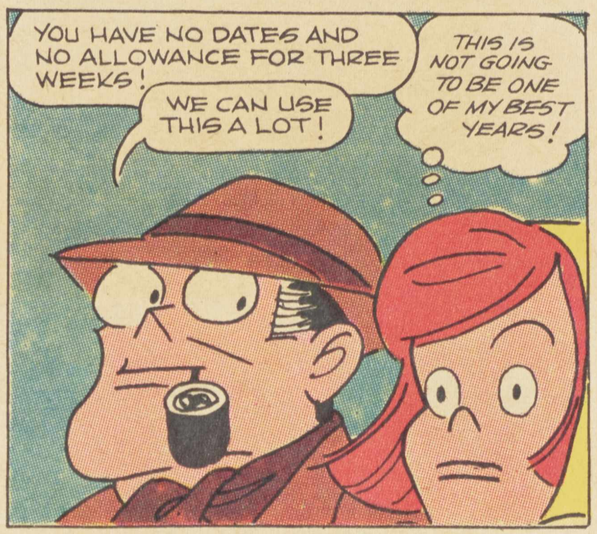
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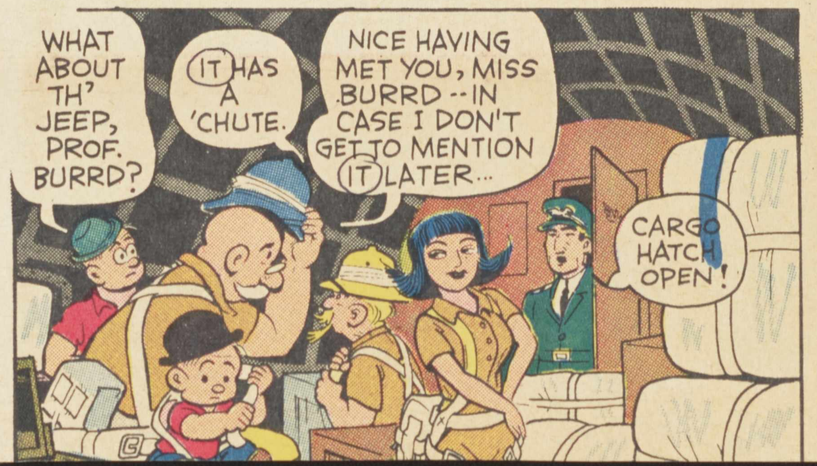


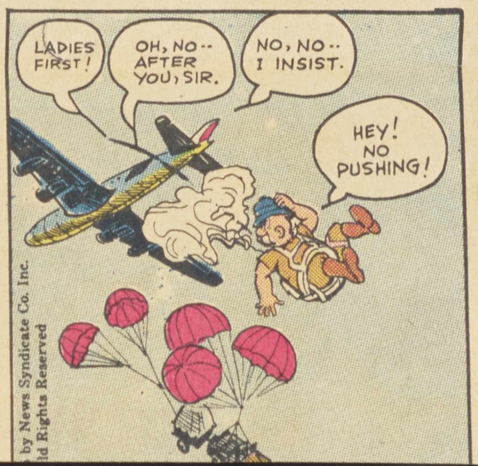
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SUBJECT: Analysis of UFO Photograph, Ballasar Bottos,
File Nr. 3DO 24-190.

TO: Office of Special Investigations
3rd District Office
1612 South Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

1. Attached is a copy of letter to subject person regarding analysis of photo performed by this Center.

2. Return of original photographic material to source is now mandatory, to preclude numerous charges and allegations against the Air Force occasioned in the past that such material was deliberately withheld.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Wallace W. Elwood

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
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Mr. Ballasar Bottos
361 Marlton Avenue
Camden, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Bottos:

A photograph of an aerial object taken by you near your home on 23 August 1957, and turned over to the Air Force Office of Special Investigation, was submitted to this Center for examination.

Microscopic and macroscopic study of your photo has been completed. The following is a brief summary of our conclusions:

a. There is a double exposure effect in the exposure caused by a camera movement. This strongly suggests that a slight "time exposure" was made.

b. The double exposure effect is further confirmed by the fact that the insulators on the telephone poles are also blurred.

c. The object is generally round in shape, and not bell shaped as reported to OSI agents, and as sketched on the back of the print.

d. Further, it appears that the object is either the moon or a balloon.

Please be advised that the U. S. Weather Bureau schedules indicate that weather balloons are released in your general area at 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. As your observation took place at approximately 7:10 a.m., the object apparently was a balloon. In all events, no reports of anything unusual was received by any of the radar, GOC, civil airlines or military air units in the area for that general time.

In accordance with Air Force policies, we are returning your original photograph. Also attached are two copies used in our analyses. Your reporting of the matter to the proper authorities is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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WALLACE W. ELWOOD
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: District Commander
3d District OSI (IG) USAF
ATTN: Chief, CI Division

FROM: Detachment Commander
Detachment 304

SUBJECT: BALLASSAR BATTOS
361 Marlton Avenue
Camden, N. J.

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1. Reference is made to previous correspondence re SUBJECT as reflected above.

2. On 17 October 1957, SUBJECT, with his son RICHARD BATTOS, appeared at the Philadelphia OSI Detachment and indicated to S/A MARCEL E. D'HOOGE his desire to supply information in addition to that previously reported.

3. SUBJECT related that he had nothing of any significance to add regarding his sightings of the "flying saucers" and that in general all of the objects he has seen appear to be in accord with the descriptions of these objects as supplied by Adamski in his book, "The Flying Saucers have Landed."

SUBJECT explained that the specific purpose of his visit was to caution members of the OSI not to be too aggressive in approaching these "flying saucers" inasmuch as they might frighten or possibly provoke the persons in these objects. SUBJECT added that the persons in these objects had advised him that their visits were friendly. SUBJECT also advised that the use of earthly weapons would not be effective against these objects.

SUBJECT explained that his medium of communication with these objects was telepathic and that he had experienced little trouble receiving these messages but that his ability to transmit appears to be restricted.

SUBJECT concluded that he desired OSI to propagate the fact that these objects were of friendly origin so that no persons would be injured by offering resistance to, or attempting to attack these objects.

4. S/A D'HOOGE advised SUBJECT that OSI had no means of propagation of the aforementioned data and suggested that SUBJECT bring these facts to the attention of some of the scientist friends SUBJECT had mentioned, who might be in a better position to propagate this data.

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5. Since our source appears to be psychopatic re these objects, it is recommended that Headquarters be notified that no further information will be obtained or accepted from him.

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

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CYRUS A. TIMMONS
Special Agent, OSI
Detachment Commander

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2D 24-0-556

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting on 2 March 1959 at 0030 Hours by WILLIAM HNATNUK, 835 West View Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

TO Commander
McGuire Air Force Base
Trenton, New Jersey

1. Reference is made to paragraph 4b of AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. On 2 March 1959, this District Office was telephonically advised by Special Agent RICHARD SWANENBURG of Detachment 304, OSI, Custom House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of the following information, which was furnished to him by Mr. WILLIAM HNATNUK, 835 West View Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is employed by the Philco Corporation, Abbotsford and Wissahikon Streets, Philadelphia. SWANENBURG stated that HNATNUK is 26 years of age, has an M.E. degree from Rutgers University, and appears to be a responsible person.

3. HNATNUK advised SWANENBURG that he had sighted a spherical object, which appeared to be about the size of a nickel or a quarter when held in the hand at arm's length. A slight vapor trail, which in length was about twice the diameter of the object, trailed behind it. The vapor trail was about the same width or slightly narrower than the object. The center of the object was orange while the outer portion and its vapor trail were yellow. The object had no discernible details, and no sound was noted. The distance to the object could not be estimated; however, it was believed to be at least one mile away. HNATNUK first noted the object through the windshield of his car. It was at an elevation of approximately 25° on a downward path, and disappeared behind trees on the distant horizon. During the latter portion of its flight, before disappearing the object appeared to waver in flight. The object was in view for three to four seconds. HNATNUK was traveling alone in his car, and observed the object without visual aids. At the time of the sighting HNATNUK was on the Franklin Park cutoff road about 200 yards from U.S. Route 1, approximately 4 miles south of New Brunswick, New Jersey. HNATNUK judged that he was heading in a direction south, southeast, and noted

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the object a little to his right. He therefore believed the object was approximately south when obsoved. HNATNUK stated that the sky was clear at the time he observedthe object and that this observation took place at approximately 030 hours on 2 March 1959.

WILLIAM J. NOSOFF
Lt. Colonel, USAF

bcc: Dir OSI
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WILLIAM W. ROBERTS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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BY KURT R. KUNZE, Capt USAF
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2D 24-0-532

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Unidentified Flying Object Reported
18 October 1958 by JOSEPH JONES of
249 West 80th Street, New York City.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

THRU: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG) USAF
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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

1. On 18 October 1958, Mr. JONES who is identified above telephoned this District Office. He advised that at 2335 hours on 17 October 1958 he noted a round object as large as the head of a pin and blood red in color. This object was about 500 feet above the ground and appeared to be on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River. The object remained in sight about 5 minutes. The weather was overcast but visibility was good. JONES stated he has read a great deal concerning flying saucers and asked "why the government doesn't tell the people all about them".

2. JONES did not have additional information to offer and additional investigation will not be conducted by this District Office.

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3. This investigation comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

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4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 30c (2)(a), AFR 205-1 because it contains investigative information which requires protection against unauthorized disclosure.

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Colonel, USAF
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Lt Colonel, USAF
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P.O BOX # 173, COOPER STATION
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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
4 August 1958 by ROBERT BOLLINGER,
13 Martin Road, Whippany, New Jersey

THRU : District Commander
5th District OSI (IG) USAF
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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

1. On 16 August 1958 the above individual telephoned this District Office and advised that he and his wife were attending a drive-in movie when his wife, at about 2300 on 4 August 1958, called his attention to an unidentified flying object (UFO). He thought it was a satellite but about fifteen minutes later an identical UFO came into view. BOLLINGER described both objects as being eliptical in shape and very brilliant, and when first noticed were in the west-northwest and disappeared at the horizon in the southwest. BOLLINGER advised that the drive-in movie is located at Troy Hill, New Jersey, and that at the time the objects were sighted the night was clear and visibility good.

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2. BOLLINGER further advised that he had discussed this incident with two friends, a Mr. FRANK OSOLINIK, 8 Crescent Drive, Whippany, New Jersey and a Mr. TELESCHEK (phonetic) who is a purchasing agent for Thomas A. Edison Industries. Mr. OSOLINIK was in Lake George, New York, on the night of 4 August 1958 and Mr. TELESCHEK's son was in a camp in Newton, New Jersey, and both these individuals saw a UFO on that night.

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WILLIAM J. NOSOFF
Lt Colonel, USAF
For and in the absence
WILLIAM N. ROBERTS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI, USAF

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Hqs, 5th OSI District (LG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 29 August 1958

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN4K2a6, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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2D 24-523

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Unidentified Flying Object
reported by ERIC A. LAKES,
445 E. 14th St., NYC
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart Air Force Base
Newburgh, New York

1. Inclosed for your information is one copy of information supplied this District Office by ERIC A. LAKES re Flying Objects and a sketch made by LAKES concerning same.

2. This case is closed in the files of this District Office.

3. This investigation comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

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

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REPORT OF TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION

REF: Unidentified Flying Objects

The following report is submitted per instructions contained in the Duty Agents Instructions.
(Ref Paragraph 6B, AFR 200-2, 26 August 1953)

I. Description of the Objects.

A) Disc shaped - globe in middle of disc, with the globe extending from the middle of the disc to the edge.
B) Small (20 to 40 feet, overall width)
C) First white then silver
D) Two
E) Close together
F) No detail
G) Nothing
H) No sound
I) Nothing

II. Description of Course of Objects

a) First heqrd a plane in the south then noticed objects.
b) About 30 degrees
c) Moving South slowly, then turned Southeast, and climbed slowly out of sight, moving at an approximate speed of 50 to 100 MPH
d) No extreme maneuvers
e) Climbed out of sight
f) 10 to 20 seconds

III. Manner of Observation

a) Ground Visual
b) Nothing used
c) N/A

IV. Time and date of sighting

a) 2115 ZULU time
b) day (sun shining and clear, CAVU)

V. Between 1st Avenue and Avenue A on 14th Street, on north side walking east.

VI. Civilian, ERIC A. LAKES, 39 in two weeks, 445 E. 14th Street, New York, N. Y., artist, former Army Air Force pilot (PBY, C-47, L-5's - type aircraft flown), SSN 0-813396.

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VII. N/A

VIII. Nothing

IX. Nothing

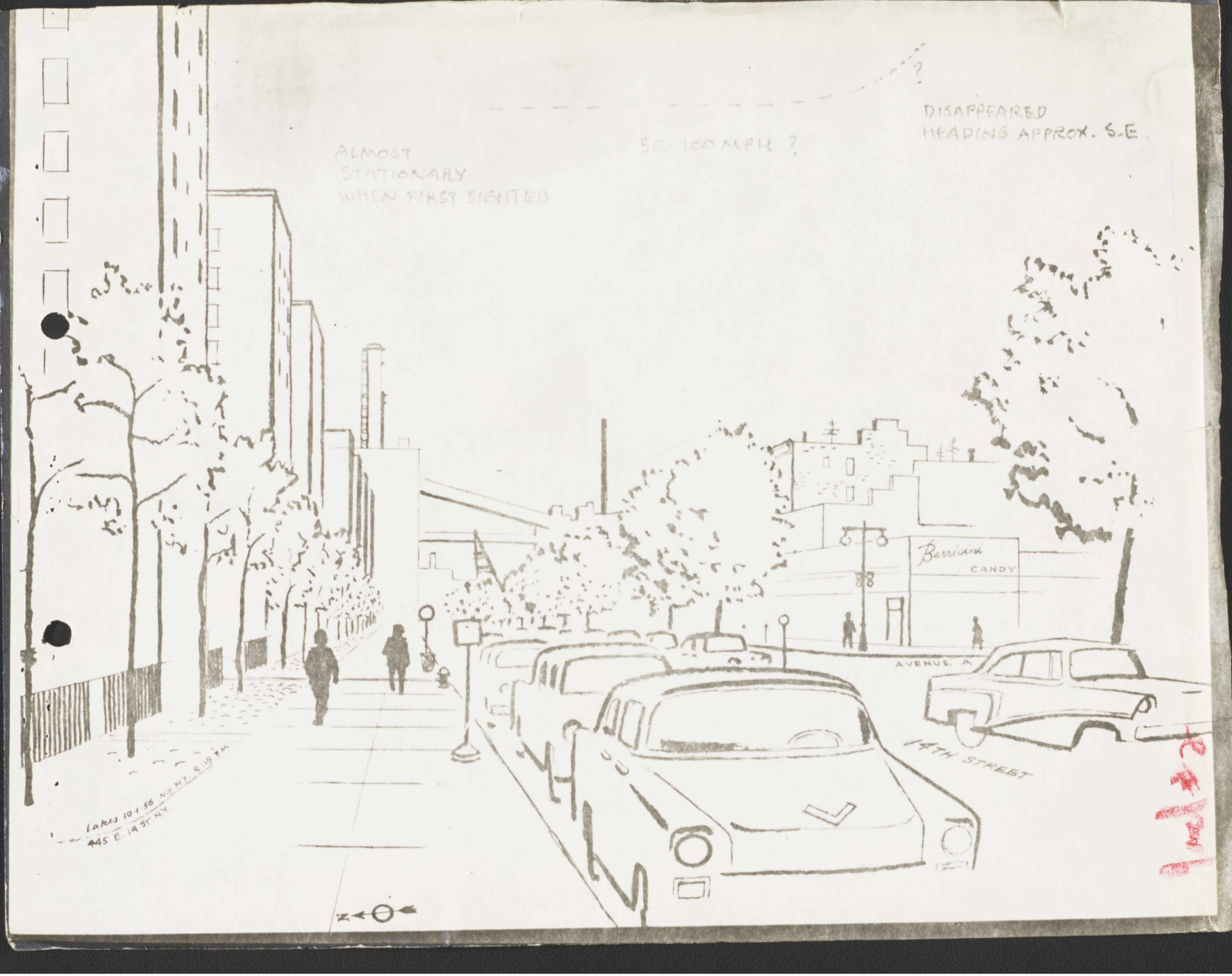
X. No identifying marks

XI. Plane proceeding southwest when LAKES first saw objects.

XII. N. H. HEMPEL, S/A OSI (no comments)

MMr. LAKES called again at 2115 to say that the objects were seen at approximately 15 to 20 degrees off the horizon rather than 30 degrees and they were about 2 to 5 miles from him traveling away from him.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AFOIN 30 July 1956

SUBJECT: Alleged Invasion From Outer Space

TO: Commander
2nd District, Office of Special Investigations
Box 97, Cooper Station
New York 3, New York

The attached correspondence received by this office is forwarded for whatever action is deemed necessary or appropriate.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Timothy R. Johnson
TIMOTHY R. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

1 Incl:
Ltr fr William Proscia
dtd 23 Jul 56

Memo.
Called Johnson & told him in future that his line of correspondence was to us & not our Districts. He said okay would not rt to our Districts
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TO: Director, Special Investigations, Headquarters USAF,
Washington 25, D.C.

Forwarded your Directorate for appropriate action.

Robert S. Jones
ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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8:40:00 July 23, '56
William Proscia
393 E. 168 ST.
New York 56, N.Y.

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Our craft have prepared facilities for landing on your planet in numerous remote areas. We have given sufficient demonstrations of our abilities in speed and performance. We do not expect to convert non-believers at the moment. There is no need to fear of Panic among your people at our approach and landings. For we shall previously condition the mind to accept us. The present destructive plans formulated for offensive and defensive war are known to us in their entirety. The surface of your planet is in our photographic records in detail. Through the control of light forces we can instantly terminate production, transportation and communication at any time, at any place upon your planet. Our methods do not require that we destroy any single thing. Our laws do not permit us to take human life. They do not however

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forbid us to control minds. The present trend toward destructive war will not be interfered with by us unless the condition warrants our interference in order to secure this solar system. This is a friendly warning.

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30 July 1956

Mr. William Proscia
393 East 168th Street
New York 56, New York

Dear Mr. Proscia:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 23rd, 1956, addressed to the Department of Flying Saucer Investigation Bureau.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY R. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24 SEP 1956

File No. AFCSI-6D INV-24-185-2
Your File No.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Reports and/or Requests for Information

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)

1. In connection with the above file, the purpose of this communication is as checked below:

☐ Inclosure reports results of overseas investigation requested.

☐ Investigation continuing; results will be forwarded.

☐ Investigation your District Office. Suspense: _____.

☐ Your District is designated office of origin; auxiliary offices (if any) are indicated below as recipients of copies of this letter.

☐ Subject assigned to command within your area. Refer copy to interested command for information and/or appropriate action.

☐ _____ copies of reports requested (if other than normal).

☒ Inclosure is for information and any action warranted.

☐ Advise as to command action (including recoupment action, 61 cases).

☐ Status of this matter and date report may be expected.

2. ☒ When inclosures are withdrawn or not attached, the classification on this correspondence will be cancelled in accordance with AFR 205-1.

3. Remarks - Request appropriate representative of the Commander, ADC, be furnished a copy of inclosed letter.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

E. T. Murtha Maj. USAF

GENE P. MORITZ, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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20D OSI 24-0 27 July 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)

TO: Commander
25th Air Division (Def)
McChord AFB, Washington
ATTN: Intelligence Officer

1. On 24 July 1956, at approximately 1320 hours, the Seattle Detachment of this District, received a telephonic report from an individual who identified himself as ALBERT R. KLEIN, Age 62, Foreman, Machine Shop, Physics Department, University of Washington. Mr. KLEIN, whose residence is 4707 Thackerary Place, Seattle, Telephone: Evergreen 2374, related the following information:

a. At approximately 1935 hours, 22 July 1956, he was lying in the backyard at his residence located in the northeast sector of Seattle, flat on his back with his head to the north, when he sighted a "very bright" object directly overhead. KLEIN described the object as silver in color stating it appeared to remain stationary high above the clouds while he observed it for several minutes.

b. He stated he obtained binoculars and sighted the object from a fixed position along the tip of a branch to a tree on his lawn, discerning the object to be round, and deemed it possibly a balloon or parachute. He watched the object through the binoculars until approximately 1955 hours, as did his wife, Mrs. DORA H. KLEIN, Age 61, and a University of Washington student he summoned from a nearby residence. KLEIN stated the object then suddenly shattered amid a violent explosion, and that its pieces (which he estimated as about twenty, both large and small), scattered at great length, shortly disappearing from sight. He heard no sound.

c. He stated that according to information he had received from the Meteorological Department, University of Washington on 23 July, the clouds on the previous day had been at a 10,000 foot altitude; thus, he believed the object to have been approximately at a fifteen thousand foot altitude. At time of sighting, he stated, clouds were moving easterly at an estimated thirty mile per hour velocity, and the object made an estimated movement of 10 degrees to the West before it shattered. KLEIN described the

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object as stable, traveling (prior to explosion) in a direct path at a speed which he compared to that of the Earth, and was not affected by clouds in the lower strata. He stated no trail or exhaust was noted, although, he stated, he felt he imagined a small projection, similar to a stick, was located in the side of the object, opposite to the direction of travel.

d. KLEIN advised visibility had been very good during the time he had the object under observation, stating the sun had not descended, the evening was very light, and the overcast was ten percent. He estimated the size of the object to have been six to eight feet in diameter, using as a comparison, the sighting of an object twenty thousand feet distant through the eye of a needle held at arm's length. Also, he stated, the size could be compared to the size of an object slightly smaller than the head of a pin held at arm's length.

e. In conclusion, Mr. KLEIN stated he had noticed an article in a newspaper on 22 July 1956 wherein was stated that an aircraft in flight over Texas or California was struck by an object which damaged the aircraft. The newspaper stated that the object was not identified, and KLEIN stated he was of the opinion that possibly the object he had sighted on that date had some connection with the object reported in the news item. He stated he had contacted the Meteorological Department of the University of Washington on 23 July 1956 to determine whether the object he had sighted could have been a weather balloon. No decision was given to him by that office, he stated, though his report seemed to interest his contact in the Meteorological Department.

2. Indices of Headquarters, 20th District OSI do not reflect any information relating to KLEIN or his wife.

3. This matter is referred to you for your information and any action you may deem appropriate.

STANLEY G. OSKAMP, Major, USAF
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF
SPENCER W. RAYNOR, Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object by ALBERT R. KLEIN, 4707 Thackerary Place, Seattle, Washington on 22 Jul 56

SPECIAL INQUIRY

84194

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent AFB
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of letter dated 27 July 1956, file 20D OSI 24-0, subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)", directed to Commander, 25th Air Division (Def) McChord AFB, Washington, ATTN: Intelligence Officer, by the 20th District OSI (IG) USAF, McChord AFB.

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

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

Heston C. Cole

1 Incl (As stated)

HESTON C. COLE
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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20D OSI 24-6

27 July 1956

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McChord AFB, Washington
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c. He stated that according to information he had received from the Meteorological Department, University of Washington on 23 July, the clouds on the previous day had been at a 10,000 foot altitude; thus, he believed the object to have been approximately at a fifteen thousand foot altitude. At time of sighting, he stated, clouds were moving easterly at an estimated thirty mile per hour velocity, and the object made an estimated movement of 10 degrees to the West before it shattered. KLEIN described the

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object as stable, traveling (prior to explosion) in a direct path at a speed which he compared to that of the Earth, and was not affected by clouds in the lower strata. He stated no trail or exhaust was noted, although, he stated, he felt he imagined a small projection, similar to a stick, was located in the side of the object, opposite to the direction of travel.

d. KLEIN advised visibility had been very good during the time he had the object under observation, stating the sun had not descended, the evening was very light, and the overcast was ten percent. He estimated the size of the object to have been six to eight feet in diameter, using as a comparison, the sighting of an object twenty thousand feet distant through the eye of a needle held at arm's length. Also, he stated, the size could be compared to the size of an object slightly smaller than the head of a pin held at arm's length.

e. In conclusion, Mr. KLEIN stated he had noticed an article in a newspaper on 22 July 1956 wherein was stated that an aircraft in flight over Texas or California was struck by an object which damaged the aircraft. The newspaper stated that the object was not identified, and KLEIN stated he was of the opinion that possibly the object he had sighted on that date had some connection with the object reported in the news item. He stated he had contacted the Meteorological Department of the University of Washington on 23 July 1956 to determine whether the object he had sighted could have been a weather balloon. No decision was given to him by that office, he stated, though his report seemed to interest his contact in the Meteorological Department.

2. Indices of Headquarters, 20th District OSI do not reflect any information relating to KLEIN or his wife.

3. This matter is referred to you for your information and any action you may deem appropriate.

STANLEY G. OSKAMP, Major, USAF
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF
SPENCER W. RAYNOR, Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir, OSI

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26 July 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at
Greenwood Lake, New York, on
14 July 1956

X24-185-2-32

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOIN 4E4
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent ROBERT S. HERMANN, District Office Nr. 2, file 24-515, dated 23 July 1956, 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.

Kenneth N. Whitehorn
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SUBJECT: (Confidential)
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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
at Greenwood Lake, New York, on
14 July 1956
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart Air Force Base
Newburgh, New York

1. Forwarded, for the information of your Headquarters, is report of investigation made by Special Agent ROBERT S. HERMANN, 2d District OSI, this date, Subject and file as above.

2. This investigation comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Greenwood Lake, New York, on 14 July 1956

CHARACTER
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INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon receipt of a telephone call from RAYMOND WHITE, civilian, that he had sighted an unidentified flying object both in the afternoon and in the evening of 14 July 1956 at Greenwood Lake, New York. Such details which WHITE could remember, based upon his observation and description of what he had observed, were obtained.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Unidentified FlyObt,Greenwood Lake,NY

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. This investigation was predicated upon information received by the reporting agent from RAYMOND WHITE, age 32, a portrait painter, resident at 35 East 19th Street, New York, New York, by telephone on 18 July 1956.

2. WHITE reported that on 14 July 1956, he had twice observed a flying object in the sky. The observations took place for short periods at about 1630 hours and 2200 hours. The periods of observation were brief. WHITE could not tell whether he had seen the same object in both instances of observation. He described the object seen at 1630 hours as the size of a dime, silver colored, disc shape, and motionless; then it tilted, appeared to have a dome on the top, and disappeared.

The object seen at night was also the size of a dime, red in color, of disc shape, and was traveling at high speed; it curved sharply across the sky, and disappeared. Weather conditions were good for observation; no instruments were used. WHITE advised that his wife, ERICA WHITE, resident at his address, also ROBERT M. STEWART, an oil explorer, and MARGARET STEWART, a nurse, both of Greenwood Lake, New York, could corroborate his observation, in part. When ask if he could be interviewed, personally, about the matter, WHITE replied that a personal interview would take too much of his time.

3. Detailed answers, as required by Air Force Regulation 200-2, paragraph 7d, are set forth below; numbering is in accordance with that used in the Regulation:

(1) Description

(a) Shape - Disc

(b) Size - Dime

(c) Color - Silver at day; red at night

(d) Number - One

(e) N/A

(f) - (i) - Information not available

(2) Description of course of object

(a) Personal observation of WHITE

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Unidentified FlyObt, Greenwood Lake, NY

(b)-(f) - No information furnished

(3) Manner of observation - Naked eye from the ground

(4) Time and date of sighting

(a) Zulu time-date group - 2030Z, 14 July 1956
(1630 hours EDST, 14 July 1956)

Zulu time-date group - 0200Z, 15 July 1956
(2200 hours EDST, 14 July 1956)

(b) Light conditions - Day in first instance; night in second instance

(5) Location of observer - Thirty (30) miles east of Nyack, New York

(6) Identifying information of all observers

(a) RAYMOND WHITE, civilian, age 32, 35 East 19th Street, New York City; portrait painter

(b) ERICA WHITE, civilian, wife of RAYMOND WHITE

(c) ROBERT M. STEWART, Greenwood Lake, New York; oil explorer

(d) MARGARET STEWART, Greenwood Lake, New York; nurse

(7) Weather conditions - Clear in both instances

(8)-(12), inclusive - No information available.

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19 April 1956

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Glen Ridge, New Jersey on 9 March 1956

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

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent FREDERICK W. McNABB, JR., District Office No. 2, file 24-496, dated 16 April 1956, 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.

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

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Glen Ridge, New Jersey on 9 March 1956

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon receipt of information from Newark Field Office, FBI, that an unidentified flying object was sighted by a Glen Ridge, New Jersey family on 9 March 1956. Family interviewed. Complete details concerning object's actions and description obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon information received from Special Agent DON ROSE, Newark Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the effect that on 9 March 1956, OVERTON KLINEFELTER, 42 Stephen Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, reported he and his wife had sighted an unidentified flying object from their residence.

AT GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

2. On 15 March 1956, Mrs. OVERTON KLINEFELTER, OVERTON H. KLINEFELTER, JR., and Miss LYNN KLINEFELTER were interviewed jointly. Except where otherwise indicated the descriptions set forth were agreed upon by all three interviewees:

A. Description of the object is set forth below:

(1) Shape - Round but could have been Cylindrical with only circular area visible.

(2) Size - About the size of a pea held at arm's length.

(3) Color - White light with reddish tinge; general burning effect.

(4) Number - One object.

(5) Discernible Features - Extreme brightness; appeared to give off own light.

(6) Tail or Trail - None whatsoever.

(7) Sound - None.

(8) Pertinent Features - Brightness appeared to vary, giving object a turning effect.

B. Description of course of object is set forth below:

(1) OVERTON KLINEFELTER, JR., while outdoors, noticed the unusual brightness and large size of the object. He noticed that the few visible stars in the sky were pale by comparison. His first view was with the naked eye. OVERTON KLINEFELTER reported the presence of the object to his family.

(2) Angle of Elevation and Azimuth of Object - Elevation

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between 30 degrees and 45 degrees above the earth during the entire viewed appearance of the object. Azimuth of object on first appearance was approximately 280 degrees according to compass reading taken by OVERTON KLINEFELTER, JR., from his front yard. Azimuth of object on disappearance was estimated by family to be 270 degrees.

(3) Path of object - Object appeared to travel in a straight South Westerly course but may have risen slightly. Mrs. KLINEFELTER observed a rotating effect caused perhaps by increasing and decreasing brightness of object. She described the effect as being similar to having the edge of a coin turned toward her.

(4) Manner of Disappearance - Object appeared to grow smaller and smaller as if it were traveling directly away from the observers.

(5) Length of observation - 45 to 60 minutes.

C. Manner of Observation is set forth below:

(1) Ground visual observation.

(2) Optical Aids - Binoculars, 6x30, uncoated lens, manufactured by Universal Camera Corporation, New York, N.Y., marked "USN BU SHIPS, Mark 33, Mod 1, N 1943."

D. Time and Date of Sighting

(1) Zulu time-date group of sighting - 0030 hours, 10 March 1956 (1930 hours EST, 9 March 1956)

(2) Conditions - Night.

E. Location of Observers - 42 Stephen Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

F. Identifying Information of Observers

(1) Mrs. OVERTON KLINEFELTER, age 50, 42 Stephen Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey; housewife; part-time social and religious writer for Glen Ridge and Bloomfield, New Jersey papers.

(2) OVERTON KLINEFELTER, JR., age 18, 42 Stephen Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey; student at Glen Ridge High School.

(3) LYNN KLINEFELTER, age 14, 42 Stephen Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey; student at Glen Ridge High School.

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G. Weather Conditions

(1) Clear night - no clouds.

(2) Ground haze.

(3) Slight wind about 10 miles per hour.

H. Physical Evidence of Phenomenon - None.

I. Air Traffic in Area - Heave air traffic into Newark Airport. Two (2) planes in same direction as object appeared to be circling at lower altitude than object. LYNN KLINEFELTER stated that when the lights of the two circling planes disappeared, the object appeared to grow larger and brighter.

J. Length of Time Object Observed

(1) OVERTON JR. - 1930 hours to 2005 hours (EST) except for three quick trips into house. Used binoculars for two minutes.

(2) Mrs. KLINEFELTER - 1930 hours to 2025 hours at various intervals. Saw turning effect through binoculars once.

(3) LYNN - 1940 hours to 2005 hours. Used binoculars when planes were circling in the area. Noticed turning effect through glasses.

K. Other Sighting by OVERTON JR., and LYNN KLINEFELTER

(1) Time and Place - 2015 hours (EST) from North West corner Douglas Road and Lincoln Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

(2) Azimuth - Compass sighting 285 degrees.

L. On 15 March 1956, OVERTON KLINEFELTER, SR., was interviewed separately. Mr. KLINEFELTER furnished substantially the same information as had his family with the following exceptions:

(1) Object appeared to be white with bluish tinge.

(2) No movement observed, but object appeared to get smaller as if moving away from observer.

(3) Identifying information - OVERTON KLINEFELTER, age 48,

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42 Stephen Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey; Engineer, Bell Telephone Company, 540 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey.

(4) Observed nothing unusual in flight of planes near object.

(5) Mr. KLINEFELTER stated that he believed the object to be some natural phenomenon but added that his wife, who has read a great deal about "flying Saucers", was convinced that the object had greater significance. Mr. KLINEFELTER advised that Mrs. KLINEFELTER was a firm believer in "flying saucers".

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TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry AFB
Denver, Colorado

Attached for transmittal to Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, is a copy of our OSI DO #2 Report, dated 7 June 1955.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

E. P. Moritz Maj. USAF

GENE P. MORITZ
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED BY WARREN SIEGMOND ON 15 May 1955.

CHARACTER

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INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

WARREN SIEGMOND sighted and photographed unidentified flying object, 15 May 1955. SIEGMOND described object as appearing oblong and then circular in shape as angle of sight changed. Object bright white becoming gray as it turned from sun. It made no sound, and had no trail or exhaust. Object in sight for about one and one half (1½) minutes. Identifying information concerning SIEGMOND set forth.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED BY WARREN SIEGMOND ON 15 MAY 1955
FILE NO: 24-433

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was directed by the Commander, 2d District OSI, based upon information received in this office that WARREN SIEGMOND, 7 West 15th Street, New York City, had sighted and photographed what he believed to be a "Flying Saucer".

2. The writer was assisted in this investigation by Special Agents WILLIAM K. MacMINN, and FRANK AULD.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

3. On 24 May 1955, WARREN SIEGMOND, 7 West 15th Street, New York City, was interviewed by S/A MacMINN and S/A AULD. SIEGMOND described the unidentified flying object which he photographed as follows:

a. Description of Object
   1. Shape; The object appeared oblong at first but as the angle of sight changed with the movement of the object, it appeared more circular.
   2. Size compared to a known object held in the hand at about arms length; About the size of a quarter.
   3. Color; Bright white (such as the sun reflecting from a mirror) but as the object moved the object became a gray color.
   4. Number; One only.
   5. Formation if more than one; Not Applicable.
   6. Tail, trail or exhaust; None.
   7. Sound; None

b. Description of Course of Object.
   1. What first called the attention of observer to object? SIEGMOND was on the roof of an apartment building photographing a girl friend when she called his attention to this object overhead.
   2. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed; 40-45 degrees.
   3. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance; 45 degrees.
   4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object; SIEGMOND described the manuevers of the object as being similar to that of the white ball in the "Community Sing" movie shorts, which bounces from word to word keeping time with the music.
   5. Manner of disappearance of object; The object shot upward at a 45 degree angle and vanished from sight in the distance.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED BY WARREN SIEGMOND ON 15 MAY 1955
FILE NO: 24-433

DETAILS: (Cont'd)

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

6. Length of time in sight; One and one half (1½) minutes maximum.
7. Manner of observation; Ground visual.
8. Optical aids used; None

c. Time and Date of Sighting;
   1. Zulu time-date group of sighting; 152000-152030 May 1955
   2. Light Conditions; Day - Clear.
   3. Location of Observer; On roof of Chelsea Lane Housing Project, 7 West 15th Street, New York City.

d. Identifying information on Observer
   1. WARREN SIEGMOND, age 31, 7 West 15th Street, New York City. SIEGMOND was a Television Technician for DuMont from 1950 to 12 January 1955. At the time of the sighting SIEGMOND was unemployed. SIEGMOND advised that he attended high school in Palmerton, Pennsylvania and later attended the school of General Studies at the New York University. He was in the U. S. Army from January 1943 to December 1945, serial number US 3348 7402, and was in the 480th Anti Aircraft Battery in the European theater of operations.

e. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting; SIEGMOND stated he heard or saw no aircraft in the vicinity at time of sighting.

f. Existence of any physical evidence of the sighting; SIEGMOND took a series of photographs of the unidentified flying object, copies of which are attached as inclosures to this report.

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INCLOSURES:

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FOR COMDR, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

1-3. A series of photographs showing the object as a blotch in the sky when it appeared bright white, reflecting the sun as a mirror.

4-5. Two photographs showing the object as it turned from the sun and taking some shape and a gray color. The object appeared as a blur to the observer at all times.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Flying Object, Unidentified
15 May 1955, at Little Falls, New Jersey,
Seen by NELSON KLANER

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

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent FRANK W. AULD, District Office No. 2, file 24-421, dated 19 May 1955, 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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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-421

DATE MAY 19 1955 mlh

REPORT MADE BY
FRANK W. AULD, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #2, 111 East 16th St., New York 3,NY

PERIOD
16 May 1955

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #2, 111 East 16th St., New York 3,NY

STATUS
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TITLE
(Unclassified)
Flying Object, Unidentified
15 May 1955, at Little Falls, New Jersey,
Seen by NELSON KLANER

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Initial Report

SYNOPSIS

Unidentified flying object sighted at 2122 hours, 15 May 1955, by former pilot using telescope for celestial study at Little Falls, New Jersey. Object described as yellowish white light same shape but smaller in diameter than planet Jupiter, much brighter, noiseless without trail, in view for twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) seconds.

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Flying Object, Unidentified

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was directed by the District Commander, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF, predicated upon information that an unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Little Falls, New Jersey, on 15 May 1955.

2. On 16 May 1955, NELSON KLANER, 20 Brookside Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey, telephonically gave the following account concerning the unidentified flying object he had allegedly sighted at 2122 hours on 15 May 1955:

(1) Description of the object.

(a) Shape: Same shape as planet Jupiter but much brighter
(b) Size compared to a known object held in the hand at arms length: Smaller than the diameter of the planet Jupiter
(c) Color: Yellowish white; yellow color more discernible through telescope
(d) Number: One (1)
(e) Formation: Negative
(f) Discernible features: Only its excessive speed, estimated at over 500 miles per hour
(g) Tail, trail or exhaust: None discernible
(h) Sound: None
(i) Other pertinent or unusual features: Negative

(2) Description of course of object.

(a) What first called the attention of observer to the object? KLANER advised that as a hobby he has been making celestial observations for the past year and a half, utilizing a thirty (30) power telescope. On 15 May 1955, while viewing through the telescope, his son noticed an object moving in the sky and brought it to his attention. KLANER then manned the telescope.
(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed: The object was sighted due west at an elevation of 35 degrees.
(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: Not applicable
(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The object flew straight and level from NNE to SSW.
(e) Manner of disappearance of object: Disappeared over the horizon
(f) Length of time in sight: Twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) seconds.

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(3) Manner of observation.

(a) Ground-visual
(b) KLANER used a mounted Jupiter (Japanese) thirty (30x) power erecting telescope
(c) Negative

(4) Time and date of sighting

(a) 151622Z May 1955
(b) Light and conditions: Night

(5) Location of observer: At KLANER residence, 20 Brookside Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey.

(6) Identifying information of observer: NELSON KLANER, age 32, 20 Brookside Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey; residence telephone is Little Falls 4-0572W. KLANER is a job analyst for Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc., 340 Kingsland, Nutley, New Jersey; business telephone is Nutley 2-5000, extension 625. He is a former pilot, and held the reserve rank of 1st Lieutenant with serial number AO 829228. KLANER stated that this is the first flying object that he hasn't been able to identify as some sort of aircraft or another in his eighteen (18) months of celestial study.

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting: Ceiling and visibility unlimited, negligible thin, high clouds noted.

3. The files of this district office failed to reflect any record of NELSON KLANER.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-420

DATE APR 15 1955 Jtt

REPORT MADE BY
Michael Theodorakis, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #2, 111 E 16th St., NY 3, NY

PERIOD
23-24 March 1955

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STATUS
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TITLE
(Unclassified)
Flying Saucer, 23 February 1955 at Wilton, Connecticut, Seen by ROBERT C. HARDY.

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Initial Report

SYNOPSIS

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Unidentified flying object sighted at approximately 2200 hours 23 February 1955 by ROBERT C. HARDY near North Wilton, Connecticut and by WILLIAM J. PABREY near North Tarrytown, New York. Object described as oval and spherical, reddish orange and orange respectively by HARDY and PABREY. Object noiseless, had no tail or trail and was luminous. Details concerning sightings set forth.

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SUBJECT: Flying Saucer
FILE NO: 24-420

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was directed by the District Commander, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF, 111 E 16th St., New York City, predicated upon information that an unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Wilton, Connecticut on 23 February 1955.

2. The writer was assisted in this investigation by Special Agent LLEWELLYN N. BELCOURT.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

3. On 4 March 1955, the New York Field Office, FBI, transmitted a letter from ROBERT C. HARDY, 515 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. concerning the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object by HARDY on 23 February 1955. The letter from HARDY is set forth verbatim:

"I do not know if I am writing the right place or not with respect to the following information, but if not, you can at least pass it on.

I live in Wilton, Connecticut, and on returning to my home last Wednesday night, February 23, with my wife, I went on Route 33. About half-way from the center of Wilton to my house (which is about five miles from the center), my wife spotted and pointed out to me a rather peculiar object going across the horizon. It appeared to be a red ball several thousand feet from the earth and travelling at a high rate of speed. It was not an airplane. I looked in the papers for some mention of a meteor having come to earth but had seen none.

Subsequent thereto, however, I spoke to a friend of mine, William Pabrey, who lives on the Hudson River, and he mentioned, in reply to my description, that the same night and about the same time a similar object had apparently passed over his house and crossed the river. This would seem to show that it was not a meteor heading for the earth, as the height, speed and distance were such that it would have hit the earth before it reached the location of the river. The time was approximately 10:00 p.m. or slightly thereafter in each case.

You may have similar reports of this strange object, and I will be glad to give you further details and description if requested."

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DETAILS (CONT'D):

4. On 23 March 1955, ROBERT C. HARDY, 515 Madison Ave., New York City, was interviewed. HARDY gave the following account concerning the unidentified flying object he allegedly sighted:

(1) Description of the object.

(a) Shape: decidedly oval
(b) Size compared to a known object held in the hand at arms length: The best comparison HARDY could make was that the object was about "as large as a commercial airliner" (flying at the altitude one normally sees an airliner over a city).
(c) Color: Reddish orange
(d) Number: Only one
(e) Formation: Not applicable
(f) Discernible features: Object was oval in shape, about two and one half (2½) inches in length and three quarters (3/4) inches in width. HARDY could recall no other specific details.
(g) Tail, trail or exhaust: None
(h) Sound: No sound was heard
(i) Other pertinent or unusual features: The object was luminous. HARDY described it as a "ball of light".

(2) Description of course of object.

(a) What first called the attention of observer to the object? Mrs. HARDY was driving home with Mr. HARDY from a church meeting. The HARDYS were driving north on Connecticut State Route 33, which is a dark road at night having no street lights. Mrs. HARDY first noticed the light from the object and called it to Mr. HARDY's attention.
(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed: The object was decending at about a 30 degree angle and appeared as though it would hit the ground in about ten (10) miles should it continue falling at that angle.
(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: Not applicable.
(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The object was traveling in a southwesterly direction, assuming the flight path of a straight line.
(e) Manner of disappearance of object: The object disappeared from view when it flew behind a high hill in the area known as Bald Mountain.
(f) Length of time in sight: About five (5) to six (6) seconds.

(3) Manner of observation.

(a) Ground-visual
(b) Optical aids used: Negative
(c) Details of sighting if made while airborne: Not applicable.

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DETAILS (CONT'D):

(4) Time and date of sighting

(a) 240200Z February 1955
(b) Light conditions: Night

(5) Location of observer: About two and one half (2½) miles northward on Connecticut State Highway 33 from the intersection of Connecticut U.S. Highway 7 and just before Bald Mountain.

(6) Identifying information of observer: ROBERT C. HARDY, age fifty (50), Ridgefield Road, Wilton, Connecticut. HARDY is an attorney with offices at 515 Madison Ave., New York City. HARDY appeared to be a sober minded individual who was telling the truth to the best of his knowledge.

(7) Weather conditions at time of sighting

(a) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear night.

5. On 24 March 1955, WILLIAM J. PABREY, 444 Madison Ave., New York City, was interviewed by S/A BELCOURT and the writer. PABREY gave the following account of what he saw on 23 February 1955:

At approximately 2200 Eastern Standard Time (240200Z February 1955 Zulu time-date group) on 23 February 1955, PABREY was watching television and happened to glance out the window when he saw what he described as a sphere, irregular in shape and orange in color. This object would be about the size of a basketball held in the hand at about arms length. The only discernible detail PABREY could recall was that the object was a sphere of light shooting across the sky. It had no tail, trail or exhaust and made no sound whatsoever. The object travelled horizontally across the Hudson River towards Nyack, New York and went out of sight over the horizon. PABREY had the object in sight for only about one second. PABREY saw the object from his home at Philipse Manor, about one and one half (1½) miles north of North Tarrytown, New York, along route U.S. 9 on the Hudson River.

WILLIAM J. PABREY is forty-eight (48) years of age and resides at 274 Kelburne Ave., North Tarrytown, N.Y. He is a public accountant with the Franke, Hannan and Withy firm of 447 Madison Ave., New York City. PABREY appeared to be a sober minded person who described what he saw to the best of his ability.

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SUBJECT: Flying Saucer
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INCLOSURES:

FOR DIR OSI

1. Photostat of segment of New York road map showing two sightings of unidentified flying object. (in quad)

FOR COMDR, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

1. Same as above.

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1. First sighting reported by HAMM on Connecticut State Highway 33 just above North Milton, Connecticut, where the road takes a sharp turn to the right when travelling in a northwardly direction.

2. Second sighting reported by PARMLY made from his home at Philipse Manor, just off U.S. Highway 9 about 1½ miles north of North Tarrytown, N.Y.

- - - - - - - Indicates approximate path of object as reported by HAMM.

— — — — Indicates approximate path of object as reported by PARMLY.

Scale of miles: One inch equals approximately two (2) miles.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Observed North of Staten Island,
New York, on 14 June 1954 at 0130 hours
SPECIAL INQUIRY

THRU: District Commander
5th District OSI (IG) USAF
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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

1. Reference is made to closed report of investigation by Special Agent JOHN C. SHINER, 2d District OSI, dated 2 July 1954, Subject and file as above.

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2. It is requested that page 3 of referenced report be destroyed and that inclosed page 3 be substituted therefor.

3. This investigation comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

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FILE NO. 24-386

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REPORT MADE AT DO #2, 72 East 10th St., N.Y. 3, N.Y.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Observed North of Staten Island, New York
on 14 June 1954 at 0130 hours.

CHARACTER

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REFERENCE

INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

ALFRED ABNER BENWAY, 59 Woodland Avenue, Great Kills, Staten Island, New York, reported observation of single unidentified flying object North of residence. Object observed for approximately 2½-3 seconds; described as a white sphere blending into reddish tones at circumference. Limited description and flight characteristics furnished; all available data set forth. No previous reference to BENWAY reflected in OSI District No. 2 files.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. On 14 June 1954 at approximately 1800 hours an individual who identified himself as Mr. ALFRED ABNER BENWAY, 59 Woodland Avenue, Great Kills, Staten Island, New York, telephonically advised Special Agent MARION L. WARREN, at the time, Duty Agent at Headquarters 2d District OSI, that he (BENWAY) had observed an unidentified flying object on 14 June 1954 and furnished the following information relative thereto:

a). Description of the object:
Shape - ROUND
Size compared to known object: As a ball approximately two (2) inches in diameter would appear if held 15 to 20 feet away.
Color - Basically white, however, blending into reddish tones around the outer circumference.
Number - Only one (1).
N/A
Discernible features or details: None
Tail, trail, or exhaust etc - None
Sound - None, however immediately after UFOB vanished, a sound of what might have been an aircraft was heard coming from the opposite direction.
Other pertinent or unusual features - Immediately after UFOB vanished, the western sky lit up as if by "Heat Lightning", however no sound of lightning was heard.

b). Description of course of object:
What first called attention of observer to object: Its spontaneous appearance.
Angle of elevation when first observed - Observer tilted head up 30 to 35 degrees to observe object.
Angle of elevation when object disappeared - Same
Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - Object moved horizontally from right to left making a shallow arc upward then descending to its original height. Total approximate horizontal movement 15 degrees. Observer stated that the object's vertical movement was approximately the same in length as its horizontal movement.
Manner of disappearance - Suddenly
Length of time in sight - 2½-3 seconds.

c). Manner of observation:
Ground - visual
No optical aids
N/A

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d). Time and Date of sighting: 0130 hours, 14 June 1954
e). Location of observer: Approximately 20 ft. south of Woodland Avenue, on Giffords Lane, while facing in a northerly direction, object appeared dead ahead within observer's normal field of vision.

2. With reference to himself, Mr. BENWAY advised that he is 29 years of age, and is employed as a Telephone switchman for the Telephone Company at Clinton and Atlantic Avenues, Brooklyn, N. Y. BENWAY further advised that he does not wear glasses and claimed 20/20 vision. Mr. BENWAY stated that he had not been drinking, and that there was possibly another witness to this occurrence. BENWAY advised that a man, unknown to him by name, but one whom BENWAY sees often, was entering his house on Giffords Lane just about the same time BENWAY sighted the UFOB, and that this person may have seen the object too. BENWAY advised that he will try and contact this person and ascertain if he also saw the object. Mr. BENWAY asked if this office had received any other reports of such an object appearing at approximately the same time and place. Special Agent WARREN advised Mr. BENWAY to contact the PIO, Mitchel Air Force Base, for any such information, as per instructions outlined in Paragraph 8, AFR 200-2.

3. No previous reference to ALFRED ABNER BENWAY was reflected in 2d District OSI files.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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NEW YORK 3, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO: 24-386

2 JUL 1954

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
observed North of Staten Island,
New York, on 14 June 1954 at 0130 hours
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and files, is copy of report by S/A JOHN C. SHINER, 2d District, OSI, Subject and file as above.

2. This investigation comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
OVER IDLEWILD AIRPORT
ON 2 NOVEMBER 1953.

CHARACTER
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SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 2D District OSI (IG) USAF; and predicated upon report of six (6) unidentified flying objects over Idlewild Airport. ANTON J. STALDER reported sighting six flying objects hovering over Idlewild Airport at 2210 hours Zulu time, on 2 November 1953 and that a helicopter and a commercial aircraft were aloft at same time. Objects, battleship gray in color, resembled Navy blimps. STALDER called objects to another person, who thought them as broken portions of sky writing chemical smoke. Weather report gave unlimited ceiling and visibility of eight (8) to nine (9) miles at 1500 to 1800 feet, with high, scattered formations of cirrus type clouds. Weather and traffic control logs indicated no record of any unusual objects being sighted. Traffic control log indicated helicopter, one (1) Stratocruiser, and two (2) DC-6 Aircraft aloft during time of reported sighting.

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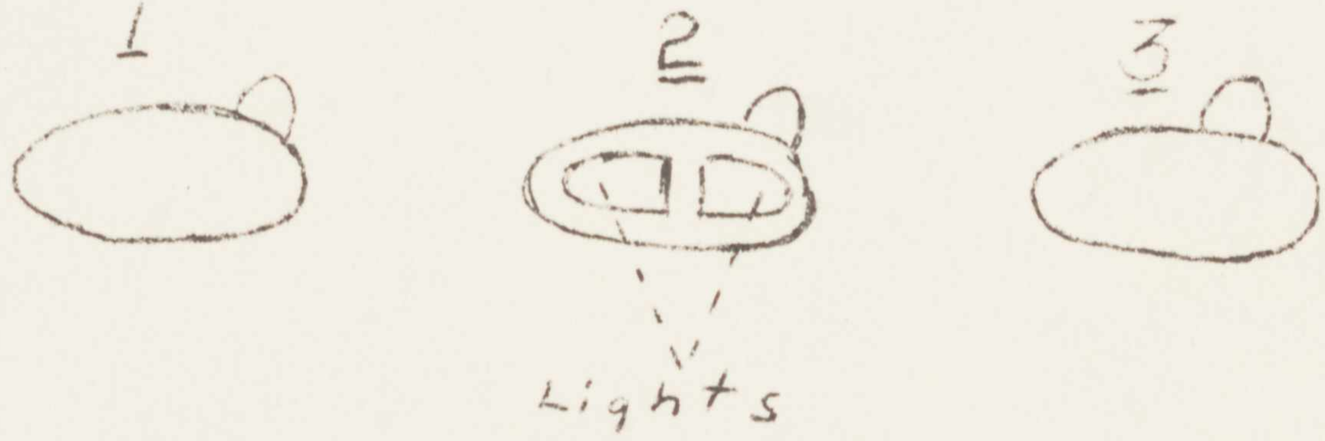
DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the District Commander, 2D District OSI (IG) USAF, 72 East 10th Street, New York, New York; and predicated upon the report of six (6) unidentified flying objects over Idlewild Airport, New York on 2 November 1953.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

2. On 15 December 1953, Mr. ANTON J. STALDER, 3961 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York, was interviewed at this office. STALDER, age 36, advised that he had served three (3) years with the United States Navy as an enlisted man with principal duties of watch-duty and lookout, and has been employed for the past four (4) years as a Patrolman in the New York City Police Department, with station at the 46th Precinct, 2120 Ryer Avenue, Bronx, New York.

STALDER advised that at 2210 hours Zulu time (1710 Eastern Standard time), 2 November 1953, while riding in a bus from Idlewild Airport to Jamaica, New York, in a northerly direction, he observed six (6) flying objects in flights of three (3) each, with one (1) flight above the other, hovering over Idlewild Airport at approximately eight thousand (8,000) feet, and that they gave the appearance of a formation resembling U. S. Navy Blimps (see illustration No. 1 below for one of the objects). STALDER stated that in view of the bus being in motion and making turns, he had been able to make two (2) additional sightings before the objects were lost from view by buildings. During the course of all observations, these objects remained in the same formation. On the second observation, each object appeared to have two (2) relatively large areas of white light with a solid non-lighted area in the center, and that the top portion of each object appeared to be that of an inverted keel of a sail-boat or of the upper portion of a blimp's rudder (see illustration No. 2 below for sketch of one of the objects). The final observation was similar to that of the first except that the rudder on each object was more centrally located (see illustration No. 3 below for one of the objects).



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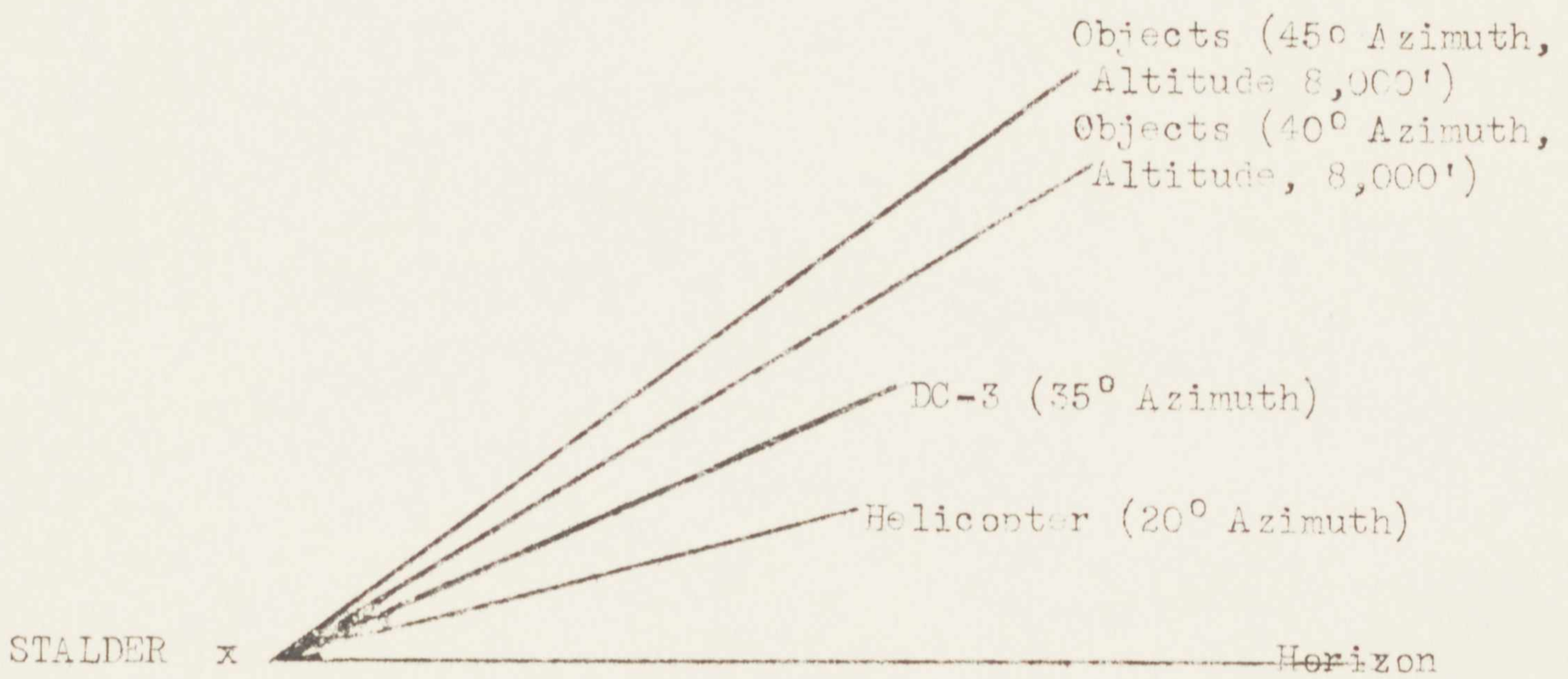
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The size of each object is compared to that of a fifty cent piece (50¢) held at arms length, and were battleship gray in color. At no time was there any sign of tail trail or exhaust, nor was any sound heard, as informant was in a closed and moving vehicle.

When first observed, STALDER advised that the objects appeared to be hovering but that the lower group was moving in an easterly direction with the upper group in a westerly direction. These objects were at a 45° azimuth and changed to approximately 40° azimuth and were at the general height of eight thousand (8,000) feet. These observations lasted for approximately fifteen (15) minutes and terminated upon buildings obstructing the view. STALDER further advised that he had observed these objects without the assistance of binoculars or telescope and that no pictures were taken as he had no camera in his immediate possession.

STALDER advised that the weather had been fair, that the sun was setting, and that the sky had scattered cirrus clouds to the south-west, and that at one time this type cloud had obscured the lower group of objects.

STALDER stated that a helicopter of the windmill type and a DC-3 commercial aircraft were in the air at the time. At arms length, STALDER compared the helicopter to a five cent piece (5¢), and the DC-3 to a twenty-five cent piece (25¢), and that they were at 20 and 35 degree azimuth respectively.



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STALDER further stated that he had been, to the best of his knowledge, the only person to have observed these objects but called them to the attention of another passenger who believed that the objects were broken portions of chemical smoke utilized by sky writing aircraft.

3. This portion of the investigation was conducted by Special Agents CHARLES L. HERMAN and GEORGE D. MOSEE.

AT IDLEWILD AIR PORT, NEW YORK

4. On 17 December 1953, Mr. FRED BEAR and Mr. ALBERT ADELL, Airways Forecasters, furnished the following information concerning weather conditions on 2 November 1953, between 1630 and 1730 hours (Eastern Standard Time):

Wind Direction	-	West, South-West at 12 mph
Ceiling	-	Unlimited
Visibility	-	1500 and 1600 feet - 9 miles 1700 and 1800 feet - 8 miles
Clouds	-	High, scattered formations (cirrus type) at approximately 23,000 and 30,000 feet
		There was also a slight, smoky ground haze, which offered no sight obstruction.
Temperature	-	1600 hours - 66 degrees 1700 " 63 " 1800 " 61 "
Sunset	-	1652 hours, with light conditions for approximately 30 minutes after hour.

It was further noted that the weather log, showed no record of any unusual objects, being sighted. BEAR and ADELL further advised that in the case anything had been seen, which was unusual, but not deemed to be something that should be entered in the log, it would have been passed on by word of mouth. ADELL stated that he was on duty during the times stated above and he does not recall any mention being made of any sightings.

5. On 17 December 1953, Mr. ROGER SULLIVAN, Chief Controller, and Mr. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Control Tower Supervisor, were interviewed and furnished the following information concerning air traffic, over and in the immediate vicinity of Idlewild Air Port, New York, on 2 November 1953, between 1623 and 1731 hours (Eastern Standard Time):

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1623 hours - Stratocruiser landed, arrived from a North-easterly direction.
1644 " DC-6 landed, arrived from a South, South-westerly direction.
1648 " DC-4 landed, arrived from a South-westerly direction.
1650 " Constellation took-off, direction, see diagram (inclosure #1) on all take-offs, control log does not indicate direction, however A/C had a choice of only three (3) paths as noted in diagram, used by all A/C on this day and for these weather conditions.
1651 " DC-4, took-off
1652 " DC-4M, took-off
1703 " Helicopter, landed might have come from either a Westerly or North-westerly direction.
1706 " Helicopter, took-off, in either a Westerly or North-westerly direction.
1707 " Stratocruiser, took-off.
1709 " DC-6, took-off, in a Southerly direction
1711 " DC-6, took-off.
1713 " Constellation, took off
1721 " DC-4, landed from a South-westerly direction.
1727 " DC-3, local flight, no particular direction noted, probably an easterly direction.
1729 " DC-6, landed from South-westerly direction
1731 " DC-6, landed from a North-easterly direction.

SULLIVAN and WILLIAMS advised that concerning the helicopter flights they received very little information, but they knew that the craft were to follow the Van Wyck Expressway as part of their flight pattern into Idlewild the helicopters would never exceed an altitude of 1200 feet. WILLIAMS advised that it has been reported previously, that a helicopter in flight at night with its running lights on, might give the impression of more than one aircraft, due to the reflection of its lights against the rotor blade. SULLIVAN further advised that their control log showed no record of any sightings or observations of unusual objects in the air by the tower operator for this day.

6. Special Agent GERALD A. SWEENEY conducted the following portion of this investigation:

AT MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

7. On 18 December 1953, the weather files of Detachment 8, 9th Weather Group were reviewed with Lt. Col. CHARLES G. VAUGHN, Detachment Commander. Rawinsonde observations at Hempstead, New York at 2100 hours,

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Zulu Time (1600 hours Local) for 2 November 1953, are as follows:

ALTITUDE	DEGREES	KNOTS
Surface	270	05
6,000	300	30
10,000	290	34
16,000	290	37
20,000	280	34
30,000	290	43
50,000	290	29
70,000	Clear (?) Reached instrument's limitations.	
80,000	Not available.	

Ground observations, at 1625 hours (Local), were hazy observation, thin scattered clouds at 18,000 and 25,000 feet, visibility five (5) miles, haze and winds at six (6) miles per hour at surface.
Ground observations, at 1726 hours (Local), were hazy observation, thin scattered clouds at 18,000 feet, visibility five (5) miles, haze, and winds at seven (7) miles per hour at surface

INCLOSURES:

FOR DIRECTOR, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, HEADQUARTERS, USAF, WASHINGTON, D.

1. Diagram of runways at Idlewild Airport (in quadruplicate)

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1. Diagram of runways at Idlewild Airport (1 copy)

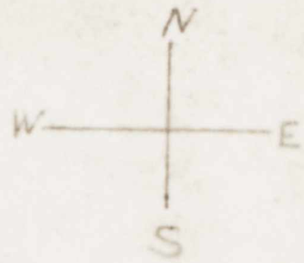
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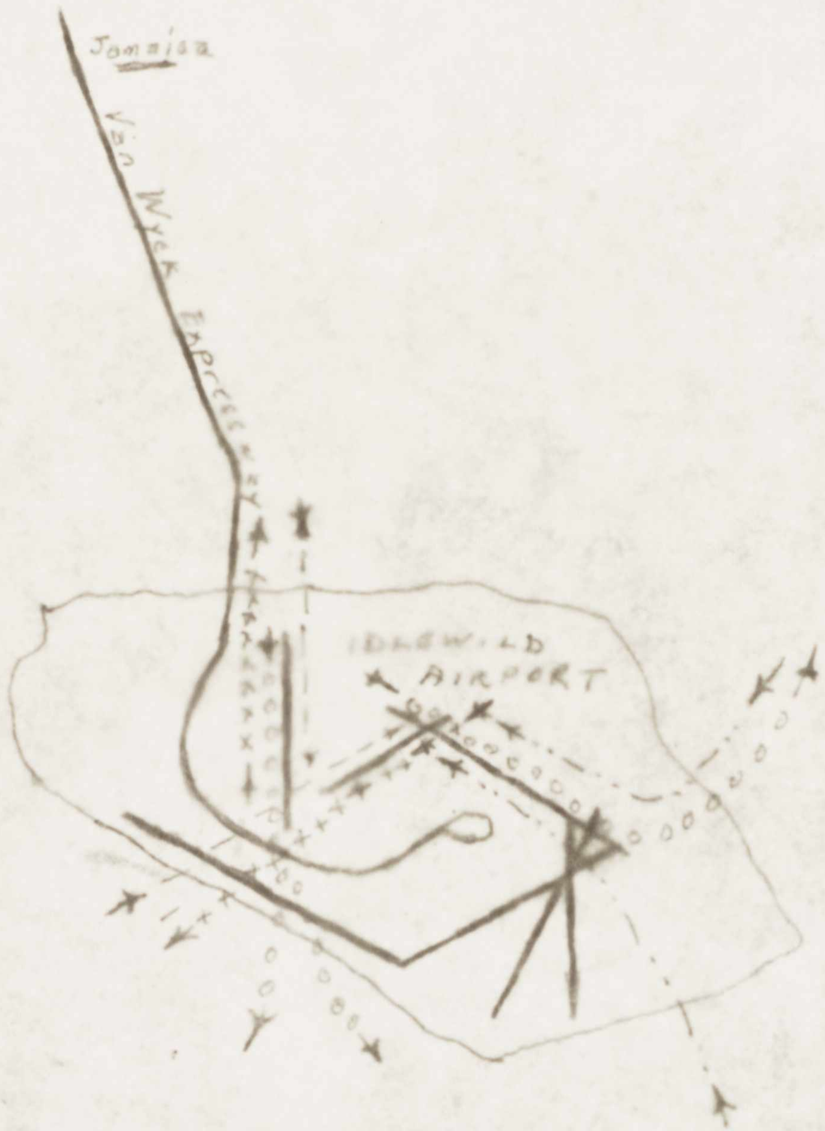
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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Intelligence
Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y.

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AHFKB-PO 452.1

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
Department of the Army, GSUSA
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference letter, AHFKB-PO 452.1, Headquarters First Army (G2), dated 11 January 1954, subject: "Unconventional Aircraft."

2. Attached herewith is a report and sketch, dated 12 January 1954, of alleged unconventional aircraft received from Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York, forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

for Stanton C Hutson
JOHN S. BENSON
Lt Col, GS
Deputy G2

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12 January 1954

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Aircraft

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TO: The Commanding General,
First Army, Fort Jay
Governors Island, New York 4, N.Y.
ATTN: Intelligence Division

1. In compliance with Ltr Hqrs, First Army, AHFKB-ID 350.09, SUBJECT: Standard Operating Procedure for Intelligence, First Army , Par 12, dated 6 March 1952, the following report of unconventional aircraft is herewith submitted:

a. TIME SEEN: Thursday 7 January 1954 at 0145 hours, Friday 8 January 1954 at 0130 hours and Saturday 9 January 1954 at 2330 hours.

b. LOCATION: 3020 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn (Coney Island) N.Y., Object was seen from kitchen window facing west towards Seagate.

c. NAMES AND OCCUPATION OF WITNESSES: Mrs J. Micklin, housewife occupant of apartment at 3020 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., Miss Rhea Micklin invalid daughter of Mrs J. Micklin unemployed and Miss Betty Funt also residing at the above mentioned address and is unemployed.

d. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: None

e. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT: see attached diagram.

(1) Number of objects seen: (1) one only

(2) Shape of objects: See diagram attached.

(3) Size of Object: As seen from kitchen window, very large simular to a large dinner plate.

(4) Color: Extremely bright at a large core forming the center of the object, with light streamers like spokes which seemed to run from the center of core to the outer rim. The outer rim seemed to be of a deep green color that shimmered like a haze, and the bright light in the core seemed to flicker.

(5) Speed: Stationary for several minutes, then seemed to flicker a little then shoot straight up at a rate of speed too fast for the eye to follow.

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(6) Direction: Object was in a westernly direction for several minutes then moved straight up.

(7) Maneuverability: None, however the core of the object seemed to flicker considerably.

(8) Altitude: very high

(9) Sounds: None

(10) Exhausts trailers: None

2. This office was unable to establish the identity of the Police Officer mentioned by Mrs Micklin. The 60th Precinct located in Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York was contacted for verification or report of said object , a negative report of this incident was received.

3. The Intelligence Division of Headquarters First Army was notified.

4. Attached hereto is a diagram of the object as discribed to this office.

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1-Diagram of Object

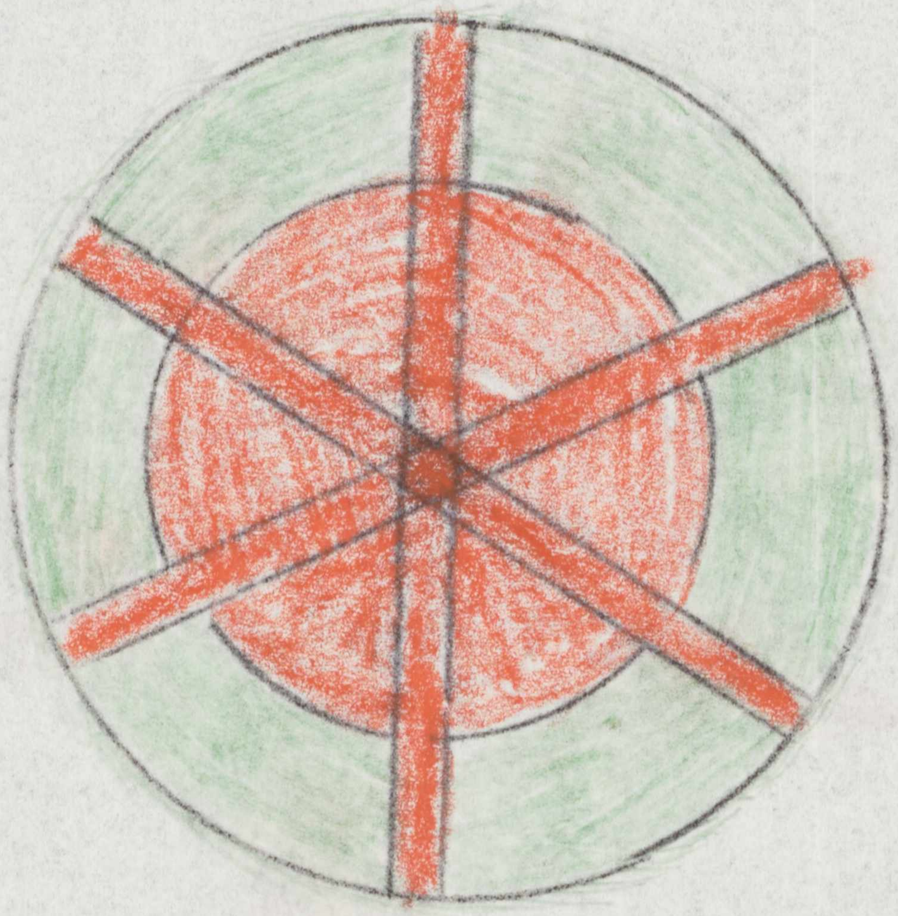
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Green Shimmering Hazy Light

Sunbright Light



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Fort Belvoir

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2

TECGB 319.1

21 December 1953

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Airborne Objects

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
Military District of Washington
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Between 0530 and 0615, 16 December 53, five members of the 515th Engineer Pipeline Company, assigned to this headquarters, observed two unidentified illuminous airborne objects. Three of the witnesses, Cpl T. G. Nobles, Pvt M. S. Wittstock, Pvt K. V. Herrick, were interviewed by G2, TEC at 0930, 16 December 53.

2. Narrative report of interview follows:

Pvt Wittstock observed, at approximately 0530, a bright illuminous object without definite shape at an altitude of approximately 400'-600' in a WSW direction from the 515th Engineer Pipeline Company Operations Office on Stump Dump Road, Fort Belvoir. Wittstock brought this to the attention of Cpl Nobles, Pvt Herrick, Sgt Mathis and Pfc Meyers of his unit, all of whom witnessed this object. A second illuminous object became visible at approximately 0545, being smaller in apparent size, and apparently at greater distance from the observers. Witnesses were unable to estimate the distances to the objects.

Both objects were bright, but not of such intensity to disturb the eyes - appeared as intense as star light. Both objects changed color at irregular intervals; colors observed were red, blue and green. The red color seemed to be most noticable at the times the objects appeared to be moving closer to the observers.

The objects were approximately 75 degrees apart; the first appearing to be over Davison Army Air Field, the second (which appeared about 0545) was to the right of the first object in a westerly direction. Both objects moved erratically, independent of one another; they appeared to move closer to and also away fr the observers, as well as moving laterally. The movements were jerky and not of great distances.

The first sighted object disappeared beyond the horizon imately 0600; the second was not visible after approximately the dawn's light made the object imperceptible.

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3. The guard on duty between 0500-0600, 16 December 53 at Davison Army Air Field, Pvt H. A. Arters, Co B, 969th Engineer Construction Bn., was questioned to determine if he had observed any unusual airborne objects or unusual lights while on guard. He had not. Aviation Branch at Davison Field was contacted to determine if they could explain any unidentified airborne objects in their area between 0530-0615, 16 Dec 53; they could not.

4. The above report is being forwarded for your information. Should further interest be expressed by higher headquarters, this office is prepared to render any assistance possible.

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12 JAN 1954

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
OVER IDLEWILD AIRPORT ON
2 NOVEMBER 1953
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO : Commander
2500th Air Base Wing
Mitchel Air Force Base
New York

1. Transmitted herewith, for your information, is copy of report of investigation made by Special Agent FREDERICK H. DURELS, 2d District OSI, Subject and file as above.

2. Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

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D. D. CARLSON
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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1. A summary of information received from AC of S, G2, Headquarters First Army, Governors Island, New York 4, New York, dated 4 December 1953, concerning an unidentified flying object, is quoted below for information:

"I, HERBERT GREENFEDER, First Lieutenant, Air Force Reserve, Serial No. AO-707385, make the following statement as to what I saw in the sky at 1935 hours, 3 December 1953:

I was in the town of Belmar when I happened to look in the sky and noticed the constellation Orion, which at that time was low on the horizon. Having been a navigator in the Air Force, I am interested in seeing the very bright planet which was almost at Zenith. I believe the planet was Jupiter. While observing the planet I noticed a strange illuminated object passing just below the planet referred to. At first I thought I was observing a metorite because of the great speed at which the object was moving. I was able to follow the object for about 4 to 6 seconds. When I first sighted the object it was traveling in a course approximately 270 degrees, and after about 3 to 4 seconds the course changed rather rapidly to 360 degrees and the object moved out of my field of vision. The

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"object was shaped in the form of avoid. It had a pulsating light orange color. I would assume that the object was traveling at a speed anywhere between 1500 to 2000 miles per hour. The sky was absolutely cloudless and the object was at a tremendously high altitude".

2. Inasmuch as Commander, Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, New York, has been included on the distribution of the summary of information, no further action is contemplated by this district.

3. Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1. Information furnished herewith has been derived from sources other than the Department of the Air Force and, in accordance with paragraph 8b, AF Regulation 205-1, dissemination must not be made outside USAF channels.

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted from Hackettstown, New Jersey, on 10 March 1953 at 2100 and 2400 hours, and 11 March 1953 at 0400 hours

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is predicated upon information received from ROBERT HALVORSEN, civilian, who advised that one Mrs. NINA COOK had sighted an unidentified flying object. Upon interview, Mrs. COOK advised that the object had been sighted at 2100 and 2400 hours, 10 March 1953, and 0400 hours, 11 March 1953. The object was described as being round, approximately four times larger than the largest star, emitted a blinking orange light, and changed color to red, white and greenish blue. The object appeared to be in the vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap and was observed from Hackettstown, New Jersey. Investigation disclosed construction is presently under way on a twenty-four hour basis in the vicinity of the alleged sighting. During the hours of darkness, the construction site is illuminated by floodlights which occasionally sweep the skies.

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN 20 MSA, 72 West 10th St., New York 3, N.Y.

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
Iron Boorfstown, New Jersey, on
16 March 1953 at 2200 and 2300 hours,
17-18 March 1953 at 0100 hours

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

This investigation is predicated upon information received from ROBERT MALYCHSKY, Bird Lane, Boorfstown, that one Mrs. NINA COOK had sighted an unidentified flying object. Upon interview, Mrs. COOK advised that the object had been sighted at 2300 and 2300 hours, 16 March 1953, and 0100 hours, 18 March 1953. The object was described as being round, approximately four times larger than the largest star, emitted a blinking orange light, and changed color to red, white and green alternately. The object appeared to be in the vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap and was observed from Cokestown, New Jersey. Investigation directed toward ascertaining the present whereabouts of the alleged sighting. During the hours of darkness the construction site is illuminated by floodlights which occasionally sweep the skies.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon information received telephonically on 16 March 1953, from ROBERT HALVORSEN, resident of Clinton, New Jersey, employed at Sterling Dye Casting Company, 743 39th Street, Brooklyn 32, New York, who advised that one NINA COOK, RD #1, Hackettstown, New Jersey, had sighted an unidentified flying object at 2100 hours on 8 March 1953. HALVORSEN stated that the information set forth below was furnished him by NINA COOK.

The unidentified flying object appeared to travel in a vertically descending flight path, starting from an unknown altitude, then, after being lost from view below the horizon for five or ten minutes, followed a vertically ascending flight path. At the time of sighting, Mrs. COOK was at her home at Hackettstown, New Jersey, and the object appeared to be located in the sky in the vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap. This performance was repeated at midnight. The sighting at 2100 hours was also witnessed by JOHN COOK, age 13, son of Mrs. COOK. The following additional information was furnished:

Shape - Not clearly defined
Color - A fuzzy greenish appearance, which changed to blue and possibly to red
Size - About half the size of the moon
Motion- Straight down and then five or ten minutes later, a helicopter-like ascent to approximately six thousand feet.

At six thousand feet the object leveled off and increased speed tremendously, disappearing from view. Weather and visibility at the time of sighting were unknown to HALVORSEN. The sighting was reported to Civil Defense authorities immediately after the occurrence. Mrs. COOK is the wife of a flight engineer employed by Pan-American Airways, Transatlantic Service. Mr. COOK sighted an unidentified flying object several years ago while flying over Spokane, Washington and reported the incident to proper authorities at that time.

AT HACKETTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY

2. This portion of the investigation was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE WERTZ.

3. At 1130 hours on 17 March 1953, Mr. and Mrs. WESLEY COOK were interviewed at their residence on Petersburg Road, RD #1, Hackettstown, New Jersey. Mrs. COOK stated that on 10 March 1953, at approximately 2100 hours Eastern Standard Time, while looking out of the kitchen window of her mountain top home, facing due north, she observed an orange colored, round object in the sky which appeared to be as high as the lowest stars and about four times larger than the largest star. Mrs. COOK stated that at the time of sighting, the sky was free of clouds and the weather was

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clear and cold, with very little wind. She stated that the object appeared to be round, like a ball, and within ten minutes the orange color instantaneously changed to red, then white, and then a greenish blue color. During the entire period of observation, the light of the object blinked on and off, resembling the identification lights utilized by aircraft. However, instead of the usual 40 blinks per minute utilized by most aircraft, these blinks appeared to have a frequency of ten (10) to fifteen (15) blinks per minute. Mrs. COOK stated that initially the object seemed to be traveling from north to south, and about ten minutes later changed course to a northwesterly direction and appeared to be losing altitude constantly in a gentle glide. Mrs. COOK added that the object remained in view for approximately one (1) hour, maintaining the same shape and the same frequency of blinking. The object seemed to disappear in the direction of Delaware Water Gap, east of the aircraft beacon light located at the Gap, having been lost from view shortly after 2200 hours Eastern Standard Time. Mrs. COOK stated that she could furnish no further information concerning the aerodynamic features, type of propulsion, exhaust or maneuvers of the object.

After the object disappeared in the general vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap, which is almost due west of her home, Mrs. COOK observed a blue-white streak of white rise from the ground in the vicinity of the Water Gap. She described this light as resembling the long exhaust stream which usually accompanies rocket-type propulsion. Mrs. COOK added that her thirteen year old son also observed the aforementioned phenomenon. Mrs. COOK added that her son was not then available for interview.

Mrs. COOK added that at 2400 hours on the same day, andlater at 0400 hours on 11 March 1953, while looking out of the same window in the direction of the Delaware Water Gap, she again observed the same type object with the same type of blinking and changing color, in the same sequence as set forth above. Mrs. COOK stated that the object seemed to be traveling up and down the Kittinney Mountain Range which runs from north to southwest and is located northwest from her point of observation. The object seemed to be traveling slowly up and down the range. Mrs. COOK could not estimate the speed nor could she furnish the altitude at which the object was traveling, other than to say that "the object was always traveling slowly and the first observation of it was at what seemed to be almost as high as the closest stars." Mrs. COOK stated that the Delaware Water Gap is about twelve air miles from her residence. This information was verified by Special Agent WERTZ. Mrs. COOK stated that at approximately 2045 hours she retired, but awoke at 2400 hours due to her nervousness over the first sighting. At this time she again observed the object which remained in view for about ten minutes. After this second sighting Mrs. COOK again retired, only to awaken at 0400 hours and again observe the object over the Kittinney Mountain Range. Mrs. COOK added that after this last observation she returned to bed.

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4. Mrs. COOK stated that she was 34 years of age, that she is a pilot licensed to fly one and two engine aircraft, and that she has been interested in aeronautics for over twenty (20) years. At this point Mrs. COOK interjected the statement that she had observed the object without the aid of any glasses or other type of lens. It was noted by the interviewing agent that Mrs. COOK appeared to be well educated and intelligent, and she answered all questions without hesitation. Mr. COOK stated that he is presently employed as a flight engineer with Pan American Airways, and flies the North Atlantic European run out of Idlewild Airport, New York. He stated that on the night of 10 March 1953, and the early morning of 11 March 1953, he was flying over the North Atlantic area and observed that the Northern Lights were really "acting up." COOK stated that he was rather skeptical concerning his wife's account of the sighting. However, he added that he considers her to be reliable and stated that to the best of his knowledge she had never been subject to illusions of any kind. COOK added that the fact that he and his family are "air minded" should be taken into account in evaluating the information furnished by his wife. Mr. COOK stated that his son, who is not unduly influenced by Mrs. COOK, furnished substantially the same facts as his wife when they described the sighting of the object. Mr. COOK stated that he has had nineteen (19) years of experience in the field of aeronautics and holds a private pilot's license authorizing him to fly one and two engine aircraft. He added that his wife is not normally an excitable individual but, since observing this unidentified flying object, she has exhibited signs of nervousness.

5. On 17 March 1953, a review of the records of the Hackettstown Police Department disclosed no criminal record of NINA and WESLEY COOK.

6. On 17 March 1953, CHESTER VREELAND and STANLEY BONAR, patrolmen, Hackettstown Police Department, advised that the COOK family enjoy an excellent reputation in the community and are considered loyal, honest, and trustworthy American citizens.

7. On 17 March 1953, Mrs. G. A. DURVE, Mrs. GLADYS HULL, and Mrs. JOHN WELLS, all of whom are neighbors of the COOK family and reside on Petersburg Road, stated in substance that they have known the COOK family for approximately three and one-half (3-1/2) years, and consider Mrs. COOK to be honest, trustworthy, dependable, financially stable, not inclined to seek publicity, enjoying a compatible marriage, apparently a good mother and wife, and a loyal American citizen. Informants stated that Mrs. COOK had notified them concerning the sighting of the unidentified flying object, and had seemed greatly perturbed over the incident. Informants added that during the time of the first sighting they were all watching their television sets. Mrs. WELLS stated that Mrs. COOK had telephoned at approximately 2200 hours on 10 March 1953, and advised of her observation. Informants added that they do not doubt that the incidents took place as described by Mrs. COOK, inasmuch as they do not consider her subject to illusions and are aware of her aeronautical background.

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8. On 17 March 1953, inquiries in the vicinity of Hackettstown, New Jersey, disclosed that there are no Radar aircraft warning or Civil Air Defense observation posts in the immediate vicinity of Hackettstown, N. J.

9. It is to be noted that Special Agent GEORGE WERTZ has observed that on Highway No. 46, almost due west from Mrs. COOK's point of observation, where Highway No. 46 crosses the Delaware River in the vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap, a new toll bridge is being constructed. This construction is being conducted on a twenty-four hour basis and, during the hours of darkness, flood lights are utilized for illumination. Inquiries conducted at the Hackettstown Police Department disclosed that these flood lights sweep the surrounding skies from time to time. When specifically questioned concerning the foregoing, Mrs. COOK stated definitely that what she had observed was not one of the flood lights.

10. It is noted that Hackettstown is located in the heart of a rural farming district which is considered as part of the rolling foothills of the Kittinney Mountain Range. There are no large industrial or electronics plants located in the immediate vicinity of Hackettstown.

11. It is further noted that Mrs. COOK's home is situated on a hill approximately two hundred feet higher than Hackettstown, and is approximately one mile north of the town, affording an unlimited view of the surrounding terrain. The field of visibility extends north to Highpoint, New Jersey, northeast to Warwick, New York, northwest to the Delaware Water Gap, and encompasses the entire Kittinney Mountain Range.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

12. On 18 March 1953, Mr. WILLIAM WOLFE, Air-Traffic Tower Control Operator, Newark Airport, advised that the geographical coordinates at Hackettstown, New Jersey, are 41 degrees 40 minutes north longitude and 74 degrees 50 minutes latitude. WOLFE stated that Hackettstown is located 560 feet above sea level. He added that the village of Hackettstown lies directly beneath air-traffic lane "red 21" which is utilized by westbound flights coming from Newark, New Jersey. After a telephonic conversation with the United States Weather Station, located at Newark Airport, WOLFE advised that there were no weather reports covering the Hackettstown area, which is located approximately forty-five air miles from the Airport. WOLFE stated, however, that the weather report for Newark covering the period 2000 to 2400 hours, 10 March 1953, was as follows:

Sky - Clear
Visibility - Better than 15 miles plus
Wind - North northeast, 12 miles per hour
Temperature - 20 degrees fahrenheit.

INCLOSURE:

FOR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

1. Road Map of New Jersey with key indicating point of observation and other pertinent data.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-326

DATE 27 FEB 1953

REPORT MADE BY HENRY M. LANGLOIS, S/A srw

REPORT MADE AT DO #2, 72 E 10th St., NY 3 NY

PERIOD 24 February 1953

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #2, 72 E 10th St., NY 3 NY

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NR
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted in Queens, N.Y. at
0120-0125 hours, 23 Feb 53

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

CHRISTOPHER L. KIERNAN, at 0120 to 0125 hours, 23 February 1953, from 215th Street and 29th Avenue, Bayside, Queens, L.I., observed off-yellow orange tinged brilliant light at altitude between 40-45 degrees, distance unknown, approximately due east. After object observed for approximately 12 seconds, it apparently instantaneously disappeared. During time of observation, object moved to KIERNAN's right, southward, through an angular traverse of 60 degrees, remaining at approximately same altitude. Maneuvers during travel appeared to be acceleration, deceleration, momentary halt, and then re-occurence.

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DETAILS:

1. At 1245 hours on 23 February 1953, Special Agent LOUIS C. NIEDERBERGER, this district, received information from CHRISTOPHER L. KIERNAN, 29-64 218th St., Bayside, New York, alleging that he had observed an unidentified object in the air at approximately 0130 hours 23 February 1953. KIERNAN advised that he could be contacted at Fawcett Publications, 67 West 44th Street, New York City.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

2. On 24 February 1953, KIERNAN was interviewed at his office on the 16th floor of Fawcett Publications, 67 West 44th Street, New York City, and furnished the following information concerning the unidentified flying object which he had observed the previous day. The description of the object is as follows:

SHAPE - No recognizable shape was described, inasmuch as the object was considered to be merely a light, and considered circular because of its glare.

SIZE - Size of the object was estimated by KIERNAN to be three (3) or four (4) times that of the star Polaris.

COLOR - KIERNAN described the color as being an off-yellow with an orange tinge and very brilliant, about three (3) or four (4) times brighter than that of the star Polaris.

NUMBER - Only one object was observed

AERODYNAMIC FEATURES - KIERNAN, because of the fact that he only observed a light, could not describe any aerodynamic features, nor did he see any trail, exhaust, or propulsion system connected with this unidentified flying object.

SPEED - KIERNAN did not know, nor could he estimate, the speed of the object. However, he did state that it appeared to travel at a very rapid rate.

SOUND - No sound was heard.

MANEUVERS - The object appeared to travel horizontally in very low arcs, covering sixty (60) degrees of angular traverse during the time that KIERNAN observed the object. These arcs were very flat in trajectory and the object, in travelling through one arc, seemed to accelerate during the first half of the arc, then when reaching the apex of the trajectory, it appeared to decelerate. After deceleration it appeared to momentarily hover and then start again on its acceleration to the apex, then decelerating to the point where it would again appear momentarily to hover. This maneuver appeared to occur four (4) or five (5) times. During these maneuvers the light did not change in size, appearance, color, or in any other way.

MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE - KIERNAN stated that the light instantaneously disappeared at the end of the period of his observation. He carefully examined the area from which he was observing the object to see if there was an obstruction in his line of vision which could have caused the disappearance of the light and found none. KIERNAN stated it appeared as though the object had passed behind an impenetrable black cloud.

3. Mr. KIERNAN stated that the time of the observation was approximately

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(3) between 0120 and 0125 hours on 23 February 1953, and he observed the unidentified object for approximately twelve (12) seconds.

4. KIERNAN added that he had first observed the unidentified object from the corner of his eye while he was driving eastward on 29th Avenue in Bayside and had immediately stopped his car, dismounted, and stood outside to observe the object. KIERNAN does not wear glasses nor did he use any optical device to observe the object.

5. KIERNAN stated that his location at the time of the observation was at the intersection of 215th Street and 29th Avenue, Bayside, Long Island, New York, which is estimated to be approximately 79 degrees 49 minutes west longitude and 40 degrees 47 minutes north latitude. This position is south of Fort Totten, Long Island, New York. Mr. KIERNAN estimated the object to be at an altitude above the horizontal of between forty (40) to forty-five (45) degrees and its initial observation was a little to the south of an extension eastward of 29th Avenue. 29th Avenue was estimated to bear approximately twenty five (25) degrees north of due east and this would place the object approximately due east of the observer. KIERNAN could not make an estimation of the distance of the object. The object traversed an angular distance of approximately sixty (60) degrees to KIERNAN's right, or to the south, and maintained approximately constant altitude.

6. KIERNAN stated that due to the time of the observation, he did not notice any other individuals in the vicinity who could be considered as witnesses of this event. KIERNAN further stated that he has had past experience in observing aircraft in flight, and also what he called "shooting stars", and that this object did not resemble either of these and, therefore, that was why he felt it necessary to advise this office concerning his sighting. KIERNAN further stated that at the time of the sighting there was no rain or moisture present in the air, the atmosphere was cool and, insofar as he knew, clear. No comment was made concerning the winds aloft at that time. KIERNAN further stated that he had not observed any aircraft in flight in the area during the time when he observed this unidentified flying object.

7. Mr. KIERNAN stated he is employed in the advertising branch of the Promotion Department of True magazine, published by Fawcett Publishing Corporation. He stated that he had read the article concerning "Flying Saucers" published in True magazine, and that he was interested in determining the nature of these objects.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
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New York, 15 January 1953
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TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Attached for your information is one copy of report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES L. STECHER, 2nd OSI District, dated 6 February 1953, file 24-319, subject as above.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in this matter.

3. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-319

DATE 6 FEB 1953

REPORT MADE BY
Charles L. Stecher, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #2, 72 East 10th St., New York 3, N.Y.

PERIOD
29 January 1953

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #2, 72 East 10th St., New York 3, N.Y.

STATUS
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TITLE

Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted at Westhampton Beach
New York, 15 January 1953

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

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SYNOPSIS

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Investigation requested by Commanding General, 26th Air Division, Roslyn, New York, of unidentified flying objects sighted over Westhampton Beach, New York. Mrs. ROBERT R. MAXWELL, Civil Defense ground observer who sighted objects, interviewed; stated one (1) object approached from easterly direction, the other from westerly direction, altitude and speed unknown. Both objects lost to view traveling in a westerly direction. Interviewee person of high standing in community. Weather Officer, Suffolk County Air Force Base, stated no weather balloons released 15 January 1953. Prevailing winds that date from southwest.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by the Commanding General, 26th Air Division, Roslyn, New York, by letter dated 16 January 1953, file 26ADIPM, requesting an investigation be conducted concerning the reporting by Mrs. MAXWELL, 3155 Westhampton Beach, New York, of seeing an unidentified object at GL 2040 at 2130Z. The object looked like a star, was red on top and moved very slowly west.

AT WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NEW YORK

2. Mrs. ROBERT R. MAXWELL, North Beach Road, Westhampton Beach, New York, was interviewed by the writer at her home on 29 January 1953. Mrs. MAXWELL stated that she is a member of the Civil Defense Ground Observer Corps and was on duty from 1600 hours to 1800 hours, 15 January 1953, in the tower of the Westhampton Beach High School at the time of her observation. She advised that at approximately 1630 hours she observed an object which she at first thought to be an airplane move very slowly into her view, traveling in a westerly direction, southwest of town. Mrs. MAXWELL could not describe its shape or size, or estimate its height or speed, except to say that it moved very slowly and appeared to waver. The unknown object was very high and at first seemed to have a redish glow at the top, and later as it began to get dark it glowed white and looked like a star. Mrs. MAXWELL further stated that approximately twenty (20) minutes after sighting this first object she sighted a second one, exactly like the first, traveling quite rapidly and approaching the town from a westerly direction. It appeared to half circle the first object and then travel at the same speed and in the same direction as the first object. Mrs. MAXWELL watched both objects until it grew dark, approximately one and one-half (1½) hours after sighting the first object, at which time they looked like stars and were lost to her view. Interviewee stated that she reported each object immediately after her sightings, by telephone, to the New Haven, Connecticut, Civil Defense Filter Center. She stated that she reported them as unidentified objects, but she is now quite certain that they were balloons, particularly because of their "wavering". Mrs. MAXWELL further stated that she heard no sound from the objects and that all of her observation was with the naked eye.

3. Miss LILLIAN WITT, Village Clerk, Westhampton Beach, New York, was interviewed by the writer at the Village Hall on 29 January 1953. Miss WITT stated that Mrs. MAXWELL is a respected member of the community and is honest, dependable, trustworthy, and loyal to the United States Government.

AT SUFFOLK COUNTY AIR FORCE BASE, WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NEW YORK

4. Captain DONALD M. COHEN, AO 831 495, USAF, 12-9 Weather Detachment Base Weather Officer, was interviewed by the writer on 29 January 1953. After reviewing his records, Captain COHEN stated that at 1630 hours, 15 January 1953, a twenty (20) knot southwest wind was blowing at three thousand (3000) feet, and further that no weather balloons were released from Suffolk County Air Force Base on 15 January 1953. COHEN stated that

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there are many United States Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard weather stations near enough for weather balloons to drift over Westhampton Beach, New York, if wind conditions are favorable.

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IN REPLY
REFER TO: 24-0-164

13 JAN 1953

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Mr. Leland V. Boardman
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

RE: Unidentified Flying Objects
(FLYOBRPT)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

24-185-2-17
33-7236-16
58-57-1
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Dear Mr. Boardman:

Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 5 January 1953, Subject and file as above.

X 24-2959-1
X 24-2959-3

On 10 January 1953, one GEORGE BAKER, who admitted that this was not his true name, telephonically advised this office that he had information in which the United States Air Force may be interested, and that he believed that his friend BOB DUBNICK of 446 West 23rd Street, New York, New York, needed comforting and assurance that he was not being sought as a Communist.

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Above referenced letter refers to one BOB DUBICK of 446 West 23rd Street, New York, N. Y.

BAKER advised that his friend DUBNICK had constructed two "Flying Saucers" and was even now experimenting with them. He is reported to have a scale model, 2½ feet in diameter, in his room at present. BAKER stated that DUBNICK has been, and is presently, undergoing treatment at Bellevue Hospital. He is reported to have been apprehended by the FBI in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1948, and at that time had two discs in his possession. At that time he "pulled the wool over their eyes" and they did not locate the discs. DUBNICK, according to BAKER, has been arrested in New York for stealing money to finance his experiments in "Flying Saucers." He was recently paroled and BAKER states that he is contemplating a trip to Mexico where he can conduct further experiments in the discs. DUBNICK reportedly has a bad back now and is on relief. He is awaiting his next check and may start for Mexico soon.

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To: Mr. Leland V. Boardman
Subj:Unidentified Flying Objects

BAKER stated that DUBNICK is afraid of being called a Communist because he had Communist literature in his possession when apprehended by the FBI in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1948. BAKER did not know where DUBNICK obtained the literature. BAKER asked that an agent be sent to talk to DUBNICK and that he be treated "gently" as he is very nervous. BAKER advised that DUBNICK is "really a bright kid" but is badly troubled with thoughts that people may consider him eccentric.

BAKER advised that he lives in the same room with DUBNICK at the above address and stated that both he and DUBNICK will cooperate with authorities.

BAKER did not sound as though he was under the influence of alcohol or a drug but did sound slightly effeminate. He gave the impression that he was earnest in his attempt to aid his friend DUBNICK, and also that he had no doubt that DUBNICK had constructed a "Flying Saucer." It was difficult to get a logical story from BAKER as he skipped from the Communist theme to the discs and back again.

The above is forwarded for your information. No action is contemplated by this district office.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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TO : District Commander
1st OSI District (IG) USAF
Westover Air Force Base
Massachusetts

1. Forwarded for the information of your District is the following information, received under date of 28 October 1952, from the Newark Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"For your information, on October 25, 1952, one Janet Daly of 4 Edward Court, Tenafly, New Jersey, telephonically advised this office that she and Philip Connell of 66 West Street, Portland, Maine, observed a 'Flying Saucer' at Crescent Lake, Maine at 2:30 p.m., August 19, 1952. Daly gave her telephone number as Englewood 3-5623, which is listed to Thomas P. Daly, 4 Edward Court, Tenafly, New Jersey.

Newark files contain no information on Janet Daly or Philip Connell. The above is being furnished for your information and whatever action you deem appropriate."

2. The information furnished herewith has been derived from sources other than the Department of the Air Force and, in accordance with paragraph 8b, AFR 205-1, dissemination must not be made outside USAF channels.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Lee S. Thomas

LEE S. THOMAS
Major, USAF
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

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ATTN: Major Fournet

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Inclosed herewith are two (2) letters, dated 13 October 1952 and 20 October 1952 concerning the above subject. The files of this office contain no further information concerning these incidents.

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2. Cy ltr fr W. Wrobleski
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GILMER L. SNIPES
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20 OCT 1952

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to Air Force Letter No. 200-5, Department of the Air Force, dated 29 April 1952.

2. The following is forwarded for your information and dissemination:

On 15 October 1952, at approximately 1900 hours, Mr. R. B. ABBOTT, 240 Crown Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephonically reported to this office that he had been on the roof top of his apartment building watching searchlights which had been moving from south to north across the sky. He suddenly noticed two strange objects to the east and to the west which appeared to be stationary. The objects were a bright blue color and gradually changed to a pinkish orange color and then back again to bright blue. There was no twinkling effect given off by the light so that Mr. ABBOTT felt certain they could not have been stars. He was watching the objects through his field glasses which have approximately an eight mile range. The object to the east was low in the sky and the one to the west was quite high in the sky. Mr. ABBOTT stated that apparently someone was trying to put the spotlight on the objects one by one with the hugh searchlights which were crossing the sky. Mr. ABBOTT emphasized that the objects gave off a bright light. He estimated that they burned for approximately eighteen minutes. Because of this, he felt they could not possibly have been a flare as flares ordinarily do not burn that long and also they did not fall from the sky in any way. The objects suddenly became extinguished and at that point Mr. ABBOTT came down to his apartment to call our office.

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Mr. ABBOTT related that he is located at the corner of Nostrand and Rogers Avenue, his address is 240 Crown Street, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. ABBOTT further stated that five weeks ago he had spotted similar phenomena in the sky and had written a letter to Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, concerning that observation.

FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
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TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
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1. Reference is made to AF Letter 200-5, Headquarters, Department of the Air Force, dated 29 April 1952.

2. The following is forwarded for your information and dissemination:

Mr. JAMES N. YOUNG, staff writer of Colliers Magazine, who resides at 455 East 51st Street, New York City, New York, telephonically reported to this office that he had observed a large bright light at approximately 1820 hours on 14 October 1952, while he was on the roof of the six (6) story apartment house in which he resides. YOUNG stated that he was no judge of distance or height but the flame appeared at a great distance and height south along the East River. The apartment house is on the corner of East 51st Street and East River Drive. The flame appeared to be cylinder in shape and gave off a steady orange and red light with an occasional flicker of blue flame. YOUNG added that the flame or light did not appear to be one which was discharged from a blower, for example a blow torch. This light moved very slowly in a direction generally from east to west for approximately one (1) minute and then disappeared while moving in a general direction of south-south-east (SSE) at a great speed which took place in approximately one-half (1/2) minute. No light beam was observed to be coming from the ground. The area over the river was generally cloudy with smoke haze. No further description could be given concerning the appearance of the flame. YOUNG stated that he decided to report his observation after reading an article that appeared in the New York Times, newspaper, 15 October 1952 issue, page 34, titled 'BIG FLAME REPORTED SEEN OVER IDLEWILD.' This article is stated verbatim as follows:

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"'BIG FLAME' REPORTED
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A 'big blue flame' that reportedly passed over New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, at 7:33 o'clock last night mystified airport personnel.

The phenomenon was said to have been observed by the pilot of a plane about to take off, a pilot about to land, control tower personnel and some mechanics at the field.

The control tower men, who are employes of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, said they had made a report to their superiors and that a 'release' may be issued today by the C.A.A. office at the airport. They declined to describe what they had seen.

It was learned that the 'flame' was reportedly seen traveling from east to west over the airport, and that it had no particular shape. The pilot of a plane about to take off for Buffalo was talking to the tower at the time and asked the operators if they saw the 'flame.' One replied that he had and at the request of the pilot made a record of the incident.

A spokesman for C.A.A. said later that a controller in the tower reported he had seen an object moving at a very high speed across the field, at approximately 1,000 feet, and that the object seemed to have dissipated off the periphery of the airport. In accordance with procedure, he notified Mitchel Field military authorities."

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AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT	DO #2, OSI (IG) 67 Broad St., New York, N.Y.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
15 OCT 1952	22 January 1952	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
NEWTON HAMFELDT	GERALDINE UJHELY COOK

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
AFL 200-5, Hqs, Dept. of A.F., dated 29 April 1952

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.*)

1. On 25 August 1952, the 1st OSI District Detachment at Hartford, Connecticut, was contacted by the New Haven Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning a phone call from Mrs. GERALDINE COOK, 27 Silk Street, Norwalk, Connecticut. Mrs. COOK advised that she possessed information concerning the sighting of an unconventional aircraft which she would divulge only to the proper authorities.

2. Mrs. COOK was contacted telephonically on 25 August 1952, and advised that on 22 January 1952, she had sighted some unidentified object which she desired to report at this time to USAF authorities. When queried as to the reason for the delay in reporting this information, COOK disclosed that she felt she would be ridiculed if she had reported the sighting at the time of occurrence.

DETAILS:

AT NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, UNCONVENTIONAL A/C SIGHTED

3. On 8 September 1952, Patrolman WILLIAM CARPENTER, Clerk of Records, Norwalk Police Department, Norwalk, Connecticut, advised a search of their files failed to reveal any record pertaining to Mrs. GERALDINE COOK.

4. On 8 September 1952, a review of the Norwalk City Directory indicated that GERALDINE COOK and FRANCIS A. COOK reside at 27 Silk Street, Norwalk, Connecticut. FRANCIS A. COOK is listed as a Postal Clerk, Norwalk Post Office.

5. On 8 September 1952, Mr. ROBERT G. TOONE, Postal Clerk, Norwalk Post Office, residing at 159 Main Street, Norwalk, Conn., advised on interview that he has known FRANCIS A. COOK and his wife, GERALDINE COOK, for about ten (10) years, and regards them as honest, trustworthy, loyal, and dependable people.

6. On 8 September 1952, Mr. SHERWOOD QUIGLEY, Postman, who has delivered mail to the COOK's residence at 27 Silk Street, stated that he regards the COOKS as honest, reliable people. QUIGLEY stated that GERALDINE COOK is a local girl who is considered "high hat", but is otherwise all right in every way.

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7. On 8 September 1952, Mr. FRANCIS A. COOK, 27 Silk Street, Norwalk, Connecticut, stated on interview in the absence of his wife, Mrs. GERALDINE COOK, that he could offer no details of the sighting which his wife reported to him on the night of 22 January 1952, but stated that he has every reason to place credence in her report.

8. On 8 September 1952, Mr. V. P. BROSOKAS, Assistant Personnel Manager, Remington Rand, Inc., Wilson Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut, advised that records reflect that Mrs. GERALDINE UJHELY COOK, born 3 April 1925, place not indicated, residing at 27 Silk Street, Norwalk, Conn., has been employed with this concern since 28 March 1951 doing "simple assembly of electrical and mechanical devices." Mr. BROSOKAS stated that Mrs. COOK's employment is satisfactory, that she has been rated "good" by two (2) former supervisors, that she normally gets along well with others. Mr. BROSOKAS stated that he has known Mrs. COOK since her employment, and has learned that when she was a youngster she either had a brain tumor or an injury to her brain which necessitated an operation. After the operation there was a "decided change in her for the better." As a result of this history, under emotional stress or strain she "flies off the handle", and becomes "difficult to talk to." Under normal conditions Mrs. COOK was described as a "very pleasant girl, good worker, intelligent"; when provoked she is "loud, belligerent, strongly opinionated. Mr. BROSOKAS stated that he knew of no reason to question Mrs. COOK's veracity. Also contained in COOK's personnel file is the following information concerning her background: six (6) years Elementary School; two (2) years Junior High School; four (4) years High School; one (1) year Merrill Business College; Art Courses for three (3) summers; studied at Silver Mine Guild (Art School). The Plant Medical Examiner, Dr. McMAHON, noted that he "believes she is a hypochondriac." Nothing further was learned.

9. On 8 September 1952, Mr. SALEM S. SHAPIRO, Director of Planning, City Planning Commission, Norwalk, Connecticut, provided the 1952 edition of the Map of the City of Norwalk, Connecticut, and the geodetic coordinates of the Norwalk Hospital area, appended to this report as an inclosure. The geodetic longitude is approximately 73° 25' 30" and the latitude 41° 06' 30".

10. On 8 September 1952, Mrs. GERALDINE UJHELY COOK, residing at 27 Silk Street, Norwalk, Connecticut, stated on interview that she was born and brought up in Norwalk, Connecticut. Mrs. COOK has a five (5) year old daughter and a two (2) year old son, and lives at this address with her husband and her mother. Mrs. COOK related, in substance, the following information concerning what she had observed: At about 1730 hours, 22 January 1952, she left her home at 27 Silk Street, Norwalk, Conn., and drove alone in the family car, a light gray two (2) door, 1940, Oldsmobile Sedan, to buy milk at the Hill Market on the Southeast corner of Stevens and Stuart Avenues. (Mrs. COOK told the remainder of this account from the driver's seat of her car, returning to the location of the sighting). She stated that she was in the store for ten (10) or fifteen (15) mimutes, after which she got back into her car and proceeded east along Stevens Avenue. She said the night was "dark, clear, and dry", "a lovely crisp night." She stated that she did not believe there was a moon; that the sky was very black and the streets lonely; that there "was not much traffic because most people were probably eating." The informant stated that as she arrived at a point west of Woodbury Avenue on Stevens Avenue, which is at the top of the Stevens Avenue Hill, she saw "lights" for the first time. There were no other vehicles, no bicycles, no busses, on the street. There was one (1) street light burning on the south side of Stevens Avenue. Interviewee stated that she looked through the rear view mirror, checked for reflections on the venti-pane, and was unable to determine the origin of the light. Mrs. COOK stated that she saw

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reflections on her windshield and then what appeared to be a "pair of headlights", "like a pair of headlights, only it was faint." She stated that they were just "clear enough to be distinguished." The observer stated she stopped her car and kept "staring at the lights." At that time of year, it was pointed out, there was no foliage, and she could see through the barren branches of the trees. The lights were located at about ten (10) o'clock on the windshield and were coming from a point on the horizon "as far as the eye can see." "They were approaching me in a straight line from the left of the gas tank." (The gas tank is a storage tank for the Connecticut Light and Power Gas Company on Harbor Avenue and Chapel Street, Norwalk, Conn.). Mrs. COOK stated that in January the new hospital wing was not yet constructed, and that the lights were visible just to the right of the hospital. The lights were allegedly "as large as traffic lights look at a distance of fifteen (15) or twenty (20) feet, only these were white." Mrs. COOK stated that she was "amazed at the rapidity of its motion." She stated that she permitted the car to roll down hill, inching along at three (3) to five (5) miles per hour, until she arrived at the Brush Street triangle in line with the sign post, where she stopped the car in the middle of the road. Mrs. COOK advised that she had moved in order to keep the "thing" in view. Mrs. COOK stated that she normally does not wear glasses, but that she happened to be wearing her "rest glasses" which she requires for "close work at Remington Rand." She stated that, at this juncture, she slid the glasses down her nose and peered over them, following the "thing" with her eyes. "It had come to a gradual stop", and, until it had slowed down, the interviewee stated that she had seen nothing but the two (2) headlights. The headlights were further described as emitting great brilliance, "like searchlights, only there was no diffusion." Mrs. COOK stated that the lights which had come from the East, flying in a straight course West, changed their direction and turned toward the South. She added that the "ship" flew at a slow speed from just North of Stevens Avenue, and then travelled across Stevens Avenue, and "hung in mid-air over the Armory building" located at the Southwest corner of Connecticut and Stevens Avenues, or between one (1) and two (2) o'clock on her automobile windshield. The informant stated "it's big---terribly big", and that she could see the "top of the ship" as it travelled across her path. In answer to questions posed in an attempt to establish altitude, Mrs. COOK stated the object was low enough to be seen with the "aid of the reflection from the light from Norwalk and South Norwalk business districts." She stated that she was only able to judge the height at approximately that of "four (4) telegraph posts." At this altitude she remarked, "It's the most beautiful piece of mechanism I have ever seen---it's out of this world." "I would not call it a Flying Saucer---I would call it a 'Ship'." She continued by stating that it is "dome-shaped, perfectly smooth, flat on the bottom, perfectly round on top"; "it is the color of dull stainless steel"; its height is that of a two (2) family house"; "as far as its circumference is concerned, it was about eighty (80) or ninety (90) feet wide." Mrs. COOK stated she saw the "center of the top of the ship" as it travelled across her path, and that altogether, from the time she first sighted the ship, about eight (8) or nine (9) minutes elapsed. She said that she "watched for five (5) or six (6) minutes" while she was stopped in the middle of the road. From the "side view", Mrs. COOK stated there was a "beautiful band of white light." The band of light was about ten (10) feet high and extended from one end of the ship to the other, and was horizontal and circumferential. The band was located about ten (10) feet above the base of the ship, and above the band there was about another twenty (20) feet of metal to the top of the dome. Mrs. COOK stated that the band was transparent, and that she could see "a vast amount of machinery inside." The machinery was in the center of the ship, and "reached the very top of the dome." The interviewee stated "I would say that about six(6) men could walk shoulder-to-shoulder around the ship between the machinery in the center and the glass encasement on the outer edge." The machinery was described as being of the same metallic substance as the fuselage,

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"dull finished stainless steel." Mrs. COOK advised that she "saw nothing in it move" and "saw no one in it", but that she had the "feeling of being watched." She stated that she "had a peculiar sensation of no fear"; that she was "boundlessly fearless"; that had it landed she would have approached it. The observer further described the light from the inside of the ship as "indirect", that it was "soft"; and that she could not tell its source. There was only one red tail light visible from "inside the ship." Mrs. COOK stated the red tail light was one-fourth (1/4) the size of the headlights. The tail light was located a "few feet" below the top of the band of light, and was "inside the ship." The headlights, on the other hand, were located in the middle of the band of light, and were "flush" with the outer shell. Mrs. COOK stated that "at no time did any of these lights blink"; "it did not make a sound at any time." The informant had this to say about the bottom of the ship: "That is a work of art." The bottom had no lights. It was composed of a flat surface completely covered with a "very definite pattern of lines too highly intricate to accurately describe." These lines were "angular"; "not all alike"; "differently shaped"; "all the same size"; "all very evenly spaced." These pieces of angled metal were also made of the same "dull stainless steel." Mrs. COOK stated that she was unable to see any bolts, joints, doors, or landing gear. After hanging in mid-air, motionless, for about five (5) or six (6) minutes, it moved slowly at the same altitude, travelling parallel to Connecticut Avenue toward Long Island Sound. The observer stated that it went out of sight over the hill which rises up and completely obstructs visibility. The object allegedly flew at an altitude so as to be on a level with the middle of the trees on top of the Elmcrest and Connecticut Avenues Hill. Mrs. COOK stated that she did not see it any more that night. Mrs. COOK stated that the ship left no vapor trail, and apparently had no exhaust system. The ship had no propellers, no holes, and travelled "faster than anything I have ever seen." Mrs. COOK stated that she had observed the foregoing through the windshield of her automobile, at all times; that the motor was running, and the lights of her vehicle were burning. No optical or electronic equipment was used, and she did not get out of the car. Mrs. COOK stated that she possessed no physical evidence of this sighting; that, to her knowledge, no photographs were taken; and that, to her knowledge, there were no witnesses. After the object departed, Mrs. COOK stated that she went home immediately to check on the time; it was 1805 hours, Eastern Standard Time on her arrival at 27 Silk Street, Norwalk, Connecticut. Mrs. COOK estimated that the ship was observed by her from approximately 1750 to 1800 hours, 22 January 1952. The informant stated that she told her mother about her experience immediately and, later that evening when her husband came home from work, she told him. The next day she repeated the story to her supervisor at Remington Rand, and subsequently to the company engineers. Mrs. COOK stated she could see that the account was not being well received, and did not give them too many details. A week later, at about 1500 hours, Eastern Standard Time, 29 January 1952, Mrs. COOK saw the "thing" again, travelling at a "terrific rate of speed", while she was sitting on the couch in Remington Rand's Research Laboratory Rest Room, Department 31, second floor, at Wilson Avenue, in Norwalk, Connecticut. The object was allegedly seen through the window, which has an Eastern exposure, and was flying a course the "shape of an arc." Mrs. COOK stated that having seen it before, she recognized it immediately, and that it went by so fast that she "didn't dare mention it to anyone in the Rest Room." The informant stated that it was flying at a distance to appear to be the size of a "nickel" coin, and was flying at the altitude of conventional aircraft. Mrs. COOK stated that she is familiar with the silhouettes of "helicopters, dirigibles, seaplanes, transports, fighters, and flying advertisements", but that this was entirely different, and that she was "quite able to distinguish one from the other."

11. On 8 September 1952, Mrs. ELIZABETH UJHELY, 27 Silk Street, Norwalk,

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Connecticut, mother of Mrs. GERALDINE COOK, stated that about three (3) days after her daughter had seen the object at close range, that she saw from the kitchen window, due west of 27 Silk Street, a streak of light "about a foot long" and "two (2) inches wide." This line blended into the darkness and was not a distinct, sharply defined light. Mrs. UJHELY stated that it was "going so fast that it disappeared as though someone had drawn a curtain." The informant stated that she was not able to see anything but the light, that was "like a big cigar, only thicker" or "like a large neon tube travelling across in the dark." The light was allegedly travelling from north to south "a little above the horizon", at a great distance. Mrs. UJHELY stated she heard no sound, and saw no vapor trail. Mrs. UJHELY advised that the night was clear and the stars were shining. After observing that the light did not blink as do conventional aircraft lights, Mrs. UJHELY called her daughter's attention to the object, which was gone before she could get to the window. Mrs. UJHELY affirmed that she was certain it was not a "falling star", because she is familiar with them. Neither Mrs. UJHELY nor Mrs. COOK have seen anything unusual or related to the incidents since the January, 1952, sightings.

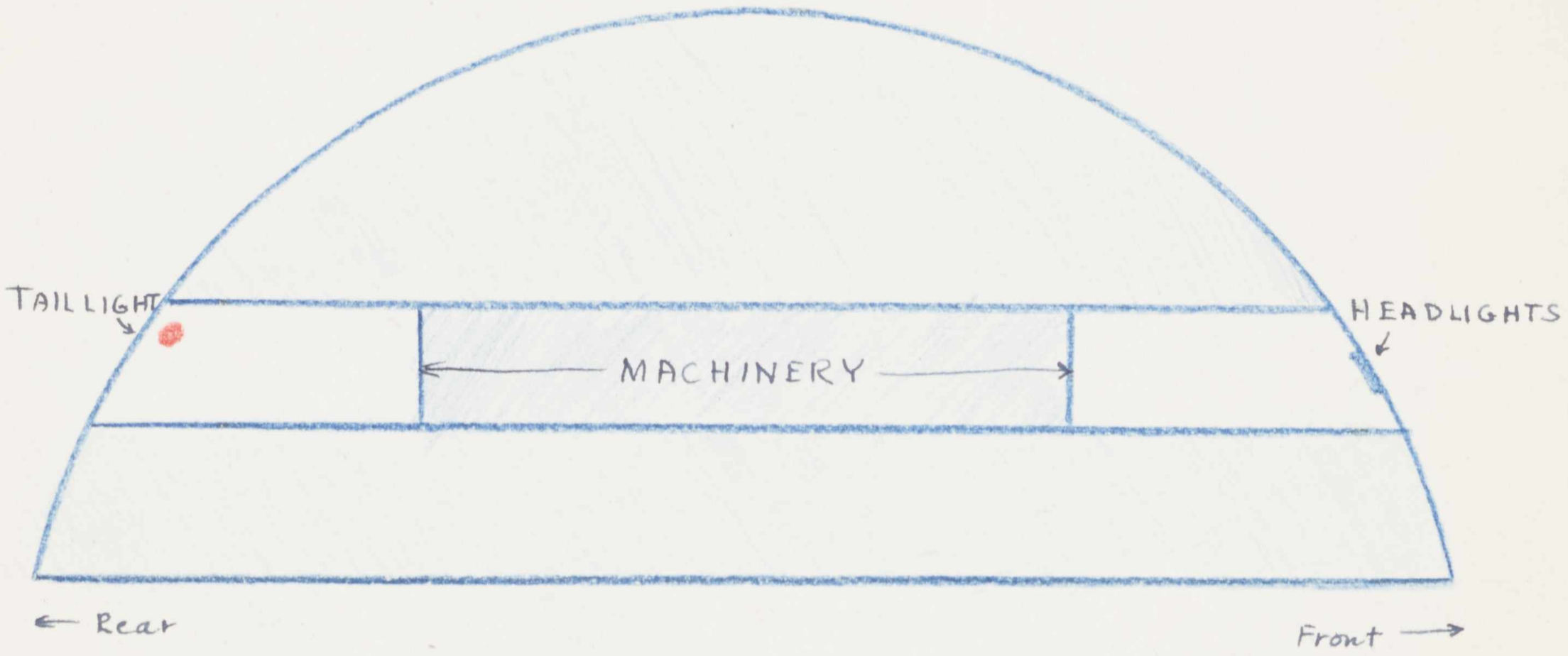
12. Attached as inclosures are a drawing of object, prepared by Special Agent of this office, as described by Mrs. COOK, and a map of the City of Norwalk, Connecticut, showing course of unknown object.

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SEGMENT OF BOTTOM
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MAP OF THE CITY OF NORWALK CONNECTICUT 1952

TOWN OF WILTON

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN

TOWN OF DARIEN

TOWN OF WESTPORT

LONG ISLAND SOUND

PARKWAY

MERRITT

NORWALK HARBOR

NORWALK

FEET

MILES

LEGEND

- Path of Ship at "tremendous" speed
- Path of Ship at "slow speed"
- Spot where Ship "hung in mid-air"
- Path of Ship at "slow Speed" before departure
- Stevens Avenue Route Travelled by Mrs. COOK.

41°-06'-15"

73°-25'-00"

CHIMMONS ISLAND

RAM ISLAND

SHEFFIELD ISLAND

CALFPASTURE BEACH CITY PARK

BELL ISLAND

EAST BEACH

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PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
SPECIAL AGENT, NEWTON HAMFELDT	WELLS A. HOBLER

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
AFL NO. 200-5, dated 29 APRIL 1952.

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.*)

1. WELLS A. HOBLER, AO-439098, Captain Air Force Reserve (Inactive), presently employed by Benton and Bowles, Inc., 444 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York, submitted a letter to Commanding General, Headquarters First Air Force, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, dated 23 September 1952, which is verbatim as follows:

"Dear Sir:
If I had not seen the enclosed clipping, I probably would not make the following report. However, since other people in the vicinity where I recently saw an unusual phenomenon saw the same thing, I thought perhaps I should describe my experience.

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"I was approximately 15 to 20 miles NE of Allentown when suddenly a bright object which appeared to be shaped like a fat football and three feet in diameter, flaming orange-red in color, appeared at a distance of 150 to 200 yards ahead of me at eleven o'clock high. It was descending at about a 30° angle..My first impression was that it was a"falling star" and that I was on a collision course with it. I immediately pulled up into a steep climb to avoid hitting it; but the object, instead of continuing on it's downward course, very suddenly pulled up into about a 65° climb and went directly over my windshield. I quickly made a 180 to the right but could no longer see the ball of fire. If the object was at the distance and was of the size that it appeared to me to be, I would estimate it was traveling at better than 700 miles an hour. If what I saw was actually a physical object, the rapidity with which it altered it's course was astonishing.

"Since I was able to see it for not more than two seconds, I hesitated to report what I saw. After the object went by, I resumed my course and for the next 20 minutes tried

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SPECIAL AGENT, NEWTON HAMPTON	WILLIS A. HOBLER	

REFERENCES (Cipher message, dispatch, previous report, etc., as applicable)
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to be sure that what I had seen had not been a light reflection on the windshield. I feel reasonably sure it was not.
"I regret now that I did not make this report immediately but the experience was so brief that I hesitated to report it until I saw the enclosed newspaper report."

2. The newspaper report referred to by HOBLER, was obtained from the newspaper, Newark Evening News, Newark, New Jersey, dated 18 September 1952, titled "Flying Saucer Seen in Morris" which is set forth verbatim below:

"CHESTER - A flaming object, larger than an airplane, was reported hovering over this community last night by six persons, each of whom termed it a "flying saucer".
"One of those who saw it, an artist, will put her impression of the object on canvas.
"Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ward of Hillside Avenue described the object as a "flaming red ball with a tail". The tail's density changed, they said. The object hung motionless at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet for 20 minutes before moving slowly westward in the direction of Hackettstown, they declared".

3. The original copy of WELLS A. HOBLER's letter remains on file at the District Office.

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Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy
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ATTN: Major Fournet

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Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of
Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6
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Attached herewith for your information are three (3) copies of a memorandum submitted by the Second District, Office of Special Investigations, New York, N. Y., in connection with the above subject.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
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TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, and to inclosure thereto from Headquarters, United States Air Force, dated 8 September 1950, subject, Reporting Of Information On Unconventional Aircraft, and reference is also made to Air Force Letter No. 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. Transmitted herewith, in sextuplicate, is summary of reports of unidentified flying objects received by this office during the period 25 July 1952 to 25 August 1952. Copies are provided for transmittal to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C., and to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attention: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, if deemed appropriate by your headquarters.

3. Information contained herein comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. The following is a summary of information concerning unidentified flying objects which have come to the attention of this office during the period 25 July 1952 to 25 August 1952.

2. A letter from Headquarters, 2233rd Air Force Reserve Combat Training Center, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, dated 29 July 1952, was received with a 1st Indorsement to this office. Attached thereto were reports of luminous phenomena as observed by two (2) airmen of that organization. The statement of Master Sergeant SAMUEL CHASINOV follows:

On the 16th of July 1952, at about 2315 hours, he was sitting with his wife on the rear steps of his residence at 36 Mitchel Avenue, East Meadow, New York, facing north. At that time a neighbor, Mrs. Stewart, of 54 Mitchel Avenue, called their attention to the sky by pointing upward to the western part of the sky and remarking, in an excited tone of voice, "Look, there's a flying saucer." They looked in the direction that was pointed out to them and saw the light immediately. It was about two or three times the size of a star of the first magnitude, and a yellowish white in color. The angle of vision was 60° West. It moved south for a while, then turned in an arc and headed almost due east. When it was at its brightest, it appeared to have a flurorescent streamer jutting out at an angle from each side and to the rear, giving it the appearance of an arrowhead. As it gained altitude it passed overhead in an easterly direction with the light growing fainter and fainter. While directly overhead, it had the same brightness as a star of the second magnitude. A short time after it had passed overhead, when the angle of vision was about 80° East, it seemed to rise rapidly with a resultant dimming covering little space in the horizontal plane. It continued east, decreasing in brightness. At that time Master Sergeant CHASINOV entered his apartment and called Base Operations to notify them of this phenomenon. When he returned outside he could not see it again, although Mrs. Stewart stated that it was still perceptible for a minute or two longer. There was no sound of engines or of a jet in flight, except once when a plane passed by with its landing light on, presumably to land at the field. The light was in view for

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about twenty minutes. The rate of speed it traveled appeared to be about the same rate or slower than that of a dirigible traveling at regular cruising altitude. Other persons present who saw the light are staff Sergeant ALBERT BEAM, Mrs. VIRGINIA CHASINOV, Mrs. STEWART, Mrs. CHILDRESS.

A statement by Staff Sergeant WALTER M. GOLDSTEIN follows:

On the evening of 23 July 1952 at 2228 hours EDT, he was sitting on the patio behind the house at 348 Cedar Lane, East Meadow, New York. When he looked up in a westerly direction he noticed a large luminous object, bright orange in color. He calledthe attention of the other people sitting with him to the object. It was motionless for about three (3) minutes, then it appeared to shrink in size and its color changed to a cherry red. After its color changed it started moving in a southerly direction at a continuously increasing speed until it abruptly disappeared. He estimated the distance between himself and the object at about four (4) miles when first sighted. The line of sight was ten (10) to twelve (12) degrees above the horizontal, and the diameter of the object was three (3) times the width of his thumb with arm extended. They were able to see the object move through an arc of five (5) degrees. The weather conditions at the time were visibility unlimited, partly broken clouds at five thousand feet. Other witnesses to this were his wife and Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH ALTERMAN and Dr. and Mrs. JAROD, living respectively at 348 and 344 Cedar Lane, East Meadow, New York.

3. On 27 July 1952 at 2145 hours a Mr. FRED PLESTED of 325 W. 77th Street, NewYork City, New York, telephoned this office and gave the following information:

At 2120 hours, while at home, he observed a bright light in the sky which appeared to be traveling in a westerly direction at a 30 degree angle. After approximately 10 or 15 seconds the light went out and a few seconds later it reappeared traveling in a north westerly direction at about a 15 degree angle. This remained in view only a few seconds after which Mr. PLESTED's view was obscured due to several tall buildings located in that area.

4. On 28 July the following report was telephonically received from WALTER M. MYERS of 3810 Broadway, New York City. He was the precinct Director of Civilian Defense in New York City during World War II.

On the 16th of July 1952, he was coming from Putnam Valley near Poughkeepsie at approximately 1930 to 2000 hours. It was still light with the moon fairly visible. Driving over a hill he saw an object shaped like a moon about 5,000 feet high. It was dome-shaped in the upper part, bulging in the middle with no tail. He could see it very clearly. It had a discus shape, yellowish in color with fringes

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luminous and whitish, emitting a bluish light similar to a luminous clock. He realized it could not be the moon since it tilted and he saw only the edge, then saw it rise 1,000 or 1,500 feet, straighten out, and parallel to the earth, it moved back and forth and suddenly zoomed off in a 45° angle and disappeared at incredible speed. There were no clouds at all and no sound.

5. On 29 July 1952, a telephone call from VINCENT ALLEN, 3784 10th Avenue follows:

He volunteered an explanation of recent luminous phenomena by explaining that they were interplanetary meteors with an orbit around the earth. That they become luminous through air friction. Tracking them down is an astronomical problem. His theory was that they would break up and appear in formation. The time of observance is important because of space rotation.

6. Three newspaper reports follow:

In a special to the New York Times under dateline Tarrytown, New York, July 28 - Streaks of light, reportedly similar to those spotted over Washington twice within the last week, were sighted in the sky above the Hudson River village shortly before midnight last night. Eastern Air Defense Force officials are investigating. The flashes were reported to the Defense Force Filter Center in White Plains by JOSEPH PULSONI, post supervisor, and two ground force observers at a spotters' post atop an apartment house there. The report was relayed to an area radar station, according to Major F. B. JOHNSON, commanding the filter center.

In a report to the Journal-American of 29 July 1952, a flying saucer was spotted over midtown Manhattan by three air defense observers from atop the 6th precinct police station building at Central Avenue and Hutton Street, Jersey City. It was an orange color object seen at 2:10 a.m. This was the second sighting of a saucer-like object over mid-Manhattan by watchers at the 6th Precinct post in a little more than 24 hours. AUGUST ROBERTS, 32, of 443 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, a clothes presser, who was on observer duty at the time photographed an object at 12:11 a.m. the day before. He described it as a disk shaped object about 30 feet in diameter. It was eerie, something out of this world. It appeared to be controlled. The objects sighted by the three observers did not appear large but was described by the watchers as taller than it was wide. The orange saucer moved leisurely from north to south during the early morning rainfall. The observers, working a three-hour watch, were GEORGE CONGER of 444 Bergen Avenue, JAMES LEYDEN of 405 Armstrong Avenue, and MATTHEW HOLLETT of 160 Thorne Street, all of Jersey City.

This flying saucer was also reported in the New York Daily News

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of 30 July 1952, with a picture illustration of a flying saucer made by AUGUST ROBERTS. At the time he made the picture, ROBERTS was on observation duty in Jersey City with GEORGE CONGER and JAMES LEYDEN. When, 26 hours later, he sighted the same object a second time he decided to develop his film. He promptly released it for publication.

In a special to the New York Times, White Plains, New York, 29 July 1952, the Air Raid Filter Center there reported an increase today in the discovery of unidentified airborne objects since the 139 posts of the area had gone on round-the-clock duty 14 July. Headquarters of the Eastern Air Defense Force near Newburgh, in command of this center and others, replied that strange objects in the air had been reported in the last twenty-four hours in southwestern Indiana, Jersey City, Plainfield, New Jersey and Tarrytown. The Headquarters said it sends fighter interceptor aircraft aloft whenever unknown aerial objects are detected in its area with sufficient definiteness to warrant attempted interception.

In a special to the World Telegram and Sun, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 30 July 1952, CLARK TINCH, who spent the war watching things from a heavy cruiser, said that he spotted the shining device hanging in the sky about 60 miles southwest of New York City. The first sighting occurred at 4:15 a.m. and was, Mr. TINCH said, maintained on a north-northeast bearing and at an altitude angle of 45 degrees from his vantage point. It was plainly visible for more than 20 minutes, Mr. TINCH said. He got back in his car and drove on for another ten minutes, at which time he checked and found the object visible with the same brightness. This time, he said, another object approached it. This one appeared to be a white light, shooting upward and leaving a vapor trail behind it. It appeared only briefly and the original device remained in its observed position, still jiggling and dancing for another 20 minutes. Then it disappeared. Mr. TINCH is a public opinion specialist who had said he has spent many hours observing stars and airplanes and other objects during his tours of sea duty.

7. Commander LENHART, District Intelligence Officer, 3rd Naval District, telephoned this office and gave the following report:

JOHN REYNOLDS, former Naval Intelligence Officer living at Mt. Sinai Beach, Long Island, 60 miles East of New York City on 31 July 1952 at 2145 hours on the porch of his summer home saw a very bright light over Long Island Sound. He estimated it to be about 2/3 of the height of an airlines plane on route. It remained stationary approximately 10 seconds. It was bright and left a trail of light across the sound, then it dimmed. It started to move in a wide arc to East and South and disappeared from view in about 2 minutes. The whole family saw the oval-like egg shape. There was no sound at all and it

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followed in the normal path of an airliner. No planes were seen at the time. Two planes were going East on normal course 15 minutes later. The light was about the size of a DC-3, much bigger than the moon would appear at that distance.

8. On 1 August 1952, a telephone call was received from a Mrs. BOYD CAMPBELL, 40 W. 55th Street, Manhattan. She stated that she was calling because she had been watching a television show on WNBT, Channel 4, which suggested that anyone having information about flying saucers should inform the authorities. The information volunteered was as follows:

She stated that about 4 years ago she was in Czechoslovakia and at that time flying saucers had been observed by the population. She also remarked that the Czechs had told her that Russian propaganda said these saucers came from America. However, the Czechs didn't believe this and instead thought they were coming from Russia. She remarked that she had never observed any of these saucers herself.

9. In a letter from Headquarters, First Air Reserve District, 100 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, dated 31 July 1952, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (FLYOBRPT), to the Commanding General, First Air Force, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, a report was submitted on an unidentified flying object seen over Camp Hill, Pennsylvania on 25 July 1952. The report follows:

"Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
29 July 1952

S T A T E M E N T

The following is a complete transcript of my statement to 1st Lt. Thomas T. Darlington and 2d Lt. William T. Lunsford, Jr. given to them at my home, 355 Willow Avenue, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania on 29 July 1952.

Lt. Lunsford: Mrs. Spera, will you please tell us just what you saw?

Mrs. Spera: I was sitting out in the backyard between 3:30 and 4:00 PM when I saw a propeller like object coming from the East. The propeller was revolving at a terrific rate of speed but the object itself did not seem to move through the air very fast. It was silver blue in color. It was very high in the sky. The sun reflecting on the propeller glittered. At first I thought nothing of it thinking it was an airplane, as there seems to be a direct air route right over our house and we are used to low flying planes coming in for landings at the Harrisburg airport but the longer I looked at it I could see no body or wings. I listened very carefully

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but heard no drone like an airplane. I then called my daughter to come out and when I again looked up at the sky it had veered straight off to the north and although I ran out in the field next to our house, I could not see it any longer.

Lt. Lunsford: How high was this object flying?

Mrs. Spera: Judging from when we flew in from Florida, it was about 7,000 feet, as we were flying about that altitude and yet you could still see the ground.

Lt. Lunsford: Could you give us the approximate time when you saw this object?

Mrs. Spera: It was between 3:30 and 4:00 PM on Friday, July 25th.

Lt. Lunsford: What is exactly what you saw?

Mrs. Spera: I saw a huge like fan revolving at a terrific rate of speed, but theobject itself was not moving through the air very fast - just the propeller or fans.

Lt Lunsford: How large would you say the fans or propellers were?

Mrs. Spera: From where I sat it looked like it was the size of a propeller of a plane. I would say at the distance of 7,000 to 10,000 feet it was about five (5) feet across.

Lt Lunsford: Then there was only one (1) propeller?

Mrs. Spera: Yes.

Lt Lunsford: Mrs. Spera, have you ever seen a jet flying? Did you see any vapor trails behind this object? Trails, I mean, similar to those a jet would leave?

Mrs. Spera: Yes, I have seen jets flying and am familiar with vapor trails. There were no vapor trails.

Lt Lunsford: Was it flying horizontal or vertical?

Mrs. Spera: It was flying vertical.

Lt. Lunsford: What were the air conditions when you saw this object?

Mrs. Spera: It was absolutely clear. One of the clearest days we have had this summer. Beautiful day - not a cloud in the sky. If you check with the Weather Station I am sure they would verify this.

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Lt. Lunsford: From what direction did the object come?

Mrs. Spera: It came from the East.

Lt. Lunsford: In what direction did it disappear?

Mrs. Spera: It veered straight North.

Lt. Lunsford: Did it go at an angle?

Mrs. Spera: It seemed to go in a straight line.

Lt. Lunsford: How long would you say you saw this object before it disappeared?

Mrs. Spera: About four minutes.

Lt. Lunsford: Do you remember which way the wind was blowing at that time?

Mrs. Spera: I can't remember. We have a breeze all the time out here. I can't remember which direction it was blowing.

Lt. Lunsford: What color did you say it was?

Mrs. Spera: I would say a silver blue.

Lt. Lunsford: In what direction was the sun?

Mrs. Spera: The sun was in the southwest.

Lt. Lunsford: Mrs. Spera, would you like to make anymore comments on this object?

Mrs. Spera: People are afraid to report these things because they are afraid the public will say they are hysterical or crazy. I do not believe this is right or patriotic. I believe we should report all such things we see and try to find out about these 'flying saucers'. I had my little grandson here with me and haven't read the paper much lately outside of reading Dick Tracy to him. So I hadn't any thoughts lately of flying saucers. After I saw this object I told my neighbor about it the next day and she showed me the paper of the evening before where these objects had been reported at 12:00 noon at Titusville and then later at Pottsville, Pa. It also stated in the paper that it could be hysteria, planetary or atmospheric. I definitely say it is

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mechanical. If there was anything I was ever sure of, it is that the object definitely was real.

/s/ KATHERYNE T. SPERA
Mrs. Joseph J. SPERA

WITNESSES:

/s/ Thomas T. Darlington
Thomas T. Darlington, 1st Lt., USAF

/s/ William T. Lunsford
William T. Lunsford, Jr., 2d Lt, USAF

/s/ Hazel B. Dillahunt
Hazel B. Dillahunt

10. On 21 August 1952, three statements were taken at the Office of Special Investigations Detachment Office at Mitchel Air Force Base, New York by a Special Agent of District Office No. 2:

DALLAS BINNING, A/1C, USAF, stated that at approximately 2115 hours, he, Airman BERMENDER and Airman SHOVELTON were lying on Beach No. 5 at Jones Beach. Their attention was drawn at this time to three transport planes, which they thought to be C-47's or 46's, flying at a very low altitude and at a fairly fast rate. As they passed their direct line of vision, they saw a twinkle of light to the right and to the rear of the transports. Then they saw the following: Approaching from the right and rear of the transports were five white objects, flying in a flanking movement. The objects appeared oval, giving off a white, blurred light, such as looking at a light bulb in the rain. The objects were tremendously higher than the three aircraft, but flying at a much faster rate and in the matter of around 10 seconds from the time they saw them, they had overtaken the transports. This gave them their basis for judging they were going at a terrific speed, as a fast flying object that high, such as a jet, usually appears to be flying very slowly. These objects were definitely flying at a tremendous speed. Up until then they had been flying in an unbroken flanking movement, but, as they passed their direct line of vision they broke up and started a turbulent movement. The objects moved at 90 degree angles from the outside to the inside horizontally with one another. This gave them their criterion for judging they were not aircraft such as jets because of their accordion-like movement. As they moved in line with the transports, they made a motion up and to the right and gradually faded away.

The statement of MILTON SHOVELTON, Jr., A/3C, follows: At about 2000 hours, on 20 August 1952, Airmen BINNING, BERMENDER, SCHULTZ, YOUNG and SHOVELTON went swimming down at Jones Beach. They were on beach

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five right in front of the tower. At about 2115 hours SCHULTZ and YOUNG went for a walk leaving airmen BINNING, BERMENDER and SHOVELTON on the beach. They were looking up at the sky and talking when they noticed three planes flying in formation. When they were right overhead, Airman BINNING noticed moving objects in the southwest. He looked up and saw five objects moving from southwest to northeast. They were in a straight line parallel to each other. They were very high in the air and moving very fast. They could tell that the planes were moving fast because the planes were low and moving pretty fast but the objects were high and came up from behind and overtook them. The size was about the size of a dime held at arms length. Another way they could tell they weren't planes was that when the objects got overhead they started moving back and forth sideways as well as moving forward. They were oval in shape and looked like a blurred light. After they got past us they veered to the right and up and faded away. From the time they first noticed them until they went out of sight was approximately fifteen to twenty seconds.

The statement of STERLING W. BERMENDER, Jr., A/1C, was substantially the same as the statement of MILTON SHOVELTON, Jr.

11. In the New York Daily News, dated 22 August 1952, in the column BROADWAY by Danton Walker was a story on flying saucers, or reasonable facsimiles thereof, sighted twice on 15 August in the evening soaring high over Rockland County about 40 miles north of New York City, apparently heading south. The first one, which was viewed before sundown, gave off a dazzling silvery sheen, tallying almost exactly with the report of a mystery object sighted in 1948 by the late Air Force Captain THOMAS MANTELL. The second one, seen around midnight, had a fiery orange glow. Neither object revealed the familiar blinking red and green lights of a plane nor was there any sound of motors. As attested by at least two responsible citizens, the speed was slower than that of a jet, but faster than either a helicopter of a balloon could travel.

12. On 24 August 1952, at 1755 hours, a telephone call was received from a Mr. PAUL DeVIVO, 40-09 12th Street, Long Island City, New York. Mr. DeVIVVO stated that he, his wife and two neighbors saw an object in the sky over Manhattan at approximately 1750 hours this date. He described the object as being round like a balloon, orange in color and traveling very fast in a horizontal direction from North to South and then West to East. Mr. DeVIVO further stated that they observed the object, which none of them thought was a balloon, for about two minutes and that none of them could give any approximation as to its altitude or speed. At 1835 hours, Mr. DeVIVO called again and stated that he, his wife, and the same two neighbors saw another object at about 1830 hours. All particulars were the same as for the first object, except that this second object was white.

13. On 25 August 1952, a letter dated 4 September 1952, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Haven, Connecticut, reported that a

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Mr. CORALIO GUEVARA of 530 Capitol Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, contacted their office by telephone and advised that he and his wife had seen what they considered to be a flying saucer during the evening hours of that date. Mr. GUEVARA further stated that he and his wife observed this object for approximately one minute and that it appeared to be flying at an altitude of approximately 3,000 feet and at a speed of over 200 miles an hour. He could furnish no additional descriptive information relative to this object.

FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

15 August 1952

SUBJECT: Photographs of Unidentified Aerial Object
Passaic, New Jersey Area
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached hereto for your information is a copy of letter forwarded to the 2nd OSI District (IG), 67 Broad Street, New York, New York, from this district office.

2. It was not deemed feasible to reproduce the photographs listed as Inclosure No. 3 on the Disposition Form dated 12 August 1952; therefore, copies of same were not available for transmittal to your headquarters.

James H. Gunn

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The attached Disposition Form and inclosures thereto are forwarded for your information and necessary action as a matter falling under the jurisdiction of your district office.

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SUBJECT
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TO 5DOSI FROM ATIAA-5 DATE AUG 12 1952 COMMENT NO. 1

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1. Attached are several photographs taken by Mr. John H. Riley of 178 Bogert Road, River Edge, N. J. He claims that these are authentic photos of an unidentified aerial object and is apparently attempting to sell them to East Coast newspapers.

2. The newspaper which forwarded the photos, the Newark-Star Ledger, has been very cooperative, and it is requested that the fact that they sent the photos to ATIC not be mentioned.

3. ATIC does not believe these photos are authentic because:

a. They were apparently taken in a populated area at 10:15 a.m. and the object was supposedly visible for seven minutes. Yet, no one else reported seeing it.

b. The relative sizes of the objects in the foreground indicate that the object would be about the size of a lady's sun hat at 30 ft. to 40 ft. away. If the object were farther away, it would be extremely large and again it should have been observed by other people.

4. It is requested that the background of the observer and photographer be investigated in an attempt to determine their reliability; that the photographer be questioned as to the circumstances under which he took the pictures; that an attempt be made to locate other sources in the area; and that any other data be obtained that OSI believes to be pertinent in determining the authenticity of the photos.

for W. R. Rice Capt USAF
DONALD L. BOWER, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Air Technical Intelligence Center

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ATIC
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, O.
Attention: ATIAA-5

Gentlemen: As per our telephone conversation yesterday, I am enclosing seven photographs of flying objects, pertinent data and a clipping of article we ran recently outlining the saucer situation in Passaic and Bergen Counties during the past several weeks.

Hoping I have been of some service to you, I am

Sincerely,

Charles Gregg

Charles Gregg
Staff Writer

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TO: A.T.I.C., WRIG[redacted] PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, O[redacted] ATT: ATIAA-5

DATA ON SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED JULY 31, 1952 IN PASSAIC, N.J.

Photographer: John H. Riley, 28, 571 Main Street, Paterson, N.J.
occupation: photographer.

Known witness: George J. Stock, 221 Brooks Avenue, Passaic, N.J.

Date: 31 Jul 52

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Place: 200 block, Brooks Avenue, Passaic, N.J.

Weather: Clear, in mid 80's

Color of saucer: greyish

Altitude: 200 feet at lowest point

Riley says he was visiting Stock, his friend, and talked to him in front of Stock's home. Stock first saw it. Riley says it travelled southeast at a "leisurely" speed. "As it drew nearer it came to a complete stop and hovered overhead for several moments about 200 feet from the ground."

"It was near enough to shoot at with a rifle." o He described the disk as about 30 feet in diameter and greyish in clor with a large dome jutting from its center. The saucer made no sound when hovering and moving. Before taking off again in a southwest direction, it tilted "as though tomobserve the ground. "An antenna--or something like it--darted out of the dome's top for a moment and then was withdrawn." He snapped several pictures with Stock's camera. Saucer was in sight about seven minutes. Disappeared very rapidly to the southeast.

No "fixed" negatives but Riley will not part with them. Could not have thrown object in air because one foto shows object very high.

Riley took his negatives and was away (probably trying to sell them in NYC) today so no data available on camera, its speed etc. Three other witnesses reported but unable to canvass neighborhood today for names etc..

Residence:

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River Edge, N.J.

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SUBJECT
Report of Unconventional aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Near Mitchel Air Force Base, N.Y.	Headquarters, Mitchel Air Force Base, N.Y.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
30 January 1952	21 January 1952	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Major Francis E. Dubisher	C S1

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
AFOIN C/CC-2 Dept of the Air Force, Hq USAF Washington D. C.

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.*)

At 0950 EST, Lt J. R. Zeitvogel flying a Navy TBM at 6000 feet, approximately three (3) miles southeast of Mitchel Field noted an unconventional object between his aircraft and Mitchel Field at an altitude appearing to be considerably lower than his. When the object appeared to turn, Lt Zeitvobel gave chase but it seemed to elude him at a high rate of speed and climb, outdistancing him until it disappeared approximately two and one half mimutes later.

Significance: The object was in a limited measure comparable to a balloon, a balloon was released at approximately this time, and the motion apparent between two airborne objects is extremely deceptive. In lieu of more precise information, the report remains a mystery.

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Exhibit A - Map
Exhibit B - Weather Statement
Exhibit C - Statement, release of balloon
Exhibit D - Statement of Pilot Lt. Zeitvogel
Exhibit E - Control Tower Report

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1. Description:

a. Shape: circular shape, in a horizontal plane, pancake shaped or similar to an open parachute in the vertical plane.

b. Size: Estimated twenty to thirty feet in diameter, height about one-third of the diameter in the horizontal plane.

c. Color: Very light, as a silk or nylon parachute canopy on the upper surface. Due to the height relation ship Lt Zeitvogel was unable to see the underside very well. However, he had the impression that the underside was a darker color.

d. Number: One - no formation.

e. No apparent aerodynamic features such as wings, tail or any means of control.

f. Trail or exhaust - none apparent.

g. Propulsion system: None apparent.

h. Exhaust: None apparent.

i. Speed: When first sighted, estimated at 500 knots, when circling Mitchel AFB the object seemed to be speeding up. When last sighted believed object was doing at least 500 knots. While the object circled Mitchel, Lt Zeitvogel was able to fly fairly close by cutting on the inside. He was doing 160 knots and by comparing the speed to his own, the estimated 500 Knots seemed reasonable to him.

j. Sound: None.

k. Manuevers: Tight turns, south of Mitchel before he came back to Mitchel.

l. Manner of dissappearance: The object disappeared about seven miles away and after reaching an altitude greater than the pilot, then at 6000 feet.

m. Other pertinent features: While flying level, neither gaining or losing alitiude, the object seemed to have a rocking or oscillating motion.

2. a. Time sighted: Approximately 0930 EST.

b. Length of time observed: Two and one half minutes (approx).

3. Manner of observation: Visual from the air. Speed: 160 Knots, Altitude 6000 ft Type of aircraft: Truman TBM-3W Naval Torpedo bomber.

4. Location of observer during sighting: About four miles due southeast of Mitchel Location of object and its relative movement shown on map - Exhibit "A".

5. Information on observer: Lt (JG) Roger Zeitvogel, 304268 USN, Naval Aviator, attached to Navy Special Devices Center, Port Washington, N.Y. Flying experience eight years flying in Navy. Total pilot time approximately 1600 hours. No other witnesses. Lt Zeitvogel seems rational, intelligent and reliable.

6. Weather and wind conditions: At 0925E observation - sky clear - vsby 10 - sea level pres 237 - temp 29 - dew point 10 - Wind NNW 15 - gusts reaching 26 knots alt 3022 - remarks PRESIR. (See Exhibit "B").

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7. Exact time of balloon launching at Mitchel AFB: AT 0950E. (See Exhibit "C") A T-11 aircraft took off from Mitchel Field for Wheeler-Sack Airport at 0948 pilot Major J. C. Dunbar, AO-659109, 514th MTS Group, Mitchel Air Force Base New York. No other transient or local aircraft in area.

8. No physical evidence available.

9. Interception action taken: Pilot attempted to overtake and further identity object (see exhibit "D" - Pilot's statement and exhibit "A" where paths of aircraft and object are drawn.)

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IN REPLY
REFER TO: 24-0-113

30 October 1951

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT,
Holman Municipal Airport,
Terre Haute, Indiana
10 October 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO : District Commander
12th OSI District (IG) USAF
Chanute Air Force Base
Rantoul, Illinois

1. On 29 October 1951, this district was advised by the Commanding General, Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, New York, that a United Press release appeared in a local newspaper in the vicinity of Stewart AFB on 10 October 1951 concerning a statement made by a Mr. ROY MESSMORE, CAA official at Holman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, regarding a "huge metallic object speeding across the field".

2. Hqs Eastern Air Defense Force was requested to investigate the incident. Inquiry conducted by that Headquarters disclosed that District Office No. 12 was interested in this matter.

3. It is requested that sufficient copies of reports of investigation conducted by your office in this matter be transmitted this district for forwarding to Hqs Eastern Air Defense Force. It is further requested that this district be advised if no investigation is contemplated.

4. Information contained herein comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

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FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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

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.*)

On 10 September, Major Ballard and Lt. Rogers were participating in a training flight from Dover AFB, Delaware to Mitchel AFB, New York (Direct), when they spotted an unidentified object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

The time was 1135 EDT, and the weather was CAVU. When spotted, the object was at an estimated altitude of 8,000 feet. Flying at 20,000 feet, the pilot immediately made a diving turn in his T-33 and followed and timed the object until it disappeared two minutes later.

Both pilots observed the strange object, which appeared to be the size of an F-86 but much faster (900+ mph), disc-shaped, steady in flight with no visible means of propulsion, and shiny silver in color.

At 1110 EDT a radar station at Ft. Monmouth plotted an unidentified, high speed (above 700 mph) object in approximately the same location.

This headquarters has no information regarding natural phenomena, experimental aircraft or guided missiles that could have caused the observations.

Request USAF evaluation of incident be furnished this headquarters.

BRUCE K. BAUMGARDNER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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2. Rpt. - Maj. E. Ballard
3. Map
4. Rpt. - Ft. Monmouth

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On 10 September, Major Ballard and Lt. Rogers of the 148th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, spotted an unidentified object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Their T-33 was at 20,000 feet, the object was well below, heading southwest. Lt. Rogers was first to sight the object (1135 EDT) since Major Ballard was making a position report.

Lt. Rogers followed the object in a diving turn to the left descending to an altitude of about 16,000 feet with the object about 8,000 feet below and to the right of the aircraft. Thereafter he tried to keep a course paralleling, but above, that of the object.

As soon as Major Ballard completed his radio check-in he was notified of the strange object. Both watched it make a 90 degree turn to the left and kept it under observation together while it covered approximately 20 miles before it disappeared out to sea. (Refer to statements of pilots and map.)

Lt. Rogers, in control of the T-33, had the object in sight for about two mimutes with the object covering a distance of about 35 miles; Major Ballard had the object in sight for less than a mimute. As to the weather and description of the object see attached statements.

On the same date a radar station at Ft. Monmouth reported two targets that were unidentified, traveling over 700 mph, and giving returns that could not be explained as being equipment malfunction, anomalous propagation, or anything but an actual target as described in the attached report. However, the possibility exists that the news item reporting the observation by the fighter pilots could have caused the imaginations of the radar observers to run wild. This is considered remote in viewof the number of observers witnessing the scope returns and the fact that four such incidents are reported in two days. However, the possibility is being investigated and results will be submitted upon receipt.

Bruce K Baumgardner

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
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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.)

Further investigation of sighting report from Ft. Monmouth reveals that although the observing personnel state that they had no information of an unidentified flying object being sighted by two fighter pilots of this command on 10 September 1951, they were alerted to the possibility of unusual sightings occurring on their radar scopes.

The fact remains that one experienced observer was present and saw an object travelling more than 700 mph on 11 September in the New York area.

BRUCE K. BAUMGARDNER
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1. All personnel listed in initial report from Ft. Monmouth were students, with the exception of Mr. Norman Meier. Mr. Meier has been a qualified radar observer since 1942 and states he had no knowledge of a "flying saucer" report prior to observation. Further states observed target was not similar to any observation ever made by him.

2. Item listed in paragraph 2, initial Ft. Monmouth report, was later identified as a balloon.

3. Radar sets at Ft. Monmouth were in first class mechanical condition. However, tests will be conducted during hours that sightings were made on 10 and 11 September in order to check possibility of recurrence of targets and/or explanation for same.

4. At variance with paragraph 1, above, is fact that the Ft. Monmouth PIO called the radar section on the morning of 10 September asking "if they had seen anything unusual". A negative reply was received by the PIO, but word spread throughout the student body that something unusual was going on.

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STATEMENT

17 September 1951

While participating in a training flight from Dover AFB, Delaware to Mitchel AFB, New York, over Asbury Park, New Jersey, I sighted an unidentified object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. I was pilot of a T-33 type aircraft, cruising at 20,000 feet, making good a 450 mph. At the time of sighting of the object, Major Ballard was making a position report to Sam Worth, Controller. While Major Ballard was making his position report, I started timing the object from the time I saw it and followed it in a descending turn to the left. About 45 seconds after I first sighted the object, I called Major Ballard and pointed the object out to him. The object continued a port turn, disappearing out to sea south of Asbury Park, N. J. From the time I first sighted the object until it disappeared, two mimutes elapsed, with the object covering a distance of about 35 miles.

The size of the object was approximately that of a fighter plane, 30 to 50 feet in diameter. The object was silver or metallic in color, had no markings, emitted no exhaust or trail. Most of the time during which I had the object in sight, it appeared to be circular in shape, however, at one time I saw it edgewise where it gave a flat appearance. The design of the object could be said to be identical to a discus as is used in track events. I could not say whether or not the object was spinning. Throughout the time of my observation, the object was to my left and considerably below our altitude. When first sighted I would judge that it was between 5 and 8,000 feet over Sandy Hook, as is noted on the attached map. It appeared to be descending when I first saw it at Sandy Hook and appeared to level out in flight just north of Red Bank, New Jersey and continued on at the same altitude until it disappeared. At the point of our first sighting of the object, I started a descending 360 degree turn to the left from 20,000 feet to 17,000 feet, gaining airspeed from 450 mph to 550 mph on a course paralleling that of the object until it was lost from sight.

In our training and daily practice as intercept pilots, we must note accurately the times at which the object of the interception is first sighted. I did this automatically when I first sighted the object over Sandy Hook and noted the time to be approximately 1135 EDT, 10 September1951. Although we were on a direct course for the destination of Mitchel AFB at 20,000 feet at the time of the sighting, I was so amazed at the speed of the object that I immediately started the turn to the left and waited for Major Ballard to get through with the radio conversation he was having with Sam Worth so I could point the object out to him. As soon as he completed the radio check in, I called the object to his attention and we both watched it make a 90 degree turn to the left and kept it under observation together while it covered approximately 20 miles and disappeared out to sea. The object appeared to be banking as its course described a gradual 90 degree turn to the left.

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J. L. HUDELSON
Major, USAF

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s/t/ WILBERT S. ROGERS
1st Lt., USAF

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STATEMENT

17 September 1951

Lt. Rogers pointed out the object to me, I sighted the object near Freeport, N.J. The object was in a bank to the left, turning to approximately 120 degrees. I saw the object was round and silver in color. Lt. Rogers continued a port turn and I lost sight of the object as it disappeared out to sea.

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s/t/ E. BALLARD JR.
Major, USAF

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HEADQUARTERS
SIGNAL CORPS CENTER AND FORT MONMOUTH
Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

12 September 1951

1. On 10 September 1951 an AN/MPG-1 radar set picked up a fast moving low flying target (exact altitude undetermined) at approximately 1110 hours southeast of Fort Monmouth at a range of about 12,000 yards. The target appeared to approximately follow the coast line changing its range only slightly but changing its azimuth rapidly. The radar set was switched to full aided azimuth tracking which normally is fast enough to track jet aircraft, but in this case was too slow to be resorted to. The target was lost in the northeast at a range of about 14,000 yards. This target also presented an umsually strong return for an aireraft being comparable in strength to that usually received from a coastal ship. The operator initially identified the target as a ship and then realised that it could not be a ship after he observed its extreme speed.

2. On 10 September 1951, 1515 hours, an SCR 584, serial number 433 tracked a target which moved about slowly in azimuth north of Fort Monmouth at a range of about 32,000 yards at the extremely unusual elevation angle of 1350 mils. (altitude approx. 93,000 ft)

3. On 11 September 1951, 1050 hours, two SCR 584's serial numbers 217 and 315 picked up the same target northeast of Fort Monmouth at an elevation angle of 350 to 300 mils at a range of approximately 30,000 yards. (approximate altitude 31,000 ft) The sets track automatically in azimuth and elevation and with aided range tracking are capable of tracking targets up to a speed of 700 mph. In this case however, both sets found it impossible to track the target in range due to its speed and the operators had to resort to manual range tracking in order to hold the target. The target was tracked in this manner to the maximum tracking range of 32,000 yards. The operators judged the target to be moving at a speed several hundred miles per hour higher than the maximum aided tracking ability of the radar sets. This target provided an extremely strong return echo at times even though it was at maximum range, however the echo signal occasionally fell off to a level below normal return. These changes coincided with maneuvers of the target.

4. On 11 September 1951 at about 1330 a target was picked up on an SCR-584 radar set serial number 315 that displayed unusual maneuverability. The target was approximately over Navesink, New Jersey as indicated by its 10,000 yard range, 6000 ft altitude and due north azimuth. The target remained practically stationary on the scope and appeared to be hovering. The operators looked out of the van in an attempt to see the target since

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it was at such a short range, however overcast conditions prevented such observation. Returning to their operating positions the target was observed to be changing its elevation at an extremely rapid rate, the change in range was so small the operators believed the target must have risen nearly vertically. The target ceased its rise in elevation at an elevation angle of approximately 1500 mils at which time it proceeded to move at an extremely rapid rate in range im a southerly direction once again the speed of the target exceeding the aided tracking ability of the SCR-584 so that manual tracking became necessary. The radar tracked the target to the maximum range of 32,000 yards at which time the target was at an elevation angle of 300 mils. The operators did not attempt to judge the speed in excess of the aided tracking rate of 700 mph.

5. The weather was fair when the observations were made on 10 September and cloudy for the 11 September reports.

6. The names and addresses of the men who made the observations are as follows:

Para #1	Pfc Eugent A. Clark, Inst Co. #1
Para #2	Pvt Juan Y. Abila, Co N
	Pvt Francis M. Akers, Co T
	Pvt Roger D. Allen, Co M
Para #3	W.O. Earl W. Crompton, BOQ
	Sgt Thomas R. O'Connor, Co V
	Mr. Norman J. Meier, 117 Atkins Ave. Neptune, New Jersey
Para #3&4	Pvt Edward F. Higgins, Co V
	Pvt William C. Mason, Co. Q
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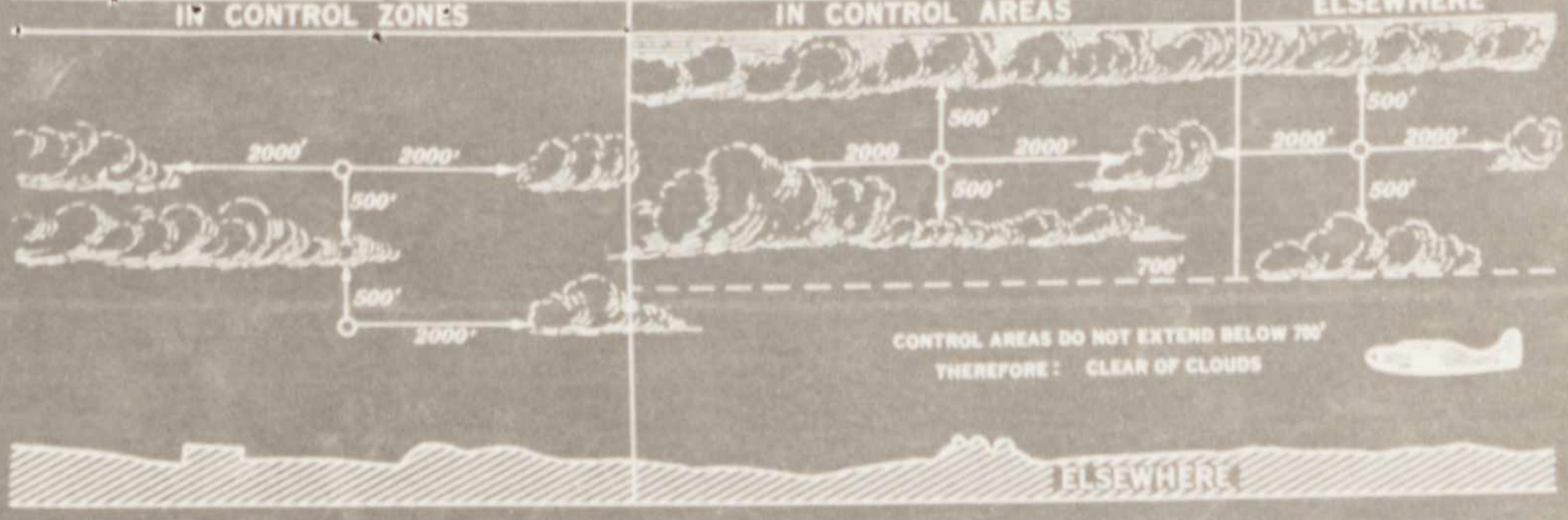
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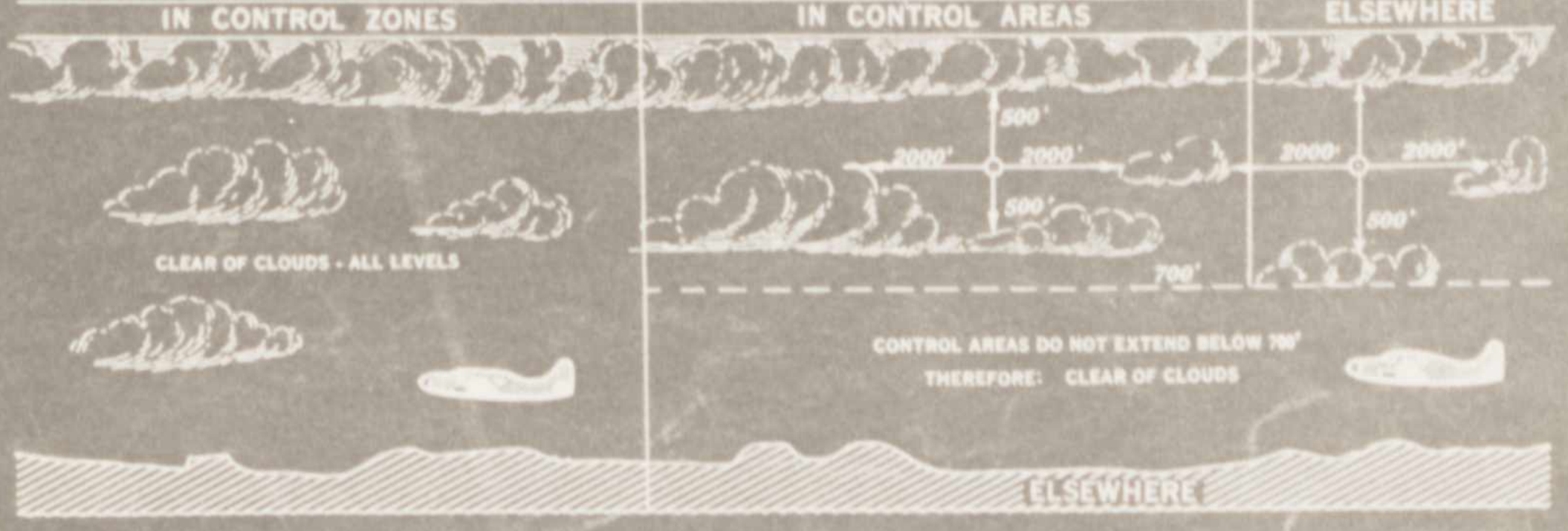
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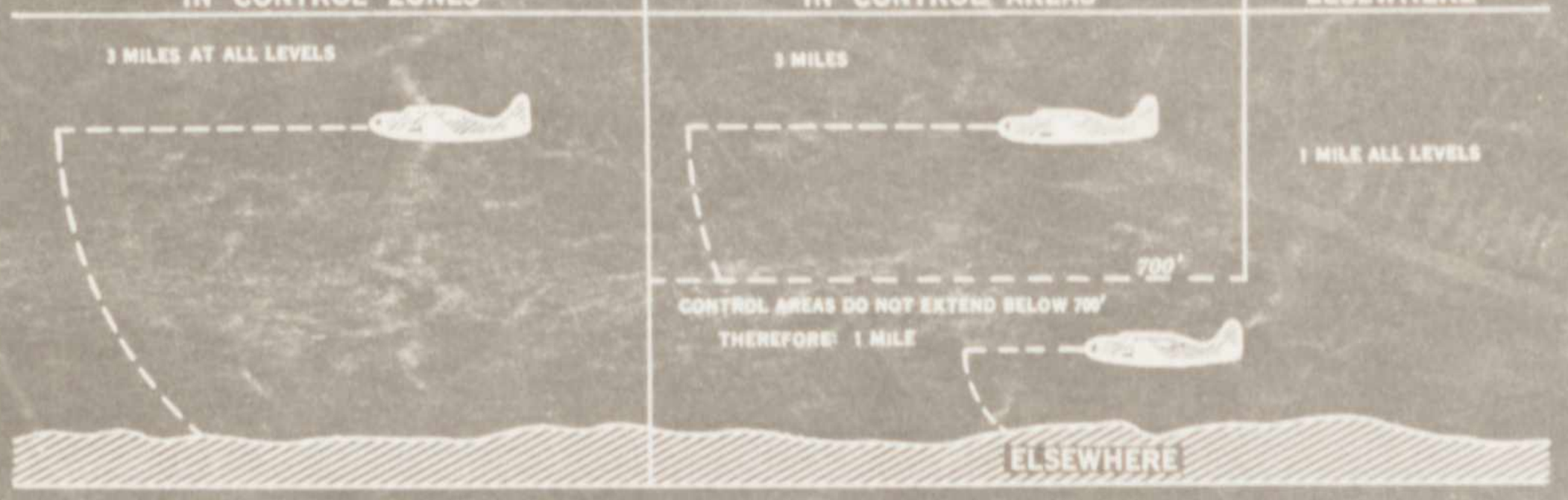


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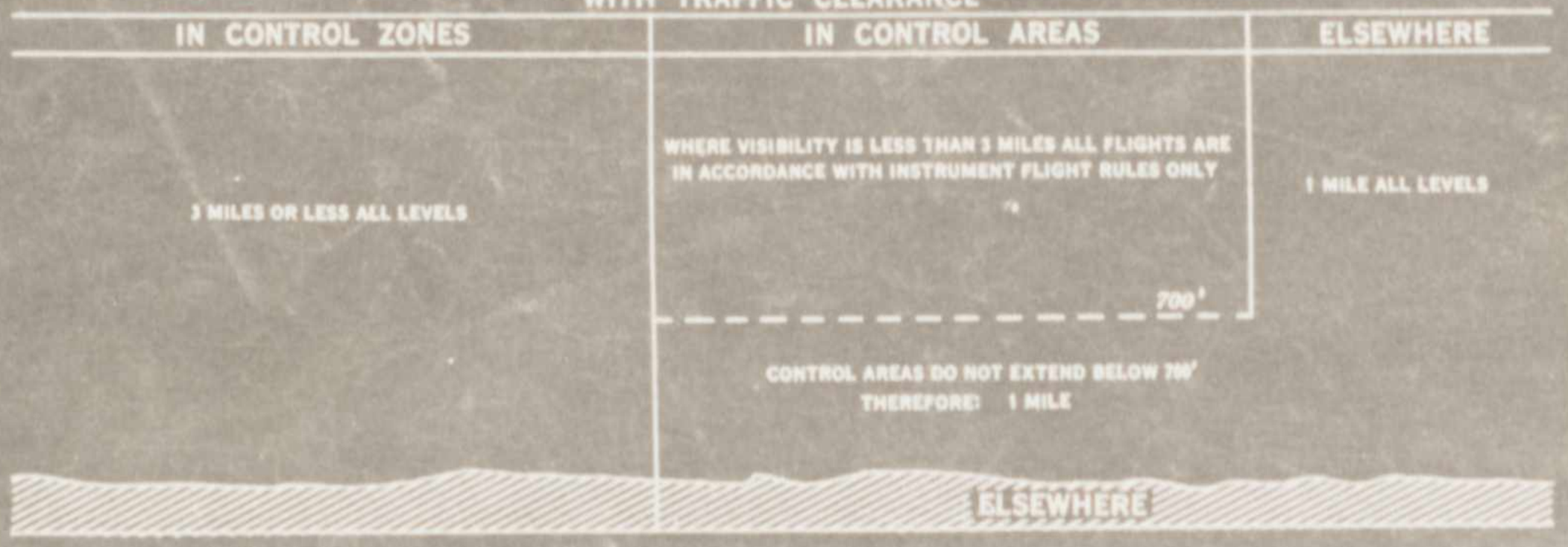


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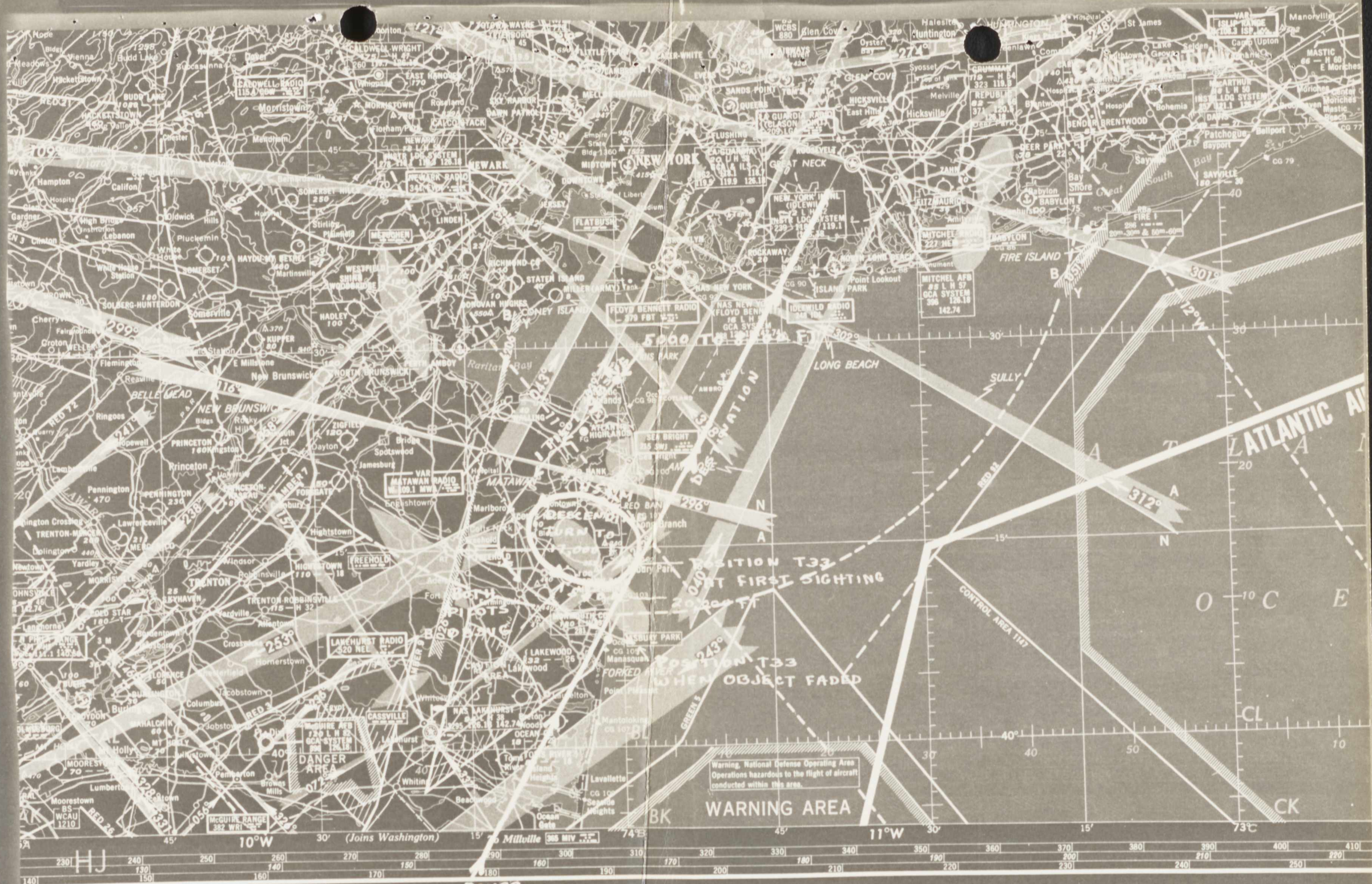


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Green and Red Airways

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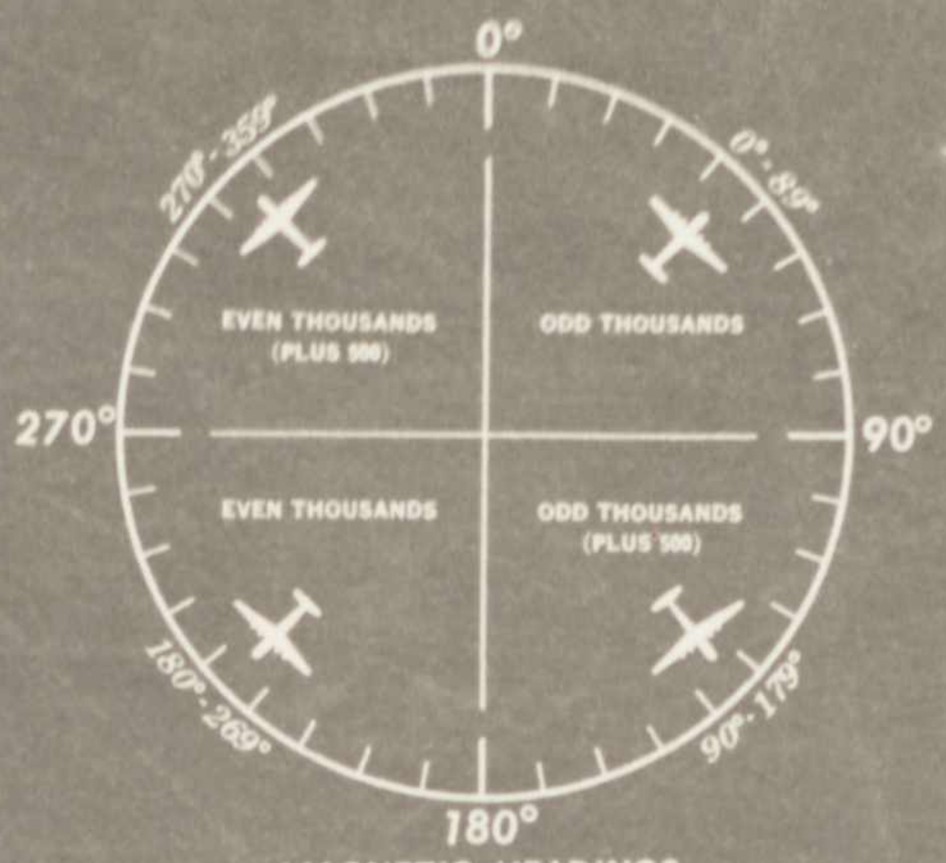
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Northbound flights. Aircraft making good a true course of from 270° to, but not including, 90° along an amber or blue civil airway shall fly at an ODD thousand-foot level above sea level (such as 3000, 5000, or 7000 feet).

Southbound flights. Aircraft making good a true course of from 90° to, but not including, 270° along an amber or blue civil airway shall fly at an EVEN thousand-foot level above sea level (such as 2000, 4000, or 6000 feet).

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The Civil Air Regulations do not require that a VFR flight plan be filed for a VFR flight. However, the filing of such a flight plan is desirable, and the CAA urges that VFR flights be covered by flight plan whenever practicable as such filing materially assists in search and rescue operations if such action becomes necessary. Flight plans may be submitted to the nearest CAA airway communications station either in person or by telephone. Flight plans may be filed by radio if no other means are available but this practice should be avoided whenever possible to reduce congestion of radio channels.

If filing the flight plan, the pilot should state the name of the CAA communications station with which he will close his flight plan. If the destination is not served by a CAA communications station, or is in Canada or Mexico, the method by which the arrival report will be filed must be clearly understood by all concerned. VFR flight plans are transmitted via CAA communications facilities only to the CAA communications station with which the pilot has stated his arrival report or closing of flight plan will be filed. One hour after the estimated time of arrival, if no notice of arrival is received, queries are sent out over CAA communications systems to determine the location of the aircraft. If no information concerning the aircraft is obtained after an exhaustive communications inquiry, search and rescue operations are inaugurated. In as much as the government may be put to considerable expense in determining the location of aircraft when an arrival report is not filed, it is vitally necessary that all pilots make certain that notice of arrival is filed. If flight is terminated prior to reaching the point of intended destination specified in the flight plan, pilots should contact the nearest CAA communications station and the request that an arrival report be transmitted over CAA facilities to the CAA communications station with which the pilot stated the arrival report would be filed.

Pilots of aircraft operating on VFR flight plan who desire to make flight progress reports, should include in the report the phrase: "VFR FLIGHT PLAN FROM (blank) TO (blank)."

The flight plan shall contain the items listed under INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES - Flight Plan, except "Alternate Airport" and except that a visual flight rule flight plan should always specify "VFR" as a cruising altitude. The use of this term in lieu of an actual altitude indicates that the pilot intends to fly in accordance with Visual Flight Rules. Aircraft may be operated in accordance with VFR above a well defined cloud or other formation provided, climb to and descent from such "on top" flight can also be made in accordance with VFR.

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CAPT. T.V. CANTRELL, Ch, Air Int Div	Intelligence Officer, Goose AB, Labrador

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1. On 14 September 1951 two (2) GCA operators observed what appeared to be three (3) targets on the PPI scope at Goose Air Base, Labrador.

2. The Control Tower operator stated that there were no aircraft in the immediate area at the time.

3. C-54 No. 5527 entered GCA pattern and landed without incident.

4. Three (3) "Blips" were seen and identified as Target "A", "B" and "C".

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DANIEL H. PAULSEN
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On the night of 14 September 1951, T/Sgt Warner B. Maupin, AF 18 064 944, and Cpl John W. Green, AF 15 279 571, both assigned to 1932nd AACS Squadron, Goose AB, were on duty at the local GCA trailer at the request of the pilot of a C-54, No. 5527, inbound from Westover AFB, Massachusetts. They arrived at the GCA trailer and turned the equipment on and were awaiting further instructions from the pilot of C-54 No. 5527 or the tower when the following sequence of events took place: (Refer to attached photo.)

1. At 0100Z, 14 September 1951, a radar return, Target "A" on photograph, appeared on the PPI scope approximately six (6) miles east of Goose Air Base and travelled in a westerly direction passing south of the base, made a left turn of about 160° to a point opposite "X" on the photograph. Its behavior at this point is explained in 3 below.

2. Approximately three (3) minutes after Target "A" appeared on the scope, another radar return, Target "B", appeared approximately two (2) miles south of Goose Air Base and proceeded on a course of approximately 280° true heading.

3. Both targets were approaching the point "X" on the photography when the Control Tower was notified by T/Sgt Maupin to instruct both aircraft over the field to execute right turns immediately because they were flying a collision course. Immediately Target "A" made a forty-five (45) degree turn to the right and Target "B" proceeded on its course. Both targets disappeared at the points indicated by the arrows at the end of their respective tracks.

4. The Control Tower stated that there were no aircraft in the immediate area. During the ensuing conversation and action following, the information below was furnished the GCA operators by the tower:

a. No visual contact could be made with either target.

b. There were no sounds or other noises to indicate the presence of an airborne craft of any type.

5. At approximately 0115Z another radar return, Target "C", appeared approximately two (2) miles east southeast of Goose Air Base and travelled a course of approximately 080 degrees true to the point "XX" on the photograph.

6. At this time the pilot of C-54 No. 5527 contacted the GCA operators and requested landing instructions. T/Sgt Maupin gave his attention to the C-54 which was identified by normal procedure and requested the pilot to look for any other aircraft in the area. None were sighted by the pilot. Until the pilot of the C-54 arrived in the area both GCA operators had observed the actions of Targets "A", "B" and "C".

7. Cpl Green continued to observe Target "C" from point "XX" and watched it turn right and travel in a westerly direction until it disappeared at the point indicated by the arrow at the end of its track on the photograph.

8. The C-54 aircraft remained in good radar contact from the time it entered the GCA pattern until it landed.

9. Radar return characteristics:

a. Target "A" - was a strong and steady target similar to that of an aircraft at approximately 4000 feet altitude. Its speed was estimated by the GCA

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operators to be 150 MPH. However, from the plotted points and times given, (7 miles in 3 minutes) the speed is 140 MPH.

b. Targets "B" and "C" were weak intermittent targets similar to aircraft flying above 5000 feet altitude. No speeds were estimated for Targets "B" and "C" but all targets appeared to be travelling at about the same speed according to the operators.

COMMENTS of Information Source:

1. Information above is considered completely reliable and the GCA operators actually observed the radar returns.

2. The fact that the PPI scope was in the "warm up" stage and the possibility of erratic electrical currents caused by heating and expansion during this period must be considered due to the fact that all targets appeared near the center of the scope and disappeared in the same area while one known target, the C-54, continued to cause a clear and steady return.

COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:

1. The Directorate of Communications this Headquarters offered the following comments after studying the above information:

a. It is apparent that the targets observed on the scope were true targets. Both observers are experienced radar operators and should immediately recognize "Blips" caused by warm up procedures.

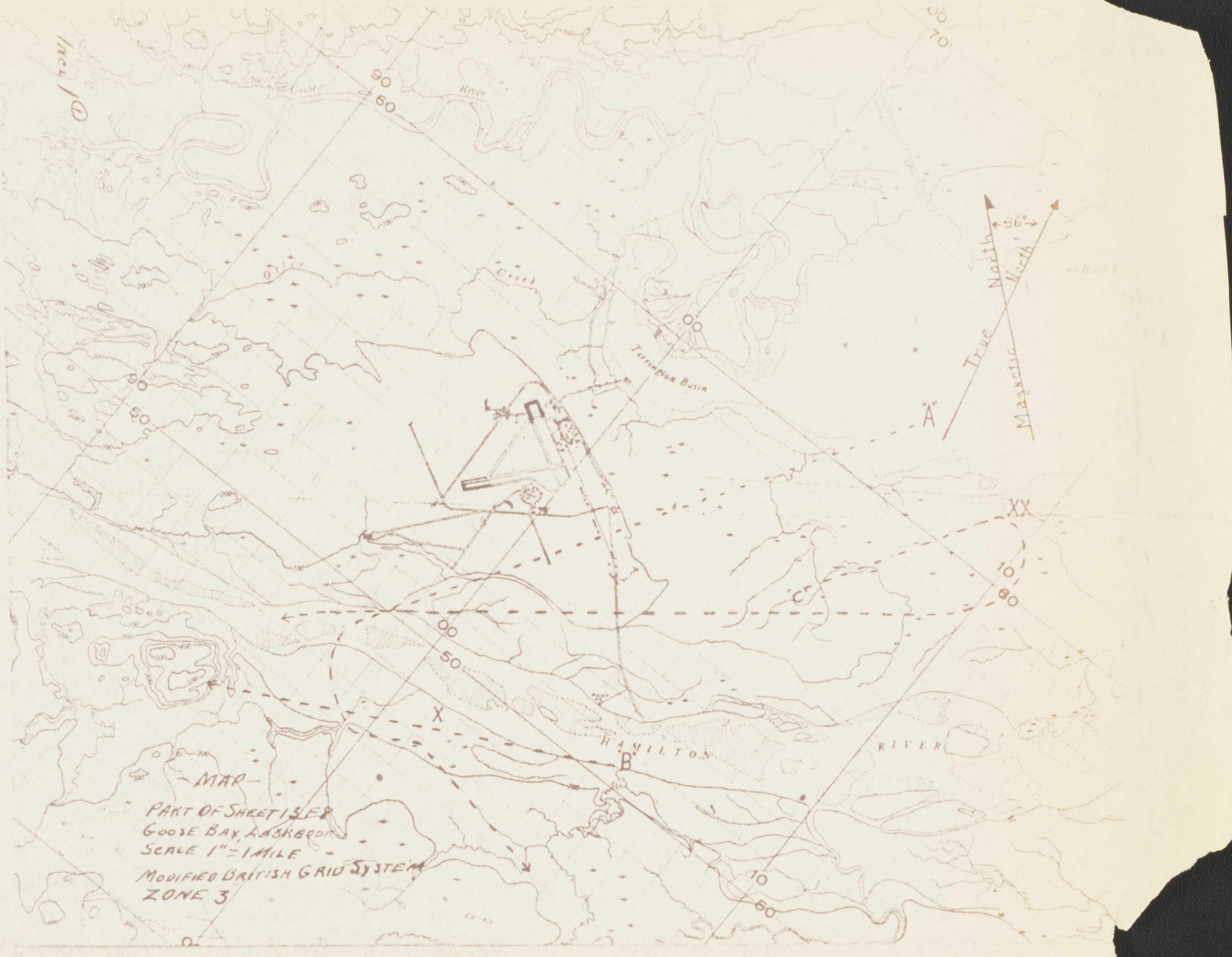
b. It is believed that if the "Blips" were caused by the warm up of the GCA unit, they would not have followed such a definite course.

2. As the Control Tower at Goose Air Base is controlled by Canadians, they would have knowledge of all Canadian or USAF scheduled aircraft.

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REPORT OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

TIME 1405 hours DATE 1 October 1951 CODE NO. _____

A telephone call was made to Lt. Col. FRIESE references; Counter Intelligence Div., Headquarters OSI, (Name) 34-106 UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) JOHN BERNARD BARRON, Major USAF, AO-1001292 RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION 10 Sep 51 RICHARD AURELIO, Reporter, Newsday VIOLATIONS OF AFR 205-1

Synopsis:

Lt. Col. FRIESE was informed by the undersigned of the details concerning the release of the report concerning the sighting of a strange moving object over Sandy Hook, N. J. He was furnished the details of the interview with BARRON and AURELIO and was requested to forward this information not later than 1500 hours, 1 October 1951, AFOIN - TC, to be held for Lt. Col. ROSENGARTEN.

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TIME 1230 hours DATE 1 October 1951

A telephone call was received from Major McCoy, Mitchel Det.
(Name)

references; 34-106 UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) JOHN BERNARD BARRON, MAJOR USAF, AO-1001292 RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION 10 Sepm 51 RICHARD AURELIO, Reporter, Newday VIOLATIONS OF AFR 205-1

Synopsis:

Major McCOY advised that DICK AURELIO had overheard a couple of airmen, name and rank unknown, who were talking about a report of an unusual object sighted by 2 pilots and which landed at Mitchel. This conversation was overheard in a diner on Hempstead Turnpike, 1400 hours, 10 September. AURELIO telephoned Major BARRON and asked him about a report involving jet planes. BARRON stated he had heard nothing, but would check and let AURELIO know. BARRON telephoned AURELIO and said Operations had no information on a jet landing at Mitchel. AURELIO thought there must be some basis for what he had overheard and inquired from Base Operations for a Cat and Boyd whom he knew. BOYD was not there but a Lt. PEARSON who was reluctant to talk. AURELIO called BARRON and told the latter he was certain that something had happened and got BARRON to check with Operations. At that time Major BARRON learned about the report of Lt. ROGERS and since BARRON stated that he was supposed to cooperate with the press inasmuch as under AFR 100-6 he was required to permit the press to have access to unclassified information, he permitted AURELIO to interview Lt. ROGERS. According to AURELIO, BARRON stated that this accident was of no importance, just another flying saucer. AURELIO and the photographer went and interviewed ROGERS.
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TIME 1145 hours DATE 1 October 1951 CODE NO. _____

A telephone call was ~~made to~~ received from Lt. Col. NATHAN ROBERT ROSENGARTEN, AO-386874
(Name)

references; 34-106
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
JOHN BERNARD BARRON
Major USAF, AO-1001292

Synopsis: RICHARD AURELIO
Reporter, Newsday
RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
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Colonel ROSENGARTEN was informed of the results of the interview with Major BARRON and was also advised that this office would conduct an interview with DICK AURELIO, a newspaper reporter for Newsday, who was the individual who obtained the story from 1st Lt. WILBERT ROGERS. Lt. Col. ROSENGARTEN requested that a report be forwarded to him, AFOIN - TC, ~~Headquarters~~ USAF, not later than 1500 hours, 1 October. He also requested that the reports of investigation be forwarded to him DIR OSI at AFOIN - ATIAA-2, Wright-Patterson AFB. He by Lew Rang 1/Lt USAF described the ~~matter involved~~ in this investigation as Confidential and "those who need know basis".

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TIME 1100 hours DATE 1 October 1951 CODE NO. _____

A telephone call was received from Major PAUL L. McCOY , Detachment Commander,
(Name)
Mitchel Detachment references; _____

Synopsis: "Two pilots from Dover AFB, have reported that they saw a strange moving object in the sky over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. It was moving at an extremely rapid rate which was estimated in excess of 900 miles an hour. They had the object in their field of vision for approximately 2 minutes. They reported that it moved with an arc like motion. They are not able to say exactly what they saw, at the same time they are quite sure that they saw something."

The 2 officers are 1st Lt. WILBERT F. ROGERS, and the passenger was Capt. EDWARD BALLARD, Jr. They were flying a T-33 and both officers are assigned to the 148th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, Dover AFB, Delaware.

Major BARRON stated that DICK AURELIO, a reporter for Newsday, a Hempstead newspaper, telephoned at various times on 10 September 1951 in an effort to obtain the above story. Major BARRON at first told AURELIO that nothing had occurred, but AURELIO called back and stated that he was positive
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that these officers had sighted a mysterious object at which time AURELIO requested permission to interview Lt. ROGERS. Inasmuch as flying objects are not classified information, AURELIO was given permission to interview ROGERS. An article appeared in Newsday on 11 September 1951, and apparently

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was sent over both the AP and UP wire, because on the morning of the 11th, Major BARRON received calls from various newspapers concerning the incident. Apparently, someone in Base Operations tipped off AURELIO and he was thus able to obtain the information. The following PIO's were advised of the contents of the interview with ROGERS: First Air Force, Continental Air Command, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB and Colonel CARTER who was in the Field License Section, Director of Public Relations, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D. C. No one mentioned anything about a possible violation of AFR 205-1 and Major BARRON is of the opinion that AFR 100-6 applies in this case. Colonel MERRICK, the Base Commander, was also informed of the incident and no indication was made at that time that there was a violation of 205-1.

STATEMENT

The following statement was given this date by Major JOHN B. BARRON, AO-1001292, Hq Squadron, 2500th ABG, Mitchel AFB, New York

At 1430 hours on 10 September 1951, I received a telephone call from Mr. DICK AURELIO, a reporter for Newsday. Mr. AURELIO asked me to check into a report which his newspaper had received that a strange object had been seen by 2 pilots from Dover AFB over Sandy Hook, N. J.

I called Base Operations and talked to a Sgt. on duty. He told me that he had no knowledge of such a report.

I called Mr. AURELIO to tell him we knew nothing about such a report.

At 1500 hours Mr. AURELIO again called me and said that he had positive information that 2 pilots had seen a strange object in the sky. I again called Base Operations. Lt. PEARSON, whom I believe to be Assistant Base

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Operations Officer confirmed the report that 2 transient pilots from Dover AFB had seen a strange object in the sky over Sandy Hook.

I called Mr. AURELIO and informed him that the report of an unknown object being sighted was apparently accurate. He requested that he be permitted to interview the 2 pilots . In accordance with established public information policy, such permission was granted. Mr. AURELIO came to the Base Operations Building where he talked to Lt. ROGERS, one of the 2 pilots, about the incident. The story appeared in Newsday over his by line on 11 September.

To the best of my recollection, I then took the following steps:

1. At 0800 hours, 11 September, I initiated a series of telephone calls to apprise my higher headquarters of the fact that a newspaper story would appear about what was called by the reporter to be a "flying saucer story". I called the Public Information Officer at Hqs First Air Force, Major THOMAS ELLINGTON. I then called the Assistant Public Information Officer of Headquarters ConAC, Capt. FRED KIRSTOWSKI. I also called Col. CARTER of the Field ~~License~~ liaison Section, Directorate of Public Relations, Headquarters USAF. Col. CARTER suggested that I call the Public Information Officer of AMC, since that command was officially monitoring information on news stories about flying saucers. Col. TAYLOR, Public Information Officer, AMC, made a record of my telephone report. On the same morning, Major STANDISH called me from Washington for further details which I gave him. Also I suggested to Col. CARTER that he telephone the Base Operations Officer, Dover AFB, and requested that he have the pilots submit an immediate report to Headquarters USAF, ATTN: Public Information Office and to the Public Information Officer of AMC.

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Throughout the 11th of September, I received telephone calls from practically every newspaper and news agency in New York City. My answer to their queries was to this effect: "Yes, 2 pilots reported that they saw a strange moving object in the sky over Sandy Hook, N. J. They reported it as moving rapidly and as describing an arc in its movement." In several cases I was asked for official comment. I declined to comment in view of the AF Public Information Office policy. Also on the morning of the 11th of September, I briefed Base Commander LOUIS M. MERRICK, as to what had happened and my answer to queries.

At no time did I or any of my staff make a release on this story. Our procedure was to answer telephone inquiries in a normal fashion. Since this was not a classified matter, the news was treated in the normal fashion. Facts at our disposal were placed at the disposal of any media representative who called. I also requested that Base Operations Officers investigate any possible regulation which necessitated a report by his office. The entire story was treated as an unclassified matter. The Public Information Officer felt that since the press had expressed a desire to get the story, and since there was nothing classified about the information, it then became his obligation to present the fact as to what had been reported to him.

On 11 September the media representative who queried me on the story were the following: Mr. GEORGE CARROLL, Aviation Editor for Journal American, New York Times, Herald Tribune, Daily News, Associated Press, United Press. I received other calls which are not clear in my memory.

The following representation was given to all press inquiries to the best of my recollection:

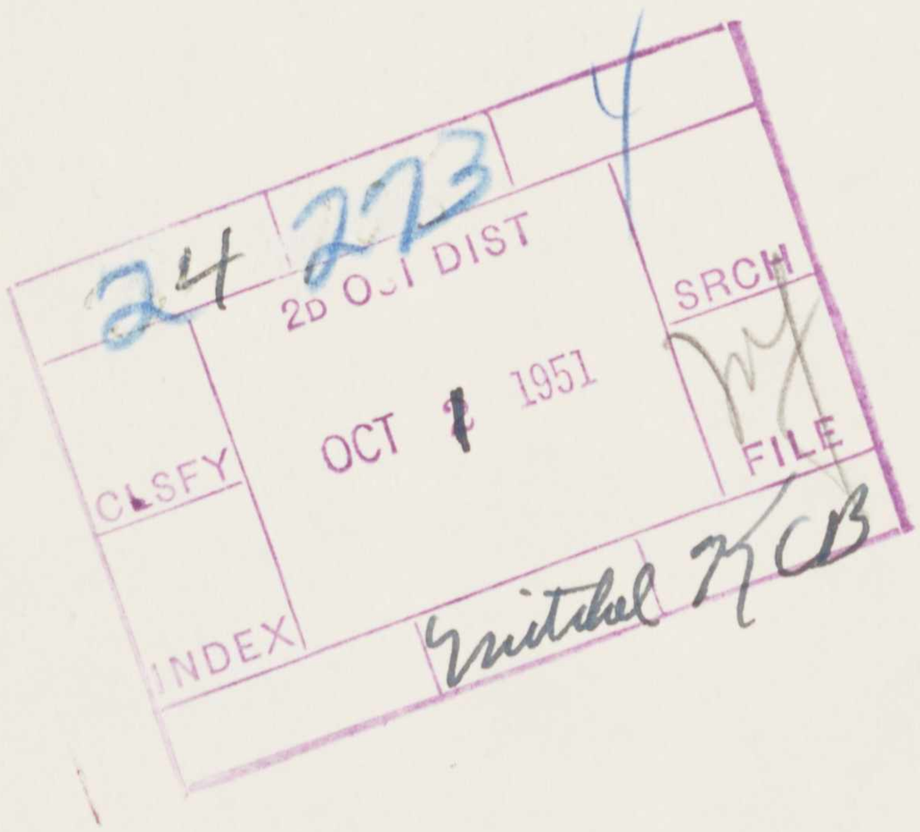
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At no time did I suggest that the pilot was a flying saucer. I am fully aware of the AF attitude toward flying saucers and would, under no circumstances, suggest to any member of the press that an AF pilot ~~xxx~~ saw an object identified as a flying saucer.



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TIME ~~0330~~ DATE ~~1 October 1951~~ CODE NO. _____

A telephone call was received from ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ made to ~~Lt. Col Rosengarten~~ (Name)

_____ references; _____

Synopsis: ~~A call was placed through long distance operator #2471 (regular #) to Col ROSENGARTEN AT Fort Monmouth. He was questioned by the undersigned as to additional particulars. He stated that he could give no other information about Maj. 'B' other than he was a Maor and the PIO at MAFB. He believed that tge release of information was not done with the "intent to aid anyone," but rather was done as a "friendly gesture." Theinformation released was harmful and was given out in violation of regulations. When he was questioned by the undersigned as to what regulations, he stated that 205-1 would apply; however, he implied that other directives were involved. The information has appeared in the press.~~ When questioned more specifically as to the type of information, Col. ROSENGARTEN stated that reports have been received concerning this same information from other sources and from other locations. Since it was being

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A telephone call was received from _____ made to _____ (Name)

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Synopsis: (con't) circulated by other agencies, he would like to know whether or not it startrted with Maj. B and then picked up by others who may have read it (eg. AP, etc.). The information is being spread and is harmful. They would like to discoved if it came from one source, or are there other leaks. He was reluctant to give the undersigned any more particulars about the type of information. If it was impossible to get the facts to him by 0800 1 October 1951, he desired to have it by 1200-1400 at the Washington address. He would be located at Fort Monmouth until 1000 hours 1 October 1951.

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REPORT OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

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A telephone call was received from Lt. Col. NATHAN ROBERT ROSENGARTEN, (Name)

AO- 38687 references;

Synopsis: Col. ROSENGARTEN identified himself as being from AFOIN-ATIAA-2 Wright-Patterson AFB. He infomed the undersigned that he was now at Fort Monmouth and that he had ajob for the OSI. Additional information was being sent by TWX immediately. He stated that he desired the information outlined on the TWX by 0800 hours 1 October 1951 (sent to him at Fort Monmouth) or, if that were impossible, by 1200 hours 1 October 1951 (sent to AFOIN-TC, marked hold for Col. ROSENGARTEN). He stated that the matter was urgent and classified secret. He was reluctant to volunteer information and was evasive when questioned as to particulars. He said that the matter involved "Air Technical Intelligence." It was suggested that a letter be sent to this District in addition to the TWX.

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TO: 2ND OSI DIST IG USAF, 67 BROAD ST. NY 4, NY

CITE FMC 0422. FROM NR ROSENGARTEN LT COL AFOIN-AT1AA-2 WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB AUTH BY CG FT MONMOUTH NJ. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES THAT MAJOR BARRON, PIO AT MITCHELL AIR FORCE RELEASED CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PRESS ON 10 SEPT 1951. IT IS REQUESTED THAT OSI CONDUCT A DETAIL CHECK IMMEDIATELY AS TO HOW MAJ BARRON RECEIVED INFORMATION, UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES 2 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE GIVEN THIS INFORMATION AND UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY. DID THE PRESS HAVE ANY INFORMATION OF THE INCIDENT PRIOR TO CONTACTING BARRON. OSI IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INTERROGATION OF BOTH MEMBERS OF PRESS NAMES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BARRON. DESIRE NAMES AND TIME OF OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESS INFORMED OF INCIDENT. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT EXACT TIME OF EACH CONVERSATION BE VERIFIED, WHERE APPROXIMATE, INDICATE. THIS INFORMATION IS URGENT AS PER COMMAND OF GENERAL CABELL AIR TECH INT WASHDC AND IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO 0800 1 OCT AT FORT MONMOUTH FOR LT COL NR ROSENGARTEN, AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF OR BY 1200 1 OCT AT AFOIN-TC TO BE HELD FOR LT COL ROSENGARTEN.

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Counter Intelligence Division, Dir. of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Colonel Free/in/53623
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1. Reference is made to R&R, this Directorate, subject as above, dated 1 October 1951.

2. For your additional information, there is attached a copy of a report by Special Agent Paul L. McCoy, dated 3 October 1951.

3. No further investigation of this matter by OSI is contemplated unless so requested by your Directorate.

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11 October 1951

SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER RELEASE
CONCERNING UNCONVENTIONAL
FLYING OBJECT - 11 Sep 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Attached hereto for your information and any action deemed appropriate are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent PAUL L. MC COY, 2nd OSI District, file 24-273, dated 3 October 1951, subject as above.

2. Investigation was predicated upon a TWX from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, by Lt Colonel ROSENGARTEN, AFOIN-AT1AA-2, to investigate circumstances of release of information to the press by Public Information Officer, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, on 10 September 1951.

3. Public Information Officer, First Air Force, does not feel there has been a security violation.

4. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been covered and reported, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in instant case. In order that OSI files may be complete, it is requested that this office be advised of any action taken in this matter.

5. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #2, dtd 3 Oct 51

REAGAN A. SCURLOCK
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting District Commander

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WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
67 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK 4, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO: 24-273

16 October 1951

SUBJECT: Newspaper Release Concerning Unconventional Flying Object
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to letter, this district, subject and file as above, dated 5 October 1951.

2. On 12 October 1951, the Stewart Air Force Base Detachment, this district, was telephonically advised by Major ELI, First Army, Governors Island, New York, that during the month of October, there will be two (2) to three (3) balloons released during daylight hours Monday through Friday, and at night between 1800 and 2300 hours. In addition, twenty (20) captive balloons will be released between 0900 and 1900 hours during October. The source of these balloons is the meteorological branch, Evans Signal Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. CAA, FBI, and EADF have been notified. EADF has notified ADC and the 26th and 32nd Air Divisions.

3. Inclosed is photograph which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune on 13 October 1951.

4. The foregoing is furnished for your information and any action deemed necessary.

5. This investigation comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950. Information furnished herewith has been derived from sources other than the Department of the Air Force and, in accordance with paragraph 8b, AFR 205-1, dissemination must not be made outside USAF channels.

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Air Force Sending Huge Balloons Aloft for Wind Studies



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IN REPLY
REFER TO: 24-273

5 October 1951

SUBJECT: Newspaper Release Concerning Unconventional Flying Object - 11 September 1951

TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inclosed, in duplicate, is report of investigation made by Special Agent PAUL L. MC COY, this district, dated 3 October 1951, subject and file as above.

2. Investigation was initiated by this district in compliance with request from Lt Colonel NATHAN ROBERT ROSENGARTEN, AO-386874, AFOIN-AT1AA-2, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, contained in TWX, dated 1 October 1951, a copy attached hereto as inclosure number 2.

3. In compliance with request of Lt Colonel ROSENGARTEN contained in last sentence of TWX, summary of information developed during course of investigation was telephonically reported to the Counter Intelligence Division of your Headquarters at 1405 hours, 1 October 1951.

4. A review of the file indicates that this matter might more properly be classified as a Special Inquiry rather than a Violation of AFR 205-1. Accordingly, the DO#2 file reference in this case has been changed from 34-106 to 24-273.

5. This investigation comes within the purview of paragraph 4c, AFR 205-8, 20 January 1950.

FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	DATE
24-273	3 October 1951

REPORT MADE BY: PAUL L. MC COY

REPORT MADE AT: DO #2, 67 BROAD ST.,N.Y.,N.Y.

PERIOD: 1, 2 October 1951

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #2, 67 BROAD ST.,N.Y.,N.Y.

STATUS: CLOSED

TITLE

NEWSPAPER RELEASE
CONCERNING UNCONVENTIONAL
FLYING OBJECT - 11 Sep 1951

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

TWX, FMC 0422, FT MONMOUTH, DTD 1 Oct 1951

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Lt Colonel ROSENGARTEN, AFOIN-AT1AA-2, by TWX, FMC 0422. Reporter on NEWSDAY overheard two airmen discussing sighting of strange object in the air off SANDY HOOK, NEW JERSEY, by transient pilots, 10 September 1951. Permission granted reporter to interview pilot by PIO, Mitchel AFB. Story appeared 11 September 1951 in NEWSDAY and released to AP and UP wire service same day. Major BARRON, PIO, Mitchel AFB, stated that permission granted reporter to interview pilots in accordance with Public Relations policy and did not consider information classified. Public Information Officer of 1AF, Assistant Public Information Officer, ConAC, Public Information Officer AMC, and Field Liaison Officer, Public Relations, Hq USAF were advised that story would appear. Reporter AURELIO directed by his editor to obtain interview with pilot. PIO, 1AF does not feel there has been a security violation. Investigation closed.

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FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon a TWX, FMC 0422, from Ft Monmouth, New Jersey, by Lt Colonel ROSENGARTEN, AFOIN-4710A-2, to investigate circumstances of release of information to the press by Public Information Officer, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, 10 September 1951.

AT MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK

2. This investigation conducted by Special Agent PAUL L. MC COY.

3. On 1 October 1951, the Public Information Officer, Mitchel Air Force Base, Major JOHN B. BARRON, AO-1001292, was interviewed relative to any press release on 10 September 1951 which may have constituted a violation of security.

4. Major BARRON informed the writer that the only release out of the ordinary was one concerning an unknown object which had been sighted over Sandy Hook, New Jersey, by two pilots flying into Mitchel Air Force Base.

5. Major BARRON was requested to furnish the writer any information which he might have concerning the appearance of a newspaper article which appeared in the 11 September 1951 edition of NEWSDAY, a Long Island daily paper.

6. Major BARRON dictated the following statement concerning the article, in the presence of the writer, to the OSI stenographer:

"1 October 1951

"At 1430 hours, on 10 September 1951, I received a telephone call from Mr. DICK AURELIO, a reporter for NEWSDAY. Mr. AURELIO asked me to check into a report which his newspaper had received, that a strange object had been seen by two pilots from Dover Air Force Base over Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

"I called Base Operations and talked to a Sergeant on duty. He told me that he had no knowledge of such a report.

"I called Mr. AURELIO to tell him we knew nothing about such a report.

"At 1500 hours, Mr. AURELIO again called me and said that he had positive information that two pilots had seen a strange object in the sky. I again called Base Operations. Lt PEARSON, whom I believe to be Assistant Base Operations Officer, confirmed the report that two transient pilots from Dover Air Force Base had seen a strange object in the sky over Sandy Hook.

"I called Mr. AURELIO and informed him that the report of an unknown object being sighted was apparently accurate. He requested that he be permitted to interview the two pilots. In accordance with established Public Information policy, such permission was granted. Mr. AURELIO came to the

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Base Operations building, where he talked to Lt ROGERS, one of the two pilots, about the incident. The story appeared in HERALD over his by-line on 11 September.

"To the best of my recollection, I then took the following steps: 1) At 0800 hours, 11 September, I initiated a series of telephone calls to apprise my higher headquarters of the fact that a newspaper story would appear about what was called by the reporter to be a "flying saucer" story. I called the Public Information Officer of Hq First Air Force, Major THOMAS ELLINGTON. I then called the Assistant Public Information Officer of Hq Continental Air Command, Captain FRED KIESTOWSKI. I also called Colonel CARTER of the Field Liaison Section, Directorate of Public Relations, Hq USAF. Colonel CARTER suggested that I call the Public Information Officer of Air Material Command, since that Command was officially monitoring information on news stories about flying saucers. Colonel TAYLOR, Public Information Officer, Air Material Command, made a recording of my telephone report. On the same morning, Major STANDISH called me from Washington for further details, which I gave him. Also, on the suggestion of Colonel CARTER, I telephoned the Base Operations Officer, Dover Air Force Base, and requested that he have the pilot submit an immediate report to Hq USAF, attention Public Information Office, and to the Public Information Officer of the Air Material Command.

"Throughout the 11th of September, I received telephone calls from practically every newspaper and news agency in New York City. My answer to their queries was to this effect, "Yes, two pilots reported that they saw a strange moving object in the sky over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. They reported it as moving rapidly and as describing an arc in its movements." In several cases I was asked for official comment. I declined to comment in view of the Air Force Public Information Office policy. Also, on the morning of the 11th of September, I briefed Base Commander LOUIS M. MERRICK, as to what had happened and my answers to queries.

"At no time did I, or any of my staff, make a release on this story. Our procedure was to answer telephone inquiries in the normal fashion. Since this was not a classified matter, the news was treated in the normal fashion. Facts at our disposal were placed at the disposal of any media representative who called. I also requested the Base Operations Officer to investigate any possible regulation which necessitated a report by his office. The entire story was treated as an unclassified matter. The Public Information Officer felt that since the press had expressed a desire to get the story, and since there was nothing classified about the information, it then became his obligation to present the facts as to what had been reported to him.

"On 11 September, the media representative who queried me on the story were the following:

Mr. GEORGE CARROLL, Aviation Editor for Journal-American
New York Times
Herald Tribune
Daily News
Associated Press
United Press

I received other calls which are not clear in my memory.

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"The following representation was given to all press inquiries, to the best of my recollection: "Two pilots from Dover Air Force Base have reported that they saw a strange moving object in the sky over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. It was moving at an extremely rapid rate which was estimated in excess of 900 miles an hour. They had the object in their field of vision for approximately two minutes. They reported that it moved with an arc-like motion. They are not able to say exactly what they saw, at the same time they are quite sure that they saw something". At no time did I suggest that the pilots saw a flying saucer. I am fully aware of the Air Force attitude toward flying saucers and would, under no circumstances, suggest to any member of the press that an Air Force pilot saw an object fully identified as a flying saucer."

AT HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK

7. On 1 October 1951, Mr. RICHARD M. AURELIO, reporter for NEWSDAY who writes under the by-line of DICK AURELIO, was interviewed at his residence, 23 Villa Court Street, Hempstead, New York. In substance, AURELIO stated that he first heard about the unusual flying object 10 September 1951 while in a diner near Mitchel Air Force Base. Two airmen were discussing the landing of a jet at Mitchel, the pilot of which reported seeing an unidentifiable flying object off Sandy Hook, New Jersey. AURELIO stated that he returned to his office and called Major BARRON, Public Information Officer at Mitchel Air Force Base, to verify the information he had overheard. BARRON called him back shortly to inform him that Operations had no information concerning the report of flying saucers or unconventional aircraft.

8. AURELIO then asked BARRON to have the call switched to Operations and he talked to Lt PEARSON. AURELIO stated PEARSON would not answer questions and was reluctant to talk, which led him to believe that PEARSON was withholding information concerning the information which he (AURELIO) had overheard. AURELIO called BARRON again and told him to call PEARSON, that he believed PEARSON had knowledge of what the two pilots had seen. BARRON called back shortly and confirmed the report that two transient pilots had seen a strange object in the sky over Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

9. AURELIO stated that he then requested permission to interview the pilots, which was granted by BARRON. AURELIO then advised his editor of the possibility of a story and was directed to interview the pilots and, if possible, obtain pictures. AURELIO contacted Lt WILBERT S. RODGERS, pilot, a member of the 1,95th Fighter Interceptor Wing located at Dover, Delaware, who gave him the information which was carried as a story the following day, 11 September 1951. Captain EDWARD BALLARD, Jr., passenger in the aircraft piloted by RODGERS, was not available for interview. AURELIO then returned to his office and wrote up the interview.

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10. The following morning the story was released over the wires of the United Press and the Associated Press. AURELIO stated that this made the story available to all newspapers affiliated with the United Press and Associated Press. The information was not released until the morning of 11 September, in order that NEWSDAY would be the first paper to carry the story.

11. AURELIO stated that he would be unable to identify the airmen whom he had overheard in the diner. He was unable to recall their ranks and could only hazard a guess as to where they might work on the Base. His impression was that they were mechanics and were discussing information which they had overheard.

AT MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK

12. On 2 October 1951, Major THOMAS N. ELLINGTON, AO-860391, Public Information Officer, Hq First Air Force, was interviewed concerning the news article in question. ELLINGTON stated that he had knowledge of the story in question and that, in his opinion, there had not been a violation of security, since he knew of no regulation or policy which prohibited reporters from writing stories concerning Air Force activities which were unclassified.

13. ELLINGTON was of the opinion that since no regulation or policy existed which set forth instructions of releasing information to the press, unless classified, the instant matter was handled in accordance with AFR 190-6, dated 27 April 1951, titled AIR FORCE PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM.

14. Paragraphs 2b and c of AFR 190-6 are set forth below:

> Par 2b: "Air Information: Consisting of the collection, correlation, analysis and dissemination to the public of unclassified information pertaining to the Air Force. This aspect of the program is based on the policy that the full record of the Air Force is available to the American people, subject only to security restrictions and the dictates of good taste."
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> Par 2c: "Civil Liaison: Consisting of full cooperation with civilian individuals and organizations in matters of mutual interest and responsibility. This aspect of the program is based on the policy that harmonious relations with the civilian population will be maintained."

15. On 2 October 1951, AURELIO called the writer to inform him that a statement which he had stated he would prepare would not be made, since his editor had advised him that any information concerning news items or activities of reporters of NEWSDAY would have to be cleared through the editor of NEWSDAY. No attempt was made to interview the editor.

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16. Since all logical leads have been developed, based upon initial request for investigation, the case is considered CLOSED by this office.

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FROM: FT MONMOUTH

TO: 2ND OSI DIST IG USAF 67 BROAD ST NY 4 NY

CITE FMC 0422. FROM NR ROSENGARTEN LT COL AFOIN-ATIAA-2 WRIGHT-PATERSON AFB AUTH BY CG FT MONMOUTH NJ. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES THAT MAJOR BARRON, PIO AT MITCHELL AIR FORCE RELEASED CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PRESS ON 10 SEPT 1951. IT IS REQUESTED THAT OSI CONDUCT A DETAIL CHECK IMMEDIATELY AS TO HOW MAJOR BARRON RECEIVED INFORMATION, UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES 2 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE GIVEN THIS INFORMATION AND UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY. DID THE PRESS HAVE ANY INFORMATION OF THE INCIDENT PRIOR TO CONTACTING BARRON. OSI IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INTERROGATION OF BOTH MEMBERS OF PRESS NAMES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BARRON. DESIRE NAMES AND TIME OF OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESS INFORMED OF INCIDENT. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT EXACT TIME OF EACH CONVERSATION BE VERIFIED, WHERE APPROXIMATE, INDICATE. THIS INFORMATION IS URGENT AS PER COMMAND OF GENERAL CABELL AIR TECH INT WASHDC AND IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO 0800 1 OCT AT FORT MONMOUTH FOR LT COL NR ROSENGARTEN, AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF OR BY 1200 1 OCT AT AFOIN-TC TO BE HELD FOR LT COL ROSENGARTEN.

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DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24-185

5 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEVY:

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Release of Information to the Press Concerning an Unidentified Flying Object, 11 September 1951 - SPECIAL INQUIRY.

1. With further reference to the above matter the Director of Intelligence has made available copies of various radnotes which were dispatched by OIN, Hq USAF to AMC directing AMC Intelligence to conduct a full field investigation of reports that unidentified flying objects had been cited in New Jersey 10 and 11 September 1951. The report and conclusions were to be in the Director of Intelligence's office not later than 1 October 1951. The information contained in these radnotes is summarized as follows:

On 10 and 11 September 1951 several unidentified flying objects were sited by radar at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. These objects varied in speed up to 700 miles per hour and were observed at altitudes up to 90,000 feet. On the same date an unidentified object was sited by pilots of a T-33 Aircraft over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. This object disappeared at sea and was flying at a speed estimated at 1,000 miles per hour. Sighting time and location as given by the T-33 pilots coincided with radar sitings. All radar contacts were described as unusually strong. At times the objects moved at such a rate of speed that aided azimuth tracking which normally is fast enough to track jet aircraft had to be abandoned, and the radar manually operated.

OIN, Hq USAF felt the possibility existed that the object was an experimental aircraft belonging to Gruman, Republic or Fairchild Aviation Corporations. This possibility has not as yet been resolved.

2. Lt. Col. Milton D. Willis, Technical Capabilities Branch, telephonically advised on 2 October 1951 that Air Intelligence is

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highly interested in these latest reports concerning these objects. He will furnish OSI with a copy of the OIN evaluated report when completed. With regard to a possible Security Violation in releasing the story to the press, Col. Willis indicated that General Cabell felt no such violation had occurred. He said that the classification of Secret as indicated by the wire of Lt. Col. Rosengarten was erroneous and that full details of the matter including the radar sitings were classified no higher than Confidential which after evaluation of all reports would probably be changed to Restricted.

3. With your concurrance, I propose to advise DO #2 to close their 34 case in the matter.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, USAF

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEVY:

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Release of Information to the Press Concerning an Unidentified Flying Object, 11 September 1951
~~VIOLATION OF AFR 205-1~~ SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. The information contained in the attached R&R was received telephonically from Special Agent K. C. BACHOOK, District Office #2 at approximately 1430 hours, 1 October 1951.

2. Lt. Colonel Rosengarten, AFOIN-ATIAA-2, is assigned to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, with duty at Wright-Patterson AFB, in Technical Intelligence. He dispatched the wire referred to in the R&R from Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, indicating that the information released carried the classification of Secret. He also stated in the wire that the inquiry had been personally and urgently requested by Major General Cabell, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, and that it was mandatory, if at all possible, to have the results of the interview available at AFOIN-TC, 1 October 1951, during which Rosengarten would be in conference with General Cabell and other personnel of the Technical Capabilities Branch, of OIN.

3. The significance, if any, of this activity is unknown to OSI. Full information has been requested and has been promised by Major Parker, OIN, for 2 October 1951. I also pointed out verbally to OIN the irregular manner in which the request was made to OSI.

LUCIUS L. FREE, Lt. Col., USAF
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Director of Intelligence
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations

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Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/in/53623
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1. At approximately 0330 hours on 1 October 1951, a TWX was received by OSI, District #2, 67 Broad Street, New York 4, N. Y., from Lt. Colonel Nathan Robert Rosengarten, AFOIN-ATIAA-2, Wright-Patterson AFB, which requested an investigation as to the circumstances surrounding a press release on 11 September 1951 concerning an aerial object observed over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The article, as released, was substantially as follows:

> Two pilots from Dover AFB, Delaware, reported they saw a strange moving object in the sky over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The speed of the object was estimated to be in excess of nine hundred (900) miles an hour. The object was in their field of vision for approximately two minutes, and appeared to be moving in an arc like motion. They were unable to state exactly what they saw but certainly saw something. The officers were flying a T-33 and are assigned to the 148th Fighter Interceptor Wing, Dover AFB.

2. Pursuant to the request of Lt. Colonel Rosengarten, Major Bernard Barron, USAF AO-1001292, PIO, 2500th Air Base Group, Mitchell AFB, N. Y. was interviewed on 1 October 1951 by agents of OSI District #2. He stated that Dick Aurelio, a reporter for Newsday, a daily newspaper published at Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y., telephoned at various times on 10 September 1951 in an effort to obtain the story. Major Barron, at first, told Aurelio that nothing had occurred, but Aurelio called back and stated that he was positive that the two officers had sited a mysterious object, at which time Aurelio requested permission to interview 1st Lt. Wilbert F. Rogers, the pilot of the aircraft. Inasmuch as flying objects are not classified information, Aurelio was given permission to interview Rogers. The article, resulting from this interview, appeared in Newsday on 11 September 1951, and apparently was sent to both the Associated Press and United Press because on the morning of 11 September, Barron received telephone calls from various newspapers concerning the incident. The following PIO's were advised of the contents of the interview with Lt. Rogers: 1st Air Force, Continental Air Command, both of Mitchell AFB; Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB and Colonel Carter, Field Liaison Section, Director of Public Relations, Headquarters USAF, Washington. The Base Commander at Mitchell Field was also informed of the incident. No one mentioned anything about a possible violation of AFR 205-1. The PIO did not release the story. Major Barron stated that his instructions are to cooperate with

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Director of Intelligence
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the Press and, accordingly, when he was requested by Aurelio for permission to interview Lt. Rogers, the request was granted.

3. Mr. Dick Aurelio was interviewed on 1 October 1951, and his story is as follows:

> At about 1400 hours 10 September 1951, he overheard a couple of airmen, rank unknown, talking about a report of an unusual object cited by two pilots who had landed at Mitchell AFB. This conversation was overheard in a diner located at Hempstead, New York. At 1430 hours, 10 September, Aurelio called Major Barron and asked him about a report of an unusual object cited by a Jet aircraft. Barron said he had heard no report but would check and let Aurelio know. Barron checked with Operations and called Aurelio back and told him that he had no information on a Jet landing at Mitchell AFB. Aurelio, apparently, was not satisfied and thought there was some basis for the report he had overheard and conducted a check of his own and called Major Barron back. Aurelio stated that he had spoken to a Lt. Pearson at Base Operations, Mitchell AFB and when Pearson was reluctant to talk, Aurelio thought that something had occurred. Barron checked further and discovered an incident was, in fact, reported by Lt. Rogers and his passenger, who was a Captain Edward Ballard, Jr. At that time Aurelio asked for permission to interview Lt. Rogers, which was granted. Aurelio was accompanied by a photographer who took a picture of Lt. Rogers.

4. An initial report of investigation is being prepared by OSI District #2, which sets forth developments in this matter to date, which will be furnished your Directorate and AMC upon receipt by this office.

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8 December 1950

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SUBJECT: UNDERHILL STUDIO
17 Park Place
New York 7, New York
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. On 2 December 1950, this office received a letter from Underhill Studio, photographers, 17 Park Place, New York 7, N. Y., which contained an inquiry concerning the identity of an object discovered on a photographic print. The letter, signed by JOHN A. FEULNER, Manager, advised that the picture had been taken 20 May 1950 (later determined to be 20 March 1950), but that the negative had just recently been printed.

2. On 4 December 1950, Special Agent JOHN H. SMITH, this office, interviewed Mr. JOHN A. FEULNER and Mr. IRVING UNDERHILL, owner of the Underhill Studio. In a joint interview, the following information was obtained:

The photograph, a night view of Manhattan, was taken on 20 March 1950 (not on 20 May 1950 as stated in letter from FEULNER dated 1 December 1950) at some time between 1730 and 1800 hours. Photograph was taken by UNDERHILL looking southwest from a pedestrian walk near the Queens side of the Queensboro Bridge. The Queensboro Bridge extends across the East River and Welfare Island, from East 59th Street in Manhattan Borough of New York City, to Queens Boulevard in Queens Borough of New York City. Photograph was taken with an 8x10 view camera with medium lens, but UNDERHILL was not sure if he used an Instantaneous Shutter or a Cap (Time) Exposure. Another photograph taken immediately prior to the one in question did not reveal any object such as shown on the print in question. The photograph titled "Night Lights from Queensboro Bridge" was taken for use as a postcard view, requested by and delivered to Mr. PORZIG of the Herbert B. Covert Greeting Cards Company, 7 East 48th Street, New York, N. Y. FEULNER

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advised he believed that the object on the photograph was brushed out prior to delivery to Mr. PORZIG.

UNDERHILL stated that he did not notice any object in the air whatsoever prior to or after taking the questioned photograph, but that he does not believe that the object is a film or lens defect.

FEULNER stated that he intended to send the photograph to the Air Force some months ago, but became so busy that he had forgotten about it until a recent date.

3. Inclosed for your information are copies, in duplicate, of the letter from Underhill Studio, a reprint of the original photograph and an enlargement of a portion thereof. No further investigative activity is contemplated by this office unless requested by your Headquarters.

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As indicated above.

CHARLES SOMMERS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB,
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Dear Sir:-

The enclosed photograph was taken from the Queens Boro Bridge, N.Y.C on may 20th 1950 early evening, we have just printed this one negative up and we have noticed in the sky something long and round as you can see, we also enlarged just the section of the negative to bring out the object in the sky to see if it could be identified. Do you know what it is?

Very truly yours
John A. Faulkner Mgr A.F.A.
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IN REPLY
REFER TO: 34-O

20 July 1950

SUBJECT: Captain STARRETT
Alleged USAF Reserve Officer

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, Subject as above, file number 34-O, dated 14 July 1950 and particularly to the second paragraph thereof which was partially in error.

2. Examination of Reserve Records at Headquarters First Air Force, Mitchel Air Force Base, Hempstead, N.Y. disclosed two officers whose names correspond with that of the SUBJECT. They are (1) ALBERT L. STARRETT, AO-2096009, 1st Lt. discharged from Reserve Corps on 28 December 1949 and (2) DOUGLAS RAYMOND STARRETT, O-827750, 1st Lt., last active duty 28 September 1945.

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Alleged USAF Reserve Officer

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, Subject as above, file number AFOSI-O, dated 14 July 1950 and particularly to the second paragraph thereof which was partially in error.

2. Examination of Reserve Records at Headquarters First Air Force, Mitchel Air Force Base, Hempstead, L.I. disclosed two officers whose names correspond with that of the SUBJECT. They are (1) ALBERT L. CLAIRETT, AO-2095609, 1st Lt. discharged from Reserve Corps on 25 December 1949 and (2) DOUGLAS CLAYTON CLAIRETT, O-852750, 1st Lt., last active duty 25 September 1945.

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14 July 1950

SUBJECT: Captain STARRETT,
Alleged USAF Reserve Officer

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. A report of investigation prepared by the U.S. Naval Intelligence Service, dated 12 June 1950 is forwarded for your information.

2. Examination of Reserve records at Headquarters Continental Air Command and at Headquarters First Air Force, Mitchel Air Force Base, Hempstead, N.Y. disclosed no record of the SUBJECT.

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Cy DIO, 3ND,
Investigation Rpt,
James L. KRAKER, Lt.,
dtd 12 June 1950.

CHARLES SOMMERS
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

26 July '50
Apparently the Capt Starrett mentioned may be Capt. Charles A. Starrett, AO564380. Formerly with OSI DO #19 & recently relieved from active duty. Copy of this inclosure placed in this file. Amy

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

Subject: KRAKER, James L., Lt., A-3 L USNR #263541
Gouverneur, New York

Report Made at:	3ND — New York, N. Y.	Date:	12 June 1950
Report Made by:	LCDR E.N. Laurence, USNR & Agent H.C. Durand		lm
Period Covered:	14 April 1950 - 9 June 1950	Status of Case:	Closed - 3ND
Origin of Case:	Newspaper item appearing in 7 April 1950 issue of Watertown (N.Y.) Times.		

Character of Investigation:

INTERVIEW JAMES L. KRAKER 117

Enclosures: (1) Watertown (N.Y.) Times item of 7 April 1950.	Copies to: ONI (2) 3ND (2) USAF(OSI) (1)
Source File No. :	ONI File No. : 3ND-1-5(a)

SYNOPSIS: An item in Watertown (N.Y.) Times of 7 April 1950 captioned "AIR FORCE KNOWS IDENTITY OF FLYING DISCS, EX-FLIER SAYS" described subject's observation of a "flying disc" near Naval Air Station Alameda, California, in February 1950 and quoted excerpts from an interview of subject by Captain Starrett, Air Corps Intelligence, re: "flying discs," Russian espionage and American counter-espionage, to wit: "'He asked all sorts of questions,' said KRAKER, 'and said it substantiated what the corps already knew. He said he knew what it was. It was not a flying saucer.'" KRAKER: "'Are we in as bad shape as news reports would have us believe?'" STARRETT: "'The situation is worse than you can even imagine.'" KRAKER: "'Is Russian espionage very hot in this country?'" STARRETT: "'Spies here are thicker than flies. We let them go as long as they keep out of trouble, since we think we know where most of them are.'" KRAKER: "'Is our counter-espionage in Russia just as good?'" STARRETT: "'Yes, it is.'"

Interviewed 26 April 1950, subject stated he had observed an inverted-cone shaped, solid-based object about 200 feet long, traveling in a southerly direction at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet, approximately twenty miles south of Naval Air Station, Almeda, at 1730, 7 February 1950. He claimed a Lt Commander, Public Information Office, 12ND, authorized release of his story to Columbia Broadcasting System, then preparing recorded interviews; that he did not give the interview to Columbia, but a story of the phenomena did appear in "San Francisco Chronicle." Subject admitted that the "Watertown Times" had quoted him fairly accurately, but that he was unaware the disclosure was of classified material inasmuch as Public Information Office, 12ND, had previously authorized release of his visual observations and the West Coast paper had carried same story. He also described his observations to the radio announcer of WWMY, Watertown, N.Y., who reported subject's experience in subsequent broadcasts.

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1. The investigation reported herein was predicated upon newspaper item (enclosure (1)) appearing in the Watertown (N.Y.) Times of 7 April 1950, wherein subject reportedly described his observation of "flying discs" at Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, and quoted excerpts of his interview with an Air Corps Intelligence officer subsequent to his observations.

2. The New York State Police at Gouverneur, New York, (Cpl. Larkin) report that LOIS C. VAN ARSDEL, local correspondent for the Watertown (N.Y.) Times, continually exaggerates news items and was transferred from Carthage, New York, her previous bailiwick, because of overly enthusiastic reporting. However, it has been determined that in addition to the information subject furnished to Miss VAN ARSDEL, he also described his observations of the "flying disc" to LYMAN MANSER, announcer for radio station WWMY, Watertown, New York, who shortly thereafter referred to subject's experience in his radio broadcasts. Subject admitted that Miss VAN ARSDEL's item in the Watertown (N.Y.) Times quoted him with reasonable accuracy.

3. Interviewed on 26 April 1950, subject stated that he was an instructor at Pensacola, Florida, and later at Alameda, California, during World War II; that he was on his third annual tour of training duty at Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, when his observation of the "flying disc" occurred. He was attached to the MARS squadron at the time and indicated that he was the only Reserve officer so attached. He attributed the special orders he received for that tour of duty to requests made by Admiral RADFORD and Admiral SHERMAN that he receive such duty orders.

4. He reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, on or about 4 February 1950 and observed the "flying disc" while returning to the Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, on the following Tuesday (7 February 1950). Subject's description of what he observed and of what occurred subsequent to his observation is almost identical with the item carried in the Watertown (N.Y.) Times of 7 April 1950 (enclosure (1)), with the exception of a few minor inaccuracies. The newspaper item's indication that the "flying disc" was seen by three other officers is not quite correct. Subject stated that a mate at the Bachelor Officers' Quarters informed him there had been three other such reports of the "flying disc," but that he understood such reports were made by civilians.

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5. Subject stated that the newspaper "San Francisco Chronicle" published an item indicating the presence of the "flying disc" in that area. He claimed he did not know how that newspaper obtained such information. He had previously discussed it with some superior in his activity.

6. On either 9 February or 10 February 1950, subject returned to his Bachelor Officers' Quarters and received a message to telephone the Public Information Office of 12ND. The telephone number given him was a Navy extension and he made the call. A Lt Commander in said office, whose name is not recalled by subject, advised him that the Columbia Broadcasting System was recording interviews regarding the phenomena for broadcasting purposes; that subject could get in touch with, and give the information to the Columbia Broadcasting System as the information had been "cleared" through that office. Subject did not do so. He does not know how the Public Information Office obtained his name, unless it was through his report to his superiors at Naval Air Station, Alameda. He did not contact the Columbia Broadcasting System inasmuch as he was about to fly to Hawaii as part of his duty with the MARS squadron.

7. Upon his return to Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, from Hawaii, about six (6) days later, he reported to the executive or operations officer to pick up his change of duty orders. There he was told that Air Force Intelligence desired to interview him and was given a telephone number at the Presidio. Subject telephoned and was informed by an Air Force Lieutenant (name not recalled) that Captain STARRETT, then in Oakland, might contact him.

8. While subject was awaiting a flight to Olathe, Kansas, on 16 February 1950, Captain STARRETT arrived at subject's Bachelor Officers' Quarters. Captain STARRETT seems to have been a graduate of Boston College, a former lawyer, a Reserve Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army and a Captain in Air Force Intelligence. Captain STARRETT presented appropriate credentials, whereupon subject described his observations of the "flying disc" and answered the Captain's questions. While Captain STARRETT indicated that he knew what the object in question was, he refused to answer several questions about it. The Captain indicated that he was very busy in his investigations and that other Air Force officers were working on similar matters in the Seattle and Los Angeles area. Captain STARRETT told subject that things were much worse than he (subject) could imagine; that there were believed to be many Russian spies in this country; that our counter-intelligence was equal to Russian intelligence.

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9. Subject inquired whether the object he had observed might be inter-planetary. Captain STARRETT refused to express an opinion. Subject stated that he had been impressed by the unlikelihood that the world was the only inhabited planet.

10. Subject stated he was not aware that what he had disclosed was classified information. He regards his statement to the press and radio station WWMY as proper in view of the attitude expressed by the Public Information Office, 12ND, and because the entire story had been previously carried in the "San Francisco Chronicle."

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 7, 1950. WATERTOWN TIMES

AIR FORCE KNOWS IDENTITY OF FLYING DISCS, EX-FLIER SAYS

By LOIS C. VAN ARSDEL

Gouverneur, April 7. — The ubiquitous flying saucer and its counterpart, the jet-propelled cloud, are not figments of anyone's imagination, and the U.S. air corps has very clear ideas of what and whose they are, according to ex-Lieut. James L. Kraker, son-in-law of G. Wilson Dodds.

Two months ago when Lieutenant Kraker was waiting for his discharge at the naval air station in Alameda, Calif., he had an opportunity to see the air corps' intelligence officers in action, investigating all reports of such phenomena. It happened when he himself saw one of the cloudlike missiles, and an intelligence officer named Captain Starrett, tried persistently to get in touch with him, almost caused him to miss his train back East, and questioned him extensively on what he had seen.

The officer told him that the air corps had intelligence officers over the nation, whose only duty was to track down reports of these strange aircraft, and he said the assignment kept him very busy. He did not tell Kraker what the objects were, only laughed when Kraker asked if they were Russian, or if they were something from another planet. At one point Kraker asked him: "Are we in as bad shape as news reports would have us believe?"

Captain Starrett answered: "The situation is worse than you can even imagine."

The story began on a sunny afternoon in February at the air station. Kraker said it was about 5:30 p.m., and the sun was beginning to fade. He was at the post that day, and he said he happened to look up and see what appeared to be a comet, but it was not moving. On closer inspection, he noted that the object was not a cloud, nor any gaseous matter. He said it was shaped like an inverted ice-cream cone, solid at its base. He guessed it to be about 20 miles south of him, and traveling slowly southward at an elevation of approximately 10,000 feet. It looked about 200 feet long, he said.

Kraker went into the officers' quarters where he was staying and asked the mate if anyone else had reported seeing the object. The sky that day, he said was absolutely clear, not a cloud anywhere in sight. No one else had mentioned it, said the mate. "Look out the window and see for yourself," said Kraker, but nothing could be seen. Kraker said he found out later that the cloud had suddenly turned eastward and disappeared at a much increased rate of speed.

After dinner that night Kraker heard three other officers report seeing the same phenomenon. He said he felt vindicated by this evidence that he had suffered no hallucination. He went to the movies, returning at about 10 p.m. The operations officer called him and said that air intelligence had been trying to reach him. Kraker told the officer his story and then forgot all about it.

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Two days later, he said, he took a flight to Honolulu and was away from San Francisco for a week. He checked in with his squad's executive officer and told him he was leaving the next morning to come home. The executive officer, said Kraker, told him he had better reconsider. "Air intelligence has been looking all over for you and you may not be going any place," Kraker was told.

Kraker said he was slightly up-set by this turn of events, and he telephoned air intelligence headquarters. He was told that Captain Starrett wanted to speak to him. It was very important, and intelligence thought Kraker should cancel his train reservation.

Kraker said he did not want to do this, and it was finally arranged for intelligence to contact its office in Rome, so that when Kraker got home he could see one of the corp's representatives in this area.

This arranged, Kraker set about his final packing, and just as he was finishing it that night, Captain Starrett appeared at his quarters to talk to him. Kraker reported that the captain was a young man, wearing civilian clothes. He showed his credentials, showing him to be a member of the U.S. air corps secret intelligence.

"He asked all sorts of questions," said Kraker, "and said it substantiated what the corps already knew. He said he knew what it was. It was not a flying saucer."

Their conversation continued in part as follows:

"Is it definitely something else?" asked Kraker.

"Yes."

"Is it from this world, or is it interplanetary?"

Captain Starrett only chuckled.

"But it is possible, isn't it, that it is something from another planet?" Another chuckle from Captain Starrett.

Kraker then asked him: "Is this your job?"

"Yes. All I have to do is check on these reports. And I'm way behind in my work. We have a man for this same job in Seattle, and one in Los Angeles. All of us are very busy."

Kraker then interrupted his account of the conversation to say that he does not think President Truman's denial of the secret weapon possibility is true. "It is certainly not the nonsense he would have the country think it is," said Kraker.

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"Things are much worse than you can even imagine," the captain replied.

"Is Russian espionage very hot in this country?"

"Spies here are thicker than flies. We let them go as long as they keep out of trouble, since we think we know where most of them are."

"Is our counter-espionage in Russia just as good?"

"Yes, it is."

Kraker said he concluded from this conversation that the mass-hysteria theory argued by many officials is "just bunk." He said he was convinced these objects exist and he was convinced that the air corps knows what they are. He said, however, that he was at a loss to know whether they were developed by the air corps itself, or by Russia, or by another planet.

The one thing he said he was sure of was that he saw the thing. He said he knows enough about aviation to realize that this was not a cloud, and it was not a vapor trail from a jet plane.

Kraker's description of what he saw coincides almost exactly with the report of a "cloudy streak" seen in the sky over Pope Mills last January by Merton Gollaher of this village and three men who were with him. They called it a horse-shoe shaped cloud that moved very slowly, and straightened itself out before it disappeared.

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1. On interview, 26 June 1950, Mr. SAMUEL CULINER, 2267 Creston Avenue, Bronx 52, New York, reported that during the night of 25 - 26 June 1950, he observed what he described as flying jet black disks approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) feet in diameter.

2. Mr. CULINER, white, described himself as thirty-three (33) years of age, single, a veteran of World War II and a former employee of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Long Island City, New York, from which he was separated in March 1948 for failing to report for duty. Mr. CULINER, who is presently unemployed, is receiving a ninety (90) per cent disability pension from the Veterans Administration because of a service connected arthritic condition and a related ailment. His VA Claim # is C-4655284.

3. Mr. CULINER advised that premises No. 2267 Creston Avenue are owned by Miss A. RICH and described the same as a two-story frame dwelling located on the east side of the Avenue between 183rd Street to the south and 184th Street to the north. He described the neighborhood as residential and quiet.

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4. Mr. CULINER pointed out that he occupies a room on the upper floor of No. 2267 Creston Avenue, the windows of which face the Avenue looking toward the west.

5. Mr. CULINER stated that at some time during the night of Friday, 23 June 1950, while in bed, but not asleep, he heard the windows of his room vibrate and at the same time overheard a loud whirring noise which he compared to that made by a rotating circular saw. Despite the fact that he considered the sound extremely unusual, he did not arise from bed to investigate the cause of the sound.

6. Mr. CULINER further stated that at approximately 2350 hours, Sunday, 25 June 1950, while in bed, but not asleep, he again noticed the vibration of the windows and again overheard the loud whirring noise. He arose from bed, went to the window and upon looking out observed a jet black disk, from which a few sparks were issuing, flying from west to east.

7. At approximately 0155 hours, 26 June 1950, on going to the window after hearing the same vibration and again overhearing the loud whirring noise, he observed another jet black disk flying this time from north to south.

8. Mr. CULINER stated that on each occasion only one disk was observed and that both were approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) feet in diameter. The weather was clear with stars in the sky. He was unable to estimate the height at which the objects were flying nor the speed of the same in miles per hour. Mr. CULINER stated that the objects were flying at a speed faster than that of a jet plane, were travelling on a level course and rotating all the time. He explained that he kept the first object in sight approximately one and one-half (1-1/2) minutes and the second object approximately two (2) or three (3) minutes, and that each eventually passed out of sight just as an airplane disappears from view.

9. Mr. CULINER added that each of the objects observed by him was jet black in color, circular in shape and rotated continuously, with a loud whirring noise. Neither possessed any visible projections or extensions, exhaust, openings of any kind, or lights, with the exception of a few sparks.

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10. Mr. CULINER stated that he did not discuss what he saw with any of his neighbors and did not hear any reports from other persons indicating that they may have observed the same or objects similar to those seen by him.

11. Attention is directed to the fact that Mr. CULINER described No. 2267 Creston Avenue as being located between 183rd and 184th Street whereas such address is physically located between 182nd Street on the South and 183rd Street on the north.

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