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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. 24-16	DATE AUG 2 - 1949
TITLE PROJECT "GRUDGE" UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED BY THOMAS J. PAGE	REPORT MADE BY	CHARLES E. BROOKS
	REPORT MADE AT	DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB
	PERIOD	25, 26 July 1949
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB
	STATUS	CLOSED

CHARACTER	Special Inquiry
REFERENCE	None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from Acting District Commander, DO # 17, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, dated 7 July 1949, requesting investigation of sighting of object by THOMAS J. PAGE, on 14 March 1949, en route from Honolulu to Canton Island. Interview with Mr. THOMAS J. PAGE, Palo Alto, California, revealed the object he saw could not possibly have been man made. He stated his reason for writing to Mount Wilson Observatory was unusual size of the celestial body.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from Acting District Commander, DO # 17, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, File No. 24, dated 7 July 1949, requesting investigation of sighting of object by THOMAS J. PAGE, on 14 March 1949, en route from Honolulu to Canton Island.

AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

2. On 25, 26 July 1949, Mr. THOMAS J. PAGE, 1423 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California, stated that the object sighted by him mentioned in his letter to Mount Wilson Observatory could by no manner or means have been anything but a celestial body. Mr. PAGE was very emphatic that it could not have been an aircraft in any form and that he so stated in his letter. Mr. PAGE stated his reason for writing the letter was the unusual size of the celestial body which he took to be a meteor but which might have been a comet. Mr. PAGE stated that the object definitely could not have been man made.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

DR:MEN:jbt

File No: 24-8

29 July 1949

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Aerial Phenomena

TO: HEADQUARTERS, USAF
The Inspector General, USAF
ATTN: Director of Special Investigations
Washington 25, DC

1. In the course of the investigation being conducted by this office regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, of the University of New Mexico, has been of inestimable assistance.

2. For the furtherance of the investigation, Dr. LA PAZ desires to transmit certain data pertaining to the date and location of the "fireballs" to Dr. SETH B. NICHOLSON of the Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories, so that reports on magnetic disturbances concurrent with the "fireball" sightings may be prepared. This course was suggested by Dr. JOSEPH KAPLAN of the Scientific Advisory Board.

3. The status of Dr. NICHOLSON with regard to access to classified matter is being checked by District No. 5 at Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, and no action will be taken unless NICHOLSON is cleared for such material.

4. It is requested that authorization be granted for this District to furnish Dr. LA PAZ with such data as he needs to forward to Dr. NICHOLSON, contingent, of course, on NICHOLSON's being adequately cleared.

5. The data required bears a classification of "Confidential."

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 3 DEC 1975

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Aerial Phenomena		REPORT MADE BY JACK L. BOLING	
		REPORT MADE AT DO#17, Kirtland AFB	
		PERIOD 1, 7, 12 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO#17, Kirtland AFB	
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE ROI, DO#17, Subj and file as above, dtd 5 July 1949, by JACK L. BOLING			
SYNOPSIS Three additional reports of sightings of aerial phenomena received. Report forms prepared by Special Agents VIRGIL A. SIMON, Jr., and FRANCEYLUS DARNELL, and compiled by the writer.			
<div style="text-align: right;"><i>David J. Henderson</i></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><i>X Cliff, N. Mex.</i> <i>X El Paso, Tex.</i> <i>X Flagstaff, Ariz.</i></div>			
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 22 April 1979 Date of Interview 7 July 1989
2. Exact time of observation (local) 0705 MST
3. Place of Observation: Cliff, New Mexico
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
In auto, just driving into town
5. What attracted attention to object: Object was in line of vision
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Over 15 feet diameter (sic)
8. Color of object: Aluminum
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Round, flat, thin-disc shaped
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): 20 degrees, dropping slowly
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
Due North
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Appeared to be over twenty two miles
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
West to east
14. Time in sight:
About two minutes
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
N/A
16. Sound and odor:
None

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

Appeared to turn on diametric axis as it dropped behind Mogollon Mountains, showing flat, then thin edge

21. Manner of disappearance:

Behind mountains

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Clear and sunny

Name and address of observer: Mrs. H. MARIE THOMAS

Silver City, N.M.

Occupation and hobbies:

Retired teacher

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

Seemed to be a reliable person. Local police, no record.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting,
or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
First seen through windshield, then open window of car- no change

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 15 April 49 Date of Interview 12 July 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1630
3. Place of Observation: 40 miles ENE of El Paso, Texas
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
In automobile
5. What attracted attention to object: In line of vision
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Very thin
8. Color of object: grayish
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Thin smoke trail
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
About thirty degrees
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
270 degrees
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
About ten miles
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
Straight up
14. Time in sight:
About fifteen minutes
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
N/S
16. Sound and odor:
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
Sole observation was a trail of grayish smoke, very thin, going up
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):
None
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Straight up
21. Manner of disappearance:
Dissipated
22. Effect on clouds:
None
23. Additional information concerning object:
None. Observer thinks trail was from rocket
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear and sunny
- Name and address of observer: **E.S. MILLER**
905 E. Park Rd., El Paso, Texas
- Occupation and hobbies: **Manager of Novelty manufacturing concern, no hobbies**
- Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer
(Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Check of neighbors and local police indicate that observer is a reliable person. Seems businesslike and intelligent.
- Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
Seen through windshield of car

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 29 June 1949 Date of Interview 1 July 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2010
3. Place of Observation: 2 miles north of Flagstaff, Arizona
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Back yard
5. What attracted attention to object:
Three year old son pointed at the "fire"
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Appeared half the size of small airplane
8. Color of object: Yellow in front, red behind
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Bullet shaped
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Thirty degrees from vertical
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
South and southwest
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Fairly close
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
East to west
14. Time in sight:
15/3
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Seemed relatively slow
16. Sound and odor:
None

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

None

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

Self luminous

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

None

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

None

21. Manner of disappearance:

Over a hill

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

Believed by observer to be man made due to speed and altitude

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Twilight, a few high clouds

Name and address of observer: MRS. JOHN BARBITT
BOX 85, Flagstaff Arizona

Occupation and hobbies:

N/S

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

Wife of ex-state senator: very intelligent and well educated.

NOTE: NO ROCKETS WERE FIRED AT WHITE SANDS IN THIS TIME BRACKET

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

N/S

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 32-9	DATE 28 July 1949
TITLE PROJECT SIGN <i>C</i> UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA		REPORT MADE BY Special Agent CHARLES H. FAY	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		PERIOD 21 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
STATUS Closed			
CHARACTER Subversive Activity			
REFERENCE None.			
SYNOPSIS <p>This investigation was conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th OSI District upon receipt of information that an unidentified aerial phenomena had been sighted over Pineville, Libuse, and Galfax, Louisiana, on 15 July 1949.</p> <p>Investigation definitely established that information concerning the unidentified aerial phenomena sighted over Pineville, Louisiana, and the surrounding territory as reported in the newspaper publication, Pineville News, 15 July 1949, was false and without foundation. This article was a hoax of ROBERT SILLS, Jr., Pressman and Compositor of the Pineville News.</p>			
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CHARACTER SUBJECT SYNOPSIS		This investigation was conducted at the direction of the Director of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, at an airport near [illegible] on 15 July 1949. The investigation was conducted by [illegible] and [illegible]. The results of the investigation are as follows: [illegible]
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information which appeared in the 15 July 1949 issue of the Pineville News, that an unidentified aerial phenomena had been sighted over Pineville, Louisiana, by FREDDY HANKS, Libuse, Louisiana, BROTHER O'NEIL, Route 3, Pineville, Louisiana and Mr. JACK MEREDITH, P. O. Box 82, Colfax, Louisiana. The following article which is quoted verbatim appeared in the Pineville News, 15 July 1949.

PINEVILLE MAN SIGHTS FIRST FLYING SAUCERS OVER LOCAL TERRITORY

A contingent from Pineville is already growing, to attend the proposed convention of viewers of flying saucers. Brother O'Neal of Route 3, Holloway Prairie Road phoned the News office Wednesday to report a pair of flying saucers that he had seen. This was the first report in the most recent list of people who've seen the phenomena from Pineville. Brother O'Neal reported that the two objects looked like stove lids and were heading in a northerly direction at about seventy-five (75) feet. The saucers were a dark color and appeared substantial, O'Neal reported. The objects were moving through the air pretty fast and were in sight for only five minutes. He said that he noticed the disks while walking through a field on the Holloway road. Yesterday another call came in reporting two more saucers at Libuse. This time the objects were seen by Freddy Hanks of Libuse, and instead of being dark were shiny, and about the size of a big saucer. The disks, also at a height of about seventy-six (76) feet were reported as just floating, sort of sailing through the air. Noticing the saucers qualified both as delegates to a convention that is being planned by the Young Mens Business Club of Alexandria. The scheme, devised only a short time has already attracted interested persons from many sections of the U. S. and at present, seems to have a good chance of actual materialization. Epidemics of flying saucers have hit the nation intermittently for the last three years, the most recent being only about a month old. Scientific journals existing from ancient times have also made mention of the air phenomena.

TWO SEPARATE SAUCER STORIES FINALLY AGREE:

At last we have two stories that actually agree in all details, concerning flying saucers, but were reported by two persons unknown to each other, and uninformed of the news. Jack Meredith, P. O. Box 82, in Colfax, called the paper as we were going to press and reported three black plate size discs traveling in a northeasterly direction. The odd thing about this story was that instead of the usual shiny discs, Meredith's were the same dull black as were Brother O'Neal's of Holloway Prairie Road. It's becoming harder and harder to be skeptical about these mysterious discs.

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3. On 21 July 1949, investigation of the Pineville News, revealed that ROBERT SILLS, Jr., Pressman and Compositor, was instigator of the hoax along with two other individuals, newspaper employees, concerning the operations of the flying discs in the vicinity of Pineville, La. Mr. SILLS advised the writer that the story as printed in the 15 July 1949 edition of the Pineville News was false and without foundation. The news used in this article was fictitious. Mr. SILLS further advised that the hoax was prepared purely in fun with no thought to cause anyone any trouble. Mr. SILLS would not name any of the other individuals involved and stated that he would take full responsibility for the entire misunderstanding.

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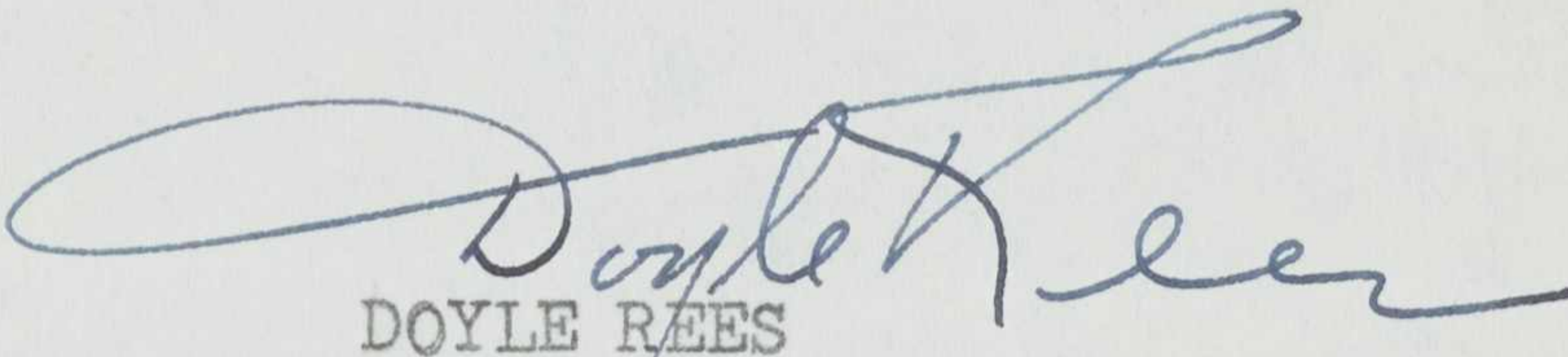
29 July 1949

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Aerial Phenomena

TO: HEADQUARTERS, USAF
The Inspector General, USAF
ATTN: Director of Special Investigations
Washington 25, DC

1. Reference is made to letter from this District, dated 12 May 1949, subject as above.
 2. Attached for your information are two (2) copies of letter, dated 13 July 1949, from Dr. JOSEPH KAPLAN to Major General C. P. CABELL.
 3. Dr. KAPLAN's letter sets out his opinions as to the "Aerial Phenomena," as a result of the conferences set out in referenced letter.
- Aerial Phenomena*

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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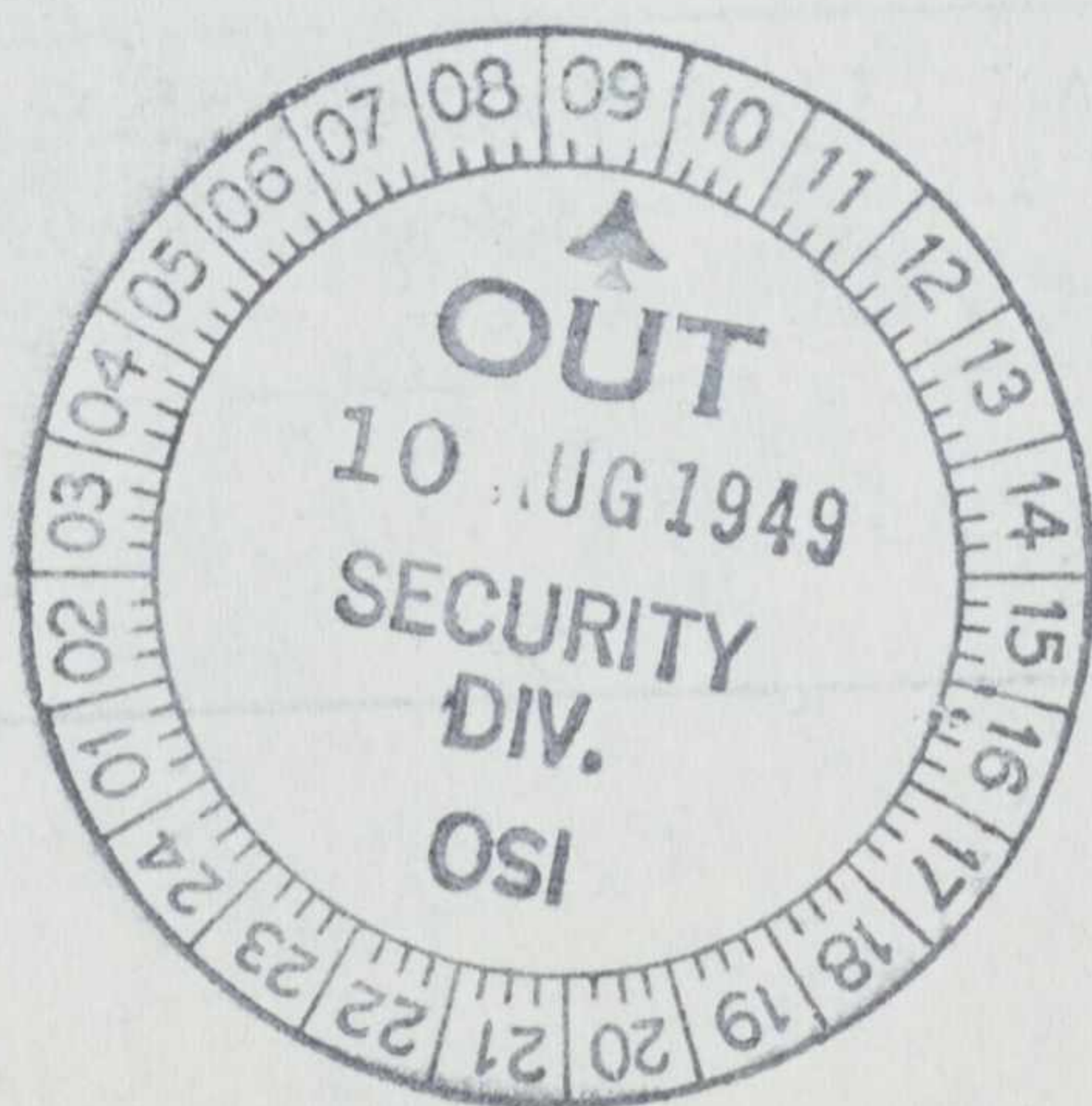
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Major General C. P. Cabell
Director of Intelligence
Department of the Air Force
Hqs. United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Cabell:

Your letter of 1 July 1949 regarding the "green fireball" observations of Dr. Lincoln La Paz was a timely one. It arrived at the time when I finally decided that some well considered opinions might be presented. I have deliberately waited for nearly ten weeks since my visit to New Mexico for three reasons. First of all, I was so favorably impressed by the quality of the observations made by security guards and other personnel at Los Alamos, that I wanted to have a "cooling off" period before arriving at any conclusions. Secondly, I wanted to wait long enough to allow for some more reports of fireball incidents. Finally, and possibly the most important reason, I wanted to find out whether one could theoretically predict a new atmospheric phenomenon of the type described. I would like to comment on each of these points in turn, and finally to make some recommendations.

At the recent meeting of the American Physical Society in Seattle, Dr. N. E. Bradbury, Director of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory suggested that a conference be arranged at Los Alamos early in September, in order to discuss these incidents. He proposed that in addition to Dr. La Paz and myself, Drs. E. Teller and G. Gamow be invited to attend. I believe that these two distinguished theoretical physicists plan to be at Los Alamos during the time proposed and it should be possible to arrive at valuable conclusions. I am to be at the Geophysical Research Laboratory of the Air Materiel Command from about 22 August until 2 September and thus I can stop at Los Alamos on my way back to the Coast. In any case, it is relatively easy to go to Los Alamos from Los Angeles and it is my feeling that such a conference should be held. The fact that Dr. Bradbury volunteered the suggestion indicates that he has not come to any definite conclusions. I might say at this point that I have come to one and will present this conclusion in this letter.

I am attaching a memorandum which will describe the conferences that I attended during my visit to New Mexico installations. I will now come to the three points referred to in the first paragraph of this letter.

At the conference held on 28 April in the Office of Director Wells of the A.E.C. at Los Alamos, I had the opportunity to hear the stories of several security guards and other personnel who had seen these

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unusual fireballs. I was particularly impressed by the consistency of their opinions as to the wave length of the radiations emitted by the fireballs. When we showed them a spectrum chart, every observer picked out a wave length which agreed well with that of the so-called auroral green line of atomic oxygen. This line lies in the yellow-green at a wave length of 5577 Angstrom units. A strong pure source of such radiations has been produced by me in my laboratory and it gives one the impression of looking at a bright emerald. I'll return to this point later. While one may question the observations on which speeds and directions are based, it is not likely that several observers will agree on color and not be correct. Of all of the observations that have been reported color is probably the one on which most reliance may be placed.

My second point had to do with possible future incidents. In a letter just received from Dr. La Paz, he reports the occurrence of three more remarkable fireball incidents, each one occurring very nearly at 8:10 p.m.; the dates are 5 June, 20 June in New Mexico, and 29 June in Arizona. He also called my attention to a report by Dr. D. H. Menzel of the Harvard College Observatory of some remarkable objects seen on the night of 12 May 1949. A report on this has been written by Dr. Menzel for the A.M.C. at Wright Field. I have not seen the report.

Finally, can there be natural atmospheric phenomenon of the type described? It is not too difficult to conclude that some new atmospheric phenomena will be observed during these years when the atmosphere will have been under more study than ever in man's history. The increased awareness of the public relative to atmospheric phenomena is a natural result of the increased scientific interest in the earth's atmosphere.

As I pointed out earlier, the one certain characteristic of this phenomenon is the color. The descriptions indicate that the color might well be restricted to a very narrow range of wave lengths, possibly even monochromatic. Now, as we pointed out earlier, the oxygen atom emits a radiation in both the aurora and the light of the night sky at a wave length of 5577. This is the well known green auroral line.

The best laboratory source of this line so far reported is the one discovered by me. This source is the auroral afterglow of nitrogen at a pressure of 100 mm Hg containing small amounts of oxygen. Under proper excitation conditions and N_2O_2 ratio, it is possible to observe an intense green glow lasting for about thirty seconds. The spectrum of this glow changes with time and within two seconds of the interruption of the discharge, the spectrum is effectively monochromatic, consisting only of the green line. There is therefore a mechanism in nitrogen-oxygen mixtures which makes it possible after the introduction of energy by means of an electrical discharge, to have an afterglow in which the only radiating mechanism in the visible is that of the oxygen atom emitting the green auroral line. I have been studying this phenomenon

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recently and am now convinced that if nature produced an aurora at the levels at which the green fireballs were reported, such auroras would radiate only the green line in the visible.

It is interesting to note that the pressures at which this laboratory phenomenon has so far been observed with the greatest intensity is 100 mm. This is the pressure in the atmosphere at about 9 miles. It is highly probable that the phenomenon would be observed with similar characteristics over a fairly large range of pressures, say from 100 mm on up. It is safe to conclude that at the levels at which the green fireballs have been reported, auroras would have spectra in which the green line would be much more intense than in high level auroras.

My conclusion therefore is, that based on (1) the most reliable aspect of the observations, i.e., the color, and (2) on the existence of a laboratory phenomenon which predicts a "green aurora" at these levels, the soundest conclusion at present is that we are dealing with a new type of auroral display. The absence of sound would agree with this hypotheses. Although not absolutely ruled out, it is generally agreed that the aurora is a silent phenomenon. The rapid horizontal motion reported for the fireballs is difficult to explain. The occurrence of these phenomena at low magnetic latitudes is also difficult to explain on the hypothesis that they are caused by natural auroral activity of some kind. It is however interesting to emphasize that in the two characteristics which are the most reliable ones reported, the phenomenon resembles the aurora. It is for these reasons that at the present, I must conclude that we are dealing with a natural phenomenon.

The possible importance of any new atmospheric phenomenon, particularly one which apparently occurs low in the atmosphere, is so great that I would like to recommend the setting up under Dr. La Paz's direction, of a carefully planned photographic and spectrographic patrol of the area in which most of these incidents have been reported. The by-products of such a program are sufficiently promising as to justify its setting up. This problem was discussed with Dr. La Paz and others during my visit and he is prepared to embark on the program. With sufficient consultative help he should be able to organize and operate a valuable program.

Sincerely yours,

J. Kaplan

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Conference on Aerial Phenomena held between 0900 and 1200, 27 April 1949
In conference room at Hqs, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Present:

Sandia Base:	Colonel Crisler Colonel Clark Mr. Doyle
OSI, USAF:	Colonel Rees
4th Army:	Captain Neef
AFSWP:	Commander Mandelkorn
Institute of Geophysics Univ. of California Los Angeles	Dr. Kaplan
Institute of Meteoritics Univ. of New Mexico	Dr. La Paz

Purpose: General discussion of the problem and possible future programs.

Conference on Aerial Phenomena held between 1200 and 1600, 27 April,
1949 at Colonel Rees' Office, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque.

Present:

OSI	Colonel Rees Captain Stahl Captain Neef S/A Jack Boling
Institute of Geophysics Univ. of California Los Angeles 24:	Dr. Kaplan
Institute of Meteoritics Univ. of New Mexico:	Dr. La Paz

Purpose: Review of available data

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Conference on Aerial Phenomena held between 0900 and 1200, 28 April,
1949 in Director B. O. Wells' Office, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Present:

USAEC:

Director Wells
Colonel Neuberger
Captain Martin
Inspector Earl Hightower

Univ. of California:

Mr. Hoyt

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Colonel Carroll
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OSI, USAF:

Colonel Rees
Captain Neef

Institute of Geophysics
Univ of California
Los Angeles 24:

Dr. Kaplan

Institute of Meteoritics

Univ of New Mexico: Dr. La Paz

Purpose:

Interviews with actual observers of these incidents.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-38	DATE 25 Jul 49
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada		REPORT MADE BY CLARENCE A. TRUMBLE	
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		PERIOD 13 July 1949	
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REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS <p>At 1030 hours, 1 July 1949, Mr. CLIVE E. MATTHEWS, while on a fishing trip to Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada, observed an aerial object, described as cigarette shaped with blunt-rounded ends, and as seen from an indeterminate distance appeared to be about one inch long and one-third inch wide. It gave off a light similar to that of the sun reflecting from white celluloid. He observed this phenomenon for about five minutes and did not believe that it was a balloon, dirigible, or any type of conventional aircraft.</p> <p>Ontario Canada</p>			
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 13th OSI District, following telephone conversation with Special Agent MATTHEWS of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

2. On 13 July 1949, Mr. CLIVE C. MATTHEWS, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Box 635, Davenport, Iowa, was interviewed and stated that on 1 July 1949 he had been fishing in an area known as the Back Channel of Clear Water Bay, Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada. This place is ten (10) miles southwest of Kenora, Ontario. At about 1030 hours, Central Daylight Saving Time, he observed an object in the sky at an elevation of about 22 degrees above the horizon and at a distance of more than one-half mile northeast of his position. This object he described as being about three times as long as it was thick, and having blunt-rounded ends. When he first saw this object, it appeared to be hanging motionless, and he described it as giving off light such as might come from reflected sunlight on white celluloid. It was definitely not a metallic reflection. A one-inch cigarette stub at 18 feet would correspond to this object in size. When he first observed this object he watched it for about four minutes, and in this time it did not appear to move. He looked down into the bottom of the boat for 15 to 30 seconds to rest his eyes, when his guide, DONALD HORNE, who was also watching the object said, "Look at that thing move". He looked up in the direction his guide was pointing and noted that it had moved from its position northeast of him to a point approximately 30 degrees south of east. He watched it a few more seconds then it suddenly vanished from sight. It disappeared about 32 degrees above the horizon, with the sun to the right at about 55 degrees above the horizon. The day was clear, with bright sunlight. This object had no sound or odor that he could detect, and left no vapor trail. There were no projections or bumps. MATTHEWS does not, and was not wearing glasses. He said that a Dr. R. K. PARRISH and wife of Decatur, Indiana, had reported seeing a similar phenomenon on that same day on Highway No. 90 between Fort Frances and Kenora, Ontario. A Mr. CHIVERS (first name unknown), whom he described as a retired British Army Colonel, from Winnipeg, Canada, had told him of Indians coming from the north of Canada and wearing clothing made of a hard, shiny surfaced fabric unlike any he had ever seen before, and which he believed may have come from the skin or surface of one of the unidentified flying objects.

Inclosures:

- #1 - Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects
- #2 - Drawing of position of unidentified aerial object in relation to observer.

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AT ONTARIO, CANADA

1. Recommend that DONALD HORNE, Echo Camp Lodge, Keewatin, Ontario, Canada, be interviewed regarding this incident.
2. Recommend an attempt be made to locate and interview "Mr. CHIVERS" at Winnipeg, Ontario, Canada, regarding his statements about the flying objects.

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 12, SCOTT AFB

AT DECATUR, INDIANA

1. Will interview Dr. and Mrs. R. K. PARRISH regarding the aerial phenomenon they are alleged to have witnessed.

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 1 July 1949 Date of Interview 13 July 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1030 hours, Central Daylight Saving Time
3. Place of Observation: 10 miles Southwest of Kenora, Ontario, on Lake of
(Map Coordinates) the Woods.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Observer in boat on lake, 50 yards from east bank of lake.
5. What attracted attention to object: Moderate flash of light from
object.
6. What number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist
at arms length): Approximate size one inch long, one-third inch thick,
as seen from considerable distance.
8. Color of object: As of white celluloid while reflecting moderate light.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Cigarette
shape with rounded blunt end.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
 22° when first observed; 32° when last observed.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
When first seen? Northeast When last seen? 30° South of East
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which subject
appeared to be): One-half mile to woods, distance to object not known.
13. Direction of flight of object(s): South.
14. Time in sight: Approximately five minutes.
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance): 15 to 30 seconds.
16. Sound and odor: None.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of
brilliance): About like fluorescent tube light.

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- 19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None.
- 20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): None.
- 21. Manner of disappearance: Vanished from view suddenly.
- 22. Effect on clouds: None.
- 23. Additional information concerning object: None.
- 24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear day, bright sun.

Name and address of observer:

Clive C. Matthews
Box 635, Davenport, Iowa

Donald Horne
Echo Camp Lodge, Keewatin,
Ontario

Occupation and hobbies:

S/A Federal Bureau of Investigation Guide

Comment of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer
(Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc): Not applicable.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting,
or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
No.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground

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

Not applicable.

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

No.

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

None.

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

Not applicable.

- e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

Not applicable.

2. If airborne, when object was sighted Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Unknown.

2. Winds aloft report:

Unknown.

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

Unknown.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (thedolite, radar readings, etc.)

Unknown.

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

Not applicable.

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

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

7. Secured signed statements.

Not applicable.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

Not applicable.

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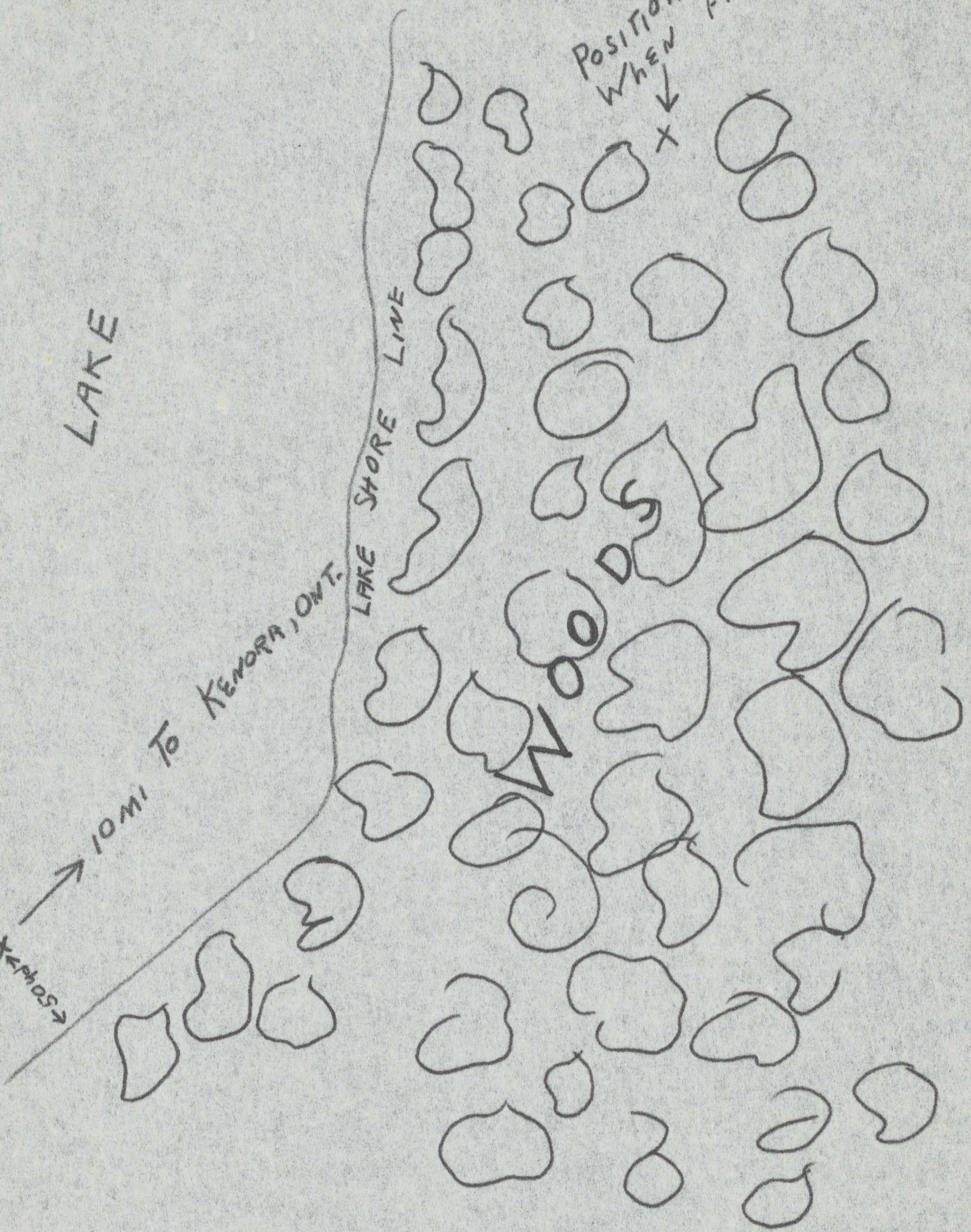
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OBSERVER UNKNOWN



POSITION OF AERIAL PHENOMENA
FIRST SIGHTED
NORTH EAST

POSITION OF OBSERVER IN BOAT

LAKE



POSITION OF AERIAL PHENOMENA
WHEN LAST SEEN 30° SOUTH OF EAST

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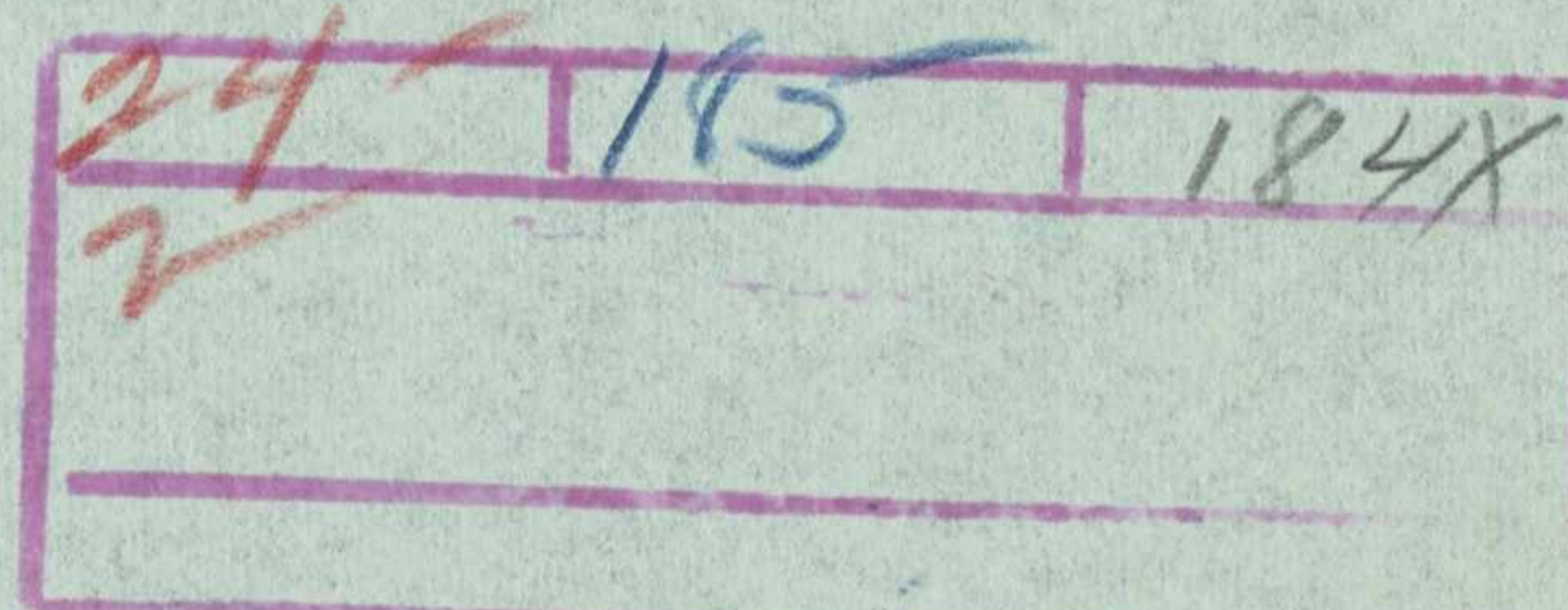
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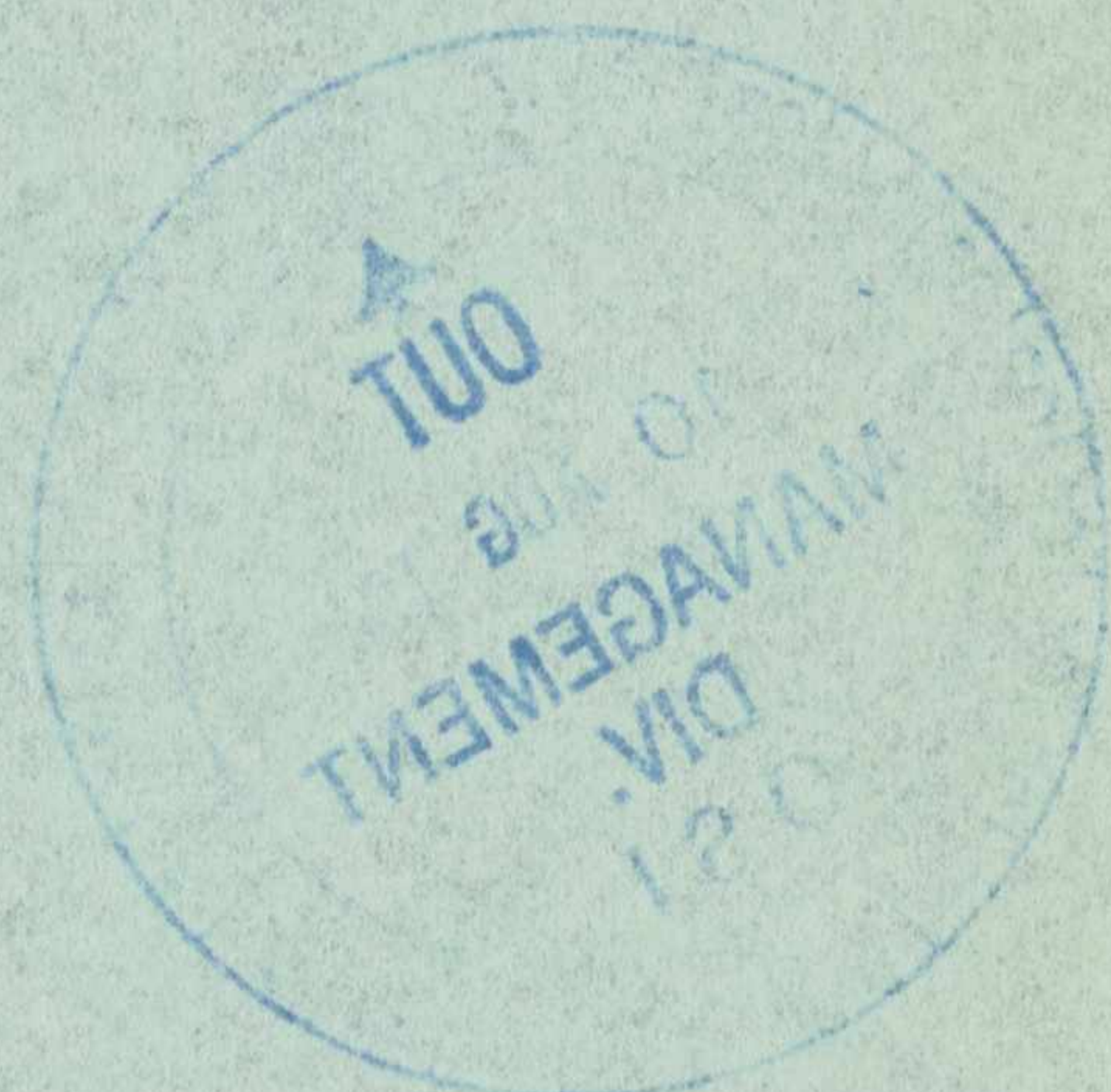
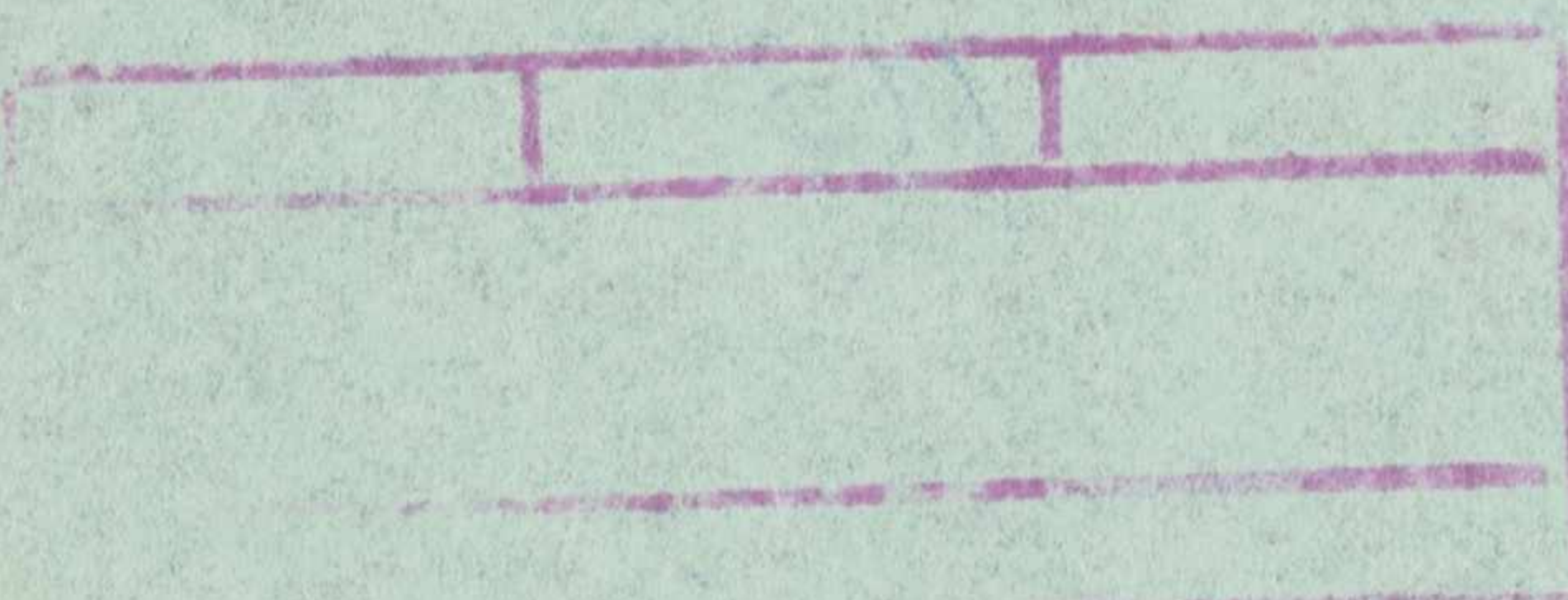
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Report of Special Agent Oliver W. Rupert, DO #8, dated 2 June 1949, File 24-210

SYNOPSIS

Interviews and checks made regarding unidentified serial ~~objects~~ reportedly seen between 1545 and 1700 hours EST on 11 May 1949 in the Watertown, New York area by Mrs. LILLIAN JOHNSON, her mother, Mrs. RUSH MACCABER, and Miss KAY WINDOVER, all of Watertown, New York.

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DETAILS:

1. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent HARRY A. STINNETT, and the writer.

AT WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

2. On 17 June 1949, the writer interviewed Miss KAY WINDOVER, Huntingtonville Road, Route 2, Watertown, New York, a grammar school student, concerning her alleged observation of an object in the sky on 11 May 1949 from 1545 to 1600 hours, EST, along a rural route near Watertown, New York. The geographic location of this point of observation is the St. Lawrence River area, (263) Longitude 75 degrees 48', Latitude 44 degrees. This informant stated that while riding in a vehicle, heading northeast through a rural area, another passenger in this vehicle observed an object traveling through space and brought this observation to the attention of occupants of the car. The vehicle was stopped and closer observation was made again after getting out of the car. KAY WINDOVER stated that this object appeared to be approximately a foot in length, rectangular in shape, similar to a shoe box, and white in color. She further stated that there seemed to be only one object, appearing from the south, gradually gaining altitude for about three minutes, leveling off, and moving to the northeast slowly, until it completely disappeared. The approximate time the object was visible was estimated at from ten to fifteen minutes by this informant. WINDOVER noted that the weather was excellent on this date, with no clouds affecting the visibility, making it possible for her to discern that the object was smooth-surfaced, reflecting the sun's rays, similar to the surface of a conventional aircraft, that it neither made any sound nor left any apparent trail of smoke, or odor of any kind. The writer checked with the Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York and there was no information concerning this informant. The writer interviewed SUBJECT's mother and she advised that KAY WINDOVER, is twelve years of age, attends a local grammar school, and that concerning her daughter's accuracy of vision, she related that in a recent eye examination her vision had proven above normal.

3. The writer also interviewed Mrs. RUBY MACCARGER, Huntingtonville Road, Route 2, Watertown, New York, a housewife living on a farm, concerning her alleged observation of an object seen while driving along a rural area near Watertown, New York. The geographic location of the point of observation is St. Lawrence River area, (263), Longitude 75 degrees 48', Latitude 44 degrees. Upon being interviewed by the writer, Mrs. MACCARGER stated that while driving along a rural area near Watertown, New York on 11 May 1949, she observed an object soaring through the sky. She stated that at first she thought she was "seeing things" so she immediately called the attention of the other passengers, Miss KAY WINDOVER, and Mrs. LILLIAN JOHNSON, her daughter, (Mrs. MACCARGER's) to the object. After alighting from the vehicle, Mrs. MACCARGER related further that she observed an object in the air resembling an automobile hub cap at a distance, and upon closer scrutiny it seemed to be a silver ball, similar to aircraft fuselage. She stated that the object seemed to appear over a nearby hill about one-half mile away to the southeast, was visible as it moved slowly for ten or fifteen minutes, gaining altitude for two three minutes, then leveling off, leaving a forty foot gray smoke trail which gradually diminished. She said that as the object moved from southeast to north-

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east the smoke gradually disappeared and the object seemed to dissolve gradually. She commented that the visibility that day was excellent as there were no clouds present to affect it whatsoever, therefore she could see the object was not illuminated by its own source but seemed to reflect the rays of the sun, rather like the fuselage of a conventional aircraft. The writer made checks at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York and they proved negative. It was disclosed to this writer that Mrs. MacCARGER is between sixty and sixty-five years of age and he found that she lives in a poor locality and does not seem to be very well educated. The writer asked this observer about her vision in order to determine its accuracy and she stated that she is far-sighted and wears glasses but that her vision was not obstructed in any way at the time of this observation.

4. Mrs. LILLIAN JOHNSON, Huntingtonville Road, Route 2, Watertown, New York was interviewed by the writer on 17 June 1949, concerning her alleged observation of an object seen in space at approximately 1615 to 1625 hours EST, 11 May 1949. Mrs. JOHNSON was driving the vehicle traveling along a rural route near Watertown, New York, northeast of Watertown, New York she related. The geographic location of this point of observation is St. Lawrence River area, (263), Longitude 75 degrees, 48', Latitude 44 degrees. She stated that her attention was drawn to the object by her mother, a passenger in the vehicle she was driving, she first noticed this object by the reflection of the sun upon it. Upon disembarking from the vehicle in which they were riding, this informant stated that she saw an object in aerial flight, that it seemed to be approximately two feet in diameter, although the exact distance was undetermined. She continued that this object was disc-shaped, appeared to be smooth and shiny, similar to an automobile hub cap, that the object seemed to appear over a nearby hill and then moved slowly until it was over Black River, New York about five miles northeast of observation point. She added that the object appeared in the southeast, gained altitude for two to three minutes, moved slowly north maintaining a constant altitude, leaving a trail of light smoke the exact width of the aerial object, extending about one hundred and fifty feet to the rear. Then, she said, the object seemed to dissolve from the tail and work forward until it completely disappeared leaving a smoke trail, which also gradually thinned out and finally disappeared. She noted that there were no violent movements of the object and that the appearance and final disappearance described happened within a period of approximately fifteen minutes. Mrs. JOHNSON further related that the object did not seem to be illuminated by its own source of power but seemed to reflect the rays of the sun in a manner similar to a reflection on the surface of a conventional aircraft, also that the object seemed to produce neither sound nor odor. She remarked that this day, 11 May 1949, was clear and the weather excellent with no clouds present to restrict their visibility. A check of the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York was made by the writer with negative results and due to the nature of the small community in which they all lived, neighborhood investigations were not made on any of these informants. This writer asked Mrs. JOHNSON about her vision in order to determine its accuracy and she related that she is far-sighted but does not wear glasses, adding that her vision was not obstructed at the time of this observation.

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5. The writer interviewed Captain WILLIAM ULX, 648th Aircraft Control Warning Squadron, Pine Camp, New York regarding the possibility of any unusual aerial activity on 11 May 1949. Upon interview Captain ULX stated that Air Force Radar Equipment was in operation on 11 May 1949 from 0800 to 1630 hours, EST and that no unusual activity was indicated during this period. He related that a flight of P-51's departed from Pine Camp, New York on a "Round Robin Flight" at 1500 hours, 11 May 1949, however, he added there were no U. S. Air Force or Royal Canadian Air Force jet aircraft in the vicinity on that date.

6. Flight Lt. ELSIN IRELAND, Royal Canadian Liaison Officer with the 648th Warning Squadron, Pine Camp, New York stated when interviewed by the writer, that Royal Canadian Air Force Vampire type jets were located at Mohawk, Ontario, Canada and Rock Cliff (Ottawa) Ontario, Canada at this time, 11 May 1949. Flight Lt. IRELAND concluded that if these Royal Canadian Air Force Fighters had been in the Pine Camp, New York area they would have been picked up on the Radar Equipment.

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8. A check by the writer of local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying at the time of the alleged observation, proved negative.

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AT ROME, NEW YORK

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 11, TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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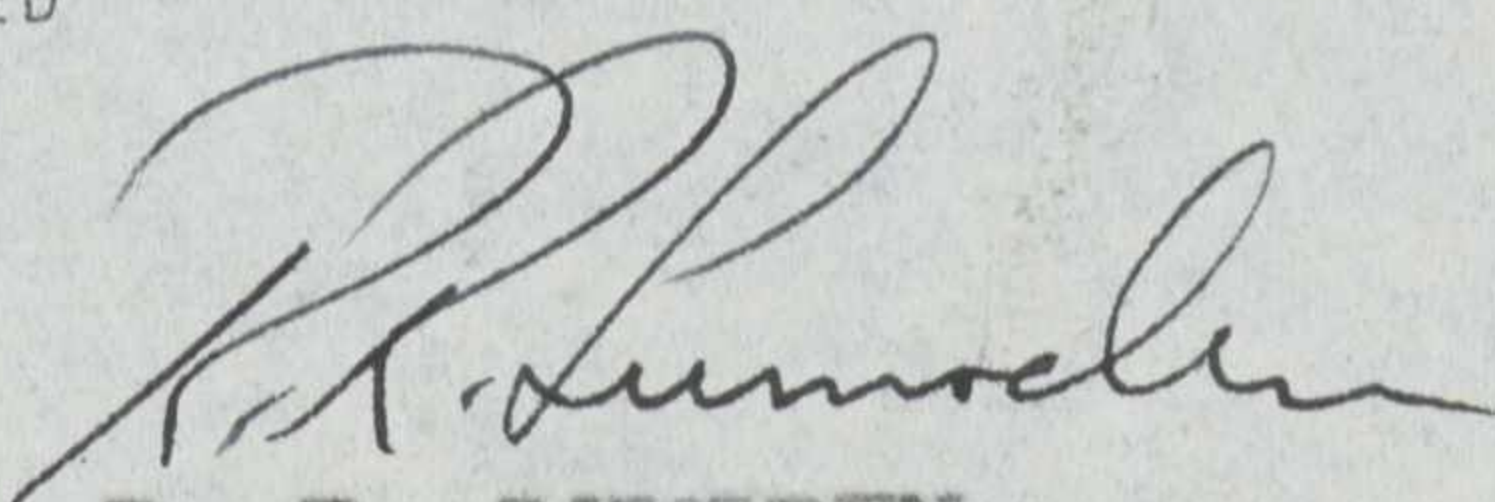
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1. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 23 May 1949 - MRS. THEODORE MICHEL, 1756 Paul Morphy Street, New Orleans, La.

2. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 23 May 1949 - MRS. LUCIEN ROY AUSTIN, JR., 3129 Frenchmen St., New Orleans, La.

3. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MRS. SALLY JORDAN, 1439 Seventh St., New Orleans, La.

4. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 31 May 1949 - MR. JOHN E. KIEFFER, Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

5. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949, - MR. EVERETT WELLS, 1025 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas

6. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 24 May 1949 - MR. THEO E. MARTIN, 1035 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas

7. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MRS. T. E. MARTIN, 1035 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas.

8. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MR. M. P. TANZY, 412 N. Barnett St., Dallas, Texas.

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9. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AG of S, G-2, 23 May 1949.

10. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, to: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AG of S, G-2, 2 June 1949.

11. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 6 June 1949, Captain JOHN W. STEWART, Post Engineer, Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico.

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Incident No. _____

1. Date of observation Wed, 18 May 49 Date of Interview 23 May 49
 2. Exact time of observation (local) 1630 Hours
 3. Place of observation: 1756 Paul Porphy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
(Map Coordinates) 90.1 - 30.0
 4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Informant sighted object while sitting on back steps of her house.
 5. What attracted attention to object: Informant's attention was attracted by the reflection of the sun on the object in the air.
 6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object
 7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Informant compared size of object to a single-engine two-seated Naval Reserve training plane, which she has seen many times in New Orleans area.
 8. Color of object: Silver
 9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Informant compared the object to an ordinary dinner plate.
 10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
The flying object was at approximately a 45-degree angle above the horizon and continued at that altitude throughout the time of observation.
 11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): North
 12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately one and one-half miles.
 13. Direction of flight of object (s): In a general east to west direction.
 14. Time in sight: Ten minutes
 15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Informant compared the speed of the flying object to that of the Naval Reserve plane mentioned in item 7 above.
 16. Sound and odor: None
 17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
 18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): The object was luminous but cast a very bright reflection from the sun.
 19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None.
 20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): The object flew at level plane and made no maneuvers. The object traveled in an end over end fashion.
- Lead #1*

21. Manner of disappearance: Informant stated that she took her eyes off the object for a second and could not sight it again.
22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the sky at the time of observation.
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; light good.
25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. Theodore MICHEL, 1756 Paul Morphy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; hobbies: gardening.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? At time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and viewed object while out of doors.

BIO COMMENT: Mrs. MICHEL appeared to be a person of average intelligence and reliability. A neighborhood check revealed that Mrs. MICHEL is well liked in that neighborhood and is considered to be an average person and not very likely to exaggerate or imagine things. The description of the flying object by Mrs. MICHEL is very similar to that made by Mrs. Lucien R. AUSTIN, Jr, SI, this office, dated 26 May 1949, subject, "Unidentified Flying Object." Mrs. MICHEL stated that she had told no one of her observation until a newspaper article appeared about Mrs. AUSTIN sighting a "flying disc." Mrs. MICHEL then called Mrs. AUSTIN and told her she too had seen a "flying disc." The close similarity of the two descriptions, with the exception of the dates sighted, may have been partly caused by the two informants talking their observations over on the telephone prior to being interviewed.

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Incident No. _____

- Thursday
1. Date of observation 19 May 1949 Date of Interview 23 May 1949
 2. Exact time of observation (local) 1615 hours
 3. Place of observation: 3129 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
(Map Coordinates) 90.1 - 30.0
 4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
At time of observation, informant was sitting on the back steps of her home.
 5. What attracted attention to object: Informant's attention was attracted by its reflection in the sun.
 6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object.
 7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Informant compared size to that of a small airplane.
 8. Color of object: Object appeared to be silver and reflected the sun's light.
 9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Informant compared the shape of the object to a flat round disc, or an ordinary dinner plate.
 10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Object appeared to be at approximately a 45-degree elevation above the horizon.
 11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): North
 12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately one and one-half miles.
 13. Direction of flight of object (s): In general east to west direction.
 14. Time in sight: Five minutes.
 15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Informant compared speed of object to that of a single-engine training plane which she has observed before in the air (150 to 170 mph).
 16. Sound and odor: None
 17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
 18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): The object was not luminous but appeared to be silver and reflected a great amount of light from the sun.
 19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
 20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): The object traveled on a level plane and made no maneuvers with the exception of traveling in an end fashion.

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21. Manner of disappearance: The flying object was in sight until a neighboring house blocked it from view. Informant then ran to the front of the house but could not sight the object again.
22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the path of the flying object.
23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: The weather was clear and light good.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. Lucien Roy AUSTIN, Jr., 3129 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; hobbies: none.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)
Mrs. AUSTIN appeared to be of above average intelligence and impressed the interviewer as being reliable. Mrs. AUSTIN was at one time a court recorder at the Naval Repair Base in Algiers, Louisiana. A neighborhood check *

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? At time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and viewed the object out of doors.

*revealed that Mrs. AUSTIN is a person of excellent character and reputation and was not known to be a gossip or a person who would "see" things.

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Incident No. _____

1. Date of observation Mon, 23 May 49 Date of Interview 25 May 49
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1850 hours
3. Place of observation: 1439 Seventh Street, New Orleans, Louisiana;
(Map Coordinates) 90.1 - 90.0
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Informant was out of doors in her back yard.
5. What attracted attention to object: Her attention was attracted to the flying object by her 13-year old son, who first noticed it.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object was sighted
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Informant compared size of object to a small observation plane.
8. Color of object: Object appeared grey in color.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Object appeared to be round, such as a weather balloon.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
When sighted object was at approximately a 45-degree angle above the horizon.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): Southwest
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately one to one and one-half miles.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): South to northeast.
14. Time in sight: thirty seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Informant compared speed of object to that of a small observation plane.
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Object was not luminous, but grey in color and no reflection or brilliance was observed.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): The object made no maneuvers of any kind but traveled on a level plane, neither losing nor gaining altitude.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Informant lost sight of object for an instant and then could not locate it in air.
22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the sky.
23. Additional information concerning object: Informant stated that she was positive the flying object she had sighted was not a search light from the airport, but said the object could possibly have been a weather balloon.
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; light good.
25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. Sally JORDAN, 1439 Seventh Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; no hobbies.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)
Mrs JORDAN appeared to be a person of average intelligence and reliable sort of person. A neighborhood check revealed that informant is considered to be a normal person, and is well thought of in the neighborhood. Mrs. JORDAN is*
Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? Informant was not wearing glasses at time of observation and viewed the object while out of doors.

*considered to be reliable and not in the habit of telling falsehoods or exaggerating.

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1. Date of observation Friday 20 May 1949 Date of Interview 31 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1625 hours
3. Place of observation: Pontchartrain Beach area, New Orleans, Louisiana.
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Informant sighted object while lying on back, on beach.
5. What attracted attention to object: Bright shiny color.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: At first only one, later five smaller ones grouped around the larger one.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): No reference points available, so no estimate was made.
8. Color of object: Silver and shiny.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Flat and spherical.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
45 to 50-degree angle from the ground.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): East, Northeast.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Would not estimate.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): West, southwest, generally. Made large circle over New Orleans Airport.
14. Time in sight: 23 minutes.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Apparently slow and deliberate.
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Extremely bright.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None.
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Wide circle around New Orleans Airport.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Object rotated on horizontal axis and then
22. ~~Disappeared~~ clouds: Object well below cloud level.
23. Additional information concerning object: None

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

Weather clear; unlimited visibility.

25. Name and address of observer: Mr. John E. Kieffer, Professor, Tulane
University, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Professor.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of
observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Observer is deemed to be highly reliable, being a Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps Reserve, and was formerly intelligence officer with the Air Corps, and is known to this office, therefore, no neighborhood, police, FBI, or employment checks *
Did observer wear glasses, especially pilot glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

At time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and has 20/20 vision.

* were made. Because of his present association with the 12th Air Force, Kelly Field, San Antonio, observer requested that a copy of this Summary of Information be transmitted to that headquarters, for whom an additional copy is attached herewith.

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1. Date of observation 21 May 1949 Date of Interview 25 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2100 hours CST
3. Place of observation: 1025 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Front yard of 1025 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas
5. What attracted attention to object: Just happened to see the objects
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: Long irregular line of about 75 to 100 objects.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Smaller than a man's fist at arms length.
8. Color of object: The color of mercury vapor lamp light to green.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Flat circular like a smoke ring
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
35° elevation.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): About 10° from North.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): 1 to 1½ miles ground distance.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): East to West
14. Time in sight: About 3 seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): 800 to 1,000 mph at 3,000 to 5,000 ft altitude, estimated.
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Just enough to see, about like a 5 watt globe and very dim.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): Uniform flight.

21. Manner of disappearance: Faded from sight.
22. Effect on clouds: None
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear in direction of objects but cloudy to the South and East. At night.
25. Name and address of observer: Mr. Everett Wells, 1025 Cliff Dale, St., Dallas, Texas
Occupation and hobbies: Construction and labor foreman. No hobbies.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Wells is above average intelligence and in ability to judge distance, space, and speed, due to his experience in the construction business. He appears to be reliable and a man of good character.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? **Observer wears glasses for eye correction purposes, vision was not impaired by any other object or material.**

Mrs. Everett Wells, wife of Everett Wells, made almost the same statements as her husband. Mrs. Wells' statement was based on hearsay and on the opinion of her husband.

Weather report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Dallas, Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars, temperature 78°; dew point 62, NNE wind two miles per hour, 29.69 altimeter, frequent cloud to cloud lightning.

2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.5 milbars, 75° temperature, 58 dew point NNE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, 77° temperature, dew point 52, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading, occasional lightning in the East.

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1. Date of observation 21 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2100 hours CST
3. Place of observation: 1025 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Front yard of 1025 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas
5. What attracted attention to object: Wife first observed objects.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: About 20 objects.
Looking like a kite's tail, evenly spaced and same size. 0--0--0--0--
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): About half the size of a man's fist at arms length.
8. Color of object: White, flourescent, with slight shiver or osculation.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): _____
Circular, not completely round, like a clam shell.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
45° angle of elevation when first seen.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): 50° to 60° from North.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): 2½ to 3 miles when first seen.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): SSW
14. Time in sight: 4 to 5 seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): About 2 miles per second, estimated.
16. Sound and odor: None, quiet, like the flight of birds.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Cold light, not as bright as evening star.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None observed.
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): _____
Gentle rise, higher when last seen.

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21. Manner of disappearance: ~~Faded from sight.~~
22. Effect on clouds: ~~None or unknown~~
23. Additional information concerning object: ~~seen by 5 or 6 people.~~

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

Dark, white smoke from factory, no stars, no moon, air clear except for some smoke.

25. Name and address of observer: Theo E. Martin, 1035 Cliff Dale St, Dallas, Texas

Occupation and hobbies: Mail clerk, Post Office Department, Show salesman.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Man was sincere, very interested in the matter, showed excellent reasoning ability, had very good command of English and expressed himself very well. Did not appear at all as a neurotic type.

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

Observer does not wear glasses and was not wearing sun shade glasses. Observation was not made through any other material.

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2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.5 milbars, 75° temperature, dew point NNE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, 77° temperature, dew point 52, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading occasional lightning in the East.

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1. Date of observation 21 May 1949 Date of Interview 25 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2100 hours CST
3. Place of observation: 1025 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Front yard of 1025 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas
5. What attracted attention to object: Just looking up into the sky (Star gazer).
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: No idea, looked like a spot of light and in a streight line.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Could not judge the size.
8. Color of object: White to green and flourescent.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Oval to round coil.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
75° or less at time of sighting.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): 20° to 30° from North.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Could not judge or estimate.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): East to West
14. Time in sight: About 6 seconds.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): No idea
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Making own light and not very bright.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc.) sketch of flight path):
Straight line of flight.

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Incident No. _____

21. Manner of disappearance: Just faded from sight.

22. Effect on clouds: UNKNOWN

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Dark, clear sky and unobstructed view in line of flight.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. T. E. Martin, 1035 Cliff Dale St., Dallas, Texas.

Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; sewing.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Intelligence is considered to be below average and the character is questionable.

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

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2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.4 milbars, 75° temperature, 58 dew point NNE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

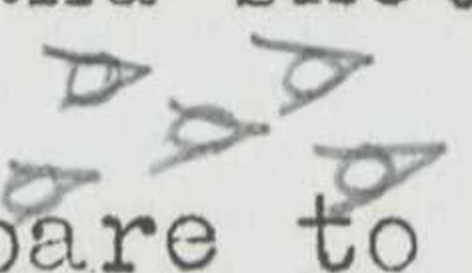
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1. Date of observation 21 May 1949 Date of Interview 25 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2045 hours CST
3. Place of observation: 412 N. Barnett St., Dallas, Texas
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Front yard of 412 N. Barnett St., Dallas, Texas
5. What attracted attention to object: Watching weather and turned to observe weather in another direction.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: 4 to 8 or more as shown in sketch. 
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): About size of 50¢ piece.
8. Color of object: Between a red and orange.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Arrow head with round object in center.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
About 80°
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): NNW
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Estimated 30,000 feet
13. Direction of flight of object (s): NNW to SSE
14. Time in sight: 3 to 6 seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): 1,500 to 3,000 mph, estimated.
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): No reflection but translucent
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
See sketch.
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Flying in fixed curve, toward the ESE.

21. Manner of disappearance: Faded from sight.
22. Effect on clouds: None
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Dark but sky was clear in direction of observation.
25. Name and address of observer: Mr. M. P. Tanzy, 412 N. Barnett St., Dallas, Texas (Home of Tanzy's father)
Occupation and hobbies: Agriculture Teacher in Arizona; Hunting

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Intelligence and character in keeping with that of his profession.

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

Observer does not wear glasses, and was not wearing any at the time of the observation. Vision was not obstructed by any other object.

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HEADQUARTERS
ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND GUIDED MISSILE CENTER
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

AKBAAB 452.1

23 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AC of S, G-2

In compliance with letter, Headquarters Fourth Army, file AG 452.1
AKADB, subject as above, dated 4 April 1949, the following report is
submitted:

1. Date of observation: 19 May 49. Date of Interview: 19 May 49
2. Exact time of observation: 0830-0900 19 May 49 MST
3. Place of observation: Outside Headquarters Supply Room,
39th AAA Bn, Bldg 4709. See Incl #1.
4. Position of observer: Standing on ground 5 to 10 feet on
east side of building 4709, Fort Bliss, Texas.
5. What attracted attention to object: A flashing object
in the sky.
6. Number of objects: One object.
7. Apparent size: About the size of my thumb nail at
arms length.
8. Color of object: Silver.
9. Shape: Round and thin like a quarter dollar. Apparently
rocked giving an edgewise and sidewise view. Rocking at irregular
intervals.
10. Altitude: About a 30° angle.
11. Direction from observer: Approximately 2/3 distance to
Hueco Mountains.

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Ltr Hq AAA & CM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, AKBAAB 452.1 23 May 49, subject,
Unconventional Aircraft

13. Direction of flight of object: Moved away at about 100° and slowly ascending.

14. Time in sight: Approximately 5 minutes.

15. Speed: In 5 minutes it apparently moved about 15 to 20 miles judging from its position at time of first sight to a position apparently over the mountain range.

16. Sound or odor: None

17. Trail: None

18. Luminosity: Reflection

19. Projections: None

20. Maneuvers: Irregular rolling and tilting motion slowly rising as it travelled away.

21. Manner of disappearance: See #9

22. Effect of clouds: Saw it first without glasses and still saw it through tinted binoculars.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Bright sunshine. No clouds. Temperature about 70°.

Names and Addresses of Witnesses:

Leroy Heminger, Cpl., RA 15413843, Hq Btry, 39th Bn
Albert Schuck, Pvt., RA19337053, D Btry, 39th Bn
Gerald G. Compton, Pvt., US57507831, B Btry, 39th Bn
Kenneth L. Frashier, Pfc, RA16291443, B Btry, 39th Bn
Edmund G. Pine, Pvt, US51015147, B Btry, 39th Bn
Carl E. Bickmore, Pvt., US51015153, B Btry, 39th Bn
Walter L. Malas, Pvt., US52000648, D Btry, 39th Bn
Albert G. Jesseman, PFC, RA21628057, B Btry 39th Bn
Donald F. Lodge, Pvt, RA11168539, B Btry, 39th Bn
Carmelo C. Preso, Pvt, US51023619, B Btry, 39th Bn
Joseph E. Schillizzi, Pvt, RA12320803, B Btry, 39th Bn
John Mathe, Pvt., RA12320700, B Btry, 39th Bn
Richard Mitchell, Pvt, RA11165247, A Btry, 39th Bn

Occupation and hobbies: Persons listed above are in the military service.

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Ltr Hq AAA & GM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, 23 May 1949, File AKBAAB 452.1,
subj: Unconventional Aircraft

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character
of observer:

An interview with enlisted men of the 39th AAA Battalion revealed
that the observers are reliable in character and intelligence.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of
sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent
material: Binoculars were used by Cpl Heminger and Pvt Schuck after
initial observation.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: Clouds, clear;
visibility, 50 miles; temperature, 70 degrees; relative humidity, 23%;
Dewpoint, 33; altimeter: 016.
2. Winds aloft report: Calm.
 - a. Adiabatic chart for period in question: None available.
3. Local flight schedule of commercial, private and military
aircraft flying in vicinity at time: Military aircraft flying within the
area at that time.
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by
Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any
other: All installations within this area were contacted with negative
results.
5. Did object contact the earth: Object did not contact the earth.
6. Photographs or Sketches: Sketches are attached hereto.
7. Signed statements: Signed statements were received and are being
retained at this headquarters.
8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: Not possible

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

J. W. ROSS
Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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2 Sketch (quint)

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ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND GUIDED MISSILE CENTER
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

ABAAB 452.1

2 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AC of S, C-2

In compliance with letter, headquarters Fourth Army, AG 452.1 AKADB, subject as above, dated 4 April 1949, the following report is submitted:

1. Date of observation: 30 May 1949. Date of Interview: 31 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation: 1332 MST
3. Place of observation: Sunrise Acres, El Paso
4. Position of observer: About 1000 feet south east of White Acres in open field.
5. What attracted attention to object: Observers were watching a fighter plane in the air and a highly reflective object attracted their attention.
6. Number of objects: One
7. Apparent size: About one inch long (length of thumb) (about size of cub plane but shorter)
8. Color of object: Looked glassy or shiny.
9. Shape: Oblong
10. Altitude: About 75°
11. Direction from observer: From overhead to east by north east.
12. Distance from observer: Overhead
13. Direction of flight of object: East to north east
14. Time in sight: 3 minutes
15. Speed: From 90° to 35° in 3 minutes
16. Sound or odor: None
17. Trail: None

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Ltr Hq AAA & GM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, AKBAAB, 452.1, dtd 2 Jun 49, subject,
Unconventional Aircraft

18. Luminosity: Surface was highly reflective.
19. Projections: None
20. Maneuvers: Turning slowly on longitudinal axis
21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared in clouds
22. Effect of clouds: None
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear bright light; wind, 10 MPH; scattered clouds.

Names and addresses of witnesses:

PFC Lewis Liske
Pvt William R. Tyrrel
Headquarters Battery, 1st GM Regt, Fort Bliss, Texas

Occupations and hobbies: Persons listed above are in the military service.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:

Subjects listed seem reasonably intelligent and reliable.
No Reports.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material: No glasses were worn or used.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: Clouds, broken, 25,000 feet; humidity, 19%; visibility, 60 miles, 10 knots; temperature, 90°; dew point, 31.

2. Winds aloft report: Best at 6 knots per hour.

Adiabatic chart for period in question: None available.

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at time: Biggs Air Force Base reported an F51 type fighter in the area approximately 1330 hours. Pilot did not observe unusual object. Report from White Sands Proving Ground was negative. No reports on unusual objects have been received from local agencies.

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Ltr Hq AAA & CM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, AKBAAB 452.1, dtd 2 Jun 49, subject,
Unconventional Aircraft

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: Holloman Air Force Base releases "Rawinsonce" balloons at 1335 hours, 30 May 1949.
5. Did object contact the earth: Object did not contact the earth.
6. Photographs or sketches: None
7. Signed statements: Signed statements are in process of being obtained.
8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: Not possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

J. W. ROSS
Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview 6 June 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1950 hours
3. Place of observation: Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Car
5. What attracted attention to object: Light
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Approximately 1/8" diameter at arms length.
8. Color of object: Orange - against a deep blue sky.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Appeared spheroid.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
25 degrees - estimated 6,000 to 8,000-ft. elevation.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
255 degrees magnetic north.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately 50 miles from observer.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Approximately 104 degrees from vertical.
14. Time in sight: Approximately 5 seconds.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Unknown. Not as fast as a falling meteor.
16. Sound and odor: None.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): White smoke, at arms length approximately 1/4" at arms length; persistence - approximately 15 minutes.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Approximately 200 watt light bulb at 100 yards.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): Unknown.
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Straight line.

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Incident No. 2

21. Manner of disappearance: Faded out.

22. Effect on clouds: Clear area.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

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

25. Name and address of observer: John W. Stewart, Capt, C.E., Post Engineer,
Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies: U. S. Army

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of
observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Witness is a man of excellent character.

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

Through normal glasses, 20/20 vision.

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28 July 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY
Unidentified Aerial Objects Sighted near Mt Home, Idaho

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

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. The attached reports of S/A FREDERICK M. TAYLOR, stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, 16th OSI District Detachment, are forwarded for your information and such action as is deemed necessary.

2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph 6a of subject report, regarding the forwarding of seven (7) of the eight spark plugs from Mr. CLARK'S airplane to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command.

3. This is an initial report and no present action is recommended. The investigation is continuing in this and other OSI District Offices. Subsequent reports will be forwarded for your review and for such action as you deem appropriate when the investigation is completed.

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

DATE

1 Incl
Rpt of S/A F. M. TAYLOR
dtd 28 July 49 (in quad)

Leo M. Christianson
LEO M. CHRISTIANSON
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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FROM: Comdr 5th OSI Dist. Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio
TO : OSI Det. IG Mountain Home Idaho
INFO: Comdr 16th OSI Dist. IG AMA Hill AFB Utah
C/S USAF Washington D.C. Attn: Dir. of Special Investigatio.
NR : AT 3536

27 July 49

AG 3541. Director of Intelligence HQ AMC request spark
plugs and lead wires with broken insulation be forwarded
this office immediately. Request detailed report of incident
involving Clark. Attempt to locate additional pers sighting 7
unidentified aerial objects. Request statement from Clark
Case no 5D 24-21AA

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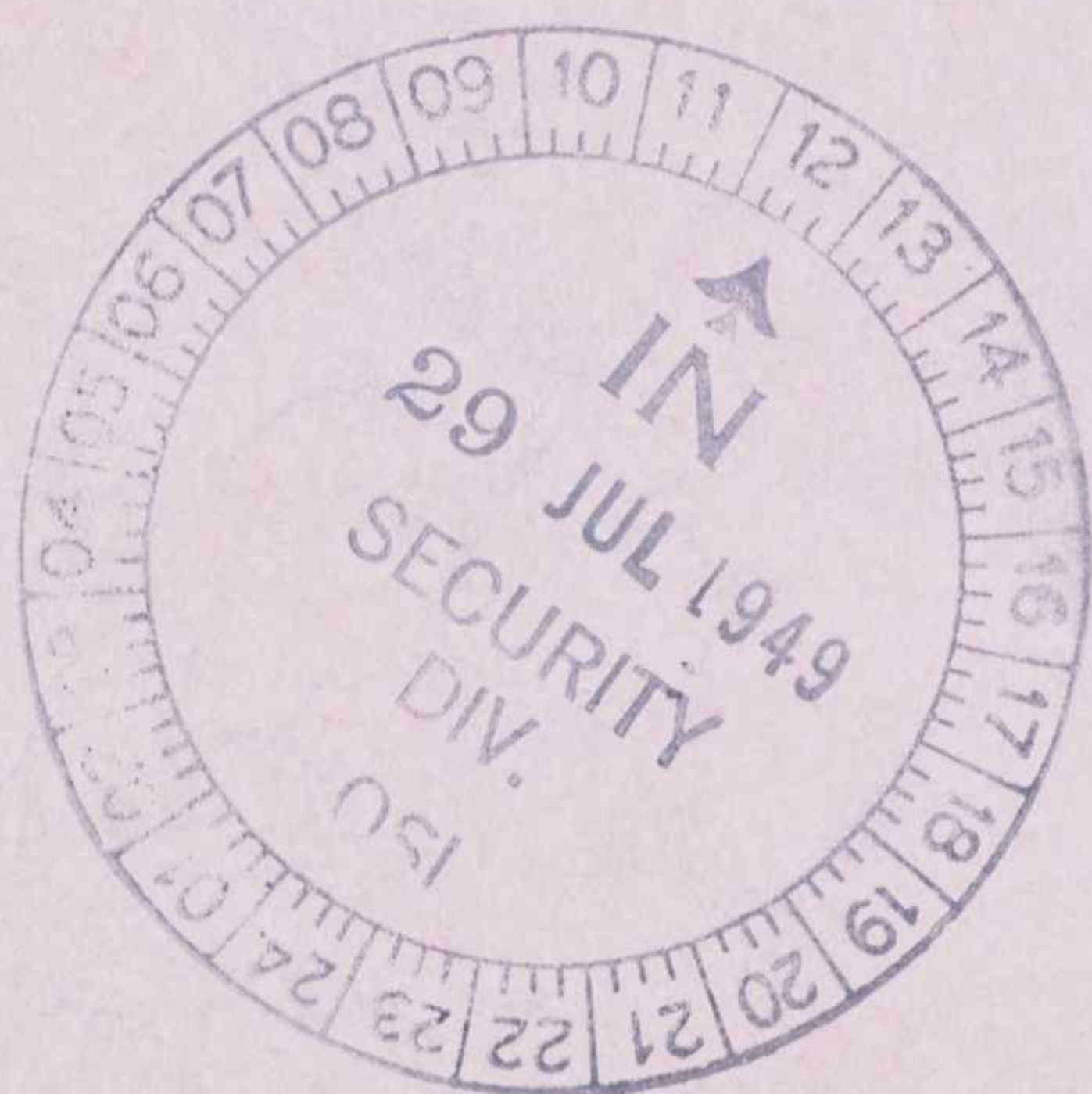
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-19	DATE 28 July 1949 hfb
TITLE SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unidentified Aerial Objects Sighted near Mt Home, Idaho) <i>Aerial Phenomena</i>		REPORT MADE BY S/A FREDERICK M. TAYLOR	
		REPORT MADE AT 16 OSI Detachment, Mt Home AFB, Idaho	
		PERIOD 25 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #16, Hill AFB, Hill Field, Utah	
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE AMC teletype AG 3541 reference Case No. 5024-21AA Newspaper clipping, "Idaho Morning Statesman", Boise, Idaho dated 25 July 1949			
SYNOPSIS <p>Investigation predicated upon article appearing on pages 1 and 2 of the "Idaho Morning Statesman" Boise, Idaho. Mr. HARRY F. CLARK, Box 56, Nampa, Idaho, was contacted and his story of sighting seven (7) <u>flying objects</u> was obtained. Also, the spark plugs from CLARK'S airplane obtained for forwarding for analysis. CLARK believed to be sincere and reliable. Sketches of objects obtained from CLARK.</p> <p><i>Mt Home Idaho</i></p>			
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		APPROVED <i>Leo M. Christianson</i> LEO M. CHRISTIANSON Captain, USAF Acting District Commander.	
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16 OSI 24-19

SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unidentified Aerial Objects)

DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated upon appearance of an article, by Mr. DAVE JOHNSON, Aviation Editor, "Idaho Morning Statesman" Boise, Idaho, in that same publication.

AT NAMPA, IDAHO

2. This investigation conducted by the writer.

3. At approximately 1600 hours, 25 July 1949, this agent arrived at the office of Mr. HARRY F. CLARK, Owner and Manager of CLARK'S Flying Service, Nampa, Idaho, where CLARK was contacted. CLARK completed a form supplied by Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, entitled "Essential Elements of Information (Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects) PROJECT SIGN". See Inclosure No. 2.

4. CLARK'S verbal account of his sighting was as follows: On 24 July 1949, CLARK was flying his Piper Clipper aircraft (N5622H), from Ogden, Utah en route to Nampa, Idaho. CLARK, at about 1203 hours (MST), was flying at 10,000 feet MSL altitude, with a heading of 270 degrees, ten (10) miles from Mt Home, Idaho, when he sighted seven (7) flying objects at about 7 o'clock, (nose of his plane used as 12 o'clock for this reference,) flying a parallel course, but about 500 feet lower. For an instant CLARK said he believed the objects to be F-51's or A-26's. On second glance, CLARK said he knew that they were nothing that he had ever seen before. The objects overtook his aircraft, passing on his left (south side) at about 1500 feet distance, at approximately 500 feet lower, or 9500 feet MSL altitude. The objects were flying perfect formation, two rows of three (line abreast) and the seventh slightly to the rear and maybe slightly above the rest. CLARK stated that the formation was very tight, being about one-third of the object's span distance from tip of one object to tip of the other (approximately 15 feet). The same distance was maintained from trailing edge of lead objects to nose of objects in second line. When the objects had passed CLARK'S aircraft, they made a turn to the right, passing about 1500 feet in front of, and 500 feet below CLARK. The objects again turned to the right, and passed on the right (north) side of CLARK. CLARK said that the objects made perfect formation turns, and in so doing they neither banked or skidded. CLARK stated that when the objects first turned, he thought they meant to ram him. As soon as the objects passed to his right, CLARK turned his aircraft so that he might keep the objects in view. He stated that the objects remained in view for approximately 1 or 2 minutes in all, and that their speed was estimated between 450 and 550 miles an hour. CLARK said that he watched the objects suddenly disappear at approximately ten (10) miles distance from him.

5. In describing the objects, CLARK said they were delta shaped flying wings. He estimated their span as being between that of an F-51 and an A-26 aircraft (35 to 55 feet), their length (nose to trailing edge) at about 20 to 30 feet, and their thickness at from 2 to 5 feet. CLARK said that the objects

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were a light color except for a circle of dark color of approximately 12 feet in diameter which was placed midway between the tips of the object, and which extended to the trailing edge of the object (see sketch). CLARK said that he could not describe the colors--they were white and black, except that they were shades of white and black that he had never seen before. CLARK said that the top of the object was perfectly flat, and that the bottom of the object was flat except for a shallow dome-like protrusion of approximately 10-12 feet in diameter, with a depth of approximately 2-5 feet. CLARK stated that he saw no propeller arcs and saw no jet exhaust fumes or smoke. So far as he could tell there were no air intakes or jet or rocket openings. CLARK stated that the objects flew with unusual stability and appeared to be under absolute control at all times. CLARK went on to say that the nose of the objects came to a needle point, but that the trailing edges were square, as though sawed off, leaving a flat surface, the thickness of the object, as a trailing edge. CLARK stated that when first sighted by him, he noticed an oscillation of part of the outer panels of the object. CLARK said this oscillation decreased as the objects approached. CLARK stated that it was a smooth oscillation, not a flutter. CLARK re-emphasized the fact that when the objects turned they did so without a bank or a skid. He also said that it appeared that the objects had used his aircraft as a turning point, maintaining a standard turn about his aircraft at approximately 1/4 mile distance. CLARK stated that when the objects disappeared from sight, they disappeared all of a sudden. There was no gradual fading from view, CLARK stated. CLARK first estimated the speed of the objects as somewhere between 550 and 650 miles per hour; then stated that maybe they were traveling not quite that fast. Also CLARK stated that the circle in the center of the object changed color slightly from time to time, and that the oscillation or movement of the outer panels was down to about 30 degrees, then to a flush position. CLARK stated that he had a good view from all angles except below and to the left.

6. CLARK stated that as he passed the flight path of the objects he expected a great amount of turbulence, and that he was surprised when he felt nothing. As soon as he had passed the objects' flight path, however, he noticed that his engine began running rough. (CLARK'S aircraft and engine are brand new. His engine is a Lycoming, 4 cylinder opposed, 115 horsepower.) Soon after CLARK landed, he had one of his mechanics inspect the engine, and it was found that all of his spark plugs had been shorted and burned out.

a. These plugs, except for one that could not be located were forwarded directly from Mt Home AFB to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, on 28 July 1949, for analysis, in accordance with their instructions. Only seven of the original eight plugs were forwarded because Mr. CLARK had discarded all eight prior to the arrival of the writer and the subsequent search for them revealed only seven.

7. Soon after CLARK had lost sight of the objects, at approximately 1212 hours, MST, he called Boise Radio, Gowen Field,, Boise, Idaho, and told them that it was an emergency transmission and then asked them to check for any aircraft in his vicinity. He was later notified by Boise Radio that McChord Field, Washington, Hill AFB, Utah, Ogden, Utah, and intermediate points

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had been checked, and that no aircraft had been near his aircraft at the time of his sighting. CLARK further stated that the sky was less than 1/10 covered, and that there was no mist or haze; the only clouds being tufts at approximately 12,000 to 14,000 feet MSL.

8. CLARK stated that he has been flying for twenty-one (21) years, and produced a log book that indicated that CLARK had 13,933:25 hours air time (all civilian time.) CLARK holds Commercial License #12981, Flight Instructor and Flight Examiner License #72, and Airplane and Engine license #12289. It is concluded from this that CLARK'S vision and judgment are excellent.

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INCLOSURES

FOR DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

1. Three (3) sketches prepared by Mr. HARRY F. CLARK, to amplify his descriptions of the sighted objects.
2. One each copy of Form "Essential Elements of Information" signed by Mr. HARRY F. CLARK.

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DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

AT AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

1. Will have spark plugs analyzed to determine if any radio-activity available.

DO #20, MC CHORD AFB

AT MC CHORD AFB

1. Will verify call from Boise Radio, Boise, Idaho to McChord AFB, Washington, reference aircraft flight plans in vicinity of Mt Home, Idaho

NOTE: All calls from Boise Radio made about 1200-1300 hours MST 24 July 1949.

DO #16, HILL AFB

AT HILL AFB

1. Will verify call from Boise Radio, Boise, Idaho, to Hill AFB, Utah reference aircraft flight plans in vicinity of Mt Home, Idaho.

NOTE: All calls from Boise Radio made about 1200-1300 hours MST 24 July 1949.

AT MT HOME AFB

1. Will attempt to establish CLARK'S character and reliability.
2. Will obtain TT weather sequence from Mt Home AFB, covering period of sighting.

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M. Gould/lse/72231
Wrtn 9 Aug 49

Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA (Unclassified)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

10 AUG 1949

TO: District Commander
12th OSI District, IG
Scott Air Force Base
Belleville, Illinois

1. This refers to your letter of 28 July 1949, concerning the sighting of flying objects by Mr. GWYNNE MOSSER of Lafayette, Indiana, on 23 July 1949.

2. It is requested that you contact Mr. MOSSER and FRANK ROBERTSON, who was with him at the time, and secure the information that is required on the attached Forms, making sufficient copies in order that one (1) copy may be sent to the Director of Technical Intelligence, Air Materiel Command, and one (1) to the Director of Intelligence, USAF.

3. The Air Materiel Command is monitoring this project and has requested that in all cases as much information as is available be secured concerning the flying objects.

4. It is requested that your Office make a thorough investigation of subject incident and prepare the necessary reports.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1 Incl
Forms "Guide to Inves
Unidentified Aerial
Objects" (In trip)

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Special Investigations
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

24-0

28 July 1949

SUBJECT: Flying Objects

THRU: Director, Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

TO: Director of Intelligence
Hqs. USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

Attached are copies of correspondence forwarded to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, in accordance with Paragraph 3c, Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum Number 4, 15 February 1949.

1 Incl:
Ltr, 12th OSI Dist, 28 July 49,
w/1 Incl (trip)

James C. Richardson
JAMES C. RICHARDSON
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

26 July 1949

SUBJECT: Flying Objects

TO: District Commander
12th OSI District (IG)
Scott Air Force Base
Belleville, Illinois

1. On 25 July 1949 Captain Edger Bennett, AO-730342, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, called at the Office of Special Investigations, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, bearing a statement executed by Mr. Gwynne Mosser of 719 South 30th Street, Lafayette, Indiana, a friend of Bennett's. Bennett had been approached by Mosser on 24 July 1949 with the information that on 23 July 1949 Mosser and a friend had seen objects in the sky. Mosser believed it his duty to report the incident to proper authorities and, therefore, executed a statement. Captain Bennett agreed to turn the statement over to the Office of Special Investigations, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois.

2. Bennett has faith in Mosser's competency and states he is certain that Mosser was sincere in his convictions.

3. The information was brought to the attention of General Aubry Moore, Commanding General, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. No investigation was requested by him.

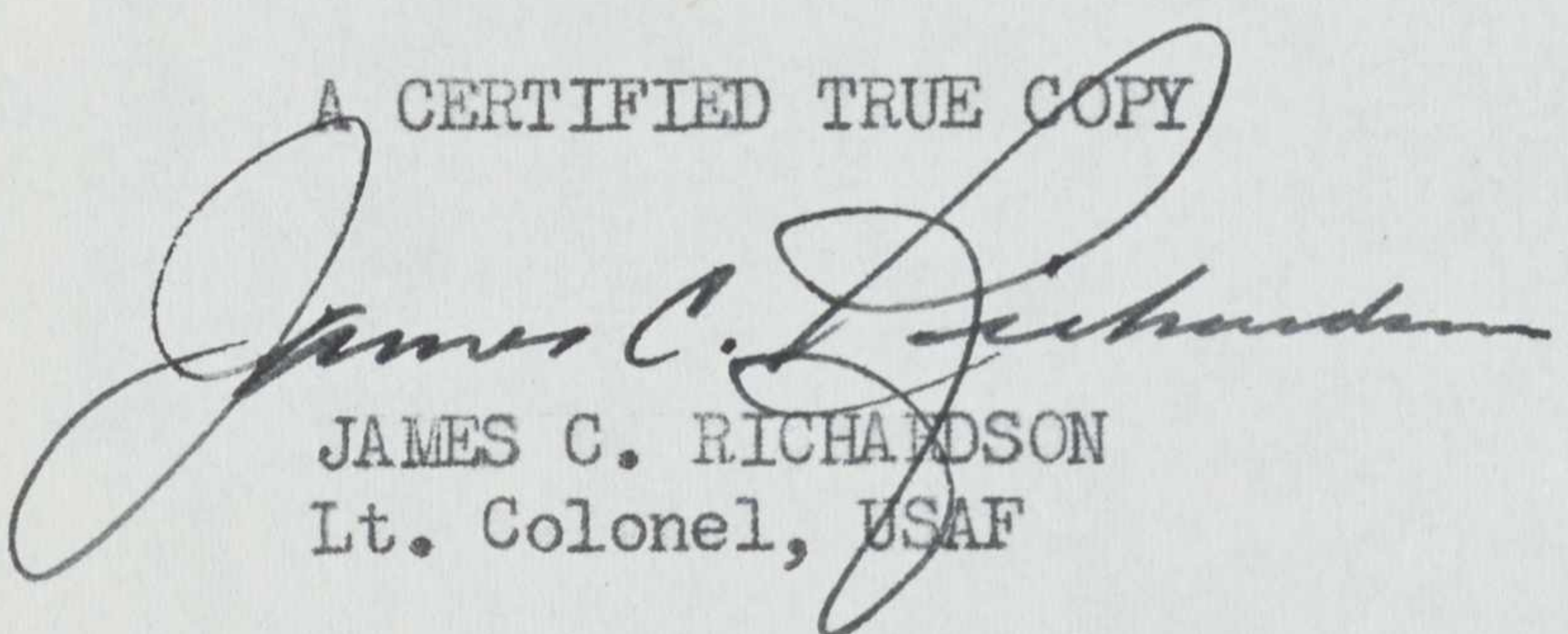
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1. Stmt executed by
Mosser

/s/ Ferdinand L. Goetz

FERDINAND L. GOETZ
Detachment Commander
OSI Detachment "B"

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JAMES C. RICHARDSON
Lt. Colonel, USAF

Incl 12

719 South 30th St.,
Lafayette, Indiana,
July 24, 1949

The undersigned and Frank Robertson, both of Lafayette, were fishing at the Merrill stone quarry just back of the Monon Railroad station at Delphi, on the evening of Saturday, July 23rd.

At approximately 11 P. M. Daylight Saving Time, Robertson called to me, saying: "What are those lights flying around in the sky?"

I came over and looked where he pointed. There were two luminous objects in the sky to the north of Delphi, at an approximate elevation of 1,500 feet. These two objects were soaring in circles. The one on the right was flying horizontally in an orbit, clockwise. The object on the left was flying in an orbit, counter-clockwise.

Frank said: "Those must be the flying disks of which I have heard." We watched the objects. As they approached the near portion of the orbit they would emit a phosphorent glare. They were flying at a terrific speed, and as they flashed around they would appear face toward us, then as they disappeared on the far swing of the orbit, would appear to show the flat portion which appeared as a glowing straight line until they faded from view.

The course which these objects took, while flying in circles, was somewhat erratic. They would dip and dive just as would a plane taking evasive action.

We had two flashlights, and we focussed the two spots together and led the objects as they came past, just as a hunter leads a flying pheasant. Then it was that we could make out that they were tangible objects. They appeared to be made of some shining metal, aluminum or magnesium, and appeared to be, as well as we could judge from their estimated height, about the size of a five room house in the area they covered.

I then went across the road to a house and found a man sitting on the porch. I got him to come out and look at the objects. He said that he was going to call the editor of the Delphi paper, and the police department.

Shortly after this several powerful searchlights swept the sky, following the disks; those of the police or fire department, I presume.

Shortly after this the objects gradually kept getting farther away until they disappeared from view over the horizon. Approximately 30 minutes later they re-appeared, this time to the left of the place in the sky where they had first been seen.

They flew in orbits in that area until, I would say, about 1 A. M. Daylight Saving Time; then disappeared for a few minutes and took up their paths in the original place in the heavens, where we first noticed them.

We watched them as we cast for bass in the stone quarry until 3 A. M. Daylight Saving Time, at which time they faded from sight and we saw them no more. Through the entire time we viewed the objects they were continually flying.

I might state that neither I nor my companion are in the least imaginative or neurotic. We had not partaken of any stimulants or narcotics whatsoever and so were able to view these objects in the full possession of our faculties.

This we will attest. They were real, tangible objects, presumably of metal, aluminum or magnesium, as I have stated before, as we could plainly see in the combined spots of our flashlights, and the searchlights which were trained on the objects confirmed this.

We had at first advanced the theory that they might be northern lights. We discarded this theory since northern lights do not move in regular orbits in a regular direction.

Then we speculated as to their being searchlights tried out. I walked out in an open field and looked, but could see no ray of light which will shine up from the ground as a luminous band when a search-light or beacon is trained heavenward.

They could not be landing field beacons. The nearest landing field is at Logansport, a considerable distance from Delphi.

The thought that they might be large bats or birds, whose wings reflected rays of the city lights of Delphi as they flew, entered our minds. I went to the edge of the road, and placed myself between the nearest street light and the objects and they still showed the same glow as they spun around in their orbits.

We took these precautions as there has been a lot of joking talk and news stories appearing about the "flying saucers" being various planets which shine brilliantly, due to favorable atmospheric conditions, or their proximity to the earth. Planets, while they move, their movement is only noticeable on the direction finder of a large telescope, and cannot be detected by the naked eye alone.

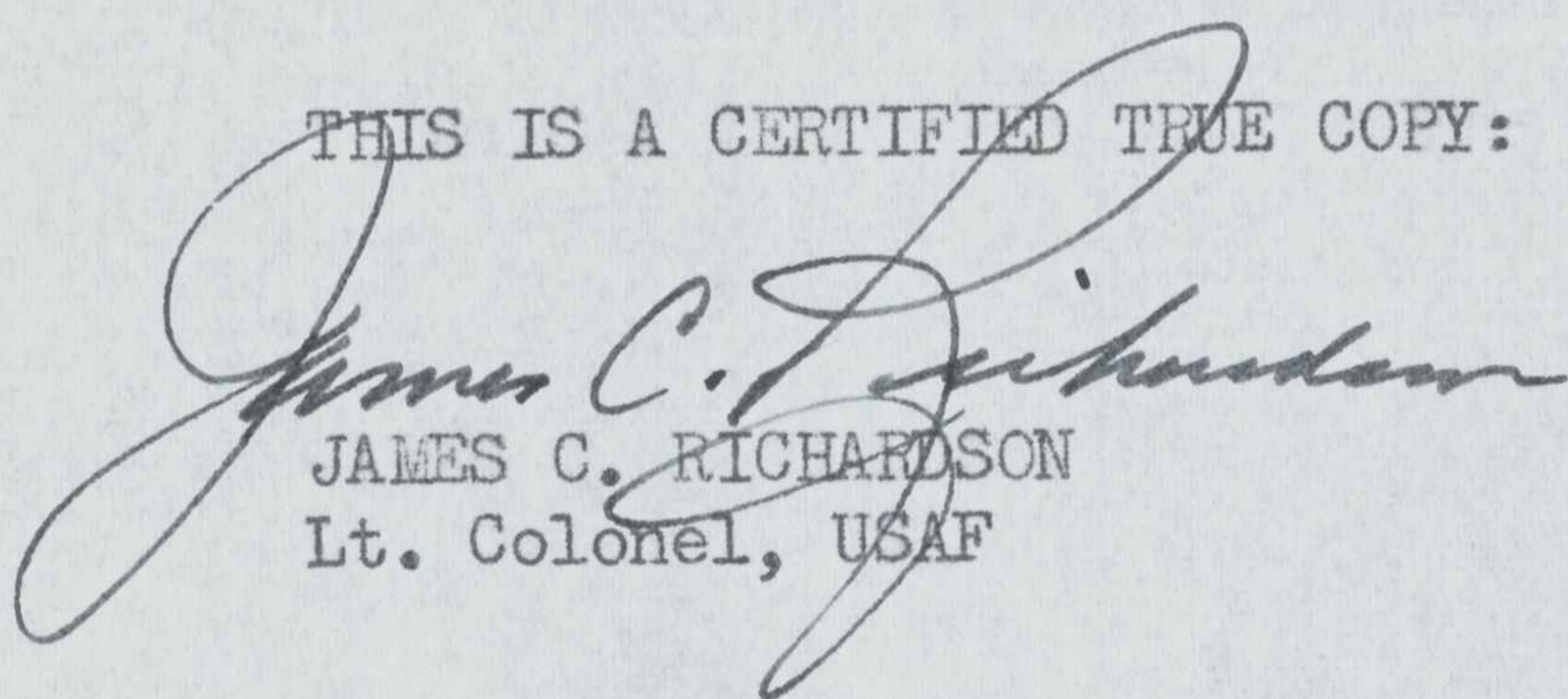
We make the statement that the objects we saw flying through the sky are of solid construction. There have been so many reports of seeing

them that there is bound to be foundation of fact concerning them, just as the rockets which not so long ago appeared over Sweden.

This statement is given to you for such evaluation as you see fit to make.

/s/ Gwynne Mosser

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


JAMES C. RICHARDSON
Lt. Colonel, USAF

5D 21-211 0

27 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident, ~~Rogue River~~, Oregon
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to report of investigation by Special Agent HARRY M. JEE, this office, subject as above, dated 27 June 1949.
2. Inclosed for your information is pending report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES E. BROOKS, DO #19, dated 20 July 1949.
3. Investigation is continuing in other OSI Districts and reports will be forwarded your office upon receipt in this office.

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R/I dtd 20 Jul 49
(in dup)

JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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27 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
Incident, Des Moines, Iowa
7 April 1949

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

1. Reference is made to R & R, your office, dated 20 May 1949, requesting investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena at Des Moines, Iowa, on 7 April 1949.

2. Forwarded for your information is the final report of Special Agent FRANK A. GALLAGHER, OSI District Office No. 13, dated 6 July 1949.

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

4. The files of the 5th District Office of Special Investigations are being closed in this case.

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JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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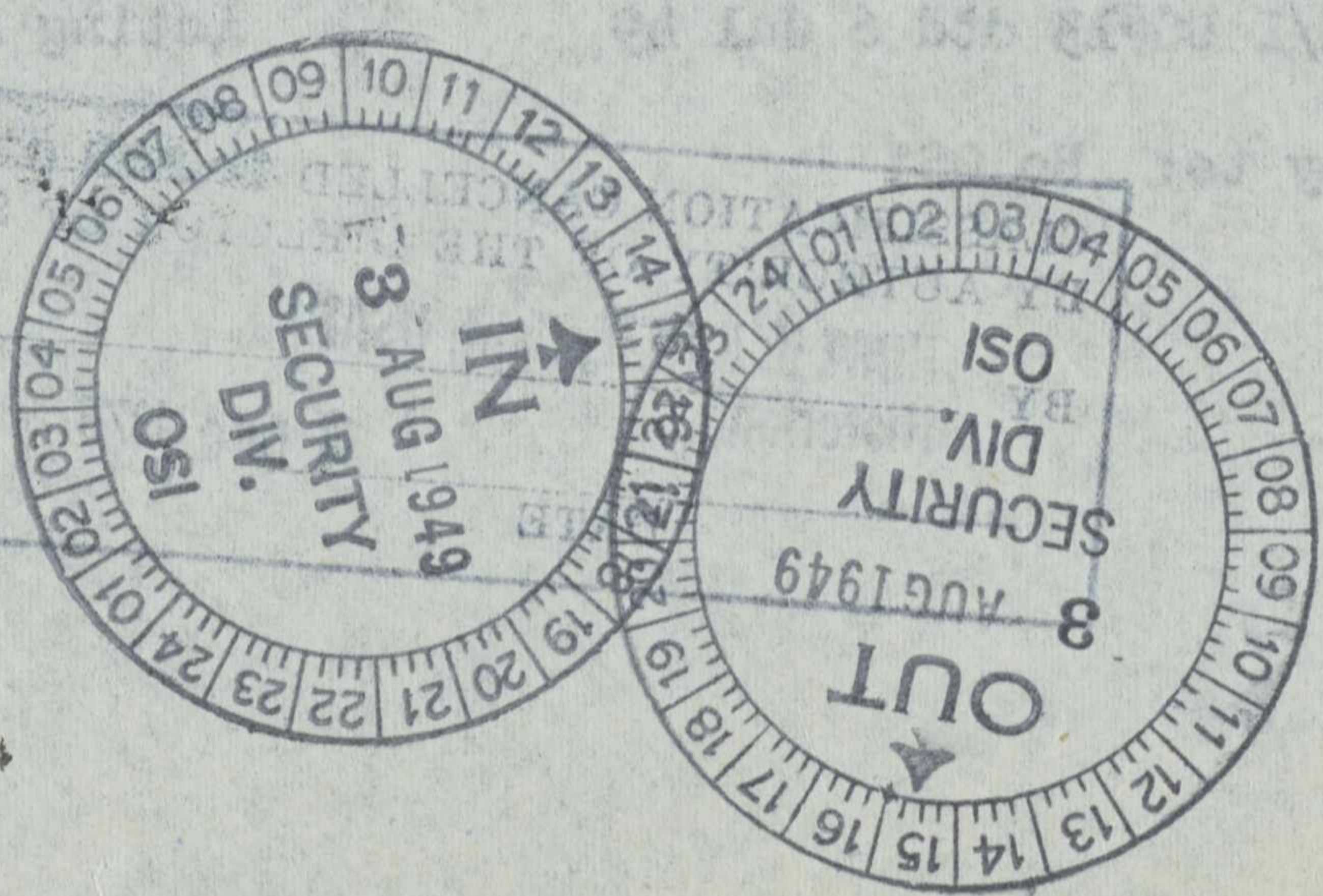
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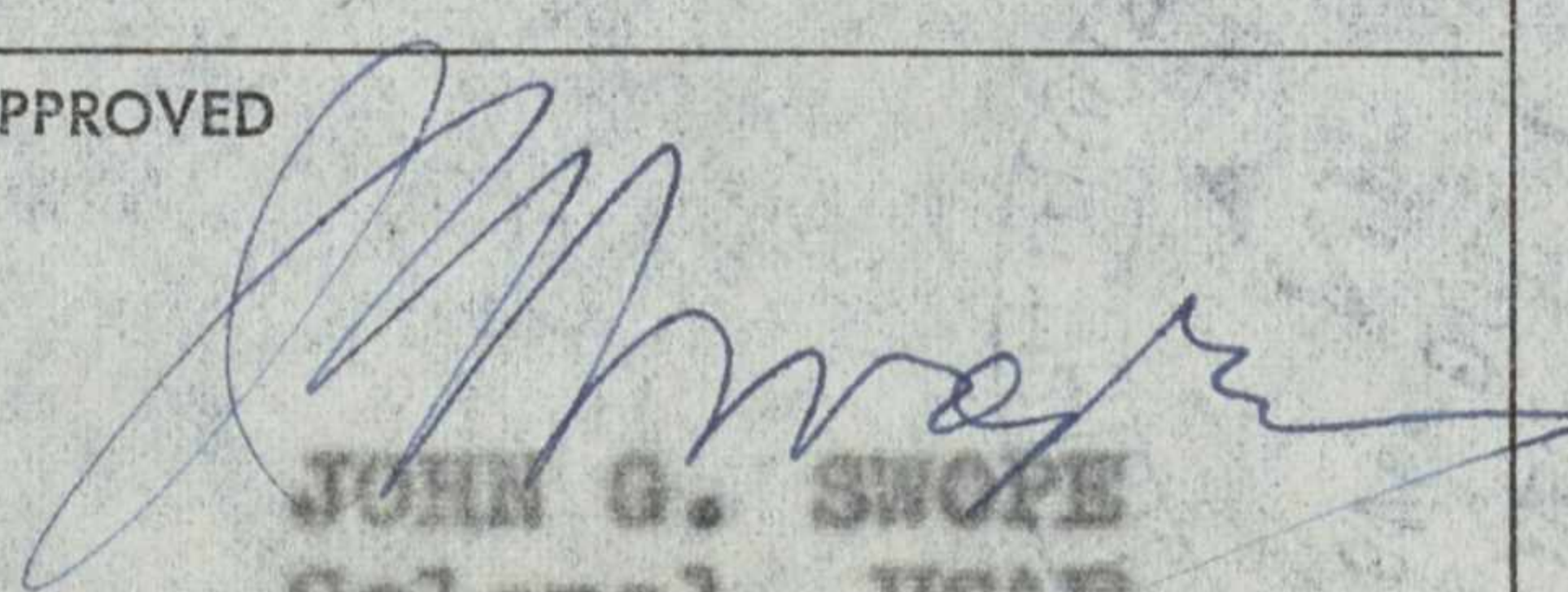
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TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT (PROJECT SIGN) Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon, on 24 May 1949		REPORT MADE BY BROOKS	
		REPORT MADE AT Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		PERIOD 24 June 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER Special Inquiry			
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS			
<p>Investigation requested by District Commander, DO # 19, upon receipt of report from Security Officer, N.A.C.A., Moffett Field, California, dated 14 June 1949. Mr. GILBERT RIVERA and Mr. DON NEAPHY stated that on 24 May 1949, while fishing in the Rogue River, Oregon, they sighted an object which they described as being round and approximately thirty (30) feet in diameter, and at an altitude of 5000 feet, traveling at a leisurely speed, increasing to approximate speed of a jet aircraft.</p>			
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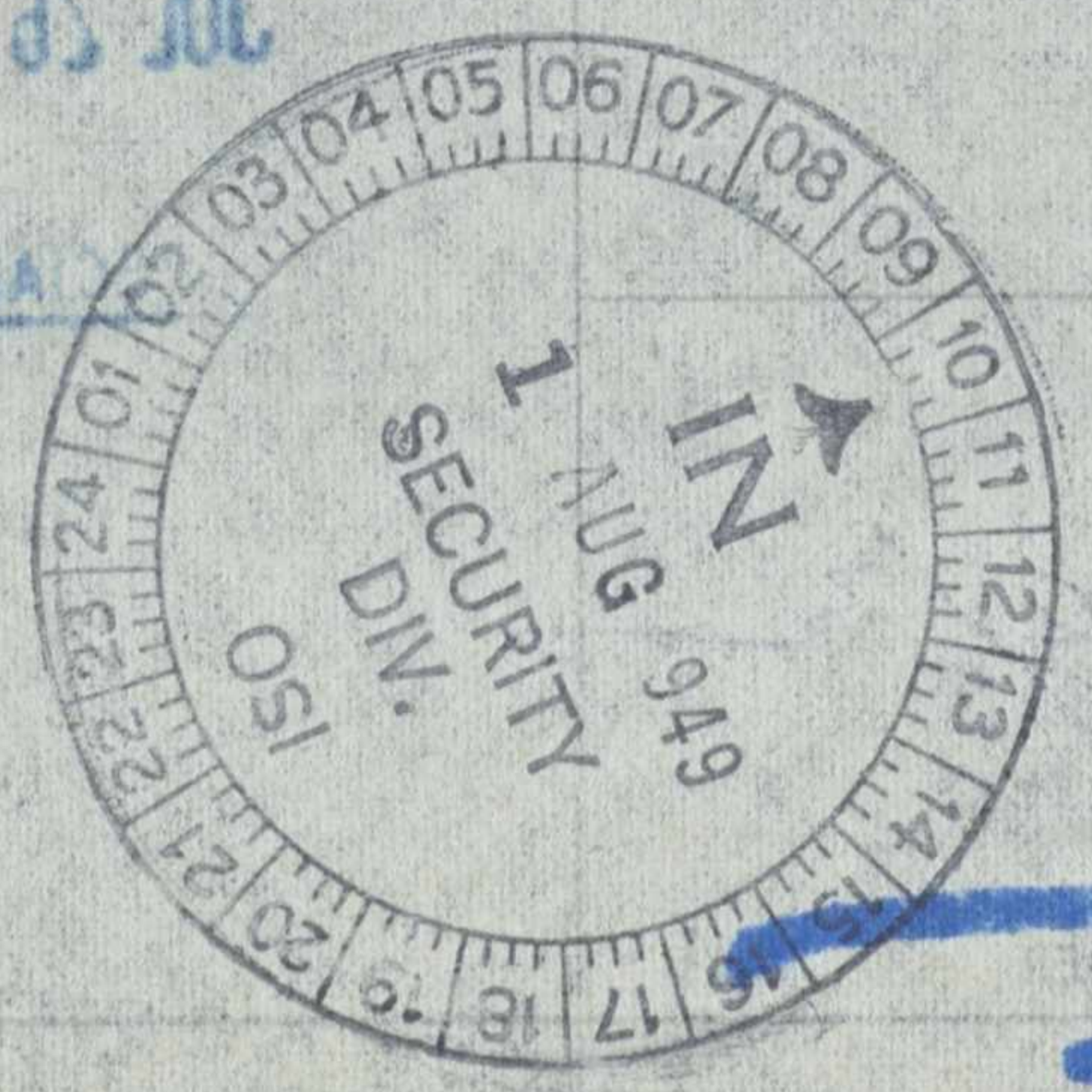
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, DO # 19, upon receipt of report from Security Officer, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Moffett Field, California, dated 14 June 1949.

AT MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA

2. On 24 June 1949, in an interview with Mr. GILBERT RIVERA, Drafting Section, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, the following information was ascertained: On Tuesday, 24 May 1949, at 1700, P.S.T., Mr. RIVERA and four (4) other persons, while fishing two (2) miles upstream (East) of the mouth of the Rogue River, at approximately the same direction and distance from the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, sighted an object which is described as follows: When first sighted it appeared to be a glitter about four (4) miles away laterally, at some 5000 feet above the ground which at that point was at sea level or approximately so. The object was then examined through a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars. Observation time about 90 to 120 seconds. Object appeared round and shiny, something like a fifty-cent piece, viewed from below and to one side. Object's color was silvery and it appeared round in a plan view. The object seemed to be solid with no visible openings and was about 30 feet in diameter as nearly as could be judged. Just before Mr. RIVERA handed the glasses to Mr. HEAPHY, the object made a turn on its vertical axis with no tilting or banking and started to move in a southeasterly direction. There was no sign of exhaust or propeller; no driving force could be seen or felt and no sound was heard. The object at no time contacted or came any closer than 5000 feet, approximately, to the earth, and when last seen was disappearing in a southeasterly direction, accelerating to an approximate speed of a jet plane. There were no protuberances other than a slight fin which seemed to start amidship and come back flush with the trailing edge viewed as the ship drifted. No radio antenna or windows, port holes, or any other protuberances, gaps or openings were visible. The only land mark near the sighting point was a rock formation locally known as "Elephant Rock", approximately 700 yards N.E. of where the boat in which Mr. RIVERA and party were anchored.

3. On 24 June 1949, in an interview with Mr. DON HEAPHY, a mechanic on a 1- by 3-foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, the following information was obtained: On 24 May 1949, at 1700 hours, P.S.T., approximately 2 to 2 1/2 miles upstream from the mouth of the Rogue River,

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Oregon, in a boat anchored approximately midstream, about the same distance East of the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, an object was sighted about 5000 feet above the ground in a direction approximately 60° reading clockwise from North. Object appeared to be about 1 to 2 miles away. Mr. HEAPHY observed the object about 30 seconds with the naked eye at which time he could see only a bright glitter, like a round mirror standing on edge with no apparent motion. Just as the object began to move, RIVERA handed HEAPHY a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars through which HEAPHY viewed the object. With the binoculars the object resolved into a pancake-like shape, somewhat thicker in the center than in the edges, perfectly flat on the bottom with a small fin or vane arising about midship and growing gradually higher to the rear ending flush with a trailing edge as the object traveled. Flat surface was parallel to earth. The object appeared to be made of metal, aluminum or some other shiny metal, and while it appeared oval it could have been perfectly round in plan section. There appeared to be no opening or protuberances of any sort other than the fin already described. Object appeared to be 25 to 30 feet in diameter. It was traveling in a southeasterly direction, about 170° clockwise from North. It executed no maneuvers; no lights, no propellers, no landing gear or any method of propulsion that could be seen or heard. There were no clouds and the sun was at HEAPHY's back at the time of sighting. The trailing edge of the object as it traveled appeared to be somewhat wrinkled and dirty looking. HEAPHY ventured that these might have been vents but said he could not see them well enough to say for sure. With HEAPHY and RIVERA in the boat at time of sighting was Mrs. ROY McBETH, wife of a druggist at Lone, California; Mrs. WILLIAM McBETH, wife of a Standard Oil distributor at Gold Beach, Oregon; and Mrs. GILBERT RIVERA.

NOTE: Mr. HEAPHY and Mr. RIVERA stated that their attention was drawn to the object by its glittering as at the time they were engaged in looking upstream to see if they could spot any feeding fish on the surface. It appeared to this agent that RIVERA was a very reliable person, not at all easily excited; in fact, prone to be rather blase or indifferent. HEAPHY appeared to be a sober, well rounded person, very mature and not easily swayed by someone else's opinion.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will obtain weather report for Gold Beach, Oregon, area on date of sighting of object.
2. Will make interviews with people to evaluate reliability of observers.
3. Will check airline scheduled and unscheduled flights in Gold Beach, Oregon, vicinity on date of sighting.
4. Will check local flight schedules of privately owned or military aircraft that might have been in that vicinity on date of sighting.
5. Will check possibility of testing devices used by some Government agency aloft in that area.
6. Will obtain signed statements from observers.
7. Will check radar stations for sightings of any objects at that time and place.

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will contact Mrs. ROY McBETH, through husband ROY McBETH, a druggist at Ione, California, and obtain statement re sighting of object. No other address known.

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 20, MCCHORD AFB

AT GOLD BEACH, OREGON

1. Will interview Mrs. WILLIAM McBETH, Gold Beach, Oregon, and obtain statement re sighting of object.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-23	DATE 26 JUL 1949
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA Sighted at Approximately 1015 Hours 4 Jun 49 in vicinity of Brownsville Road, Route 88, Allegheny Co, Pa		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH J. PASTOR REPORT MADE AT DO #3, 1612 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, Pa PERIOD 15 Jun 49 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #3, 1612 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, Pa STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS Investigation requested by Commanding Officer, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa. Mr. CARL L. KENNY, Chief Engineer, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., reported that at approximately 1015 hours 4 Jun 49 on Old Brownsville Road, about 1-1/2 miles southeast of Ginger Hill, Pa., he sighted an <u>object oval in shape and very thin with respect to its diameter, flying parallel to Old Brownsville Road, from northwest to southeast, at about twice the speed of conventional aircraft and at an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet. 1-1/2 miles to the southwest of Old Brownsville Road. The object, in sight for approximately 30 seconds, made no sound, was highly polished with no evidence of any projections, lights, exhaust, or vaporization, maintained a straight and level flight until obscured from view by trees along the road. KENNY is respected by his neighbors and employer, is regarded as well educated, level-headed and of good character; has no police record. Weather report in vicinity at time object was sighted indicates ceiling was approximately 2500 feet, visibility from 3 to 6 miles with haze. Allegheny County Airport and Greater Pittsburgh Airport reported no flights in the vicinity at that time.</u> <div style="text-align: center;">CLASSIFICATION CANCELED BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF 3 DEC 1975</div>			
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File No. 24-23

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Commanding Officer, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa., who on 10 June 1949, telephonically advised the Detachment Commander, 3d OSI District Detachment, Coraopolis, Pa., that Mr. CARL L. KENNY, Chief Engineer, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., Ambridge, Pa., reported that at approximately 1015 hours 4 June 1949 on Old Brownsville Road, about 1-1/2 miles southeast of Ginger Hill, Pa., he sighted an object, oval in shape and very thin with respect to its diameter flying parallel to Old Brownsville Road from northwest to southeast at an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet.

AT AMBRIDGE, PA.

2. Mr. CARL L. KENNY, Chief Engineer, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co, (residence 215 Oak St, Avalon, Pa.), was interviewed at his place of employment on 15 June 1949 and stated that on 4 June 1949 at 1015 hours EDST, while enroute to Centerville Boro, Washington Co., Pa., accompanied by his brother, C. W. KENNY, he was proceeding in a southerly direction on the Old Brownsville Road, approximately 1-1/2 miles southeast of Ginger Hill, Pa., when he first saw what he thought was an airplane. Upon glancing at the object again it appeared to be very thin in respect to its diameter and traveling at least twice the speed of an ordinary aircraft. He described the object as flying parallel to the road on which he was traveling, at approximately 4,000 feet and 1-1/2 miles to the right of Old Brownsville Road. KENNY further stated the object tilted approximately 45° and he noted that it was oval in shape and appeared to be highly polished, similar to highly polished aluminum. KENNY advised that the object did not maneuver in any way and there was no apparent evidence of exhaust or vaporization. The object appeared to be clean in its oval shape and there was no evidence of lights or projections. It made no sound. Mr. KENNY stated that the thickness of the object in relation to diameter at thickest point was approximately ten percent (10%) and the diameter was comparable to the wing spread of a two-engine aircraft. The object was flying in straight and level flight, approximately twice the speed of conventional aircraft, and was in line of sight for approximately thirty (30) seconds. The object, according to KENNY, was lost from sight when trees along the road obscured the view. According to KENNY, his brother, who resides at 380 Jefferson Drive, Mt Lebanon, Pa., and was a passenger in the automobile at the time did not see the object. Mr. KENNY advised he has been Chief Engineer for the Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co. for the past thirty-eight (38) years and has been interested, to a limited extent, in aviation. His chief hobby is his work which is engineering and drafting. KENNY stated his ability to distinguish colors, speed of objects and distances is a result of his everyday work requiring such knowledge.

3. Mr. E. E. BOLLINGER, President, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., was interviewed on 15 June 1949 in his office and advised that CARL L. KENNY has been employed by the Company for the past thirty-eight (38) years and is a respected and trusted employee. He knew of no derogatory information concerning KENNY.

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AT AVALON, PA

4. On 15 June 1949, Mr. EARL HIGH, 1015 Jackman Ave, was interviewed and described KENNY as a man about 65-70 years old, respected in the neighborhood, seemed to be well education and level-headed and who is employed by the Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., Ambridge, Pa. Mr. HIGH stated he has never heard anything derogatory concerning KENNY's character or habits.

5. On 15 June 1949, a check was made of the records of the Avalon, Pa. Police Department with negative results concerning KENNY.

AT CORAOPOLIS, PA.

6. On 15 June 1949 a check at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, disclosed the weather report of 0930 EST 4 June 1949, as furnished by the Weather Section, Greater Pittsburgh Airport was as follows: Greater Pittsburgh estimated ceiling 2500 thin broken; visibility 3 miles with haze; temperature 76°; dew point 54; winds west at 11 knots; altimeter 30.33: Morgantown, W. Va., estimate ceiling 2500 feet, thin scattered clouds; visibility 5 Miles with haze; temperature 74°; dew point 52; winds calm; altimeter, 30.37.

7. On 15 June 1949 a check was made at Operations Section, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, and revealed that no aircraft was reported in vicinity of Old Brownsville Road, near Ginger Hill, Pa., during the morning of 4 June 1949.

8. A check was made at the Allegheny County Municipal Airport disclosed weather reports for 4 June 1949, furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau were as follows:

0908 reading (EST) - Ceiling 2,500, thin scattered; visibility 5 miles with smoke; wind north-west, 10 miles per hour.

0928 reading (EST) - Ceiling 2,500, thin scattered; visibility 6 miles with smoke; wind north-north-west, 7 miles per hour, sea level pressure-196; temperature 73°; dew point, 51; altimeter setting, 013.

9. On 15 June 1949 Mr. MILTON BARLOW, meteorologist, in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau, advised that there were no weather ballons aloft during this period of time, 4 June 1949.

10. Mr. DAVID R. ARBUHLE, Senior Airport Traffic Control Operator, Allegheny County Municipal Airport, advised 15 June 1949, that he had no flights in the vicinity of the Old Brownsville Road, near Ginger Hill, Pa., for this period of time on 4 June 1949.

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20 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Gilchrist Beach,
Galveston, Texas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to Routing and Record Sheet, your office, dated 13 May 49, requesting investigation be conducted on the incident which occurred at Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas on 4 Mar 1949.

2. Forwarded for your information are two copies of the final report of Special Agent FRANK J. WASIEWICZ of District Office No. 10, dated 11 July 1949.

3. With the submission of this report all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

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

5. The files of 5th District Office of Special Investigations are being closed in this case.

Incl . (in dup)
R/I DO #10 dtd 11 Jul 49

JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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TITLE PROJECT "GRUDGE" Incident, Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas		REPORT MADE BY FRANK J. WASIEWICZ, SA	kc
		REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB	
		PERIOD 6 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB	
		STATUS RUC	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE Report of S/A Philip F. Hooker, DO #5, W/P AFB, 17 May 1949.			
SYNOPSIS <p>This investigation was predicated upon receipt of report of investigation by Special Agent Philip F. Hooker, 5th OSI District (IG), Wright Patterson Air Force Base, 17 May 1949, setting forth that alleged <u>fly- ing objects</u> were sighted in the vicinity of <u>Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas</u> in June 1948 by Mr. DON CORDER, 3280 Port Arthur Road, Beaumont, Texas. On 6 July 1949, Mr. DONALD LEWIS CORDER, in a written, signed statement, retracted the statements made by him in a letter to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post, 4 March 1949, wherein he reported that he had observed a flying object in the vicinity of Gilchrist Beach. Mr. CORDER further stated that his description of the object was partly imaginative and based on articles which he had read of the subject of flying missiles.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Official transcription</i></p>			
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DETAILS

1. This investigation was conducted as a result of a request for undeveloped lead from District Office #5, contained in report of Special Agent Philip F. Hooker, 17 May 1949, setting forth that alleged flying objects were sighted in the vicinity of Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas in June 1948, reported by Mr. DON CORDER, 3280 Port Arthur Road, Beaumont, Texas on 4 March 1949.

AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS

2. On 6 July 1949, Mr. DONALD LEWIS CORDER, age eighteen (18), 3280 Port Arthur Road, Beaumont, Texas, stated that on 3 March 1949 he and several boys of approximately his age but unknown by name, were engaged in playing pin ball machines at a drug store in Beaumont, Texas when one of the group brought to his attention an article in the Saturday Evening Post entitled "What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers". Mr. CORDER further stated that in order to impress the boys he related a fictitious story of having heard and seen an object similar to a flying saucer while at Gilchrist Beach in June 1948 and, on a challenge from the boys, wrote a letter to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post wherein he related having seen a flying object, describing and illustrating it from his conception of a flying saucer and from articles he had read in newspapers and magazines. Mr. CORDER further stated that he did not realize the seriousness of the incident and in a signed, written statement retracted the information reported to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post in his letter of 4 March 1949.

3. Mr. and Mrs. LEE LOUIS CORDER, parents of DONALD LEWIS CORDER, advised that on several occasions their son had indicated tendencies to relate imaginative stories; further, that they were not aware of the above incident until it was brought to their attention at this time. Mr. and Mrs. CORDER cited as an example that during this interview their son had related eight versions concerning the flying object, prior to his final admission that he had not seen any such object.

4. The original signed statement referred to in this report was forwarded to 5th OSI District (IG), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

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For DO #5

For Hqs OSI

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Signed statement by Mr. DONALD LEWIS CORDER, 6 July 1949.

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S T A T E M E N T

July 6, 1949

I, Donald Lewis Corder, 18, residing at 3280 Pt. Arthur Rd., Beaumont, Texas, make the following statement voluntary to special agent Frank J. Wasiewicz, a member of the Office of Special Investigation U.S.A.F., without threat, promise or duress. Special Agent Wasiewicz has advised me of my rights that I do not have to make any statement oral or written.

I wish to make the following statement in reference to a letter I wrote on 4 March 1949 to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post, wherein I had stated that around midnight during the early part of June 1948 I had observed an object flying at Gilchrist Beach which resembled a flying saucer, and at this time I want to deny the above mentioned statement and state it is untrue.

On the third of March 1949 several boys of my age brought to my attention an article, "What you can believe about Flying Saucers", in The Saturday Evening Post and I in turn made up this story, purely of my own imagination, and from information that I had learned by reading several articles in regards to flying saucers, as a dare I wrote this letter. While at this beach I had not seen or observed anything that resembled a flying saucer. The diagram and description which I enclosed in my letter to the editor of The Saturday Evening Post were merely copies of diagrams I had seen in other publications.

I hereby state the foregoing statements made and written in this statement consisting of four pages written in my own handwriting are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and accurate.

"A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY"

William S. A. Alley

WILLIAM S. A. ALLEY
Captain, USAF

/S/Donald Lewis Corder
3280 Pt. Arthur Road
Beaumont, Texas

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21 July 1949

SUBJECT: GEORGE RICHARD ~~X~~ ROLFE
PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
1st OSI District (IC)
Dolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to report of investigation by Special Agent CLAUDIUS E. BELK, DO #4, dated 13 July 1949, subject and file as above.

2. This office has changed the "Action copy forwarded to" section of the referenced report to read, "Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, W-P AFB, ATTN: MCIAES." The symbol indicated represents the Analysis Section, Technical Intelligence Division, Intelligence Department, Hq MAC. This section is charged with the responsibility for analysis of all airborne unidentifiable objects under the project name of "GRUDGE."

3. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Hq OSI for information and action in changing their report as indicated above.

✓ Cy to: Hq OSI

JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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S T A T E M E N T

We, Lee Lewis Corder and Lucile Cecila Corder, parents of Donald Lewis Corder reside at 3280 Port Arthur Road, Beaumont, Texas. Do hereby state that the forgoing statement consisting of four pages was made in our presence by our son voluntary without threats or promises, and to our knowledge is true and correct.

/S/ Lucile Cecila Corder
/S/ Lee Louis Corder

Witnessed by:

Frank J. Wasiewicz
Sp/Agt, OSI
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" CERTIFIED TRUE COPY "

William S. A. Alley
WILLIAM S. A. ALLEY
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 2 4-42	DATE 10 August 1949
TITLE BALLOON SIGHTED IN VICINITY OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 24 June 1949		REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM M. LILE	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #13, Offutt AFB	
		PERIOD 28 June, 1 July, 29 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13, Offutt AFB	
STATUS CLOSED			
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report			
SYNOPSIS <p>Investigation predicated upon receipt of verbal instructions from Lt Col MATTHEW THOMPSON, AO-902812, District Commander, 13th OSI District, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. Balloon sighted over Black Hills area approximately 24 June 1949, described as approximately one hundred (100) feet in diameter, either white or silver in color, with some object suspended from the under side and a tail of approximately ten (10) feet in length. Subject balloon identified by Mr. J. J. KALISZEWSKI, Engineer for General Mills, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as one being used for cosmic ray research for the Navy Department. Balloon remained in this area for approximately three (3) or four (4) days. Present location unknown.</p>			
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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon receipt of verbal instructions from Lt Col MATTHEW THOMPSON, AO-902812, District Commander, 13th OSI District, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, after having been informed of the incident verbally by the writer.

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

2. On 29 July 1949, Mr. E. L. INGVALSON, City Editor for the Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota, was interviewed and advised the writer that Subject balloon was first sighted near Deadwood, South Dakota, on approximately 24 June 1949, and at that time was approximately 5,000 feet high and appeared to be standing practically still. The person who gave the first report (name not known) described the balloon as approximately one hundred (100) feet in diameter, either white or silver in color, with what appeared to be a tail of approximately ten (10) feet in length, and had some object suspended from the under side of the balloon. Mr. INGVALSON further advised that on 28 June 1949 Mr. J. J. KALISZEWSKI, Engineer for General Mills, Incorporated, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, arrived in Rapid City and stated that the balloon was one manufactured by his firm which was being used by the Navy Department for cosmic ray research, and had been released from Camp Ripley, Minnesota, the preceding week. According to Mr. INGVALSON, Mr. KALISZEWSKI stated that Subject balloon was carrying harmless cosmic ray research instruments and that he would pay a five dollar (\$5.00) reward for the plastic balloon and a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) reward for the instruments. Mr. KALISZEWSKI described the balloon as being made from plastic, 105 feet in diameter, white in color, and what was reported as being a tail was probably part of the mooring rope.

AT RAPID CITY AIR FORCE BASE, WEAVER, SOUTH DAKOTA

3. On 28 June 1949 an aircraft piloted by Lt. Col. FREDERICK R. RAMPUTI, AO-45599, and Major ELMER H. HAMMER, AO-46014, was dispatched at the request of the writer to search the entire Black Hills area for the balloon. However, no trace of the balloon could be found.

4. The last report on Subject balloon was received on 1 July 1949 from a Mr. KENNETH LYNN, Rapid City, South Dakota, who stated that he saw the balloon very high over Rapid City at approximately 2000 hours on 30 June 1949.

5. Since 1 July 1949 an informal and unofficial report was received that the balloon had returned to the vicinity of Minnesota and had gone down and was in the hands of General Mills, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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21 July 1949

SUBJECT: ~~PROJECT GRUDGE~~
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Inclosed for your information is report of investigation by Special Agent CLAUDIUS E. BELK, DO #4, dated 18 July 1949. Your attention is invited to the action agency indicated in the report, which is incorrect. 4th OSI District has been informed of the correct symbol for your office.

2. This is a pending report and investigation is continuing. Copies of additional reports will be forwarded your office upon receipt by this District Office.

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JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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20 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Alleged Convention at Alexandria, La.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
9th OSI District (IG)
Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana

1. Reference is made to TWE, this office, dated 15 July 1949, pertaining to subject.
2. Investigation was requested by the Chief of the Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Hq AEC, to determine the following facts:
 - a. Is convention still planned?
 - b. When?
 - c. To whom will government invitation be sent?
 - d. Status of sponsor. (There are indications this may be a tourist promotion scheme).
3. For your information, the newspaper clipping referred to in our TWE is quoted below:

"IF YOU'VE SEEN FLYING DISC, COME ON DOWN.

"ALEXANDRIA, La., July 9.--(AP) Have you seen a flying saucer? If so, you are invited to a convention.

"The Young Men's Business club announced yesterday it is planning a convention for persons all over the nation who have seen the discs. It'll give them a chance to compare notes and government investigators also are to be invited. Discs were reported here twice this week."

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	REPORT MADE BY BROOKS E. MOON	
	REPORT MADE AT DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif.	
	PERIOD 8 July 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #20, McChord AFB, Washington	
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REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, California. This office received from ONI, 12th Naval District, San Francisco, California, a report of investigation which set forth information that JOSEPH C. SHELL, a reputable business man and pilot of Los Angeles, California, had sighted six (6) or seven (7) unidentified flying objects, which were not conventional aircraft, in Southern Oregon on 27 May 1949. No investigation is being conducted by this District Office at this time relative to this matter inasmuch as all pertinent leads are in District Offices #18 and #20.

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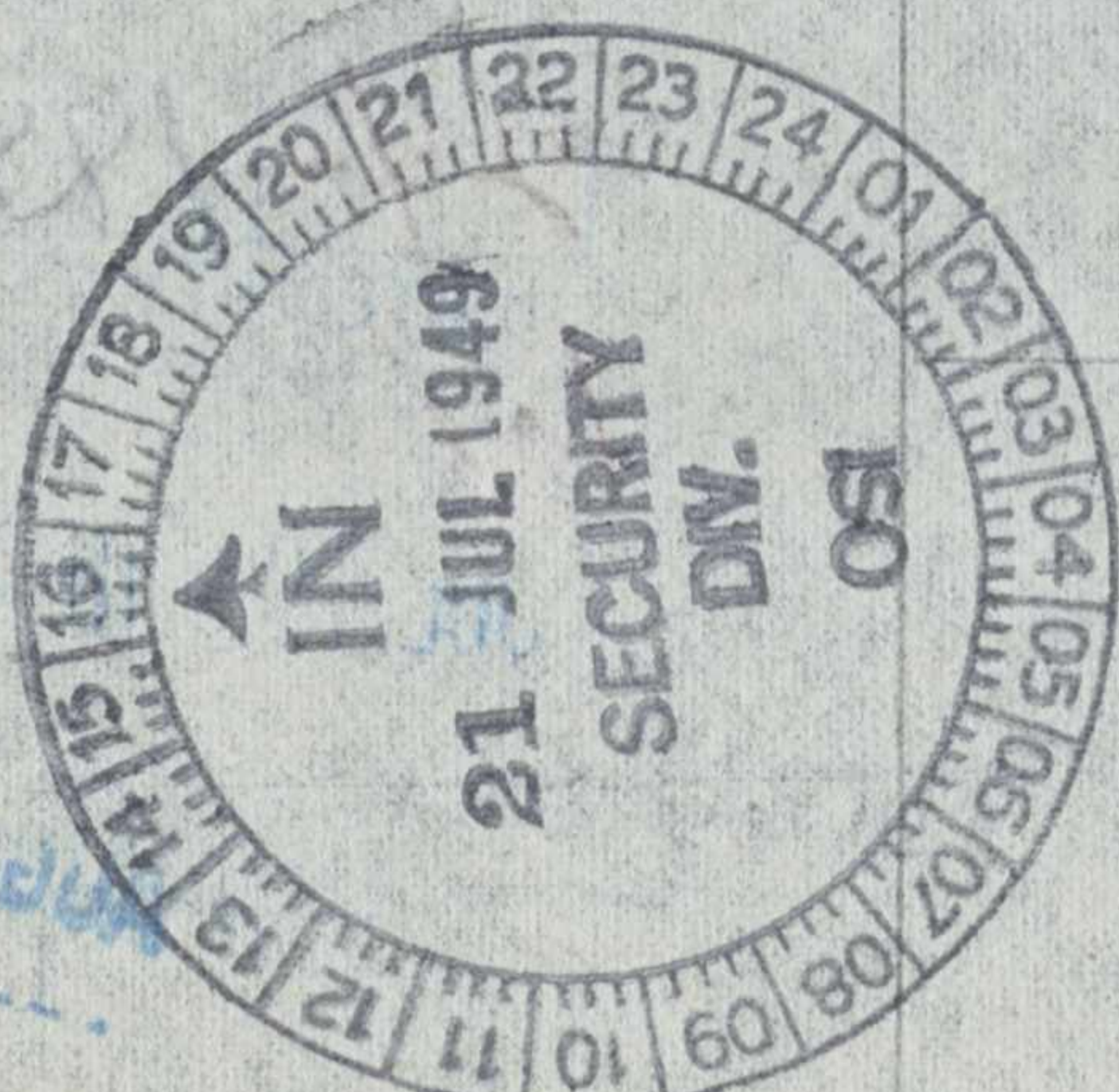
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DETAILS: 19D OSI 24-15

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, District Office #19, Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, upon receipt of a report of investigation conducted by Naval Intelligence at San Diego, California, dated 23 June 1949, File: D10-11ND 38-49, which is summarized as follows:

a. "On Friday, 27 May 1949, JOSEPH C. SHELL of 4575 Northridge Drive, Los Angeles, California, was flying his privately owned SNJ-type aircraft from Red Bluff, California, to Burns, Oregon. He departed Red Bluff at 1332 hours P.S.T. and arrived at Burns at 1458 hours P.S.T. At 1425 hours, same date, SHELL observed the sun reflecting on an object, or objects, at a considerable distance ahead and a few points to the starboard. He continued to watch the course taken by the reflecting material, expecting it to materialize into a conventional aircraft as the distance lessened between him and the object or objects. As the objects reached the long bluffs (shown on the Boise (V-2) Aeronautical Chart as Hart Mountain) which run for a number of miles along the east side of some dry lakes (Swamp, Flagstaff, Campbell and Stone Corral Lakes), he observed that instead of a single object there were several which seemed to be flying in formation. At this point the objects appeared to have changed their course so that they were paralleling his course and were following the bluffs' rim at about 1000 to 1500 feet below SHELL's altitude at a distance which he estimates to have been 5-1/2 to 7-1/2 miles. SHELL is certain that it could not have been as far as ten (10) miles since the bluffs were less than ten (10) miles away and he could see the objects outlined against the bluffs."

b. The objects that SHELL saw are described by him as follows:

Size of each object: Considerably smaller than a fighter plane, probably less than 20' in length. All of the separate objects appeared to be the same in size.

Shape of objects: There was no break in the outline. SHELL is certain he would have recognized conventional aircraft. They had a solid configuration, and no great thickness. They were elongated oval, perhaps twice as long as wide, and perhaps five times as long as thick. SHELL points out he observed the objects from an angle from above and could not easily estimate their thickness; they could possibly have been egg-shaped, and could conceivably have been perfectly oval. The objects seemed definitely solid objects - there was nothing ethereal about them.

Speed of objects: SHELL is confident they were traveling at least as fast as his own plane (212 MPH). SHELL had a tail wind of 15 to 18 MPH and the objects would therefore have been doing over 230 MPH air speed. The objects were traveling south/southwest, opposite to SHELL's course. Calculating the speed of the objects, several different ways from the facts at hand, the speed of the objects varies between 190 to 260 MPH. SHELL concluded at the time of observation that he could not possibly have turned

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around and caught up with the objects. They were definitely traveling faster than a group of birds, and slower than jet planes. No trail of smoke or exhaust was observed. The speed of the objects appeared to be steady.

Terrain, elevations, population, etc. in area: SHELL flew at 9000' MSL which was between 4000' and 5000' above terrain. During most of the time of observation, the objects were 1000' to possibly 1500' below SHELL's plane. Towards the end of sighting when SHELL had begun to come down he was almost on a level with them in altitude."

"The valley through which SHELL flew north, and the objects flew south, is roughly 12 miles wide. The floor of the valley is between 4000' to 5000' in elevation. The east side of the valley is dominated by Hart Mountain (8020' in elevation). Hart Mountain stands on an elongated bluff, which has an almost sheer drop of around 1000'. The bluff, and all the terrain, against which SHELL saw the objects is quite dark in color. The objects stood out in contrast to the dark color. The objects appeared to be unpainted metal."

"The rim of the bluff on the east side of the valley is about 7000' in elevation. From where SHELL saw the objects (at 9000' elevation) they were roughly in line with the rim of the bluff (7000'). Assuming the objects were one (1) to three (3) miles away from the bluff-rim, they were probably flying at about 8000' MSL, and about 3500' above the valley floor."

"The valley where SHELL sighted the objects is sparsely populated; however, there are a number of ranches there - more than are indicated on the Boise (V-2) Aeronautical Chart. SHELL believes that if persons living in the valley were questioned, chances are several might be found who saw the objects from the ground. SHELL has flown through this valley many times in going between California and Oregon and does not recall ever having seen another airplane in the valley where he sighted the objects. The valley is not a commercial airway route, and is seldom used by private planes. SHELL does not recall ever seeing any automobiles on the dirt roads in the valley, shown as such on the Boise (V-2) section of Aeronautical Chart."

Number and formation of objects: At the beginning of observation, when the objects were a few degrees to the starboard of dead ahead, SHELL could not distinguish separate objects - all he saw were reflections; however, as he came closer and passed them by 5-1/2 to 7-1/2 miles he definitely saw six (6) or seven (7) separate objects. To be on the safe side SHELL states with positiveness that there were no less than five (5) objects and no more than eight (8)."

"The objects were always in file formation (one behind the other) and there appeared to be no change in altitude of the formation. The space between the lead object and the next one was three or four times the length of one of the objects. The distance between the second and the following objects was between one-half and two-thirds the length of the objects. Accordingly, if the objects were 20' in length, the distance between #1 and #2 was 60 to 80 feet, and the distance between #2 and the others was between 10 and 17 feet. The distance between the objects appeared very constant.

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The objects were so close and appeared to keep their formation spacing in a manner which indicated they might have been under tow by the leading object. At the distance of sighting, no connection, if there was any, could possibly have been observed. SHELL is positive that the objects were separate objects because he was able to see terrain between them. The formation did not fluctuate in flight; the objects flew very evenly and steadily. When SHELL last saw the objects they were going out of visual range on the horizon."

"Weather and visibility at time of observation: Visibility was exceptionally good. SHELL could see Harney Lake, 60 miles distant, and could see smoke rising from the saw mills at Burns, Oregon, 75 miles distant. There were a few scattered clouds at between 14,000' and 18,000'. The weather report at the time indicated "scattered clouds at 18,000'". The air was very smooth. Normally the air in the area is light to mildly turbulent. The sun was west of SHELL; that is, SHELL's plane was between the sun and the objects."

"Location of sighting objects: (Refer to Boise (V-2) Sectional Aeronautical Chart). SHELL's location when objects were first sighted was 42°27'N, 120°W. This point was not definitely established but was computed from the known ground speed and the estimated time interval during which SHELL observed the objects. This position could possibly be as much as five (5) miles SSW of the position given. SHELL's location when objects left his visual range was 42°41'N, 119°49'W. SHELL flew in a straight line between these coordinates.

Location of objects when first observed: 42°38'N, 119°43'W.

Location of objects when last seen: 42°28'N, 119°48'W.

The objects made a slight change of course from quartering to paralleling SHELL's straight line of flight."

c. "SHELL is a Lt JG in A5(L) USNR (inactive), Serial No. 348375. He was commissioned Ensign 5 January 1944, served at Corpus Christi thirty (30) days AV(T), in Dallas two (2) months VRF-2(D). SHELL ferried SNJ's from North American company plants, was at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, thirty (30) days, served at check-out base for ferry Squadron VRF(2) at Columbus, and served at Columbus until August 1945. He was then with VRF(3) at Terminal Island, California, where he became legal and personnel officer. He was discharged from the Navy in January 1946 as Lt JG. SHELL holds Naval Aviator's Certificate No. C-17945, plus a senior pilot's grade in the Ferry Wing of the Navy Air Transport Command. He also holds a commercial license, single and multi-engine, and flight instructor's ratings. His flight time began in 1934 and now totals over 5000 hours, of which time 1300 hours were in the United States Navy. SHELL secured a private license in 1935, a transport license in 1937, a commercial pilot's license in 1938, and was re-issued commercial pilot's license in 1945. From March 1942 to September 1943 he was a flight instructor for the Army Air Force (five months as primary instructor at Lancaster, California). From September 1943 to January 1944

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he flew for the Superior Oil Company of California. Since 1940 SHELL has been Vice President of the Royal Petroleum Company of California, Long Beach, a concern in which he and his relations own all of the stock; he also is part owner of three (3) other oil producing concerns in Southern California. SHELL is married and has three (3) children. He has a BS and a BA degree from the University of Southern California; he also had two (2) years of law at the University of Southern California. SHELL is thirty (30) years of age, but appears to have a background of experience few men his age possess. He is believed to be conservative, sincere, absolutely reliable, and very competent."

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE #18, MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will interview JOSEPH C. SHELL, 4575 Northridge Drive, Los Angeles, California, and obtain from him all of the essential elements of information in regards to his sighting the unidentified aerial objects in Southern Oregon on 27 May 1949.

DISTRICT OFFICE #20, McCHORD AFB, WASHINGTON

IN THE VICINITY OF HART MOUNTAIN, OREGON

Will interview residents in the vicinity of Hart Mountain in an attempt to verify the aerial objects observed by SHELL on 27 May 1949.

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