DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

The Inspector General USAF
3d District Office of Special Investigations
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 709

3DO 24-193

NIR/Z

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

15 NOV 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Rochester, Pa., at approximately 2300Z 1 October 1957, by JOHN KARCHER and LEE PLUNKETT NR Z

NIR NE

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

1. SYNOPSIS: JOHN KARCHER and LEE PLUNKETT, while at a farm a few miles from Rochester, Pa., observed an object travelling at a very slow rate of speed at an altitude of 3000 to 5000 feet. The object was elongated sphere in shape with a green stripe, a yellow stripe and a red stripe running the entire length of the object. Bright blue-white light or exhaust seen emitting from aft end of object. Object maintained level flight path at 2degrees, 23 minutes elevation from point of observation. No reports of unusual weather conditions on that date.

TYP. Eg
AGT.
D.C.
P.I.
G.I.
C.I.
A.O.
C.C.

2. DETAILS:

AT ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

a. On 6 November 1957, JOHN KARCHER, Lumber Mill Owner, Age 66, Residence - 191 Virginia Avenue, and LEE PLUNKETT, Retired Carpenter, Age 74, Residence - 523 Jefferson Street, were interviewed by Special Agents ARTHUR PLUNKETT and WILLIAM B. JOLLEY at a farm owned by KARCHER, and at which place the sighting was made.

KARCHER and PLUNKETT advised that at approximately 1900 hours, 1 October 1957, they had been doing some repair work at the farm which is located on a slight knoll when they happened to look out over the valley, at which time they saw an unidentified flying object.

24 | 193 | 2

DISTRICT OFFICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
OFFICE OF
24-185-3-34
SEARCH | INDEX | SERIAL
FILED | SUPERVISOR
ROBERT N. DENNIS
CAPTAIN, USAF
7 OCT 1965

File

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq DO#3, File 3DO 24-193, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Rochester, Pa., at approximately 2300Z, 1 October 1957, by JOHN KARCHER and LEE PLUNKETT

KARCHER and PLUNKETT described the object as an elongated sphere or cigar shaped, except the front end was blunt while the rear end had a pronounced taper. The size of the object was described as being approximately 200 to 300 feet in length (also described as the diameter of a three inch (3") apple held at arms length).

Both witnesses stated that the object had three (3) colored stripes running its entire length, the top color being green, the middle being yellow and the bottom stripe being red.

Interviewees stated they saw only one (1) object and that there were no discernible features or details such as wings or stabilizers. KARCHER and PLUNKETT estimated the distance of the object from them as being between eight (8) and ten (10) miles, and although they did not hear any sound, they stated they saw emitting from the aft end of the object what appeared to be a beam of light or an exhaust which was blue-white in color and travelling at a very slow rate of speed. They estimated the speed at five (5) to ten (10) miles per hour.

KARCHER and PLUNKETT stated that they saw the object on two (2) occasions, the first time the object was travelling from northwest to southeast and was visible to them for approximately fifteen (15) minutes, and approximately ten (10) minutes later they again saw the object at what appeared to be the same altitude, travelling from the southeast to the northwest, and was again visible for approximately fifteen (15) minutes. On both occasions, the object was lost from view due to hills which were in the line of vision of the observers.

KARCHER and PLUNKETT advised that on both sightings the object travelled in a very level flight path, made no maneuvers of any kind and they estimated its altitude at 3000 to 5000 feet.

Method of the sighting of the object was ground-visual, and both KARCHER and PLUNKETT observed the object through binoculars owned by KARCHER.

Examination of binoculars revealed the following information - Made in Japan by OFUNA Lens-coated, power 3 x 10°.

Time of sighting by KARCHER and PLUNKETT was approximately 1900 hours, Daylight Saving Time (2300 hours, Zulu Time), 1 October 1957, and they stated that dusk was just beginning, although the sun had not yet set.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq DO#3, File 3DO 24-193, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Rochester, Pa., at approximately 2300Z, 1 October 1957, by JOHN KARCHER and LEE PLUNKETT

KARCHER stated that at the time of the second sighting, he and PLUNKETT were returning to Rochester, Pa., and were just passing the adjoining farm house; they stopped the vehicle to observe the object and two (2) women, the occupants of the farm house, also at this time observed the object. The distance between the places from which the two (2) sightings were made is approximately 200 yards. Interviewees stated that as they recalled the weather conditions at the time were very good, and visibility was unlimited.

The occupants of the adjoining farm house as mentioned by KARCHER and PLUNKETT were identified as being Mrs. ELLA VORDERBRUEGGEN, Age 65, Housewife, R.D. 2, New Brighton, Pa., and Mrs. DONALD STUBER, Age 32, Housewife, R.D. 2, New Brighton, Pa.

Both of the aforementioned women were interviewed and recalled seeing an object, but they advised they did not pay any particular attention to it, and were unable to furnish any identifying information.

AT GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT, CORAOPOLIS, PENNSYLVANIA

b. On 8 November 1957, BILLIE K. BISHOP, T/Sgt, AF 19242737, First Sergeant and NCOIC, 1921-1 AACS Detachment, stated that their GCA Scope operations were discontinued as of 31 October 1957, and all previous radar scope records have been destroyed. BISHOP stated that he recalls no reports being received from any of the scope operators of the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

On 8 November 1957, KENNETH McMECHEN, Chief, Greater Pittsburgh Airport Traffic Controller, was contacted telephonically by BISHOP. McMECHEN informed BISHOP that a review of records on file in the Controller's Office failed to reflect a report of an unidentified flying object on 1 October 1957.

WEATHER:

c. On 8 November 1957, RALPH JACKSON, JR., Captain, 15496A, Commander, Detachment 3, 12th Weather Squadron, stated that weather conditions at 0002 Zulu, 1 October 1957, were as follows:

Surface Winds	NW	7K
6000F	300°	23K
10,000F	280°	35K
16,000F	270°	44K
20,000F	270°	50K
30,000F	240°	91K

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq DO#3, File 3DO 24-193, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Rochester, Pa., at approximately 2300Z, 1 October 1957, by JOHN KARCHER and LEE PLUNKETT

No thunderstorms, no clouds, ceiling unlimited, visibility fifteen (15) miles plus. No unusual weather condition which might account for sighting.

On 8 November 1957, RUFUS B. DARDEN, 2d Lt., AO 3071464, Asst. Air Installations Engineer, 54th MATRON, having been furnished information regarding known landmarks, established the location of the observers at the time the sighting was made to be Latitude 40° 44'22", Longitude 80° 16'6", Azimuth 228°, based on true north figured clockwise from point of observation. Angle of elevation of object from point of observation 2 degrees, 23 minutes.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated in this District unless directed by competent authority.

Stanley O Azapulchal

For and in the Absence of 7ISAF
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
1. Sketch made by KARCHER of object

cc: Comdr, 54th Ftr Gp (AD),
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pa. (w/cy Incl 1)(dup)
Dir OSI (w/cy Incl 1) (trip)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

TOP

↑

Sketch of Object seen by John Karcher and Lee Plunkett
at 1900 hrs 1 Oct 1957.

Sketch made by Karcher



Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 24-

13 November 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Rochester, Pa. at approximately 2300Z 1 October 1957

TO: Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: JOHN KARCHER and LEE PLUNKETT while at a farm a few miles from Rochester, Pa. observed an object travelling at a very slow rate of speed at an altitude of 3000 to 5000 feet. Object was elongated sphere in shape with a green stripe, a yellow stripe and a red stripe running the entire length of the object. Bright blue white light or exhaust seen emitting from aft end of object. Object maintained level flight path at 2 degrees 23 minutes elevation from point of observation. No reports of unusual weather conditions on that date.

2. DETAILS:

AT ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

a. On 6 November 1957, JOHN KARCHER, Lumber Mill Owner, Age 66, residence 191 Virginia Ave., and LEE PLUNKETT, Retired Carpenter, Age 74, residence 523 Jefferson Street, were interviewed by Special Agents ARTHUR PLUNKETT and WILLIAM B. JOLLEY at a farm owned by KARCHER and at which place the sighting was made.

KARCHER and PLUNKETT advised that at approximately 1900 hours, 1 October 1957, they had been doing some repair work at the farm which is located on a slight knoll when they happened to look out over the valley at which time they saw an unidentified flying object.

KARCHER and PLUNKETT described the object as an elongated sphere or cigar shaped except the front end was blunt while the rear end had a pronounced taper. The size of the object was described as being approximately 200 to 300 feet in length (also described as the diameter of a 3 inch apple held at arms length).

Both witnesses stated that the object had three (3) colored stripes running its entire length, the top color being green, the middle being yellow and the bottom stripe being red.

Interviewees stated they saw only one object and that there were no discernible features or details such as wings or stabilizers. KARCHER

24 193 11
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
UNCLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

AT ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA (Cont'd)

and PLUNKETT estimated the distance of the object from them as being between 8 and 10 miles and although they did not hear any sound they stated they saw emitting from the aft end of the object what appeared to be a beam of light or an exhaust which was blue white in color and travelling at a very slow rate of speed. They estimated the speed at 5 to 10 miles per hour.

KARCHER and PLUNKETT stated that they saw the object on two occasions, the first time the object was travelling from northwest to southeast and was visible to them for approximately 15 minutes and approximately 10 minutes later they again saw the object at what appeared to be the same altitude travelling from the southeast to the northwest and was again visible for approximately 15 minutes. On both occasions, the object was lost from view due to hills which were in the line of vision of the observers.

KARCHER and PLUNKETT advised that on both sightings the object travelled in a very level flight path, made no maneuvers of any kind and they estimated its altitude at 3000 to 5000 feet.

Method of the sighting of the object was ground-visual and both KARCHER and PLUNKETT observed the object through binoculars owned by KARCHER.

Examination of binoculars revealed the following information - Made in Japan by OFUNA Lens-coated, power 3 x 10°.

Time of sighting by KARCHER and PLUNKETT was approximately 1900 hours daylight saving time (2300 hrs Zulu Time), 1 October 1957 and they stated that dusk was just beginning although the sun had not yet set.

KARCHER stated that at the time of the second sighting, he and PLUNKETT were returning to Rochester, Pa. and were just passing the adjoining farm house, they stopped the vehicle to observe the object and two women, the occupants of the farm house, also at this time observed the object. The distance between the places from which the two sightings were made is approximately 200 yards. Interviewees stated that as they recalled the weather conditions at the time were very good, no clouds or wind and visibility was unlimited.

The occupants of the adjoining farm house as mentioned by KARCHER and PLUNKETT were identified as being Mrs. ELLA VORDERBRUEGGEN, Age 65, housewife, RD#2, New Brighton, Pa. and Mrs. DONALD STUBER, Age 32, housewife, RD#2, New Brighton, Pa.

Both of the aforementioned women were interviewed and recalled seeing an object but they advised they did not pay any particular attention to it and were unable to furnish any identifying information.

UNCLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

AT GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT, CORAOPOLIS, PENNSYLVANIA

b. On 8 November 1957, BILLIE K. BISHOP, T/Sgt., AF 19242737, F/Sgt. and NCOIC, 1921-1 AACS Detachment, stated that their GCA Scope operations were discontinued as of 31 October 1957 and all previous radar scope records have been destroyed. BISHOP stated that he recalls no reports being received from any of the scope operators of the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

On 8 November 1957, KENNETH McMECHEN, Chief, Greater Pittsburgh Airport Traffic Controller, was contacted telephonically by BISHOP. McMECHEN informed BISHOP that a review of records on file in the Controller's office failed to reflect a report of an unidentified flying object on 1 October 1957.

weather!

c. On 8 November 1957, RALPH JACKSON, Jr., Capt., 15496A, Commander, Detachment 3, 12th Weather Squadron, stated that weather conditions at 0002 Zulu 1 October 1957 were as follows:

Surface winds	NW 7K
6000F	300°/23K
10,000F	280°/35K
16,000F	270°/44K
20,000F	270°/50K
30,000F	240°/91K

No thunderstorms, no clouds, ceiling unlimited, visibility 15 miles plus. No unusual weather condition which might account for sighting.

On 8 November 1957, RUFUS B. DARDEN, 2nd Lt., AO 3071464, Asst. Air Installations Engineer, 54th MATRON, having been furnished information regarding known land marks established the location of the observers at the time the sighting was made to be Latitude 40° 44'22" Longitude 80°16'6" Azimuth 228° based on true north figured clockwise from point of observation. Angle of elevation of object from point of observation 2 degrees 23 minutes.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated in this District unless directed by competent authority.

Incl:
1. Sketch made by KARCHER of object

DONN M. JONES
Special Agent, OSI
Detachment Commander

cc: Comdr, 54th Ftr Gp (AD), Gtr Pgh Aprt (dupe)
Dir OSI, Washington 25, D.C. (trip)

UNCLASSIFIED
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 205-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709

3DO 24-166

19 September 1956

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., at approximately 1100 hours EDT, 9 September 1956

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

1. SYNOPSIS: SIDNEY H. MANHOFF interviewed on 11 September 1956 and stated that on 9 September 1956 he had sighted an unidentified flying object while strolling with Mrs. MANHOFF and Messrs. JOSEPH and PHILLIP COHN in the vicinity of 15th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Observers described object as bright light with fiery trail apparently falling toward earth. Report from U. S. Weather Bureau concerning weather on 9 September 1956 set forth.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 11 September 1956 a call was received by S/A HENRY C. CONLIN from Mr. SIDNEY H. MANHOFF who stated that he believed he had sighted an unidentified flying object. MANHOFF was interviewed by S/A JOHN G. HOFFMAN and stated that he had sighted this object at approximately 2315 hours 9 September 1956 while accompanied by Mrs. MANHOFF and Messrs. JOSEPH and PHILLIP COHN. On 11 September 1956 Mrs. MANHOFF was interviewed by S/A HOFFMAN and S/A FRANCIS X. BERGMEISTER. JOSEPH and PHILLIP COHN were interviewed on 12 September 1956 by the aforementioned agents. Information obtained and further identifying data concerning these observers are set forth below in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

(1) Description of the object:

(a) MANHOFF described object as round or spherical; PHILLIP

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
3 DEC 1975
DATE

24-166 MAR 8 1965
1

24-185-3-33
USAF IG
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
FILED
SUPERVISOR

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 24-166
SUBJECT: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., at approximately 1100 hours EDT, 9 September 1956 - SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT CONT'D

COHN described object as elongated teardrop; JOSEPH COHN described object as eliptical; Mrs. MANHOFF could determine no definite shape due to speed.

(b) All observers, except PHILLIP COHN, described the size as between that of a quarter or half-dollar at arms length. PHILLIP COHN described size as about that of a grapefruit at arms length.

(c) All observers described color as brilliant white, very bright.

(d) Observers agreed that there were no discernible details or features.

(e) Observers agreed that object left fiery trail and appeared to be trailing particles as if they had broken off of the object.

(f) No sound was heard.

(g) MANHOFF stated that the object was so luminous it gave off a halo-like effect. Other observers noticed no unusual features.

(2) Description of course of object:

(a) MANHOFF observed object by chance and called attention to it.

(b) Observers were facing north and sighted object between 45 degrees and 60 degrees above eye level.

(c) Observers stated object appeared to be descending rapidly in a westernly direction at from a 30 degree to 45 degree angle.

(d) Object passed out of line of vision behind a tall building.

(e) Time in sight estimates went from one (1) to ten (10) seconds.

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground Visual

(b) No optical aids other than normal eyeglasses worn by Mrs. MANHOFF and PHILLIP COHN.

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 24-166
SUBJECT: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., at approximately 1100 hours EDT, 9 September 1956 - SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT CONT'D

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) Mr. & Mrs. MANHOFF 100415Z September 1956
PHILLIP COHN 100445Z September 1956
JOSEPH COHN 100400Z September 1956

(b) Night

(5) Location of observers:

(a) Observers agree that they were walking North on 15th Street near Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on the West side of 15th; however, MANHOFF states they had just crossed Locust Street going North and had proceeded less than 100 yards. Mrs. MANHOFF estimated the location as one-half block North of Locust. PHILLIP COHN cannot recall whether or not they had crossed Locust Street, and JOSEPH COHN stated that they were still South of Locust Street nearing the corner.

(6) Identifying information of all observers:

(a) Mr. SIDNEY H. MANHOFF, civilian, DOB; 16 Sep 22, 2218 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a Designer for H. L. Yoh Company, 809 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

(b) Mrs. BARBARA M. MANHOFF, civilian, DOB: 8 Aug 34, 2218 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, Pa., employed as an X-Ray Technician by NATHAN STEINBERG, M.D., 745 South 3d Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

(c) Mr. PHILLIP COHN, civilian, DOB: 10 Nov 23, 1511 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a Commercial Artist by Mid City Press, 9th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

(d) Mr. JOSEPH COHN, civilian, DOB: 2 Dec 16, 541 South Redfield Street, Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a Clothing Fitter by Harley General Pants Company, 26th and Dickenson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

(7) Weather: All observers described weather conditions as clear, ceiling and visibility unlimited.

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 24-166
SUBJECT: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., at approximately 1100 hours EDT, 9 September 1956 - SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT CONT'D

(a) The following information concerning the weather on Sunday night, 9 September 1956, was supplied telephonically by Mr. R. J. SMITH, Meteorologist, at the U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., on 13 September 1956: At 2300 EDT, the sky was clear, ceiling unlimited, visibility 20 miles, no clouds, "no weather." At 2325 EDT surface winds were from NNE and 7 MPH. Winds aloft at 2215 EDT were:

from 20 degrees	at	17 knots	at 6,000'
" 350 degrees	"	25 "	" 10,000'
" 340 degrees	"	42 "	" 16,000'
" 320 degrees	"	40 "	" 20,000'
" 320 degrees	"	55 "	" 30,000'
" 270 degrees	"	49 "	" 50,000'
not available			" 80,000'

There was no unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, known to the Weather Bureau.

b. MANHOFF advised that he had contacted Fels Planetarium and the Philadelphia International Airport in an effort to clarify what he had sighted, but he was unsuccessful. No one had been on duty at the time at the Planetarium and the Airport had no information concerning the incident. Both PHILLIP and JOSEPH COHN felt that the object was probably a falling star or meteorite observed closer than usual, thereby accounting for the size and brightness.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953.

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

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc:
Dir, Sp Inves, HEDUSAF,Wash,D.C.(trip)
Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp(AD)NCCA,Wil.,Del.(dupe)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3d DISTRICT OSI (IG)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
OLMSTED AFB, PENNSYLVANIA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 3DO 24-0-214

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at 2335 hours, 20 July 1961, above Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

1 AUG 1961

TO: Commander, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey

THRU: 2 District OSI (IG) USAF

1. The following information concerning the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object is submitted in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2:

a. Mrs. ELIZABETH R. LEACH, 1820 Kimball Avenue, Willow Grove, Pa., Telephone OLdfield 9-9537, reported to a representative of this District Office at about 2358 hours, 20 July 1961, that she and her husband, WILLIAM A. LEACH, had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object at about 2335 hours, 20 July 1961. Source advised that she and her husband were relaxing in the driveway of their home watching the sky, stars and airplanes which passed overhead from time to time. At approximately 2335 hours, 20 July 1961, Mr. LEACH called his wife's attention to an object in the sky which was traveling much faster than the stars around it, but considerably slower than normal aircraft.

AUG 8 1961

Source indicated that neither she nor her husband are qualified observers and could not accurately estimate the speed or altitude of instant object; that they gained the impression the object was a spheroid with greenish lights on both points of its verticle axis; that this sphere was revolving around its axis and as it was doing so a faint red light appeared to be rotating around it, and that if held at arms length, the two green lights would be apart about the diameter of a baseball. Source heard no sounds she could identify as coming from said object.

OUT
7 AUG 1961
CI DIV

UNCLASSIFIED

24-185-3-38

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

AUG 2 11 35 '61

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Letter, 3DO 24-0-214, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at 2335 hours, 20 July 1961, above Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

Source stated that her husband first noticed this object as it soared across the sky at a position of about 11 o'clock; that he called it to her attention when it reached about 12:30 o'clock, and that they both watched it until it disappeared behind a copse of trees appearing about 2:30 o'clock above the horizon. The object following a general course from the direction of Philadelphia, Pa., passing over Willow Grove, Pa., and headed in the direction of the Johnsville Naval Air Development Center, Johnsville, Pa. Source stated the object was under her observation from 2335 hours until it disappeared at 2350 hours. According to source, the sky was illuminated by a moon in the first quarter; there was an absence of clouds or overcast; the full array of stars were in view, and during the period of observation, source neither saw nor heard aircraft in the area. Eastern Daylight Savings Time Groups were used to describe this sighting.

b. Source went on to state that in the past, she and her husband have been able to spot and follow the course of other alien objects in the sky, and that during the summer of 1960, when the United States had placed a large weather balloon into orbit, and when the local news media had informed the people of when and approximately where this balloon could be sighted, she and her husband had spotted it each time. As a point for comparison, source indicated the object which she and her husband had seen as covered by this report was several times larger than the weather satellite, and traveled quite a bit slower than the balloon. She stated that if she recalled correctly, the directions of travel varied 180 degrees.

c. Source indicated that she and her husband may be contacted any time during the night or day at the above address in the event such contact is necessary.

2. The U.S. Weather Bureau Station, International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., disclosed that weather conditions for the vicinity at 2300 hours, 20 July 1961, were clear, visibility 7 miles, with surface winds from the WSW at 6 miles per hour, and at 2400 hours that date, were clear, visibility 7 miles and winds from the west at 6 miles per hour. A. D. DUBIN, Meteorological Technician, indicated there is no record of any unusual activity or condition observed within the area; that no sky and ceiling observations were made for altitudes over 3000 feet due to lack of air traffic, and that a complete rundown of all weather conditions for the Delaware Valley, Pa., area for the period in question could be obtained through the Weather Bureau Service, Chattanooga, Tenn.

George H. Davis, Major, USAF

FOR GEORGE G. SPENCE
Lt Col, USAF
Commander

2 Copy to: AFISI-6

NOTE: Due to a misunderstanding at Det #304, Philadelphia, Pa., the above information was not telephonically reported as required by Paragraph 904, OSIB 51. Action has been taken to comply with instant Bulletin in future instances.

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

ISI-D

Memorandum Number 4 1 January 1965

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

TO: Deputy Director

1. At 0301, on 1January 1965, Major Fowkes, Command Post, called on Gray Phone and advised he had a man on the line who was making some derogatory statements about the government and was also commenting on UFO's. ~~MAXSAXMXIMAX~~ Fowkes said that the Duty Officer from HEDCOM was also listening to the conversation.

2. When I was patched into the line an individual was speaking and stating that if the AF would send their best man to see him he would give them some very interesting information about UFO's. He appeared to have been under the influence of intoxicants (he gave a few ~~xxxxx~~ incoherent answers and kept referring to himself as a "Dago"). He commented that he had his son with him who was going to go to college and if the AF wouldn't tell his son there were UFO's his son would think he was a liar. Upon questioning by Major Fowkes he stated that in 1954 he had been standing in a church yard and had observed many starlight objects moving in a straight line; however, they were moving too fast to be jets. He said he had a very fascinating shot of a UFO.

3. The man identified himself as ANGELO J. BUFALINO, 49 East Columbus Ave., Pittston, Pa. He said he was calling long distance from Scranton, Pa. He repeatedly requested that a man be sent up to Pittston to see him. He stated he was a professional photographer. He said he would be in Pittston on Saturday and Monday.

4. Major Fowkes said Bufalino stated he was previously a SGT in the Air Force and prior to calling me Bufalino had made some very disparaging remarks toward the AF and the government. Major Fowkes advised that a tape had been made of the conversation and would be available at the Command Post.

14 JAN 1965

5. Major Richard Campany, Special Activities Branch, AFISII, was contacted and advised that OSI no longer was involved in UFO activities and advised me to call AFNIN.

6. Major W.M.Lyons, AFNIN Duty Officer was contacted and advised they were not interested but he would forward the information to the 1127th Field Activities Unit, AFNIN.

7. Advised incoming Duty Agent, Major Frank Bonsac, of the incident and requested that he inform Mr. Welch about 1000 hours.

8. Major Fowkes later advised Bufalino does reside at the above address.

JOHN J.PIZZO
Major, USAF

24-185-3-31

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Copy to AFISII

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

AFCSI-6D/Capt Johnson/jeb/8924/28 Apr 60

AFCSI-6D 24-185-3

MAY 2 1960

A. Pasquarelli, 1944 S. Woodstock Street, Philadelphia 45, Pennsylvania

SAFOI

1. Attached for your information and retention is a letter dated 2 March 1960 which was received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Pasquarelli.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation advised Pasquarelli that his letter was referred to the Department of the Air Force.

3. No investigation is being conducted of Pasquarelli by this Headquarters.

for Richard, Major, USAF

1 Atch
Ltr to FBI, dtd 2 Mar 60

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

AFCSI-6D
Capt Johnson Johnson, 29 Apr 60
Maj L. F. Olsen
Lt Col H. L. Moore

Olsen 29 Apr

Moore 29/4/60

File Cy: INV 24-185/3
Read Cy: Capt Johnson

2 MAY 1960 OUT TO MANAGEMENT INV OSI

MAY 3 1960

24-185-3-29

USAF IG
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

HEADQUARTERS
3 2 DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

22 SEP 1959

3DO INV 24-0-186

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near 2123 Oakmont Philadelphia, Pa., at 2106 Hours, 14 September 1959 by BERNARD SNYDER, 2123 Oakmont, Philadelphia, Pa.

TO: 2 District OSI (IG) USAF

1. On 14 September 1959, at 2120 Hours, EDT, Mr. BERNARD SNYDER, 2123 Oakmont, Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically reported to S/A JAMES A. THOMPSON that he had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) at approximately 2106 Hours, 14 September 1959.

2. SNYDER stated that he is the Assistant Director, Technical Division, U.S. Marine Corps, 1100 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. During the interview, SNYDER seemed intelligent and responsible. SNYDER furnished the following information regarding his sighting of the UFO:

a. At the aforementioned time and date, he noticed a yellow light, smaller than a dime held at arm length, make a circle almost around the moon. The light changed to blue-green and continued spiraling, passing between Interviewee and the moon. SNYDER stated the UFO was making a complete revolution in about 30 seconds, but he could not determine if it was climbing. According to SNYDER, the UFO was moving in a circle about 50 feet in diameter and at treetop level; however, he could make no estimate of the object's altitude. Interviewee stated he saw no smoke, contrails or streamers from the object and heard no noise from it.

b. Interviewee stated he observed the object for 6 or 7 minutes, then decided to report it. According to SNYDER, the UFO was at an azimuth of approximately 75° and was at an elevation of approximately 85° above the horizon.

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Letter, 3DO INV 24-0-186, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near 2123 Oakmont, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2106 Hours, 14 September 1959, by BERNARD SNYDER, 2123 Oakmont, Philadelphia, Pa.

3. On 14 September 1959, S/A WALTER L. HOSTON, 2 District OSI (IG) USAF, McGuire AFB, N.J., was telephonically advised of the information reported by SNYDER.

4. On 15 September 1959, Mr. ALBERT A. DUBIN, Meteorologist, U.S. Weather Bureau, International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that at 2000 hours, EDT, Weather conditions were as follows:

Clouds:	None
Ceiling:	Unlimited
Visibility:	15 Miles
Winds:	Southeast at 5 MPH
Temperature:	63°

DUBIN advised that there were no unusual phenomena reported that would account for the sighting of the UFO.

5. The above is furnished for your information and appropriate action.

GEORGE G. SPENCE
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

~~Copy~~ to: AFCSI-6D

G 30 SEP 1959

OUT
30 SEP 1959
CI DIV
OSI

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
24-185-3-27
23 SEP 59 1451
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

2

Declassification Authority: NND 923007



Declassification Authority: NND 923007

AFCSI-6D

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO INV 24-0-178

28 MAY 1959

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted near 2852 Norcum Road, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2145 Hours, 12 May 1959, and 2130 Hours, 14 May 1959, by LEONARD M. SATTLER 2852 Norcum Road, Philadelphia, Penna.

24-185-3-26

TO: 2 District OSI (IG) USAF

1. On 14 May 1959, at 2200 Hours, EDT, LEONARD M. SATTLER, 2852 Norcum Road, Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically reported to Special Agent JAMES A. THOMPSON, this District Office, that he had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) at approximately 2145 Hours, 12 May 1959, and at 2130 Hours, 14 May 1959.

2. SATTLER stated that he is 29 years of age, a high school graduate, a former Navy enlisted man, Manager of General Sound (an electronics firm), 3500 North 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and an amateur astronomer. During the interview, SATTLER seemed to be intelligent and responsible. SATTLER furnished the following information regarding his sighting of the UFO:

a. On 12 May 1959, he noticed light reflected by the clouds, and further observation revealed an orange colored object, spherical, and about the size of an egg held at arm's length. The object seemed to be a pulsating light that would glow very bright like an arc light for about four (4) minutes, would not be visible for about four (4) minutes, and then would glow again. According to SATTLER, the UFO was intermittently visible until 2255 Hours, at which time it changed to a very brilliant white and disappeared. Interviewee stated he took photos of the object, using daylight type color film, but added that he is an amateur photographer. SATTLER stated he was having the film processed and would make it available to the USAF.

b. SATTLER described the UFO location as first appearing at an azimuth of 70° and moving slowly to the north until it went out of sight at about 20°. The elevation above the horizon was estimated as 30° to 40°.

UNCLASSIFIED 24-185-3-26

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

c. Interviewee stated that he saw an UFO again at 2130 Hours on 14 May 1959, and it was pulsating similar to the previous sighting. SATTLER stated his wife and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. WILSON VANDEGRIFT, 2832 Woodhaven, Philadelphia, Pa., also observed the UFO. SATTLER stated his wife viewed the object through 6 x 30 binoculars, but due to the brightness, she was unable to see the object clearly. SATTLER stated he started to set up a telescope, but the object disappeared before he completed setting up the scope.

d. SATTLER stated that the object was observed at 20° to 30° above the horizon at an azimuth of about 80° and slowly moved to about 40°, then disappeared as if "someone turned out the light". Interviewee stated that on each occasion, he saw no smoke, contrails or streamers; also, there was no noise. Interviewee stated that if the UFO appeared again, he would attempt to view it through his telescope.

e. At 2320 Hours, 14 May 1959, SATTLER again telephonically contacted Special Agent THOMPSON, and stated that he had observed an UFO through a 100-power telescope, using a thin, infra red filter, but was not able to distinguish details clearly because of the brightness. Interviewee stated the object appeared to be the shape of a saucer, with the bottom up, with a protrusion at the top. Interviewee stated the protrusion appeared much more brilliant than the remainder of the object. Interviewee stated the object was about 20° above the horizon, at an azimuth of approximately 80°, was flashing on and off about once every two to three seconds, and was moving up and down slowly about 5°. SATTLER estimated the object to be about 5 miles away and directly between his location and McGuire AFB, New Jersey. SATTLER stated the object was moving in a northerly direction and disappeared at 2330 hours.

3. It is to be noted that during the first conversation with SATTLER, he reported that he had first observed the UFO on the night of 13 May 1959; however, during the latter conversation, he advised that the sighting was on 12 May 1959.

4. On 14 May 1959, Special Agent JOHN C. SHINER, 2 District OSI (IG) USAF Detachment, McGuire AFB, New Jersey, was telephonically advised of the information reported by SATTLER during his first call.

5. On 15 May 1959, Miss MARY McCORMICK, Meteorlogical Aide, U.S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia International Airport, telephonically provided the following information regarding weather conditions at Philadelphia on 12 and 14 May 1959:

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNCLASSIFIED

1959 JUN 3 15 57

COUNTER INTEL DIV

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Letter, 3DO INV 24-0-178, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted near 2852 Norcum Road, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2145 Hours, 12 May 1959, and 2130 Hours, 14 May 1959, by LEONARD M. SATTLER, 2852 Norcum Road, Philadelphia, Penna.

	12 May 1959	14 May 1959
Time:	2200 EDT	2200 EDT
Clouds:	9/10 Cloudy	7/10 Cloudy
Ceiling:	10,000 feet	9,000
Visibility:	8 Miles	15 Miles
Winds:	WSW 9 MPH	WNW 17 MPH

McCORMICK advised that there were no unusual phenomena reported that would account for the sighting of the UFO.

6. The above is furnished for your information and appropriate action.

WILLIAM R. CAMPBELL, JR.
Lt Col., USAF
District Commander

Copy to: AFCSI-6D

OUT
4 JUN 1959
CI DIV
OSI

4 JUN 1959

24-185-3-26

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
MAY 29 10 3 02 '59

UNCLASSIFIED

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

3

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3 JUN 1959
S & E BRANCH
IN

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

HEADQUARTERS
3:d DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

8 JUL 1958

3DO 24-213

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
by JAMES ALFRED BRICKETT at Philadelphia,
Pa., at 020107Z July 1958

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

1. Reference is made to Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. In accordance with Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is furnished for your information and any action you may deem appropriate:

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Shape - Similar to a point of light
(2) Size - Head of a pin held at arms length
(3) Color - Yellowish
(4) Number - One (1)
(5) Formation - Not Applicable
(6) Discernible features or details - Similar to a moving point of light
(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None
(8) Sound - None
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - None

UNCLASSIFIED

~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object - BRICKETT stated he was looking into the sky in an attempt to predict the weather when he saw instant object.
(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object when first sighted - 45° elevation bearing 230-240 magnetic compass.
(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - Approximately 45° bearing 060 magnetic compass.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - Straight across the arch of the sky
(5) How did the object disappear - Disappeared with flashing lights going west to east.
(6) How long was the object visible - Approximately six (6) to eight (8) seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual
(2) No optical aids were used

d. Time and date of Sighting:

(1) Between 020059Z and 020107Z July 1958
(2) Night, full moon

e. Location of Observer: Approximately 40° latitude north and Approximately 75° 10 minutes west, longitude

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian - JAMES ALFRED BRICKETT
DOB: 21 June 1921, at Hingham, Massachusetts
Address: 438 Anthwyn Road, Narberth, Pa.
Employed by Arco Corporation, 1500 S. 50th Street
Philadelphia, Pa., as Assistant Sales Manager

g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions - No surface winds, visibility unlimited, no clouds, hazy near horizon.
(2) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity -

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

On the surface	245° at WSW	at 10 knots
At 6,000'	270°	at 18 knots
At 10,000'	230°	at 15 knots
At 16,000'	280°	at 14 knots
At 20,000'	290°	at 23 knots
At 30,000'	290°	at 34 knots
At 37,000' "Top"	270°	at 25 knots

(3) Ceiling - Unlimited
(4) Visibility - 7 miles
(5) Cloud Cover - 3/10 of sky covered by cirrus above 20,000'
(6) No thunderstorms in area
(7) There were no other unusual activities or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. (Information furnished on 2 July 1958, by PIERCE S. ROSENBERG, U.S. Meteorological Office, who advised the observations were made at 020100Z July 1958.)

3. No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District Office unless otherwise requested.

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI (dupe)
Comdr, McGuire AFB, N.J.

15 JUL 1958

OUT
15 JUL 1958
CI DIV
OSI

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
9 JUL 58 1408

UNCLASSIFIED

24-185-3-25

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

IN
14 JUL 1958
S & E
BRANCH

1958 JUL 14 10 [illegible]

COUNTER INTEL DIV

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-205

12 JUN 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
by JOSEPH KEVOLIC at Philadelphia, Pa.
at 0816552 June 1958

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

1. Reference is made to Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. In accordance with Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is furnished for your information and any action you may deem appropriate:

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Shape - Flat, triangular, with corners rounded.
(2) Size - Average size shirt button held at arms length.
(3) Color - Black
(4) Number - One (1)
(5) Formation - Not Applicable
(6) Discernible features or details - None
(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None
(8) Sound - None
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - None

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 120-10)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object - KEVOLIC related that he just happened to look to the horizon east of his home and saw instant object.
(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object when first sighted - Approximately 30° above the horizon.
(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - 45° above the horizon.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - When sighted, the object was approximately 30° above the horizon. The object reportedly climbed steadily in a straight course until it was approximately 90° above the horizon, at which point it hovered momentarily, then descended to approximately 45°. The ascent was made in approximately five (5) minutes and the descent in approximately three (3) minutes.
(5) How did the object disappear - The object moved in a straight course in a southerly direction for about three (3) minutes, then traveled west and upward until it went out of sight.
(6) How long was the object visible - Approximately fifteen (15) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual.
(2) No optical aids were used.

d. Time and date of Sighting:

(1) Between 081655Z and 081710Z June 1958.
(2) Day.

e. Location of Observer: Approximately 40° 16' North and 75° 07' West.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian - JOSEPH KEVOLIC, Age 38
Address - 5599 Hill Creek Court
Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania
Employed by the Philco Corporation as a Technical Illustrator.

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq DO#3, File 3DO 24-205, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by JOSEPH KEVOLIC at Philadelphia, Pa., at 081655Z June 1958

g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions - Mostly clear at the time of the sighting and visibility was good.
(2) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity -

On the surface	225°	at 18 knots
5,000'	230°	at 27 knots

No other readings were made at this time.
(3) Ceiling - 8,000'.
(4) Visibility - 12 miles.
(5) Cloud Cover - 9/10 of sky covered.
(6) There were no thunder storms or unusual activity or conditions that would account for the sighting.
(Information furnished on 9 June 1958, by Miss MARY McCORMICK, Meteorological Aide, who advised instant observations were made 081500Z, June 1958.)

3. No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District Office unless otherwise requested.

For and in the Absence Of
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: ~~Dir OSI~~ (dup)
Comdr, McGuire AFB, N.J.

COURIER INTEL DIV
1958 JUN 18 12 22

OUT
18 JUN 1958
CI DIV
OSI

24-185-3 — 18 JUN 1958 — 24

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
JUN 13 12 46 '58
3
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-1)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
OFFICE OF
IN

UNCLASSIFIED

JUN 13 15 49 '58

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

1958 JUN 16 15 55

COUNTER INTEL DIV

SA-182-3

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO INV 24-203

6 JUN 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted between 2330 and 2400 Hours
20 May 1958, at Trenton, N. J.

TO: District Commander
2d District OSI (IG) USAF
Box 173, Cooper Station
New York 3, New York

1. Reference is made to Paragraph 2, Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. At 1520 Hours, 3 June 1958, JAMES A. REEDER, Chief, 2d U.S. Army Industrial Security Office, 5100 Princeton Avenue, Philadelphia 35, Pa., advised that he had received a telephone call from MARTIN J. BAILEY, Superintendent, Plant Protection Department, U.S. Steel, Fairless Works, Fairless Hills, Pa., a facility under the security cognizance of the U.S. Army.

3. According to REEDER, BAILEY stated that a former employee of U.S. Steel, HENRY J. NICKLIN, 944 Smith Olden Avenue, Trenton, N.J., Phone: EXport 4-4460, was in his office at that time and that he had with him what he considered a rather unusual photograph. NICKLIN, allegedly a photographic expert, is presently employed by Princeton University, and is working on the development of a telescopic lens for cameras. During the course of experimenting with these lenses on the night of 29 May 1958, between 2330 and 2400 hours, NICKLIN made some exposures of the moon. Upon developing and printing the films, NICKLIN noticed on one (1) of the prints, a small white spot above the moon that he could not identify. In the picture, the moon is approximately one and one-half inches (1½") in diameter, and the white spot is approximately the size of a pinhead. BAILEY stated that NICKLIN had advised that, as a photographic expert, NICKLIN was certain that there were no defects in the camera, film, or processing that could account for the spot.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY UNCLASSIFIED
(AFR 1[illegible]0-1[illegible])

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq DO#3, File 3DO INV 24-203, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Between 2330 and 2400 Hours, 20 May 1958, at Trenton, N.J.

4. Upon discovery of the spot, NICKLIN gave a copy of the print in question to the Personnel Manager of Princeton University, name unknown. Subsequently, NICKLIN became concerned as to whether he had done the right thing in not having turned the information and photograph over to a Government Agency, and accordingly reported the matter to BAILEY. According to BAILEY, NICKLIN advised that he would be willing to furnish the negative, prints, and any technical data desired to any interested Government Agency.

5. In accordance with Paragraph 19, AFR 200-2, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF is requested to interview HENRY J. NICKLIN, 944 Smitholden Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, and procure copies of photographs and negatives made by NICKLIN. It is further requested that instant photographs and negatives be appropriately furnished to the Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, along with any pertinent information Mr. NICKLIN provides.

6. With the submission of this letter, no further action is contemplated by this District Office.

For and in the Absence Of
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

24-185-3-23

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
JUN 10 08 51 '58

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

2

OUT 10
9 JUL 1958
CI DIV
OSI

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

IN

1958 JUN 12 14 10

COUNTER INTEL DIV

UNCLASSIFIED

Rec'd for ADC Ent AFB

CI

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

The Inspector General USAF
3d District Office of Special Investigations
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 709

3DO 24-198

12 DEC 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object sighted at 1677 14th Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia at approximately 2230Z, 1 November 1957.

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. JEANETTA L. COOPER, interviewed, 2 December 1957, stated that a noise outside her house, had caused her to investigate the cause. She noted an object about the size of an automobile appearing to be two metallic hemisphere joined off center resting on her house. Shortly thereafter, the object ascended straight up and was lost from sight. She stated there was originally a crash and then a sound similar to a jet engine followed by a beeping sound. She advised that although the wind was calm, there was a large amount of wind associated with the object. She did not estimate the speed but stated the object arose vertically from her roof and was out of sight in about one minute. U.S. Weather Bureau, Huntington, West Virginia reports no unusual weather or celestial activity noted on that date.

2. DETAILS:

AT HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

a. On 2 December 1957, M/Sgt EUGENE R. CARPENTER, USAF Recruiting Station, stated that on 29 November 1957, a Mrs. JEANETTA L. COOPER, 1677 14th Avenue Huntington, West Virginia had informed him of an unusual airborne object near her residence on 1 November 1957.

b. On 2 December 1957, Mrs. JEANETTA L. COOPER; housewife and employed as a Supervisor, Traffic Department, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Huntington, West Virginia; 23 years old; high school graduate (Science Major), was interviewed at her place of employment by S/A WILLIAM F. RICHARDSON.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

IN

1957 DEC 30 11 46

COUNTER INTEL DIV

Hq, DO3, File 3DO 24-198, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object sighted at 1677 14th Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, at approximately 2230Z, 1 November 1957.

COOPER related that on 1 November 1957, she had first heard a crash, then a sound like a jet engine and then a "beeping" noise. She went outside her home and upon looking up towards her roof, she saw an object that appeared like two (2) hemispheres joined off center. She described the object as metallic in appearance and about the size of an automobile. She advised that the bottom half of the object appeared to be supplying the power and added that it appeared to revolve or vibrate. She added that there appeared to be a small red light (about the size of a parking light) at the axis of the lower hemisphere which was a steady light. She stated that about two (2) seconds after she had entered her rear yard and saw the object "on top of her house", the object started to ascend straight up and was out of sight in about one (1) minute. She described the object as circular from the bottom as it went upwards and added that she could not see the upper hemisphere since there was no light on this part. She stated that as the object started to move upward there was a downdraft of air which caused her housecoat to billow out and blew leaves and twigs around the yard.

COOPER advised that she was getting ready for bed when she first heard the crashing sound which also awakened her daughter. She stated that a venetian bli in her attic had been discovered to have fallen and she believed this may have accounted for the crashing sound. She stated they have been blown down by the wind previously. She stated there was a lot of wind connected with the object, however, the weather was calm. She estimated that her first sighting of the object was about 15 degrees above the horizon line (her home is a story and a half bungalow, approximately 20 feet high at the peak). She stated she asked her neighbors if they had heard any unusual sounds and they related to her that they heard a commotion outside but did not investigate. She knew of no other witness to this occurence.

COOPER advised she had only witnessed this object with unaided eyes. No examination was made of the roof nor was any other physical evidence available. She drew a rough diagram of the object which was refined and further detailed in her presence by S/A RICHARDSON. A detailed drawing is attached as an inclosure to this report.

Time of sighting was estimated as approximately 1730-1735. Light conditions were described as night.

Location of Observer was determined as approximately 38° 25' - North, and 82° 45' - West.

COOPER identified herself as stated above and claimed no military or other observer experience. She advised that the reason she had not previously reported this incident was for fear of ridicule. She requested that she be protected from all forms of notoriety as a result of reporting this incident.

WEATHER:

c. Source described the weather as Clear and Calm and she advised visibilit was good.

~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~
(AFR 190-16)
UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq DO3, File 3DO 24-198, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object sighted at 1677 14th Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, at approximately 2230Z, 1 November 1957.

On 3 December 1957, LEROY STONE, Meteorologist-In-Charge, Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, Cabell County Court House, furnished the hourly reports taken at the Tri-State Airport on 1 November 1957. He advised no winds alofts are taken by the Weather Service in this area. The hourly reports for the period of the sighting and the prior and subsequent hourly reports are as follows:

2201 hours-1 November 1957 (2201Z-1 November 1957) - Clear - 4 miles visibility - Ground Fog and Smoke - 1016.3 millebars pressure - temperature 43, dewpoint 42 - Wind Calm - Altimeter Setting 30.00.

2102 hours-1 November 1957 (2102Z-1 November 1957) - Clear - 7 miles visibility - 1015.9 millebars pressure - temperature 45, dewpoint 43 - Wind Calm - Altimeter Setting 29.99.

2301 hours-1 November 1957 (2301Z-1 November 1957) - Clear - 4 miles visibility - Ground Fog and Smoke - 1016.3 millebars pressure - temperature 42, dewpoint 40 - Wind Calm - Altimeter Setting 30.00.

No cloud cover was indicated on the three (3) hourly reports noted.

STONE advised that no unusual weather phenomena or unusual activity or condition was noted that could account for the sighting.

1 Incl:
sketch of UFO

cc: Comdr, 783rd AC&W Sq.
Guthrie AF Station
Charleston, West Va.
(w/incl)(dup)
Dir OSI (w/incl)(trip)

Bernard J. Duffy
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

JAN 9 1958

24-185-3 - 22

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

30 Dec 57 08 40

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

3

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

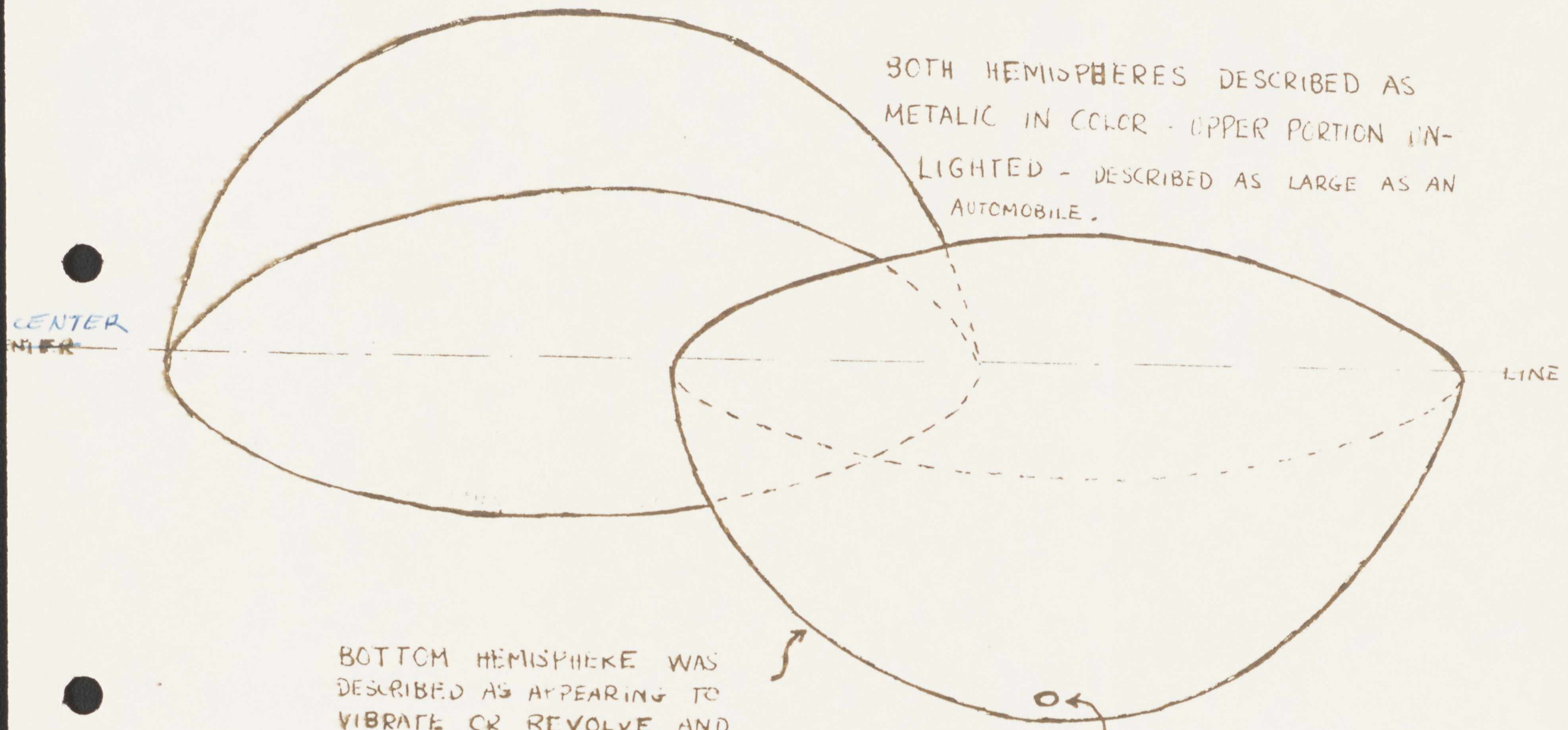


DIAGRAM OF OBJECT SIGHTED 11730 Z NOV 57 HUNTINGTON W.VA.
NOT TO SCALE - DIAGRAM DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE
THE INTERVIEW OF THE WITNESS

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-0-150

13 DEC 1957

Mr. D. Sherman
5919 Woodbine Avenue
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Philadelphia, Pa., Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning your sighting of a satellite.

By letter dated 26 November 1957, the FBI referred the above information to this District Office.

Since your sighting of the object in the summer of 1954, was not reported to this office until 29 November 1957, no action can be taken by the Office of Special Investigations.

In the event you should again sight a similar object, it is requested that you so advise this District Office immediately.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

for Stanley D. Bagnall, Lt Col, USAF
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

OUT 26 DEC 1957 CI DIV OSI

DEC 27 1957

cc: Dir OSI (w/1 Incl - Cy, Ltr
Phila, Pa., Div, FBI, dtd 26 Nov 57
addressed to Mr. D. Sherman, w/1 Incl)

24-185-3-21

DEC 19 0 31 '57

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNCLASSIFIED

IN

1957 DEC 26 13 36

COUNTER INTEL DIV



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

66-1974

500 Widener Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 26, 1957

Mr. D. Sherman,
5919 Woodbine Avenue,
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Your recent letter, received November 19, 1957 by this office, indicates that in the summer of 1954 or 1955 you saw a satellite come through the sky and land behind the Socony Vacuum Oil Company in Paulsboro, New Jersey. You indicate that you reported this to the company at the time, and that the company believed it was a meteorite.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding your communication to the Detachment Commander, 3rd District, Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF Detachment, 900B Customs House, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania, for such action as they deem appropriate.

The spirit which prompted you in forwarding this information is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Henrrich,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: OSI, PH (Enclosure)

29 NOV 1957
SERIAL
SUPERVISOR

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

5919 WOODBINE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA 31, PA.

PHILA. PA. NOV 18 1130 AM 1957

ENVELOPE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Dept. Justice
Widener Bldg.
Phila.

LETTER

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Widener Bldg. Phila Pa.

5919 WOODBINE AVE.
PHILA. PA.

Gentleman

In the summer of 1954 or 1955 I saw a satallite come thru the sky and land in back of Socony Vacum Oil Co. in Paulsboro N.J. I reported this to the company at the time, Who thought it was a meteorite. If anyone should be interested, I can give them the details.

Yours truely
D. Sheehan

SEARCHED ____ INDEXED ____
SERIALIZED ____ FILED ____
NOV 19 1957 #1
FBI — PHILADELPHIA

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CI

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

The Inspector General USAF
3d District Office of Special Investigations
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 709

3DO 24-195

19 NOV 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted while traveling on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia (2 or 3 miles within the West Virginia state line) at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z, 11 November 1957.

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

1. SYNOPSIS: THOMAS CARTER VAUGHAN advised that at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z hours, 11 November 1957, while traveling with his wife, ESTELLE, and three (3) children on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, they sighted an object which looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object was to the left of the highway at a 20° to 25° angle at an estimated Azimuth of 210°. The object seemed to change in color alternately from orange to grey; the opposite end was a constant orange color. There was no unusual noise. The object looked like it had an arch-like path towards the earth's surface. VAUGHAN stated that he could not exactly tell between the tail of the object and the exhaust. They lost sight of the object when the sun's reflection no longer was reflecting off the object.

C 4 DEC 1957

2. DETAILS:

AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

a. On 12 November 1957, Mr. THOMAS CARTER VAUGHAN, Age 42, General Superintendent of West Virginia Brick & The Barboursville Clay Company, residing at 1522 Bedford Road, Charleston, West Virginia was interviewed by Special Agent THOMAS G. REYNOLDS.

VAUGHAN related that he, his wife, K. ESTELLE, and three (3) children had sighted an object that looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object's nose seemed to change in color

24-185-3-20

NOV 27

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

UNCLASSIFIED

S&E

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

COUNTER INTEL DIV
1957 NOV 29 PM 5 3
BRANCH
IN

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

alternately from orange to grey and that at the opposite end was a constant orange color. VAUGHAN stated that there was only one object and that he did not hear any unusual noise. He further related that the object looked like it had an arch-like path towards the earth's surface. He said that he could not tell exactly between the tail of the object and the exhaust and that they lost sight of the object when the sun's reflection no longer was reflecting off the object.

VAUGHAN was traveling west on U. S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to While Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and stated that the object was sighted as they came to a hill approximately two (2) to three (3) miles within the West Virginia state line. He related that the sun had set and that the sun was either dead ahead or on the right of the highway at that point. The object was to the left of the highway at a 20° to 25° angle and at an estimated azimuth of 210° to 220°. VAUGHAN related that the method of his sighting was ground visual with the aid of 6 x 30 binoculars. Time of sighting was estimated as between 2215Z and 2220Z hours, 11 November 1957; was observed for a period of three (3) minutes and did not seem to be moving very rapidly. The light conditions were described as dusk and the sky clear.

Location of observer was determined as: 38° 36" - North, 80° 28" - West.

VAUGHAN felt that in his opinion it was not a jet plane or a shooting star, as the object was moving too slow for either of the above.

WEATHER:

b. On 14 November 1957, Mr. JOHN MAYER, Meteorologist in charge U.S. Weather Bureau, Kanawha County Airport, Charleston, West Virginia furnished Special Agent THOMAS G. REYNOLDS with the following observations for Charleston, West Virginia on 1800Z, 11 November 1957:

Winds Aloft:

At the Surface	North, Northwest	at 4 KN
6000	100 Degrees	1 KN
10,000	280	11 KN
16,000	260	14 KN
20,000	280	19 KN
30,000	270	23 KN
37,000	270	74 KN

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq, DO3, File 3DO 24-195, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted while traveling on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia (2 or 3 miles within the West Virginia state line) at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z, 11 November 1957.

Ceiling: Clear Sky

Visibility: 15 Miles

Cloud Cover: None

MAYER advised that there are no weather facilities in the White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia area, but that all weather stations around the area reported clear skies with no restrictions to visibility. He stated that, in his opinion, the weather and winds would be very similar to that of Charleston, West Virginia in White Sulphur Springs at the particular time the object allegedly was sighted. He further advised that he could not account for the sighting and that there had not been any unusual or any known activity that could explain the sighting.

Stanley O. Bzapiel 1st Lt

For and in the absence of USAF
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

cc: Comdr, 783rd AC&W Sq.
Guthrie AF Station
Charleston, West Va.
(w/o incl) (dup)
Dir OSI (trip)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709

3DO 24-190

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

16 SEP 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted in Camden, N. J., on 23 August 1957 by Mr. BALLASSAR (NMN) BOTTOS

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. BALLASSAR (NMN) BOTTOS, interviewed 30 August 1957, stated that while watching the sky enroute to work in Camden, New Jersey, he observed a glowing bell-shaped object the size of a grapefruit, climb and then dip out of sight NE of Camden, N. J. U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., reported no unusual weather or celestial activity noted on that date.

2. DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

a. On 30 August 1957, Mr. BALLASSAR (NMN) BOTTOS, age 45, 361 Marlton Avenue, Camden, N. J., was interviewed at U. S. Naval Supply Depot, 700 Robbins Avenue, by Special Agent DOUGLAS T. REYNOLDS.

BOTTOS advised that at 0700 hours to 0710 hours, 23 August 1957, while proceeding to work from his home, he observed a bell-shaped, silver, glowing object, the size of a grapefruit held at arms length. BOTTOS advised that the object seemed to climb, then dive and disappear. BOTTOS further advised that while the object was performing the maneuver it was also going away from his position and getting smaller in appearance. BOTTOS stated that, to his knowledge, there was only one object that seemed to elongate and flatten out as it moved away from him. BOTTOS further stated that he saw no tail, trail, exhaust or any describable feature, nor did he hear any sound. BOTTOS advised that the object was at approximately 45° when he first sighted it and at approximately 25° when it disappeared. Total duration in view was approximately one (1) minute.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

BOTTOS described the method of his sighting and observation of the object as ground-visual. BOTTOS produced a photograph of the object that he had taken.

Location of the observer at the time of observation was between his home and the Palmyra-Tacony Bridge.

BOTTOS identified himself as a civilian carpenter employed by the U. S. Navy at the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Philadelphia, Pa. BOTTOS further advised that he is a retired U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer and has had observer experience as part of his past navy duties.

BOTTOS advised that he was watching for the object as he had seen it almost every day for the past week on his way to work. BOTTOS advised that he first started seeing the objects since he first read two books on "flying saucers". BOTTOS further advised that he feels that the objects will land in the future and contact him personally but that he does not know when this contact will take place.

WEATHER:

b. Source was unable to describe the weather other than it was daylight and hazy.

On 30 August 1957, DOROTHY SANFILITTO, Steno-Clerk, U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., furnished Special Agent DOUGLAS T. REYNOLDS with the following observation 1155Z, 23 August 1957.

Winds:

At Surface	20 Degrees	7 Knots
6000'	80	11
10000'	60	12
16000'	40	15
20000'	20	11
30000'	50	20
50000'	290	11

Ceiling: None

Visibility: 3 miles with smoke

Clouds: None

SANFILITTO advised that records contained no information concerning any meteorological activities or conditions that might account for the sighting.

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

SANFILITTO advised that weather balloons are launched daily from Philadelphia Municipal Air Port at 2400 hours and 0600 hours, Eastern Daylight Time.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated in this District unless further directed by competent authority.

1 Incl:
Photograph of Unidentified Flying Object

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

CC: Dir, Sp Inves, HED USAF, WASHDC (trip) (w/o Incl)

Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp (AD), NCCAB, Wil., Del (dupe) (w/o Incl)

C 23 SEP 1957
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
24-185-2-19
OUT 23 SEP 1957 OI DIV OSI
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)
SEP 57 1306
UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

BRANCH
18 SEP 1957
NI

COUNTER INTEL DIV
1957 SEP 18 10 42
NI

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-189

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Drexel Hill, Pa., at approximately 81500Z August 1957

24-185-3-18

(5 Sept 57) 24-185-3-18

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

16 SEP 1957

1. Reference is made to message, your Headquarters, dated 6 September 1957, concerning the above-captioned matter.

2. Spot Intelligence Report, this District Office, dated 23 August 1957, was correctly stamped "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY, (AFR 190-16)". It is requested that you strike out the word (Confidential) at the top of Pages 2 and 3 of instant report.

3. By carbon copy of this letter, the Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Directorate of Special Investigations (IG) USAF, and the Commander, 82d Fighter Group (AD), New Castle County Air Base, Delaware, are requested to comply with Paragraph 2, supra.

24-185-3-18X

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

OUT 23 SEP 1957 CI DIV OSI

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

SEP 17 13 20 '57

UNCLASSIFIED

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

cc: Comdr, ADC
Dir OSI
Commander, 82d Ftr Gp

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

COUNTER INTEL DIV
1957 SEP 20 10 27
UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709

3DO 24-189

23 August 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Drexel Hill, Pa., at approximately 815OOZ August 1957

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. FRANK FALLON interviewed 12 August 1957, stated that while watching the sky from her home in Drexel Hill, Pa., she noted a bright light, approximating an auto headlight in nature, move down over an area of an estimated 65-25 degrees of elevation in a path approximated as directly east of her home. FALLON was unable to describe the shape and movement of the object other than as a light that moved too quickly to be a plane and too slowly to be a meteor. U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., reports no unusual weather or celestial activity noted on that date.

2. DETAILS:

AT DREXEL HILL, PA.

a. On 12 August 1957, Mrs. FRANK FALLON, Housewife, Age withheld (estimated as 55-60) was interviewed at her residence, 731 Alexander Ave., by Special Agent MARCEL E. D'HOOGE.

5 SEP 1957

24-185-3-18

FALLON related that she had seen a circular light, the size of half of the moon (also described as one-half the diameter of a dime held at arm's length) which appeared to present the same white color and half of the brightness of an auto headlight. FALLON advised that there was only one of these lights visible to her and that she noted no tail, trail, sound, or any other unusual features about it.

OUT
30 AUG 1957
CI DIV
OSI

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 24-
SUBJECT: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Drexel Hill, Pa., at approximately 81500Z, August 1957
SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT CONT'D

FALLON advised that she noticed this light while scanning the sky in the hopes of seeing the celestial phenomenon known as the "tears of St. Augstine." FALLON stated that the light was at an altitude of about 65 degrees elevation when she first noticed it and that it traveled to a point of about 25 degrees elevation when it went out of sight. Azimuth was estimated as 90 degrees throughout the one or two moments of observation. The light's disappearance from sight was attributed to its passing behind the dormer of a neighboring residence.

FALLON described the method of her sighting and observation of the light as ground-visual. No physical evidence of this sighting was available.

Time of sighting was estimated as between 1500-1530. Light conditions were described as night.

Location of observer was determined as: 40° - 10' - North, and 75° - 15' - West.

FALLON identified herself only as Mrs. FRANK FALLON, a housewife. Source claimed no military or other observer experience.

WEATHER:

b. Source was unable to describe the weather other than that it had been a clear night with no moon.

On 13 August 1957, Miss MARY McCORMICK, Meteorological Aide, furnished Special Agent D'HOOGE with the following observations obtained 81230Z, August 1957.

Winds Aloft:

At the Surface	290 Degrees	at 2 MPH
6000'	330	14 Kn
10,000'	330	20 Kn
16,000'	330	27 Kn
20,000	340	23 Kn
30,000'	360	27 Kn
38,000'	20	64 Kn

Ceiling: 15,000

Visibility: 12 miles

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Cloud Cover: 9/10

McCORMICK advised that she had been on duty as an observer at the time of the aforementioned observations and through midnight on that day and that she had witnessed no thunderstorms or no other unusual activity or condition that might account for the sighting.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated in this district unless directed by competent authority.

STANLEY V. SZAPIEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

CC: ~~Dir~~, Sp Inves, HED USAF, WASHDC (trip)
Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp (AD), NCCA, Wil., Del (dupe)

FOR ~~OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~
~~(AFR 180-16)~~

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

AFISIIC/Capt Pulido/md/68060/8 Feb 67

AFISIIC 24-185-3-17

9 FEB 1967

Declassification of UFO Reports

Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Reference your letter to 3rd District OSI, same subject, dated 30 January 1967.

2. Request referenced report be declassified and marked FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

JOHN J. STAHL, JR. 9/2/67
Chief, Special Activities Branch
Directorate of Special Investigations (IG)

Read Cy - Capt Pulido

Coord Cy - 24-185-3-17

24-185-3-17x2

AFISIIC
Capt Pulido

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

MULTIPURPOSE INTERNAL OSI FORM

(Complete only applicable items)

FILE NR. 3DO		SUBJECT Declassification of UFO Reports	TRANSMITTAL DATE 3 FEB 1967
TO	DO NR(S)		SUSPENSE DATE
	DET NR(S)		TRACER ACTION TAKEN
	DIRECTORATE OSI (IG) USAF		OFFICE OF ORIGIN
	STAFF SYMBOL AFISII		
FROM	DO NR. 3		
	DET NR.		
	DIRECTORATE		FILE NR.
	STAFF SYMBOL		

REFERENCE

Ltr, TDET/UFO dtd 30 Jan 67

ITEMS CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT

- ☐ YOUR DISTRICT IS DESIGNATED OFFICE OF ORIGIN.
- ☐ ATTACHED REQUIRES INVESTIGATION IN YOUR AREA.
- ☐ FORWARD RESULTS DIRECTLY TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.
- ☐ NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED.
- ☐ OUR FILES REFLECT PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY _____, DTD. _____, FILE _____ *(By copy of this form* _____ *is requested to furnish* _____ *copies of prior investigation/letter summary, if applicable, to* _____.)
- ☐ REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.
- ☐ INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND YOU WILL BE FURNISHED FURTHER REPORTS.
- ☐ DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION. FORWARD RESULTS OF ANY INVESTIGATION ACCOMPLISHED.
- ☐ DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN LEAD REQUEST AND DEVELOPED INFORMATION ARE SET FORTH.
- ☐ REPORT OF COMMAND ACTION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.
- ☐ REQUEST STATUS OF THIS MATTER AND/OR DATE REPORT MAY BE EXPECTED. *(Requester, forward 2 copies of this form.) (Recipient, use one received copy for answer with proper signature in remarks section unless OSI directives state reply not required.)*
- ☐ REFER COPY OF ATTACHED TO INTERESTED COMMANDER IN YOUR AREA FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION.
- ☐ ATTACHED IS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION.
- ☐ UPON REMOVAL OF ATTACHMENT(S) _____, THE CLASSIFICATION ON THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ☐ RETAINED, ☐ DOWNGRADED TO _____ ☐ CANCELED, ☐ MARKED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY." *(If classification is retained, with or without attachments, indicate reason for security classification and grouping per AFR 205-1 and 2.)*

OTHER REMARKS

The file mentioned in the attached letter has been destroyed in this District. Request your office reply to the sender of the letter.

11C
R

COPIES TO	ATTACHMENTS 1 Atch Ltr, TDET/UFO dtd 30 Jan 67	FILE STAMP AND/OR OTHER 24-185-3-17x1 UNCLASSIFIED
NAME, GRADE, TITLE, SIGNATURE FOR THE COMMANDER DONALD R. WALSH SA OSI Chief CI Division	OFFICIAL	

OSI FORM SEP 1962 96 PREVIOUS EDITION OF THIS FORM WILL BE USED UNTIL STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED. 16—77215-1 U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

30 January 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Reports

TO: 3rd District OSI

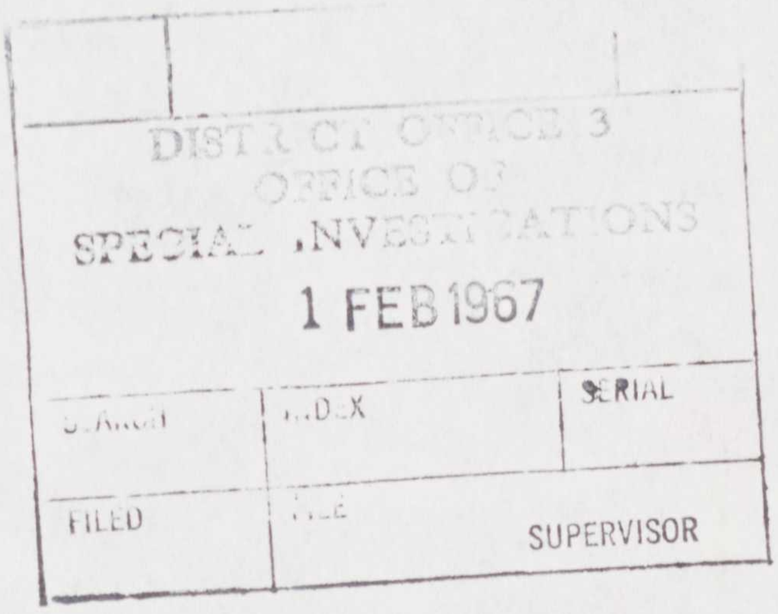
In reviewing the classified cases on unidentified flying object sightings we find that the following report, prepared by your office, did not contain classified information. Request permission for this office to downgrade these reports to unclassified.

DATE	SUBJECT	CLASSIFICATION	REFERENCE NUMBER
30 Oct 56	UFO	CONFIDENTIAL	3DO-24-170

FOR THE COMMANDER

H. Quintanilla Jr. Maj.

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems



Atch 1

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709.

3DO 24-170

31 OCT 1956

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Sighting of Unidentified Objects between
Portland, Arkansas and Wilmot, Arkansas

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

1. Reference is made to the attached Spot Intelligence Report, Subject and file as above, dated 30 October 1956.

2. During the interview of Mr. H. J. BOWEN, Special Agent HARRY FYVIE advised that BOWEN appeared to be interested in the number of such sightings reported to this office and what value Special Agent FYVIE placed in BOWEN's report. FYVIE further believed that BOWEN seemed to be "fishing" for information throughout the interview but nothing specific could be ascertained.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1, dated 3 January 1956.

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Spot Intelligence Report of
30 Oct 56, File 24-170 (trip)

Classification cancelled, ~~changed to~~ and marked FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY, effective on 8 Sept 67, under the authority of the Director of Special Investigations, by AFISIIC.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
BY Historian
3 DEC 1975
DATE

Capt Grant Peters

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

3DO FORM 44

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

1 Nov 56 1 2 36

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-170

31 OCT 1956

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Sighting of Unidentified Objects between
Portland, Arkansas and Wilmot, Arkansas

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

Classification cancelled, changed to ~~---------~~
and marked FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY, effective on
8 Oct 67, under the authority of the Directorate
of Special Investigations, by Capt Grant Palyde
(Name) (Grade)
AFISIG

1. Reference is made to the attached Spot Intelligence Report, Subject and file as above, dated 30 October 1956.

2. During the interview of Mr. H. J. BOWEN, Special Agent HARRY FYVIE advised that BOWEN appeared to be interested in the number of such sightings reported to this office and what value Special Agent FYVIE placed in BOWEN's report. FYVIE further believed that BOWEN seemed to be "fishing" for information throughout the interview but nothing specific could be ascertained.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1, dated 3 January 1956.

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Spot Intelligence Report of
30 Oct 56, File 24-170 (trip)

8 NOV 1956

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
8 DEC 1975
DATE

24-185+3-1

1 Nov 56 1236

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

COUNTER INTEL DIV

2 NOV 1956 12 33

OUT

2 NOV 1956 2 12 33

IN

2 NOV 1956 2 15 59

COUNTER INTEL DIV

S & E BRANCH

2 NOV 1956

IN

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709

3DO 24-170

30 October 1956

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Sighting of Unidentified Objects between
Portland, Arkansas and Wilmot, Arkansas

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

1. SYNOPSIS: H. J. BOWEN, interviewed 24 October 1956, stated that at approximately 233208Z, October 1956, while traveling on a bus from Portland, Arkansas to Monroe, Louisiana, he observed some unknown flying objects for about seventeen (17) minutes. BOWEN stated the weather was clear and that there were only a few stratocumulus streaks.

2. DETAILS:

AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

On 24 October 1956, Mr. H. J. BOWEN, 2311 Sconset Road, Wilmington, Delaware, was interviewed by Special Agent HARRY FYVIE. BOWEN stated while traveling on a bus from Portland, Arkansas to Monroe, Louisiana, about one (1) mile from Portland, Arkansas, he observed some flying objects for about seventeen (17) minutes. The bus stopped for about four (4) minutes in Parkdale, Arkansas, and the objects were obscurred by buildings during that period. He observed them again enroute from Parkdale, Arkansas to Wilmot, Arkansas. After stopping for five (5) or six (6) minutes in Wilmot, the light became too dim for him to observe the objects. BOWEN advised that the objects appeared to be pencil shaped from the side view and to appear as a dot when viewed from astern. There were three objects at first and between Parkdale and Wilmot a fourth joined the original three. BOWEN maintained that the weather was clear and there was only a few stratocumulus streaks but they were well defined and not "fuzzy". He stated that as he observed the objects they appeared to change headings but did not appear to change

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
8 DEC 1975
DATE

Classified by USAFISIC
8 Jul 67
Capt Dal Pulide

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 24-170
SUBJECT: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Objects between Portland, Arkansas and Wilmot, Arkansas

location as compared to the locations of the bus. The directions from his observation points in which BOWEN saw the objects was stated as being about 10 degrees north of west. He stated that he observed the objects through the window of the bus and that two other persons saw them. The names of those persons and the address as given by BOWEN are as follows:

J. E. MARTIN, Monroe, Louisiana
Mrs. RALPH STANSELL, South Alberta Ave., Greenville, S. C.

BOWEN stated that a triangulation made by him on the objects would govern his estimate of the length of the objects as about 500 feet. The three original objects, according to BOWEN, appeared to hover while the fourth joined them and then moved off toward a northerly direction.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953.

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

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc:
Dir, Sp Inves, HED USAF, Wash., DC (trip)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709.

3DO 24-0-112

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Harrisburg, Pa., Approximately 1954, Sighted by HAROLD J. TAYLOR, Treasurer, Hillers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Harrisburg, Pa.

19 SEP 1956

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

1. On 30 August 1956, S/A JAMES W. GOING, Philadelphia FBI, advised S/A JOHN E. BOREN III that the following information had been received by that office on 27 August 1956 from HAROLD J. TAYLOR, Treasurer, Hillers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Harrisburg, Pa.

TAYLOR advised in essence that approximately two (2) years ago he had observed a strange object drop from the sky and land in the street in front of the YMCA in Harrisburg. The object melted the asphalt and made a hole in the street. This incident was investigated by the Pennsylvania State Police and the US Air Force, who removed the remains of the object at that time. TAYLOR continued he heard no more about the incident until a "few" days ago at which time an unidentified man called his home while he was out. This man told TAYLOR's wife that he (the unidentified man) had read an article about the incident in a book which was published by the CITADEL PUBLISHING COMPANY, and that he would call TAYLOR again in the near future as he wanted firsthand information pertaining to the object. TAYLOR stated that in the event the man called again he would so advise the FBI.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
8 DEC 1975
DATE

3DO FORM 44

CONFIDENTIAL
UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

20 SEP 56 10 52

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

3d Dist., File 24-0-112, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, Harrisburg, Pa., Approximately 1954, Sighted by HAROLD J. TAYLOR, Treasurer, Hillers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Harrisburg, Pa.

S/A GOING stated that if they received additional information relating to this subject, he would so advise this office.

2. A search of the files of DO #3 were negative with reference to Subject.

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

DAVID E. BALES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

X

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709

3DO 24-165

18 September 1956

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Cowans Gap Area, Pennsylvania, at approximately 110145Z, September 1956

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

1. SYNOPSIS: CONRAD G. BACON, interviewed 12 September 1956, stated that at approximately 110145Z, September 1956 while in the vicinity of Cowans Gap, Pennsylvania, he sighted an unknown object moving in the skies from east to northeast and that the object changed in shape but remained fixed in color during its appearance. U. S. Weather Bureau, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, unable to cite exact weather data.

2. DETAILS:

AT GLENSIDE, PA.

a. On 12 September 1956, Mr. CONRAD G. BACON (DOB 21 Apr 21), an Electrical Engineer, General Electric Corporation, 3 Penn Center, Philadelphia, Pa., was interviewed by S/A FRANCIS X. BERGMEISTER and S/A JOHN G. HOFFMAN at BACON's residence, 220 Paxson Avenue. BACON advised that while alone and motoring on an unknown rural highway in an easternly direction in the vicinity of Cowans Gap, Pa., at approximately 110145Z, September 1956, he stopped his vehicle, alighted from same and commenced to scan the heavens for the planet Mars. While so engaged, BACON explained that he saw what he purported to be a circular object of a warmish, yellow candle-light color, about the size of a dime at arms length, moving from what seemed due east toward northeast. BACON advised that the questioned object was clearly defined and absent of any fringing effects; however, BACON related that his own shadow was cast on the ground as a result of the object's light-giving qualities. BACON mentioned that no sound accompanied his viewing of the object and that the object remained

S

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
3 DEC 1975
DATE

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

COUNTER INTEL DIV
1956 SEP 20 14 41
IN

21 SEP 1956
S & E
BRANCH
IN

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

3DO 24-165

SUBJECT: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Cowans Gap Area, Pa., at approximately 110145Z, Sep 56 -
SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT CONT'D

in his vision for approximately ten (10) seconds. BACON said that, while the object appeared to be traveling from east to northeast at what seemed to be constant altitude, it created the impression of turning on its horizontal axis and by so doing, changing in form from that of a basketball, to a football, to a fine straight line, and finally being blanketed out by the darkness of the evening skies. BACON recalled that during the object's movement and transfiguration its color quality was without noticeable change. BACON was of the belief that the object when first sighted was about 45° in elevation and was approximately 40° in elevation at the time of its disappearance. BACON advised that he considered himself an amateur astronomer, and that while the celestial bodies were well known to him, he could not reason the appearance of such an awesome sight. BACON said that he estimated the ceiling to be between 5,000 to 8,000 feet with an eight (8) to ten (10) mile visibility and that cloud cover was about nine-tenths, broken to the south and southwest and that there was no appreciable wind in evidence. BACON added that during the period in discussion he was wearing his eyeglasses which correct his vision to 20/20 and that he had never been in the military service or received any training in aircraft recognition. BACON concluded by stating that in the best interest of all, he telephonically notified S/A CYRUS A. TIMMONS at 1400 hours 11 September 1956, of his experience.

WEATHER:

AT HARRISBURG, PA.

b. On 13 September 1956, MART G. BALDWIN, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Harrisburg State Airport, telephonically advised S/A DONALD N. BALDWIN that a message received from Altoona, Pa. (#217/56/50C/017) reflects that on 10 September 1956, ceiling was estimated at 12,000 feet, visibility was twelve (12) miles and amount of cloud cover was overcast. Meteorologist BALDWIN further mentioned a possibility of rain due to light rain in general area. Meteorologist BALDWIN stated that weather reports for Burnt Cabins and McConnellsburg will not be available until the end of September 1956.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953.

PS 24-185-3-15

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

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc:
Dir, Sp Inves, HQD USAF, Wash, DC (trip)
Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp(AD), NCCA, Wil., Del.(dupe)

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

20 SEP 56 10 56

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

2

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709.

24-0-110

27 July 1956

SUBJECT: Photograph of an Alleged Unknown Flying Object Taken in Los Angeles, California, in 1946 by CLEM HART, 472 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh 38, Pa.

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

1. Inclosed is a letter recently received by this District's Pittsburgh Detachment from the above captioned individual which included a photograph taken of an alleged unknown flying object in Los Angeles, California, in 1946.

2. Attached inclosures are forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in Par 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1, dtd 3 January 1956.

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Note from CLEM HART with photograph
and envelope.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KONZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
13 DEC 1975
DATE

CONFIDENTIAL

3DO FORM 44

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

JUL 30 11 44 '56

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (1C) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

24-0-110 27 July 1956

SUBJECT: Photograph of an Alleged Unknown Flying Object Taken in Los Angeles, California, in 1946 by CLEM HART, 472 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh 38, Pa.

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

1. Inclosed is a letter recently received by this District's Pittsburgh Detachment from the above captioned individual which included a photograph taken of an alleged unknown flying object in Los Angeles, California, in 1946.

2. Attached inclosures are forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in Par 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1, dtd 3 January 1956.

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Note from CLEM HART with photograph and envelope.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY
DATE

24-185-3-14

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



(See Reverse side of Photograph)

Taken Dec - 1946 L.A. California. Object was no balloon, no kite. I think it was an Unidentified Flying object. I just ran across the photo after 10 yrs in a lot of pictures were taken through the years. See what you people make of it.

CLEM HART
472 Freeport Rd.
Pittsburgh 38, Pa.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Encl 1

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

CLEM HART
472 Freeport Rd.
Pittsburgh 38, Pa.

Greater Pgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pa

PITTSBURGH, PA.
JUL 18
9-PM
1956

EAST LIBERTY 6

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
THREE 3 CENTS

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS U.S.A.F.
3rd DISTRICT DETACHMENT.
212 9th St.
PITTSBURGH, PA.

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

SECRET

18 SEP 1956
S & E
BRANCH

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HEADQUARTERS
[illegible] DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

29 NOV 1955

3DO 24-149

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object
in Residential Section of Willow Grove,
Penna., approximately 2115 hours, 20 Oct 55

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

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF Historian
3 DEC 1973
DATE

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, Attached are two (2) copies of letter, dated 26 October 1955. A photostatic copy of the letter was furnished to this District Office by letter, District Intelligence Office, 4th Naval District, U.S. Naval Base, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 23 November 1955.

2. No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District Office unless otherwise requested by competent authority. Accordingly, this matter is considered CLOSED in the files of this District Office.

3. The Director of Special Investigations (IG) USAF, Washington, D.C., has been furnished copies of this communication and inclosure.

24-185-3-13

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 5f, AF Regulation 205-1, dated 15 December 1953, which states that classified defense information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of the Air Force without the consent of the originating agency. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

CI DIV OSI 4 DEC 1955

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
NOV 30 6 22 '55

6 DEC 1955 CI DIV OSI

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
15 DEC 1955

1 Incl:
Cy, Letter, dtd 26 Oct 55 (dup)

cc: Dir OSI (dup) (w/Incl - dup)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

C
O
P
Y

Sue Ertel
illegible Madison Rd.
Willow Grove, Pa.
October 26, 1955

Johnsville Air Station

Dear Sir or Sirs,

Last Thursday night I and a few others saw an unidentified flying object. This is not meant to be a joke, but we are curious as to the object. We thought you could or would know something about it. I shall give you the complete information as follows:

1. We saw the object Thursday, October, 20, 1955
2. Time --- about 9:15 PM.
3. Time zone --- Eastern, Daylight Saving
4. Where we saw the object --- coner of Terrace and Lawton road Willow Grove, Pa. Penna.
5. How long we saw it --- about 3 minutes, or enough time for it to go across the horizon out of sight
6. Condition of the sky --- no trace of daylight
7. The stars and moon --- many stars, just a sliver of a moon
8. The object was brighter than the background of the sky
9. Brightness, that of an automobile headlight about a mile or more away (a distant car)
10. The object diden't at any time appear to stand still, suddenly speed up and rush away, break up into parts or explode, give off smoke, change brightness, change shape, or flicker, throb, or pulsate.
11. The object did not move behind something at any time, like a cloud. Or in front of something.
12. The object appeared solid. not transparent.
13. We observed this object outside and with our bare eyes, not through any such thing as an eyeglass, sunglasses ect.
14. There was no sound except maybe a small hissing noise, the color was a sort of orangish white.
15. The object was moving North West. It had no exhaust tails or va por tails.
16. There was only one of these objects.
17. It made no mentions or did it change its course at any time while it was in sight.
18. The size was about the size of quater held at an arms length. Of this I am fairly certain.
19. It gradually disappeared from sight the farther it went, not suddenly.
20. We were located outside when we saw the object, in the residential section of Willow Grove.
21. We were standing around and talking at the time. I happened to look up and this object caught my attention.
22. I was looking toward the North when I happened to notice it.
23. It flew across the horizon, I could not estimate the height or the angular direction as I am not familiar with terms like those, but it did not change elevation or at least it diden't seem to while it was in sight.

C
O
P
Y

Uncl'

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

COPY

24. Weather condition --- Clouds, clear sky
Wing, slight breeze
Weather, dry
Temperature, cool

25. The next day I told my Biology teacher, she advised that I write to you with this information, since you have many test and this might just be one.

26. There were four others that saw it with me, they are:

Janice Addy, 48 Woodhill Drive, Willow Grove

Richard Eberz, 400 Fitzwatertown Road, Willow Grove

Micheal Stevens, Terrace and Lawton Roads, Willow Grove

Shirley Mae Vaugh, 404 Quigly Ave., Willow Grove

27. This is the first time, I think any of us have seen objects of this sort.

28. I truly don't have any idea as to the sorce of this object or what might have caused it.

Thank you very much for at least taking the time toread this report. I'm sorry if this disturbs you, it does us. I'd appreciate it very much if you would at least answer or make some sort of explanation as to the nature of the U.F.O.

I am a Sophomore at Upper Moreland High School. 15 years of age and I think I'm sane since 4 others saw it to. I wish you would answer thought it will help to convince the rest of the class since they doubt my sanity.

Thank you once again. Ihope I gave you the necessary information.

Very truly,

Sue Ertel

COPY

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-147

14 OCT 1955

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Approximately 500 to 1,000 Feet, in Vicinity of RD #2, Saltsburg, Pa., at Approximately 2200 hours, Sunday, 25 Sep 55
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. The following information concerning the above-captioned matter is being furnished your Headquarters in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

2. This is to advise that by letter, dated 11 October 1955, the Pittsburgh, Pa., Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised this District Office as follows:

"On October 4, 1955, the Pittsburgh Office, FBI, received through the U. S. Mails, a letter which is set forth verbatim below:

'R.D. #2
Saltsburg, Pa.
Oct. 3, 1955

'Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pittsburgh, Pa.

'Gentlemen:

'I would like to report a strange aircraft which we watched for about an hour on Sunday, Sept. 25, 1955 at about 10:00 P.M.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED PER EXEC ORDER 11652
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 3 DEC 1975

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

Hq 3d District OSI (IG) USAF, File 3DO 24-147, Subj: (Confidential) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S), Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Approximately 500 to 1,000 Feet, in Vicinity of RD #2, Saltsburg, Pa., at Approximately 2200 hours, Sunday, 25 Sep 55, SPECIAL INQUIRY

"This object apparently had three bright red lights which flashed about three times as fast as ordinary aircraft. The thing appeared to stop and go at will without any sound. The altitude was approximately 500 to 1,000 feet.

'The object has concerned us because early this past Spring upon returning home about midnight we watched another similar object - altitude approximately 500 feet, standing still and flashing a brilliant white floodlight over the breast of Beaver Run Reservoir which is the water supply for Westmoreland County located on Route 380 about three miles east of North Washington.

'If you desire further information we can be contacted at our home directly across from Beaver Run Filter Plant on Route 380.

'Yours very truly,

Carl L. Ferguson'"

3. No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District Office unless otherwise requested by competent authority. Accordingly, this matter is considered CLOSED in the files of this District Office.

4. The Director of Special Investigations (IG) USAF, Washington, D.C., and the Commander, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa., have been furnished copies of this communication.

5. Attention is invited to Paragraph 5f, AF Regulation 205-1, dated 15 December 1953, which states that classified defense information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of the Air Force without the consent of the originating agency. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

24-185-3-12

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI (dup)
Comdr, GPA, Coraopolis, Pa.

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-140

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2320-2340 hours, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, 12 July 1955
SPECIAL INQUIRY

19 JUL 1955

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

1. The following information concerning the above-captioned matter is being furnished your Headquarters in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

2. This is to advise that at 0005 hours, 13 July 1955, JOSEPH H. BOWEN, Civilian, 2837 S. Smedley Street, Philadelphia, Pa., informed Special Agent GEORGE J. PATRICK, Philadelphia, Pa., OSI Detachment, 3d District OSI (IG) USAF, that he had sighted unidentified flying objects from the front porch of the aforementioned residence on the night of 12 July 1955.

3. At 0030 hours, 13 July 1955, BOWEN was interviewed at his residence by Special Agent PATRICK. BOWEN, in substance related the information set forth hereinafter:

BOWEN, former S/Sgt, 13153359, served in U.S. Air Force as Instructor Flight Engineer from 1942 to 1945. BOWEN employed by Ruttle, Shaw & Wetherill, Inc., Typesetting, 1215-1219 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa. BOWEN was sitting on front porch with his wife and two (2) children, PATRICIA and JOSEPH, ages 10 and 4, respectively, when five (5) unidentified objects were sighted

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED PER DIRECTOR OF SECURITY REVIEW (AFSC) USAF
BY AUTHORITY OF THIS DIRECTIVE
KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
BY
3 DEC 1975
DATE

UNCLASSIFIED

24-185-3-11

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

at intervals. Also present were a neighbor, Mr. APOSTOL, 2835 S. Smedley Street; PEGGY SCHOFEILD, age 13, 2840 S. Smedley Street; FRANKIE DIMATTEO, age 12-13, 2838 S. Smedley Street; and ELEANOR SHARKEY, age 12-13, residence - unknown, but whose aunt resides at 2842 S. Smedley Street. Objects appeared to be like stars, but orange in color. First object appeared from due east direction, turned north, and in five (5) to fifteen (15) seconds disappeared from sight. Second object also appeared from the east, turned north, then to northwest, and in five (5) to fifteen (15) seconds disappeared from sight. The second object followed about three (3) minutes after BOWEN sighted the first object. The third object, approximately ten (10) minutes later, appeared in the north, traveled south erratically, then turned to a southeast direction and passed from sight over the rooftops. Objects four (4) and five (5) were viewed together in the east. Object four (4) traveling north and object five (5) traveling east from the point both were first observed.

Objects appeared to be stars, and their altitude and speed could not be approximated due to the great distance. Inasmuch as the aforementioned objects proceeded without apparent loss in altitude, BOWEN was of the opinion that the objects could not have been stars or other heavenly bodies. BOWEN discounted the possibility of the objects being connected in any way with conventional type aircraft, since BOWEN felt he was very capable at aircraft recognition and no trailing stream of light was observed.

The sightings were viewed within the limits of a small street which has houses on each side of the street. Weather conditions, according to BOWEN: Light conditions, night, clear; Clouds, none; Wing, indiscernible; Haze, none; Optical aids, none. Neighbor APOSTOL not impressed, believed incident the result of falling stars. So as not to alarm the children, BOWEN refrained at that time upon discussing same with APOSTOL and Mrs. BOWEN. Mrs. BOWEN substantially related that same information to Special Agent PATRICK as obtained from Mr. BOWEN. Mrs. BOWEN's account differed only in respect to the color of the objects, which she believed to have been white.

4. On 13 July 1955, DWIGHT RIGNEY, Meteorologist, U.S. Weather Bureau, International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically informed Special Agent PATRICK of weather conditions prevailing for the pertinent periods:

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

Hq 3d District OSI (IG) USAF, File 3DO 24-140, Subj: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2320-2340 hours, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, 12 July 1955, SPECIAL INQUIRY

a. WIND

	DIRECTION	VELOCITY-KNOTS
Surface	131	6
6,000	20	13
10,000	350	10
16,000	360	10
20,000	330	22
30,000	310	38
50,000	300	24
62,000	330	15

(Aforementioned readings taken at 2225 hours, 12 Jul 55)

b.

TIME	VISIBILITY	WIND	KNOTS	TEMPERATURE
2315, 12 Jul 55	Clear	SSE	4	70
2330, 12 Jul 55	Clear	SE	4	69
0030, 13 Jul 55	Clear	SE	3	68

c. RIGNEY further advised that prior to 2400 hours, the visibility was up to ten (10) miles, the ceiling was unlimited, and no cloud cover in entire sky.

5. No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District Office unless otherwise requested by competent authority. Accordingly, this matter is considered CLOSED in the files of this District Office.

6. The Director of Special Investigations (IG) USAF, Washington, D.C., and the Commander, New Castle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware, have been furnished copies of this communication.

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

24-185-3-11

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI
Comdr, NCCA, Wilmington, Delaware

3

CONFIDENTIAL

IN 28 JUL 1955 CI DIV OSI
29 JUL 1955 CI DIV OSI
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INSPECTOR GENERAL 15 20 8 07 '55
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
16 AUG 1955

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

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

5D 24-21-170

12 May 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2110 hours and 2200 hours, Eastern Daylight Time, 27 April 1955

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

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of letter from District Office No. 3, P. O. Box 709, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, dated 5 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.

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

1 Incl
Cy ltr fr DO #3
dtd 5 May 55

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

OUT
23 MAY 1955
CI DIV
OSI

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
3 DEC 1975
DATE
When Inclosure(s) is (are) withdrawn or not attached, the classification on this will be canceled (or changed to) in accordance with Par 25g
AFR 205-1

CONFIDENTIAL
UNCLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL

24-185-3-10
24-185-3-10
24-185-3
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
24 MAY 1956
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

9758

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

Classification cancelled, changed to_____
and marked ~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~, effective on
3 Apr 67, under the authority of the Director
of Special Investigations, by Capt Pub (Name) (Grade)
AFISIIC.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709.

3DO 56-1

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2110 hours and 2200 hours, Eastern Daylight Time, 27 April 1955
SPOT COUNTER INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND REPORTS INCLUDING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

5 MAY 1955

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

1. SYNOPSIS: WILLIAM R. PATTERSON, interviewed on 28 April 1955, stated that on 27 April 1955 he had sighted an unidentified flying object while on duty as a member of Ground Observer Corps. PATTERSON described object as a bright light, varying in color and shape. Report from U. S. Weather Bureau concerning weather on 27 April 1955 set forth.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 28 April 1955, Mr. WILLIAM R. PATTERSON was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN G. HOFFMAN at his place of employment, the Philco Corporation, 4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. PATTERSON stated that while on duty as a member of the Ground Observer Corps on the preceding evening, he had sighted an unidentified flying object. PATTERSON stated that the object appeared round when first sighted and for brief intervals appeared elongated (cigar-shaped) and once appeared in the shape of a boomerang. According to PATTERSON, the object was between the size of a dime and quarter when first sighted and when last seen about the size of a pinhead and appeared like a distant star. With reference to color, PATTERSON advised that the object first appeared as a brilliant white spot and alternated to red and green in that order. PATTERSON stated that he could distinguish no features or details and could notice no tail, trail,

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
BY _____ 3 DEC 1975
DATE

S
3DO FORM 44

19-83

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

2H-185-3-10

~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
MAY 9 10 24 '55
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3d District OSI SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2110 hours and 2200 hours, Eastern Daylight Time, 27 April 1955 - SPOT COUNTER INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND REPORTS INCLUDING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

or exhaust. According to PATTERSON, he could not hear any sound from the object and at one instant he believes he saw a ray of light shoot out from the object. PATTERSON stated that his attention was first drawn to the object by its brightness and unusual color changes and in previous scanning in the course of his duties it had not been there. The position of the object, according to PATTERSON when he first noticed it, was approximately due Southwest and at a 30° to 45° angle of elevation. According to PATTERSON, the object was still visible when he went off duty at 2200 hours, EDT, but its position had changed to a west southwest heading and the angle of elevation had lessened slightly as though the object had moved out into space. According to PATTERSON, the object appeared to be hovering or pivoting slightly and the only move it made was to the position where he last observed it where it again hovered. PATTERSON stated that he was able to observe the object for a period of fifty (50) minutes by ground-visual observation without optical aids other than normal eyeglasses. According to PATTERSON, he first observed the object at 2110 hours, EDT, 27 April 1955 (280110Z Apr 55) Wednesday night, from the Ground Observer Corps Post #QL40B on the roof of the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa. PATTERSON advised that the observation booth is located on the northeast corner of the roof with the door facing southwest and he was standing in the door at the time of sighting. PATTERSON advised that he resides at 152 Grandview Road, Ardmore, Pa., he was born 23 January 1915, and that he is employed as an Administrative Clerk for the Philco Corp at 4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. PATTERSON advised that he has been a member of the Ground Observer Corps since June 1954 and that he has received no formal training in Aircraft Identification. According to PATTERSON, the weather at the time of sighting was cloudy but clearing with the cloud cover moving rapidly south. The wind was from the north and the moon was shining brightly in the same general area where the object appeared. PATTERSON described the visibility as infinite and the ceiling as unlimited in the area where the object was sighted. PATTERSON stated that at 2115 hours, EDT, he reported his observations of the object to Lt. LEVIN at the Trenton Filter Center, Ground Observer Corps, and was later advised by LEVIN that other posts in the area were unable to sight the object.

b. The following information concerning the weather on Wednesday night, 27 April 1955, was supplied by Mr. NATHAN ELLIS, Meteorologist, at the U.S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., on 29 April 1955. At 2107 hours, EDT, surface winds were from the north, 360° at 4 knots, scattered clouds in northern quadrant at 8000; visibility 8 miles, 30% cloud cover in Northern Quadrant. Winds aloft at 1615 hours, EDT, were: 6,000,20°, 16 knots
10,000,70°, 10 knots

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3d District OSI SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2110 hours and 2200 hours, Eastern Daylight Time, 27 April 1955 - SPOT COUNTER INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND REPORTS INCLUDING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

16,000, 30°, 3 knots
20,000, 210°, 10 knots
30,000, 200°, 20 knots
40,000, 210°, 20 knots
50,000, not available
80,000, not available

Wind at 2200 hours, EDT, at 6,000, 40°, 32 knots. Nothing further recorded at this time. No thunderstorms were reported in the area and there was no unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise known to the Weather Bureau.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953. The Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, and the Commander, New Castle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware, have been furnished copies of this communication.

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

OWEN L. COLAW
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: ATIC, W/P AFB, Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2C

Comdr, NCCA, Del.

Comdr, Air Defense Command
Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

18 NOV 1954

NR

3DO 21-0-75

SUBJECT: Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object on 7 November 1954, in Vicinity of Frederick, Md.

TO: Commander
Flight 3F
4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pa.

1. This District Office is in receipt of a letter from the Pittsburgh, Pa., Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 9 November 1954, advising of the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object.

2. In accordance with the provisions of AF Regulation 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, instant letter is quoted verbatim for your information and any action deemed appropriate:

"On November 8, 1954, W. J. Devlin, 6432 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised this office that at approximately 5:15 p.m. on November 7, 1954, he and his wife were driving west on U. S. Route 40 in their automobile. At a point on said route where it forks left for Washington, D.C., and straight ahead for Frederick, Md., he and his wife both observed a long and narrow, pencil like luminescence in the sky somewhat to the south of Route 40. As they observed this phenomenon which had no actual form, it appeared to change from a long narrow vertical shape to a horizontal shape and thereafter appeared to have some sort of a gassy luminescence on its tail. The phenomenon appeared to be very high in the sky and from time to time seemed to diminish in size and disappear, then reappear. It appeared to be moving toward the East. Mr. Devlin stated that as he recalled the sun at that time was just disappearing over the horizon; that the above phenomenon might possibly have been in the area of a new airport recently placed in operation in the vicinity of Baltimore.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
3 DEC 1975
DATE
UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

Hq 3d District OSI (IG) USAF, File 3DO 24-0-75, Subj: Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object on 7 November 1954, in Vicinity of Frederick, Md.

The above is being furnished for your information and such attention as is deemed appropriate. This office is conducting no investigation in this matter.

Mr. Devlin specifically requested that he desired his name to be kept confidential in this matter but that he had no objection if a member of your agency contacted him."

3. This is to advise that no additional information pertaining to instant report has come to the attention of this District Office.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 5f, AF Regulation 205-1, dated 15 December 1953, which states that classified defense information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of the Air Force without the consent of the originating agency.

OWEN L. COLAW
Major, USAF
District Commander

c.c. Comdr, Air Defense Command
Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dir OSI

5

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

24-185-3-9
C

W & B BRANCH
1954 NOV 30 11 19
GB DEC 1954
001

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

M & R BRANCH

1954 NOV 30 11 16

OUT

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Dir OSI

[redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ. 2d DISTRICT OSI(IG) USAF
P. O. BOX #97, COOPER STATION
NEW YORK 3, NEW YORK

5 NOV 1954

24-0

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Request of District Intelligence Officer
4th Naval District for Identities of District
Commander, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF, and OSI
Detachment Commander, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
SPECIAL INQUIRY

24-185-3-8

TO: District Commander
3d District OSI (IG) USAF
P. O. Box 709
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

1. Reference is made to letter, your district, file 24-0-70, Subject as above, dated 15 October 1954.

2. The identities of the District Commander, 2d District OSI, and Detachment Commander, McGuire Air Force Base are Lieutenant Colonel L. L. FREE and Major MURRAY CHASIN, respectively.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 4b(1), AFOSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953, which reflects that detachment offices located on an Air Force Base will report all details pertaining to the sighting (of an unidentified flying object) to the installation commander or his designated representative. Attention is also invited to paragraph 6, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, which indicates that the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron and its echelons will normally conduct investigations of this type for the Air Defense Command, which has been given the responsibility of conducting all field investigations within the Zone of the Interior to determine the identify of unidentified flying objects (UFOB).

4. Request that the District Intelligence Officer, Fourth Naval District, Philadelphia 12, Pennsylvania, be apprised of this information and also advised that he should more appropriately contact the Intelligence Officer, McGuire Air Force Base in regard to his requirements in this matter.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF, USAF OF SPEC INV
KURT R. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
BY Historian
3 DEC 1975
DATE

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

2D OSI File 24-0
Ltr to: DO #3
Subj: Request of DIO, 4ND for Identities of Dist Comdr, 2d OSI and OSI Det Comdr at McGuire AFB

5. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibits the disclosure of information contained herein to unauthorized personnel.

L. L. FREE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

OSI DIV. GEN. INVEST. 18 NOV 1954 OUT

W & R BRANCH

OSI DIV. GEN. INVEST. 18 NOV 1954

24 185-3-8 X

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

NOV 9 08 5 54

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

SA ET 17 NOV 1954

-2-

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

OUT

1954 NOV 17 13 42

M & R BRANCH





~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-0-70

15 OCT 1954

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Request of District Intelligence Officer
4th Naval District for Identities of District
Commander, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF, and OSI
Detachment Commander, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
SPECIAL INQUIRY

NR

Wildwood airport, Cape May N.J.

TO: District Commander
2d District OSI (IG) USAF
72 E. 10th Street
New York, N.Y.

1. As a result of a weekly liaison meeting held at the Philadelphia, Pa., Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Widener Building, on 14 September 1954, the Detachment Commander, Philadelphia, Pa., Detachment of this District Office, advised this District Office of the following request by Captain MONROE RIKER, District Intelligence Officer, P.O. Box 100, 4th Naval District, Philadelphia Naval Base, Philadelphia 12, Pa.:

a. Captain RIKER requested the identities of the District Commander, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF, and the Detachment Commander, McGuire AFB, inasmuch as he intends to call upon the OSI Detachment Commander, McGuire AFB in relation to the reporting of unidentified flying objects. Captain RIKER desires that any information coming to the attention of the OSI at or within the environs of McGuire AFB, be brought to his attention, Telephone - Howard 5-1000, Extension 2055. Since McGuire AFB is only thirty (30) miles from Philadelphia, Pa., Captain RIKER opined that he could normally dispatch an Agent to the scene without delay.

2. Inclosed herewith is a copy of a TWX from 4th Naval District Intelligence Office to USAF, Washington 25, D.C., which concerns the sighting of a flying object in the vicinity of Cape May, New Jersey, on 13 September 1954.

UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 3 DEC 19[illegible]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Hq 3d District OSI (IG) USAF, File 3DO 24-0-70, Subj: (Unclassified) Request of District Intelligence Officer, 4th Naval District for Identities of District Commander, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF, and OSI Detachment Commander, McGuire AFB, New Jersey, SPECIAL INQUIRY

3. The above information is being furnished to your District Office for coordination or any action you may deem appropriate.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 5f, AF Regulation 205-1, dated 15 December 1953, which states that classified defense information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of the Air Force without the consent of the originating agency.

OWEN L. COLAW
Major, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Cy TWX, 4th Naval District
Intelligence Office, dtd
13 September 1954.

c.c. Dir OSI (w/o Incl)

M & R BRANCH

TUO

4 NOV 1954

24-185-3-8

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

OCT 19 08 45 '54

OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

OUT

1954 OCT 27 15 49

M & R BRANCH

C
O
P
Y

NAVAL MESSAGE
4ND-Gen-143

Mark Classification Plainly --
Large Rubber Stamp Preferable.

From	Date
Commandant, Fourth Naval District	13 Sept 1954
Released by (Signature, Rank and Title)	(Telephone)
M. M. RIKER, CAPT, USN DistIntelOfficer, 4ND	2055

__ Night x Routine
__ Priority

IF DUAL PRECEDENCE IS DESIRED INDICATE PRECEDENCE AFTER EACH ADDRESSEE

Action	Information
Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C. Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio --ATTN: ATlAA-2C Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado Commander, Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y.	Director of Naval Intelligence, Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C. Commander Eastern Sea Frontier, 90 Church St., New York 7, N.Y.

(This space for Communication Office use)

TEXT

FLYOBRPT X ONE X TWO WHITE LIGHTS BRILLIANCE OF STAR VEGA SIDE BY SIDE SIGHTED MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH X SPEED 15-20 DEGREES ARC IN ONE MINUTE BY STOP WATCH X WHEN OVERHEAD ONE TURNED EAST OTHER CONTINUED SOUTH X ONE GOING EAST WAS BRIGHT ENOUGH TO SEE AGAINST FULL MOON X TWO X 130255 ZEBRA TOTAL 3 MINUTES X THREE X VISUAL NAKED EYE X ON GROUND X FOUR X WILDWOOD AIRPORT CMM CAPE MAY CMM NEW JERSEY X DISTANCE CMM LATITUDE UNKNOWN X FIVE X MR. RALPH COX CMM UNITED OVERSEAS AIRLINES CMM WILDWOOD AIRPORT X RELIABILITY UNKNOWN X SIX X WEATHER CLEAR VISIBILITY 15 PLUS X WIND AT 20000 FEET 260 DEGREES 33 KNOTS X SEVEN X NONE X EIGHT X NONE X NINE X NONE X TEN X NONE

C
O
P
Y

~~Navy-NPS 4ND-Phila., Pa.~~

Encl 1

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

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

1 September 1954

5D 24-21-153

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object
at Philadelphia, Pa., Between 1940 and 2005 Hours,
22 August 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 26 August 1954, from the 3d District OSI (IG), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 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.

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

1 Incl
Spot Rpt dtd 26 Aug 54

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
8 DEC 1975
DATE

GP-9 OCT 1950

24-185-3-7

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
SEP 7 10
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

SD-F-13433

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

VIA AIR MAIL TO:
Dir OSI
ATIC, W/P AFB, Ohio,
Attn: ATIAA-2C

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.

3DO 1-10-36

26 AUG 1954

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., between 1940 and 2005 hours, 22 August 1954

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

1. SYNOPSIS: HERBERT LEAURENDEAU, Civilian, reported that he and his wife, along with approximately twenty (20) other persons unknown to him, had sighted an unusual light in the sky northeast of Philadelphia, Pa., apparently over the Delaware River or Southern New Jersey. Mrs. LEAURENDEAU interviewed and described the object as being round in shape, silver in color, and that it hovered in one spot. Sighting occurred between 1940 hours and 2005 hours, 22 August 1954, when object faded out of sight and disappeared. The "Philadelphia Inquirer", morning newspaper, carried front page story, 23 August 1954, concerning incident. Article stated that five (5) mysterious fluorescent aerial objects were sighted in the skies over Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey early the night before by armed forces control tower personnel and scores of volunteer ground observers. Article stated the Air Force had sent a group of Sabrejets to investigate, and that pilots filed reports upon return to their base, but authorities refused to disclose findings pending completion of investigation. Meteorologist at U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., advised no unusual activity or condition meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise had occurred at time of sighting.

2. DETAILS:

a. At 2030 hours, 22 August 1954, HERBERT LEAURENDEAU, 3349 N. Hartville St., Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically advised Special

S

3DO FORM 44

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 8 DEC 1975

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3d District OSI SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Phila, Pa., btwn 1940 and 2005 hrs, 22 Aug 54

Agent RICHARD W. CALLAHAN that he and his wife, along with approximately twenty (20) other persons unknown to him, had sighted an unusual light in the sky. LEAURENDEAU stated that the light was seen at 1940 hours, 22 August 1954, northeast of Philadelphia, apparently over the Delaware River or Southern New Jersey. The object was round in shape, silver in color, and hovered in one spot from 1940 hours until 2005 hours at which time it faded out and disappeared.

b. On 23 August 1954, S/A CALLAHAN contacted Mrs. HERBERT LEAURENDEAU, 3349 N. Hartville St., Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. LEAURENDEAU advised that her husband was working out of town, and that she did not know any of the other persons who had sighted the object the night before. Results of the interview with Mrs. LEAURENDEAU are set forth below in outline form in accordance with AFR 200-2, 26 August 1953:

(1) Description of the object:

(a) Round

(b) The size of a quarter held in the hand at arms length.

(c) Silver

(d) One (1)

(e) Not applicable

(f) Object was slightly longer than it was wide

(g) A blue halo appeared intermittently around the surface of the object. This halo appeared pink when a cloud passed over the object.

(h) No sound was heard

(i) The object was not similar in comparison with a nearby star.

(2) Description of course of object:

(a) LEAURENDEAU first noticed the object when she followed the stare of a crowd of people who were

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

3d District OSI SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Phila, Pa., btwn 1940 and 2005 hrs, 22 Aug 54

looking up at the sky.

(b) Approximately 45° angle of elevation. Azimuth unknown.

(c) Approximately 45° angle of elevation. Azimuth unknown.

(d) Stationary

(e) Object faded away to the northeast, became small and disappeared.

(f) Twenty-five (25) minutes

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground-visual

(b) No optical aids used

(c) Not applicable

(4) Time and date of sighting: 1940 hours to 2005 hours, 22 August 1954

(a) 222340Z Aug 54 - 230005Z Aug 54

(b) Dusk

(5) Location of observer: Hartville St., between Westmoreland and Ontario Streets, North Philadelphia, Pa.

(6) Identifying information of observer: Mrs. PATRICIA MARIE LEAURENDEAU, Civilian, Age 22, 3349 N. Hartville St., Philadelphia, Pa., Housewife. Estimate of reliability: Fairly reliable.

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

(a) Observer stated it was partially cloudy.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED [illegible]
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV

BY _____

CONFIDENTIAL DATE

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

3d District OSI SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Phila, Pa., btwn 1940 and 2005 hrs, 22 Aug 54

(b) On 23 August 1954, NATHAN ELLIS, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., supplied the following information to S/A CALLAHAN concerning the weather conditions for the Philadelphia area from 6:28 to 7:28 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, 22 August 1954: At 6,000 feet the wind direction was 50 degrees at a velocity of 7 knots; at 10,000 feet the wind direction was 330 degrees at a velocity of 5 knots; at 16,000 feet the wind direction was 300 degrees at 8 knots; at 20,000 feet the wind direction was 320 degrees at 15 knots. There were no readings available for higher altitudes. There was no wind at the surface. There was an unlimited ceiling, and visibility was 15 miles. There were scattered clouds at 7000 feet and thin broken clouds at 35,000 feet. There were no thunderstorms in the area nor were there any unusual activities or conditions, meterological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(c) Unknown

(d) Good

(e) Occasional clouds passing over object. Object still visible.

(f) None

(8) None

(9) None

(10) None known to LEAURENDEAU

(11) No air traffic in area at time of sighting

(12) Special Agent RICHARD W. CALLAHAN, OSI Detachment, Philadelphia, Pa., conducted the interviews pertaining to this investigation. Possible cause of the sighting is unknown.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
4
BY _____

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

3d District OSI SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Phila, Pa., btwn 1940 and 2005 hrs, 22 Aug 54

c. On Monday morning, 23 August 1954, "The Philadelphia Inquirer", Philadelphia morning newspaper, carried a front page story concerning the incident. The story stated that five (5) mysterious fluorescent aerial objects were sighted in the skies over Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey early the night before by armed forces control tower personnel and scores of volunteer ground observers. The story continued, "The Air Force, acting at the request of the Ground Observer Corps Filter Center and Co-ordinator's Headquarters, Trenton, sent a group of fast Sabrejets to investigate the objects. Pilots of the jets, which were in the general area on routine training flights from the New Castle, Del., Air Force Base, filed reports upon their return to the field. But authorities refused to disclose the findings pending completion of the investigation. Thousands of Philadelphia residents, who viewed one of the silver objects as it passed over the northern sections, flooded The Inquirer, the Electrical Bureau, and police stations with calls." Similar colored objects were reported over Trenton and other nearby towns. "Military ground observers said they assumed the objects were a type of weather observation balloon." "A Weather Bureau employee at Northeast Philadelphia Airport, who viewed one of the objects, said he thought it resembled weather apparatus." "Foster Scheirey, on duty as air traffic controller at North Philadelphia Airport shortly after 7 P.M., said he observed two balloon-shaped objects in the sky for more than 45 minutes. He said the mystery objects were above the clouds." "Officials of the Balloon Club of America said if the objects were balloons they could not have been manned because of the high altitude. A Spokesman for the club said there were no balloons of the organization in the air last night."

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85 dated 7 January 1953. The Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, and the Commander, New Castle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware, have been furnished copies of this communication.

OWEN L. COLAW
Major, USAF
District Commander

cc: ATIC, W/P AFB, Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2C
Comdr, NCCA, Del.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV

BY _____

5 _____
DATE

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.

3DO 1-10-36

2 APR 1954

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: At 0215 hours, 29 March 1954, about twenty-five (25) unidentified, flying objects were observed heading in a south to north direction, approximately over the Delaware River between Camden, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, Pa. The objects were described as being the size of a baseball, silver in color, with a luminous circle around each, and flying in formation. Altitude was an estimated 3000 to 5000 feet, and the speed was believed to be slightly faster than that of a jet aircraft. No exhaust trail or smoke was noticed. Observation was visual. Description of weather is set forth. Anti-aircraft radar failed to detect this formation.

2. DETAILS: On 29 March 1954, Larry Spurrier and his wife, Naomi, 2607 Eddington Street, Philadelphia, Pa., were interviewed at the 3rd OSI Detachment, Philadelphia, Pa., by Special Agent Russell A. Williams. The Spurriers stated that they wished to report that at approximately 0215 hours, 29 March 1954, they had observed approximately twenty-five (25) unidentified, flying objects in the sky. The Spurriers described these objects as being round, and silver in color, with a luminous circle around each. The Spurriers estimated that the objects were between 3000 and 5000 feet in the air, and all but one appeared to be a little larger than the size of a baseball. They stated that one of the objects flying towards the rear was about twice the size of the others. The Spurriers advised that the objects appeared to be flying in formation. They described this formation as two (2) objects flying side by side with one (1) following, and then two (2) more flying side by side and one (1) following. This formation was repeated. The Spurriers informed Special Agent Williams that there was a slight variation in the formation and that the objects seemed to move with a slight up and down effect. They said that this motion was not very noticeable. When they first sighted

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED TO [illegible]
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
8 DEC 1975
DATE

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
APR 5 09 24 '54
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

the objects, they appeared to be flying in a straight line. The Spurriers said that there appeared to be a flame coming out of the rear of each object. This flame was approximately one-fourth of the length of the object. The Spurriers stated that they could not hear any sound from the objects and that they were moving slightly faster than the speed of a jet airplane. During the time that they observed these objects, one (1) veered away from the formation, with what the Spurriers said was a tremendous speed, and then it came back and rejoined the formation. The Spurriers stated that they saw no exhaust trail or smoke and that they did not notice any unusual odors in the air.

The Spurriers stated that they are employed at the Honeydew Cafe, 900 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn, New Jersey, as musicians. They stated that they had been working that night and had left work at approximately 0130 hours. Mr. Spurrier was the first to notice the objects and called his wife to show them to her. They stated that the objects were within their vision for approximately one to two minutes, and the reason that they did not see them for a longer time was that other houses in the vicinity of their home interfered with their view. These objects were sighted from the street outside of their home at 2607 Eddington Street, Philadelphia, Pa., were flying from south to north, and appeared to be following the Delaware River. Mr. Spurrier said that the objects were approximately two (2) miles away. Mr. Spurrier said that it was very dark and there were some clouds in the sky; however, he said he could see stars. The Spurriers both said that the objects appeared to be giving off some light and that they lit up the sky where they were traveling.

The Spurriers further stated that they saw everything with the naked eye and did not use any telescope or binoculars. They said that they had notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia Police Department and Philadelphia Inquirer, asking the newspaper not to mention their names in any article that might be printed, as they did not want anyone to believe that this was a publicity stunt on their part. The Spurriers also said that during the evening while they had been working, they had very little to drink and that they had their last drink approximately 2½ hours before they sighted the objects. Mr. Spurrier said that he had served in the Army from 1943, serving with the 30th Special Services Company attached to the 20th Corps, and had spent most of his time in Europe.

On 29 March 1954, Henry P. Adams, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Custom House, 2nd and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., was interviewed. Adams advised that at 0130 hours at the International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., there were scattered clouds at 800 feet, five (5) miles visibility, smoke and haze, winds SW 13. Adams further advised that at 0230 hours there was an overcast at 9000 feet, visibility five (5) miles, smoke and haze, winds WSW 5. He also stated that at 0130 hours, at 6000 feet, the wind velocity was 230 degrees and 42 miles per hour, and at 9000 feet they were 250 degrees and 31 miles per hour.

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3rd Dist OSI SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

On 29 March 1954, Captain Hemil Monteich, S-3, 24th Anti-Aircraft Group, Swarthmore, Pa., was interviewed. Monteich stated that their radar equipment had not picked up any unusual formations that morning.

3. ACTION: No further investigation has been undertaken by this District Office, and this report is being forwarded as a matter of interest to your office. Copies of this report have been furnished the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Attention: ATIAA-2C; Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado; and Commander, Newcastle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware.

OWEN L. COLAW
Major, USAF
District Commander

CC: ATIC, Wright-Patterson
AFB, Ohio (dup)
ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado (dup)
NCCA, Wilmington, Delaware

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.

3DO 1-10-36 19 March 1954

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

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

1. SYNOPSIS: JOSEPH P. SABAITIS, a resident of Scranton, Pa., reported by letter, postmarked at Scranton, Pa., 16 March 1954 and addressed to the Scranton, Pa. Detachment of the 3d District OSI (IG) USAF, the sighting of an unidentified flying object on 12 March 1954 at about 1940 hours in the vicinity of the 1500 block of Nay Aug Avenue, Scranton, Pa. SABAITIS was interviewed on 16 March 1954 and furnished substantially the same information as contained in his letter, copy of which is attached as an inclosure to this report.

2. DETAILS: On 16 March 1954, the Scranton, Pa. Detachment of the 3d District OSI (IG) USAF, received an unsigned letter, postmarked Scranton, Pa., 16 March 1954, reflecting the writer's telephone number in Scranton, Pa., and reporting the sighting of an unidentified flying object at approximately 1940 hours 12 March 1954 at Scranton, Pa. A copy of this letter is attached as an inclosure to this report. Subsequent to the receipt of this letter the writer was identified as JOSEPH P. SABAITIS residing at 1417 Nay Aug Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

On 16 March 1954, SABAITIS was interviewed by Special Agent ALDEN Y. WARNER, Jr. of the Scranton, Pa. Detachment, 3d District OSI (IG) USAF. In accordance with paragraph 6, AFR 200-2, dated 26 August 1953, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, and in accordance with AFCSI Letter 85, dated 7 January 1953, Subject: Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, the following information was obtained from SABAITIS:

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
3 DEC 1975
DATE

CONFIDENTIAL

UNCLASSIFIED

3DO FORM 44

Declassification Authority: NND 923007



Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 1-10-36 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT
Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects

(1) Description of the object(s):

(a) Shape - Observer stated that the object was in the shape of a vapor trail similar to those made by high-flying aircraft; that it appeared to him to be about two (2) feet in width and that it was equally luminous from beginning to end.

(b) Size compared to a known object. - Observer stated that he could not compare the object he saw to any known object.

(c) Color. - Luminous - no particular color.

(d) Number. - One (1).

(e) Formation, if more than one. - Not applicable.

(f) Any discernible features or details. - None.

(g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s). - Observer stated that the whole object resembled a vapor trail and stated that he first thought it was the exhaust of a jet or the tail of a meteor.

(h) Sound. If heard, describe sound. - None heard. Observer stated that truck traffic on a nearby highway may have obscured any sound that the object made.

(i) Other pertinent or unusual features. - None.

(2) Description of course of object(s):

(a) What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)? - SABAITIS stated that he was looking into the sky while walking home and that he noticed the object while doing so.

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed. - SABAITIS estimated that he first saw the object at an angle of elevation of about 30°.

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance. - Unknown.

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 1-10-36 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT
Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects

(2) Description of course of object(s): Cont'd

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s). - SABAITIS stated the object was proceeding due north at an altitude he could not estimate, and that the object made no maneuvers while he had it in sight.

(e) Manner of disappearance of object(s). - SABAITIS stated that the luminescence of the object grew dim as he turned around due to the glare of lights on the ground.

(f) Length of time in sight. - About 20 - 30 seconds.

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, air-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type or radar.) - Ground-visual.

(b) Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof. - None.

(c) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station. - Not applicable.

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) Zulu time-date group of sighting. - Approximately 1940 hours EST, 12 March 1954.

(b) Light, conditions (use one of the following terms): Night, day, dawn, dusk. - Night.

(5) Locations of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark. - Observer was walking south in the 1500 block of Nay Aug Avenue in Scranton, Pa.

(6) Identifying information of all observer(s):

(a) Civilian-Name, age, mailing address, occupation, and estimate of reliability. - JOSEPH P. SABAITIS, age 31 (DOB: 20 Feb 23 at Scranton, Pa.), 1417 Nay Aug Ave., Scranton, Pa. Employed as a laborer in the Finishing

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

(6) (a) Department of the U. S. Hoffman Machinery Co., South Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa. SABAITIS is a high school graduate and has never attended college. He was in the infantry until March 1946 and has not been in the service since. He has never been in the Air Force, and has only a mild interest in and knowledge of aviation. He appears to be slow and deliberate in his thoughts and actions, and during the interview did not seem to be lying or trying to draw attention to himself. He was unexcited during the interview and answered all questions freely. SABAITIS stated that he had not been indulging in intoxicants prior to his observation. Although SABAITIS is not a trained observer, it is thought that he reported something he actually observed. The interviewer rates the source and the information as about C-3.

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

(a) Observer(s) account of weather conditions. - Observer stated that the night was very clear and that there were no clouds. Observer added that there was little or no wind on the ground.

(b) Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000', if available. - Not available.

(c) Ceiling. - Unlimited.

(d) Visibility. - Clear night.

(e) Amount of cloud cover. - None.

(f) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located. - None.

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. - None known.

(9) Existence of any physical evidence of the sighting, such as materials and photographs. - None.

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 1-10-36 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT
Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects

(10) Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives). - None known or observed.

(11) Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting. - None observed.

(12) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting. - ALDEN Y. WARNER, Jr., Special Agent, OSI, Detachment Commander, Scranton, Pa. Detachment, 3d District OSI (IG) USAF.

On 16 March 1954, 1st Lt CLARENCE J. COLE, Adjutant, 648th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Benton, Pa., was interviewed by Special Agent WARNER at the 648th AC&W Squadron. COLE stated that a log is maintained on all flying objects sighted and tracked and advised that a review of this log indicated that no flying objects were sighted or tracked at approximately 1940 hours 12 March 1954.

3. ACTION: Director of Special Investigations, Washington 25, D. C., Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-2C, and Commander, 648th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Benton, Pa., notified of this sighting of an unidentified flying object by Spot Intelligence Report.

Bernard T. Hart
Capt, USAF
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF
OWEN L. COLAW
Major, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Cy of unsigned and undtd ltr rec'd by Scranton, Pa. Det, 3d Dist OSI (IG) USAF, in envelope postmarked Scranton, Pa., 16 Mar 54, trip

cc: Comdr, ATIC, W/P AFB, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-2C, in dup w/Incl in dup
Comdr, 648th AC&W Sq, Benton, Pa. w/Incl (1 cy ea)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

AFCSI/Lt Col Free/fjm [redacted] tn 5 May 52 AM CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY INFORMATION [redacted]

24-185-3

(Confidential - Security Information) HOWARD PAYNE, Rochester Alloy Casting Company - SPECIAL INQUIRY - (FLYING SAUCERS)

Collection Control Branch, Collection Division
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

7 MAY 1952

1

xxxxx Directorate of Research & Development
Deputy Chief of Staff/Development
IN TURN

Lt Col Free/fjm/AFCSI-6
Code 192/X-140

FROM: Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

1. The following information which was received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is furnished as a matter of interest to your office and any action which may be deemed appropriate:

> "On April 6, 1952, Orion Ortan Payne, Cleveland Street, North Rochester, Pa. contacted an agent of this office and stated that his father, Howard Payne, the owner of the Rochester Alloy Casting Company, North Rochester, Pa. possessed knowledge which could be of great value to the Air Force experiments with flying saucers. Orion Ortan Payne continued that his father can build an atom bomb and has the secrets of the propulsion force of the flying saucer. He added that his father was unwilling to discuss these matters except with top level personnel and scientists for fear of being labeled insane.
>
> "Orion Ortan Payne advised that he was nineteen years old, had secured a hardship discharge from the United States Air Force, and was currently employed as a salesman with the Seven-Up Bottling Company, Beaver Falls, Pa. This office has no additional information on Orion Ortan Payne or Howard Payne. It is to be noted that the agent that received the above information described Orion Ortan Payne as apparently neurotic."

2. In order that the files of OSI may contain complete information with regard to this matter, request that any action which may be taken as a result of the foregoing data be furnished this office.

AFCSI FILE COPY

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV

BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian

8 DEC 1975
DATE

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

AFCSI-6

OSI 7 MAY 1952 MANAGEMENT DIV OSI

24-1853-4

UNCLASSIFIED

7 MAY 1952

SECURITY INFORMATION

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL
SECURITY INFORMATION

HQ. 3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX #709
HARRISBURG, PA.

3DO 24-0-36

RHR/mn
24 April 1952

SUBJECT: HOWARD PAYNE
Rochester Alloy Casting Co.
SPECIAL INQUIRY - (FLYING SAUCERS)

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

Disclosure of the nature, sources, or existence of information in this report to persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, IG, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1.

1. The following message was received from the Pittsburgh Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 22 April 1952:

"On April 6, 1952, Orion Ortan Payne, Cleveland Street, North Rochester, Pa. contacted an agent of this office and stated that his father, Howard Payne, the owner of the Rochester Alloy Casting Company, North Rochester, Pa. possessed knowledge which could be of great value to the Air Force experiments with flying saucers. Orion Ortan Payne continued that his father can build an atom bomb and has the secrets of the propulsion force of the flying saucer. He added that his father was unwilling to discuss these matters except with top level personnel and scientists for fear of being labeled insane.

"Orion Ortan Payne advised that he was nineteen years old, had secured a hardship discharge from the United States Air Force, and was currently employed as a salesman with the Seven-Up Bottling Company, Beaver Falls, Pa. This office has no additional information on Orion Ortan Payne or Howard Payne. It is to be noted that the agent that received the above information described Orion Ortan Payne as apparently neurotic."

2. This information is forwarded for submission to Headquarters Air Materiel Command and/or any other action deemed appropriate by your office.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY ROBERT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
DATE 8th Historian DEC 1975

UNCLASSIFIED

Robert H Ray

CC: Hq OSI, Wash. D. C.

ROBERT H. RAY
Major, USAF
District Commander

CONFIDENTIAL

8 MAY 1952

APR 25 1952

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

SECURITY INFORMATION
CONFIDENTIAL

AIR MAIL

RHR/mn
28 February 1952

3DO 24-84

SUBJECT: Green Fire-Balls Reported over Phila., Pa., 29 January 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

" Attention is invited to paragraph 16, AFR 205-6, dated 1 September 1950, which prohibits the disclosure of investigative information to unauthorized persons. "

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

1. Reference is made to telephone message received from Major JOHN F. O'CONNELL, your office, at 0930 hours on 27 February 1952, requesting the securing of information concerning a report to the effect that green fire-balls had been seen flying over Philadelphia on 29 January 1952.

2. In an interview on 27 February 1952, Dr. CHARLES POLLARD OLIVIER, Director, Astronomical Observations, University of Pennsylvania, furnished the following information:

At approximately 1817 hours on 29 January 1952 a FIRE-BALL, better known as a meteor, appeared over Northeastern Pennsylvania. This meteor was blue-green in color with great unanimity by the observers. He stated that the brillancy averaged to be that equal of a quarter moon. Its visibility lasted approximately 10 to 12 seconds at which time it disintegrated not less than 50 nor more than 100 miles Northwest of Philadelphia. The general phenomena gave a strong indication that the end point was low enough for fragments to have fallen as meteorites.

Dr. OLIVIER stated that he had received approximately 450 reports from persons from Massachusetts to Maryland. These reports have been in the form of phone calls, letters, etc., of which approximately one-third have real scientific information of value.

Dr. OLIVIER stated that he did not personally observe this meteor nor was it observed by anyone from the University of Pennsylvania Observatories. Dr. OLIVIER stated that there is no doubt that the phenomena was that of a brilliant FIRE-

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
J. M. K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
BY Historian
8 DEC 1975
DATE

CONFIDENTIAL

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

3DO 24-84
SUBJECT: Green Fire Balls Reported over Phila, Pa. 29 Jan 52
SPECIAL INQUIRY

BALL or meteor inasmuch as he has "worked up numerous cases of instances of this type".

Dr. OLIVIER advised that a report of this incident will be published in a scientific journal by himself and that the report will be contained in a publication known as the "Flower Astronomical Observatory" of the University of Pennsylvania.

3. The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of 30 January 1952 carried the following article on the front page:

SEE A BIG METEOR? TELL IT TO ASTRONOMER

If you saw a meteor falling to the north of Philadelphia last night, Dr. CHARLES P. OLIVIER, Director of the Flower Observatory, Upper Darby, would like to hear from you.

Several persons reported seeing the phenomenon about 6.15. Some described it as a huge ball of blue and red flame. Others said the ball was green with yellow "tails". All agreed it seemed to be falling straight towards the earth.

Dr. OLIVIER, who is president of the American Meteor Society, said he had no first-hand knowledge of the meteor. But he said he would like to hear by letter from those who did, with a description of what they saw.

4. On 27 February 1952, Lt. A. T. McTAIG, Intelligence Division, Police Department, City of Philadelphia and Special Agent ELWOOD E. PETT, Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia, Pa., were contacted and both advised that their respective offices had received no reports of the fire ball.

5. This case is RUC.

Robert H Ray
ROBERT H. RAY
Major, USAF
District Commander

24-1853-D-3

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
MAR 3 08 33 '52
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

CC: Hq OSI (dup)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3RD DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.

31 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: At approximately 2230 hours, 30 March 1950, unconventional aircraft was sighted about 2 miles north of Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa. by 1st Lt. EDWARD A. FIORETTI and Pfc. PAUL R. RUNYAN.

2. DETAILS: Between 2215 and 2230 hours, 30 March 1950, 1st Lt. EDWARD A. FIORETTI, who was Officer of the Day, 2239th AFRTC, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa., accompanied by Pfc. PAUL R. RUNYAN, was going in a northerly direction across the ramp in a jeep when Lt. FIORETTI noticed an object in the sky which he at first thought might be a parachute. Lt. FIORETTI ordered Pfc RUNYAN, who was driving the jeep, to stop and both men got out of the vehicle and stood on the ramp. They observed the object move from a considerable distance northwest of the field to approximately within 2 miles of the northern edge of the field. It appeared to be losing altitude and came to within an estimated 2000 ft. of the ground at its closest proximity to Greater Pittsburgh Airport. At this altitude and proximity it made several gradual flat turns at an estimated speed of about 50 miles an hour. Both men described the object as circular with a scalloped periphery, similar in shape to an open parachute observed from the underside. It was estimated to be approximately from 50 to 60 feet in diameter and emitted an exhaust from the center of the lower surface. The object made no sound. It was white with a tendency to gray toward the center of the lower surface. It maintained a flat attitude in turns and at all other times in flight. After maneuvering for a short period it began an almost perpendicular climb, at a terrific rate of climb, moving slightly to the east and in approximately one to two minutes was completely out of sight at possibly 50 to 60 thousand feet. Ceiling and visibility were unlimited.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 8 DEC 1975

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

CONFIDENTIAL

3. ACTION: Commanding Officer, 2239th AFRTC, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa., notified 31 March 1950.

C.C. Waterman
ddcy 5 APR '50

MICHAEL G. FRISCH
Major, USAF
District Commander

24-185-3--2
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
APR 5 11 24 AM '50
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

CONFIDENTIAL

6107
APR 11 1950

Declassification Authority: NND 923007



Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Confidential

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-33

DATE 31 OCT 1949

REPORT MADE BY
ALFRED M. KIRK

REPORT MADE AT
DO#3, 1612 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, Pa.

PERIOD
12 Oct 49

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

STATUS
RUC

TITLE

SIGHTING OF UNKNOWN OBJECT, 11 OCT 49 AT HARRISBURG, PA., BY MESSRS. JOHN W. LUCKENBAUGH AND JOHN WILBERT

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
News Item, The Evening News, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 11 October 1949

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon information taken from an article appearing in the Harrisburg Evening News 11 October 1949 regarding the sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena over Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at 0858 Hours 11 October 1949. LUCKENBAUGH and WILBERT sighted the unidentified spherial object at high altitude proceeding in a southerly direction. Object was traveling horizontally and resembled a disc. Object did not change course and disappeared from sight still holding a southerly course. Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania Weather Station, reported for 11 Oct 49, at 0830E Hours Clear Skies, Visibility three (3) Miles in ground fog and smoke. At 0930E Hours - Clear Skies, Visibility nine (9) Miles. LUCKENBAUGH, former Navy Carrier Pilot, now member Naval Reserve (Inactive); WILBERT, former Sergeant USAF, both considered reliable and sober citizens.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
8 DEC 1975

DISTRIBUTION		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO	DATE	FILE STAMP
DO #5, W/P AFB (Action Copy)(1 Incl)	2			24-185-3-1 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Hqs OSI, Wash, DC	2			TUNOV 2 9 45 AM '49
File	1			OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

APPROVED

MICHAEL G. FRISCH
Major, USAF

District Commander

1457

UNCLASSIFIED

NOV 1 1949

UNCLASSIFIED

AFHQ FORM 15 JAN 49 O-208 Replaces AFCSI Form 4, 23 Jul 48, which may be used.

16—57744-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Confidential

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

UNCLASSIFIED

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Confidential

File No 24-33

DETAILS:

AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

1. This investigation predicated upon a newspaper article appearing in the Harrisburg Evening News, evening of 11 October 1949, in which JOHN W. LUCKENBAUGH and JOHN WILBERT, 625 Emerald Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, were alleged to have seen a "flying saucer" heading south at 20,000 Feet on the morning of 11 October 1949, at 0858 Hours at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

2. On 12 Oct 49, JOHN W. LUCKENBAUGH and JOHN WILBERT were interviewed at the Plumbing Shop of JOHN LUCKENBAUGH, Sr., Rear 625 Emerald Street, Harrisburg, Pa. Both stated in substance that at 0858 Hours morning of 11 Oct 49, while loading a truck at the Plumbing Shop, WILBERT looked into the sky toward the south and saw a flying object resembling a disc. WILBERT called this to the attention of LUCKENBAUGH. Both stated that the object was flying in a southerly direction at an estimated height of 20,000 Feet (LUCKENBAUGH stated he used his Navy Pilot Training and mathematics to approximate the altitude). The object apparently moved at great speed as it glistened in the morning sun and appeared to have a rolling motion similar to that of a wheel turning. The object as it moved in a southerly direction was observed then from a rear position and had the appearance of partially revolving on a horizontal axis. The object was in view not more than five (5) or six (6) seconds. Both persons interviewed stated that as unconventional as their stories might sound, both are positive that such a phenomenon did exist.

3. Records of the U.S. Naval Reserve Battalion, 2998 N. 2nd Street, Harrisburg, Pa., indicate JOHN W. LUCKENBAUGH, Jr., is a member of the Naval Reserve but inactive due to lack of flying accommodations. Nothing in Navy files to indicate anything derogatory or detrimental to LUCKENBAUGH as to character, sobriety, and reliability.

4. Major JAMES H. AINSWORTH, Station Weather Officer, Weather Detachment, 12/12L, 12th Weather Squadron, Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania, stated in writing that the report of weather conditions on 11 Oct 49 were as follows: 0830E --- Clear Skies, Visibilities 3 Miles in Ground Fog and Smoke. 0930E --- Clear Skies, Visibilities 9 Miles.

4. Following information was given by LUCKENBAUGH and WILBERT when interviewed:

(1) Date of Sighting - 11 Oct 49

(2) Time of Sighting - 0858 Hours

(3) Where Sighted - Ground

(4) Number of Objects - Sketch attached

Confidential

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

File No 24-33

(5) Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting - Not known

(6) Distance of object from observer

(a) Laterally
(b) 60-Degree angle
(c) Approximately 15,000 to 20,000 Feet in altitude

(7) Time in sight - Six (6) Seconds

(8) Appearance of object

(a) Aluminum or bright polished metal
(b) Shape - Round sketch attached
(c) Apparent construction - Not known
(d) Size - Apparently 40 Ft span in diameter

(9) Direction of Flight - South

(10) Tactics or maneuvers

(a) Straight - revolving about horizontal axis

(11) Evidence of exhaust

(a) Color of smoke - unknown
(b) Length and width - unknown
(c) Odor - unknown
(d) Rate of evaporation - unknown
(e) Does trail vary with sound? - unknown

(12) Effect on clouds

(a) Opened path through clouds? - Unknown; skies clear of clouds

(13) Lights - unknown

(14) Support - Smooth surface; no apparent breaks or objects from surface

(15) Propulsion - None apparent

(16) Control and stability

(a) Excellent flight - No motion other than that described in para (10)

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

File No 24-33

(17) Air Ducts - None seen

(18) Speed - M.P.H. - LUCKENBAUGH estimates speed to be from 900 to 1900 M.P.H. Figure arrived at by algebra - geometry at altitude and from methods used by Navy pilots in estimating speed of other aircraft

(19) Sound - None heard

(20) Manner of disappearance

(a) Faded from view

Relative to Observer

(1) Name of observer - JOHN W. LUCKENBAUGH, Apprentice Plumber, 2303 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

(2) Place of business - 615 Forrest Street; 625 Emerald Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

(3) Pertinent Hobby - Model airplane racing

(4) Ability to determine - Past flight experience with Navy Aviation; former Pilot, rank Ensign PBM; 4 years assigned Naval Carrier; at Guam after World War II. No combat experience

(5) Reliability of observer - Good

(6) Notes relative to observer:

(a) Sightings in general - Apparently good
(b) How attention was drawn to object: - Called to LUCKENBAUGH's attention by JOHN WILBERT, who was looking at a DC-3 when phenomenon observed

(7) Witnesses

(a) JOHN WILBERT, 2248 Atlas Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
(b) Occupation - Apprentice Plumber
(c) Reliability - Good. WILBERT, former Sergeant USAF, Flexible Gunner

(8) LUCKENBAUGH and WILBERT have the appearance of being stable and intelligent in their manner of conversation and observations and are considered reliable.

Declassification Authority: NND 923007

Confidential

INCLOSURES

FOR DO#5, Wright-Patterson AFB:

Two (2) copies of sketch of unidentified aerial phenomenon as described by LUCKENBAUGH and WILBERT.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Confidential

Declassification Authority: NND 923007