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

IN REPLY REFER TO 5D 24-4

25 December 1912

SUBJECT: PROJECT "SIGN"

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

1. Reference is made to letter from your office, dated 1 November 1948, subject as above, in which investigation of aerial phenomena at Salt Lake City, Utah, was requested.
 2. Inclosed is Report of Investigation, dated 15 December 1948, by Special Agent LEO M. CHRISTIANSON, 16th District OSI (IG), Hill AFB, Utah, in duplicate.

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T. B. GIBSON
Colonel, USAF
Acting District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.

47-1

DATE

13 December 1948

REPORT MADE BY

S/A FFO W. CHESTER NISON

REPORT MADE AT

15th OSI District (IG), Hill AFB, Utah

PERIOD

19 November - 7 December 1948

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

WOLAXO, Hqs, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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Miscellaneous

REFERENCE

Ltr, Eq, AMC, file WOLAXO-3, dtd 1 Nov 48, subj: Project "SIGN"

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was predicated upon the request of the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, THRU the Commanding General, Ogden Air Materiel Area, Hill Air Force Base, Hill Field, Utah.

Mr. C *c+f b4* Salt Lake City, Utah, was interviewed in reference to the sighting of a strange flying object. Mr. C sighted an object nine (9) inches long, six (6) inches wide and three (3) inches thick, traveling in a northerly direction toward Salt Lake City, Utah, at an estimated rate of three hundred (300) miles per hour on 16 October 1948. Mr. C was in the mountains on a deer hunting trip when he sighted this object.

Details and Exhibits are made a part of this report.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon the request of the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, THRU the Commanding General, Ogden Air Materiel Area, Hill Air Force Base, Hill Field, Utah.

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

2. This agent interviewed Mr. C [] Salt Lake City, Utah, on 18 November 1946, in reference to Mr. C [] sighting an unknown object flying through the air in the direction of Salt Lake City, Utah at 11:15, the morning of 16 October 1946. A signed statement by Mr. NASH is attached (Exhibit "A").

a. Mr. C [] stated that while he was a member of a deer hunting party, approximately one (1) mile south and eight (8) miles east of Sterling, Utah, he saw what he thought to be a "flying disc" going at the rate of 300 mph. This object was going north and a little west in the direction of Salt Lake City, Utah.

b. Mr. C [] was on a mountain ridge approximately 9000 feet above sea level and the object he saw passed less than 500 feet over his head. The object was in [] sight only a few seconds.

AGENT'S NOTE: Sterling is located on U.S. Highway 89, in the state of Utah, approximately 150 miles south of Salt Lake City, Utah.

c. C [] stated that the object resembled a flat football. It was 9 inches long, 6 inches wide and 3 inches thick, "and could have been bigger." There was no evidence of exhaust but the sound was a "throbbing noise or steady purr." (See sketch, Exhibit "B".) It was this sound that first attracted Mr. NASH'S attention to the object. Mr. C [] thought he caught sight of a movement like "a paddlewheel."

d. The weather was calm and there were no clouds in the sky.

e. There was no visible sign of exhaust but from the rear, however, an opening could be seen in the center. The object was silver and black, a silver stripe down the center (from front to rear) and on both sides of the silver stripe the object was black. Mr. NASH saw that part which is exhibited in the sketch (Exhibit "B").

AGENT'S NOTE: Mr. C [] stated that from where he was standing when he sighted the object he saw nine (9) deer a few minutes later. This point was brought out by Mr. C [] to show that his eyesight was good. This agent then asked Mr. C [] how high he thought a certain tree was which was growing in front of Mr. C [] place of business. Mr. C [] stated that it was "over-one hundred feet high." This agent estimated the tree to be about forty feet high, comparing it to a power pole which towered above it.

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DETAILS (Cont'd):

Information relative to Mr. [REDACTED]

3. Mr. [REDACTED] was born 11 October 1911 and his occupation is Used Car Dealer and airplane mechanic, his place of business is [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. [REDACTED] is in business for himself.

a. [REDACTED] is a member, in good standing, of the Latter Day Saints Church (Mormon) having done foreign missionary work in Hawaii. This information was obtained from Church records, Bishopric Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

b. A search of local Law Enforcement Agencies' records revealed no record of [REDACTED]

c. When [REDACTED] returned to camp from hunting, the evening of 16 October 1948, he told his companions about what he had seen. It was then suggested by Mr. [REDACTED], Sr., that the matter be reported, but Mr. [REDACTED] was reluctant to do so because he felt that "people would laugh at him." NASH finally consented to report the incident and upon his return to Salt Lake City he telephoned the Deseret News, a statewide daily newspaper, but they did not publish the story.

d. According to Mr. [REDACTED], the telephone call to the Deseret News was the only phone call he made and the only report he made of the matter. [REDACTED] did not know to whom he spoke at the newspaper office.

Interview with Mr. [REDACTED], Senior

4. On 16 November 1948 this Agent interviewed Mr. [REDACTED], Sr., father of Mr. [REDACTED], at his place of business at [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, Utah.

a. [REDACTED] Sr. stated that the first he or any other member of the hunting party knew of the object sighted was when [REDACTED] returned to camp that evening. The only additional information NASH Sr. could add to the story was that his son had excellent eyesight and could sight deer in the brush that other members of the party would overlook. [REDACTED] Sr. exclaimed that "he would have gladly given up half his hunting trip if he could have seen the object also."

AGENT'S NOTE: It was [REDACTED] Sr. that "talked" [REDACTED] into reporting the incident.

Enclosures:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIAL COMMAND
FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, CODEN AIR MATERIAL AREA
AFM, Salt Lake City, Utah
CIC, Salt Lake City, Utah
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Enclosures (Cont'd):

EX-1

1. Certified True Copy of statement of Mr. ██████████ (Exhibit "M")
2. Photostatic copy of sketch copies from one drawn by Mr. ██████████ (Exhibit "P")

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Statement of Mr. [REDACTED]

Dec. 7, 1968.

Oct. 16, th at about 11:45 A.M. I sat on top of a high mountain East & a bit south of Sterling Utah. Listening for Deer I heard a fluttering sound, about 500 feet up Slightly East of me I saw a fast moving (about 300 I.P.H. plus sign, question mark) object similar to a flat football - Blunt on the rear. Black on the sides Silver or Gray in center from front to rear. I could see no exhaust as it passed toward Salt Lake City or possibly a little west of there. It did not vary a bit in speed, altitude, direction or sound.

3 of us split up at near this point a while before so I was the only one who saw it. I also saw 9 Deer from the same spot, 4 had horns-maby more.

WITNESSED BY:

/s/ [REDACTED]

/s/ LEO M. CHRISTIANSON
S/A OSI 16th Dist.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

/s/ FREDERICK M. TAYLOR
S/A OSI 16th District

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PELHAM R. BENNETT
Captain, USAF
District Commander

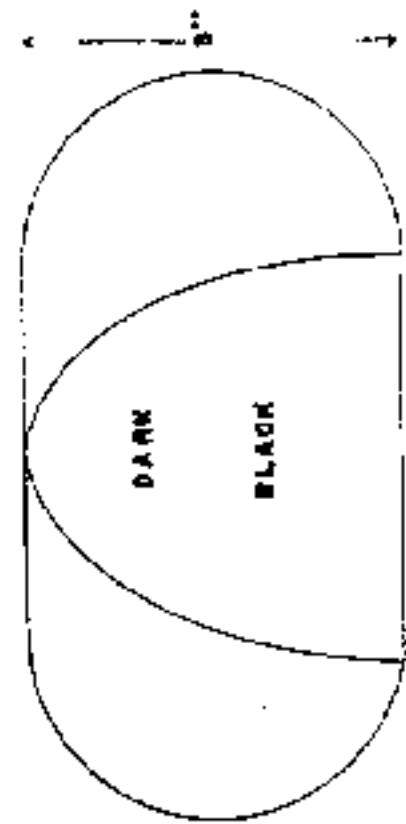
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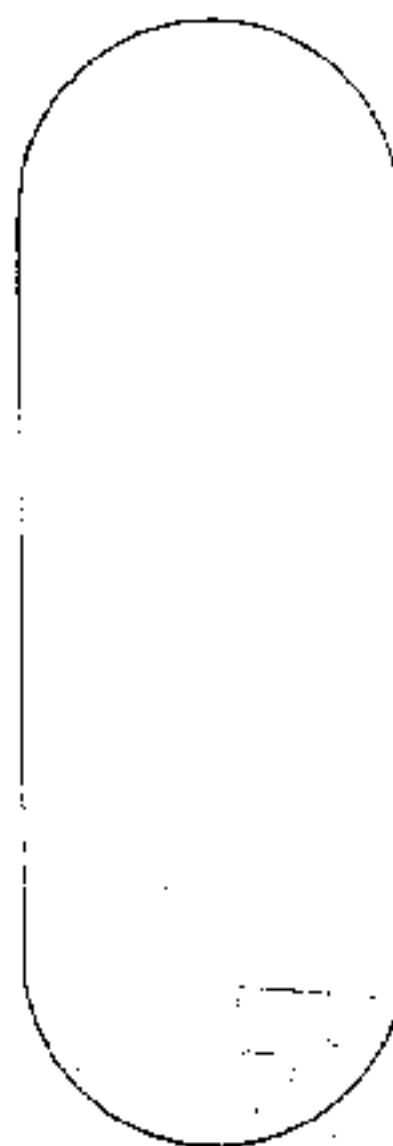
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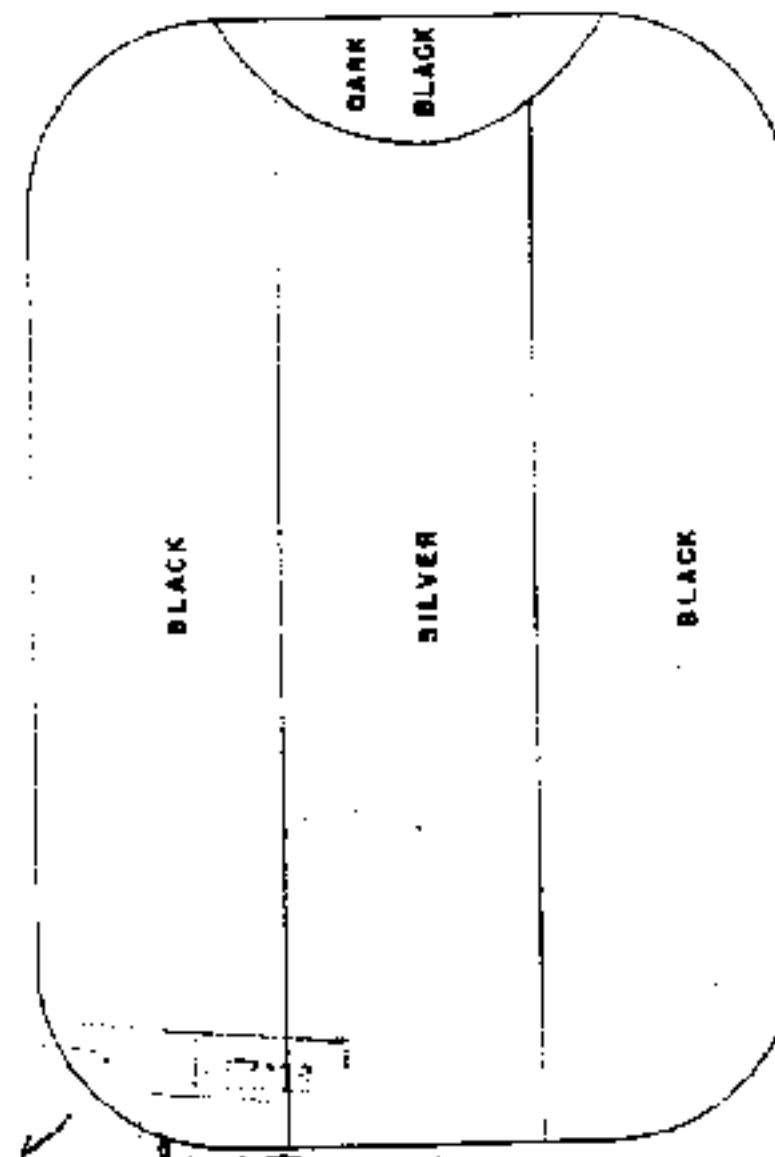
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FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

Agents note: Sketch copied from one drawn by CTA
Mr. Salt Lake City, Utah
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO 45433

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SUBJECT: Project 144-1

12-22-48

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: Chief, Intelligent Test.

In compliance with letter your Headquarters, subject as above,
dated 13 Dec 1948, the attached information is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Michael F. O'Gorman

MICHAEL F. O'GORMAN

Capt., USAF
Adjutant.

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Completed CCP Form

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(re: sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

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PROJECT 'Sign'

Encounter Report: Andrews AF Base, 18 November 1948

1. 18 November 1948
2. 2200 hours
3. b. (1) T-6, 150, 1700 to 7500 ft Alt., 90 deg to 270 deg. circular pattern
(2) East of Washington, D. C., directly over Camp Springs, Md.
(3) Various, Aircraft in contact (visual) for approx. 20 to 15 minutes
(4) 38 deg 49 min North; 76 deg 47 min 30 sec West
4. One (1)
5. a. Approx. same level within 300 to 400 feet
b. Various
c. 1700 to 7500 feet Altitude
6. Ten (10) to twelve (12) minutes
7. a. Whitish grey
b. Oblong, ovate
c. Opaque
d. (1) Unknown
(2) Not accurately described but estimated to be smaller than T-6 type aircraft
8. Generally East to West in circular pattern
9. Capable of multi-directional flight, including almost vertical maneuverability, highly evasive movement, and capable of high rates of acceleration.
10. None
11. Not applicable
12. One (1) light of undetermined size

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- 13. None observed
- 14. Not applicable
- 15. None observed
- 16. None observed
- 17. Range from 80 mph to estimated 600 mph
- 18. None ~~observed~~ observed
- 19. None observed
- 20. Not applicable

Report Relative to Observers:

1.

[REDACTED]

2. Addresses:

[REDACTED] Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] Washington, D. C.

3. Occupations:

[REDACTED] - Construction Foreman
[REDACTED] - Realty Salesman
[REDACTED] - Telephone Cableman
[REDACTED] - USAF aircraft crewchief

4. Place of Business:

[REDACTED] - Not known

[REDACTED] - Drury Realty Corporation

[REDACTED] - Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company

[REDACTED] - Airman, USAF

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5. Novel hobbies, such as sports, modeling, etc., were admitted by all observers.
6. Since all personnel listed as observers of objects in question have had experience as crew members or pilots of aircraft within the last five years or more, ability to estimate speed and distances in relation to airborne objects is considered above normal.
7. Reliability: Source, AF Records and available 271 Reserve Personnel and Coast Files.
Through investigation of current and available military records of subject observers, reliability is considered good since no unfavorable comments, entries, etc were revealed.
8. Object was sighted from airborne aircraft in immediate traffic pattern by three observers, all pilots. One observer sighted object from the ground. Attention was drawn to object by airborne observers through attraction of lone moving lighted object. Ground observer states that sound attracted attention.
9. None
10. All observers of object in question are considered to be of average or better intelligence. None of the observers demonstrated any particular inclination to distort or exaggerate the incident, but rather were puzzled as to the fantastic picture that oral statements presented in written form. It is believed that sound reported by ground observer can be attributed to sound created by diving T-6 aircraft, as indicated by action of other observers. Each observer was convinced that what he saw or heard was the truth as far as he was concerned. From all available information, no reason can be determined on which to base any question as to the intelligence and character of personnel concerned.

Report Relative to Radar Sightings:

1. Not applicable
2. Non applicable

General Information:

1. See attachment # 1
2. See attachment # 2
3. Due to heavy aircraft traffic in Washington D. C. it was not possible to obtain such information.
4. None reported
5. Not applicable
6. Equipment not available to enable procuring of required data *MWT*
7. Not available *MWT*

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8. Statements forwarded with original report. **UNCLASSIFIED**
9. Not applicable

Richard F. O'Gorman ✓
RICHARD F. O'GORMAN
Captain, USAF
Unit Intelligence O.

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Dec 21, 1948

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EQ, 3345th Tech Inv Sq and Cherrute AFB, Cherrute Fld, Ill., 29 Dec 48

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAXO-3

Attention is invited to inclosed "Essential Elements of Information" form which has been accomplished and to two statements of witnesses.

Donald S. Gennung

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1. Info Form (trip)
2. Stmt Montag (quad)
3. Stmt Doty (quad)

DONALD S. GENNUNG

Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re: Sightings of Unidentified
Aerial Objects)

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1. Date of sighting - 8 December 1948.
2. Time of sighting - 1846.
3. Where sighted -

a. Ground

- (1) Town - Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois.
- (2) Distance and direction from city or town - The object was sighted from the sidewalk in front of the Operations Building (two-story building) while facing the ramp or N. East.
- (3) From building (story), yard, etc. - The sidewalk runs East and West along the south side of the Operations Building bounded to the south by a 3/4 story crash truck building approximately 75' south of the sidewalk.
- (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude - 40°-18' No-83°+7 1/2' East.

b. Air

- (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight - Does not apply.
- (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark - Does not apply.
- (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft - Does not apply.
- (4) Latitude and longitude - Does not apply.

c. Sea

- (1) Latitude and longitude - Does not apply.
- (2) Proximity to land - Does not apply.

4. Number of objects

- a. Formation type - One

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5. Distance of object from observer - Object was very high, not under 15,000 feet.
 - a. Laterally or horizontally - Travelled from the North East to South, South West and seemed to be going up from the time first seen travelling horizontally.
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon - 15 to 20°
 - c. Altitude - Over 15,000 feet.
6. Time in sight - 18:46
7. Appearance of object -
 - a. Color - White
 - b. Shape - Round, leaving a trail of white.
 - c. Apparent construction - Could not discern.
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size - About the size of plane.
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view - About the size of jet plane (fighter type)
8. Direction of flight - North East to South South West.
9. Tactics or maneuvers
 - (a) Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering evasive, aggressive, erratic - Seemed to be moving in upward path horizontal from 15° above horizon to 20 or 25°.
10. Evidence of exhaust
 - a. Color of smoke - White trailing smoke of fire.
 - b. Length and width - 15' long, 6' wide.
 - c. Odor (if any) - None.
 - d. Rate of evaporation - Two seconds.
 - e. Does trail vary with sound? No sound at all.
11. Effect on clouds
 - a. Opened path thru clouds - No clouds.

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b. Formed cloud or mists - Could not discern at night.

c. Reflected on cloud - None.

d. Shown thru cloud - None.

12. Lights

a. Reflected or attached - Could not discern.

b. Luminous - Could not discern.

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed - Could not discern.

13. Support

a. Wings - Could not see.

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage - Unknown.

c. Vertical jet - Unknown.

d. Rotating cylinder or cone - Unknown.

e. Aerostatic lift - Not a balloon or dirigible.

14. Propulsion

a. Propeller or jet - Possibly jet.

b. Rotor - No.

c. Aerodynamic vanes - Unknown.

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings - White ball of fire leaving trail.

15. Control and stability

a. Fins - Could not see.

b. Stabilizers

(1) Size - Could not see.

(2) Shape - Could not see.

(3) Location - Could not see.

16. Air ducts - Could not see.

17. Speed - Possibly 350 or over.

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18. Sound

- a. Continuous whine or buzz - None.
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh - None.

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such) - None.

20. Manner of disappearance -

- a. Explode - None.
- b. Faded from view - Yes.
- c. Disappeared behind obstacle - No.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer - [REDACTED] Sgt., 16th Weather Squadron,
Detachment # 1. (AF 16205708)

2. Address - Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois.

3. Occupation - Weather Observer.

4. Place of business - Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois.

5. Hobbies

- a. Time engaged in hobby - Weather observer for 2 years in Army.

6. Ability to determine

- a. Color
 - b. Speed of moving objects
 - c. Size at distance
- } 2 years' past experience as an observer for Army.

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

- (1) Neighbors - Unknown.
- (2) Police Dept. - No police record.
- (3) FBI Records - Unknown.
- (4) Employer - USAF [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT

21 December 1948

I, [REDACTED] Sergeant, USAF, am a Weather Observer assigned to the 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, and do hereby make the following statement to Captain Donald J. Gennung, Intelligence Officer, Chanute Air Force Base:

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On 3 December 1948 at approximately 1846 hours, I was walking with Sgt. James A. Doty, also of the 16th Weather Squadron, towards the Base Weather Station when I noticed what appeared to be a sky rocket or meteor. This object was heading upwards about a 15 degree angle, moving from the north east to the south south west. The object was white in color, very bright and moved about two to three tenths of the sky and then disappeared.

This object did not appear to me to be a falling star.

I immediately went to the Duty Forecaster at the Base Weather Station and reported seeing this.

[REDACTED]
Sergeant, USAF

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6. Ability to determine:
 - a. Color
 - b. Speed of moving object
 - c. Size at distance
7. Reliability of observer:
 - a. Sources:
 - (1) Neighbors
 - (2) Police Dept
 - (3) FBI records
 - (4) Employer
8. Nature relative to observation:
 - a. Sightings in general
 - b. How attention was drawn to object(s):
 - (1) sound
 - (2) motion
 - (3) glint of light
9. Witnesses:
 - a. Witnesses
 - b. Occupation
 - c. Reliability
10. Opinions of interpreter re intelligence and character of person interviewed.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Are radar now operating on ground

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STATEMENT

9 December 1963

I, [REDACTED] Sergeant, USAF, [REDACTED] Weather Observer,
16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois
do hereby make the following statement to Captain Bush T. Kelley,
Assistant Base Weather Officer.

On 9 December 1963 at approximately 1946 hours, I was walking
with Sgt. Eugene E. Montag towards the Base Weather Station when -
happened to look up at the sky and notice what appeared to be either
a sky rocket or motor. I tapped Sgt. Montag on the arm and called
his attention to it.

The object did not appear to be a star because it was three or
four times as large as a star and it seemed to be closer to us than
a star would be. It was heading from the north east toward the
south south west and was moving upwards at about 15 or 20 degree angle.
As it moved it seemed to get larger, and it was leaving a trail. In
about two or three seconds it disappeared. The object was round, white
and moved very fast.

We went into the Weather Station and reported this to the Duty
Forecaster whose name is M Sgt. Robert W. Fillman.

[REDACTED]
Sergeant
[REDACTED]

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

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PROCED "SIGHT"

1. Date of sighting
2. Time of sighting
(Local by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground:
 - (1) City, town
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town
road, intersections, etc.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc.
 - (4) Non coordinates (if feasible) showing
latitude and longitude
 - b. Air:
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
 - (2) Distance & direction from city, town or known
landmark
 - (3) Clock position of object from observer's
view ft
 - (4) Latitude and longitude
 - c. Sea:
 - (1) Latitude and longitude
 - (2) Proximity to land
(Name city, country, etc)
4. Number of objects
5. Formation type (if any)
(sketch if possible)
6. Distance of object from observer

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 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon
 - c. Altitude
6. Time in sight
7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color
 - b. Shape
(sketch if possible)
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent)
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view
(Compared to known object)
8. Direction of flight
9. Tactics or maneuvers
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering,
evasive, regressive, erratic, etc.
10. Evidence of exhaust
 - a. Color of smoke
 - b. Length and width
 - c. Odor (if any)
 - d. Rate of evaporation
 - e. Does trail vary with sound?
(course)
11. Effect on clouds
 - a. Opened path thru clouds
 - b. Formed clouds or mists

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11. (Cont'd)

- a. Reflected or off axis
- b. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

- a. Reflected or attached
- b. Luminous
- c. Blended on and off in relation to speed

13. Support

- a. Wings
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
- c. Vertical jet
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone
- e. Aerostatic lift (bullet or dirigible)

14. Propulsion

- a. Propeller or jet
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic wings (flapping or oscillating)
(Kutta-Joukowski effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability

- a. Fins
- b. Stabilizers (Horizontal or vertical)
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location

16. Air ducts

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15. (cont'd)

- a. Slits
- b. Duct openings

17. Speed - N/A

18. Sound

- a. Continuous whine or buzz
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
- c. Intermittent

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i. e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such)

20. Manner of disappearance

- a. Explode
 - (1) Possibility of fragments
 - (2) Other physical evidence
- b. Failed from view
- c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer

2. Address

3. Occupation

4. Place of business

- a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies

- a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.

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1. (Cont'd)

- a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and time of turn at
 - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.
2. If airborne, when object was sighted.
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits.
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuverability, etc.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions
2. Wind aloft report
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time
(Check Canadian activity if close to that border)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by
Crown, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research
Organizations or any other.
5. If object contacted earth, obt in soil samples within and without
impression or spot where object landed (and then presumably de-
parted) for purposes of making comparison of soils.
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects,
check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity.
Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. 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)
8. Secure signed statement
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

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FILE UNDER NO: 353.5 Investigations

DATE 22-20-48

FROM: AKADB

TO: CG, AMC Wright Patterson AFB Dayton, O.

SUBJECT: Guided Missiles and Flying Disc

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER: 471.6 Bombs & Bombing Equip

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Laboratory for Nuclear Science and Engineering
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts
ATTN: Dr. G. S. Valley

Gentlemen:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of December 2, 1948, the file on incident 68 is attached, together with copies of photographs taken in connection with incident 26. The complete file of incidents is now being microfilmed and a copy will be forwarded upon request.

Concerning incident 35, object was prematurely identified as planet Venus, but subsequent investigation revealed discrepancies which rendered this conclusion improbable. No conclusions have been drawn concerning incident 41.

Project "Sign", concerned with unidentified aerial objects, has a classification of "Restricted"; therefore any unclassified report becomes restricted upon being included in the incident file. Reports were given higher classification when the originating agency considered it advisable.

The following conclusions and opinions of this Command are forwarded for your further information:

Incident 34: Object thought to be a meteor

Incidents 101, 102, and 103: Descriptions of same object - identified as a bolide

Incident 123: No reasonable explanation - thought to be a hoax

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Incidents 152 and 153: Witnesses found unreliable

Incident 151: Being analyzed by General Electric Corporation. The object resembled apparatus used by this company in certain experiments

Incident 156: Thought to be same object as in 157 below

Incident 157: Identified by observer as carnival balloon. Note: A carnival balloon of above type was found in Agawam, Massachusetts. This is the third of its kind picked up in this vicinity.

Incident 158: Thought to be new meteorological equipment. Similar to equipment used in MIT cosmic ray project.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Gaskin
M. R. GASKIN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Division
Intelligence Department

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1. File Incident #68 (C)
2. 2 Photos Incident #26 (C)

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December 2, 1948

Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Field
Dayton, Ohio

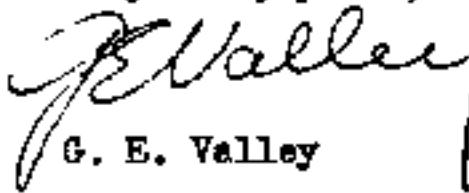
Attention: MCIAKO-3

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your communication of 29 November and enclosure. I note that additional data are available. I desire therefore to make the following requests:

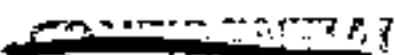
1. A verbatim transcript of that portion of testimony concerning incident sixty-eight (68) which concerns the compass-needle.
2. A print of the photograph mentioned in incident twenty-six (26) if such shows the behavior mentioned with respect to clouds.
3. If it exists, a photograph showing clearly the phenomenon itself.
4. An answer: Has it been definitely established that phenomena 33 and 48 are not concerned with an Office of Naval Research-General Mills Company plastic sounding balloon?
5. An answer, unless the information does not pertain to the subject at hand: Why are some data sheets marked restricted and others confidential? Specifically is this because
 - a. some reports have not been publicized?
 - or b. some reports are regarded as more credible?
 - or c. some reports have been identified as pertaining to known U. S. Government classified projects?

Very truly yours,


G. E. Valley

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Ohio State University Research Foundation
 Columbus, 10, Ohio
 ATTN: Dr Josef Allen Hynek

SUBJECT: Contract AF 1118
 Project "SIGN"

Gentlemen:

This Headquarters was informed by telephone 13 Dec 1948 from the Contract Division of this Command that notification of acceptance of your bid was being mailed to you the same date, and that formal contract AF 1118 would follow in a few days.

Accordingly, the following material from the files of Project Sign is being sent to you for your retention and for necessary action as outlined in the provisions of your contract:

- a. Complete file of Norton, Kansas, Incident #101.
- b. An article on cosmic ray research.
- c. Complete file of letters from Mrs Madeline Gwynne Merchant.
- d. Complete file of Fargo, North Dakota, Incident #172.
- e. Two volumes of incident summaries 1 through 172.
- f. Two reels of microfilm covering complete files of Incidents 1 through 172 excepting Incident #162.

Approximately 219 incidents have been reported to date. Incidents 173 through 219 are now undergoing investigation and are not complete as to factual evidence. However, in each case an incident summary of available facts has been extracted, and will be submitted as soon as received from the reproduction unit.

NOTE: Inclosures are not available for file

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Ohio State University Research Foundation

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It will be noted that Incidents 101 and 172 are being forwarded in separate folders. This is to facilitate an immediate analysis in order to effect a prompt report to Eq. United States Air Force, Office of Intelligence Requirements.

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Your comments relative to working arrangements are invited, and you may rest assured that every consideration will be afforded you by Project Sign personnel in performance of this contract.

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Your attention is invited to the fact that the attached information is classified and is not to be released to unauthorized personnel. The retention and info-guarding of this information will be in accordance with existing security regulations AR-380-5.

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All communications should be addressed to Commanding General, Eq. Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIAID-3.

Sincerely yours,

M. R. Cleggman
M. R. CLEGGMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Division
Intelligence Department

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 1. Incident 101
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Commanding General
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base
Fairfield, California
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is charged with the investigation of all reports of unidentified aerial objects and is authorized direct communication with all Air Force Units by letter Eq USAF, dated 6 February 1948, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'".

2. A teletype from your Base, 061830Z, indicates that an unidentified flying object was sighted at 2015 hours, 3 December 1948 by control tower personnel, your station. It is requested that your office conduct an investigation of this incident, using the inclosed Essential Elements of Information Form, as guide. It is particularly important that the information outlined in general section of the EEI be obtained.

3. All interested personnel should be advised to avoid publicity in this matter. Reports will be considered confidential.

4. Direct reply to Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAKO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. McCOTY

Colonel, USAF

Chief, Intelligence Department

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

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SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

TO: Commanding General
Chamute Air Force Base
Chamute Field, Illinois
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is charged with the investigation of reported sightings of unidentified aerial objects and is authorized direct communication with Air Force installations by letter, HQ USAF, dated 26 February 1948, subject, "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs".

2. A TAK from your Base, 090335Z, indicates that Sgts James E. Doty and Eugene Z. Montag, 16th Weather Squadron, saw an unidentified aerial object at 1946 hours, 8 December 1948.

3. It is requested that your office interview all witnesses to this observation and investigate circumstances surrounding the incident, using the inclosed Essential Elements of Information form as a guide. It is particularly important that the information outlined in the General Section of this form be obtained.

4. Interested personnel should be advised to avoid publicity in this matter. All evidence will be considered confidential.

5. Direct reply to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: AMCIAMC-3.

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SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

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TO: Commanding General
 Chanute Air Force Base
 Chanute Field, Illinois
 ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

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5. Direct reply to Commanding General, Eq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAKO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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FILE UNDER NO. 353.5 Investigation

DATE 12-17-45

FROM: Hqs 1225th Air Base Cp Ft. Pepperrell, Newfoundland APO 862 c/o Post L.
N.Y.N.Y.

TO: Commander Military Air Transport Services Wash 25, D.C.

SUBJECT: 1911A1 US Cal. 45 Pistol #1543556

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

452.1 AXADB

16 December 1948

SUBJECT: Aerial Incidents

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

1. Reference is made to letter, Intelligence Division, CSGID 452.1, 25 March 1948, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," and to Control No. A-1917.

2. Attached Summary of Information, same subject as above, this Headquarters, dated 16 December 1948, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL,

Eustis L. Poland

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EUSTIS L. POLAND
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Office of the AC of S, G-2, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

SUBJECT

Aerial Incidents

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following information was received from the Office of the Fourth Army Intelligence Officer, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico:

"A military plane flying east to west on 5 December 1948 reported to Kirtland Field tower at 2130 as follows: (1) A green flare was seen west of Las Vegas, New Mexico, at approximately 2100 hours. Height of flare estimated at 500 feet. Plane was flying at 18,000 feet. (2) A similar green flare was seen on east slope of Sandia Range at approximately 2127 hours as plane was approaching Kirtland Field. (B-2)

"A commercial plane, Flight 63, Pioneer Airlines, 5 December 1948 reported seeing a light green flare west of Las Vegas, New Mexico, at approximately 2200 hours. The pilot stated the flare looked like a Very Pistol flare only much higher, about 500 feet. The flare seemed to have a trail as on a rocket. (B-2)

"Operations officer Kirtland Field reports unusual incidents of two commercial planes and one military plane flying over Sandia Range on 5 December 1948, with landing lights full on far beyond the usual or necessary need for lights. The commercial planes were flying east to west, and the military plane from west to east. The time was not given except that it was in the early night period. The military plane contacted by radio said he was just checking his lights. The commercial planes were not contacted. (B-2)

"No planes, civil or military, are reported down or lost in this area. No military units are known to be in this area. The local FBI was advised of the situation at once." (B-2)

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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Dec 16, 1948

Maj Donald J. Grant, USAF
Contracting Officer
Air Materiel Command
Sub Office Fort Worth USAF FPO
Post Office Box "E"
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Subject: PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your recent request, there are enclosed eight photographs and two negatives received from Mr [REDACTED] 218 Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Also enclosed are four enlarged copies of the photograph and four copies of the News-Sentinel news item published in a July 1947 issue.

[REDACTED] when interviewed, stated that he photographed the unknown object from his home during the month of July 1947. He stated further that he forwarded a copy of the photograph to the Knoxville News Sentinel, Knoxville, Tennessee, for publication. Presley said he did not believe a photograph of the object to be of any interest to Security; therefore, he did make prints of the photographs a few months later, at which time he presented a number of them to his friends. Presley promised to recover as many prints as possible and forward them to this office. He did mention, however, that he would like, if at all possible, to have the negatives returned to him when available.

All photographs, when made available by [REDACTED] will be forwarded to your office.

If this office can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

G. J. Rathman, Chief
Investigation Section

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HQ AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio FEB 7 1948

TO: AMC Engineering Liaison Officer, Air Material Command, NEPA Project,
P. O. Box "E", Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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1. The negatives forwarded with basic communication are returned

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2. Analysis of the negatives revealed the following information:
a. When the negative, containing the sphere, is examined by strong incident light, it is noted that the emulsion is raised at that point above the normal level of the remaining emulsion. This indicates that either a drop of warm water or a drop of developer struck the film at this point and rolled down this negative and the succeeding negative.

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b. To further substantiate this, it will be noted that when the two (2) negatives are placed side by side with the edges of the film aligned, the so-called "trail" is continuous, that is the two sections match, indicating the drop rolled on from one negative to the next.

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c. Still further proof is shown on the fogged edge of the negative containing only the trail. This is proven by the fact that the trail extends beyond the normal format of the negative. In other words there is a trail of that section of the negative which was not exposed in the camera. This effect shows up in one negative and not in the other because the negative in question is fogged; therefore, this irregularity was developed..

d. Still further proof of these defects lies in the number of unevenly developed sections of the negative.

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3. It is suggested that Mr. [REDACTED] be advised of the nature of these images when the negatives are returned to him. *C/P 66*

4. In view of the positive conclusions stated above it is recommended that this correspondence be declassified by the originator.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McMAHONEY:

R. M. G. Lee

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Intelligence Division
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TO: MCAM

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SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

TO: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: ONI

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 4 November 1948 and letter from Headquarters USAF, 26 November 1948, copies attached.
2. A copy of Project "Sign" Interim Report, previously submitted to HQ USAF, Office of Intelligence Requirements, together with two volumes of Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 are also attached for your information. Although a total of 211 incidents have been reported to date, a number of the later cases are still under investigation and will be forwarded upon completion.
3. A microfilm of all available evidence on Incidents 1 thru 172 will be completed within a week and will be available upon request to all authorized governmental agencies.

BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2d. R. Chaytorman, Col. 431st
for H. M. McCORMICK
 Colonel, USAF
 Chief, Intelligence Department

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 2. Oy Ltr dtd 4 Nov 48
 3. Oy Ltr dtd 26 Nov 48
 4. ESI Form
 5. Incident Summary Sheet

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SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

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TO: Commanding Officer
2238th Air Force Reserve Training Center
Washington 20, D. C.
ATTN: Base Intelligence Office

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1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, AFM AR A, no date, subject, "Flying Discs".
2. This Command is engaged in an investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial objects and is authorized direct communication with Air Defense Command Units by Department of the Army letter dated 25 March 1948.

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3. It is requested that your office investigate further the incident reported in paragraph 1, referenced letter. It is desired that information as outlined in the inclosed Essential Elements of Information check list be provided and particularly that data listed in the General Section of this form.

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4. Personnel should be advised to avoid publicity in this matter. All information should be considered confidential.

5. This letter confirms telephone conversation between Captain Ognisty, your Headquarters, and Captain Sneider, this Command, 1 December 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. P. Singerman
H. M. McCoy *Ex-Air Staff*
 Colonel, USAF
 Chief, Intelligence Department

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HEADQUARTERS
2238TH AF RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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SUBJECT: Flying Discs.

TO: Commanding General, 1st AF, Ft. Slocum, NY., ATTN: AC/S Intelligence.
Commanding General, ADC, Mitchel Fld, NY., ATTN: AC/3 Intelligence.
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: TSDIN.
Chief of Staff USAF, Washington 25, D.C., ATTN: Dir of Intelli-
gence, Eq. Div.

1. In compliance with ADC Letter W-5 dated 25 March 1948, following report is submitted:

(a) On the 18 November 1948 at approximately 2145 hours, two Reserve Pilots, attached to this Air Force Reserve Training Center, engaged in local night proficiency flying operations encountered unknown aerial object as described in attached statements. The following facts are listed for information:

1. Location - Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Md.
2. Weather - CATU, no smoke, haze or fog. Full moon.
3. Witnesses: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. No photographs available.
5. Sketches - None available
6. Object sighted:
 - (a) Number - One (1)
 - (b) Shape - Oval, no wings or tail structure.
 - (c) Size - Undetermined.
 - (d) Color - Undetermined.
 - (e) Speed - Variable.

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Ltr 2238th AF RTC, Subj: Flying Discs, 23 Nov 48 Cont'd.

- (f) Heading - Orbited base
- (g) Maneuverability - Object capable of simi (semi) directional flight.
- (h) Altitude - Variable from 1700 to 8000 feet plus.
- (i) Sound - Described as conventional reciprocating engine type with twice the volume.
- (j) Exhaust - None observed.

(b) Attached statements of three (3) Reserve pilots and one (1) Airman (Regular Air Force) are considered reliable although no other witnesses to incident could be found.

(c) Witnesses reports and statements indicate that aerial object was highly maneuverable, seemed aware of the presence of following aircraft, and capable of almost vertical flight. No accurate description of size of object could be obtained although pilots questioned indicated that it was smaller in size than T-6 type aircraft. Shape as best could be described was oval or ovate. Witness were uncertain as to whether source of light observed originated from entire object or was exhaust type in nature.

2. Delay in submission of report caused by difficulty in contacting and obtaining written statements of subject witnesses.

3. This report exempt from the provisions of 30 procedures under Par 5e, AF Regulation 50-2, 11 Feb 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

MICHAEL F. O'GRIFFITY
Capt, USAF
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
2238TH AF RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 20, D. C.

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SUBJECT: Flying Discs.

TO: Commanding General, 1st AF, Ft. Slocum, N.Y., ATTN: AC/S Intelligence.
Commanding General, ADC, Mitchel Fld, NY., ATTN: AC/S Intelligence
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base
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1. Location - Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Md.
2. Weather - CAVU, no smoke, haze or fog. Full moon.
3. Witnesses: [REDACTED]

4. No Photographs available.

5. Sketches - None available.

6. Object sighted:

(a) Number - One (1)

(b) Shape - Oval, no wings or tail structure.

(c) Size - Undetermined.

(d) Color - Undetermined

(e) Speed - Variable.

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- (f) Heading - Orbited base
- (g) Maneuverability - Object capable of omni directional flight.
- (h) Altitude - Variable from 1700 to 3000 feet plus.
- (i) Sound - Described as conventional reciprocating engine type with twice the volume.
- (j) Exhaust - None observed.

(b) Attached statements of three (3) Reserve pilots and one (1) Airman (Regular Air Force) are considered reliable although no other witnesses to incident could be found.

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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STATEMENT

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On 18 November 1948 at approximately 21:45 I sighted a lighted object flying from northeast to southwest across Andrews Field from four thousand feet altitude dropped down to 1700 feet, same altitude as said object as it came back across Andrews Field from a Southwest to Northeast heading. Flew in circles, object on the outer circle, followed it to 7000 feet. While climbing we made three to four passes at the object in order to identify it. While diving at approximately 240 MPH object would climb vertically then drop below us from behind and continue to circle. On the last pass as it was

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S T A T E M E N T

On 18 November 1948 at approximately 2200 hours, I observed the same object as reported by Lieutenants Jackson and Combs of this organization. Said object was observed directly overhead traversing the northeast corner of the field while I was in the local traffic pattern at an altitude of 1000 feet above the terrain.

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S T A T E M E N T

On Thursday evening 18 November 1948 at approximately 2200 hours, I sighted an object flying a 360° pattern from West to East over Andrews Air Force Base. The object had one continuous glowing white light. My first thought was an aircraft with the wing navigation lights turned off, or burned out; so I made a pass to check. As I came in the object took evasive action, which follows in description.

First contact was 1700 feet over Andrews Air Force Base. As the object started taking evasive action I switched the wing and tail navigation lights of my aircraft off. Then maneuvered my ship so as to get the said object on my left so my exhaust flame would not be noticed. I then proceeded to try to get in close and detect what I saw, but the object continued making evasive action by going quickly up and over my aircraft.

Unsuccessful at getting in close enough to make it out, I tried to maneuver so as to get the object between my ship and the lights of Washington, D. C., or the light of the moon. This was done, my making very, very tight 360° turns with flaps down and making a steady climb. The object could turn inside of my aircraft even under the preceding condition mentioned. Another amazing feature was the very quick variation of air speed from approximately 80 MPH low to 500 or 600 MPH.

I remained contact with the object about 10 minutes with it flying between the lights of Washington, D. C. and my aircraft. All I could make out was an oblong ball, with; one light, no wings and no exhaust flame.

After this I tried to get in close again. I remained in sight of it up to 6000 feet then back around 3500 feet to 4000 feet trying to get in close, but as I said before it could evade me easily. We (object and myself) had by this time climbed back up to 7500 feet. At this altitude I pulled back up sharply and came up underneath the object. I came within approximately 300 feet to 400 feet and turned my landing lights on the object. It had a very dull gray glow to it and was oblong in shape as I said before. At this time it made a very tight turn and headed for the east coast at about 500 to 600 MPH.

I certify this a true statement as to what I saw on the night mentioned.

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22 November 1948

While on duty night of Nov 12, 1948. I S/Sgt JOHN J. KUSNER was standing by T - 11 - 294 and heard a noise. As I turned my head to look I saw a skimming object coming across the sky It sound like a F-47 only twice as loud. It came from the direction of 2238th Eng across the field towards hanger #1. It wasn't very high. It couldn't have been a F-47 and I did not see an exhaust. Shortly afterwards I heard the same noise only higher up over the field. Later on when the pilots landed some of them asked me if I saw anything. They apparently saw the same thing. This object did not look like an aircraft.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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From: Chief of Naval Intelligence.
To: Director of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force.
(Attn: Air Intelligence Requirements Division).

SUBJECT: Report on Flying Discs.

Reference: (a) DE/USAF Conf ltr AFOIR-CO-5 dtd 14 Oct 48.

Enclosure: (A) DIO 13ND Conf ltr to CNO (CNI) dtd 26 Nov 48
with enclosure attached thereto.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith as a matter of
interest to your office in compliance with reference (a).

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Dept. of the Air Force, Eq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Robert Lang Jr. 3-1

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Robert Lang Jr.
Colonel, USA
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Materiel Command, Air Materiel Division
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HEADQUARTERS
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
U.S. Naval Station
Seattle 99, Washington

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26 November 1948

From: District Intelligence Officer, THIRTEENTH Naval District.

To : Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).

Subject: "Flying Discs".

Reference: (a) CNO Conf. ltr. Op-322V F16-3/QN Ser. 04422P32
dtd. 4 November 1948.

Enclosure: (A) (HW) Report of Commander W. J. YOUNG, U.S.N.R.
Dated 26 November 1948.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded as being of possible interest.
2. The reporting officer is Commander YOUNG.

s/ A. E. Jarrell

A. E. JARRELL.

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U. S. NAVAL STATION
BLDG 247
1611 W Wheeler Street
Seattle 99, Washington

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26 November 1948

From: Commander W. J. Young, USNR.
To: District Intelligence Officer, 13ND.
Subject: Flying Disks, Report on.

1. Reporting officer has had occasion to do considerable flying as a passenger in connection with his duties. On several occasions he has witnessed a phenomenon which could easily have been mistaken for flying disks. This phenomenon has been observed in the vast plains of the Willamette Valley and the plains of Eastern Washington and Oregon. One striking example was on the trip over the Willamette Valley on a clear sunny day when the blue haze, always present, seemed somewhat thicker than usual. The aircraft, flying at 3,000 ft., appeared to be in company with several planes flying at altitudes from approximately 1,000 to 5,000 feet. Some appeared on the beam of the airplane, others on the bows or dead ahead. The objects would disappear from time to time and new ones would appear. It was finally determined that what looked to be aircraft at various altitudes actually were reflections of the sun from aluminum roofs or barns and other farm buildings at great distances from the aircraft. This was caused by the perspective of land converging with sky on the horizon and the reflection of the roofs and the limited ground visibility made it appear as though these objects were actually air-born at various altitudes in the haze.

2. This report is not meant to discount the possibility of "flying disks" but may be helpful in the evaluation of the many reports which will be received from sincere sources once a cycle of such reports has started.

s/ W. J. Young

W. J. Young,
Comdr., USNR.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST AIR FORCES
APO 825

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10 December 1948

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs."

TO : Director of Intelligence
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Inclosed reports are forwarded in accordance with paragraph 6, letter, your Headquarters, dated 26 February 1948, same subject, and as additional information to that contained in our radice, Oite AX 1302 and AX 1249, dated 19 November 1948, and 23 November 1948, respectively.

for *Bee G. R. Fox, Major*
C. M. YOUNG
Colonel, USAF
Actg. AC/S, A-2

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Incl. 1 - Report U/I Aircraft or
Flying Object, dtd
1 Dec 48.
Incl. 2 - Report Sighting of U/I
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S/L fm AFHQ, 10 Dec. 4th, subj: "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs."

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Dept. of the Air Force, HQ. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Robert L. Gandy

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ROBERT L. GANDY
1 Dec. 1947
Director, Intelligence Bureau
Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
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HEADQUARTERS, 18TH FIGHTER WING
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE
APO 74

IS/ADM/rk

1 December 1948

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aircraft or Flying Object.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Far East Air Forces
APO 925, U. S. Army

1. Attached herewith are statements and weather report with reference to Unidentified Serial Object, described in Radnote, this Headquarters, dated 24 November 1948.

2. Evaluation of Statements; C-S.

/s/
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R. E. WEINERTAL
Lt. Col., USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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30 November 1948

At approximately 1430 hours on Wednesday, 17 November 1948, we the undersigned were playing tennis during our squadron allotted time for such physical training and observed the following described phenomena in the atmosphere. The description following is one fully agreed on by both parties with no persuasion necessary by either party to believe that what is herein described is the most accurate description possible under the existing circumstances.

According to Ltr Sq., 13th Air Force, AG 452.1, Subject: Unidentified Aircraft or Flying Objects, our report is:

a. Over the Eastern edge of Clark Air Force Base at 1430 hours, 17 November 1948, a phenomena in the sky was sighted.

b. The weather was clear, the sky was blue with slight stratus clouds on the eastern horizon. (See Inclosure # 3)

c. [REDACTED] both 44th Fighter Squadron (SE), 18th Fighter Group (SE), APO T4, U.S. ARMY, were witnesses. *CP*

d. No photographs were available as the phenomena only lasted about three minutes before its vapor substance such as smoke was scattered thinly throughout the atmosphere.

e. A sketch is attached. (See Inclosure # 1 and # 2)

f. This phenomena was singular and appeared to be at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet at a heading of either 120 degrees or 300 degrees according to its origin (if that of an aircraft) and no sound was made by it. It was white in color and appeared to be an exhaust trail which had a sudden burst origin and then tapered off to nothing.

g. It is firmly believed not to be a cloud because of its shape and the surrounding weather which in its vicinity was a cloudless sky. Both parties remarked nearly together that it appeared as if an aircraft had exploded and left this white smoke column. It dissipated in approximately three (3) minutes.

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1st Lt., USAF
44th Fighter Squadron
18th Fighter Group (SE)

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44th Fighter Squadron
18th Fighter Group (SE)

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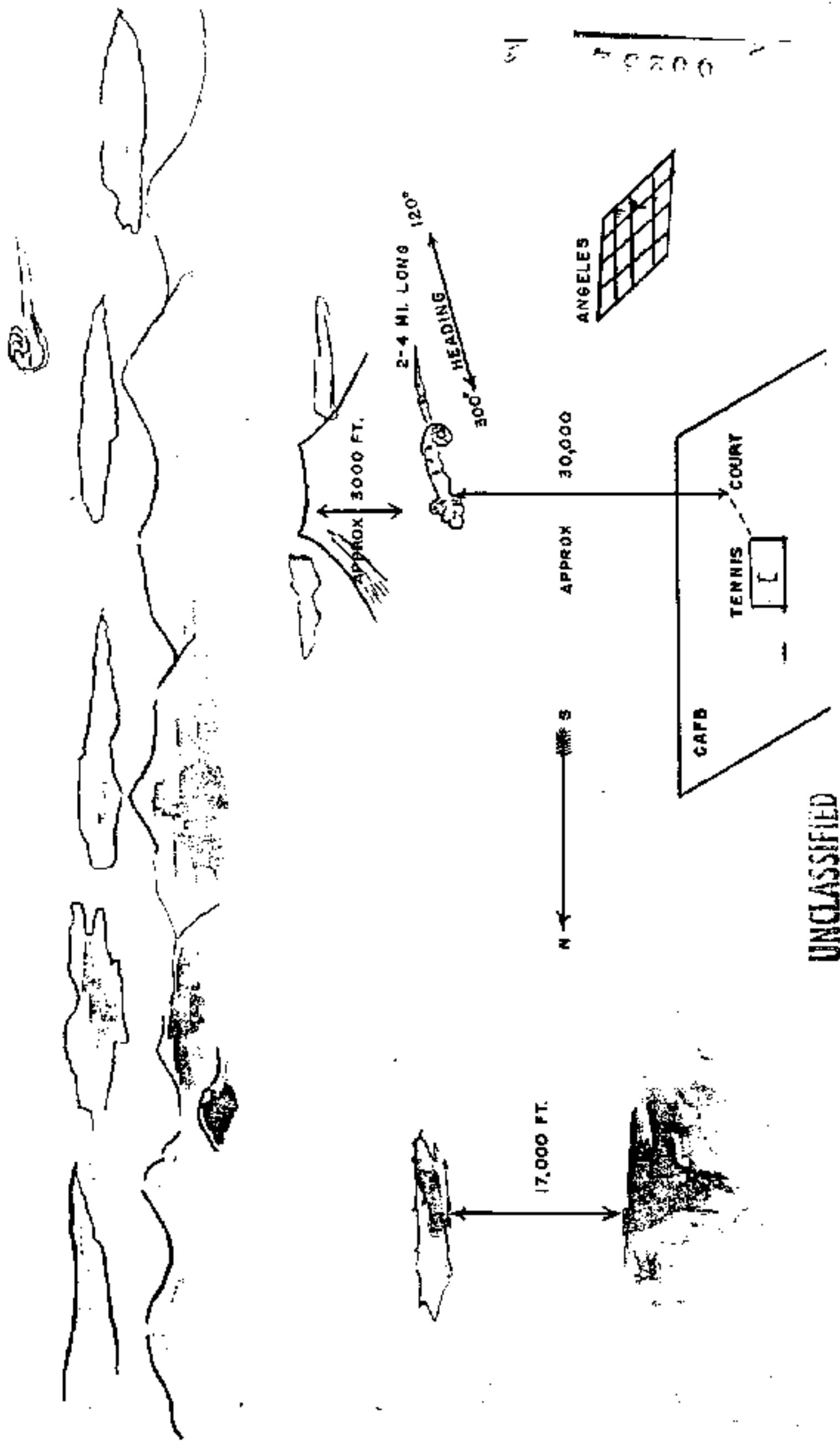


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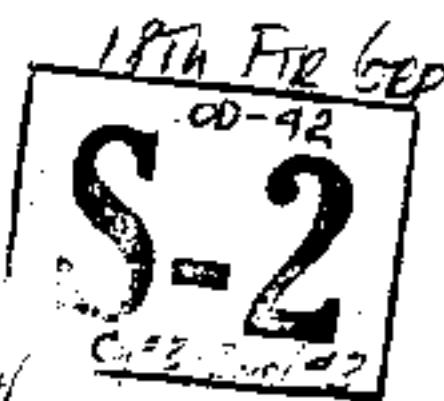
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30 November 1948

The following is a certificate from the Clark Air Force Base Weather Station for the hours of 1400 to 1600 on 17 November 1948:

- a. High overcast
- b. Clouds - 4000 foot scattered
- c. Visibility - 60 miles
- d. Temperature - 86 degrees
- e. Dew point - 67
- f. Wind - North East at 7 miles per hour



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DEPARTMENT NO. 1
14th Weather Sqdn.
Chanute Air Force Base
Chanute Field, Illinois.

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9 December 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

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

1. In compliance with 2102B Air Weather Group TWA 464 dated 19 November 1948 and letter, Headquarters, United States Air Force, subject as above, 5 February 1948, the following report is submitted:

- a. Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, 090045Z.
- b. ~~Sign scattered clouds, visibility ten miles.~~ C/S
- c. ~~Observers, Det 16/1L, 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute AFB, Illinois.~~ 50
- d. Photographs of objects - none available.
- e. Sketches of objects - None available.
- f. Object sighted:
 - (1) One
 - (2) Sound
 - (3) Undetermined size
 - (4) Bright white color
 - (5) Two tenths of instant sky within two to three seconds.
 - (6) Heading from north east toward south south west.
 - (7) Undetermined maneuverability.
 - (8) Undetermined altitude.
 - (9) No sound
 - (10) Exact trail undetermined.
- g. General remarks:

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2. Statements of observers are inclosed herewith.

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1. Stmt Sgt. [REDACTED]
2. Stmt Sgt. [REDACTED]

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Captain, USAF
For CHARLES K. TAYLOR,
Major, USAF
Station Weather Officer

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STATEMENT

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I, [REDACTED] Sergeant, USAF, an a Weather Observer assigned to the 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, and do hereby make the following statement to Capt. Rush T. Kelley, Assistant Base Weather Officer, Chanute AFB:

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Speed - Fast.

Shape - It looked round from this distance.

Size - About 12 in. in diameter

Color - ~~Light~~ ~~pink~~ ~~blue~~ ~~yellow~~ ~~green~~ did not

reflect any light ~~light~~ ~~pink~~ ~~blue~~ ~~yellow~~ ~~green~~

Altitude - About 1000 to 1500 ft.

Direction ~~left~~ ~~right~~ ~~up~~ ~~down~~ ~~forward~~ ~~backward~~ ~~upward~~ ~~downward~~ ~~rightward~~ ~~leftward~~

Time - About 11 A.M.

Date - October 20, 1947

Flight Path - Straight forward.

I could not see any propellers or done. and I thought it was strange because I see airplanes go over every day or so and hear the noise, and this object wasn't making any noise at all, and I had never seen any thing

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that looked just like that
object did.

Age - 26

Education - High School

Name - [REDACTED]

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Witness - [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT

8 December 1948

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16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois,
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and moved very fast.

We went into the Weather Station and reported this to the Duty
Forecaster whose name is M Sgt. Robert W. Fillman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
15th Weather Squadron
Chanute Air Force Base
Chanute Field, Illinois.

5/3/51

9 December 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

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

1. In compliance with 2102D Air Weather Group TWX 464 dated 19 November 1948 and letter, Headquarters, United States Air Force, subject as above, 6 February 1948, the following report is submitted:

- a. Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, 0900LZ. EX? ✓
- b. Few scattered clouds, visibility ten miles. Weather
- c. [REDACTED] Observers, Det 15/1L, 15th Weather Squadron, Chanute AFB, Illinois.
- d. Photographs of objects - none available.
- e. Sketches of objects - None available.
- f. Object sighted:
 - (1) One
 - (2) Round
 - (3) Undetermined size
 - (4) Bright white color
 - (5) Two tenths of distant star within two to three seconds.
 - (6) Heading from north east toward south south west.
 - (7) Undetermined maneuverability.
 - (8) Undetermined altitude.
 - (9) No sound
 - (10) Exhaust trail undetermined.
- g. General remarks:

Object sighted to north east moving to south south west that resembled a skyrocket or meteor but was moving very hard fifteen degrees. Object was described to be about thirty five degrees above the horizon and traversed across thirty five degrees of the horizon within three seconds and disappeared.

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2. Statements of observers are inclosed herewith.

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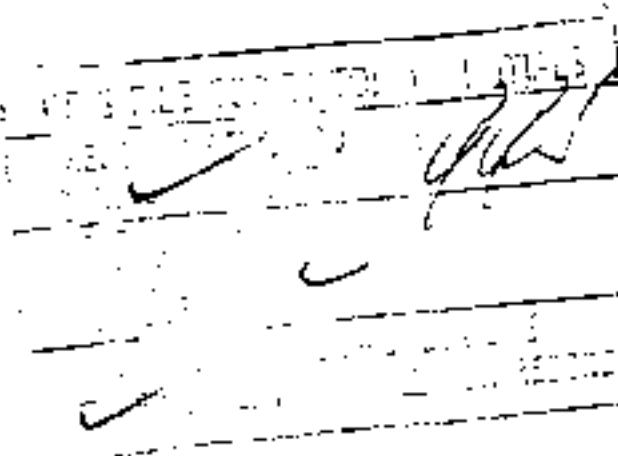
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MURK T. KELLEY
Captain, USAF
CHARLES E. TAYLOR,
Major, USAF
Station Weather Officer

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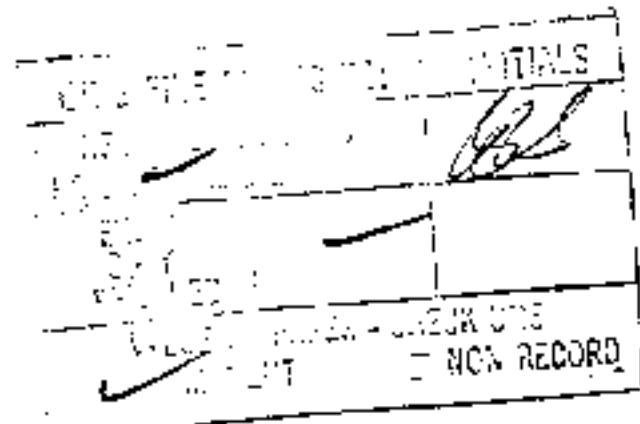
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Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

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HENRY W. WALKER
1st Lt, USAF
Adjutant



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STATEMENT

9 December 1948

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16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois
do hereby make the following statement to Captain Rush T. Kelley,
Assistant Base Weather Officer.

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STATEMENT

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I, [REDACTED], AF 16208706, Sergeant, USAF, am a Weather Observer assigned to the 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, and do hereby make the following statement to Captain Bush T. Kelley, Assistant Base Weather Officer, Chanute AFB:

On 8 December 1948 at approximately 1245 hours, I was walking with Sgt. [REDACTED], also of the 16th Weather Squadron, towards the Base Weather Station when I noticed what appeared to be a sky rocket or meteor. This object was heading upwards about a 15 degree angle, moving from the north east to the south south west. The object was white in color, very bright and moved about two to three tenths of the sky and then disappeared.

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[REDACTED]
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36TH FIGHTER WING
FURSTENFELDBRUCK AIR FORCE BASE
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8 December 1948

SUBJECT: Unidentified Object.

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAHQ-3

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1. The following report is submitted from information received by this officer from 1st Lt. [REDACTED], S-2 Officer, 36th Fighter Group (Jet), this station.

a. At 2220 hours, local time, on 23 November 1948, Captain [REDACTED] 23rd Fighter Squadron, saw an object in the air directly east of FURSTENFELDBRUCK (N 49/Y 65) at an unknown altitude. The object, observed by Capt. [REDACTED] from the ground, looked like a reddish star and was moving in a southerly direction across MUNICH (N 49/Y 85), turning slightly to the South-West and then South-East. The speed could have been between 200 and 500 MPH, though the actual speed could not be estimated according to Capt. SLATER.

b. Capt. [REDACTED] called FURSTENFELDBRUCK (N 49/Y 65) Base Operations from his barracks and informed them of the sighting. Base Operations then notified Raceland DF Station who stated that they had nothing on the scope but would look. Raceland called Base Operations back and stated that they picked up an unidentified object at 27,000 feet altitude, about thirty (30) miles south of MUNICH. Raceland later called Capt. SLATER at his barracks and informed him that the object was climbing and was then believed to be at 40,000 feet altitude, about forty (40) miles south of MUNICH and was orbiting (circling).

2. The weather conditions at this time (2220 local) were: sky, clear; moon shining; no cloud layers; visibility, 3 miles with ground fog; winds aloft, from North 50 knots an hour.

3. There were no F-80's (Jets) flying on this night.

4. Both Lt. [REDACTED] and Capt. [REDACTED] (an F-80 pilot) are completely reliable observers and reporters.

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Air Force Base, Wing Intelligence Office, APO 206, US Army.

5. The facts as stated above were verified by Captain [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], 23rd Fighter Squadron (also an F-30 pilot), who was with
Captain [REDACTED] at the time of the sighting.

6. Subsequent investigation has disclosed nothing further;
and it is unlikely that additional information will be obtained
concerning this sighting.

L. H. MC CORMACK

Captain USAF
Wing Intelligence Office

Telephone: FAFB 502.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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SUBJECT: Metal Fragments Observed at West Rindge,
New Hampshire, 7 July 1947

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

1. Reference is made to a letter dated 9 November 1948, from Colonel W. R. Clingerman, USAF, Chief, Tech Intelligence Division, Intelligence Department, Department of the Air Force, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, requesting that information concerning the above subject be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attn: MCLAXO-3.

2. The attached information pertaining to above subject which was received by this Headquarters from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is hereby transmitted in compliance with original request.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Major General, USAF
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Date: November 26, 1948

To: Director of Special Investigations (IG)
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RIDGE,
NEW HAMPSHIRE, JULY 7, 1947

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... "For your information, Dean John M. Bunker, Security Officer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, the original informant in this matter, advised that a spectrographic examination has been completed of the metal particles referred to and they were determined to be of ordinary cast iron and had been subjected to a very high degree of heat. The heat caused scales to be formed on the cast iron which were originally thought to be of some metallic alloy. The scientists examining the particles concluded that if they had come through the air from any great altitude in small pieces as they were found most of the heat would have been taken from them by the time they reached the ground and fires would not have resulted.

"It is noted that the metal particles landed approximately seven hundred feet from a railroad track, and inquiries were conducted to determine whether or not the particles could have originally been a part of smoke or some other part of the steam engine. These inquiries resulted in positive information that the particles did not come from a train or locomotive. Measurements of the four pieces examined revealed that they most likely had been originally all part of one hollow cylinder, eight inches in diameter and three-sixteenth of an inch thick. It was believed that one piece falling from a great height would have retained a good portion of its heat and probably would have smashed when it hit the ground.

"One scientist, who was not identified, recalled that cast iron cylinders of similar measurements had been used in New Mexico on research work in connection with a guided missile project. However, this scientist did not make this conclusion to the exclusion of all other possibilities. Efforts were made to reconstruct the original cylinder. The metal fragments were not made available. Since the metal fragments were not made available, it will be impossible to furnish them to the Air Force. No further investigation concerning these fragments has been conducted by this Bureau.

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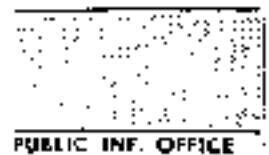
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TO: Commanding Officer
3160th Electronics Station
Cambridge Field Station
Cambridge, Massachusetts
ATTN: Captain Trakowski
Geophysics Laboratory

1. Attached Incident Summaries 101 thru 172 from the files of Project "Sign", are for your retention, study and comments.
2. For your information, the complete case files of Incidents No. 1 thru 171 have been microfilmed. A copy of the microfilm file will be furnished upon specific request.
3. Your office should now have files on 172 incidents in abbreviated form. A total of 206 incidents have been reported to date, of which amount 34 incident summaries are outstanding. These will be forwarded as soon as reproduction is completed.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNAUL:

William Donald P. Col USAF
W. H. CLINEBURN
Colonel, USAF
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Dr. George R. Valley, Jr.
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated 29 November 1948 which forwarded approximately one hundred incident summaries containing brief descriptions of unidentified flying objects.

In accordance with Major Walkowicz's request incident summaries 101 through 177 are now being submitted for your evaluation.

Microfilms of the entire file will soon be available should you desire additional data to establish your findings.

Subsequent reports will be forwarded upon request. Comments should be directed to Commanding General, Hq., Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIADD-3.

Attention is invited to the fact that the attached information is classified and is not to be released to unauthorized personnel. The retention and safe-guarding of this information will be in accordance with existing security regulations AR-380-5.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Gale
W. H. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Division
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Project "SIGN" Incident Summaries

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFORR
Collection Branch

1. The attached Incident Summaries are forwarded in accordance with request of Maj Boggs, AFORR, to Capt Robt R. Saenger, Project Sign Officer, during conference at the National Bureau of Standards 12 November 1948.

2. Condensed incident summaries will be submitted periodically to AFORR as completed "EXI" forms are received from the various investigative agencies.

3. In accordance with the request of Major Walkowicz, Secretary, Scientific Advisory Board, Office, Chief of Staff, USAF, Incident Summaries 1 through 177 have been forwarded Dr George E. Valley, Jr of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as indicated in the attached letter.

FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

William J. Dowdy, USAF
E. W. MCCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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1. Incident file
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 3. Cy ltr to
Dr Geo E. Valley, Jr

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Ltr to Geo E. Valley already in file

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Dr. George E. Valley, Jr.
Laboratory for Nuclear Physics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request of Major T. Walkowicz, Headquarters, United States Air Forces, this office is forwarding herewith a file of Project "Sign" incident summary sheets 1 to 100 for your evaluation and comment.

Incident summaries for incidents 101 to 176 are now being reproduced by photostating. Upon receipt of these reproductions by this office the additional incident material will be forwarded. In the event the reproductions are not received by this office within the stated time, Major Walkowicz will be so notified.

The incident summary sheets are very brief extractions from the observers' testimony. The original reports and related information are on file at this Headquarters.

Incident files 1 to 100 have been already disseminated to the following activities for specialized review, study, comment and recommendations:

- (1) Aero-Medical Laboratory, Eq. Air Material Command, for psychological study, i. e., analysis as to visual acuity aspects of incident material, and other.
- (2) Electronics Laboratory, Eq. Air Material Command, for analysis as to the electronics phases and for possible identification of domestic experiments, or for other plausible explanations in regard to incident material.
- (3) Air Weather Liaison Office, Eq. Air Material Command, for meteorological and weather analyses of sightings to eliminate certain domestic balloon sightings, confirm weather conditions.

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at time of the sightings to prove or disprove possibilities of the incident report, chart and plot movements of balloons as compared to those of unidentified aerial objects reported, and for other phases pertinent to the investigation.

- (4) Research and Development Board, Eq., Air Materiel Command for overall study and comment on all phases of present and future concern to the national security.
- (5) Geophysical Laboratory, 3160th Electronics Station, Cambridge Field Station, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for elimination of those incident reports which can be attributed to domestic research with various types of balloons.

In addition, a request has been made to the National Bureau of Standards for information on ball lightning phenomena which may serve to explain certain incidents in the light of natural occurrences. This request, we have been informed, was forwarded to the Department of Commerce Weather Bureau Library for specific action. The Bureau of Standards is now aware of the existence and mission of this project as a result of a conference held 15 Nov 1948 in Washington, D. C.

A contract has been negotiated with Ohio State University Research Foundation for utilization of the services of Dr Josef Allen Hynek, astrophysicist, to ascertain to what extent celestial phenomena may have been a contributing factor in the incident reports.

Upon review of this material, it is desired that your opinions and comments be forwarded to Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAD-3. This Headquarters will furnish any additional data available in Project "Sign" files if more detailed analysis is required to establish your findings.

Your attention is invited to the fact that the attached information is classified and is not to be released to unauthorized personnel. The retention and safe-guarding of this information will be in accordance with existing security regulations AR-350-5.

Very truly yours

W. R. Clinchman
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Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Division
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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE
APO 925

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20 November 1948

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object.

TO : Commanding General
Far East Air Forces
APO 925, U. S. Army

ATTENTION: Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2

1. Reference letter your Headquarters, dated 3 November 1947,
AC 452.1, A-2, subj: "Unidentified Aircraft or Flying Objects".

2. The following information is submitted regarding Uniden-
tified Aerial Object sighted over Clark Air Force Base:

a. Object was sighted on Northeast portion of Clark Air
Force Base between the hours of 1300 and 1400, on 12 November 1948.

b. Weather: High, scattered clouds, 4500 scattered, visi-
bility 30 miles, temperature 89, dew point 71, wind: Northeast at
8, altimeter: 993.

c. Name and Occupation of Witness: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 16th Maintenance and Supply Group, 18th Maintenance
Squadron. At time of sighting, was engaged in Special Services activ-
ities.

d. Photographs: None available.

e. Sketches: See Inclosures.

f. Object Sighted:

(1) Number: One (1).

(2) Shape: Long fuselage, low wing, airplane shape.

(3) Size: Approximately 300 feet long and approximately
140 feet wing span.

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Subject: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object

- (4) Color: Snow white.
- (5) Speed: According to witness, "Faster than any jet that I have ever seen".
- (6) Heading: Object appeared to be merely flying around Clark Air Force Base, with no definite heading.
- (7) Maneuverability: According to witness, object was very maneuverable, due to speed, and the way it moved in and out of the clouds.
- (8) Altitude: According to observer, altitude appeared to be from three (3) to six (6) miles high.
- (9) Sound: Observer claims he could hear a single roar, as a single plane in the sky would make.
- (10) Exhaust Trail: Object appeared to leave an exhaust trail from the tail-end of mentioned object, as observer said, "It appeared to be sky writing".

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e. After talking to Sgt. [REDACTED] Squadron Adjutant and First Sergeant, the man's character and honesty in this statement is questionable. As for evaluation, the whole statement and report can be evaluated as D-5.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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- 1. Stmt of Sgt. [REDACTED]
- 2. Sketch of Unidentified Object


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Lt. Col., USAF
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BASIC: Ltr fr Eq, Thirteenth Air Force, Clark Air Force Base, APO 719, Subj: "Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object," dated 29 November 1948.

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HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925,

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

Basic communication is forwarded pursuant to the provisions of Eq, USAF letter, dated 26 February 1948, subject; "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs," and as additional information to that contained in our radio, cite AX 1249, dated 28 November 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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 CHIEF OF STAFF
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~~SECRET~~~~UNCLASSIFIED~~~~STATEMENT~~29 November 1948
Clark Air Force Base

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following is an eye-witness report of a strange air-borne craft or object:

On November 12, 1948, between 1300 and 1400 I saw a strange object in the sky.

I was seated in the doorway of the Kelly Theatre on the north side, smoking and watching some cloud formations in the North-east. All at once, a white speck materialized and continued to lengthen out in a northern direction. I thought at first it was a plane sky-writing, for it was so long, but as it continued to advance as a whole unit, I changed my mind; furthermore, I could see no plane (before I noticed there was no plane, I thought also it might be a tow target). The object advanced in a northwestern direction toward a very large cloud formation I had been watching. IT was coming closer and getting larger all the time. I thought, maybe when it comes out of that cloud, if IT does, I will get a better look at IT. IT came out on the Northwest by North side, and I did get a good clear view of IT before IT disappeared in the same cloud formation.

The following is as good a description of what I saw, as the whole thing was out of normal comprehension, I hope to be excused for my laxity in not calling attention to IT to others who were nearby.

IT was snowwhite (the fact that I estimated it to be 20 or 30 miles away, and 3 to 6 miles high, my estimates are, just estimates), as IT came out of the cloud IT was broadside to me, and as IT turned back into the cloud, I got a clear view of IT, head-on. There was definitely a wing formation, low wing, and very short in comparison to the length of IT. I saw this object six times besides before IT went into the cloud formation the first time. The second time IT appeared was to the South and further away; the third time, IT came out directly facing me, and when IT turned North to go back into the clouds, IT was closer than at any other time I saw IT. (Understand, all this time, I could hear a single roar, as a single plane in a clear sky would make, I did look for another plane, or maybe I should say a plane, but could find none, so I assumed that the noise was coming from the object I was watching).

All this I did see; I could also tell that the side wasn't a smooth surface, as IT came around the third time -- as if the side surface was broken by windows. The nose also was short in comparison with length, but, of course, it would be impossible to estimate the length of the object, if, IT was an air-

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Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOR

1. Reference is made to teletype conference message CSAFI of 7 October 1948 and AMC4 of 14 October 1948.
2. A request for desired investigation was forwarded to the Special Agent of the FBI in St. Paul, Minnesota, who had made the initial report. His reply is forwarded as inclosure 1.
3. Further action seems obviated by a satisfactory reliability statement received from Special Agent Charles L. Victor, 113th CIC Detachment, in report of investigation dated 16 August 1948. See inclosure 2.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. H. McCoy AF-CI USAF
 H. W. McCoy
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 Chief, Intelligence Department

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205 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota
November 2, 1946

Colonel W. R. Clingerman
United States Air Force
Intelligence Department
Headquarters
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: MCAFO-3

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26, 1946, concerning the sighting of a "flying saucer" at Hamel, Minnesota, which was originally referred by us to Captain Charles L. Victor, Area Intelligence Officer, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As pointed out in my letter of August 12, 1946, to Captain Charles L. Victor, this matter was referred for informative purposes only and we are unable to make any investigation.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Glodde

W. H. Glodde
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Captain Charles L. Victor
Area Intelligence Officer
Office of AF of AC-2
Room 1082, Post Office Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota



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Flying saucer
Bemel, Minnesota

On 15 August 1948, this Agent interviewed

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Age 17)

at their home at [REDACTED], Bemel, Minnesota.

Informants stated that on 12 August 1948 between 1100 and 1115 hours, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were playing in the back yard and that they noticed an object in descent approximately twelve feet from the ground, which was descending in between the two of them. This object settled to the ground gently, much as a balloon. Upon hitting the ground, the object spun about, made a short whistling noise, described by the two boys as resembling a stream whistle, and then shot straight up into the air approximately twenty feet, stalled, and again made a whistling noise. The object then shot upward to a height of about thirty feet, and, in this ascent, maneuvered around tree branches and telephone wires. On reaching a height of approximately thirty feet, the object shot off in a northeasterly direction. The object approached from the northwest.

The boys described the object as approximately one foot thick, two feet wide, and round. The object had no windows, wires, or any visible appurtenances. The object was a dull gray in color, and when it hit the ground, it made a slight clanking noise, like metal hitting against metal.

[REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] stated the boys were visibly frightened when they ran into the house and were unable to tell what they had seen. Upon this questioning, the boys realized they were ready to swear.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he was visiting Mr. [REDACTED] on 16 August 1948 at Bemel, Minnesota, and he said:

When this Agent arrived at the house, he was taken to a room where a group of 4 or 5 men, including Mr. [REDACTED] advised that the spot where the alleged flying saucer had landed, had been checked over the fact in detail, and appeared normal and barren. This man further advised that the fact in question had appeared to him to be a small stone object and nothing there or beneath it had been disturbed. The ground had been cut down from the ground and even leveled.

(2)

AGENT'S NOTE: This Agent advised the [REDACTED] family that his information reported to higher levels of government, and requested them to keep this matter confidential.

2. On 15 August 1948, this Agent interviewed Mr. [REDACTED], Postmaster, Bemel, Minnesota, who substantiated the above information and advised that he had no reason to doubt the story of the boys or Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]. For this reason [REDACTED] reported the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minnesota.

AGENT'S NOTES: This Agent thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for his interest in the matter

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Attachment is letter typed from J. D. Tolson, Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minnesota.

John L. MORRIS
113th CIC Detachment.

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TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
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1. Reference is made to incoming Message 091731Z from Army Air Base, Azores, to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, regarding sightings of unidentified aerial object.

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2. It is requested that the source Base Intelligence Officer be directed to initiate an investigation of the incidents reported in referenced communication.

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3. As an aid to the investigating officer, three copies of an Essential Elements of Information list are inclosed for use in recording the desired data. Information is particularly desired as to possibility of weather balloon releases other than those previously reported.

T. H. Sibley
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4. It is further requested that collected data and accomplished Essential Elements of Information forms be forwarded to this Command, AFCH: ACIAKO-3.

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Parma, Texas.

Nov. 19, 1946

Commanding Officer,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

In a letter of Nov. 4, Brig. Gen. Philip G. Blackmore, Com. Gen. at the White Sands Proving Grounds, White Sands, N.M., referred me to Wright-Patterson AFB for released data on V-2 rocket tests pertaining to cosmic rays, ionized layers, atmospheric temperatures, and spectra of auroral flashes.

Thanking you in advance for whatever material is available on the above subjects, particularly ionized layers, which I think will be of benefit to me in correlation of known data on ray-warfare, I remain,

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Sincerely,

cc/

P.S. I have a considerable file of information on what has been called in the press "insects," "flying saucers," etc. which are, in my opinion, highly ionized states created by agitation to atmospheric elements by a focusing of radio waves. The closest natural phenomenon is ball-lightning. The common laboratory experiment of placing a bulb with neon, or other gas, in front of ultra-microwaves, and creating a state of luminosity, is a

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simple analogy of what occurs ~~to~~ atmospheric elements by a wave concentration.

Data collected by myself in the Los Alamos-Santa Fe area confirmed findings of Gen. E.R. Brethaupt, AMT Material Command, near Portland Oregon. He had been assigned with Gen. Nathan Twining to investigate reports of "discs" on the west coast during the time when [✓] press reports were first made, June, July, 1947. At that time I had already been collecting data in the Los Alamos-Santa Fe area, which has not yet been publicized. We compared notes as he returned through Albuquerque, N.M., July, 1947.

The principle point indicating that the objects are the product of a "ray," or wave concentration, is that upon explosion there is no debris.

This is confirmed also by reports on the aerial missiles, or "ghost rockets," which appeared over Sweden and Norway during the summer of 1946, and over Denmark about a year ago.

I have been in communication with Sidney Newberger, Security Chief, Atomic Energy Comm., Los Alamos, N.M. and also with Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen. Fourth U.S. Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Correspondence has dealt with specific cases, some of which were original field contacts, and others having appeared in the press.

I am one who has worked on the subject of ray-warfare in theory for some years, and feel that what I have called "experimental attack" against us has a rather serious implication of future possibilities of destruction.

The United States ~~is~~ apparently somewhat retarded on ray-warfare, ^{We} as were retarded on development of rockets during the war.

Ground detonations of "discs" have been mistaken by native Spanish-Americans in the ~~government~~ for the government "accidentally dropping

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(3) atomic bombs." My data includes both ground and aerial detonations, with observations also of the ray-form itself, so intense it was visible.

Since the ray-form, or the stage of ionization which is reached before, or prior to, the visible state of "discs," will intercept airplane motors, the problem continues of interest. Both visible and invisible stages are known.

Some three years ago, I technically labeled the product to be produced by a "ray," a "Bolide-Bomb," a bolide being a giant meteorite. And, since the actual product does resemble a large meteorite, I still feel the name is appropriate. However, when the press began using the term "discs," I adopted it, as probably very few persons would know what a bolide is anyway.

Proper counter waves could nullify the effects of the ray-forms, but more work remains before the proper waves can be recommended. Meanwhile, if you have a group working on this subject, I should be very glad to communicate further. And, I shall appreciate greatly your sending me available released data on V-2 rocket findings on atmosphere for correlation with other known data.

Thanking you again, I am,

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sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Please excuse length of postscript.

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20 NOV 1967 REPORT OF THE FBI ON THE AIRPLANE INCIDENT

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1. The following report of an object observed by 1st Lt [redacted] is submitted in compliance with Decree Letter #1 CC sent to your Headquarters, subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Saucers".

a. Location and time of sighting - 1178 304 W Lexington
560 1st W Lexington
1410Z 17 November 1967.

b. Weather at the time - Weather at the time was moderate to slightly overcastly cloudy 1000ft HGL with a 10 ft. base of thin clouds otherwise clear to overcastly cloudy 10,000 ft.

c. Description of object - Object was a dark, irregular shape, about 10 ft. wide, about 10 ft. long, and about 10 ft. high. It was

d. Relationship to subject, if applicable - No relationship to subject.

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The subject, a man in his late 20's or early 30's, was seen at approximately 1000 hours, 10 May 1968, in the 100 block of South Main Street, by a Mrs. George Johnson, 30 years old, who is employed as a telephone operator. She observed the man standing outside her place of employment about 10 minutes. He appeared to be a white civilian, approximately 5'8" tall and 160 lbs. His skin was normally tanned skin.

George F. Johnson

George F. Johnson,

100 S. Main St.

Bethelburg

Date:

May, 1968 At the City of Bethelburg since
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Acting Agent in Charge
 20th OSI District (IG)
 McChord Field
 Tacoma, Washington

1. This Command is charged with the investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified flying objects and is authorized direct communication with all Air Force installations by Dept of the Air Force letter dated 6 February 1948, subj: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'".

2. A letter from the 634th Aircraft Control Squadron dated 1 Nov 1948 (see incl 1) reports that Major [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted] both of the 318th All Weather Fighter Sq, 325th Fighter Group, McChord Air Force Base, saw an unidentified flying object 30 October 1948 while on a controlled mission for the Air Defense Control Center, 634th Aircraft Control Squadron, 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, Everett, Washington. EXP 26

3. It is requested that your office conduct an interview of all available witnesses to this incident. In this connection it is desired that the questions listed on the inclosed form "Essential Elements of Information" (see incl 2) be utilized by the interrogating officer. Attention is directed to items listed under "GENERAL" of the attached form. It is important that this information be obtained.

4. Personnel concerned should be advised of the confidential nature of this investigation. All publicity should be avoided.

5. Direct reply to Eq. Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson F Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attn: MCIAND-3.

FOR MR CO. HANDLING GENERAL:

H. W. McCLOY

Colonel, USAF

Chief, Intelligence Department

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1. Ltr f/634th
Aircraft Contr Sq
2. [redacted]

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654TH AIR GROUP 3D WING SQUADRON
Everett, Washington

1 October 1948

SUBJECT: Report on Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attention: TDI

Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton Field, California
Attention: AC/S, Intelligence

Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Mitchel Air Force Base
Mitchel Field, New York
Attention: AC/S, Intelligence

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.
Attention: Director of Intelligence, Requirements Division

1. In compliance with ADC Letter 45-5, 25 March 1948, the following report on "Flying Discs" is submitted:

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a. On 30 October 1948, at 1430, MAJOR [REDACTED] (Pilot) and LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] (Observer), flying in an F-82 type aircraft, fifteen (15) miles northwest of Pacific Beach, Washington, sighted "Flying Saucer." LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] reported. F-82 was flying north, and "Flying Saucer" approached from the west, on a general west to east course. Object first appeared as a single object, and then burst into approximately twenty-five (25) pieces, about the size of birds, but not the proper shape of a bird. Objects appeared in front of aircraft, and then disappeared into the east.

2. MAJOR [REDACTED] and LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] of the 318th All Weather

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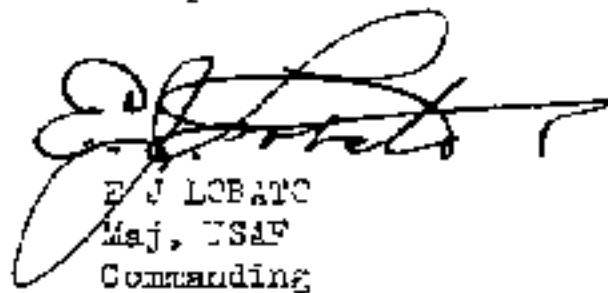
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Report on Information on "Flying Discs," 1 Nov 48

Fighter Squadron, 335th Fighter Group, McChord Air Force Base, McChord Field, Washington, were being utilized on a controlled mission by the Air Defense Control Center of the 634th Aircraft Control Squadron, 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, Everett, Washington.

3. No photographs were taken of object, and sketches are not available. No information available as to color, speed, maneuverability, altitude or sound. No exhaust trail reported.



E.J. LOBATO
Maj., USAF
Commanding

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REPORTING FORMS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial
Objects)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting
2. Time of sighting
(Local by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town
road, intersections, etc.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc.
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing
latitude and longitude
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
 - (2) Distance & direction from city, town or known
landmark
 - (3) Clock position of object from observer's
aircraft
 - (4) Latitude and longitude
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude
 - (2) Proximity to land
(Name city, country, etc)
4. Number of objects
 - a. Formation type (if any)
(sketch if possible)
5. Distance of object from observer

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5. (Cont'd.)
 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon
 - c. Altitude
6. Time in flight
7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color
 - b. Shape
(sketch if possible)
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent)
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view
(Compared to known object)
8. Direction of flight
9. Tactics or maneuvers
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering,
cruising, aggressive, erratic, etc.
10. Evidence of exhaust
 - a. Color of smoke
 - b. Length and width
 - c. Odor (if any)
 - d. Rate of evaporation
 - e. Does trail vary with sound?
(spurts)
11. Effect on clouds
 - a. Opened path thru clouds
 - b. Formed cloud or mists

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11. (Cont'd)

- a. Reflected on aircraft
- b. Shown thru glass

12. Lights

- a. Reflected or attached
- b. Luminous
- c. Blinking on and off in relation to speed

13. Support

- a. Wings
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
- c. Vertical jet
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion

- a. Propeller or jet
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic wings (flapping or oscillating)
(Kutta-Joukowski effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability

- a. Fins
- b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location

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16. Air ducts

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16. (Cont'd)

- a. Silses
- b. Duct openings

17. Speed ~ 170

18. Sound

- a. Continuous whine or buzz
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
- c. intermittent

19. Were any radio antenna to be observed, i. e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such)

20. Manner of disappearance

- a. Explode
 - (1) Possibility of fragments
 - (2) Other physical evidence
- b. Faded from view
- c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer

2. Address

3. Occupation

4. Place of business

 a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies

 a. Time on own' in hobby (experience)

 Is observer amateur meteorologist, pilot, engineer, etc.

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6. Ability to determine:
 - a. Color
 - b. Speed & moving objects
 - c. Size at distance
7. Reliability of observer:
 - a. Sources
 - (1) Neighbors
 - (2) Police Dept
 - (3) FBI records
 - (4) Employer
8. Notes relative to observation:
 - a. Sightings in general
 - b. How attention was drawn to object(s)
 - (1) sound
 - (2) motion
 - (3) glint of light
9. Witnesses:
 - a. Addresses
 - b. Occupation
 - c. Reliability
10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Radars now operating on ground

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1. (CONT'D)
 - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
 - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (120°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, know why. If the target stay in the turn and wait was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.
2. If airborne, whom object was sighted.
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, transverses, etc.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions
2. Wind's aloft report
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time
(Check Canadian activity if close to that border)
4. Possible role site of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by
Columbia, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research
Or organizations or any other.
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without
approach or exact where object landed (and then presumably de-
parted) for purposes of making comparison of soils.
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects,
check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity.
Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. 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)
8. Secure signed statement
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

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HEADQUARTERS 2102D AIR WEATHER GROUP
MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE
MITCHEL FIELD NEW YORK

17 November 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Information on Flying Discs.

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAKO-3

1. In accordance with paragraph 1, letter, Headquarters, USAF, subject as above, 6 February 1948, the inclosed statement on sighting of Flying Disc at Newark Air Force Base on 8 November 1948, is forwarded.

2. The following additional information was determined in an interview between the Station Weather Officer, the Officer of the Day and Mr. ██████ at Newark AFB on 9 November 1948:

a. Mr. ██████ civilian dispatcher, was on duty in the operations section, Newark AFB, on 8 November 1948.

b. Mr. ██████ was in full control of his faculties at the time.

c. He is a former Air Force pilot and actively participates in the reserve program.

d. He is thoroughly dependable and alert.

e. No corroboration of Mr. ██████ report could be obtained. However, Newark AFB is normally almost deserted after 1900 hours daily and there were few personnel who might have seen this phenomena.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Arthur W. Anderson
Arthur W. Anderson,
Major, USAF,
Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
19TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

File No. CCI 84-3

17 November 1968

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN OBJECT
Special Inquiry

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

ATTN: MCINNIS

1. Reference is made to letter from your Headquarters, dated 18 October 1968, requesting that this office conduct an investigation in connection with the sighting of an unknown object in the sky at approximately 1800 hours, 23 September 1968.

2. Attached for your information are two copies of the report of Special Agent ALVIN R. HENOLD, Jr., of this office, dated 12 November 1968.

3. The investigation is continuing in this Office. 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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1. File:
Report of S/A [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Jr., Asst
12 Nov -8 (in dup)

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DOUGLAS S. HENOLD
Captain, USAF
Director, Counterintelligence

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

REPORT MADE AT

DC USAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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DC USAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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FILE NUMBER 70702, Subject "Sight"

CHARACTER

Special Agent

REFERENCE Ltr Cr Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, File: CG, AMC, AT&T:
UPDATE Acctd 10 October 1948

SYNOPSIS

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Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. At approximately 1200 hours, 23 September 1948, Colonel [REDACTED] U. S. Army (R), sighted an unknown object moving very fast at a considerable altitude, headed due East. This object was also seen by a Mr. [REDACTED]

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1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Reference File, CG, AMC; ATTN: MCIAKO, dated 25 October 1948.

THE MOUNTAIN CREEK, CALIFORNIA

2. On 4 November 1946 [REDACTED], Colonel, U. S. Army (RET) [REDACTED], Walnut Creek, California, was interviewed and in substance stated that at approximately 1200 hours, on 23 September 1946, while standing in front of the packing plant at Castro's Ranch, which is located 4 miles due East of San Pablo, California, and 4.1 miles South of Pinole, California, he noted an Army bomber, two-engined, type unknown, passing overhead at a very low altitude and headed Southeast. Upon watching the bomber, he noticed above and going in the direction of nearly due East, an unknown object. Upon sighting the object, Colonel [REDACTED] brought it to a Mr. [REDACTED] attention and asked him if he (Colonel [REDACTED]) were seeing things. [REDACTED] substantiated Colonel [REDACTED] observation that there was an object above the bomber. Colonel [REDACTED] described this object as being approximately the size of a large four-engined bomber having a shape similar to an ameba (sketch is inclosed). The object was shaped so that it appeared that there were three (3) appendages forward and two (2) aft. These appendages seemed to be flapping or oscillating while the center portion remained stable. The object appeared to be, in Colonel [REDACTED] opinion, a mile or more above the bomber. In the center of this object there appeared a round, dark circle which, in Colonel [REDACTED] opinion, seemed to be above the main body of the object. Further it appeared that the main part of the object was translucent and of a dirty gray color and that the dark, circular portion appeared to grow more dense in color as it approached the center. From this observation Colonel [REDACTED] concluded that the dark portion was spherical, having the shape and depth similar to a globe. Colonel [REDACTED] further stated that in his mind the main part of the object appeared like canvas. Colonel [REDACTED] stated there was no way he could estimate the speed of the object but that it was traveling at a far greater speed than the bomber or anything else he had ever seen and that there was no noise of any type, no evidence of exhaust or trail. The object just disappeared from sight, not leaving a cloud or bill or any other obstruction, ~~as a very short~~

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NOTE: Colonel [REDACTED] expressed the opinion to this writer that he was very reluctant in writing his original letter to G-2, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California, in that he believed somebody would think he was "another crack, probably an old fuddy-duddy." However, in the belief that he had a duty to perform, even though retired, he finally forwarded the information. Colonel [REDACTED] impressed this investigator as being very stable, intelligent, above average in common sense.

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FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR FORCE SYSTEMS, AFM-HQ-PART 100-10 AFSC 30-15.
FOR DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, AFSC; CSI PROGRAMS; AND FILE.

Dough sketch of ~~PROJECT~~ C35300, Project "353."

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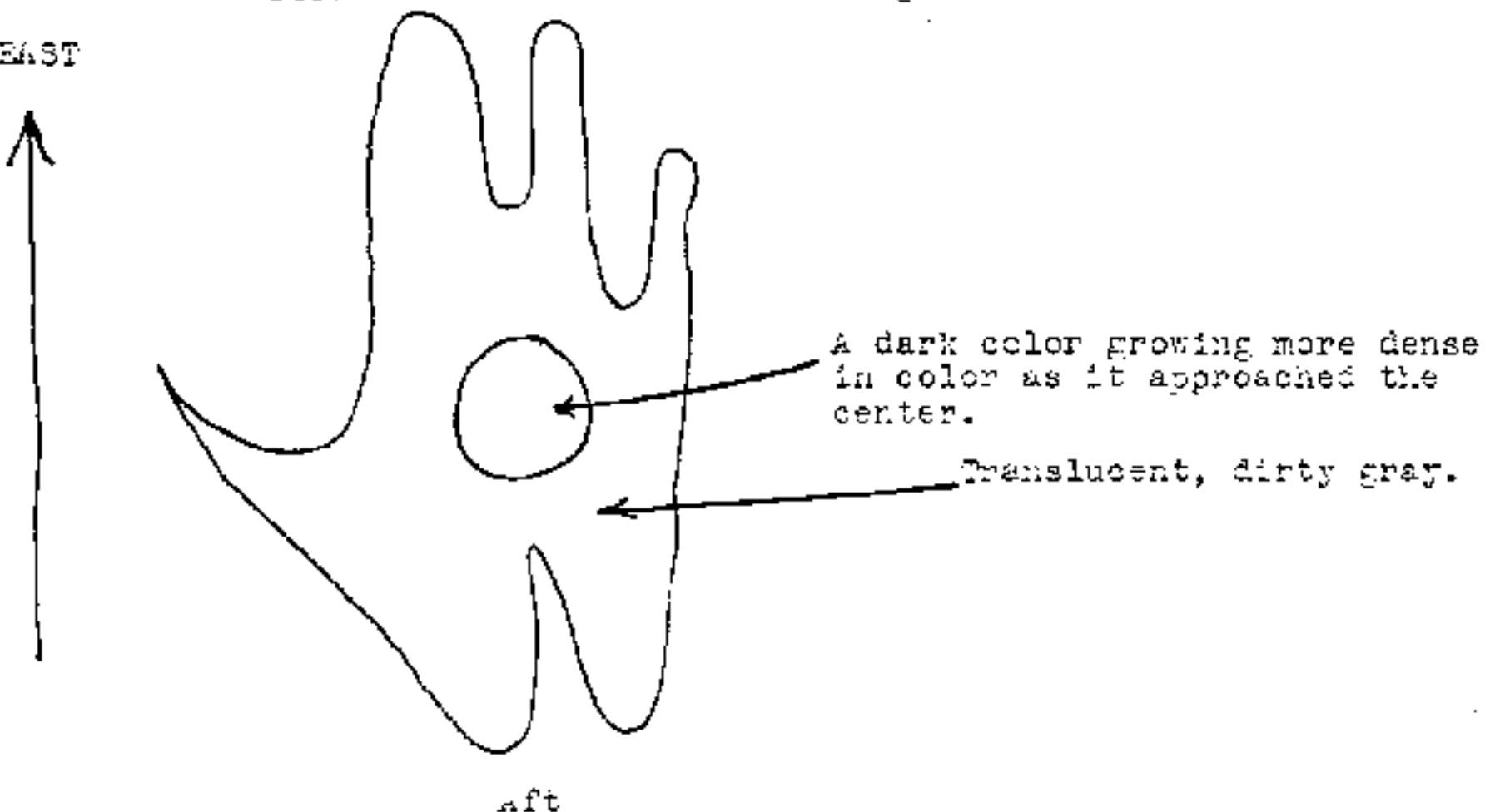
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NOTE: About size of 4-engined
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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY
Office of The Assistant Chief of Staff G-2
Presidio of San Francisco, California

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Field, California
ATTN: AC of S, A-2

1. Reference, letter, DA, CSGID 452.1, 25 March 1948, subject as above.
2. Attached letter [REDACTED] Walnut Creek, California, is forwarded for your information.
3. The report was not considered of sufficient importance to warrant direct communication with the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, as provided for in reference letter.

Ex-1
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/s/ /s/ Alexander G. Kirby

ALEXANDER G. KIRBY
Lt Colonel FA
Actg AC of S, G-2

1 Incl:

Ltr as indicated in par 2

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton Field, California,

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: TSDIN

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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[REDACTED]
California

23 September 1948.

Memo for: G-2, Sixth Army Hq.,
Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Subject: Observation.

- Exhibit
1. A few minutes after 12:00 o'clock noon this date an Army bomber flew relatively low near Pivole. As the undersigned raised his eyes, he saw far beyond the bomber - much higher - an irregular shaped white object - undulating going at a fast speed. This object seemed as large as a bomber. As it "wobbled" a dark spot could be seen in its center.
2. A Mr. [REDACTED] also saw it.
(the object)
3. Soon it disappeared inland.

[REDACTED]
Colonel, U. S. Army, Retd.

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FIND.Acting District Commander
13th OSI District
Offutt Field
Fort Crook, Nebraska

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1. This Command is engaged in a continual investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct contact with pertinent agencies by United States Air Force letter dated 6 February 1948, subject, "Report of Information on Flying Discs".
 2. Information has been received by this Headquarters that an unidentified aerial anomaly was sighted by Mr. [REDACTED], Fargo, North Dakota.
 3. It is requested that Mr. [REDACTED] be interviewed concerning this matter and that the inclosed list, entitled, "Essential Elements of Information" be utilized as a guide in the interrogation.
 4. It is further requested that a full report be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, Eq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention MCIAKO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

NOV 16 1948

SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

TO: Acting District Commander
23rd CSI District
Offutt Field
Fort Crook, Nebraska

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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Subject: Project "Sign".

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RE: OSI, District 13, Offutt AFB, Ft Crook, Nebr, 1 December 1948

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

Basic communication complied with.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS		FILE NO 24-3	DATE 30 November 1948
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		REPORT MADE BY LEONARD J. ORN	
TITLE SPECIAL INQUIRY FOR "REPORT OF INFORMATION ON FLYING DISCS"		REPORT MADE AT DO AFB, Offutt AFB	
		PERIOD 22-23 November 1948	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN HQ AIC, Wright-Patterson AFB	
		STATUS PERFORMED UPON COMPLETION	
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REFERENCE Letter, HQ AIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 16 November 1948, Subject: "Project 'Sign'", to 13th OSI District			
SYNOPSIS			
<u>DETAILS:</u>			
AT FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA			
1. On 22 November 1948, [REDACTED] North, Fargo, North Dakota, was interviewed regarding his alleged sighting of an aerial anomaly. "Essential Elements of Information - Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects" was used as a guide during the interrogation. The following is [REDACTED] conception of the incident:			
a. On 24 October 1948, at approximately 1745 hours, [REDACTED] and his wife were driving towards Fargo, North Dakota, on Highway 52 (see Sketch 1). At a distance approximately four (4) miles southeast of Moorhead, Minnesota, [REDACTED] suddenly ("like an electric light switch was turned on") saw a brilliant light. The object immediately began to move from east to west at terrific speed (600-1000 MPH, or three (3) times as fast as any airplane SANDERS has ever seen). The object traveled toward Moorhead, Minnesota, at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet, and was in a gradual climb. Upon reaching the northern outskirts of Moorhead, and at a point close to the Veterans Hospital, the object suddenly made a sharp right turn to the north. Approximately one (1) second after making the turn, the object suddenly ("again like an electric light switch had been turned off") was lost from view.			
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b. [REDACTED] stated that the sky was clear (no stars were noticed), and that visibility was excellent. The object appeared to be about four (4) times larger than a light seen in a commercial plane's window at night, or "half the size of a full moon, if observed from directly below the moon". The object left no "trail"; and cast no reflections. The object appeared to be round; no depth could be observed; it appeared to be a solid form. The object appeared to be approximately three (3) miles away when first witnessed. No sound was heard from the object. The color of the object appeared to be a brilliant golden-white. Total time object was in view is estimated at five (5) to seven (7) seconds.

c. [REDACTED] is sure the anomaly could not have been an airplane, a beacon, or "anything known to man". [REDACTED] stated that he still feels an "eerie feeling", and that the "pit of my stomach" tightens up when he thinks of the incident.

2. On 23 November 1948, RICHARD W. SHULTZ, Weather Officer, Hector Airport, Fargo, North Dakota, was interviewed regarding the weather condition on 24 October 1948. SHULTZ stated that between 1600 hours and 2200 hours on 24 October 1948, there was no precipitation, high scattered clouds, and unlimited visibility. Sun down was at 1523 hours.

3. On 23 November 1948, DONALD L. JENNINGS, Controller, Hector Airport, Fargo, North Dakota, was interviewed regarding flight operations on 24 October 1948. JENNINGS stated that no scheduled flights were in progress from 1700 hours to 1900 hours on 24 October 1948. JENNINGS further stated that no military or other Government agencies are operating aerial testing centers in this locale.

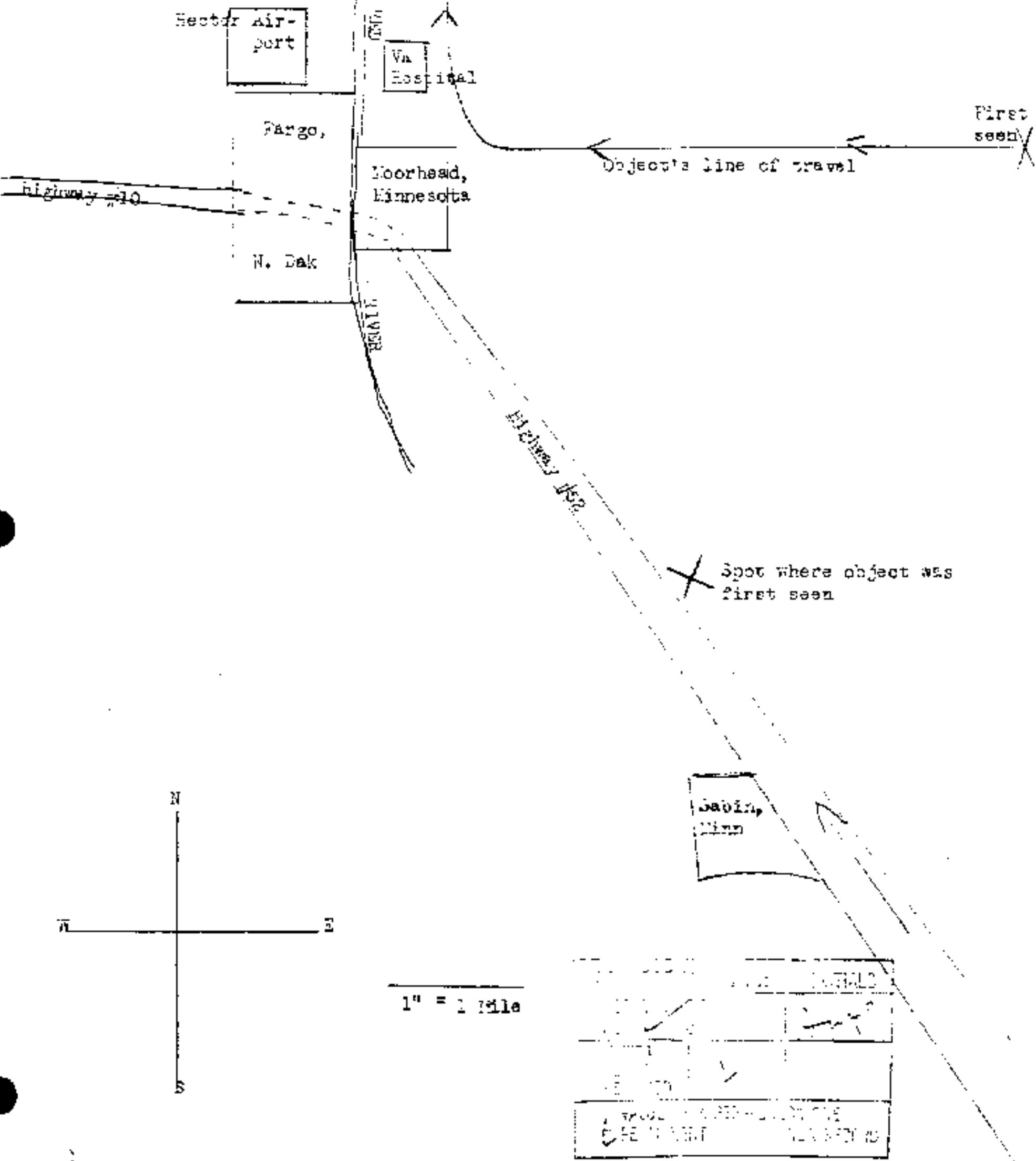
4. [REDACTED] is married and has two teen-age children; he is a successful business man and has no police record in this community; he has no political affiliations. [REDACTED] stated that he has no particular hobbies; is not color blind; and can judge moving and distant objects in an average manner. [REDACTED] further stated that he will render a signed statement to this report, upon request. Mrs. [REDACTED], his wife and only witness to the incident, will substantiate his statements. In conclusion, this agent feels that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], North, Fargo, North Dakota, did witness an aerial phenomenon, and that their statements have been given in a sincere and truthful manner.

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DATE: 11-12-48

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TO: CG, AMC Wright Patterson AFB Dayton, O.

SUBJECT: Guided Missiles and Flying Discs

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SUBJECT: Information on Flying Discs

COMPTROLLER

TO: Commanding Officer
2465th Air Force Reserve Training Center
Hold-Chamberlain Field
Minneapolis 6, Minnesota
ATTN: Intelligence Officer

PERSONNEL & ADM.

1. Receipt of your communication, subject as above, dated 25 October 1948, is hereby acknowledged.
2. A further investigation of these sightings had already been initiated through the Commanding General, Headquarters, 4th Army, prior to the receipt of your report, thus making further investigative action on your part unnecessary.
3. One copy of an Essential Elements of Information form is inclosed for your information and use, should another incident occur.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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CHIEF WIRELESS REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

COMPTROLLER

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: A/CIO

PERSONNEL & ADM.

TO: Commanding Officer
United States Air Force
AFM 677
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

RESEARCH & DEV.

1. Reference is made to incoming messages 291600, 013930Z,
012045Z, and 022205Z from AF Goose Bay, Labrador, reporting several
transient sightings of unidentified aerial objects. It is suggested
Source Area Intelligence Officer be directed to initiate an immediate
investigation of the reported sightings.

*J. P. Donahue
R. T. Tolson
A. W. Gandy
O. G. H. Hall*

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2. Pertinent information relative to the reported objects is
desired as follows:

a. Does object apparently practice radar evasive tactics
when it disappears from the scope periodically, or does it return
into normal or skip "null" zones at random? b. existence of all aircraft?

Five copies of essential elements of a question form are attached
as AFM 677. In investigating, a letter is submitted to the AFCS and AFSC
for assistance.

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b. It is requested all pertinent material be forwarded to Commandant, Air Materiel Agency, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, attention AFMAM-3.

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SUBJECT: Request for investigation

COMPTROLLER

THRU: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFORR

PERSONNEL & ADM.

TO: Commanding General
PAAF
APO 925
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

SEARCH & DEV.

1. Reference is made to message AF1043-42 dated 26 Oct 48 (250300Z), regarding radar sighting of unidentified aerial object by PAF radar. It is requested that source base Intelligence Officer be directed to initiate further investigation of this reported sighting. An Essential Elements of Information form is attached as an aid to the interviewing officer in obtaining the desired information.

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2. Pertinent information relative to the reported object is desired as follows:

a. Has object apparently practicing radar evasive tactics when it disappeared from the scope periodically, or was it running into normal skip "null" zones affecting appearance on scope of all aircraft?

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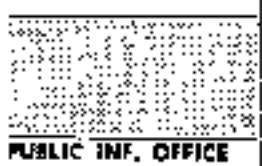
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*Attn: Mrs. Merchant
W. Griffith*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to authority contained in Department of the Air Force letter, subject, "Flying Discs", dated 30 December 1947, this office has been authorized direct communication with all pertinent agencies and continental military installations for the purpose of effecting the collection, evaluation and interpretation of data relative to the sighting of unidentified flying objects which may affect the national security.

Your cooperation is requested in initiating an investigation into the background, objectives and reliability of Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant, 712 West Francis Street, Pampa, Texas. Of special interest among the factors involved in the investigation are the following:

Educational and scientific qualifications

Accessibility of classified military information to subject

Character, political activities and social standing

Possibility of membership in a Communistic or subversive organization, or adherence to Communistic principles or ideals

Subject's reliability as a source of information.

A number of communications have been written to various official agencies, stressing facts and information which, under ordinary circumstances, would not be available to the general public. Mrs. Merchant also alleges that the Dallas Office of the FBI has received some information pertinent to this issue. Consequently, there is appended hereto, the entire series of communications presently available for your information and aid in pursuing this investigation.

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It is believed that the investigation should be conducted outside the awareness or knowledge of the subject. Professional people with whom the subject seems to be in touch include Dr. Louis W. Alvarez, Cal Tech., Pasadena, California, and Dr. Karl McGucken, General Electric Laboratories, Pittsfield, Pennsylvania.

It is requested that a complete report be transmitted directly to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: AGAM-3.

Sincerely yours,

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J. R. CHAPMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Division
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 - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
 - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.
2. If airbourne, whom object was sighted.
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuit?
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions
2. Winds aloft report
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time
(Check Canadian activity if close to that border)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other.
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purposes of making comparison of soils.
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects, check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. 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)
8. Secure signed statement
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE
Greenville, South, Caroling

9AF 000.92

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Disc

PUBLIC INFO. OFFICE

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: M.C.I.

PERSONNEL & ADM.

In accordance with instructions contained in TAC letter, file TAC 000.92 (16 Feb 48), subjedt: "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs", the following information is submitted:

- a. Object sighted at about 1530 hours EST, 22 Sep 48, near Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia.
- b. Weather at time of sighting, CAVU.
- c. Lt Martin G. Rubisch, Asst Combat Operation Officer, Eglin Auxiliary Field #2, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
- d. No photographs taken.
- e. Lt Rubisch could not sketch object.
- f. Object sighted.
 - (1) One object sighted.
 - (2) Undetermined.
 - (3) About the size of a radio controlled target airplane.
 - (4) Color: Metallic and shiny.
 - (5) Heading: 335°
 - (6) Speed: Estimated 250 Miles per hour.
 - (7) Maneuverability: No display.
 - (8) Altitude: Between 1500 and 2000 feet.
 - (9) No exhaust or condensation trails observed.

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g. General Summary:

- (1) On the 22 September 1948 Lt [REDACTED] was on a flight from Eglin Auxiliary Field #2 to Turner Air Force Base. He was copilot on a C-47 type aircraft on an Administrative flight. At about 1530 hours, EST, he observed an object approaching from an angle of about 25 degrees. The C-47 was approaching Turner Field from the South-west at an altitude of about 2000 feet. The object appeared to be about 500 feet lower and about 2000 to 1500 feet away and traveling at an estimated speed of 250 mph. Lt [REDACTED] stated that the object sighted appeared to be about the size of a radio controlled model airplane. He also stated that he did not observe wings or rudder on object. Lt. [REDACTED] could not give any description other than the fact that it was a metallic shiny object. No one else aboard the plane observed the object.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. L. BAXTER
Major, USAF
Asst. Adj. General.

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HQ AMC Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, NOV 5 1948

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force Base, Greenville Air Force Base, Greenville, South Carolina

1. It is requested that the Base Intelligence Officer immediately initiate further investigation of subject report.
2. An Essential Elements of Information List is inclosed as an aid to the interviewing officer in obtaining, insofar as possible, the desired information.

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28 October 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with ADC Letter 200-1, dated 1 August 1948, for your information: Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Salt Lake City, Utah, reported seeing a flat object flying through the sky on Saturday, 16 October 1948, about 11:45 A. M. He was deer hunting on a mountain east of Mayfield, Utah, on Highway 59, one mile south and five miles due east of Sterling, Utah. The mountain is west of Six-mile Canyon, near the top of Twelve-mile Canyon.
 2. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that he was watching for deer when he heard a sound and then looked into the sky and saw the object, which he estimated was about five hundred feet directly overhead. He said that it looked like a flattened football, was black on the sides and the center was sort of silver or grey. There were two outside stripes which were apparently black. It appeared to be about nine inches long, and sounded as if it were jet propelled and seemed to be driven from the rear end. Mr. [REDACTED], who is an airplane mechanic, said it didn't sound like an aircraft engine nor any type of gasoline engine, although there was definitely a throb or a "put, put, put." He said if it were a gasoline engine, it was muffled. It made a sound of steady clicking, like a shirt tail flapping in the wind and was traveling at high speed. He said the clicking might have been a camera.
 3. The object was within his scope of vision for approximately four seconds or longer and was headed north or a little northwest, toward the general direction of Salt Lake City. The object continued in a straight line neither veering to the right nor to the left. Mr. [REDACTED] insisted that it definitely was not imagination. He said he was waiting and watching for deer and that he heard the object before he saw it.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL.

Cc: Air Defense Command
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton AFB, Calif

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Pampa, Texas.

Oct. 27, 1948

General Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.

U.S. Fourth Army Headquarters,

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Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Dear General Handy:

Enclosed is a carbon of a letter to Brig. Gen. Phillip G. Blackmore, U.S. Army White Sands Proving Grounds, White Sands, N.M. in which I am asking for released data on atmosphere for purposes of correlation with known data on "discs."

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Two cases which appeared in the Daily Oklahoman, Oct. 22 and Oct. 23, 1947 (a year ago,) which should be in your current files as they confirm previous data, follow: (I only have one clipping on each which I am reserving for my own files.)

"MYSTERY BALL OF FIRE

ZOOMS OVER DENMARK."

(Chicago Tribune Press Service.)

"Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 21.—A giant, blue-green-ball of fire, dragging a huge tail and emitting bright sparks, was seen early Tuesday moving from east to west over Copenhagen and a number of villages and provincial towns.

"It was traveling more than 600 miles an hour at a height of 1000ft. (one thousand feet.)

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"BALLS OF FIRE AGAIN
SEEN OVER DENMARK."

(Chicago Tribune Press Service.)

"COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, Oct. 22, —— A number of mysterious balls of fire were again seen Wednesday morning and at one time seven of them were observed moving westward. Some were traveling at an immense height, others at tree-top level. One witness said Wednesday balls of fire were "explosion propelled" and made a humming sound like a vacuum cleaner.

"One fire ball was reported to have fallen on Copenhagen's outskirts without leaving any trace. The phenomenon also was observed over the provinces. Experts do not believe they are meteors as all the balls of fire move horizontally."

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Though these incidents occurred just about a year ago, in 1947, they are worth noting here for purposes of direction. All missiles came from the east, but if the U.S. War Dep't. has not yet secured exact angles of direction for estimating probable origin inside Russia, this should now be done.

As accurate as possible directions should be obtained for the missiles occurring over Sweden and Norway in the summer of 1946, and bearing lines be drawn in to secure probable point of origin of the missiles.

It should be noted that in the one incident of a missile exploding on the outskirts of Copenhagen, that no debris was left.... conforming with our known data, and indicating that the "balls of fire" were electrical in nature.

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OLMSTED FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
Olmsted Air Force Base
MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Op-4000-Bulletin #33-5

EDT 000.9

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: TSDIN

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1. In compliance with Letter, Headquarters USAF, subject: "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs," dated 6 February 1948 and FS Reg. 200-4, Subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects," dated 16 August 1948, the following information is submitted.

2. At 1615E Army, 16 October 1948 the following message was received this Station:

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PING RCVD FROM UG FOR OTC QUOTE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FR SS GULPORT KHM 08.500KCS AT 2245Z QUOTE HR BRIGHT OBJECT IN SKY SIMILAR IN SHAPE NEARLY AS MOON WITH DISTINCT BRIGHT CENTER BY BEARING AT 2220GMT 350 DEGREES ALTITUDE 2ND BEARING 2230GMT 358 DEGREES ALTITUDE 45.41 TRAVELING APPARENTLY SOUTHEASTERLY BY POSITION 74.40 WEST 56.42 NORTH BY MASTER SS SAYS OBJECT BEING BECOMING DARKER AS DAYLIGHT FADES SIZE 1/2 MOON TRAVELING APPARENTLY SOUTHEASTERLY BY WAIT AND WILL TRY TO ESTIMATE SPEED RATE SPEED AND HEIGHT UNABLE COMPUTE REQ ANY REPORTS RELATIVE TO ABV IN RCVD CORRECT UG MESSAGE ON UNUSUAL OBJECT TO READ SECOND LINE ALTITUDE 40.18 2ND BEARING ALSO ADD BEARING AT 2254GMT 050 DEGREES ALTITUDE 57.06 OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT 2310GMT

3. No additional information available

Joseph L. McNeil
JOSEPH L. MC NEIL
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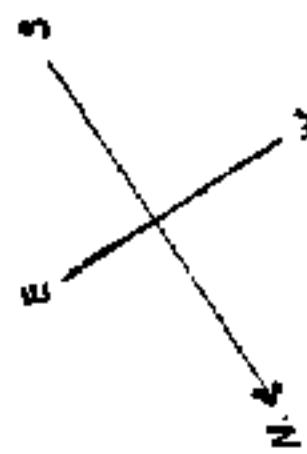
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SUBJECT: Investigation Regarding Report of "Flying Discs"

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

1. In compliance with Radio, Department of the Air Force, NR 52340, DTG 14220/Z October 48, report is submitted regarding the witnessing of a "Flying Disc" by Major Robert C. Drum, USAF, and family on 18 October 1948.

2. Your attention is invited to the fact that information contained in preliminary radio report, PAC 120, 190600/Z October 1948, as pertains to altitude of the cumulus cloud formations is in error. Altitude should read 3500 feet instead of 35000 feet.

3. Report is as follows:

a. Location and time of sighting:

(1) Location from which object was sighted: Pacific Heights, residential area overlooking the city proper of Honolulu, approximately 1,000 feet above sea level. 158° West Longitude, 21° 5' North Latitude.

(2) Time of first sighting: 1705 PST (190305Z). Periods of observation were intermittent, not exceeding 10 seconds at any one interval.

b. Weather at time of sighting:

High broken clouds, 3,500 feet.

Three-tenths cumulus bases 3,500 feet.

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Five-tenths cirrus estimated 20,000 feet RECORDS SECT. AGO

Visibility 15 miles.

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c. Witnesses:

- (1) [REDACTED] Major, USAF, rated pilot, age - 32.
- (2) [REDACTED], age - 29.
- (3) Daughter of Major [REDACTED] age - 8 years 6 months.
- (4) Address of witnesses: Headquarters, Pacific Air Command, APO 953, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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d. No photographs obtained.

e. Sketches of object as prepared by Major Drum inclosed.

f. Object sighted:

- (1) Number - not definitely determined, however, it is believed one object only sighted.
- (2) Shape - round or elliptical.
- (3) Size - From observation point, appeared to be 4 or 5 inches in diameter. Estimated actual size by witness, 10 to 15 feet in diameter.
- (4) Color - Major Drum described color of object as bright silver, comparable to aluminum in aircraft.
- (5) Speed - Witness appeared vague and unsure of object's speed but estimated 200 MPH.
- (6) Heading: North-east steady course.
- (7) Maneuverability: Object not maneuvering.
- (8) Altitude: 10,000 to 14,000 feet.
- (9) No sound or exhaust trail was evident.

g. Remarks: Witness (Major [REDACTED]) stated that object was traveling horizontally to earth's surface. No markings of any type were observed. He is positive that object was not a conventional [REDACTED] TO: [REDACTED] INITIA: [REDACTED]

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type aircraft. Nor was it a cloud reflection of an aircraft. One B-26, one PBM and one B-17 were flying in the vicinity during the period 0230/Z to 0330/Z.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. Narrative Stmt of Maj [redacted] (in dup)
 2. Sketch rel to "flying discs" (in dup)
 3. Agents Rpt (in dup)

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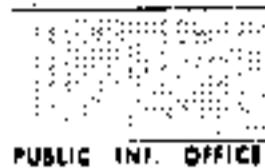
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SUBJECT: Request for Study by Rand Project

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TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: APOIN

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1. It is requested that the special study, described in the inclosure be approved and the Rand Corporation be authorized to establish a study of 3A priority, consistent in scope and degree of treatment with the described requirements.

2. It is further requested that Air Materiel Command be assigned to monitor the project in conformance with Air Corps Letter 50-10, 21 July 1948, Section 3, Paragraph J.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. R. Kringenow
W. R. KRINGENOW
Colonel, USAF
Asstg Chief, Intelligence Department

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The possibility that some of the unidentified aerial objects that have been reported both in the United States and in Foreign Lands may have been experimental spaceships, or test vehicles for the purpose of assisting in the development of spaceships, has been given consideration by this Command.

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If such craft actually have been sighted, it is believed more likely that they represent the effort of a foreign nation, rather than a product from beyond the Earth.

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Present world knowledge, techniques and resources are probably adequate to meet the requirements for spaceship construction, or at least to establish the preliminary experimental foundation for such an accomplishment in the near future.

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In any case, the design and performance parameters of the craft would necessarily be in conformance and consistent with the established principles of our sciences.

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To assist in the collection of information, relating to unidentified aerial objects that may possibly represent spaceships or spaceship test vehicles, and to assist in the analysis and evaluation of such reported craft, technical information that includes the distinguishing design and performance parameters for spaceships is considered necessary.

SUPPLY AND MAINT.

While such information is contained outright, or implicitly, in the series of Rand Project reports, it would be of much value to this Command to have a list of the general design and performance characteristics that are believed to distinguish spaceships, together with any further scientific clues that might assist in their detection and identification, prepared by Rand scientific personnel.

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Project "SIGN"

Acting District Commander
12th OSI District (IO)
Scott Air Force Base
Belleville, Illinois

1. In accordance with instructions contained in letter, USAF, dated 6 February 1948, subject "Report of Information on Flying Discs", this Command is engaged in an investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

2. This Headquarters has received information that an unidentified aerial anomaly was sighted by a Mr. [REDACTED] Studebaker Plant, South Bend, Indiana.

3. It is requested that Mr. [REDACTED] be interviewed concerning this matter and that the enclosed list of questions contained in the "Elements of Essential Information" be utilized.

4. All material should be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, HQ, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCLAMD-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. H. Clegg
W. H. CLEGG, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Intelligence
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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

OCT 22 1948**SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"**

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

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Headquarters, 12th OSI District (IG), Scott AFB, Ill, 5 Jan 1949.

THRU: District Commander, 5th OSI District (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio.

Inclosed are copies of the report of investigation in compliance
with par 3, basic communication.

James C. Richardson

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

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5th District OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, 20 Jan 49

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB,
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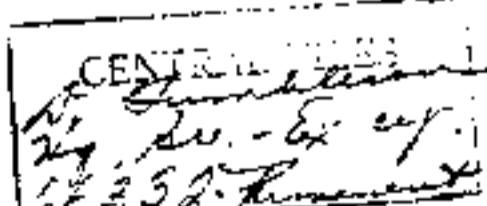
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Commanding General
Pacific Air Command
APO 953
San Francisco, California

1. This Command is engaged in an investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force Commands by HQ USAF in letter dated 6 February 1948.

2. In pursuing the investigation of the sighting reported by Major Robert C. Drum, reference wire PAC 120 dated 19 Oct 1948 directed to JKZEL/CS USAF Washington, D. C., it is requested that detailed questioning of principal and witnesses be accomplished as outlined in the enclosed list "Elements of Essential Information".

3. Interested personnel should be advised that the confidential nature of this matter precludes any publicity.

4. It is requested that all pertinent material be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCLAXD-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, USAF

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Commanding Officer
Waco Air Force Base
Waco, Texas
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

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1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force installations by Headquarters USAF letter dated 6 February 1948, subject "Report of Information on Flying Discs".

2. A report from Headquarters Fourth Army, attached as Inclosure 1, indicates that [REDACTED] Waco, Texas, telephone 1180, reported sighting an unidentified aerial object on 23 September 1948 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

3. It is requested your office interview all witnesses to this observation and obtain detailed, signed statements of the anomaly observed. It is further requested that during the interview the agent obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 2. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the EOI, should be included.

4. Since it would be impractical for your office to attempt to conduct all phases of the investigation as outlined in the EOI, an agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico has been requested to investigate more fully at the scene of the observation.

5. Interested personnel should be advised that the confidential nature of this matter precludes any publicity.

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6. It is requested that all pertinent material be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention ACIAKS-3.

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OCT 19 1948

District Commander
15th A.S.I. District (IC)
San Bernardino Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force installations by Headquarters USAF letter dated 6 February 1948, subject "Report of Information on Flying Discs".

2. A letter sent to HQ Sixth Army and forwarded to this Command, copy attached as Inclosure 1, indicates that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] "Alton Creek, Calif., saw an unidentified aerial object 23 September 1948.

3. It is requested that office interview all witnesses to this observation and obtain detailed, signed statements of the anomaly observed. It is further requested that during the interview the agent obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "essential elements of information" form, attached as Inclosure 2. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the RFI, should be included.

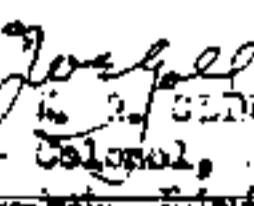
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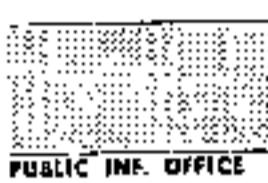
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Agent in Charge
Branch Intelligence Office
112th CIC Detachment
New Orleans, Louisiana

1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena, and has been authorized direct communication with Army elements by Department of the Army letter dated 25 March 1948, subject "Unconventional Aircraft."
2. A report from your office, forwarded by Headquarters 4th Army, indicates that E. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, reported sighting an unidentified aerial object 1 October 1948.
3. It is requested your office interview all witnesses to this observation and obtain detailed, signed statements of the anomaly observed. It is further requested that during interview the agent obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 1. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the ESI should be included.
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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. D. Clincherman

Colonel, USAF

Commander, 112th CIC Detachment

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District Commander
17th District C.S.I. (IG)
Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
ATTN: Mr. Jack Belling

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1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force installations by Headquarters USAF letter dated 6 February 1948, subject "Report of Information on Flying Discs".
 2. A report from Headquarters Fourth Army, attached as Inclosure 1, indicates that [REDACTED] Sante Fe, New Mexico, saw an unidentified aerial object in Sante Fe on 23 September 1948.
 3. It is requested your office interview all witnesses to this observation and obtain detailed, signed statements of the anomaly observed. It is further requested that during the interview the agent obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 2. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the EEI, should be included.
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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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H. R. CLINGERMAN
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1. This Command is engaged in an investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with Army units by a directive of the Army letter AGOCE 452.1, dated 25 March 1948, subject "Unconventional Aircraft".
2. A letter forwarded to this Command, copy attached as Inclosure 1, indicates that Mrs. ██████████ Tangipahoa, Louisiana, saw an unidentified aerial object 5 September 1946 near Bentwood, Louisiana.
3. It is requested your office interview all witnesses to this observation and obtain detailed, signed statements of the anomaly observed. It is further requested that during interview the agent obtain as much information as possible relative to the object as outlined in the "Essential Elements of Information" form, attached as Inclosure 2. Any additional evidence that may seem pertinent to the investigation, as indicated in section "General" of the AFM should be included.
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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*C.N.A.**R. R. Clingerman*

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Commanding Officer
Barksdale Air Force Base
Barksdale Field, Louisiana
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

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S/L, Eq Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, Subj: Project "Sign", TO: CO, Barksdale AFB, Barksdale Fld, La., ATTN: Base IO, dtd 18 Oct 48

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Headquarters 3500th Pilot Training Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Barksdale Field, Louisiana, 27 October 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAKO-3

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In compliance with basic communication Mr. ██████████ ██████████ Shreveport, Louisiana, was interviewed regarding original report on Flying Disc and furnished the information contained in attached cut-line (EEI).

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Major, USAF
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Communications Section

Gentlemen:

This office is engaged in a continual investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial objects, and has in its possession a teletype from the Boston FBI Field Office, copy attached, dated 18 July 1947, concerning metal fragments observed at West Minge, New Hampshire on 7 July 1947.

The following information concerning this matter is requested:

Present status of investigation

Nature of metal found

Origin of metal

Disposition of metal fragments

If available, will it be possible to forward physical evidence for further examination?

Were all possibilities of domestic origin of the unidentified object eliminated from consideration by the investigation?

Five copies of a list entitled, "Essential Elements of Information" to serve as a guide in conducting future interviews of observers of unidentified aerial phenomena are inclosed.

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It is further requested that all available data be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIAKO-3.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Division
Intelligence Department

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See CWD 18 Jul 47

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METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, N.H., JULY SEVEN, FORTSEVEN
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CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED THAT TODAY HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH ONE ██████████
██████████, OR WEST RINDGE, N.H., A RETIRED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW
ENGLAND TEL. AND TEL. CO. MR. ██████████ ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY THREE
PM ON JULY SEVEN LAST SEVERAL PEOPLE SITTING ON A PORCH OBSERVED ON THE
LAWN OF ██████████ WEST RINDGE, N.H., LITTLE CUBLS
OF SMOKE, WHICH ON INSPECTION DISCLOSED SMALL BURNED SPOTS ABOUT ONE AND
ONE HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER ON THE GREEN LAWN. ALSO IN THE LONG DRI
GRASS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN A CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FEET
IN DIAMETER SEVERAL LITTLE BLAZES HAD STARTED AND THE FIRE
DEPT. WAS CALLED. FIRES WERE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY METALLIC FRAGMENTATIONS
WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO PROFESSOR RENTGES, OF MIT, BY MR. PARKE
D. APPEL, OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY. RENTGES HAS ADVISED DEAN BUNKER
THAT THEIR GENERAL APPEARANCE ARE SIMILAR TO THE LINING OF
V DASH TWO BOMBS, WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED AT NEW MEXICO. PROFESSOR L.H.
DENALD, AN OUTSTANDING METALLURGIST AT MIT, STATED THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY
THE LINING FROM A JET TURBO PLANE. AT PRESENT TIME HE IN PROCESS OF ANALYZING
TWO OF THESE PIECES. THESE SCIENTISTS IN ROUGHLY RECONSTRUCTING THE METALLIC
OBJECT STATE IT WAS APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, THREE
SIXTEENTH OF AN INCH THICK, AND MACHINE TOOLED, AND SOME FRAGMENTS
INDICATED THEY WERE BURNED AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO
TERRIFIC HEAT. THESE SCIENTISTS ARE TREATING THIS MATTER AS CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION. MR. TASKER, AT WEST RINDGE, N.H. IS ALSO ENDEAVORING TO
COLLECT ADDITIONAL FRAGMENTS AND HAS STATED THAT THE FIRE CHIEF AT WEST
RINDGE HAS ALSO SEVERAL FRAGMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION. MR. TASKER INDICATED
THAT THE WHITEHEAD RESIDENCE IS SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED FEET EAST OF THE
RAILROAD TRACKS. DEAN BUNKER STATED HE WILL MAKE THE RESULTS OF M I T
RESEARCH AVAILABLE IF SIGNIFICANT. OPINIONS OF SCIENTISTS AS SET FORTH ABOVE
SUGGEST POSSIBLE MILITARY INTEREST. MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT BOSTON HAVE NOT BEEN
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United States Coast Guard

Address Reply to
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U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters
Washington 25, D. C.

3 November 1948

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From: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard
To: Commanding General, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, U. S. Air
Force, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
Subj: Aerial phenomena at Crescent City, Calif.

There is forwarded for your action a report from the Officer in Charge, Crescent City Light Station, U. S. Coast Guard, describing an unusual object seen by a number of people in Crescent City, Calif., on October 17, 1948, at 4:10 P. M.

By direction of the Commandant.

/s/ B. R. Ryan

B. R. RYAN
Lieutenant, USCG
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Subject: Project "SIGN"

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Hq AMC Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio

NOV 23 1948

TO: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Headquarters, Washington 25, D. C.

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1. This Command is charged with the investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial objects.

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2. In accomplishing such investigations existing military investigative agencies are utilized. However, no known investigative agencies are located within the immediate vicinity of Crescent City, California, where sighting mentioned in basic letter occurred.

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3. The assistance of Coast Guard personnel is therefore requested in conducting an interview of the individual witnesses who reported the Crescent City sighting.

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4. It is desired that pertinent questions outlined in inclosed form, Essential Elements of Information (EEI) be answered. It is particularly important that information requested under "General" of the attached form be obtained.

5. All persons should be advised to avoid publicity in this matter.

6. Direct reply to Commanding General, Hq. Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCLAND-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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William J. Dailey, Sr. Col. USAF

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REPORT OF SIGHTING OF "FLYING DISCS"
OR OTHER PHENOMENA IN THE ATMOSPHERE

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Date of sighting 17 October 1948 - Time: 4:10 P. M.

Location of sighting: Battery Point, "A" Street and Pacific Ave.
in Crescent City, Calif.

Weather conditions: Clear, visibility unlimited. Light NW breeze.

OBJECT SIGHTED

Number	One	Heading:	Southeasterly
Shape	Oval	Altitude:	Over 6,000 ft
Size	Very large	Maneuverability	Good
Color	Bright silvery	Sound:	None
Speed	Faster than a plane	Exhaust trail:	None

WITNESSES

Name

Address

Occupation

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Fisherman
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Janitor
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Housewife
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Barber

REMARKS

Witnesses agree that the object sighted was not a plane of any known type. They agree that it seemed unusual in that the object was very high, silvery and very fast.

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Officer in Charge
Crescent City Light Sta.

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SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

NOV 4 1948

TO: Commanding Officer
Marshall Air Force Base
Fort Riley, Kansas

1. This Headquarters is engaged in a continual investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with Army elements by Department of Army letter dated 25 March 1948, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft".

2. Reference is made to an Incoming Message dated 27 October 1948 from Commanding Officer, Marshall Air Force Base through Headquarters, Fort Riley, Kansas. It is suggested that the Base Intelligence Officer immediately initiate a detailed interrogation of Captain [REDACTED] concerning the serial phenomena observed and obtain a signed statement from him, together with those of any other witnesses available who may have witnessed this same anomaly. *Ex 1
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3. Two (2) copies of a list entitled "Essential Elements of Information" are enclosed for the interrogator's guidance in obtaining the information desired.

4. It is further requested that a full report be forwarded to Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, USAF
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Basic: Letter from the AMC, Subject: Project "Stern", dated 1 November 1948

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COMMANDING OFFICER, MARSHALL AF BASE, Fort Riley, Kansas, 16 November 1948

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

Forwarded herewith are the Certificate of Captain [REDACTED] and
the reports of weather sequence and winds aloft as of 24 October 1948. *Exf* *bc*

Everett K. Jenkins

EVERTETT K. JENKINS, JR.

Major, USAF

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 - 3 - Report of weather sequence and winds aloft, dated 26 Nov 48

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Fort Riley, Kansas

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CERTIFICATE

12 November 1948

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I, Captain [REDACTED], certify that at 1545 hours Central Standard Time, 24 October 1948, I sighted one (1) metallic-appearing object from a ground position ten (10) miles southwest of Junction City, Kansas. The object was traveling with the speed of a fast aircraft in a general westerly direction when I first observed it. I cannot identify the object as any aircraft known to me. The object then turned south with a speed greater than any aircraft I had ever seen. I estimate the altitude of the object as over seven thousand (7,000) feet. There is no further information regarding this object which I can give.

[REDACTED]
Captain, USAF
[REDACTED]

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BASE WEATHER STATION
MARSHALL AIR FORCE BASE
FORT RILEY, KANSAS

16 NOVEMBER 1948

WEATHER SEQUENCE REPORTS FOR THE 24TH OF OCTOBER 1948 FROM THE HOURS
OF 1300 TO 1700 AS FOLLOWS;

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

11/11/1948

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFHQIN
Collections Branch

TO: Commanding Officer
86th Fighter Squadron Wing
Neubiberg Air Force Base
Neubiberg, Germany
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to two messages received this Headquarters dated 22 Oct and 27 Oct respectively, from HQ, 86th Fighter Squadron Wing, Neubiberg AF Base, Neubiberg, Germany regarding the sighting of unidentified aerial objects.

2. It is requested that the Base Intelligence Officer of the 86th Fighter Wing make a detailed investigation of the serial phenomena observed 11 and 24 October 1948, and that signed statements of all available witnesses be obtained.

3. Five (5) copies of an "Essential Elements of Information" list are included for the interrogator's assistance in obtaining the desired information.

4. It is requested that a full report on both sightings be forwarded HQ, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio, Attn: MCIAUD-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Department of the Air Force
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington

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SUBJECT: Flying Object Incidents in the United States

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

1. By letter dated 30 December 1947 from the Director of Research and Development, Headquarters USAF, your Headquarters was required to establish Project "SIGN".

2. The conclusion appears inescapable that some type of flying object has been observed. Identification and the origin of these objects is not discernible to this Headquarters. It is imperative, therefore, that efforts to determine whether these objects are of domestic or foreign origin must be increased until conclusive evidence is obtained. The needs of national defense require such evidence in order that appropriate countermeasures may be taken.

3. In addition to the imperative need for evidence to permit countermeasures, is the necessity of informing the public as to the status of the problem. To date there has been too little data to present to the public. The press, however, is about to take it into its own hands and demand to be told what we do or do not know about the situation. Silence on our part will not long be acceptable.

4. Request immediate information as to your conclusions to date and your recommendations as to the information to be given to the press. Your recommendation is requested also as to whether that information should be offered to the press or withheld until it is actively sought by the press.

By COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

C. P. CABELL
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence, Office of
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. 8 Nov 48

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: AFORR

1. In attempting to arrive at conclusions as to the nature of unidentified flying object incidents in the United States, this Command has made a study of approximately 180 such incidents. Data derived from initial reports have been supplemented by further information obtained from check lists submitted by mail, from interrogations of other field agencies, and by personal investigation by personnel of this Command in the case of incidents that seem to indicate the possibility of obtaining particularly significant information.

2. The objects described fall into the following general classification groups, according to shape or physical configuration:

- a. Flat disc of circular or approximately circular shape.
- b. Torpedo or cigar shaped aircraft, with no wings or fins visible in flight.
- c. Spherical or balloon shaped objects.
- d. Balls of light with no apparent form attached.

3. Some of the objects sighted have definitely been identified, upon further investigation, as weather or upper air scientific balloons of some type. A great many of the round or balloon shaped objects indicated in paragraph 2a above are probably of the same nature, although in most cases, definite confirmation of that fact has been impossible to obtain.

4. Some of the objects have been identified as being astro-physical in nature. For example, in daylight sightings, the planet Venus has been reported as a round, silvery object at extremely high altitude. Action is being taken to obtain the services of a prominent astro-physicist as a consultant, to study all of the incidents to determine whether some can be identified as meteors, planets or other manifestations of astral bodies.

5. Arrangements for accomplishing a study of the psychological problems involved in this project are being made in coordination with the Aero-Medical Laboratory at this Headquarters. The possibility that some of the sightings are hallucinations, optical illusions or even deliberate hoaxes has been considered.

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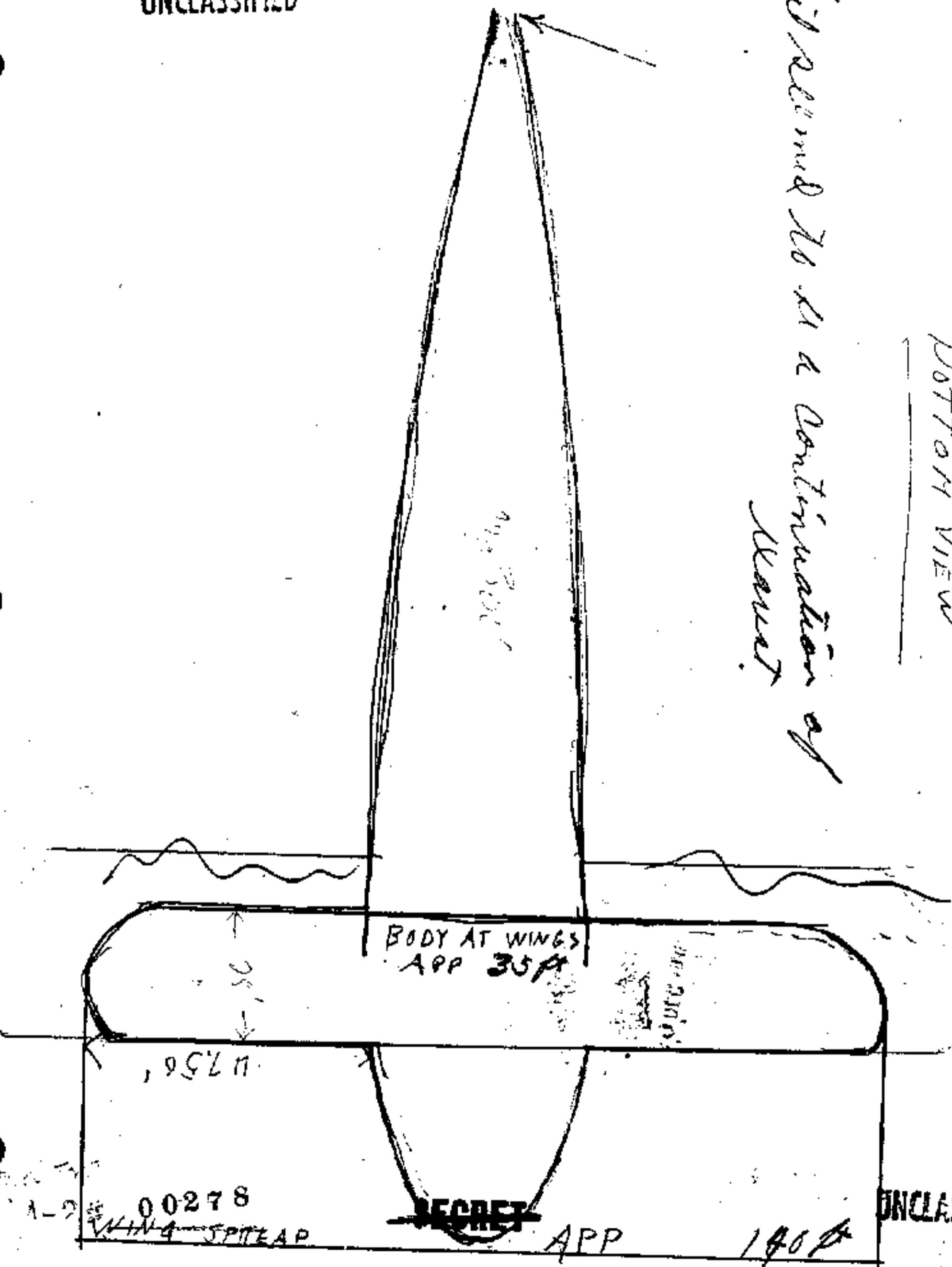
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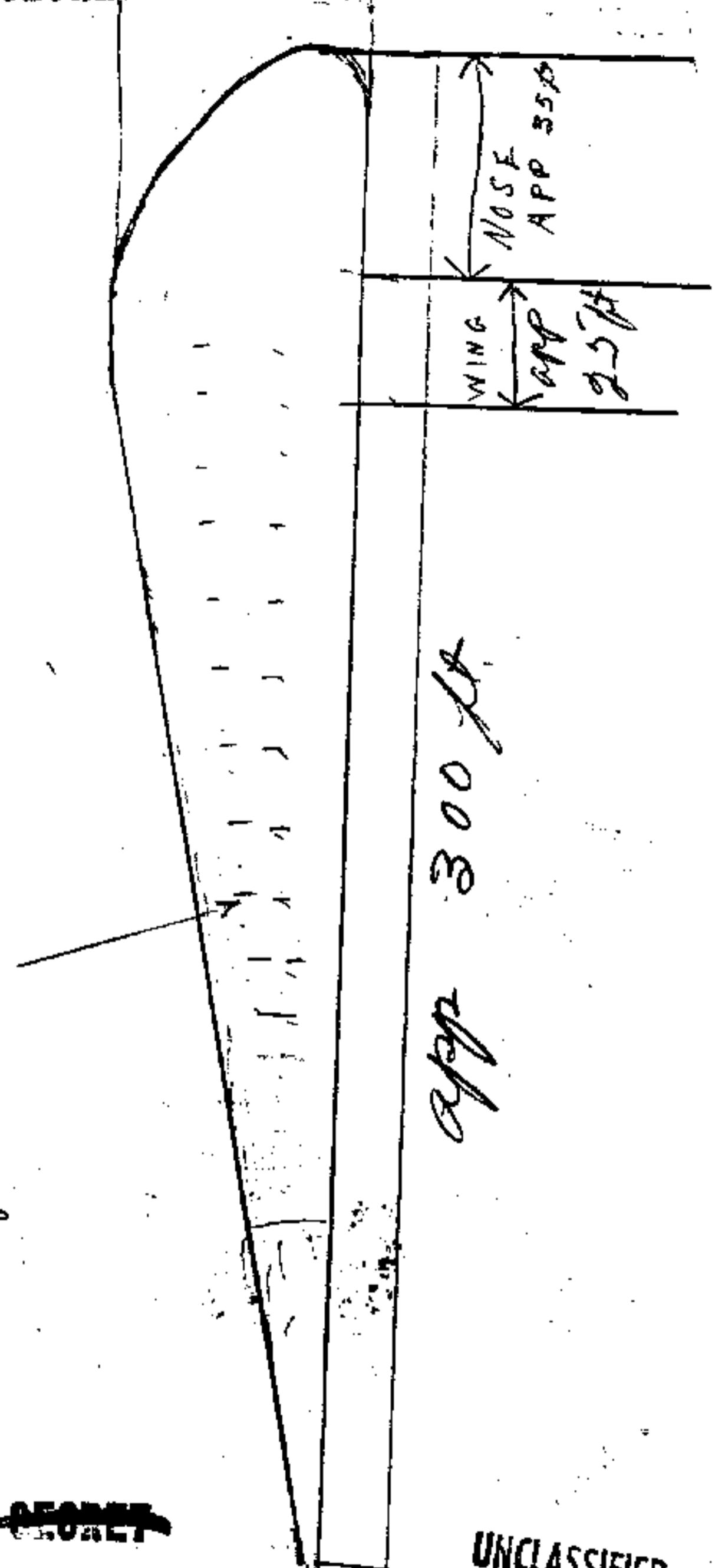
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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding Officer
Mitchel Air Force Base
New York, New York
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to incoming message 151944Z
from Mitchel Field to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, regarding
sightings of unidentified aerial object.

2. This office is engaged in a continuing investigation
of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena, and
has been authorized direct communication with pertinent military
installations.

3. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer interview
all the available witnesses to the incident reported in referenced
communication and obtain signed statements of the observed phenom-
ena.

4. Inclosed herewith is a copy of our Essential Elements
of Information form as an aid to the investigation officer
in recording desired data.

5. All collated data and accomplished essential elements
of information form should be forwarded to Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright
Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAWD-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

William J. Doherty, Jr. USAF
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Colonel, USAF
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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Attached letter from Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
is forwarded for your information.

2. In accordance with request made in Para. 1. thereof, it is
requested that all finished intelligence reports prepared by your Command
be forwarded to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, ATTN: ONI,
and that future reports also be forwarded to the same address.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
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From: Chief of Naval Intelligence.
To: Director of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force.
Attn: Air Intelligence Requirements Division.
SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs".
Reference: (a) Your Conf ltr AFORR-CC-5 dtd 14 Oct 48.

1. The Office of Naval Intelligence is desirous of assisting the Director of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force in any manner possible in reporting and investigating information on "flying discs". It desires, moreover, to receive any intelligence which the Air Force may acquire on the subject.

2. Directives are being issued to Naval Commands to transmit any information obtained on the subject to the nearest Air Force Command and additionally to the Chief of Naval Intelligence who will pass the information to the Director of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force by the fastest means.

3. It is regretted that Command and communication systems do not permit direct communication between Naval Commands and Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio.

4. Where possible, Naval installations will initiate investigative action as requested in paragraph 4 of reference (a).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
19TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

File No. OSI 24-3

23 November 1948

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN OBJECT, Project "Sign"
Special Inquiry

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

1. Reference is made to report of Special Agent ARTHUR F. HENKEL, JR., of this office, dated 12 November 1948.

2. Attached for your further information are two copies of the report of Special Agent ARTHUR F. HENKEL, JR., dated 16 November 1948.

3. This investigation is continuing in this OSI District Office. 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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Captain, USAF
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TITLE		REPORT MADE BY EDWARD P. SWERDLEY, CR	
UNKNOWN OBJECT, Project "Spartan"		REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairchild-Swallow AFB	PERIOD 13 and 17 November 1948
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 5, Wright-Patterson AFB	STATUS PENDING
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REFERENCE Ltr fr Hqs, Air Materiel Command, Ref File No. OG, AMC, AFM: MCIAKO, dtd 18 October 1948			
SYNOPSIS This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from Hqs, Air Materiel Command, Ref File OG AMC, AFM: MCIAKO, dated 18 October 1948. A check of the radar net of the San Francisco Bay Area; United Air Lines; Air Port Traffic Field, Mills Field; Western Air Lines; Pan-American Airways; American Air Lines; and the Flying Tigers, all of San Francisco, California, revealed no unusual radar readings or sightings during the period from 1100 to 1300 hours on 23 September 1948.			
DISTRIBUTION Commanding General, Wright-Patterson AFB (add'l copy) 2 District Commander, DO # 5, Wright-Patterson AFB 2 OSI Hqs Files 2		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio AFM: MCIAKO-3 APPROVED <i>DONALD C. GOEBEL</i> DONALD C. GOEBEL Captain, USAF Commander	FILE STAMP ORIG FILE COPIES TO: RECORDS SECT, 400 HQ ER & TS BR 2 EXTRA COPY RETAINED VALID C- PAPER - CHECK ONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT <input type="checkbox"/> NON RECORD

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of letter from Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Reference File CGAMS, ATTN: MCIAAC, dated 18 October 1948.

AT MILLS FIELD, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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2. On 12 November 1948 Mr. ██████████, Senior Airport Traffic Controller (CAA), Mills Field, California, stated that he knew of no scheduled flights over the Pinole area at approximately 1200 hours on 23 September 1948.

3. On 12 November 1948 Mr. ██████████ Traffic Representative, Pan American Airways, Mills Field, California, stated that their records for 23 September 1948 showed no scheduled aircraft over the Pinole area. One (1) unscheduled aircraft from Pan American Airways had been on a training mission on 23 September 1948, but the instructor, Mr. RICK MCHEENERY, stated that the aircraft had not flown North of Hunters Point, which is a considerable distance South of the Pinole area.

4. On 12 November 1948 ██████████ spatcher for United Air Lines, Mills Field, California, contacted the writer by telephone and stated that United Air Lines Flight No. 576 was over Bay Point, East of the Carquinez Bridge, which is 6.1 miles Northeast of San Pablo, California, and approximately 3 miles due North of Castro's Ranch, at 12:14 (Pacific Daylight Saving Time) on 23 September 1948; West-bound at an altitude of 4,000 feet. Flight No. 576 was a DC-4. Further he stated that Flight No. 552, a DC-4, was South-bound at 11:48 (Pacific Daylight Saving Time) on 23 September 1948, flying at an altitude of 5,000 feet.

5. On 12 November 1948 Mr. ██████████ Western Air Lines Passenger Agent, stated that none of their flights of 4-engined aircraft were scheduled to fly over the Pinole area. A check of their daily flight log revealed no record of any training flights or other unscheduled missions on this date. The Western Air Lines Radio Communications Section also serves American Air Lines Radio Communications Section and it was revealed that American Air Lines had no 4-engined aircraft in the air after 0645 hours on 23 September 1948.

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6. On 12 November 1948 Mr. [REDACTED], Radio Communications Officer for Trans World Air Lines, stated that none of their 4-engined aircraft had been in the Richmond-San Pablo area within two hours of the questioned time.

7. On 12 November 1948 Mr. [REDACTED] Station Manager, Flying Tigers Air Lines, Mills Field, California, stated that none of their 4-engined aircraft were scheduled for day time flights to or from Mills Field and that on 23 September 1948, none of their aircraft were utilized for training or any other unscheduled flights.

AT HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE, HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

8. On 15 November 1948 the Army Airways Communications Service, who are charged with the responsibility of the radar net of the San Francisco Bay Area, were contacted and it was revealed that on 23 September 1948 at approximately noon, there were no unusual radar readings reported, nor were there reported any Air Force 4-engined aircraft in the vicinity of Pinole, Pinole Point, Lone Tree Point or Corquinex Straits.

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

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SIGHTING OF UNKNOWN

TO: Commanding Officer
3160th Electronics Station
Cambridge Field Station
Cambridge, Massachusetts
ATTN: Capt Trachowski
Geophysics Laboratory

1. This Headquarters is currently engaged in the investigation of all reported unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct contact with pertinent agencies by HQ USAF Ltr. subject "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs", dated 6 February 1948.
2. Reference is made to a conference on or about 5 September 1948 between Dr John Peoples and Capt Trachowski of the Geophysical Research Division, and Major Carl B. Lindstrand of this Command, in which the possibility was suspected that many incidents reported to Project "SIGN" may have been balloon releases. No conclusions were drawn at the time because of a lack of factual data.
3. Pursuant to the suggestion made as a result of subject conference, a file of the summaries of incidents one to one hundred are attached for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as research vehicles of domestic origin - possibly balloons.
4. It is requested that insofar as existing contracts between Matson Laboratories and the Balloon Group permit, that the incidents be screened and checked for the following:
 - a. Proximity to weather stations listed in inclosure 3.
 - b. Subsequent to determining proximity, incident reports be checked to identify any routine balloon releases. This check will probably require review of applicable weather charts for the period.

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5. The forms used in interrogating witnesses to sightings are inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to the geophysical phase is invited.

6. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAW-3.

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Attached is a list of Stations
Taking and Transmitting Pilot Balloon
Reports.

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Boston, Mass.	McMurry, Texas
Portland, Maine	Jackson, Miss.
Buffalo, NY	New Orleans, La.
Albany, NY	Hartville, Ala.
Syracuse, NY	Miami Beach, Fla.
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Port Wayne, Ind.	Springfield, Mo.
Toledo, Ohio	Colonial, Miss.
Akron, Ohio	Little Rock, Ark.
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El Paso, Tex.	Hansley AFB, Tex.
Roswell, N. Mex.	Marshall AFB, Kan.
Amarillo, Tex.	Camp Hood, Tex.
Big Spring, Tex.	Post Field, Fort Sill, Okla.
Amarillo, Tex.	Kelly AFB, Tex.
Waco, Tex.	Topeka AFB, Kan.
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Del Rio, Tex.	Philips AFB, Ky.
San Antonio, Tex.	Seaford AFB, Mass.
Lake Charles, La.	Orchard Place, Ill.
Houston, Tex.	Westover AFB, Mass.
Corpus Christe, Tex.	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Godman AFB, Ky.
Brownsville, Tex.	Langley AFB, Va.
Salt Lake City, Utah	Cronier, (AFB), New Hampshire
Modena, Utah	National Lab., Red Bank, N.J.
Ely, Nev.	Turner AFB, Ga.
Las Vegas, Nev.	Keeler AFB, Miss.
Burbank, Cal.	Lawson AFB, Ga.
Mesilla, Arizona	Pope AFB, N.C.
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Missoula, Mont.	Victorville, (AFB), Cal.
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6. Although explanation of many of the incidents can be obtained from the investigations described above, there remains a certain number of reports for which no reasonable everyday explanation is available. So far, no physical evidence of the existence of the unidentified sightings has been obtained. Prominent scientists, including Dr. Irving Langmuir of the General Electric Company, have been interviewed to determine whether they could advance any reasonable explanation for characteristics exhibited by the objects sighted. In an early interview, Dr. Langmuir indicated that these incidents could be explained, but insufficient data were available at that time on which to base definite conclusions. It is planned to have another interview with Dr. Langmuir in the near future to review all the data now available, and it is hoped that he will be able to present some opinion as to the nature of many of the unidentified objects, particularly those described as "balls of light."

7. All information that has been made available to this Headquarters indicates that the discs, the cigar shaped objects, and the "balls of light" are not of domestic origin. Engineering investigation indicates that disc or wingless aircraft could support themselves in flight by aerodynamic means. It is probable that the problems of stability and control could also be solved for such aircraft. However, according to current aerodynamic theory in this country, aircraft with such configurations would have relatively poor climb, altitude and range characteristics with power plants now in use.

8. The possibility that the reported objects are vehicles from another planet has not been ignored. However, tangible evidence to support conclusions about such a possibility are completely lacking. The occurrence of incidents in relation to the approach to the earth of the planets Mercury, Venus and Mars have been plotted. A periodic variation in the frequency of incidents, which appears to have some relation to the planet approach curves, is noted, but it may be purely a coincidence.

9. Reference is made to "The Books of Charles Fort" with an introduction by Tiffany Thayer, published 1941, by Henry Holt & Co., New York, N. Y. It appears that similar phenomena have been noted and reported for the past century or more.

10. In view of the above, the following conclusions are drawn:

a. In the majority of cases reported, observers have actually sighted some type of flying object which they cannot classify as an aircraft within the limits of their personal experience.

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b. There is as yet no conclusive proof that unidentified flying objects, other than those which are known to be balloons, are real aircraft.

c. Although it is obvious that some types of flying objects have been sighted, the exact nature of those objects cannot be established until physical evidence, such as that which would result from a crash, has been obtained.

11. It is not considered advisable to present to the press information on those objects which we cannot yet identify or about which we cannot present any reasonable conclusions. In the event that they insist on some kind of a statement, it is suggested that they be informed that many of the objects sighted have been identified as weather balloons or astral bodies, and that investigation is being pursued to determine reasonable explanations for the others.

12. A report, summarizing the results obtained from analysis of the data and a technical investigation of the engineering aspects of the objects described, is nearly complete, and a copy will be forwarded to your Headquarters in the near future.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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Commanding General
Ogden Air Materiel Area
Hill Air Force Base
Hill Field, Utah
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to OAMA Utah incoming message 262215Z to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, regarding sighting of unidentified flying object.

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2. It is requested that the Base Intelligence Officer initiate an immediate investigation of the aerial phenomena observed by Mr. [redacted], Salt Lake City, Utah, on 16 October 1948.

3. An "Essential Elements of Information" form is included to assist the interrogator in obtaining the information desired.

4. It is requested that a full report be expedited to HQ, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAID-3.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McHARGUE:

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SUBJECT: Project Sign.

TO: Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton,
Ohio.

ATTENTION: Chief of Intelligence.

1. Letter your headquarters dated 4 August 1943, copy enclosed, addressed to base intelligence officer, Gowen Field, was received by this organization, the only using military agency of the field since WW II.

2. This organization has no intelligence officer, so the undersigned has interviewed Mr. Shangle and submits the following observations.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] is a lad 19 years old residing at [REDACTED] Boise, Idaho. His speech is incoherent at times and his thinking is shallow. None of his photographs revealed an object of any kind. He states that at age 12 he saw his house slippers walk from one side of the room to the other. He summoned his parents so that they might observe the return trip of the slippers, but nothing seemed to happen. He dates on football plays and is quite good, as evidenced by the fact that the coaches of the local high school and junior college solicit his services to help develop new plays.

4. I feel sure that the acquisition of the details you requested is not justified from the standpoint of wasted time alone.

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Commanding Officer
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton Field, California
ATIN: 2349 AF Ordnance

1. Reference is made to teletype dated 22 October 1948 sent this HQ from the 325th Fighter Group, Hamilton AF Base, Hamilton Field, California.

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2. It is requested that the Base Intelligence Officer initiate an immediate investigation of the aerial phenomena observed by Maj [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pilot, at 1400 hours, 14 October 1948, between Dayton, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

3. An "Essential Elements of Information" list is included for the interrogator's assistance in obtaining, insofar as possible, the information desired. It is further requested that special emphasis be placed on the following factors:

a. Could the objects have been migrating birds?

b. To what degree did these objects possess the ability to ascend and descend?

c. Was this "up and down" movement due to susceptibility of the objects to air currents? Did the movement seem intentional, or was it characteristic?

d. Were the deviations in flight erratic or objective? Did they (the objects) seem unaware of the observer's craft, or could their maneuvers be interpreted as "aggressive".

e. Did Maj [REDACTED] make any attempt to identify or intercept these objects?

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i. Give altitude of observer's aircraft and corresponding altitude of the objects in relation to the aircraft.

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j. Approximately how close to the pilot's aircraft did these objects approach?

4. It is requested that a Geiger counter check be given the aircraft flown by Maj [redacted] to eliminate any possibility of radioactivity other than normal residual radioactivity present in the atmosphere.

5. It is suggested that the nearest state university or scientific research institution be contacted and their assistance and services requested, if a Geiger counter is not immediately available.

6. It is requested that a full report be expedited to Eq, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIA&D-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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TO: Commanding Officer
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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Wing Intelligence Officer, HQ 325th Ftr Wg, All Wea, Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif., 9 Nov. 1948.

To: Intelligence Officer, 325th Ftr Group, All Wea, Hamilton AFB, Calif.

1. For compliance and report not later than 19 Nov. 1948. Your letter report, addressed to Commanding Officer, 325th Fighter Wing, All Wea, this station, will be attached as Inclosure 2 on your return indorsement.
2. The teletype referred to in par. 1, basic letter, is available in Wing A-3. Major Smartt is assigned to ORD.

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R. M. KOLBENSCHLAG
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Intelligence Office, HQ. 325th Ftr Gr, All Wea, Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton Field, Calif., 29 Nov. 1948

To: Intelligence Officer, 325th Ftr Wing, All Wea, Hamilton AFB.

Attached herewith is report on entertainment of Major Smartt in Inclosure 42.

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Int C, 78th Ptr Wg, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton Fld, Calif 1 Dec 48

TO: Chief, Intelligence Dept, HQ Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Wright Fld, Ohio

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

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1. Date of sighting
2. Time of sighting
(Zonal by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town road, intersections, etc.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc.
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
 - (2) Distance & direction from city, town or known landmark
 - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
 - (4) Latitude and longitude
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude
 - (2) Proximity to land
(Name city, country, etc)
4. Number of objects
5. Formation type (if any)
(sketch if possible)
6. Distance of object from observer

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5. (Cont'd)
 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon
 - c. Altitude
6. Time in sight
7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color
 - b. Shape
(sketch if possible)
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent)
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view
(Compared to known object)
8. Direction of flight
9. Tactics or maneuvers
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering
evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.
10. Evidence of exhaust
 - a. Color of smoke
 - b. Length and width
 - c. Odor (if any)
 - d. Rate of evaporation
 - e. Does trail vary with sound?
(spurts)
11. Effect on clouds
 - a. Opened path thru clouds
 - b. Formed clouds or mists

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11. (Cont'd)

- c. Reflected on cloud
 - d. Shown thru cloud
12. Lights
- a. Reflected or attached
 - b. Luminous
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

13. Support

- a. Wings
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
- c. Vertical jet
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion

- a. Propeller or jet
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic waves (flapping or oscillating)
(KatzMeyer effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability

- a. Fins
- b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location

16. Air ducts

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16. (Cont'd)
 - a. Slits
 - b. Duct openings
17. Speed - MPH
18. Sound:
 - a. Continuous whine or buzz
 - b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
 - c. intermittent
19. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i. e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such)
20. Manner of disappearance
 - a. Explode
 - (1) Possibility of fragments
 - (2) Other physical evidence
 - b. Faded from view
 - c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer
2. Address
3. Occupation
4. Place of business
 - a. Employer or employee
5. Hobbies
 - a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.

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6. Ability to determine

- a. Color
- b. Speed of moving objects
- c. Size at distance

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbors

(2) Police Dept

(3) FBI records

(4) Employer

8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was drawn to object(s)

(1) sound

(2) motion

(3) glint of light

9. Witnesses

a. Addresses

b. Occupation

c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Radars now operating on ground

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EIGHT SEE 'BALLS OF FIRE'

Duck! It's Those Saucers Again

A red ball of fire, which left a trail of smoke and burning particles, was seen floating northward across the Minneapolis sky Wednesday morning by a man who said he was stone sober.

And in two other Upper Midwest points, variations of the familiar "flying saucers" were reported.

At Winona, Minn., Paul Zenk and Dr. F. T. Benoit said they saw a slowly travelling object which broke up into numerous bright particles over the town at 8 a.m. yesterday.

25 FEET LONG

They said it was about 25 feet long and eight feet wide and appeared to be a bunch of sparks with a tail.

An Aberdeen, S. D., hunter said he saw red and green lights north of Britton, S. D., early yesterday morning high in the eastern sky. The lights seemed to dart into a cloud bank and plummet to earth, he said.

The Marshall County sheriff, however, said there had been no reports of plane wrecks or any

thing else hitting the ground in the Britton vicinity.

A farm woman near Aberdeen said she was up early doing chores when she noticed what she believed to be a comet shoot across the sky and disappear into the earth.

Apparently the same object was

reported over Aberdeen, S. D., by

Jack Taylor, Northwest Airlines

pilot from Seattle, Wash., Taylor

said the lights were red, trailing

smoke, moving very slowly from some

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'SAUCERS' COME BACK; SIX SEE BALLS OF FIRE

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ALL SAW IT AT 6 A.M.

Although the communities in

"They said it was about 25 feet long and eight feet wide and appeared to be a bunch of sparks which the mysterious lights were sighted are many miles apart, there was an almost identical agreement on the hour—around 6 a.m. yesterday.

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Lawrence A. Hansen, 1988 N. Albert street, St. Paul, noticed a "ball of fire" in the eastern sky as he parked his car in downtown Minneapolis a few minutes before 6 a.m.

Harold Oliver, a postoffice em-

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Jack Taylor, Northwest Airlines pilot from Seattle, Wash., T-150, said he sighted a red ball trailing fire, moving very fast from south moving object was witnessed by another pilot and two tower operators.

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Subj: Information on Flying Disc*

22 October 1958

(e) Sketches of object's configuration are attached.

(f) Object sighted:

1. One object.
2. Round with tail 1/3 again as long as the diameter of the object.
3. Size when related to object on ground appeared to be approximately six (6) feet in diameter.
4. Orange flame colored.
5. Speed estimated to be three (3) times again as fast as jet aircraft seen flown in this area.
6. Object was heading in a direction from south-southwest to north-northeast.
7. Object following a straight course in a horizontal attitude seemingly losing very little altitude.
8. Witnesses estimated altitude to be from 5,000 to 10,000 feet.
9. No indication of sound.
10. No indication of exhaust trail by witnesses, but they state that there was a flame trail varying from 1/3 again the size of the object to many times again the diameter of the main body.

(g) Witnesses stories seem to conform in pattern throughout. The front of the object seemed to be blurred as if enveloped in smoke; whereas the rest of the main body was a fiery orange color. The tail of the object seemed to be boiling sheets of flame, which carried on back at variable distances and broke off dropping vertically for a short distance and then becoming indistinguishable. The object was last seen by the two witnesses, entering the cloud bank to the north-northeast and disappearing.

2. Attached are clippings from Twin Cities papers giving account of subject object.

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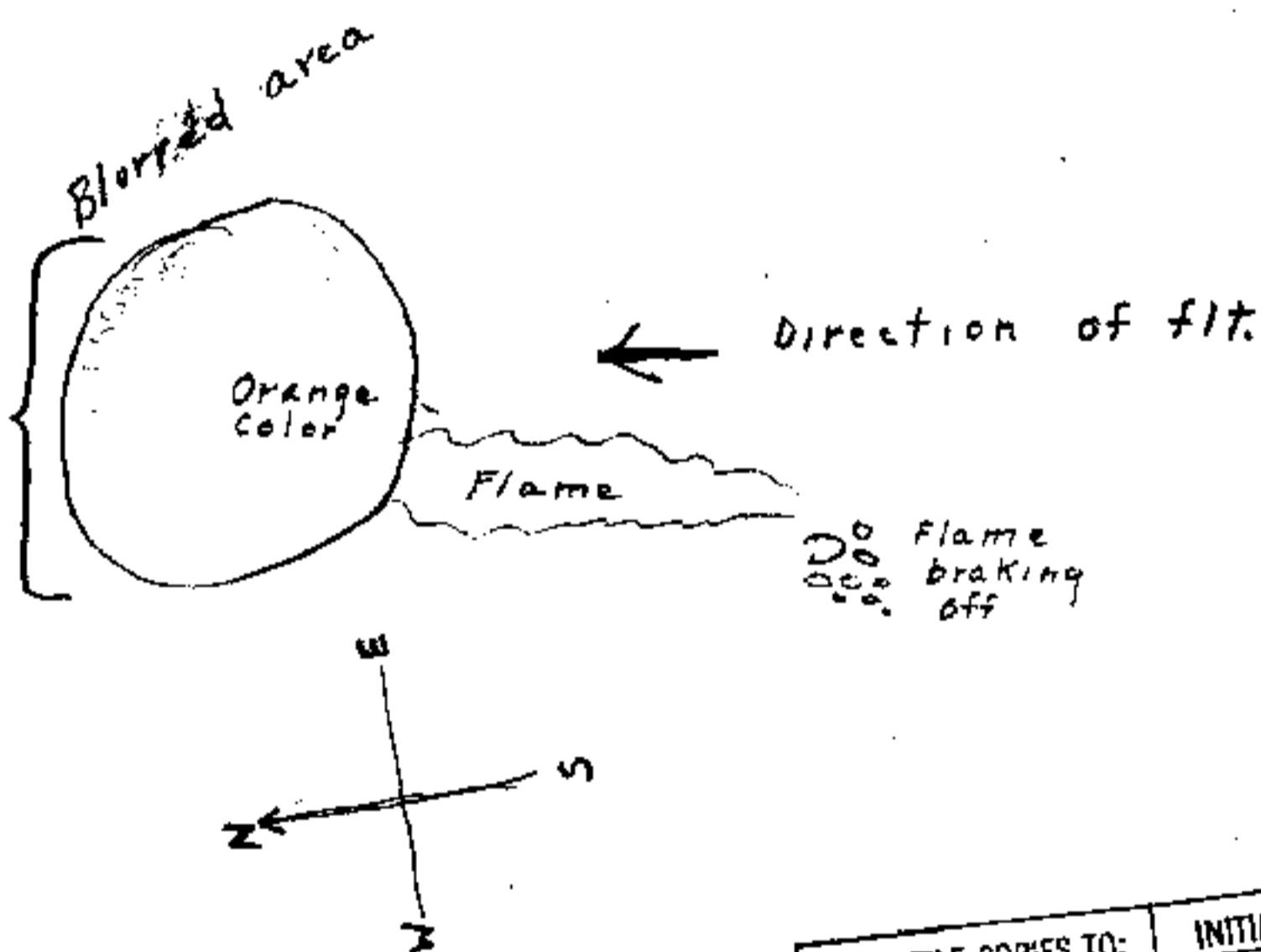
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Interview of Brig Gen Erik N. Nelson

Chief of Staff
 United States Air Force
 Washington 25, D. C.
 ATTN: AFHQ/R
 Collections Branch

1. Reference is made to teletype conference message CSAR-4 dated 19 August 1948. The proposed interview of Brig Gen Erik N. Nelson was accomplished 1 October 1948 by Col Giagerup and Lt Col Devitt. The following report on the interrogation is submitted for your information.

2. In his capacity as technical advisor to Scandinavian Air Lines, General Nelson had some social contacts toward the end of his last visit to Sweden with certain civilians highly placed in the Swedish government. They informed him that no solution or physical evidence had ever been found to the flying discs or rockets that had been sighted over Sweden in late '46 and early '47. He was also informed that three distinct types of unidentified flying objects were again prevalent over Northern Sweden and Norway this past summer. (It should be noted that the sightings in Northern Sweden this summer would be in daylight, since there is no darkness at that latitude during the summer months.) The three types were as follows:

- a. Long, cigar-shaped rocket or missile
- b. Flat, saucer-like disc
- c. Large, round ball-shaped object that could stop, hover, and go off at terrific speed.

Type "c" was new and had not previously been seen. The Swedes have no idea what the unidentified objects are, and are exerting every effort to keep news of the sightings out of the press. Thus they take no official notice of the sightings and have kept the matter quiet. The Air Attaché, American Embassy, Stockholm, has no knowledge of the objects, since the Swedes prefer to keep the matter as quiet as possible. General Nelson stated that the Swedish people who told him of these flying objects did so because of his long friendship with them and in spite of their knowing he was an Air Force Reserve Officer. They stated they had no objection to his making an unofficial report of the incidents.

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3. The above information was all that General Nelson had. He was queried at length as to size, speed, frequency of occurrence, maneuverability, etc., of the objects, but he does not have any more information than disclosed above.

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4. Objects similar to those reported in paragraph 2 have been sighted by both foreign and domestic observers and follow the same pattern as those in previous incidents.

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5. In view of the fact that no further information can be gained from General Nelson, it is recommended that this Office be permitted to close the case insofar as this individual is concerned.

PERSONNEL

6. Some further information as to contacts for our ATIO have been obtained from this interview and prompt action has been taken to coordinate through the proper channels, to establish good intelligence sources.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, USAF
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13 OCT 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

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

1. Reference is made to your TWX Number AT-3191 dated 8 October on Project "SIGN".
2. This Headquarters has instructed all major Air Commands, both in the ZI and Overseas, to be particularly alerted at this time for sightings of unidentified aerial objects and to generally comply with the requests contained in subject TWX.
3. This Headquarters has also requested the cooperation of the Departments of the Army and the Navy, and the Coast Guard, in instructing their installations along the same lines.
4. To date no response has been received.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF:

George D. Garrett Jr. Col.
for ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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WASHINGTON

Oct 4th

SUBJECT: Electronics Corporation of America

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

2. It is requested that clearance be obtained from this office before any business is placed with Electronics Corporation of America.
 2. Testimony before the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives has revealed that one ██████████ ██████████, presently President of Electronics Corporation of America, made false statements facilitating the admission into the United States for permanent residence of a "charter member" Communist of the Soviet Union.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

Frederick Grewal

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Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington, D. C.
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1. On the 3 October 1948, the following representatives of this Command interrogated witnesses involved in the North Dakota incident of 1 October 1948 which occurred from 2100 to 2127 hours Central Standard Time.

a. Lawrence H. Truttmann, aeronautical engineer & Project Engineer for Project "SIGN"

b. Paul Kabela, Major, USAF
AFI Investigator

2. The first indication of this occurrence was received from 2 October 1948 press reports appearing in local papers. This material is retained in MCLAND-3 files.

*L. H. Truttmann
Intelligence
Lieutenant
Dad*
3. Investigation of the sighting by the above-mentioned representatives of this Command show the newspaper reports to be substantially correct. However, description of the object as a "disk" is inaccurate. All testimony from witnesses agree that one object was sighted and that it consisted only of a small round ball of clear white light with no physical form or shape attached. The object was about six to eight inches in diameter. At times it traveled faster than the F-51 and performed circular maneuvers in both evasive and aggressive manner. When first sighted the object was traveling at about 250 MPH at 1,000 feet altitude. Under this condition the light was not continuous but blinked off and on. At higher performance the white light was continuous.

4. The pilot of the F-51 aircraft was first attracted to the object when his attention was drawn to an intermittent white light about 3,000 feet below his 4,500 ft cruising altitude. He decided to investigate and began pursuit of the object in order to determine its nature.

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When the object began evasive tactics the F-51 pilot utilized maximum authorized power. (Engine seal for military power was not broken) However, the object out-turned, out-speeded and out-climbed the F-51 in every instance. Contact was lost twenty-seven minutes after the initial sighting when the F-51 went into a power stall at 14,000 feet altitude and the object continued to ascend almost vertically for another 3,000 ft. (up to 17,000 ft), at which time preparation for landing occupied the F-51 pilot.

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5. Investigative personnel of this Command determined that local National Guard and CAA officials had already taken into account the possibilities of other aircraft having been in the vicinity, meteorological balloon releases and that Canadian "Vampire" jets had been in the vicinity. All these three factors of investigation were discredited. National Guard officials are familiar with the whistle of the "Vampire" jets and concur that the object made no noise, that no exhaust streaks were visible and that they noticed no odor.

PERSONNEL & ADM.

6. Request was made by official telegram on 5th October 1948 to the Commanding Officer, Air National Guard, Fargo, North Dakota, 178th Fighter Sq for a Geiger check of all F-51 aircraft for comparison of affected aircraft with others in vicinity. (See Exhibit "E")

RESEARCH & DEV.

7. Other investigations and technical studies of time-consuming nature are being conducted on this incident and will be reported upon as speedily as possible as soon as results are available, by additional memorandums. A final report in brief form will be made when the incident is closed.

INTELLIGENCE

8. EVALUATION: Air Materiel Command evaluates the source as "A"; the factual data as "2". The overall evaluation is "A-2".

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. Exhibit "A"
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5. Exhibit "E"

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Oct. 7, 1948

Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.

4th Army Headquarters,

Houston, Texas.

Re: AG 305.09 AKADB

General Handy:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Maj. Sidney Newberger, Security Chief, Los Alamos Project, Los Alamos, N.M. with a clipping from the Dallas Morning News concerning an explosion of a B-29 bomber at Waycross, which may lend data of value, providing it is found that no normal cause can be shown for the explosion.

Should "disco" have been sighted recently in this immediate vicinity, then this case becomes of first rate import. Or, if "gizmos" have been recorded on radarscopes in this area, we have a case of high value.

Thanking you sincerely for your interest concerning this subject, and believing that because of your action we may get somewhere yet, before it is too late, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Death Rides B-29 During Secret Test

WAYCROSS, Ga., Oct. 6. (UPI)—A B-29 bomber exploded over Waycross Wednesday, killing at least eight of its occupants, but "three or four" others survived by pulling their parachute ripcords as they were blown into space.

The Superfortress was said to have been on a secret experiment flight, possibly involving cosmic ray research, when it met disaster high in the clear blue sky directly over this South Georgia city.

Thirteen men, some of them civilians, were reported aboard the plane when it left the Warner-Robins test base near Macon, Ga., an hour earlier.

The disintegrating bomber crashed in smoking fragments covering twenty acres of marshland on the edge of the great Okefenokee swamp.

Three bodies were found in the tail section, the largest intact piece of the plane, police reported, and another was wedged in a small forward section of the fuselage. Four other bodies, charred and mangled, were pulled from the muck of the marsh.

Three men, who got down by parachute were brought to a hospital here for treatment. They included the copilot, Capt. W. H. Moore of near Pittsburgh, Pa. Moore did not appear to be hurt badly but one of the other survivors was reported seriously injured.

A fourth man was reported to have got his chute opened but this was not confirmed and his fate was unknown.

With a roar like a clap of thunder, the blast ripped the big bomber as it cruised at 8,000 to 10,000 over the heart of Waycross, witnesses reported. There was one report that the plane trailed a plume of black smoke just before the explosion.

The plane fluttered down and began falling apart, witnesses said, but the momentum carried the larger pieces of the wreckage beyond the city.

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Oct. 7, 1948

Maj. Sidney Newberger, Security Chief,
Argonne Energy Bureau, Los Alamos Project,

SPD - 3-11

Attn: Maj. Newberger

Dear Newberger:

Enclosed is a clipping from the Dallas Morning News, Oct. 7, 1948, reporting an explosion of a B-29 bomber over Maypearl, Okla., which I think may possibly be related.

This occurrence was east of the path of the serial missile sighted by [redacted] and [redacted], but because of this being in the same general district, I think it may be best information (or source) to wait to hear in detail that the explosion may have been due to other causes than the presence of a ray-form. However, it is to be found that no known cause existed for the explosion, then it may be of benefit to remember that should motor interception have occurred, more gasoline than could be accommodated by the motor pistons might have accumulated, with the consequence that when firing again resumed, explosion occurred. This is the principle danger to motors from the presence of a ray-form.

A check should be made to ascertain whether or not this plane was at the time of explosion investigating possible presence of a ray-form, or whether the reported mission (see clipping) was concerning cosmic ray research.

If any radarscope records exist at nearby military bases to confirm the presence of the type "glow" recorded by Kenneth Ulmer at [redacted] [redacted] sp. If any other visible serial missile forms have been sighted in this area, then all possible data should be obtained.

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In discussing possible motor interception with Gen. S.R. Breanault, AAF Material Command, Wash, D.C. just after his return by way of Albuquerque, N.M. from a west coast investigation of "dises" last July a year ago, (1947) I mentioned then occurring since May that it was possible that the high number of Constellation airplane explosions⁷ might possibly be related to the presence of the ray-form.

A motor jacket using a cadmium plating would tend to nullify motor interceptions due to intense wave activity such as with a ray-form.

It is hereby suggested that if war should develop soon, that any planes entering Russian territory be protected with such cadmium-plated jacketing that a high safety factor exists against possibility of motor interceptions. This is, if B-52 bombers are used. If jet bombers are used, then unless some unknown wave action occurs to expand fuel while still in the fuel chambers, i.e., raising temperature of fuel by wave agitation through fuel housing, then it is an open question whether jacketing should be employed. But, should cases exist to show that temperature in jet plane tanks has been raised, or if such is shown by simple heat tube experiments to occur, then protective plating should also be employed on all jet plane fuel tanks.

A few jet plane explosions have occurred recently, and though there are perhaps many factors which might have caused such explosions, the possibility of increased temperatures resulting due to the presence of a ray-form, should be considered when investigating investigations of this type explosion are made. This suggestion, particularly in areas of California known to have been subject to the ray-form as evidenced by the visible aerial missiles, may lend assistance in future planning to prevent raised temperatures due to abnormal wave activity.

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(Personally, I think we have been given ample excuse to proceed to "kick Russia off" while we are still able. Later, we may not be able to do so.)

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If it is recognized by the War Dep't that the type missile which appeared over Sweden and Norway during the summer of 1946 is the same type which has appeared over the United States, and if those missiles were traced, as reported in the press, to emanate from a source of from 500 to 700 miles inside Russia, and if correlation is made of directions of aerial missiles appearing over the United States, and it is determined that the contentions contained in these informal letter reports are correct, and that experimental attack has occurred, then I consider that a simple announcement by the War Dep't, as to the actual cause of "disco" would bring a united nation to its feet, feeling that a moral justification exists for our using the atomic bomb against Russia. This may prevent our own annihilation later when Russia possess atomic weapons in sufficient number to attack us.

To my mind, the Berlin blockade is an outward show of the back-handed experimental "disco" attack which I do think has accounted for damages not recognized in the press, or perhaps not known fully by our own government.

That motors can be intercepted, we know. That explosions have resulted which are likely due to the cause previously suggested in such interception, we know. That our own planes would be met with attempts to intercept motors should we attack Russia is most likely, in my opinion. And that adequate jacket protection with cadmium plating should be done, seems plausible.

While not knowing whether or not the B-29 bomber explosion at Nagasaki G.A. was due to the presence of the ray-form, I believe that this case bears all possible consideration from a ray-form standpoint.

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cc/ Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.
U.S. Fourth Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

etf [Signature] Most sincerely,

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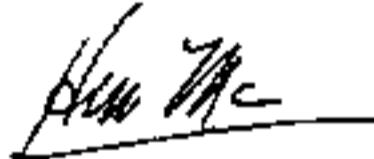
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Chief of Staff, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
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ATTN: AFIOIR

It is requested that your office forward the attached
letter to the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, 25, D. C.
FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



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Colonel, USAF
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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

Gentlemen:

This Headquarters is currently engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported unidentified aerial phenomena. To date, no concrete evidence as to the exact identity of any of the reported objects has been received. Similarly, the origin of the so-called "flying discs" remains obscure. The possibility exists that some of the sighted objects are of domestic origin, i. e., unrecognized configurations of some of our latest aeronomical attainments, or that they are objects not readily recognized by the public - test vehicles in various stages of development, etc.

Where security regulations will permit, it is requested that your office submit to Eq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Fld., Ohio, Attn: MCIAXD-3, THRU: Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington, 25, D. C., DIRECTOR OF INTEL, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, ATTN: AFOIR, any available evidence which might serve to indicate that these objects have a domestic origin.

Your cooperation in so doing might greatly assist in identifying our own domestic developments from possible inimical foreign achievements.

Very truly yours

H. M. McCoy

H. M. MCCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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M. H. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

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1. Reference is made to letter, Intelligence Division, CGCCD
452.1, 25 March 1948, subject as above and to Control No. A-1917.

2. Attached Summary of Information forwarded for your information
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A request for further information has been forwarded directly to
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General Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.

Fourth U.S. Army Headquarters,

Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Re: AG 350.09 AKADE

Dear General Handy:

Enclosed is a carbon copy of a letter to Sidney Newberger, Los Alamos Project, noting several points on the Kenneth Ehlers' observations of "gizmos" at the Landing Aids Experiment Station at Arcata, Calif. and other related material.

(Having partly recovered from what might have seemed like a "fancy tantrum" when informed indirectly that my letters containing cases and discussion on "discs" had been ignored, and with personal problems being adjusted also, I have come back down to earth after what must have sounded like an all-time high in the lack of humility. However, it will not hurt to check on what I claim as a private background to this present subject of ray-warfare.)

The atmosphere holds much unknown and unexplored information, and it is perhaps because of the unknown quantities that exist that my own interest continues.

As mentioned in the enclosed letter, I permitted an FBI agent from the Dallas office to borrow my U.S. Forest Service of the Los Alamos area, with my own markings super-imposed showing locations of the forest fires occurring June 25, 1945 and ground and aerial detonations of "discs" described in the brief report already sent you. The agent made one copy of the map, then destroyed the negative, sending the copy of the map and a copy of locations of fires and detonations to the Dallas office of the FBI.

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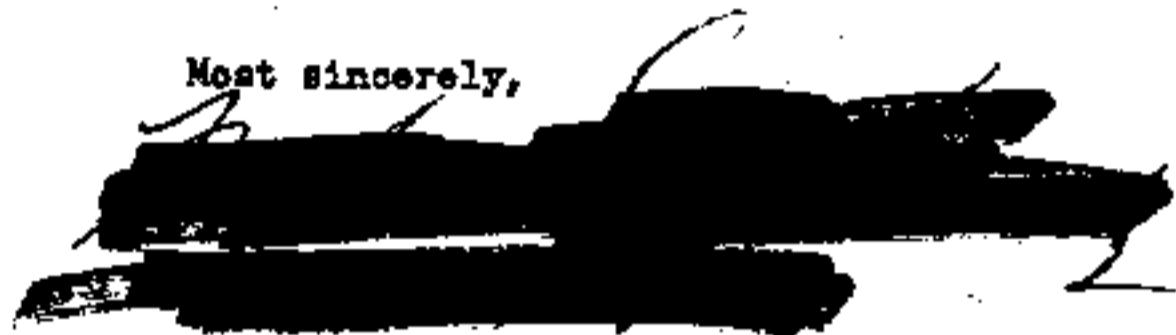
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The agent requested me to keep the remainder of our conversation confidential.

I will send along anything of value I may receive from Dr. Luis W. Alvarez or from Dr. Karl McEachron, the latter of the General Electric Laboratories at Pittsfield, Mass.

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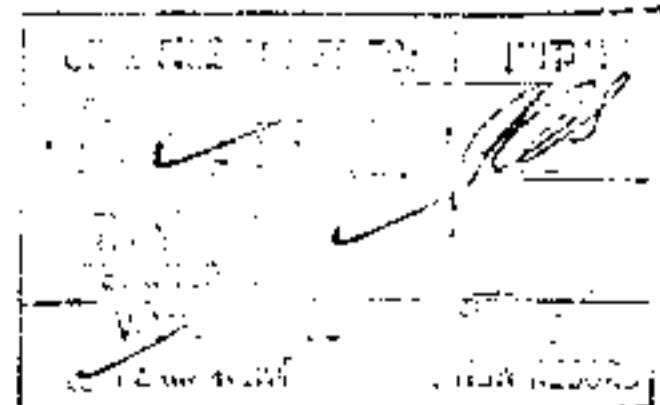
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Pampa, Texas

Oct. 1, 1948

Maj. Sidney Newberger, Security Chief,
Atomic Energy Comm., Los Alamos Project,
Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Re: SFO 3-11

Dear Newberger:

Thanks for your nice letter making amends for what is a highly understandable attitude. There are none who are perhaps more aware than I how "impossible" much of this material sounds. Yet as with all subjects, including the atomic bomb, there are "tricks to the trade," and as this subject is a new, unexplored field much remains to be known, even by those who are using the "disc" as a means of experimental attack.

Today I received a letter from Kenneth W. Ehlers, Landing Aids Experiment Station, Arcata, Calif. This letter verifies information contained in a brief article called "The Sky Is Haunted" by Wesley Price which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, March 6, 1948, and pertaining to an unusual phenomenon recorded by Ehlers.

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What have been labeled "gianos" by Ehlers have appeared on the Arcata radarscope since late 1946. He had noted these records at earlier dates at different localities. An atmospheric condition exists when "gianos" are present, strong enough to suggest the presence of an airplane, indicating a state of high ionization. (The records are not natural ionized air patches, however.)

Following are important points contained in the article and verified today by letter from Ehlers:

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(1) A constant, or fairly constant, direction occurs. This is from a north by west direction, with the "gizmos" traveling south by east. The exact directions of all Ehlers' records should be obtained. If these records are ionized states prior to the visible state of the ray, which I believe they may be, then the exact declinations will give us a very close estimate as to possible origin. Roughly, location seems to be within 1,000 miles of the Bering Straight, in the eastern part of Siberia.

This direction is confirmed in the direction of those objects seen by Kenneth Arnold, the Boise, Idaho, pilot, traveling south by east on the eastern slope of Mt. Rainier, Wash., not far from Hanford.

Sources of the invisible states recorded by Ehlers at Arcata, and the visible states seen over Washington, Oregon and California, are likely the same.

Obtaining exact directions will let us plot probable origins with great benefit, since we could place counter wave actions north of the points where observations have been made, and interfere with the formation of the "discs."

(2) Size is not stated by Ehlers, but judging from the comparative size of a mountain (shown in the reproduced photo in the Saturday Evening Post,) with the "gizmos" which are shown near it, the size is significant. An estimate as if possible should be obtained. The size of the mountain should also be noted, as it may lend data on magnetic influences caused by the mountain. This is, if any slight variation in course of the "gizmos" occurs when approaching the mountain. If so, this will be of benefit in future calculations on declinations.

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(3) Intensity varies. Ehlers' letter states: "The intensity of the target return is, of course, dependent upon its distance from the radar unit, but at certain times, their intensity is quite strong, and closely approximates the standard return of an aircraft. Their intensity varies from night to day,

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

1. Date of sighting - 18 September 1948
2. Time of sighting - 1700c
3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City - Shreveport, Louisiana
 - (2) Distance and direction from city - Approximately three (3) miles south east of city.
 - (3) From - Front yard of home, 256 Columbia Avenue in south east section of Shreveport, Louisiana
 - (4) Map coordinates - not feasible
 - b. Air - Not applicable
 - c. Sea - Not applicable
4. Number of objects
 - a. Formation - only one object. See sketch.
5. Distance of object from observer
 - a. Laterally or horizontally - Approximately two and one half miles
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon - Approximately 60°
 - c. Altitude - Estimated at 20,000 ft
6. Time in sight - Between 10 and 15 seconds
7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color - Bright aluminum
 - b. Shape - Spherical. See sketch.
 - c. Apparent construction - Undetermined.

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d. Size

- (1) Estimated size - Diameter about 1/3 the length of wingspan of an L-5 airplane or about 12 ft.
- (2) Size as it appeared from observers view - Invisible from the naked eye. Object sighted through strong binoculars while following the flight of a liaison type airplane flying at about 10,000 ft altitude.

8. Direction of flight - South

9. Tactics or maneuvers

- a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, etc. - Horizontal and smooth

10. Evidence of exhaust

- a. Color of smoke - None
- b. Length and width - None
- c. Odor - None
- d. Rate of evaporation - None
- e. Does trail vary with sound? No trail visible

11. Effect on clouds

- a. Opened path thru clouds - No clouds visible
- b. Formed cloud or mists - None
- c. Reflected on clouds - No clouds visible
- d. Shown thru clouds - No clouds visible

12. Lights

- a. Reflected or attached - No lights visible
- b. Luminous - No
- c. Blinked on and off - No

13. Support

- a. Wings - None

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- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage - No fuselage
- c. Vertical jets - None
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone - None
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) - Object appeared to observer to be the bottom half of a balloon

14. Propulsion

- a. Propeller or jet - None visible
- b. Rotor - None visible
- c. Aerodynamic vanes - None visible
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings - None visible

15. Control and stability

- a. Fins - None
- b. Stabilizers - None

16. Air ducts - None visible

17. Speed M.P.H. - Between 100 and 150 miles per hour

18. Sound - None audible

19. Manner of disappearance - Observer sighted object thru binoculars, watched it for 10 or 15 seconds then attempted to observe it without the aid of binoculars. He was unable to locate the object after losing sight of it.

Relative to the Observer

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- 1. Name of observer - [REDACTED]
 - 2. Address - [REDACTED] Shreveport, Louisiana
 - 3. Occupation - Draftsman
 - 4. Place of business - Gulf Oil Refining Company, [REDACTED] National Bank Building, Shreveport, Louisiana
 - a. Employer or employee - Employee of Gulf Oil Refining Company

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5. Hobbies - Guns

- a. Time engaged - 2 to 3 hours per week
- b. Observer is not an amateur astronomer, pilot or engineer

6. Ability to determine

- a. Color - Good
- b. Speed of moving objects - Good
- c. Size at distance - Good

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

- (1) Neighbor - Excellent
- (2) Police Department - No record
- (3) FBI - No record
- (4) Employer - Excellent

8. Notes relative to observer

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a. Sightings in General - Mr. [REDACTED] was attempting to sight a B-36 Aircraft that was scheduled to fly over Shreveport at about 1700c, 18 September 1948, Air Force Day. He was following the flight of a small commercial type aircraft when he noticed the unidentified object gliding through the sky at an estimated altitude of 20,000 feet. The speed was determined by rate that distance was left between the aircraft and unidentified object which were flying in opposite directions.

b. How attention was drawn to object

- (1) Sound - No
- (2) Motion - Yes
- (3) Glint of light - No

9. Witnesses - None.

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10. Comments of interrogator - The observer is intelligent and of excellent character. His statements are logical and he is quite sure of everything except the speed. Speed was determined by calculating the rate of speed of a flying aircraft estimated at 100 M.P.H. and the rate of opening left between the two as they flew in opposite directions at high altitude.

GENERAL

1. Sequences of local weather conditions - 1/10 cumulus at 5500 feet. Visibility 15 miles
2. Winds aloft report - 20 M.P.H. at 20,000 feet
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in the vicinity at the time - There were a number of private aircraft in the air at the time and several military aircraft
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by weather unit - Rawinsonde release was made by Weather Detachment 26-1L, 26th Weather Squadron at 1500c, 18 September 1948. Approximate diameter at time of release was 6 ft. Information from Weather Officer indicated that diameter at 20,000 ft would be 15 to 18 ft.
Note - This is believed to have been the object observed by Mr. ██████████ since no unusual sightings were made by radar.
5. Mr. ██████████ stated that the object as observed seemed perfectly clean. No projections or attachments were visible.

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Another case for which I have only one clipping, is worth noting also because even if this incident did not occur due to the presence of the ray-form, which it may actually have done, it is the type of electrical circuit interruption and explosion which may occur due to ray-warfare. All details on this case should be secured, and ranked for the time being, at least, with the two New York City Subway power plant explosions. It follows:

"POWER BLAST SNAGS

(From Daily Oklahoman, Aug. 21, 1948)

TULSA AREA SERVICE*

"Tulsa, Aug. 20 — AP— Electric service in three Tulsa area communities was curtailed for more than an hour Friday afternoon following circuit trouble causing an estimated \$50,000 (fifty thousand) in equipment damages at the west Tulsa plant of the Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.

"President R.X. Lane said an electric circuit "jumped" from its route, hitting other equipment and causing a loud explosion."

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Unless a powerful magnet was being moved by the circuit, or some other reasonable cause may have existed which was not stated in the press release, this "jumping" of the circuit may have been due to the presence of the ray-forms.

However, the weather should be checked for a possible thunder storm occurring at the time of this happening, making a high state of natural ionization in the atmosphere which ~~may~~ conceivably have caused the "jumping" of the circuit.

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ The details of the explosion^{itself} should also be learned. How deafening, how much damage the concussion caused, etc. This will make a good comparative case, even if some reasonable cause existed. And if not, our data is better.

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If due to the presence of a ray-form, any circuit interruption becomes
use in diagnosing
added proof to airplane motor interruptions.

It happens that in the house where I am now living, a Maj. George William Boozer, who flew a B-29 bomber on 30 missions over Germany, has an upstairs room. I mentioned the possibility of motor interruptions, and explosion results to him, and he very confidently announced, "You are wrong. When your motor stops, the gas is cut off."

Perhaps that reaction occurred to you also. And if so, then I should explain what I did to "Billy" Boozer. This is, that the interference of the circuit does not make the motor cease turning any more than when putting in

The number of revolutions it would make before stopping would depend the clutch of a car and "coasting" down hill. The motor continues to turn even upon though the engine is not firing. Then, even though the exhaust is present to carry off surplus gas fumes or energy, the instant of explosion is prior to the second when such fumes or gas have total or free access to the exhaust.

The portion of pistons which must fire before release of surplus fumes or gas, is sufficient to blow the engine apart. Explosion does not always result, of course, but it sometimes does.

Besides, I have cases not attributable to gas tank and other normal airplane explosions. (I do not have these clippings with me, or else I would quote a few. However, any case where the exhaust ~~tube~~ ^{by itself} is blown off during an explosion, is proof, and the AAF would have details available of such explosions.)

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Referring to the forest fires occurring near Conroe, Texas, ~~it seems~~ continued that the ~~constant~~ recurrence of fires does have significance. At any rate, this case should be kept in mind. See clipping.

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This letter is somewhat of a composite of odds and ends of cases, but they all have significance.

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Tell Major Winn that the discussion by Kenneth Arnold in the Fall issue of Fate Magazine is sound, natural material. I collected data on this very type natural phenomenon which occurs in southeastern and eastern part of New Mexico, and is a form of static electricity. This data was sent to Dr. Albert Hoyt Taylor, Chief Naval Physicist, Naval Research Laboratory, Anacostia Station, Wash. D.C. June, and July, 19

This form is not the usual ball-lightning, but very similar.

It may occur from friction due to sand or dust particles, or it may occur during damp weather, or the opposite, extremely dry weather.

Ball-lightning usually occurs during electrical storms, (I myself was almost electrocuted at the age of four years by natural ball-lightning which entered our house, and this experience is probably the reason that all of my life I have been highly conscious of electricity in all of its forms.)

The type of static electricity mentioned by Kenneth Arnold most definitely does occur.

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My thought as expressed to Doctor Taylor was that if this type object was formed by nature, it could be simulated by man by creating rotary movement by the use of wave concentrations to induce the atmospheric friction or, to use my own term, a "molecular compacting of energies," the product of such action being much greater than natural forms, and to be labeled a "bolide-bomb." I submitted the material following the appearance of what was reported as a "mysterious ball of light" coming in from over the Atlantic at Baltimore. (I have previously mentioned the case to you.)

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Since Kenneth Arnold is now considering the natural phenomenon of the balls-of-light, he will probably soon figure out how this could be duplicated by wave concentrations creating friction and with further consideration on electrical charges, control by continued impulse of a "ray," and by relating this to what he saw on the southeastern slope of Mt. Rainier, he will come up with the right solution.

opinion
He is a very smart fellow, and those who laughed at him may soon appear quite foolish. Had I not been over the same ground, I could not judge that ^{he} is getting nearer the right solution.

The article in the same issue of Fate magazine by Neil Stanley and Chester S. Grier called "The Flying Jigsaw Puzzle," is interesting, but attempts to explain the varying shapes of "discs" to what I believe an erroneous impression, that they are parts of a "mother space ship". The actual varying sizes and shapes and particularly the back side of the disc appearing over Phoenix, July 9, 1947, showing a curved or ~~maxx~~ concave portion, can be explained simply by the natural resistance of the atmosphere "tailing" the sides as the exertion of the ray action itself is moving forward.

Other varying sizes and shapes are ~~the natural result of highly variable atmospheric conditions. Shapes and sizes of the Ehlers~~ ^{NEWS} ~~glimpses~~ at Arcata, Calif. can furnish a fairly good basis for assumptions, though the visible object, and the invisible records which Ehlers is recording, must yet be viewed with the thought that until the ionization is great enough to become luminescent, the invisible forms may appear as simply irregular patches. It would not be until visibility begins, when the ionization is sufficient to assume a "shape," that any discernment as to the ball-form or any variation of it, could be noted.

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The "hole" in the center portion of the Phoenix "disc" would, in my opinion, have been due to a temporary absorption of the ultra-microwave "core" of

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of the ray-form by the outer ionized long-wave action, leaving a temporary "hole" or non-ionized area.

As to any possible "space visitors," I do not think that even if there were inhabitants of another planet sufficiently intelligent to conceive a space ship that such a craft would ever escape destruction by meteors and other space wanderers. Also, I doubt if any space ship could ever be conceived let alone constructed which would appear as a visible object, and then upon explosion leave no trace, as do the "discs." Whereas, an electrical form would.

As to the Doris Gregg account in the same issue under "True Mystic Experiences," I would be tempted to place this episode as due to the searchlight from Tyler, Texas. The continued circling of the lights sounds on the searchlight-side, however, if there actually were 12 objects sighted and only one searchlight, it would not hurt to find out more, if convenient.

A definite case of a "disc" is the Charles Francis Gee case under the same heading of "True Mystic Experiences."

Copies of the Miami Herald newspaper, Feb. 21, 1948 should be secured for your files. (I shall also write for copies.)

This was described as a "globe of luminosity sweeping in from the southeast, traveling probably thousands of miles per hour...." Also, as "a ray or blob of light which curved over the Atlantic and headed northeastward in a wide arc as though following the curve of the earth. It was not a shooting star or other known kind of celestial body."

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This case should be checked thoroughly, as if the reported directions are true, then we have proof of influence due to magnetic pulls, or, possible

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control of the missile path.

Origin of this missile would probably have been Cuba. However, it could have come from South America, and all definite information on this case should be tabulated.

Under the section called "Report From the Readers" in the same issue of Fate the cases of Dan Rhon, Pat Schlichtig, John J. Hassey and R.C. Schramm should be noted.

Note for sure that in the editor's comment of the John J. Hassey case, especial mention is made of the possibility of the balls being electrical with the following statement: "If they were electrical in nature, they could, conceivably, ignite gasoline fumes in the planes."

If I were in the Counter Intelligence service, I would pay very close attention to every member of the staff of this magazine, as it seems evident to me that their purpose is not merely to publish reports on the "great unknown," but to find out all they can about "flying saucers."

Note also that in the editorial by Robert N. Webster that in both the summer and fall issues he makes an especial point of belittling military strength, and advocating pacifist attitudes.

It may be, of course, that the magazine staff does not know what causes "discs," but have merely received blanket instructions to secure all data possible on the subject. *I believe they are a Communist affiliated outfit.*

I do not think that Kenneth Arnold has any connection or responsibility with the magazine itself beyond merely reporting what he has seen or investigated. I do not think that if he had any idea the publication might be Communist-backed that he would associate with the magazine further. His attitude seems to have been that here was a publication that seemed to believe him whereas others had ridiculed

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him for reporting what he had seen. But the fact that he contacted the military intelligence service and the FBI shows that he earnestly felt that the subject needed topflight attention.

I have had two letters from Dr. J.H. Hagenguth, General Electric High Voltage Laboratory at Pittsfield, Mass. Today I received some interesting material on "traveling waves" on high voltage lines due to natural lightning discharges, along with other material. This will be of high value to me when I begin correlation of known lightning behaviors and actions which are known to occur from "discs."

I have not heard from Dr. Luis W. Alvarez. It may be that he is not now at Cal-Tech., or it may be that he considered the idea so preposterous he did not know what to answer. And yet, he saw Ehlers' "gizmos" at Arcata, so perhaps he is just thinking over the possibility.

However, Doctor Hagenguth seems to be open to any further thoughts, and far from being startled, he is lending the highest and most prompt attention.

(It may be that what I needed all along was a fast lightning expert like Doctor Hagenguth. The trouble with Dr. Albert Hoyt Taylor was that he is under such secretive restrictions that he had to "sh-shhh" me over the telephone, and it became so tiresome merely to send material one way, and not be able to talk.)

I noted that the Security office at Los Alamos asked that Los Alamos be made a city and county of the state of Texas. Knowing some of the "sheepherder politicians" and other erstwhile representatives of the local scene, I do not blame them. There is no reason to consider residents of Los Alamos as "wooden Indians," merely because they reside on government land.

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Though the residents of the District of Columbia and the Panama Canal Zone do not vote, I do not think I ever heard of a Forest Service person not being able to vote merely because he may be residing on government forest land. And though the government did take over the land for a governmental project, I do not see how this would make the situation any different than for any other military or experimental base.

Los Alamos most definitely is a city within the confines of New Mexico, and unless residents of other government bases are barred from voting in the municipalities or centers in which they are located, I do not see how the state supreme court would presume to have the authority to decide that residents could not vote. If their decision would be any precedent, then every other government project and military base could be excluded on the ground that the base was owned by the government.

If residents of the Sandia Base at Albuquerque are permitted to vote, or persons at the White Sands, then votes from Los Alamos should be accepted by the county election board just the same as for any other county in which a base might be located.

I do not know whether Los Alamos residents could sue the State of New Mexico for failing to uphold their constitutional rights in regard to voting, or not. But I certainly do not understand how the state supreme court could presume to decide they could not vote, merely because the base is located on government land. They are certainly still within Sandoval County, and unless all the Spanish villages located on Forest Service land are to be barred also, then Los Alamos should not be barred.

It looks to me like the government should step in, and make the state supreme court reverse its decision.

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Since the supreme court decision was that Los Alamos is outside the "state's jurisdiction," then it seems to me an immediate appeal could be made in the federal courts to determine the legal voting status of all residents of all government bases within the state of New Mexico, and force a reversal of the decision. And if necessary, carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

If I were in their position, I would secure opinions by the highest authorities in the Justice Department, and wherever else I could secure a favorable comment, then publish the opinions in the Santa Fe New Mexican and Albuquerque papers, and make the supreme court judges "sweat it out" before an election day. And if they got on the bench again, they could consider themselves lucky.

They could turn this present election by a good bang-up story based on telephone conversations with General Robert Montague at Sandia Base, and Gen. Phillip G. Blackmore at the White Sands as to whether they and others on the bases are voting on Tuesday. And if so, call for public denunciation at the poles of the judges who handed down such a decision against what is the constitutional right of every citizen.

The New Mexican is a Republican paper, and they would be more than glad to publish anything that would assist in getting out a bunch of "dumb-cluck" judges who would bar a voter from the polls simply because his residence is on government land. They are still residents within a county within a state.

No state court would have the authority to go over a U.S. Constitutional Right, and the fact that the state judges tried to do so could take them off the bench on Tuesday, properly handled.

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The situation is what I would call top newspaper "copy material," good for thousands of words with a punch to it.

I will write Newberger a separate note, and make a suggestion or two.

Sorry I brought in all the outside discussion in this letter.

With best wishes, I am,

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Sincerely,

cc/ Maj. Sidney Newberger, Security Chief,
Atomic Energy Comm. Los Alamos Project,
Los Alamos, N.M.

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Pampa, Texas.

Oct. 27, 1946

Brig. Gen. Phillip G. Blackmore, Comm. Gen.
U.S. Army White Sands Proving Grounds,
White Sands, N.M.

Dear General Blackmore:

Will you kindly send me copies of all available
released or unrestricted material on findings on the atmosphere obtained
from V-2 rocket tests?

I am particularly interested in cosmic ray counts,
heat bands or ionized layers, appearance of the sun, moon and stars at
upper altitudes, meteor speeds and trails, and spectra of auroral flashes.

I have first-hand data concerning what were labeled
in the press "flying saucers," "discs," etc., showing that these objects
are the product of a radio wave concentration, or "rays." My information
which was obtained in north central New Mexico in the Santa Fe-Los Alamos
district was confirmed by findings of Gen. S.R. Bremault, AAF Material
Command, Wash. D.C. General Bremault was sent out with General Nathan
Twining on an investigation on the west coast at the time when reports of
"discs" first appeared in the press. We compared details of findings on
his return trip through Albuquerque, N.M.

Findings of General Bremault and myself are also
confirmed by press releases on the missiles which appeared over Sweden and
Norway during the summer of 1946, and later over Denmark. The most important
point is that upon explosion there is no debris, indicating that the missiles
are electrical charges induced by wave agitation to atmospheric elements.

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This type aerial missile, which has been used over our country for what I call "experimental attack," has high danger possibilities. Electrocution of persons, damage to electrical power plants, explosion resulting from vibration effects of detonation of the "discs," and other damages either have already occurred, or may occur.

I have been in contact by letter and telephone conversations with Maj. Sidney Newberger, Security Chief, Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, N.M., and recently also with General Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen. U.S. Fourth Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

From a conversation with Maj. Wiss, Counter Intelligence of General Handy's office, it appears that the United States is somewhat retarded on the subject of jet-missiles, as we have more in rockets during the war.

It is for purposes of correlation of known data on atmosphere with known behavior of "discs," that I wish the information asked for in this letter. The work will be submitted to Major Newberger and to General Handy.

Thanking you kindly for the information, I am,

C. P.
C. P. C.

Sincerely,

cc/ Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.
U.S. Fourth Army Headquarters,
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

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NORTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HECTOR AIRPORT
Fargo, North Dakota

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26 October 1948

SUBJECT: Attached Letter.

TO : Chief of Intelligence, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

1. Transmitted herewith is a letter sent to the undersigned, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

2. The phenomenon in question seems interesting in its likeness to the one recently seen by Lt. [REDACTED] of this unit.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] is a Branch Manager for Swift & Company in this area. The undersigned believes that he is a reliable observer.

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[REDACTED] letter of
Oct 24, 1948

Donald C. Jones
DONALD C. JONES
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Date 7/24/49

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Major D L Jones
Cmder 178 Fighter Sqdn.
Hector Field
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Dear Major:

I desire to describe the "light" observed by my wife and myself while motoring into Moorhead this early evening. We were returning home after a trip to Southern Minnesota and when about 2 miles south of S. M tracks we saw this light. We were travelling on highway US #52 and proceeding in a north westerly direction. I first observed this phenomena as a light which was travelling in a east to west direction. It appeared to my right and I pointed it out to my wife who clearly saw it also. At a point slightly to the left of directly in front of us it either "went out" or "flew out" of our vision as it disappeared. Visibility in the sky was good enough to have seen a plane at the distance I estimate this object was from us. The time was 5:45 P.M. I have observed aircraft flying over my home which is only a short distance from the field, in flight at night, day and night and day time and both Mrs Sanders and I ruled out its being a plane. The agreed on this within a few minutes.

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seeing it, I would estimate its speed at
2 or 3 times faster than a pl. e. He also agreed
that it was not a meteor because of the
length of time it was visible and because
its direction of flight was a slight
rise rather than down.

If there was any doubt in my mind
or any possibility of its being either a
plane or meteor I wouldn't have taken
the trouble to report it. I believe you
should have this information and if I
can be of further help please feel free
to call me. I am not seeking any
publicity in this matter and have asked
the persons with whom I previously described
the object, to keep it confidential.
Very truly yours

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
404 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

PERSONNEL & ADM.

Reference is made to letter from your office dated 12 Aug 48 to Capt Charles L. Victor, Area Intelligence Officer, Room 1032, Post Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota, regarding the reported sighting of a "flying saucer" at Ismel, Minnesota.

RESEARCH & DIV.

This Headquarters desires to enlist your cooperation at the earliest possible moment to determine the following: (1) possibility of communist-inspired hoax, and (2) affiliation and activities of subjects which could support communistic objectives, and to establish or discredit facts contained in original report.

INTELLIGENCE

Sgt. J. P. Jackson

O. Griffith

Hibey

SUPPLY AND MAINT.

Reply should be made to HQ Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MCIAKO-3.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Clingerman
W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
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25 October 1948

SUBJECT: "Reported Flying Disc"

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MOI

1. Attached herewith is a copy of a newspaper clipping from the Minneapolis Morning Tribune dated 21 October 1948, on so called "flying discs."
2. No further investigation is being conducted by this Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl.
As stated above

Prentice G. Morgan.

PRENTICE G. MORGAN
Major, OSC
Chief, Intelligence Division
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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio. NOV 2 1948

TO: Commanding General, Hq Fifth Army, 1660 East Hyde Park Blvd, Chicago
15, Illinois

1. This office is engaged in a continuing investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with Army elements by Department of the Army letter dated 25 March 1948, subject: "Unconventional Aircraft".
2. It is requested that Intelligence Officer interview all available witnesses to the observations as reported by inclosure of basic letter and obtain detailed signed statements of the observed phenomena.
3. Inclosed are five (5) copies of "Essential Elements of Information" to aid the interviewing officers in obtaining data from the witnesses.
4. Investigation of the Fargo incident has been carried out by this Hq and therefore this item may be disregarded by your office.
5. All collected data should be forwarded directly to the Commanding General, Hq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAXD-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Chief, Intelligence Department

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RE FIFTH ARMY, 1660 E Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago 15, Illinois, 7 January 1949.

TO: Commanding General, HQ Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAXC-3.

1. Forwarded herewith is Agent's report and EEL on reported "flying disc."

2. No further statements are available due to reluctance of witnesses to testify.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

John M. Geltner
PRENTICE G. MORGAN agt D/C
Major, GSC
Chief, Intelligence Division
Office of AG of S, G-2

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mciaxc-3 - #3 - EEL re Sighting of "flying disc" on 1 Oct 48

#4 - Agent's rpt dtd 23 Dec 48
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"Flying Saucers"

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 18 December 1948, [REDACTED] Lieutenant in the Air National Guard, Faggo, North Dakota, the person who sighted the "Flying Disk", was interviewed and stated that on 1 October 1948 he did sight a flying "Light", and that it was over Faggo, North Dakota at the time. (See Attached Statement made by this informant). Since the time that it was sighted, he has been thoroughly interrogated by a Major from Air Materiel Command, who is allegedly in charge of the interrogations at the War Trials in Germany. The interrogation was written and signed by this informant. Since that time a Geiger count of the Lieutenant's plane has been made, but the results are known only to the Air Materiel Command. An article about the occurrence has been published in the Fargo newspaper, informant having received since that time several letters from civilians requesting information. Informant stated that he has destroyed the majority of these, having only one in his possession. (See attached letter. Statement in blue pencil at the end of this letter was made by Maj. Donald C. Jones, Commanding Officer of the Air National Guard, Fargo, North Dakota.) Information disclosed the following information:

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Fargo, North Dakota

Employment: Dairy Line Salesman, International Harvester Co.

Hobbies: Flying, Hunting, Fishing

Physical Condition: Excellent

Other Witness: [REDACTED], Fargo, North Dakota

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AGENT'S NOTE:

Examination of the records of the FBI and Fargo Police Department revealed no information concerning above informant. The Police Department of Fargo, North Dakota considers informant to be a good source of information.

On 18 December 1948, Major [REDACTED], Commanding Officer of the Air National Guard post in Faggo, North Dakota was interviewed concerning the sighting of a "Flying Disk". Major [REDACTED] stated that although he was not the person who sighted the "missile" he was the officer who conducted the investigation of same immediately after the incident took place. The "Disk" was sighted by 1st Lt. [REDACTED] on the evening of 1 October 1948 while he was flying over the City of Faggo, North Dakota. Lt. [REDACTED] described the object as a flying light and stated that during the entire time he was attempting to contact this object he was in touch with the control tower of the Northwest Airlines. Following sighting of this object, an article was published in the Fargo daily newspaper describing the incident. Shortly thereafter, Lt. [REDACTED] was interrogated by a Major from Air Materiel, a statement typed from notes taken, which statement was signed by Lt. [REDACTED]. Since that interview, a Geiger count of the airplane Lt. Gorman used has been made, the results being known only to Air Materiel.

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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

2. DATE SUBMITTED

25 December 1948

"Flying Saucers"

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

AGENT'S NOTE:

Records of the FBI and the Fargo Police Department disclosed no record of above informant and the police consider him an entirely reliable informant.

On 18 December 1948, [REDACTED] Eye, Ear and Nose Specialist, residing in Fargo, North Dakota, was contacted concerning the sighting of a "Flying Disk" over Fargo, North Dakota on 1 October 1948. [REDACTED] stated that while he was flying in an airplane over a football field in Fargo, North Dakota on 1 October 1948, he sighted an Army plane flying in rather unusual tactics. The plane was obviously trying to contact a flying object that was, it appeared to him, nothing but a flying light. Informant landed as soon as possible, and since that time he has been contacted by officers of the United States' Army and representatives of various newspapers concerning the object sighted. Informant has been unable to give any more detailed information than that stated above.

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AGENT'S NOTE:

It seemed that this informant had been interviewed by quite a number of people concerning the incident mentioned above, and he was unwilling to give any more information. The reliability of this informant was guaranteed by the local police. Informant has no record with the police nor the FBI.

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More 'What-Is-It' Calls Here— New Sky Objects Intrigue

An object in the sky, traveling rapidly from the southwest to the northeast, caused much comment and many telephone calls today. University of Minnesota, who said he had received many telephone calls about it, expressed the opinion it was a balloon. Some observers said it looked

Residents in both St. Paul and Minneapolis reported seeing it, and while it is believed to be some sort of test balloon no balloons were reported aloft by General Mills, which has been conducting tests, or the Weather Bureau.

One woman reported it looked like some astronomical display but Willem J. Luyten, professor of astronomy at the

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 2465TH AIR FORCE RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
 WOLD CHAMBERLAIN FIELD
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

25 October 1948

SUBJECT: Information on Flying Discs

To: Commanding General
 Air Materiel Command
 Wright-Patterson AFB
 Dayton, Ohio
 ATTN: TSDIM

In compliance with ADC Letter 200-1, dtd 25 March 1948, the following report is submitted.

(a) An unidentified aerial object sighted on 20 October 1948 at approximately 0550 hours by civilians in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

(b) The following is the summary of the interviews with witnesses.

(c) Location-13th and Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota at approximately 0545 hours and at 7th Street and 4th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota at 0550 hours, 20 October 1948.

(d) Weather clear, scattered clouds, cloud bank north-northeast. Several stars showing in the east.

(e) Names of witnesses are as follows:

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[REDACTED]
 St. Paul, Minnesota
 Occupation: Teletype operator
 Associated Press
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

[REDACTED]
 Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Occupation: Mailman

Witnesses not contacted were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
 both of Winona, Minnesota and [REDACTED]
 pilot for Northwest Airlines, Seattle,
 Washington.

(f) No indication of photographs having been taken.

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being stronger, on the average, at night. Cloud return, or ionized air masses
do not produce a noticeable return. Ionization return is very prevalent here, and
can be located in one sector at most any time."

(Heavier ionization at night is to be expected from a wave concentration.)

(4) Appearance of the "gizzmos" has continued, and is continuing, since first observed over the Arcata station (six miles north of Arcata) in 1946. Ehlers states; "The return does continue now, and in good numbers. I have not recorded the maximum number noted at one time, but very frequently see more than three, and quite often more than five."

It should be suggested to Ehlers, through channels, that an exact log be kept on all appearances of the "gizzies."

(5) Speed is always approximately 30 miles an hour.

This is highly important. The slowness indicates that the action producing the state is induced, and not forced. Also, the slowness in speed may indicate that a series of two, three or more intensities of wave action occur before visibility occurs. This give us excellent data on methods, if these records are caused by the presence of a ray-form, as all details seem to indicate.

(6) An additional point mentioned in the article, but not mentioned in today's letter, concerns the possibility of the "gizmos" being due to radioactive atmospheric patches "left over from atom bomb explosions." Quoting from the article: "But that doesn't explain how they fly against the wind. Anyway, Gizmos were reported in wartime before an A-bomb was touched off." G-2 FILE 70-18701 INITIALS

The constancy of direction also bars the phenomenon from being an uncontrolled atmospheric condition.

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Ehlers' noted in today's letter: "The majority of these observations have been made on P.P.I. type presentation, but they are not limited to frequency or scope presentation. I am still doing work as to the true effect of weather, inversions, etc., and thus no complete conclusion can be entailed as yet."

In my own letter of inquiry to Ehlers I did not mention that I thought these appearances might be due to the presence of a ray-form. However, I did explain more fully in a communication to Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, Cal-Tech, Pasadena, Calif. as Doctor Alvarez had observed the "gimmos" on the radarscope at Arcata.

As stated previously, I am familiar with Doctor Alvarez' proposed work with linear accelerators as presented last winter at a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington. And though release or dissipation of energy by wave actions is one thing, and a molecular compacting induced by a wave action is another thing, I believe his opinion on my letter to him will be of interest. As soon as I hear from Doctor Alvarez, I shall send along his comments.

Before leaving Wichita Falls, an agent of the FBI called on me twice, Sept. 17 and Sept. 20. He was from the Dallas office. However, I had met him before, as I had called on him at the Post Office building in Wichita Falls to see if by chance he could inform me of the Intelligence officer at Houston. This was at the time of the Chilean-shipped "object" near Montgomery's Ala.

I was asked to keep our conversation confidential, except for my reporting to you and to Gen. Thomas Handy that I had permitted the agent to make a photostat of my U.S. Forest Service map of the Los Alamos-Santa Fe area on a photostat of my U.S. Forest Service map of the Los Alamos-Santa Fe area on

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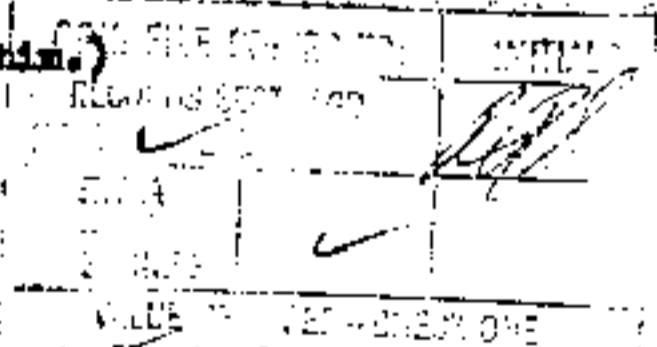
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which I have plotted the locations of the June 25, 1945 forest fires, and the ground and aerial detonations of "discs." Also, I have the flight paths of the "bolide-bombs" or "discs" plotted roughly. I also gave him a summary of what is on the map, previously sent to Maj. Winn and to General Handy.

The agent made one copy of the map, then destroyed the negative, and sent the copy with the carbons I had given him to the Dallas office.

(I explained that I felt I should inform both you and General Handy where the copy of this material is, for if Russia had it, two or more "discs" might come over simultaneously, and if such should occur, it might prove what I am contending, that one circle of lightning rods is insufficient to handle what may be ahead. I explained that I felt the FBI is the safest place in the world for such data to be, but nevertheless, I thought you ought to know.

(You can rest assured that if had I not previously met him in his own office, I would have let the agent not only show me his identification card, but I would have let him talk sufficiently to let me know that he had official business. He very soon mentioned that I had a U.S. Forest Service map of the Los Alamos area, and I knew that it was all right to show this to him.)



An incident which may suggest the presence of discontinuities of the type recorded by Kenneth Ehlers at Arcata, occurred at Wichita Falls, Sept. 15 to Sept. 16. I did not check with Sheppard Field before leaving to see if they have radar operating, but inquiry should be made to see if beginning Sept. 15 and continuing through Sept. 16 any unusual response might have been made, providing they do have radar installed.

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Beginning at about 1 p.m. Sept. 15 noticeable lags occurred on the electric motor of ~~the~~ air conditioner at 1515 - 9th St. The lags were from 6 to 9 seconds duration, at intervals of from 30 to 40 seconds. At first I thought perhaps the light company might be working on transformers, but the very short duration of the lags prohibited this. Also, the regularity of occurrence at such close intervals indicated that no usual cause was responsible for the lags.

Speed of the motor would slow to about one-half strength, judging from the slowed motion of the squirrel-type fan of the air conditioner.

Lags continued until 12 p.m. and until 1 a.m. on the four nights, beginning on each day at approximately the same time, about 1 p.m. in the afternoon.

Should ionized air patches which were not natural, but due to a directed, rhythmical passage overhead, have occurred, the effect on electric motors is of definite benefit to us in estimating power plant interruptions. Hence, I am noting this unusual occurrence.

If Sheppard Field does have radar installed, and did receive records on "gasses" or directed ionized atmosphere, then we have electric motor data for correlation. If no radar was in operation, this is an incident to keep in mind anyhow for whatever confirmation might crop up later.

Inquiry should be made at the power plant at Argenta, Calif. to see if there have been any power plant explosions, or noticeable motor lags occurring. If so, this is the type of information we need on which to base calculations toward counter wave actions.

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I do not know whether I have mentioned it or not, but if you could secure all data possible on the Albuquerque Light and Gas Co. power plant explosion of early last summer, this would be of benefit, if due to "unexplainable"

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causes. At any rate, all data possible should be secured.

Two electric motor interruptions accompanied by explosions occurred last month in the New York City subway system. These should be traced through as I do not think that if normal causes were responsible reports would have been in the T-300 press. The explosions were sufficient enough to have carried over AF or UP dispatches, with no cause being given as to possible reason for the explosions. They may, of may not, of course, be of value. But a check should be made to determine whether or not they are.

Thanks again for your thoughtful letter. And please know that I understand how "unreasonable" this subject may have sounded at first. But if you have had giant electrical forces come flying into the circle of lightning rods, you can consider those as "punctuation marks" to what I am writing, and hope that two or more do not arrive simultaneously until you have further protection with circles of rods to the west and north of you, also near Canjilon, N.M., and a counter wave system.

Obtaining the possible power plant explosions and interruptions due to the presence of a ray-form, will assist in giving basic information on which to base calculations for counter wave actions.

(Personal,) All the gold I have is still in the ground, and no machinery to get it out. Oil and mineral leases have a long way to go before I have "ready cash" on them. So until some research department or disbursing office jars loose with expense money, all I can do temporarily is to keep "surveying the situation," and hope that the seriousness of this subject is realized before this type missile

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I recently wrote Dr. Karl S. McEachron, director of the General Electric Laboratory at Pittsfield, Mass., as I know he had conducted interesting experiments with lightning. I do not know whether he has conducted experiments with ball-lightning forms, or not. But if so, this will give good data which can be used for correlation, as atmospheric conditions occurring with this form are those being duplicated only on a much more enormous scale with the ray-form, in my opinion.

I was about to forget what may have been a reference to myself in the last paragraph of the article on Santa Fe which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, Sept. 15. Quotation follows:

"Los Alamos, on the other hand, has inspired no more fanciful rumors than the pedestrian mind which has someone telling somebody else that a third person, on his oath, claims to have seen a queer sort of light in the northwestern sky. A woman of the city every day climbs to a vantage point on the slopes of the Sangre de Cristo and looks hour after hour across the valley to the Jemez Mountains and Los Alamos, waiting for a strange light in the sky or any other sign which might answer a little of the dreadful curiosity that abounds here. Los Alamos makes Santa Fe tense and anxious, with all the other cities beyond the mountains and across the world."

I had to think for a few moments before I could remember that it was probably my good friend Brian Boru Dunn, Santa Fe, who had divulged this phoney little bit of morbid mystery to a gullible writer probably searching for whatever

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bizarre points he could find to wind up his copy with.

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nearly have difficulty
in sometimes to
find a punch for
end of a story.*

(It would have been considerably easier to have "climbed up to a vantage point" and "gazed," and far less exertion would have been necessary. As to the "dreadful curiosity that possesses her," I thought this at least one man's interpretation that used the ultimate to express what was actually more of a "daily grind," though I admit, an interesting one.)

I wrote S.B. Dunne a note suggesting that I recognized one of his "fascinating tales" with which he so often entertains those willing to listen to anything he can think up. I have found some of his tales hilarious, and he never fails, if he is in the mood, to decorate with words any incident, person or subject that might suit his fancy. I feel "complimented" that I would have been the subject of his story-telling. I would have given considerable just to have heard the tale myself.

A persistent effort to gain information on what actually occurred in north central New Mexico became a "dreadful curiosity." The "obsession," I suppose, was merely the sticking to the subject until solved. However, I only spoke with S.B. Dunne once,^{"in this original"} and that was at the time the Sheats-Bickel missiles came over Santa Fe, and I asked him what he thought about releasing the information over AP. He suggested caution, and said that if it were as serious as I thought, then he would let the War Dept release the material.

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He is highly sensible when he chooses to be, and not if he doesn't choose to be.

Will let you know what Dr. Luis W. Alvarez thinks concerning the "gizmos."

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Presidio of San Francisco, California

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1 Oct 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Field, California
ATTN: AG of S, A-2

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1. Reference, letter, DA, CSGD 452.1, 25 March 1948, subject as above.

2. Attached letter [REDACTED] Walnut Creek, California, is forwarded for your information.

3. The report was not considered of sufficient importance to warrant direct communication with the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, as provided for in reference letter.

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Ltr as indicated in par 2
dtd 23 Sep 48

ALEXANDER G. KIRBY
Lt Colonel FA
Actg AG of S, G-2

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5 Oct 1948

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton Field, California

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: TSDR

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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J. F. BAILEY
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Operations

cc to SA, ADC Attn: D/2

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HQ AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California

1. Action is being taken to investigate further the matter reported in the letter of Horace S. Eakins.

2. This Command is interested in all reports of unidentified aerial objects.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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1. Location first sighted. The object was first seen at the Monastery of the Mount Wilson Observatory. The "Monastery" is the name applied to the place where the astronomers live while working on Mount Wilson. It is within a few yards of a mark at $34^{\circ} 12' 55''$ N, 7 hours 52 minutes 14.3 seconds West, at an altitude above sea level of 5494 feet.
2. Date and Time of Sighting. About 7:00 PM, Pacific Daylight Saving Time, of July 21, 1948
3. Weather Conditions and Others Who Sighted Object. The sky was clear and the visibility excellent. The people present who saw the object were Mr. [REDACTED], engineer at the Observatory; Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], stewards at the Monastery; [REDACTED], cook; Drs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] astronomers; Dr. [REDACTED], a visiting astronomer from the Princeton University Observatory; and myself. Mr. [REDACTED], night assistant at the 100-inch telescope, was present at dinner that evening but left early without seeing the object.
4. Persons Who might have known of the Object or Tried to Photograph it. I know of no others who actually saw the object or who tried to photograph it.

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5. Construction, size, shape, etc. Anthony Tausnock and I viewed the object through a six-inch telescope on the mountain top about ten minutes after it was first sighted below at the Monastery. At the Monastery it was viewed through a portable three-inch telescope. Dr. Schwarzschild joined Tausnock and me while we were observing at the six-inch. Schwarzschild, Tausnock, and I were the only ones who examined the object through the six-inch.

The nature of the object was immediately apparent through the six-inch, which enabled us to see it as if only a few yards away. It consisted of a thin translucent outer envelope enclosing a sphere at the top, the whole having the shape of a pear. Beneath this pear-shaped assembly a square yellow disk was attached by cords. I am sure of these facts.

I believe also that the thin outer envelope had a diamond shaped pattern as if criss-crossed by a network of cords. Also that the cords attached to the yellow disk extended beyond it.

As the object was unfamiliar to us and there was nothing nearby with which to compare it, we could not make an accurate estimate of its size. After thinking it over, however, I think we can get a good idea of its size as follows: I would estimate that the object appeared about 1/5 the diameter of the full moon or subtended an angle of 6'. Today (September 22) I called Mr. Tausnock and asked him how big he thought the object was. Without prompting from me he made an estimate of 1/8 the full moon, which is in good agreement.

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Now an object 10,000 feet away that subtends an angle of 3° of arc has a diameter of 17.4 feet. If 20,000 feet away its diameter would be 34.8 feet; if distant 30,000 feet its diameter would be 52.2 feet, and so on. From the general appearance of the object I should say a diameter of about 25 feet would seem reasonable.

6. Color change. The outer envelope resembled a thin white membrane. The square disk below was distinctly yellow without markings. We observed no change in color.
7. Speed. When the object was first sighted at 7:00 P.M. it was slightly south of the Monastery and high overhead, probably over Sierra Madre. When last seen about 8:30 PM, PDST, it was far to the west probably near the coast about 30 miles away. This would mean that it had moved 30 miles in 1.5 hours making its speed 20 miles per hour nearly straight west.
8. Part of Sky First Observed. I would estimate that it was directly south of the Monastery at an altitude of approx. 80°.
9. Direction of Travel. Nearly straight west as seen from Mount Wilson.
10. Manner in which Last Seen. The object was last seen about 8:30 PM, PDST, through the 3-inch telescope at the Monastery by Mr. and Mrs. Wausnock and myself. The inner sphere was

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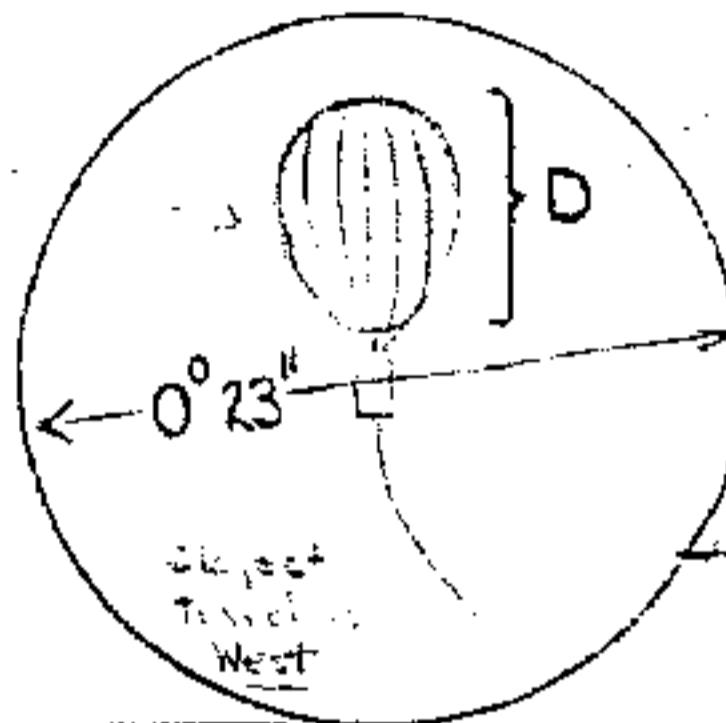
easily discerned through the outer envelope against the bright background of the sky. After sunset the object ~~was~~ appeared like a brilliant white star in the evening sky, much brighter than the planet Venus. It was very conspicuous owing to the fact that it was still illuminated by the sun's rays while the valley below was in shadow.

11. Maneuverability if any. During the time we observed the object it moved steadily westward without any sudden change in direction.
12. Approximate Altitude. At least 10,000 feet above Mount Wilson which would make its altitude above sea level 15,000 feet. I told the reporter who called me from the L.A. Times that it was only about 2000 feet overhead but later realized that this was much too low.
13. Sound if any. No sound.
14. Exhaust Trails. No exhaust trails detected. They should have been readily visible through the six-inch telescope.
15. Oder. None.
16. Effects on Clouds or Sky Condition. None that we could see. The sky was exceptionally clear around the object all during our observations.
17. Flight Pattern. Steadily westward as described above.

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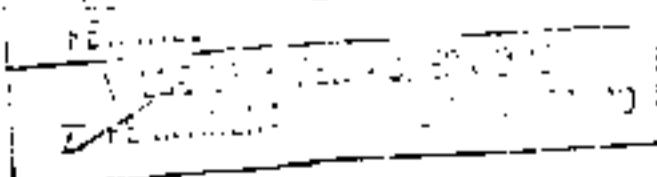
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Statement made by ██████████, Telescope Demonstrator, Griffith Park Observatory, P. O. Box 9757, Los Feliz Station, Los Angeles, California; home address, ██████████ Los Angeles 43, California. Statement taken by Special Agent William G. Sproull, 23 September 1948.

"The object in question was first noted by myself at approximately 5:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, 21 July 1948, while I was leaving the East Telescope Dome, Griffith's Observatory. It had an altitude of about 60 degrees and an azimuth, from the south point, of about 225 degrees as nearly as I could tell. When I last observed the object at about 8:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, the altitude, I would judge, was about 40 degrees and the azimuth about 100 degrees. The object was moving in a Westerly direction. As seen with the naked eye, the object appeared as a bright round disc with a very slow Westward motion. I first observed the object with a 12^x refracting telescope when the object was at about 60 degrees, azimuth 140 degrees. The balloon or main body of the object was an excellent reflector of sunlight and apparently it was composed of some sort of translucent material such as fibre glass or the like. Suspended from the balloon was a rectangular metallic appearing disc appearing to be gold in color, and hanging from the disc was a length of cord or cable the length of which I could not determine. The object appeared to have ribs running vertically down the side of the main body. Upon further close examination through the 12^x telescope, the object appeared to have a shape similar to a pear with the smallest portion hanging towards the bottom. I observed no lights nor any construction on the object such as wings or anything resembling a power plant of any sort. The object was magnified 125 times through the telescope. I would judge the altitude of the object to be at approximately 20,000 feet. The object continued to reflect sunlight even after the sun set because of its altitude. When observing the object, it was at times so brilliant that it was hard to continue looking through the telescope at it. I presume this was due to the reflection of the sunlight, off of the object on to the telescope. During the course the object traversed, it maintained a steady rate of motion and did not appear to be bobbing or maneuvering in any way. Occasionally the object appeared to swing and the rectangular metallic disc would present itself as a knife edge, indicating that the disc was flat with no thickness. I lost sight of the object at about 8:30 P.M. after dark which indicates to me that the object was not generating its own light. I do not know of anyone who photographed or made drawings of the object or personally observed it. I observed no exhaust trails, heard no sound, nor detected any odors with relation to the object.



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Exhibit IV

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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20 September 1948

REPORT MADE BY

Special Agent WILLIAM S. SPRAGUE

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commanding General, Air Materiel Command. Aerial object sighted in sky 21 July 1948, was viewed by qualified astronomical observers, through 3", 6" and 12" telescopes at Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles, California, and Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California. Aerial object described as a ribbed, pear-shaped balloon of latex color, with bright rectangular disk suspended from lower portion of balloon. Diameter of balloon approximately twenty-five (25) feet.

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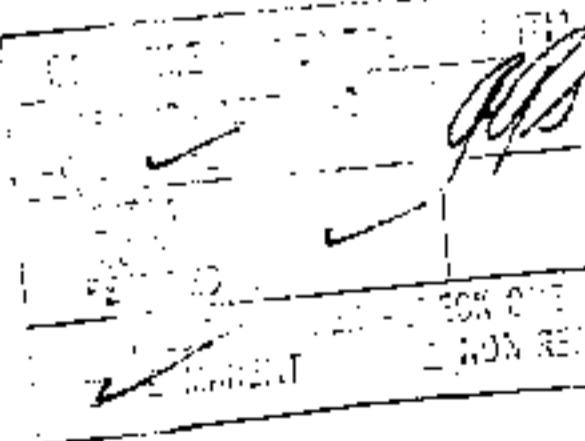
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1. This investigation was requested by the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, through MAJOR W. R. CLARKEBURN, Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Intelligence Department, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, per letter dated 7 September 1948, Symbol MCIAKO-5. Letter contained report of sighting unidentified aerial object over Van Nuys, California, 22 July 1948, by MR. ██████████ Canoga Park, California, and requested attempt be made by this office to identify the object.

2. On 17 September 1948, MR. ██████████, Power Consultant, of ██████████ Canoga Park, California, was interviewed regarding sighting of unidentified aerial object on 22 July 1948. Mr. ██████████ referred to the letter of 13 August 1948 which he addressed to Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, offering description of object in question. His statement was substantially the same. Mr. ██████████ additional remarks, based on interrogation by this agent, is included in a signed statement which is attached to this report as Exhibit I. Mr. ██████████ impression of the object in question is that the object was spherical in shape and reflected a bluish color luminescence, such as a fluorescent lamp.

3. On 17 September 1948, MRS. ██████████, housewife, ██████████ ██████████, Canoga Park, California, was interviewed regarding sighting of aerial object over Van Nuys, California, on 22 July 1948. MRS. ██████████ statement is substantially the same as Mr. ██████████ A signed statement is attached to this report as Exhibit II. Her impression of the object in question was that object appeared to be spherical in shape, metallic in substance, reflecting the colors of yellow and orange and deeper hues such as purple.

AGENTS NOTES: Mr. and Mrs. ██████████ both stated the object in question was sighted on 22 July 1948. However, during the course of the interrogation, it was revealed by both Mr. and MRS. ██████████ that it was on a Wednesday evening that the object was observed. The date, therefore, would have correctly been 21 July 1948 that the object was observed instead of 22 July 1948.

4. On 21 September 1948, DR. ██████████, Solar Observer, Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California; home address, ██████████ ██████████ Pasadena, California, was interviewed. DR. ██████████ was interrogated concerning his observation of unidentified aerial object which he observed through a 3" and 5" telescope at Mount Wilson Observatory between hours of 1900 and 2030 on 21 July 1948. DR. ██████████ described the object in question as consisting of a thin translucent outer envelope enclosing a sphere at the top; the whole of the object having the shape of a pear and beneath the pear-shaped assembly, a square yellow disk was attached by cords. A signed statement was obtained from DR. ██████████ giving all pertinent data and is attached to this report as Exhibit III. DR. ██████████ stated that the information which was released to the Los Angeles newspapers in regard to the object in question was released by an assistant at Mount Wilson Observatory. The information released was erroneous and was given on snap judgment. DR. ██████████ pointed out that he overheard the assistant talking to the newspaper man on the telephone and heard the assistant state to the man that the

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that the object was a weather balloon and that at that time, he (MR. ██████████) told the assistant that he should not have made such a statement to the newspapers. However, no attempts were made to change the information given to the newspapers, as there was no proof that the object was not a weather balloon.

b. On 22 September 1948, MR. ██████████, Griffith Observatory attackee, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed. MR. ██████████ stated that he was on duty at Griffith Observatory on the evening of 21 July 1948 and that he was handling the telephone switchboard; further that he did not observe the object in question as reported by the Los Angeles Times newspaper on 22 July 1948. But that instead, he informed the newspaper on the evening of 21 July 1948, when the newspaper called the Griffith Observatory to obtain information regarding the sighting of unidentified aerial object, that the object was a meteorological balloon. MR. ██████████ stated that this was the impression he had obtained from various people at the Observatory, being that the object was a meteorological balloon, this his report to the Los Angeles Times.

b. On 23 September 1948, MR. ██████████, Telescope Demonstrator, Griffith Park Observatory, home address, ██████████ Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding his observation of aerial object sighted on 21 July 1948. MR. ██████████ stated that he observed the object with a 12th refracting telescope and that the object was pear-shaped, appeared to be ribbed vertically, apparently composed of some sort of translucent material such as fibre glass and suspended from the body of the object was a rectangular metallic appearing disk, gold in color, and suspended from the disk was a length of cord or cable. The object was approximately 20 to 25 feet in diameter. A signed statement was obtained from MR. ██████████ by this agent, outlining in detail MR. ██████████'s observation of object in question. This statement is attached to this report as Exhibit IV. MR. ██████████ submitted a rough sketch of the object in question. This sketch is being enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report. MR. ██████████ indicated that his impression was that the object in question was not a meteorological balloon and that MR. ██████████ wrongly informed the newspapers. MR. ██████████ further stated that the geographic co-ordinates of the Griffith Observatory are as follows:

LATITUDE - 34° 51' 46.3" North
LONGITUDE - 118° 18' 5.5" West
ELEVATION - 1150' above sea level

b. On 27 September 1948, MR. ██████████, Supervisor of charts, Los Angeles Weather Bureau, Los Angeles Airport, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding reproduction of Winds Aloft Charts and pertinent data furnished this agent with the 1300 hours for the date 21 July 1948. MR. ██████████ furnished this agent with 1300 and 1900 hours meteorological soundings for the date 21 July 1948, taken by the Los Angeles Weather Bureau. MR. ██████████ was questioned as to his knowledge of appearance and relative data concerning meteorological balloons. MR. ██████████ stated that there are two types of balloons currently used by weather stations in computing weather data. These balloons being the Daren balloon and a balloon manufactured by the Air Cruiser Corporation. Neither balloon would aptly fit the description of the object described by persons previously interviewed. MR. ██████████ stated that the average meteorological balloon was 5' in diameter at point of release and that the balloon, when at a 20,000 foot altitude,

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would be approximately 10' to 12' in diameter and at 60,000 to 72,000 foot altitude, would be 10' in diameter and was believed to burst at this point and the instruments which were attached to the sounding device parachute to earth. Mr. [REDACTED] checked all files of his office pertaining to releases of balloons in the greater Los Angeles area, but could find no record of a balloon other than ordinary meteorological balloons being released by any weather station, including Air Force and Navy installations in the area. Mr. [REDACTED] further pointed out that the time of official sunset on 21 July 1967 was at 1902 hours and that there would be approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes of twilight remaining after sunset. Winds Aloft Charts obtained from N.R. [REDACTED] are enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report. Clippings from Los Angeles newspapers with respect to the object are enclosed to the requester with its copies of this report.

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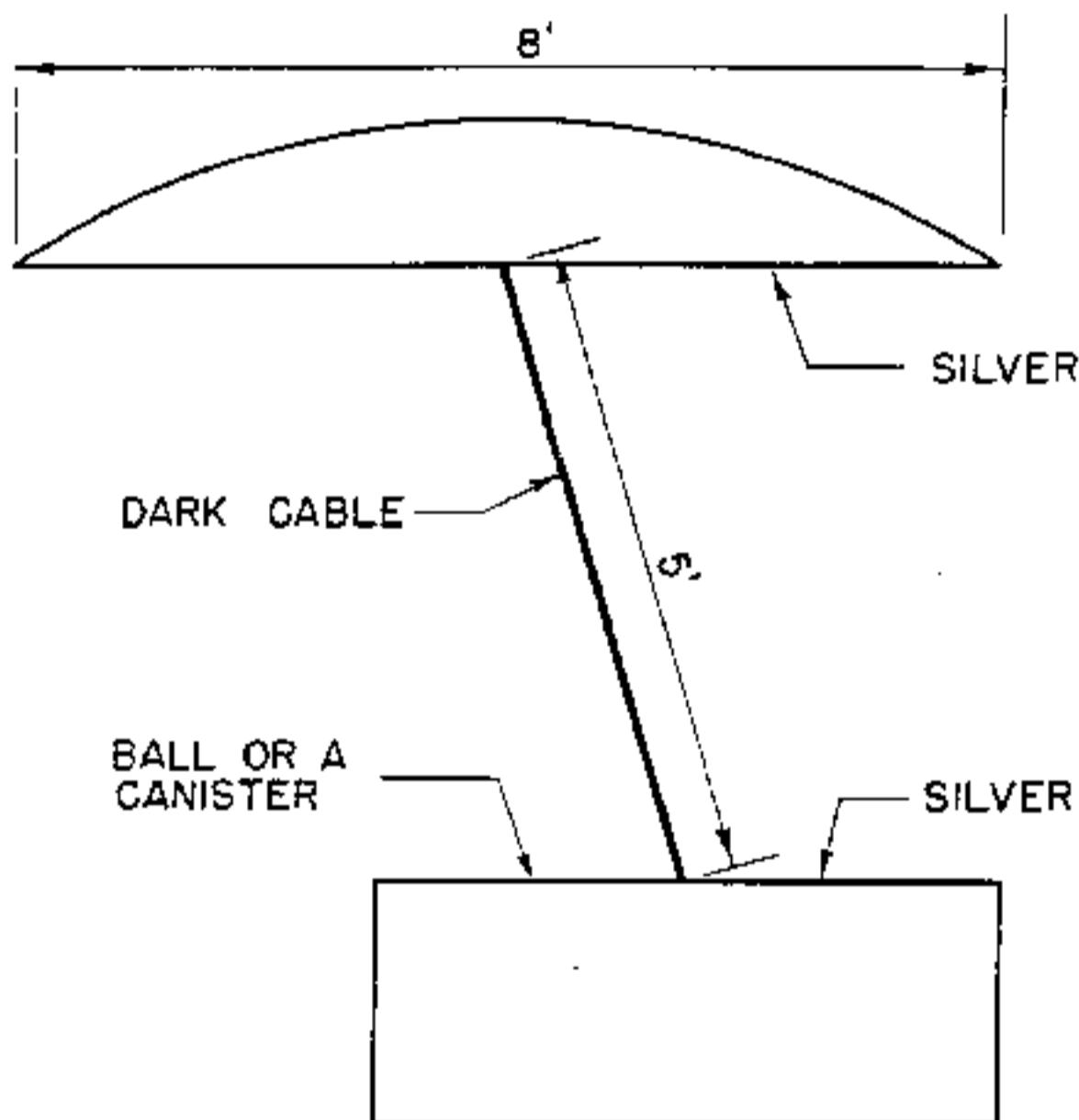
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EXHIBIT I



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GATEWAY PITTSBURGH AIRPORT
MORRISON, PENNSYLVANIA

30 August 1948

I certify that the following information was received over the teletype on sequence AW from Pittsburgh (PIT) and Morgantown (MGN) stations for 1030 E and 1130 E, 29 June 1948:

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RMS 70012 031 F12W
MGN 2350/03RN- 135/70/667712/994/BRCNO 259 KCS
2. AW 2 292330Z
PIT C/40010 115/59/6678/995/DSNT LTNG SW RFRZ 130N SL
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EXHIBIT I

Air Force Asks P-G For Flying Disc Data

Lieutenant on Trail of Aviating Saucer
Sighted Near Uniontown on June 30

The high speed of flying saucers was demonstrated Friday when a flying second lieutenant of the United States Air Force dropped into the Post-Gazette editorial room on the trail of some aviating discs sighted

on June 30.

Lieutenant Shirley's rain was heavy enough to call a second lieutenant to see if it would appear. The giant would be popular with the hunter of flying discs.

Running Down Discs

Lieutenant Shirley, who works for the Post-Gazette, was in town from Canada and may have been very expensive to tax-payers through his flight over the Uniontown skyline.

A postal computer reporter suggested that flying a "soke" flying saucer is pretty expensive. Whatever the round plate there seems to be relentless second lieutenant signed as permanent. Shirley

Lieutenant Shirley displayed photostatic copy of a story concerning the Uniontown discs. He did not explain why the Air Force waited two months before investigating the June 30 sightings at Uniontown.

The celestial Spode was sighted near Uniontown by Mrs. Margaret Hollar, Charles Schmitz and Mrs. Catherine MacDonald and her daughter, Catherine. The display was over the Pittsburgh Journal-Tribune on June 30, the fifth Wednesday in that month.

The occurrence of the fifth Wednesday did not inspire any of the awestruck observers to quote "What is to be done?" on June 30, a day in February is the answer.

Photographed Near Seattle
But Mrs. MacDonald and company may expect a visitation any day now from Lieutenant Shirley. He'll want to know the size, locality, shape and color of the soaring discs.

During the Post-Gazette's investigation of his investigation, Shirley dug up the name of Guardsman Frank Fennell, who photographed a disc near Seattle last year.

It was plain to see however that Lieutenant Shirley had no much hope of getting that information. It plainly calls for a higher general.

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W. E. Form No. 1011

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WEATHER BUREAU
Climatological Service

COOPERATIVE OBSERVER'S MEMORANDA

(Date) August 29, 1945

TEMPERATURE

Maximum, 92 Minimum, 69

After setting—Max., _____ Min., 69
(These should agree closely.)

Precipitation

Began, 10:15 a. Ended, 10:45 a.

5:30 p. 6:30 p.

Amount—Rain, melted snow, sleet, or slush,
.80 inches (and hundredths).

Snowfall, unmelted, since last observation,
inches (and tenths).

Depth of snow on ground at time of observation,
inches (and tenths).

Prevailing direction of wind for the day, S.

Character of day—Clear, partly cloudy, overcast,
determined from several observations during
the day P. Cloudy

REMARKS

5:30 - 6:30 p. Thunder storm
heavy rain & high winds.

NOTE.—As soon as observation is made the
required figures should be carefully and neatly
copied on Form No. 1009. W-24700-8

H. H. Marsteller

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EXHIBIT II

Montgomery Co.

8-27-48

To whom per May Concession
on the night of June 29th
about 11 o'clock I noticed an
object in flight that resembled
a ball of a large green flame.
The object appeared in the
West end of the City at Colfax
do. and West Main st. seemed to
be at a height of about 1000
feet and 1000 feet above
and at a distance of 1000 feet
I first saw it at 9:30 P.M.
It was a dark green color
with reflecting qualities

Weather conditions suited study. Mrs.
Hollie a neighbor called my attention
to the object as she and Mrs
McDonald had saw two previous
to the one I saw there was no
sound no Ray connected to the
object it was flying north east

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To whom it may concern:

at approximately eleven P.M.
on the twenty-ninth of June of this
year Mrs. [REDACTED] called
my attention to a luminescent flying object
sailing through the air. I was just
walking up the steps to her porch,
paying her a visit.

I saw exactly the same thing
Mrs. [REDACTED] saw. A very pretty
sight it was. Looked like an oval
shaped platter rolling along on its edge.
It must have been going very fast
because it disappeared almost first to
ten seconds from the time I first
noticed it.

It was without sound or odor
but it seemed to have a tail on it
about a yard or so in length.
Looked like a luminescent plate or
meat platter. I saw all 3 of them
at five minute intervals.

Sergeant [REDACTED] of the Police
Department and his Daughter Catherine

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... saw the third one.

I would say these flying objects
came from the Southwest and flew
to the Northeast.

The weather was cloudy with
lightning and rolling thunder.
In fact it had been stormy most of
that afternoon and evening.

The objects flew over around the
Oakland street area or just the
side of it which would be East of
Oakland street. They travelled about
1,000 feet before they disappeared behind
the houses across the street from me.

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STATEMENT

MRS. [REDACTED]

UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

PHONE 1703-7

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August 19

To: Whom it may concern.

ON THE NIGHT OF 29 JUNE 1948

AT ELEVEN P.M., I WAS SITTING ON
MY FRONT PORCH WHEN SUDDENLY I
NOTICED A VERY PECAULIAR SIGHT.

AT AROUND 5,000 FEET I SAW A
LUMINOUS OVAL SHAPED OBJECT FLYING
THROUGH THE AIR. IT WAS TRAVELLING
VEERY FAST AND SEEMED TO JUST
DISAPPEAR WITHIN TEN SECONDS.

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I CALLED MRS. ██████████
ATTENTION TO IT. WE SAW THREE OF
THE SAME OBJECTS AT APPROXIMATELY
FIVE MINUTE INTERVALS. AFTER SEEING
THE SECOND ONE WE CALLED TO CATHERINE
DAUGHTER ██████████ ATTENTION.

POLICE SERGEANT ██████████
THEY SAW THE THREE OBJECTS.
IT WAS A HOT NIGHT.
AT THE SECOND ONE THEY COULD BE
SKY A FLASH OF LIGHTNING COULD BE
SEEN THROUGH THE CLOUDS. IT SEEMED
TO BE TRANSPARENT.

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I would say the weather at that time was stormy and cloudy, but, the object was beneath the base of the clouds.

There was no odor or sound from it. However, it had a trail of light about a yard long attached to it. It rolled vertically on its edge not flat. Looked something like this:

 → TRAVELED FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTH EAST. I SAW IT DISAPPEAR BEHIND THE HOUSES ACROSS THE STREET FROM WHERE I WAS SITTIN

SIGNED

Mrs [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF

MRS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
PHONE 3694

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Headquarters
2239TH AIR FORCE RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

28 August 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIA XO-3

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1. Reference "Confidential" letter, your Headquarters, MCIA XO-3, dated 16 August 1948, Subject as above, the following Investigation Report is submitted herein.

2. On 27 August 1948, Mr. [REDACTED], Staff Writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the name of the Correspondent Reporter who obtained the facts from the named witnesses. Mr. [REDACTED], Court Reporter for the Herald-Standard, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and Correspondent Reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, was not available for interview. The informant also supplied the name of the "Coast Guard Aviator" as being Mr. [REDACTED] who had photographed an unidentified aerial phenomenon near Seattle, Washington. Further information concerning the Coast Guardsman not available. Mr. [REDACTED] was quite concerned in the fact that the U.S.A.F. was investigating this matter. The informant was requested not to publicize any information relative to this Investigation. The informant's response to this request was, "Lieutenant, you can tell your boss that I was discharged in 1945, I did not sign up in the Reserves, and I am a newspaperman." Your attention is invited to (Exhibit I), extracted from the morning edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 28 August 1948.
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3. On 27 August 1948, Mr. [REDACTED] U.S. Weather Bureau, at Pittsburgh Allegheny County Airport, was interviewed. The informant supplied the name of [REDACTED] O.D., who is a cooperative weather observer residing at [REDACTED] Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

4. On 27 August 1948, [REDACTED] D.O., the above-mentioned weather observer, was interviewed. The informant supplied weather data contained in (Exhibit II).

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145 5. On 27 August 1948, Sergeant [REDACTED] Uniontown Police Department, residing at [REDACTED] Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit III).

a. Uniontown, Pa., 8-27-48. "To whom it may concern: On the night of June 29th about 11:00 P.M. I noticed an object in flight that resembled a half of a large meat platter. This object appeared in the west end of the city at Oakland Avenue and West Main Street. Seemed to be at a height of about 6000 feet and sailed on a straight line of about 8 or 9 hundred feet in about 5 to 7 seconds. This object was illuminated. Weather conditions partly cloudy. Mrs. Hollar a neighbor called my attention to the object as she and Mrs. McDonald had saw two previous to the one I saw. There was no sound no rays connected to the object. It was flying North East. Signed: [REDACTED] and Daughter [REDACTED]

146 6. On 27 August 1948, Mrs. [REDACTED], housewife, and widow of the late [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit IV).

a. "To whom it may concern: On the night of 29 June 1948 at Eleven P.M., I was sitting on my front porch when suddenly I noticed a very peculiar sight. At around 5,000 Feet I saw a luminous oval shaped object flying through the air. It was travelling very fast and seemed to just disappear within ten seconds. I called Mrs. [REDACTED] attention to it. We saw three of the same objects at approximately five minute intervals. After seeing the second one we called it to Police Sergeant [REDACTED] and Daughter [REDACTED] attention. They saw the third one. It was a very beautiful sight. As the second one flew across the sky a flash of lightning could be seen through the object. It seemed to be transparent. I would say the weather at that time was stormy and cloudy. But, the object was beneath the base of the clouds. There was no odor or sound from it. However, it had a trail of light about 10 yards long attached to it. It rolled vertically on its edge not flat. Looked something like this: (See (Exhibit IV)). "Spinning on end across the sky. Travelled from southwest to northeast. I saw it disappear behind the houses across the street from where I was sitting. - Signed: Mrs. [REDACTED]

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147 7. On 27 August 1948, Mrs. [REDACTED], housewife, residing at [REDACTED] Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed

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statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit V).

a. *To whom it may concern: At approximately eleven P.M. on the twenty-ninth of June of this year Mrs. ██████████ called my attention to a luminous flying object sailing through the air. I was just walking up the steps to her porch, paying her a visit. I saw exactly the same thing Mrs. ██████████ saw. A very pretty sight it was. Looked like an oval shaped platter rolling along on its edge. It must have been going very fast because it disappeared almost five to ten seconds from the time I first noticed it. It was without sound or odor but it seemed to have a tail on it about a yard or so in length. Looked like a luminous plate or meat platter. I saw all 3 of them at five minute intervals. Sergeant ██████████ of the Police Department and his daughter Catherine saw the third one. I would say these flying objects came from the Southwest and flew to the Northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. In fact, it had been stormy most of that afternoon and evening. The objects flew over around the Oakland Street area or just this side of it which would be East of Oakland Street. They travelled about 1,000 feet before they disappeared behind the houses across the street from us. - Signed: ██████████
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8. On 27 August 1948, Mr. ██████████ Senior Airways Traffic Controller, at Pittsburgh Allegheny County Airport, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following information. No scheduled, commercial airline or Military traffic pass over the area in question. Connellsville Airport, a small "P" field, from which light, privately owned aircraft are operated, is located on the right side of the Northeast leg of the Morgantown, West Virginia, range station on Airway Blue 39. This area is also outside of the Reserve Training flying areas for Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Therefore, Base aircraft would not be operated over the city of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

9. On 27 August 1948, Captain ██████████, Forecaster, assigned to the 102nd Weather Group, 10th Weather Detachment, at Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied true copies of two (2) teletyped weather sequences for 29 June 1948, marked (Exhibit VI).

10. Reference paragraph 5 e, basic letter, there are no activities geographically located in or near Uniontown, Pennsylvania

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13 Aug 48

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Air Materiel Command
Wright Field, Ohio

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF STRANGE OBJECT IN FLIGHT

*Ex-
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On the evening of 22 Jul 48 my wife and I were having dinner in the patio of an open air market in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange object in the sky almost directly overhead.

Description. It appeared to be round and probably spherical. At first it appeared to be a weather balloon ~~bum~~ at about 2000 feet but there was none of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground in fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching it a while I concluded that whatever it was was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more. The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 60 degrees an hour after dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly toward the sun.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Capt, Ord-Nes

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
5TH LIAISON SQUADRON
Greenville Air Force Base
Greenville, South Carolina

19 April, 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: TSDIN

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1. In accordance with instructions contained in TAC Letter, file TAQ 000.92 (16 Feb 48), Subject: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs, dated 16 February, 1948, the following information is submitted:

a. Objects sighted at 1615, 19 April, 1948 over Greenville Air Force Base, Greenville, South Carolina.

b. Weather at time of sighting: Clearing and visibility unlimited.

c. Witnesses:

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1st Lt [REDACTED]
5th Liaison Squadron, Greenville Air Force Base,
Greenville, South Carolina

1st Lt [REDACTED]
5th Liaison Squadron, Greenville Air Force Base,
Greenville, South Carolina

d. No photographs available.

e. Sketches of objects configuration attached.

f. Objects sighted:

1. Number of objects sighted: two (2).
2. Shape: elliptical.
3. Size: undetermined.
4. Color: white.

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Ltr Edrs 5th Liaison Squadron, GAFB, Office of the Intelligence Officer, Greenville, S. C. Subj: Report of Sighting Flying Discs, dtd 19 April, 1948 to Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: TSDIN

5. Speed: Undetermined. Stationary, then rapidly accelerating and climbing.
6. Heading: North.
7. Maneuverability: No display except acceleration.
8. Altitude: approximated 15,000 feet plus.
9. Sound: none audible.
10. ~~No exhaust or condensation trail.~~

g. General remarks: Witnesses were attracted by the sound of fighter aircraft in the vicinity. They started searching the sky for the aircraft and sighted the objects. When first sighted, the witnesses thought the objects might be weather balloons, however, when the objects accelerated so rapidly in a northerly heading, they determined that the objects could not be balloons. The objects were in a trail formation on a North-South Line. The objects moved so rapidly that they were out of sight within a few seconds. From original sighting in the stationary position to their disappearance, a period of approximately two (2) minutes elapsed, of which the objects were in a stationary position for approximately one (1) minute. As a precaution against submitting an erroneous report, the local weather office was checked to see whether any weather balloons had been released and a negative reply was received. The winds aloft report made at 1230 hours EST, 19 April, 1948, indicated at 10,000 feet that winds were from 90 degrees at 3 knots per hour and at 20,000 feet, from 340 degrees, at 10 knots per hour. The 1830 hour EST report indicated winds at 10,000 feet to be from 25 degrees at 2 knots per hour, at 14,000 feet from 24 degrees at 4 knots per hour and at 20,000 feet to be from 32 degrees at 13 knots per hour. Nearest weather station releasing balloons is Spartanburg, S. C., one black balloon was released at 1230 EST.

2. Statement of 1st Lt [REDACTED] is enclosed. Statement of 1st Lt [REDACTED] is not available at this time due to his absence from this station, however statement will be forwarded under separate cover when statement is available.

3. The undersigned officer interviewed witnesses and investigated weather conditions.

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1st Lt, USAF
Unit Intelligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

AIRDA-3/1203-I /319.1/A-2/w4

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc

14 APR 1948

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSLIN

Attached Summary of Information forwarded in compliance
with ADC Ltr 45-5, Subject: "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"
dated 25 March 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Joe Turner
W. J. TURNER
CWO, USAF
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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"Flying Disc" (dup)

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Flying Disc
Montgomery, Alabama
9 April 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

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On 9 April 1948, approximately 1600 hours, this agent interviewed Lt Colonel [REDACTED] S, Tactics Division, Air Tactical School, Tyndall Air Force Base, who stated in substance: He had left Tyndall approximately 1410 hours on 9 April 1948, flying a P-51H at the altitude of 20000 feet. He had proceeded to Montgomery, Alabama, and just previous to sighting the town had let down to the altitude of 16000 feet and directly over the town had made a 180 degree left turn. Just before completing his left turn, he had sighted an object at 10 o'clock off his left wing which appeared to be a silver disc. Colonel [REDACTED] had immediately made a sharp bank to the left in order to follow the object which appeared to be heading Northwest. After completing his turn, Colonel [REDACTED] had been able to get a better look at the object which he had first thought to be merely a disc and described it as follows: Top part of the object approximately eight feet in diameter, silver in color, and the appearance of a parachute. Attached to the bottom of this had been a dark cable or shroud which appeared to be approximately five feet long. Suspended upon the cable had been a large canister or ball (Colonel [REDACTED] could not discern which) also silver in color. This canister or ball had the appearance of being slightly to the rear of the top part of the object. The overall appearance of the object, according to Colonel [REDACTED] looked something similar to the parachute and canister containing photographic testing equipment dropped from a V-2 rocket. Colonel [REDACTED] had kept the object in sight for approximately five seconds but had lost it at exactly 1510 hours. At the time he had lost sight of the object, [REDACTED] aircraft had been indicating 310 miles per hour air speed, and the object had appeared to fly away from him on a horizontal plane rather than a verticle decline. [REDACTED] further stated that the object might possibly have changed course during the time it was in his sight but it was impossible for him to definitely establish this fact as his aircraft had been in a sharp turn during part of the time that the object was in sight. At the time that the object had been sighted the weather had been clear, no clouds, visibility and ceiling unlimited; and as far as Colonel [REDACTED] could determine the object had made no sound and no exhaust trail had been seen. After having lost the object, Colonel [REDACTED] proceeded to return to Tyndall Air Force Base and upon landing, reported the above mentioned incident to the Intelligence Officer, Tyndall, A-2. Attached hereto as Exhibit I, is a sketch of the object's approximate configuration.

AGENT'S NOTES:

It is to be noted, Colonel [REDACTED] told his story both to this agent and to Lt Burt, A-2, Tyndall, at separate interviews and in both instances his story coincided.

John F. Frampton, S/A 700-G CIC Det (USAF)(PROV), Tyndall AF Base, Florida

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time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 feet, tops 6000 feet.

a. Because of the distance from which the sighting was made, no distinguishing features i.e. power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

b. The interview with Lt. [REDACTED] indicated that he is a reliable, non-exitable individual and appeared quite positive in his statements. It must be taken into consideration however that he was the only witness to this incident, as he was unable to call the object to the attention of his three wing-men because of their maneuvering in the turn, plus the fact that his radio was out.

3. Above incident reported your headquarters, 2 April 48, in radio, cite E4243H.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Robert F. De Long
ROBERT F. DE LONG
1st Lt. USAF
Acting Ass't Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE
APO 719

B-2/am

78 APR 1948

AG 452.1

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft
and/or Flying Object.

TO : Commanding General,
Far East Air Forces,
APO 925,
U. S. Army.
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

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1. In compliance with "Intelligence Requirements - Unidentified Aircraft" and letters, your headquarters, AG 452.1 A-2, 3 November 1947 and AG 452.1 A-2, 20 March 1948, the following incident is reported.

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2. At 1630 hours on 1 April 1948, the S-2 officer of the 18th Fighter Group contacted the A-2 Division, this headquarters, and reported that 1st Lt. [redacted] had sighted an unidentified flying object. His story is as follows.

3. On 1 April, at 0955, 1st Lt. [redacted] was leading a flight of four (4) P-47 aircraft of the 67th Fighter Squadron, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 160 degrees, altitude 1500 feet, position 124 degrees 3 minutes east and 12 degrees 52 minutes north, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1000 feet, heading of 360 degrees. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half moon, what appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible, the span of the object estimated to be thirty feet, length twenty feet and silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt. [redacted] immediately started a left turn with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify this phenomena. While [redacted] was making a 240 degree turn, the unidentified object made a 90 degree left turn, then leveled out on a heading of 270 degrees, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight in approximately five seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the

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BASIC: Ltr Hq 13th AF, APO 719, Subj: "Rpt of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object," dtd 8 Apr 48.

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HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925,

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters United States Air Force, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'" dated 26 February 1948.

2. Evaluation of sighting described in basic communication by this headquarters is that in view of the circumstances surrounding the incident, the object was probably a bird.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

C. N. STEWART
Capt. AGD.
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED AIR FORCES
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFOR-3/1203-1

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

MAR 11 1948

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Forces
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Directorate of Intelligence
Air Intelligence Requirements Branch

1. Incident reported on 9 March 1948, this headquarters, per telephone call from Sgt A. W. Larsen, Sheriff's office, Bakersfield, California.

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a. Observation by Mr. [REDACTED] Bakersfield, California, of two objects falling to earth from unknown source on 8 March 1948 between 1610 and 1655 hours. Description of objects similar to falling aircraft with smoke and debris trailing. Observation made at Bakersfield with objects sighted southwest toward Buena Vista Lake, California.

b. Observation by Mr. [REDACTED] employee of the Pacific General Electric Company, Bakersfield, California, of two objects which fell to earth from unknown source north of Bakersfield, California, 9 March 1948. One object seemed to be on fire with red and black smoke trailing behind.

2. Informant Larsen stated that searching parties, aircraft and rescue units have made numerous attempts to locate those reported objects without success.

3. Investigation of incident has been initiated by this headquarters. Report will follow.

Information to:

ADC, Mitchel Fld, N.Y.
FBI, San Francisco
G-2, Sixth Army
DIO, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

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**HEADQUARTERS
SMYRNA ARMY AIR FIELD
Smyrna, Tennessee**

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8 March 1948

SUBJECT: Sighting of So-Called "Flying Discs"

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio.
Attn: MCI

1. In compliance with letter HQ. Tactical Air Command, subject "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs" dated 16 February 1948, the following information is submitted:

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- a. Object sighted 7 March 1948 at 2055C, situated between west and northwest, at an estimated six miles distance.
 - b. Weather clear, visibility ten miles.
 - c. Witnesses: [REDACTED] Major, USAF, Commanding Officer, Smyrna AF Base, Cpl. [REDACTED] and Pvt. [REDACTED] radio and tower operators, AACS station, Smyrna AF Base.
 - d. No photographs available.

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- f. (1) Number: One.
(2) Shape : See above sketches.
(3) Size : Unknown
(4) Color : Yellow-orange
(5) Speed : Unknown, estimated very slow.
(6) Object faded away in direction of heading in about forty-five minutes.
(7) Maneuverability: Unknown, faded toward horizon.
(8) Altitude: Unknown, about five degrees above horizon.

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B/L HQ, Smyrna AFB, 8 Mar 48, Subj "Sighting of So-Called Flying Discs"
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- (9) Sound: None heard.
(10) Exhaust trail: No exhaust seen.

g. General Remarks: Object had appearance of a flare,
moving directly away from this station and fading out in the distance,
hovering just above horizon.

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FRANK L. FENN,
Major, USAF,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN PACIFIC WING
PACIFIC DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Field, California

319.1

31 December 1947

SUBJECT: Spot Report on Possible Missile Sighting

TO: Commanding General
Pacific Division, ATS
c/o ATS Postal Officer
Fairfield-Suisun AAFld, Calif
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

1. While on an administrative flight from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairfield-Suisun Airfield, on the night of 30 December 1947, a possible rocket sighting was made by the pilot (Lt Col W W Jones, HQ, EPW) and the co-pilot (Major A J Andrae, HQ, EPW) of the C-54 airplane. Observation was made at 1926 Pacific Standard Time, location $42^{\circ} 09.3' N$, $114^{\circ} 22.2' W$. The airplane was cruising at 13000 feet. An unidentified object, trailing green and blue flames, was viewed for a period of two seconds. The object was descending vertically at a very high rate of speed and seemed to slow down slightly upon nearing the ground. The object appeared at a position of 2430 o'clock in relation to the airplane and the flames were intensely bright.

2. A report was received at the Fairfield-Suisun tower from the McClellan Airfield tower at Sacramento stating a report had been received from Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7488 flying near Rosedale, California, to the effect that an object was sighted at 1925 Pacific Standard time trailing several colors of flame with red and green predominating. The object was travelling at a very high speed and low altitude eastward toward some hills at approximately $38^{\circ} 50' N$, $121^{\circ} 02' W$. McClellan tower asked the pilot to investigate and at 1958 the pilot reported a small fire at $38^{\circ} 50' N$ and $120^{\circ} 53' W$ which became considerably larger. Fairfield tower requested a local night flying C-47 to also investigate the fire for a possible aircraft accident and the pilot reported over the fire at 1937 Pacific Standard Time at a position of $38^{\circ} 50' N$ and $120^{\circ} 53' W$. The fire was burning in a triangular shape over a small area and went out at 2155. Two particular points in the fire seemed to burn with a bright blue-green flame.

As a result of the above activity on 30 December 1947, the Sea Rescue located at Hamilton Field was notified and it is understood

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31 December 1947

Subject: Spot Report on Possible Missile Sighting

they would dispatch an airplane to the scene of the fire. The California Highway Patrol was dispatched to the scene of the fire and their findings will be reported as soon as possible.

3. The Fairfield control tower obtained a report at approximately 2300 EST, 30 December 1947, from Hamilton Field Flight Control, that a motorist on U S Highway #40, thirty miles West of Lovelock, Nevada, approximately $39^{\circ} 59' N$, $118^{\circ} 59' W$ had seen an object explode in the air at 1926, 1200 to 1300 feet in the air.

4. The Fairfield Control tower obtained a report from Oakland Airport Flight Control (CAA), at approximately 2315 EST, 30 December 1947, that United Airlines Flight 191 proceeding on airways between Medford, Oregon and Mount Shasta observed a flash at 1925 EST just North of their position. *Jan 5 1948*

5. Subsequent information on the above incidents will be sought and reported.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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STANLEY Q. MORRIS
Colonel, Air Corps
AC/S, A-2

Info:

CG, 4th AF, ATTN: A-2

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Hq, Pacific Division, ATS, ATC, APO 953, 5 Jan 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Transport Service, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: AC/S, A-2

For your information.

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HQ AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. - 12 January 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: T-2

After verbal co-ordination with Lt. Col. Garrett of the Air Force,
Air Intelligence Requirements Division, Collection Branch, this information
is forwarded to your office as a matter of interest to the Air
Materiel Command.

William J. Brady
Lt Col USAF

For

JAMES F. BRADY
Lt. Col., USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff,
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SUBJECT: STRANGE FLYING MISSILE

TO : AIR FORCES INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

October 13, 1947

1. Be it hereby known that this is not written in jest, or to confuse or distract attention. This is written for its face value, and may be disregarded or investigated as you see fit.
2. On October 8th or 9th, 1947, while driving on the Northwest outskirts of the city of Las Vegas, Nevada my attention was attracted to what appeared to be a sky writing pilot's trail. I stepped from my car to observe more closely, as two things immediately troubled my mind--where the missile should have been, at the head of the steadily appearing trail, nothing was visible, or was too small to see from what I would estimate to be an actual distance of about five miles or less, from myself to object, also the speed was startling, certainly between 400 and 1000 miles per hour, and I should estimate more precisely at from 700 to 800, still too fast for conventional types of aircraft. The trail this missile was leaving in its wake, may have been smoke, vapor from intense speed, or any unknown substance. Color of the trail being departed was almost white, very much like a cumulo-nimbus clouds color, and of approximately the same density, as it fifteen or twenty minutes before the trail had disintegrated beyond recognition.
3. Path of the strange missile is drawn on the attached map, and was seen by numerous people. At a local airport where I do some flying, a considerable number of inquiries were received as to its origin and identification. Name of airport: Sky Haven.
4. I am an ex-army air force pilot, and a Captain in the Air Corps-Reserve. Know something of aeronautics, ballistics, etc., and have attempted to convey nothing other than facts. The object took a radius of from five to fifteen miles to complete its turn, and I shall estimate closer to ten in attempting to judge its exact course over topographic features of the surrounding countryside. This is a dry climate, and it was an almost cloudless day, so if the trail was vapor and I dare to guess that it was, the speed would have to be exceedingly great to create such a trail in this type of climate.
5. Any further assistance I can be of to you will be a pleasure, or if you prefer that I mind my own business, I can do that too. Merely, felt it my duty to report what you may or may not already know. I am not describing a flying saucer; rather, exactly what I saw.

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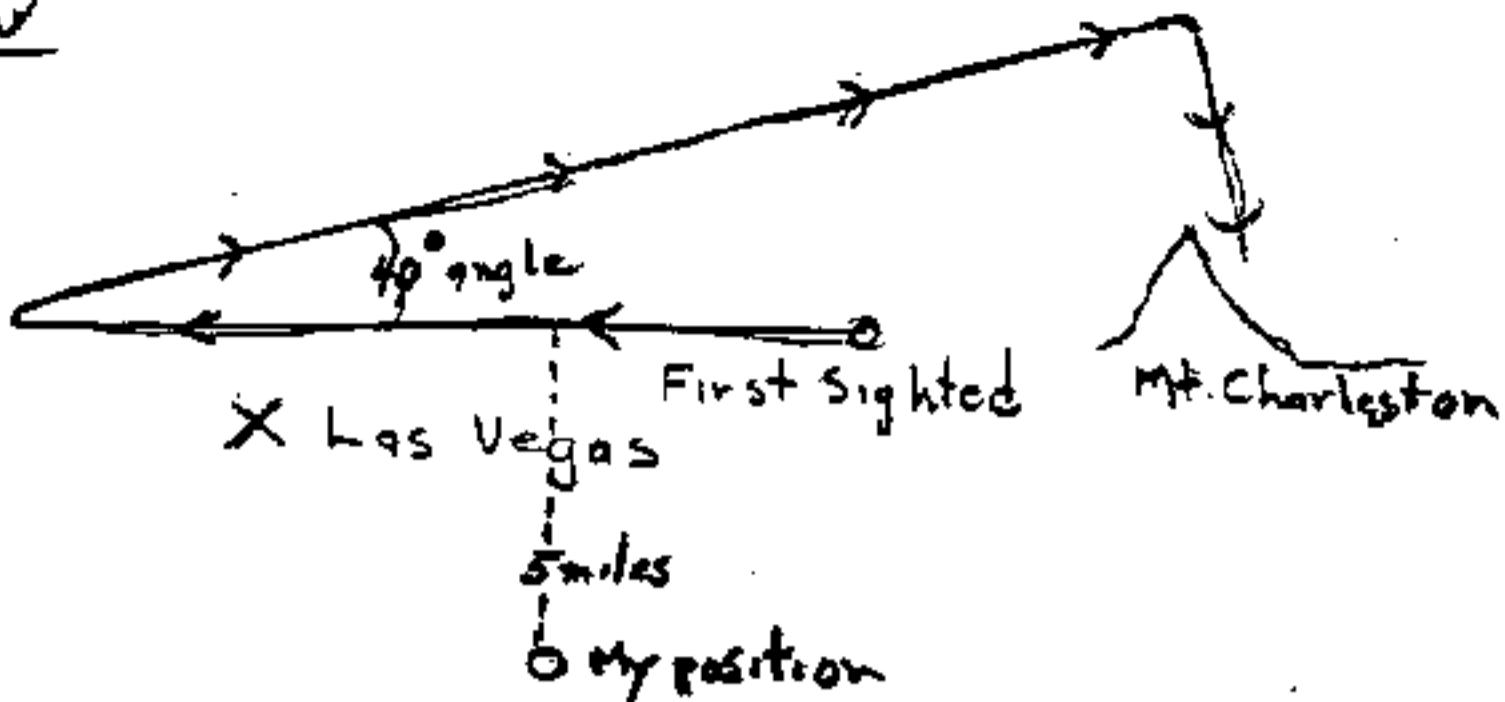
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Capt., Air Corps-Reserve

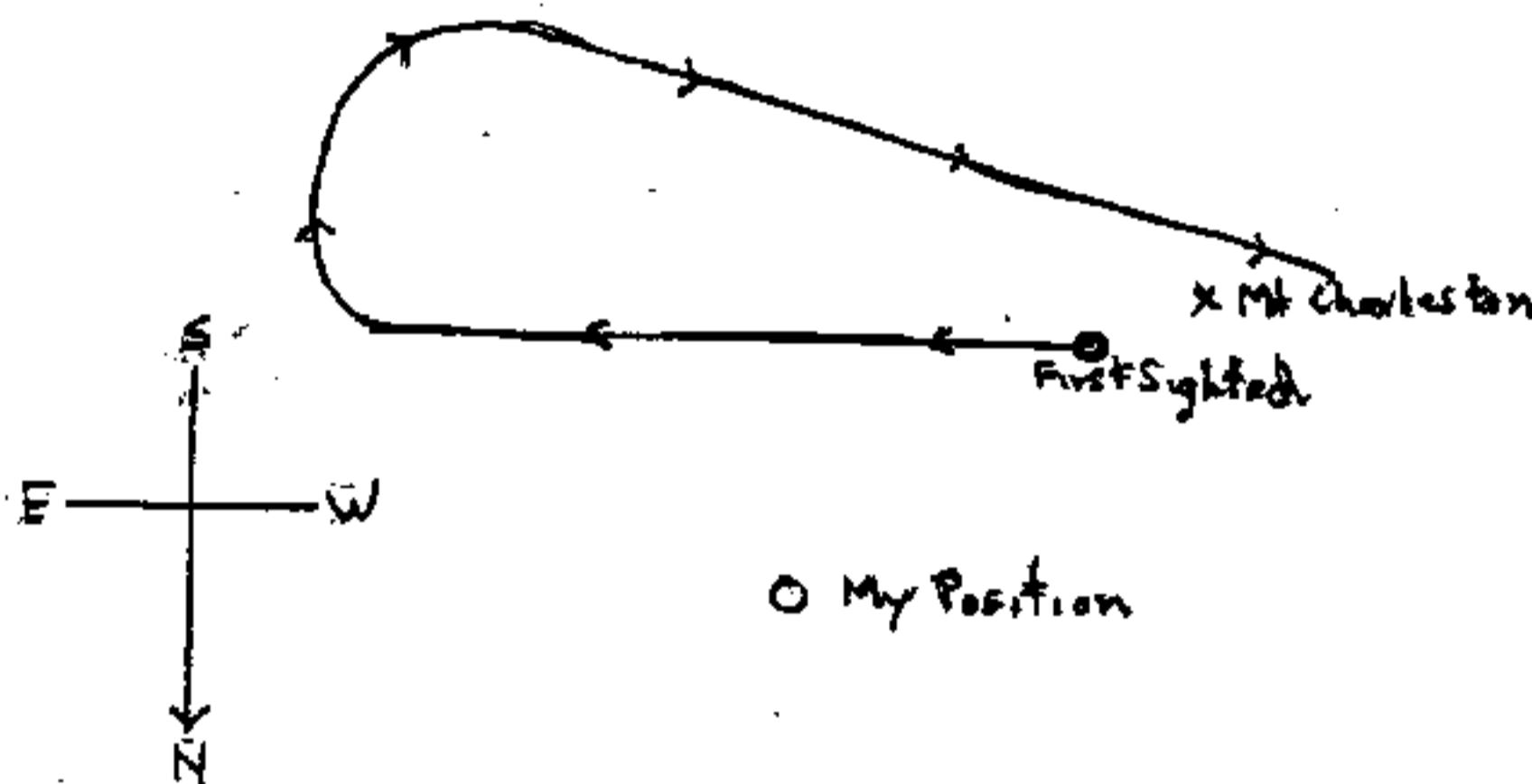
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Side View



View from Above



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STATEMENT

Statement made by Mr. ██████████ Consultant, Department of Water and Power, Van Nuys, California; home address, ██████████ Conoga Park, California. 1230 hours, 17 September 1948, concerning object sighted in the sky, 22 July 1948, in the vicinity of San Fernando Valley, California:

"On the evening of 22 July 1948, between the hours of 1930 and 2030, my wife and I were having dinner in the patio of an open air market in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange object in the sky almost directly overhead.

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DESCRIPTION: It appeared to be round and probably spherical. At first, it appeared to be a weather balloon at about 2000 feet but there was none of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground in fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching it awhile, I concluded that whatever it was, was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more. The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 60 degrees an hour after dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly toward the sun.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION BY SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM G. SPROULL

MR. SPROULL: Can you approximate the geographical location when you first sighted the object?

MR. ██████████ Directly over Van Nuys. about 25 or 30 degrees it travelled. *(R)*

MR. SPROULL: Approximately what was the time when you first sighted this object?

MR. ██████████ I didn't know the exact hour, but it was about an hour before sundown.

MR. SPROULL: Who called your attention to the object?

MR. ██████████ Unidentified member of a group at the patio.

MR. SPROULL: What was the weather condition at the time?

MR. ██████████ Very clear sky. Visibility unlimited.

MR. SPROULL: What was your impression of the actual shape or dimension of the object?

MR. ██████████ It appeared to be round with no certain construction.

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MR. HENRY GLOVER

Exhibit I

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MR. SPROULL: What was the approximate size of the object?

MR. [REDACTED]: The size, as near as I could judge, would be a weather balloon at 2,000 feet. I am POSITIVE it was not a weather balloon.

MR. SPROULL: What would you approximate as the speed?

MR. [REDACTED]: That I wouldn't know except that it travelled about 25 or 30 degrees ~~at~~ approximately forty-five minutes to an hour.

MR. SPROULL: In what direction did it move?

MR. [REDACTED]: Overhead directly into the sun.

MR. SPROULL: Did you think it might be a reflection from anything?

MR. [REDACTED]: I thought it might be a reflection from the sunlight at first but then I couldn't account for the blue tinge.

MR. SPROULL: Did it glint or sparkle?

MR. [REDACTED] EX-16
No, it didn't sparkle at all. The light from the object was constant with a constant intensity but changed as the sun set lower until it turned toward an orange color. As the sun was setting, it became yellow and after the sun completely dropped, it became orange color. I was just observing this particular change of coloring, when it disappeared completely.

MR. SPROULL: What was the manner of disappearance?

MR. [REDACTED]: It disappeared like the turning off of a light. I was looking directly at it, when it seemed to disappear as an incandescent light when one turns off the switch. There was no expansion and no change in dimension whatsoever. That is the last I saw of the object.

MR. SPROULL: Any tactics employed during flight of object?

MR. [REDACTED]: No change in altitude or direction.

MR. SPROULL: Was there any sound to this object?

MR. [REDACTED]: There was no sound whatsoever.

MR. SPROULL: Was there an exhaust trail?

MR. [REDACTED]: No exhaust trail at all.

MR. SPROULL: Did you notice the object as carrying any lights?

MR. [REDACTED]: There were no distinguishing characteristics at all except for the bluish light.

MR. SPROULL: Did this occur to you to be something resembling a flying saucer?

MR. [REDACTED]: When I first viewed the object, the flying saucers immediately came to my mind.

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MR. SPROULL: Do you feel that you were observing a definite object?

[REDACTED] Yes, it had a definite sharp outline - something I had never seen before. At first I thought it might be a gaseous formation but it didn't have the characteristics of a meteor or comet and the outline was too definite and sharp to be gaseous. It instead appeared to be a definite material object. I had even considered that it might be an astronomical object caught in our Earth's rotation like the moon, but it travelled faster than the sun so it couldn't have been. It was travelling three times as fast as the sun and was going in the same direction as the sun.

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[REDACTED] MR. SPROULL: Do you know any of the persons who observed this object personally?

[REDACTED] No.

END OF STATEMENT

[REDACTED]
Conoga, California

[REDACTED]

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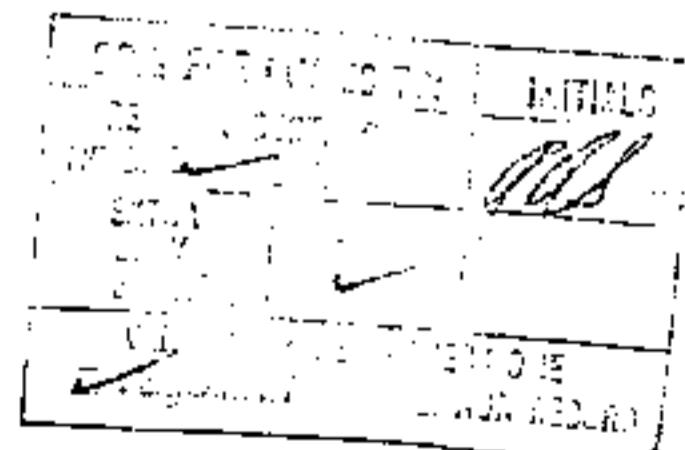
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"On the evening of 22 July 1948, at Valley Market Town, while in the company of my husband, Mr. ██████████ we were having dinner in the patio when my attention was called by my husband to an object in the sky. This was approximately between the hours of 1930 and 2000, before dark. Upon gazing straight upward, the object seemed to be round and luminous. It appeared to be metallic changing to yellow-orange and to deeper blues, toward the blue, as darkness came. It seemed to be at a very great distance. In comparing the size, it would be as if I were looking at a platter across a room at approximately twenty feet distance. There were no seeming gaseous elements, no rays or sound as far as I can remember. It seemed absolutely round. At the time, the sky was cloudless. There was no other object or air craft in the sky. In fact, it was the only object in the sky. Over a period of thirty minutes or more, the object moved from straight upward to a westerly direction. I should say that it travelled approximately twenty or thirty miles.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
MACDILL FIELD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

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14 July 1947

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Summary of Information.

TO : Commanding General, Strategic Air Command, Andrews Field,
Washington 20, D. C. ATTENTION: AC/S, A-2Forwarded herewith for your information Summary of
Information dated 11 July 1947, Subject: "Flying Discs."*for Harry Gabrialian 1st Lt.
John A. SYLVESTRE
Lt. Col., Air Corps
AC/S, A-2.*

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MacDill Field, Florida
11 July 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Discs.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On 10 July 1947, Mr. [REDACTED] Lakeland, Florida, appeared at the A-2 Office, MacDill Field, Florida and voluntarily reported the following item of information:

While walking along U.S. Highway No. 92 on 7 July 1947, at approximately one mile east of Lakeland, Florida, between 1300 and 1400 hours, EST, his attention was attracted skyward by a swishing noise that seemed to sing with a more or less shrill sound. Instantly, Griffin turned his head and saw five shiny objects going upward at more or less 5,000 feet and they climbed to approximately 7,500 feet in just a few seconds, between fifteen and thirty seconds. Griffin said that they were traveling in a northeast and upward direction as they disappeared in flight. He estimated that the objects were approximately one mile from him when initially sighted.

However not distinct, [REDACTED] observed two spots on each side of the flying missiles and one additional spot in the center which he believed was the tail as they climbed upward. Because the objects did not have wings like an ordinary plane, Griffin was inclined to believe that they were jet jobs and it appeared to him that the leading jet, of plastic appearance, was towing the four other glittery objects.

On the date of observation, [REDACTED] reported, the weather was clear with scattered clouds.

[REDACTED] made a model of what he saw and offered it as an exhibit. (See Exhibit A).

PERTINENT FACTS:

[REDACTED] a former Second Class Seaman in the U.S. Navy, was born in Tampa, Florida on 10 October 1923. His parents are American-born citizens. He served overseas on a troop transport and was discharged from the Navy on 28 March 1944. His serial number is 269-0571.

Records at the Lakeland, Florida Police Department list [REDACTED] name as being AWOL from the Navy on two occasions.

[REDACTED] is presently self-employed as a sign painter. Previously, he was a cab driver, ice cream peddler and amateur artist.

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He is married and has two children; his description is as follows: Height 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; weight 150 lbs.; medium brown hair; blue eyes; slender build; ruddy complexion; scar on left eyebrow.

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A neighborhood and employment check disclosed that [REDACTED] is an excitable person, very talkative, possessing an exaggerated imagination and inclined to impress people with his continuous verbal chatter. Questioning of neighbors and former associates with the cab company disclosed that [REDACTED] did not belong to any subversive organizations.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Discs

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Information from the Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California, revealed that numerous calls from residents in Bakersfield concerning peculiar objects in the sky over Bakersfield, predicated an investigation by their office and contact with A-2 Headquarters Fourth Air Force.

On 13 March 1948, two informants, Mr. [REDACTED], and Mr. [REDACTED] stated that they observed a flying object which appeared to be consumed in fire, and left a brownish, white plume of smoke, which suddenly stopped and disappeared. Seconds later, what appeared to be a parachute, was seen to be drifting to the east.

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The object, as described, appeared to be a burning fabric airplane, consumed in smoke. Observations were made in Bakersfield of object to the south and southwest, approximately ten to twelve miles distance, around 1600 hours on 5 March 1948.

On 13 March 1948, informant, Mr. [REDACTED], stated that he observed an object at 0830, 8 March 1948, due north of Bakersfield, approximately five miles distance. The object was a large, orange-red ball of fire, somewhat larger than a small airplane, appeared to remain static for approximately thirty seconds, then split and continued to burn; each visible as a burning half. A parachute, with a black object hanging was then observed to fall, drift to the east and disappeared into the hills east of Bakersfield.

On 13 March 1948, two informants, Mrs. [REDACTED] secretary, Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, and [REDACTED] dentist, Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield, California, stated that they were in Room 518, Haberfelde Building, on the morning of 8 March 1948. Mrs. [REDACTED] was a patient of Dr. [REDACTED]. Both informants stated that they observed a flaming object which appeared at first to be a very small airplane. Orange red flames seemed to envelope the object with considerable black smoke trailing in a zigzag manner ~~from approximately 4,000 to 5,000 feet~~. The object was observed at 1,000 feet ~~approximately 4,000 to 5,000 feet~~ north of Bakersfield, seven to ten miles distance, approximately three hours.

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Informants further stated that the object disappeared behind a water tower, which was an obstruction to their view, and was near the ground. Both informants watched for an explosion, thinking that it would explode upon reaching the ground, but nothing unusual was noted.

A-2 COMMENT:

Although there is no evidence to substantiate the following, it is the opinion of this headquarters that this activity could be attributed to marker flares. Any further developments, or evidence obtained, will be forwarded this headquarters from the Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California.

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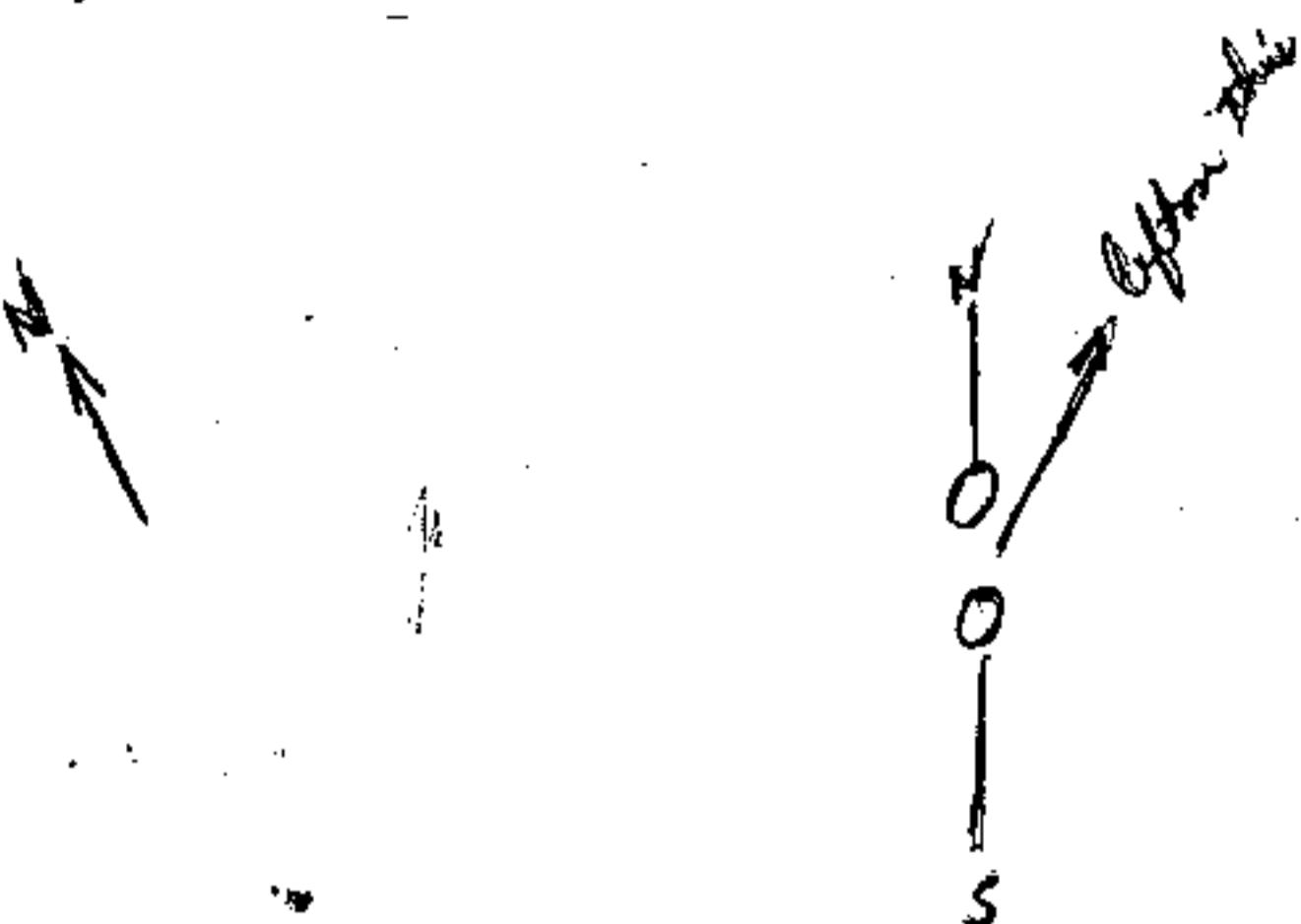
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Commanding General
In, Third Army
Fort McPherson
Atlanta, Georgia
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PERSONNEL & ADM: 1. This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10 Sept 1948 relative to investigation of unconventional aerial object.

RESEARCH & DEV:

2. It is the desire of this office to commend all personnel conducting this investigation for their interest and cooperation in reporting incidents of this nature to this Headquarters. As this Command has a continuing project covering the investigation of all unidentified aerial phenomena, your investigation of this incident is deeply appreciated.

3. Since this particular object has been identified as a radar target it is desired that your Headquarters dispose of it in any manner deemed advisable.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

INTELLIGENCE

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
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10 September 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: Chief of Intelligence

1. Attached hereto is copy of a report from our Special Agent in Birmingham, Alabama.
2. The Radar Target is being held at this office pending instructions regarding its disposition from your office.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incl

1 - Agents Report
2 - Newspaper clipping

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Mishita Mills, Texas.

Sept. 14, 1942

General Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.
Fourth U.S. Army Headquarters,
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas,

Re: RG 350.09 RKA08

Dear General Handy:

Enclosed is the list of ground and aerial detonations of "discs," occurring in the Santa Fe-Los Alamos district. This is fairly complete, except I do know of other cases which I did not have the opportunity to check on myself. And I would have to look at my own notes before I could give even a near-location, but all occurring within this district.

Those appearing at Albuquerque and near the White Sands, Hot Springs, and Engle, N.M., are not included in this report. However, the ones at Albuquerque came from the north, and were probably emanating from the same source as those that occurred near Los Alamos.

Those in the southern part of New Mexico came from southerly directions, indicating a possible origin near Chihuahua, or perhaps as far south as Guadalajara, Mexico. Much correlation in this

Also, the probability of a ~~possible~~ having been ~~the~~ early last autumn remains to be investigated. Uncertain if there were any "unexplainable" points, which might indicate a CHECK DATES OF PERMANENT NON RECORD

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The little settlement of Cuba, N.M., also had power plant difficulty, and since this town was in a possible location for interruption.

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by a ray (it is in fairly close line of flight for missiles appearing from the west over Santa Fe,) their motor interruptions may tend to influence. The plant was subject to mechanical difficulties through insufficiency, one of the Albuquerque Gas and Electric Co. men at Albuquerque told me, so I cannot yet say whether information of value is there or not.

Please tell Major "Assimic" Wren that the publication called "Fate" which had the articles on "disco" by Kenneth Arnold, is evidently supported by a subversive group, since the only advertisements they carry are rather cheap, "metaphysical" "super-natural" publication concerns. I would believe that since both issues have starred the subject of "disco" that this may be a come-on publication to secure data on appearances.

If I were in Intelligence work, I would watch the publication. Communists at Santa Fe mailed me once some of the "Rosicrucian" realize-your-hidden-powers-stuff, and I threw it in the waste paper basket.

Kenneth Arnold had factual material, and it is straight from the shoulder. In fact, he had a few cases that I did not have myself. Yet every case he had either confirmed or proved a point, that those things were electrical and that there is a heat-stage to the ray, as shown by his 'case' on the Salmon River bridge which caught fire the length of the bridge in every beam and joist at once. This would not happen with an ordinary

The area he covered around Roswell, just Los Alamos. The only difference, we had no idea where he was staying, whereas I think I did.

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From his photograph, I would say that he is an exceptionally keen, alert-minded young man, and to be relied upon for every detail he might furnish. His interpretation might be wrong, but his details of information would be correct. Excepted is the Moors Island information. I do not know the source, but I do doubt the details given to him.

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I do have information on the ray-form alone, which Kenneth Arnold does not have, or if he had it, did not include it with those others in the two articles.

We did not make any mistakes anywhere. The Norton, Kansas meteor seems to really have been a meteor, since Dr. Lincoln La Paz at Albuquerque, found a 1,000 lb. fragment north of Norton about 8 miles. This could have been thrown from the explosion over Roswell, as the explosion was at a very high altitude. And I thought also that this case was a "disc" until Dr. La Paz actually found the fragments. But even though this case may have been an actual meteor, this in no wise detracts from the remainder of Kenneth Arnold's material.

I have written the Landing Aids Experiment Station at Arcata, Calif. for the Kenneth Ehlers radaroscope observations of "pips" indicating a high state of ionization, and all discontinuities indicating definite direction being given to what was called "glimmers" in the article.

I have also written the Army Signal ~~station~~ Laboratory at Belmar, N.J. for radar echoes from what were called "angels" or unidentified echoes which may possibly be the same type echoes or records obtained at Arcata.

I have also written Mr. Luis Alvarez, Jr., ~~of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory~~, who observed the "glimmers" at Arzobispo, to suggest that these may be indications of ionization from a ray source, since they traveled with the wind, across it, or against it, and were stronger than any normal ionized air patches. His opinion on this will be highly valuable.

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I shall also soon write Dr. Albert Hoyt Taylor, as I am
correct in assuming that Lee Almanzor did have the circle of Military Mode
placed because of his action and that of Dr. Wm. Evans Bush, and because of
my communications to them, then everyone at Lee Almanzor present at the time
any "aliens" may have entered that circle, owes their lives to Drs. Taylor and
Bush. And especially Dr. Taylor, as he was the person to whom I had sent
factual data on normal ball-lightning, and suggestions on theory.

Moreover, he should be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor,
and any other honors the government has to offer, for acting to save the
lives of many persons, and preventing possible destruction of one of the
country's most vital centers.

Of course, he has worked with radar, and atmospheres, and knew
very well that what I had been suspecting was possible. And, when this type
missile began to appear, he knew the danger existing, and acted.

Without him, who else could have understood what I was reporting?

I doubt if there would have been any other person. His greatness
in having probed into this particular subject, and having given it serious
consideration, cannot be undazzled ever estimated. Had Dr. Taylor ~~not believed~~
~~that~~ what I was stating was possible, and was true, ~~he~~ ~~would~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~surprised~~
would be any more than a fumble leap today.

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As to proper counter waves to use in nullifying the power of the
ray, information remains yet to be ascertained before determination can be
made. I know what needs to be learned and correlate and how to base
recommendations.

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If war calculations, and ~~the~~ ~~the~~ information, from Mr. Taylor would
reach.

If Los Alamos realizes, at least, that what has occurred is not due
to "natural phenomena," and starts calling out for "everybody to do something,"
then you can remind them that they themselves disregarded the information
which might have brought action sooner.

As mentioned in the letter enclosed to Cap't Tyler, one circle of
lightning rods will suffice for any missiles appearing singly,
with a time interval of a second or more between missiles. But should two or
more appear simultaneously, the ~~/~~ the field of attraction exerted by the circle
will be temporarily nullified for the additional missiles, leaving them to find
their outlet wherever they can, persons, steel exposures, or whatnot.

And, should such an event occur when two or more missiles appear
simultaneously, then the vibration created by detonation will reach far into
the earth, and should pliable material be subject to release of energy by
such vibrational stimulus, then all that will remain to record what happened
will be these letters to your office.

If war breaks, and should Russia have prepared ~~as many as~~ to ~~as many as~~
this type aerial missile in the hundreds or thousands,
a dice on anybody's chance to survive because of the circ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ lightning rods
now installed.

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It served its purpose for the time being, but it ~~not~~ enough.

Such an installation as previously advised, should ^{also} be placed
on the highest points available, near Canjilon, N.M. to attract ionization

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occurring with the ray-form itself, as well as the arc lightning stage, and the missile stage.

Also the installation to the west on the Saca location, should be installed, and also another on the ridge about three or so miles due north of Los Alamos. When this is done, then they might feel reasonably safe.

But until this is done, no one there can afford to disregard further what I am suggesting.

Any doubters as to my capacity to understand what I am discussing, are hereby invited to contact Miss May Frank, now Mrs. Joseph H. Rhoades, 2100 Nineteenth St., N.W., Wash. D.C. for verification as to my having written a paper on "Mathematics and Molecular Structures," which included suggestions as to the probable release of energy, or disintegration of matter, from the element uranium. This paper was written in the spring of 1927, or five years prior to the experiments of Enrico Fermi.

I wrote the paper for the sum of five dollars as a term report for Miss Dorothy Stewart, Uni. of Okla., a student who could not write her own term report, and since I felt no compunctions about it, I was paid five dollars.

I also wrote of the probable compacting of molecular energies
to create lightning.

Papers on electrotellurics which I wrote, can also be verified by

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- The present Mrs. Rhodes, or by Dr. H. H. Hartog, Dean of the School of Journalism, Uni. of Okla., Norman, Okla. It was these letter papers written in 1928 that were adjudged the equivalent of a graduate or post graduate in physics or electrical engineering by officials of the Okla. Gas and Electric Co., Okla. City, Okla., with a letter being written to Miss Frank suggesting that she or they send the papers on to Westinghouse Electric Laboratories, or to the National Academy of Sciences, Wash. D.C. (Whether, or not, they were sent, I do not know.)

I mention these papers merely to show that I had recognition many years ago, before the disintergration of matter was actually proven, or creating its opposite, the possibility of a state of molecular compacting of energies.

Neither subject is non-sensical in any manner, way or form.

Why did I not major in physics? I felt that I already knew more than was then recorded in physics textbooks. (I had studied through many texts alone, and felt I could discern what was right in the way of concepts, and what was wrong. This stemmed from my earlier impressions gained from my maternal grandfather's discussions on math, physics, astronomy, etc. Also, ~~I felt that if~~ ~~which might be in effect~~ ~~RELEASING~~ ~~DATE~~ ~~EXTRA~~ ~~whether discoveries were~~ ~~made, and yet remain at a respectful distance until events had occurred to~~ ~~PERMANENT~~ ~~RECORD~~ I did stand up and explain what I thought ~~which might be in effect~~ opposition to the text, that time would have to ~~pass before proof could be~~ established. I chose to keep informed myself of ~~whether discoveries were~~ made, and yet remain at a respectful distance until ~~events had occurred to~~ prove my suggestions correct.)

~~SECRET~~ Now sufficient time has elapsed to know that should two or more aerial missiles, electrical charges of terrific voltage, attempt to enter the circle of lightning rods at Los Alamos, one of them may not enter. Should this occur, unnecessary loss of life and property will occur unless additional

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circles of rods are installed in the areas previously suggested.

Even then, absolute protection cannot be guaranteed until the proper counter wave actions are in effect. And this should be done for the nation, Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

This missile does not have the annihilation possibilities proven with the atomic bomb, but it can be used to put our atom bomb plants out of commission, and ground the airplanes that would attempt to fly atom bombs into Russia. So it is not insignificant.

How much time remains? I do not know. It depends upon how ready Russia is to streak our skies with a significant number of missiles.

If Lcc Alemos does know what one missile entering their circle of lightning rods, means, then I do not see how they could sleep very peacefully if anyone there can surmise what would happen with the appearance of a dozen missiles at once. Persons would be electrocuted right and left.

However, since this may occur I do not ~~feel that they will think~~ have formerly disregarded my material on appearances that they can afford to ignore matters any longer.

Surely, if any officials there have witnessed a missile entering the circle of rods, they would have the judgment by now to know that Nature never "went on a bender" like that before.

Sincerely,

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P-51 Explodes Near Sayre, Killing California Pilot

SAYRE, Okla., Sept. 8. (UP)—A P-51 airplane, owned by Jacqueline Cochran, famous aviatrix, exploded in mid-air today about six miles southwest of here and crashed into a pasture, killing the pilot, Sampson Held, North Hollywood, Calif.

The highway patrol said P-51, which won third place in the Bendix Air Races, was being flown back to California for Miss Cochran.

The Oklahoma highway patrol

quoted C. F. Martin and Jess Brimer, both of Sayre, as saying they saw the left wing of the plane floating in the air. Then, they said, the plane exploded and crashed into the farm of Lonnie Turner.

The plane was flying east at the time of the accident about 2:30 p. m.

Held, about 30, was thrown from the wreckage and killed instantly. The plane did not burn. Highway Trooper Jim Culwell said the owner of the plane was Jacqueline Cochran of Indio, Calif., and Newark, N. J. Culwell said papers found on Held showed he was in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Sheriff Sam Montgomery of Beckham County and County Attorney Jim Ted Robinson helped with the investigation.

CEDAR BRAKE BLAZE RAGES NEAR AUSTIN

AUSTIN, Sept. 6 (AP)—A big brush fire stubbornly resisted control efforts Monday night as it raged through cedar brake country on the west side of Lake Austin in Travis County.

Several brush fires on the east side of the Colorado River Lake were brought under control. Men and machinery were concentrated on the larger blaze. State police said they had received no reports of loss of life or damage to permanent improvements.

The Salvation Army rushed canteen units to the scores of firefighters who expected to battle the blaze through the night.

Crews of volunteer cedar chop-

pers, working in co-operation with bulldozer crews from the State Highway Department, struggled to control the big fire on the west side of the lake. It had burned down to the water's edge in some spots there.

State Highway Patrolman T. O. Dillard, working the hilly country near City Park, about seven miles west of Austin, said the blaze on the west side had not jumped the narrow lake at Bull Creek as reported earlier.

There was no fire in the vicinity of Bull Creek, where several ranch houses and fishing camps are located.

Keep watching area for possible re-entrances.

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McAllen Falls, Texas,

Sept. 5, 1946

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Re: AG 350.09
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This is a copy of a letter of Maj. Sidney Newberger, Security, Los Alamos Project, concerning another ground detonation which had slipped my mind. I began studying over my field map of this area.

If you read the letter, you will note that my information on ground and aerial detonations, also appearances of the ray-form, had been ridiculed, according to Mr. Merchant's sister, Mrs. Denver Thompson, who is employed in Maj. Newberger's security division.

Knowing that Newber is fairly young, and that the subject of "discs" does sound impossible, he is not to be blamed, unless the delay caused by his ignoring the contents of the messages does mean a delay that cannot be corrected, should war break.

Or, should there have been detonations during the past year as during 1946-47, and, should they be continuing now, then such negligence after repeated explanations, perhaps is the answer to why the missiles are still occurring. Proper measures could have prevented them.

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Please know that I know how easy it is for anyone to call a person who speaks or writes beyond the knowledge of space warfare. My only regret is that such precious time has been lost.

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I will send along the list of aerial and ground detonations in the Los Alamos district as soon as I feel up to spending the hours that it is going to take, along with remarks and correlation with the ray-forms which have been observed.

However, for the exact counter waves needed, I shall have to secure further data on known power plant and motor interruptions, or verify reports which I already have. And, as mentioned to Maj. "Cosmic" Winn, (I did not catch his first name,) I shall have to ask for a settlement from the government for work already done, or sell an article, in order to have the means to continue. (Traveling about does cost.)

The three general areas, as mentioned previously, where "disks" and the heat-stage of the ray, as well as the lightning, or "bolts from the blue," are those near Los Alamos, Hanford and Oakridge, with other areas having hit-or-miss experimental attention.

Nothing on this subject should fail to have attention, should there exist cause to presume that any unusual occurrence is due to the presence of a ray.

Regarding your own immediate area, the "Cedar Creek Fires" near Austin, Tex. should be watched for any indications as to re-occurrences of fires in areas where fires have been extinguished. This will indicate the possible presence of the terminal of the ray, as did the forest fires in the Conroe, Tex. area. In other words, if the ~~accidental~~ ~~not natural~~ ~~terminal~~ ~~than~~ RECORDS SAY ~~SO~~ you should know, for the terminal of the ray is ~~nowhere~~ ~~chosen~~ to ~~no place~~.

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If the terminal of the ray should ~~occur~~ ~~at~~ ~~Air Base~~ ~~than~~ an unusual number of airplane motor interceptions ~~occur~~ ~~in~~ ~~near~~ exploding in mid-air without apparent cause, motors cutting out, etc.

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Also, should the terminal of the ray remain long enough in an area where gas mains exist, then penetration of the ground, may occur. It would depend on how long the ray remained whether explosion of gas mains results, or not.

Also enclosed is a copy of a plane explosion which happened yesterday about 6 miles southwest of Bayre, Okla. Of course, I do not know whether this may have been due to other factors, or to the ray which created the missiles traveling from north to south over Wichita Falls, has moved off its mark, presuming you are the target, which I do think you are.

Magnetic influences might have induced the ray to "sway" westward, or the ray may actually have moved off its previous flight path.

If the ray shifted off, then you are in a safer position than ten days ago. If magnetic influences were the cause, then reappearance of the missiles should be noted here. Col. Sam Gurney should have installed a camera for all night exposures directly overhead to see what record might be obtained.

Since this angle of my status of being a "crackpot" came up with Maj. Newberger, perhaps you also feel the same. If so, will you be kind enough

to say so? Remember that I know that Einsteins Theory of Curved Space sounds

"crazy," for the simple reason that if there exists space there is nothing to be "curved." Yet, his theories work. And though EINSTEIN does not press

others as having the kind of unruly hair cut that EINSTEIN makes me think of Einstein being ready to fly off into space, I realize that to speak

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explosive compacting of energies, such as is thought to exist

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consequent release of energies, may sound "crackpot" to anyone not initiated into the uncertainties existing in physics.

And so, though I do not mind being called a "crackpot," I do regret that some of my messages dealing with the subject of ray warfare, may have been ignored by Maj. Newberger. If he destroyed any of the ^b/, then my copies are the only ones existing, and some very vital information was given in them. I doubt if anyone else has the basic theory or field knowledge necessary to state what I am able to state~~actually~~ occurred.

Thanking you for your courtesy in giving this matter attention, and hoping that Major Winn did not also consider that to induce an action by agitation to atmospheric elements by wave concentrations, was "crackpot," also, I remain,

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Most sincerely,

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P.S. I feel that with discussion, or reading of these letters, Dr. Luis Alvarez of California School of Technology, Pasadena, would readily

understand what I am saying. He was very interested in the ~~WITNESS~~ RECORDS SECT. '30

phenomenon called "gizmos," mentioned in ~~the second article~~ ^{NO. 835} ~~in the magazine~~ written to me by Major Winn. Dr. Alvarez observed records of the unusual

"pips" occurring over Arcata, Calif. indicating ~~short~~ ^{value of paper} ionization more ~~more~~ ^{PERMANENT} than any normal ionized air patch, and would know what I mean when I

say that this stage of ionization is prior to that of visibility of the "ballistic-bombs," or "discs." And, he would understand my thoughts on probable cross-sections of the rays.

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I am familiar with Dr. Alvarez proposed linear accelerator using ultra microwaves to incite release of energies, ~~which~~ as presented at last winter's meeting of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, and though release of energy is one thing, and a molecular compacting is another, I do believe that he would readily agree that in the case of the "gizmos" over Arcata, this may be answered by suggesting that a ray could make the "gizmos" travel with the wind, against it, or across it, as stated in the article.

If I could secure affirmative written comments from Dr. Alvarez, and perhaps another outstanding physicist or two whose work I know, and submit this to your office, do you think this would assist in securing action out of Washington? If so, I shall do this.

(My only drawback to securing further information, and making the proper suggestions, is that I spent all I could beg, borrow or get credit for, last year. I suppose anybody so foolish as to let neither devil nor high water stand in their way is a "crackpot." But, after all, I did get the information. And if a major base is struck with loss of life and property, it will not be because I didn't continue to secure evidence, and I can say later, when a major base ~~is~~ struck, if due to a "dise," is to state what occurred, if PERMANENT present NON-RECORD

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cont'd P.B. If war should break, General Winn, and this type aerial

missile begin appearing in the thousands close to the ground, then I will tell you "goodbye" now. The Russian intelligence meetings in Russia do not go too good, and personally I believe Russia probably took last year to get ready.

Here is a suggestion. Have Major Winn find out where
(Fluege) Fluege, the German scientist who discussed "Probable Neutron
Distribution in Normal Atmosphere," is. I do not recall his
first name, but Major Winn can look it up in the book called
"Cosmic Radiation," by Heisenberg, a German release after the
war ended. This is a group of articles by foremost German
scientists, and in studying this, I was particularly caught
with the thoughts of Fluege. He is one man who could create
a ray. If he is in this country, it would be well to contact
him and see what his attitude on the subject is. If he was
taken by the Russians, and worked with the Free German Committee,
then I would bet ten to one he is one of the persons behind
the occurrences over this country. He has vast comprehension.

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LOCATIONS OF RECENT GROUND EXPLOSIONS AND AERIAL BURSTS OF JULY 1948.

SEVEN RANGE, NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO *Los Alamos-Santa Fe Dist.*

approx. 5 degrees ~~east~~

- (1) Canones, New Mexico, south "two to three seconds" flight. Ground detonation.

Remarks: Witnessed by Ramon Jaramillo, Canones, N.M. Early Dec. 1946. Between 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Tremendous roar made with passage overhead similar to harsh peals of thunder. Sound heard by members of the Jaramillo family and others. Detonation deafening, though actual explosion was some miles southward.

(Sounds travel down the canons.) Exact or approx. height above ground is not known, but size and appearance were "like the sun." (I would judge the missile to have been within 1,500 ft. above the canon floor at point of observation. Canon walls here are about 300 ft. as I recall.)

Speed: "exceedingly fast." (I would judge 5,000 mph,

however, it may have been as low as 1,000 or 1,500 mph.)

The greater the speed the closer to a point just west of Los Alamos, the missile would have been. And having only a rough time interval from time of passage to point of detonation, and the sound traveling down the canon, I have tentatively placed the probable detonation

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If detonation occurred further south, the chances are that

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sound would have traveled down other canons, and would not have been "deafening" in intensity when north at Canyonon.

Weather was clear, without clouds.

(In a communication to Col. Herbert C. Gee, April 6, 1947, I suggested that detonation might have been in the air, ~~with~~ but later data on aerial bursts indicating great sound did not accompany the detonation, I later classified this particular missile as being a definite ground detonation, similar to one near Portland, Oregon, investigated by Gen. S.R. Bremault, AAF Material Command, Wash. D.C.)

Suggestion: Using Canones, N.M., and the point of intersection of U.S. Highway 84 with the turn-off to Youngsville, N.M., extend lines northward and southward. The north line will pass about ~~to~~ 5 to 7 miles east of Fairview, N.M., where the ray-Coke stage, also the arc-lightning stage, and the single stage have been observed. Parallel lines will give approximate locations of ground detonations in proximity of Los Alamos.

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Martinez, Coyote, N.M.; Pete Gonzales or Boles, address

not known, but Raypole, N.M., supported by Mr. Abeyta.

Ray form also observed in same location by ~~Alfredo~~

artition whose residence is on top of a mesa about 12 miles southwest of Abiquiu, N.M. (a tough climb.) Observation was made of very poor hot air about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (two silicone-helix) hours in late August or early Sept. 1946. This witness would be a good contact for possible appearances during the past year. Address is Abiquiu, N.M. but I am not sure whether he can read or write Spanish or English either. Personal contact will be necessary.

(2) San Miguel Forest District; sec. 24 and 25, also 35 and 36 of T 15N and R 2E.
Contact Gordon Gray, U.S. Forest Service, Federal Bldg,
Santa Fe, N.M. A large object thought by forest rangers
to be a meteor fell in this district. A search was made with
nothing being found. Another search was to be made. See
Mr. Gray for further information as to direction, speed, etc.
I do not have my notes with me.

(5) Atiquiu, N.M. Contact German-owned storekeeper and postman at Abiquiu to secure name of Spanish-American on whose place "an atomic bomb" accidentally dropped. Location was approximately 12 miles, as I remember, south and a little east of Abiquiu. Sheep were killed or frightened, and there was no debris. The missile struck near a ~~small town~~, ~~small village~~, ~~deserted spot~~, ~~HQ base~~ with tremendous roar and earth-shaking shock felt and heard in Abiquiu.

(4) Salazar, N.M. Two missiles witnessed by Mrs. Virgie Salazar, RioPuerco, N.M.
Seen on about Dec. 4 or 5, 1946 and either landing or going
out immediately above area W. or east of, Salazar, N.M.

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- (4) Disc sightings.

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Another missile was seen by this witness in about June, 1946.
All were like a "round object with a body like a balloon,"
with some kind of tail.

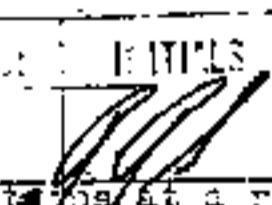
- (5) Youngsville, N.M. Witness was J.H. Lopez, general store, Youngsville, N.M.

Missile seen in early Dec. 1946 passing from north to south,
east of Youngsville. (Probably in same path as ray-form and
missiles witnessed by others.) Description was given as:
"Era como lista blanca, bola primera," (It was a strip of
light with ball in front.) Missile "went out in the sky,
leaving the ray, after which the ray vanished also."
No estimate of height could be secured. Speed was "very
fast," possibly 3,000 MPH.

- (6) Gallina, N.M.

Witnessed by Jose E. Velasquez, Rio Puerco, N.M. while on
visit to Gallina, N.M. (Talked with young brother, and could
secure no further details.)

- Ranger
(7) Junction of Highway 84 and Coyote Road: Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Burton, U.S. Forest Service, Jamijillo, N.M. Observation was
in early Dec. 1946, between 8:30 to 9 p.m. Missile was from
the north proceeding to south, and was viewed in approximate
path of 2 missiles at earlier hours on approximate dates already
given.

Missile traveled in an arc, estimate of 2,500 to 5,000 ft.
about 7,000 ft. 

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Mental impressions were that it was like "burnin' airplane flying across the sky," or, "a rocket from the White Islands, only it was going the wrong direction."

Object was of extreme brilliancy. The head on the object was a "white light" intensely bright. "It was like looking at the sun, only it had a little more red in it than the sun," according to Mrs. Burton.

Speci was "like a meteor." "It seemed to go out in the sky." Quotations those of witnesses.

Size was "the biggest meteor" they had ever seen, and was "something unusual."

(8) Sierra Amarilla, N.M. Detonation directly over settlement. ^{April 1, 1946} Witnessed by
Pedro Abeyta, Parkview, N.M. From a point about halfway between Parkview and Sierra Amarilla. Height appeared to be "about 500 ft. above ground." Size appeared "about three ft." However, it is well to remember that both apparent size and altitude are extremely deceiving.

Missile

Miss burst in mid-air, with a thin blue smoke rising upward.

Witnessed April 1, 1946.

(9) Santa Fe, N.M.

Three large missiles were seen by Mr. H. L. Bickel, 212 Chapel Hill Rd., N.M. Size was "almost as large as the top of a telephone pole" in the center of the sky, according to the witness. In the upper left corner of the page is a large checkmark and the date "APR 1 1946". In the upper right corner is a large checkmark and the date "APR 1 1946".

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The objects "seemed to come out of a band of haze." This is

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(6) Disc detonation.

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the ray-form. Two had emerged from ray-form and third emerged as they watched. Ray was also described as like a "ray, or" flight. All three missiles were "way up in the blue," with one seeming to be "below the other two." Height could be anywhere from 5,000 ft. upward probably. Elevation here is about 7,000 ft. (6,890 ft to be exact.)

All missiles were "luminous" or "silvery" similar to quicksilver or lightning.

Speed was "exceedingly fast," probably about 3,000 MPH. (Please remember this is a rough estimate.)

No sounds were audible, further indicating height.

Direction was from the west about 5 degrees north.

Suggestion: Draw line from Santa Fe westward over San Miguel Dome District, U.S. Forest Service maps, for fairly close flight path of missiles. *extend on toward Cuba, N.M.*

(IC) Santa Fe, N.M. Witnessed by Mailman Eugene Lechner III, w/ daughter. *July 11*

Missile appeared to her "like yellow and white paint mixed together only shiny." It was "about half the size of the full moon" when in center of sky. *The flight the height.*
"about 7,000 ft."

Missile was observed from a bus near Bernal Hospital while en route to Albuquerque. It "seemed to curve behind a large cloud overhead.

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Flight path was likely the same as those seen by Mrs. Skeete and Mr. Bickel, above.

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(7) Block Segmentation.

(11) Cuba, Will. Report of several Indians passing from the south to the north east of Cuba, Will were reported to be by Franklin Martinez, Coyote, Will. He had talked with several men in a cafe at Cuba, but did not learn their names.

The objects were all "very bright," and "enormous" in size.
Speed was very fast.

Indications that these missiles might have struck in the San Pedro M. district south of Gallina, N.M. was indicated by a Mr. and Mrs. Suazo, Suazo Cash Store, Gallina, N.M. informing me of "more than eight or ten" very loud explosions which occurred in Dec. 1946 or early Jan. 1947.

Intensity of explosions was indicated by their impression that Los Alamos had "moved thirty people over to test sites."

explosions
(On these, NC had not yet eliminated possible seismograph
testing by oil companies which occurred north of Bellona, but
this should be checked before definite ground determinations can
be stated. Also, further contacts should be made with the service
office, Albuquerque, N.M. as to possible seismic testing by oil
companies east or west of Cuba. Extra seismic tests were observed
to pass northward east of Cuba, ~~REMOVED~~ they were detonated
in the air or in the San Pedro Mts. ~~REMOVED~~ remains now record.

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(1) Santa Fe, N.M.

Approximate flight path each of cube was estimated to

be about 6 to 8 miles, which would be directly south of

the San Pedro M. District. *Pilot's opinion*

(12) Santa Fe, N.M. Southwest of La Bajada Hill on highway to Abiquiu.

Seen by myself, July 12, 1947.

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Missile was bume, blue-diamond color. Estimated diameter or 20
about one-quarter mile. Elevation was about 15 degrees from horizontal.

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Appearance within vision was at a point due east of La Bajada hill. Flight path was to north, or slightly northeastward.

Missile traveled in "jerks" or giant wave movements. It continued in a direct line, except for "jerks", to a point about 25 degrees east of north, disappearing with distance or behind a cloud, or unobservable explosion.

It was visible for about 7 or 8 seconds.

It was "slowly appearing," or appeared to travel at velocity between 2000 and 3000 ft. per sec. However, being visible for 7 to 8 seconds, it could have been in the stratosphere over the mid-continent area. Speed would have been 7,000 ft. per sec.

There was no tendency whatever to coincide with me.

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(13) Santa Fe, N.M. Meteor-like object which I did not report to you personally because it was seen definitely like a meteor, and went out in the sky. Seen by myself, Surface Reaction and Justice crew, April 1947. It was white with orange tail. It had 1 to 10 times the size of

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Temps at 100° brightest. Color was yellowish with silvery
translucence. It had a cone-shaped tail, and the appearance
of "heat-distortion" visible stage. *Not a normal meteor color*

Flight path was what would have been those of the Electro-nuclear
missiles, and I believe it is safe to include this as a "miss,"
though the only distinguishing characteristic would have been
& its color -
the suddenness, with which such a large object ended. A meteor
normally, would have turned down to a smaller size before disappearance,
whereas this object exploded or went out while still a very
large body. *(Meteor explosions do occur, of course.)*

(I hesitated to include this example at first, as since this
subject is a serious one, I felt that I must make no mistake
by including any possible meteors. But I believe upon re-examining
the suddenness of explosion that it definitely was a missile.)

(25) Santa Fe District: Several other reports on Miss. 2 do not have any dates,
occurred in the areas of Santa Fe and Los Alamos. Reports of
unusual explosions, thought to be testing at Los Alamos, came
from Poajosque. One person who spoke of "Los Alamos testing
day and night" was Phyllis Main.

There had been no road blasting nor testing at Los Alamos.

Many persons in the area of Abiquiu, Penascoville, Coyote, etc., had
"heard reports" but had not witnessed permanent. NON-RECORD

True at Fort Union, N.M. where the info-form was informed. Another
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ray-form observation there was by Mrs. Benjamin Martinez and her
two sons. The beam remained for "more than an hour," then widened,
and narrowed and went out. Roberta Alberto had observed the

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household which he thought was "very unusual," went outside to walk his dog for about one-half hour around 10:30 AM April 12, 1967. Some of his observations were referred to in the statement of Florence Brink, a neighbor who lives about 10 feet from Mrs. Johnson, 1116. The most significant sightings occurred when there were absolutely no clouds.

Remarks:

It would take no explanation that those observations were by persons who had lived in remote areas, for the last part, where "watching the sky at night" was one of the principal events of their lives. And for these appearances to have greatly impressed them so seriously, in some cases with the fear that the earth was going to end, shows the rarity of the occurrences. One woman did not even tell her husband the fear she had until she was "frozen."

Answers to the following service as follows, B-1000, B-1000, B-1000 and B-1000.
Mrs. Alice and Mr. Weatherill, gave as the name of a neighbor who had given them an unusual explanation of the sun's behavior.

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In answer to the question as to what was the date of the sighting, Mrs. Johnson said it was April 12, 1967.

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Wichita Falls, Texas.

Aug. 21, 1948

Major Sidney Newberger, Security Chief,
Atomic Energy Comm., Los Alamos Project,
Los Alamos, New Mexico.

KF-SFD 3-11

Dear Newberger:

Radioactivity has been suggested has a possible reason for the Charles Willey house, barn and second barn, being destroyed by fires, according to the enclosed clipping in today's Wichita Morning Record-News, UP release.

Air Force technicians from Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, have communicated with State Fire Marshal John Craig (no address for Craig given) that they plan an investigation, quoting the message as saying "radioactivity might have caused the strange fires."

The second bar was destroyed the night of Aug. 19, with a fire extinguisher salesman present, and unable to stop the flames in any way. (See clipping.) Also the milkhouse was breaking into flames in spots.

Possibility of radioactivity should not be eliminated. However, the best and quickest way to check is to refer to records of any wooden structures still standing outside the immediate demolition zones at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, also by re-examination of any structures near Alamogordo, N.M. (RECORDED)

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We do know, of course, that radioactivity continuing in cloud-like form is potentially very dangerous.

Please refer to records on radioactivity over San Francisco, also the "debris" cloud form being followed north and then northeastward from Bikini tests.

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Also refer to findings of General Electric Co. Laboratory, Schenectady, N.Y. on material indicating "radioactivity from Alamogordo covered an area the size of Australia." Contact Dr. Irving Langmuir, head of laboratories. Or, perhaps Dr. Norris Bradbury has reports at Los Alamos.

Also, refer to findings of Dr. Gerhard Herzog, on "Gamma Ray Anomaly Following The Atomic Bomb Test of July 1, 1946" published in the Physical Review, Vol. 70, No. 524, Aug. 1 & 15, pp. 227-228. There was an increase of 70% (seventy per cent) in gamma-ray count over Houston. Tests were conducted in the second story of a brick house in the residential section.

Also, refer to my report to Dr. Bradbury, also yourself, on appearance of unusual "green sky patches," probably krypton and barium.

In my report I suggested that krypton might later be found to be the cause of the green coloring. This has later been substantiated in releases by Drs. Nathan Sugarman, Anthony Turkevich, J.M. Seigel and others in the report on Fission Yields, etc. called, "Nuclei Formed in Fission Decay Characteristics, Fission Yields, and Chain Relationships," issued by the Plutonium Project.

The highest yield of any fission combination was in krypton and barium, with these occurring in 6 (six) out of 100 (one hundred) times.

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Also, please note that these concentrations of green coloring, due to the krypton, I think, were strong enough to be visible. This is, the green coloring which lay along the ocean for "more than 20 miles" (refer to Bikini tests,) did not dissipate itself, but remained in unamalgamated state with normal atmosphere. The "20 mile" cloud-form would have broken up into smaller

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cloud-forms, some of them ascending and others drifting in the lower air strata along the earth.

Please recall in my report that I traveled for several hours across western Oklahoma and part of the Texas Panhandle, Jan. 9, 1946, with half of the sky green to the zenith, and the other half blue. It was the eastern half of the sky.

I did not have any color film, nor even my camera with me, but this definitely occurred. (I have excellent color sense.)

The other "green sky patches" were much smaller, of course, but there were at least five occasions when the color was intense enough to be classed as a deep sea green.

I may have mentioned that after a private showing of color films of the Bikini tests by Parker Trusk of U.S. Geological Survey, who was at Bikini, I inquired as to the intensity of green coloring mentioned in reports and newscasts. I happened to be wearing a bright kelly green jacket and beret, and he said, "The color was not quite as intense as your jacket and hat, but almost."

Green was present, as well as red, orange, etc., in the actual explosion, but these particular Bikini films were cut after the showing of the ascension of the main debris column. And the green cloud-form which lay along the ocean had not been shown. However, your files would include this, I am sure. I would suggest Doctor Bradbury running this off to refresh his mind on this point.

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Now, it is not impossible that since Dr. Robley Evans, Mass. Institute

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of Technology, detected radioactivity in the Illinois wheat straw from which Eastman Kodak film-packing boxes had been made, that this particular farm-barn Willey case, may have been near the same wheat fields, or was affected at the same time..... and that due to a very slow, or almost latent, action occurring, the intensity of action has just now been reached.

Of course, I do not know. However, there may be a time factor involved on which we can now only speculate.

Refer to my communication to Dr. Bradbury and ALAS, Nov. 29, 1945, or approximately six weeks after my first observation on the green coloring in a vortex cloud-shape, that I considered that perhaps hydrogen had been affected. Also note my suggestions on possible "angle" changes in ray structures of atoms.

Now, even though I later kept considering this point until I finally decided that the green was due to krypton, and this is substantiated now, it is not impossible that hydrogen content of the atmosphere may also have been influenced. If so, this means that normal relative proportions of hydrogen may have been lessened, and that due to an "affinity" of hydrogen and oxygen, in normal moisture content of atmosphere, oxygen might also be influenced.

A period of ten, or even twenty or thirty years might have to elapse before a sufficient amount of oxygen might increase by reversion back to a state of "cosmic freedom," or initial energy, before we start dropping like flies.

However, I frankly do not think this is impossible.

I do think that Los Alamos should conduct a few concise tests on this point. Prepare small slide panel to glass enclosure, and expose

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radioactive material three to five seconds through panel, which should be located in upper half of the enclosure so as not to affect the rats too directly.

Expose film, by side arrangement, for 24 hours following.

Tests should be conducted in completely darkened room, of course.

Place both color film, and ordinary film for fission track records, should they occur.

If no record is obtained, then expose radioactive material ten or more seconds.

I have felt that some action should be obtained from hydrogen, since this is the lightest, most easily affected element. And though only .5% of total atmosphere, any effect to hydrogen might become serious.

(In other words, there is no assurance the military, or anyone, can give me that "atom bombs are over-rated," for I think we have yet to know their full measure of destruction.)

In the above suggested test, conduct in isolated concrete housing, for if actions to nitrogen occur first, we may have an explosive state. Take all possible precautions, of course.

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Referring again to the Willsey house-barn fire, some radioactive exposure may now have reached a climax, and this is not to be excluded. However, I am prone to think that it is due to a ray. Any simple heat-tube experiment will prove that exposure to vibration will be sufficient to raise the temperature of the object exposed. In the case of neon bulbs placed in front of a microwave

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agitation is sufficient to produce luminosity. Even commercial use of heat tubes is evidence enough.

Should the case be due to radioactivity, with action due to a latent effect, this would be the first case. If houses start flaming here and there over the country, Geiger counters should be placed very quickly. In fact, they should be placed in the house site right now.

Perhaps if Dr. Bradbury would telephone Dr. Enrico Fermi, he could go over from Chicago, (if he doesn't happen to be at Los Alamos now,) or contact proper persons. If any radioactive count is picked up, then we would have definite record.

If the gamma-ray^{count} would be increased sufficiently..., then, we could only cautiously wait for the next case.

However, if the gamma-ray count remains not over ten percent over normal, then an experiment should be conducted as quickly as possible.

This would be the placing of new lumber in a quickly constructed shed of any size from ten to fifteen feet. If this lumber should be influenced also, then we would have definite proof that the action is not radioactivity, but probably a ray.

However, should the lumber not be influenced this would not prove that a ray was not present, as the ray itself might be influenced to move any direction due to magnetic pulls, temperature changes, etc.

We can go on watching what occurs in other spots, and especially forest areas.

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Referring again to the rat experiment. The reason for placing the rats would be to test what length of time they could live, over normal, in an enclosure in which an action to hydrogen, oxygen or nitrogen may occur.

Another enclosure should, of course, contain other rats whose immediate atmosphere had not been exposed to radioactive material.

The Post office registry window is now closed, so I am sending this straight mail. Please be sure to make acknowledgment.

You might contact Lewis Gust, Chief Technician, AAF, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, whose name was given over the noon broadcast on this case of the Willey house. The newscast stated that ~~Smart~~ Gust (maybe Guest) had suggested the fires might be due to radio waves, or radioactivity.

Instruct him, if it is your prerogative to do so, to take it easy on the idea of radio waves as he is touching on unclassified material to:

But, at the same time, find out all you can. ENR he has placed Geiger counters today, and has gotten an increase in counts. We may publish it tomorrow. If not, send tactful suggestion to "take into specifications now" record.

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He is evidently a very smart fellow, and has his own ideas on what might occur ... but since this is a matter where you, Hanford, and the rest of the nation is involved, if it is wave action due to a ray, the War Department in Washington should be allowed sufficient time to get their charts expanded to sufficient proportions to inspire confidence in dealing with the matter.

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In other words, it will help allay fear ^{of} by the nation/believing that the War Department has been aware of this for some time, which, of course, they have. I have been informing one governmental top official or another for three years myself.

And since any announcement concerning the use of rays for experimental attack, would likely mean a declaration of war, we have to get ready before we give out too much information. But, it is certain that rays cannot continue in use without material damage.

With the world going through a stage like nothing which has gone before, my feeling has been that we should "fight as we are fought," institute a counter wave, and negate the influence of the rays.

In other words, if Russia or stray Nazis groups are responsible for the rays and their consequent aerial missiles, and take this method of "creeping up," then we should "creep" back with our counter actions.

This would nullify their efforts, and by thus "calling their hands," and meantime keeping our atomic bombs handy, we might perhaps convince the rest of the world that war cannot occur on a major scale again.

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But time grows shorter, and if we jar the nation from its tendency to stand around on one foot, waiting for attack again, we might even convince Congress again, and by acclamation appoint Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to the presidency. I am sure that if he had known that it is not going to be 20 or 25 years between wars, he would not have considered "political colorations" and other such incidental thoughts. While out in Denver, if he goes fishing a little bit further to the west, and one of our "diseas" whizzes by, he would

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realize that this matter of rays, and what they produce, is not hearsay.

Or, should he see one or two "green sky patches," he would know that Russia probably tested an atomic bomb anywhere from several hours to a few days before, depending on wind currents.^{idioey} I think it is pure ~~theory~~ not to believe that Russia gained enough information during and after the war to produce atomic bombs. And, that she probably has a sufficient ~~to~~ number to knock us off our balance, if not make a fatal attack.

I feel we are going through the same type period that we did before Pearl Harbour.

If Berlin, and the Communist infiltration^{into government} reported recently, do not open our eyes, then perhaps it might be wise for the airforce technician from Dayton, Ohio, to break anything he finds in Illinois. At least, even if it does scare the public, they will have a chance to go out and dig their own bomb shelter or cellar in the country before matters become drastic.

You can rest assured that I shall at no time give any information, ORIG FILE COPIES TO: [initials] or hint, statement or phrase, or even a nod of the head^{saying anything to any} to any person concerning any near-hits to Los Alamos, except to a general in the HQ BR^{U.S. ARMY} or commanding colonel of a base...
and then, I shall reserve whatever information doesn't concern that person.
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Meanwhile, if you have not also covered the territory around Bland, N.M., get some men up there, and make proper inquiries. Remember that natives are apt to think that Los Alamos itself has moved up one of its own bombing test sites, and any explosions, they think it is the government conducting them, as at Gallina.

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Also, meantime keep on counting your own explosion tests, and any explosions "left over" trace them through.

Recall our conversation by telephone concerning the "testing day and night" of my friend from Poajosque, who thought Los Alamos was "over-doing" their explosion tests. This was not road blasting, either, as I checked on that the first thing.

Also, look at your contour or relief maps of your section of the Jemez Range, and note that sounds, and earth vibrations can easily move down the canyon to the north of you, and arrive at Poajosque. Whereas they may be negative as far as your own mesa top and testing sites are concerned.

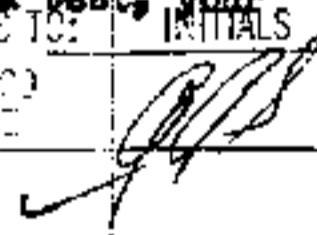
Earth vibrations, and sounds, will travel down a ridge, or on the canyon side walls, and yet, except for a little echo, the other side receives no vibration at all.

You can check this by your own testing. Those tests conducted on sites where the substructure is connected with the mesa, receive a vibration. Yet, if you move over to the opposite underground structure for a test, your spot will receive little or no vibration.

At Poajosque, all sounds and vibrations originating on any of the ridges, or canyon walls, even miles higher in ~~slope~~ the range and with 1,000 ft. or more in vertical altitude, will all travel downward to Poajosque, while you remain without cognizance of what has happened... unless the actual light and explosion is within your vision.

Your vision to the highest portions of the Jemez Range ~~is~~ cut by

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the first mountain ridge to the west of you. And, any detonations to the west of that ridge could not be seen, unless at the instant of explosion the reflected light were observed. Also, all vibrations would skirt you to the north.

(I do not think I am mistaken on the slope of that ridge, but you could check it. You see, I have spent many pleasurable hours doing nothing more than sipping my evening coffee and studying the lines of the Jemez Range from my homestead, and watching the sunsets. And years before Los Alamos came into being as a government project, I had watched the smoke rise from Los Alamos Boys School. And even once wrote a verse which began... "Spark of the atom,

Kindled to bursting,

Aflame the innermost ray... etc.)

So, having written on the probable disintegration of matter years even before _____ and other papers, that, in a particular paper on "Mathematics and Molecular Structures,"¹ Los Alamos itself is something of a living fulfillment to thoughts I had expressed in early papers. Be is the ray.)

(The ridge referred to above is the one behind the "piñon" or peak directly to the west of you.)

On the Willey house-barn case, be sure to check for any showing, no matter how slight, of any haze in the atmosphere. The "haze" may be other than radioactive.

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Since I believe that airplane motor interruptions may have occurred due to a ray, as I once mentioned to Gen. S.R. Breckinridge, AAF Material Command, Wash., D.C. in a talk at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, I think I shall write the AirForce technician, Lewis Gust, a letter. I will ask him to send you any information he may have obtained as to radioactivity, if protocol does not prevent

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him. (Personally, I think protocol should be tossed to the winds on this subject, and let every source pool their information as quickly as possible.)

I shall make it clear that I am not connected with the government, but merely have considered these subjects, collecting data, theorizing, etc.

With best regards, I am,

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Sincerely,
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cc/ Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.

Fourth U.S. Army Headquarters,

Pt. San Houston, San Antonio, Tex.

P.S. If it is not proper for me to ask any reliable source, such as the Wright Field Chief Technician, Lewis Gust, to send you a copy of information, please tell me, as you know I do not ^{forget} follow the protocol rules on this, but with me it is simply getting the information to the ~~point where it will record~~ the most good in the shortest time possible. Since he will have gained data by the time you receive this, though maybe not complete data, perhaps he could finish obtaining whatever points we may need to judge the case. If so, this will save you both time and expense. (This may not be protocol, but it sounds sensible to me.)

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General Thomas T. Handy, Gén., General,
Fourth U.S. Army Headquarters,
Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex.

Dear General Wang:

I received an acknowledgement from General H. J. Hodges
on my letter of Aug. 9, 1944 re mention of letters of July 29, and 30.

Since the subject of the forest fires in the Conroe, Tex. district and in the Alexandria, La. District, may be getting "hotter" in more ways than one, I am enclosing another carbon of a letter to Maj. Sidney Newberger, Los Alamos Project, on the subject.

And since, if the cause is a ray, it is only fair to let you know as much as possible before any "objects" like that seen by the Eastern Air Lines pilot near Montgomery, also come any nearer to you. Based on experience and observations, etc. in the North Central New Mexico district, I do believe you are subject to a "stranger showing up" without even discussing it.

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In other words, it is likely that α is near the same

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put them on now. If struck, it is possible for voltage to be carried into every outlet at your base. Every person near a bath or kitchen tap would, or might be, electrocuted.

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Just a day or so after Brig. Gen. Robert Montague, Comm. General, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, N.M. arrived for duty there, I went down to see him, and help him to place observers for certain missiles which were known to be flying in that district.

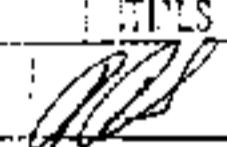
As we walked out of his office, after the talk, I noticed the water tower, and I assured him that he would be "temporarily protected" should any missiles strike, for they would be drawn toward the tower.

And truthfully, it only occurred to me a day or so ago, that the charge would be carried throughout his own base by the waterlines themselves. And electrocute whoever was near.

Since this would be true of every base whose water towers did not have sufficient lightning rod protection, I hereby suggest that you send through an urgent appeal, or command, or whatever is proper, for this to be done.

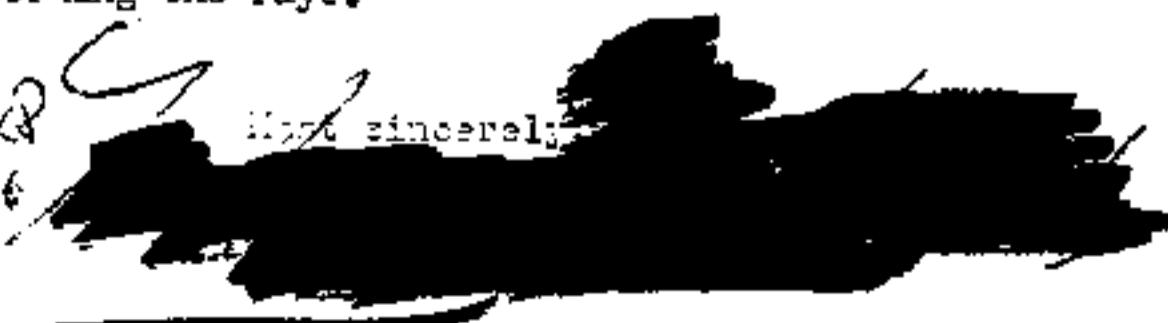
I shall write General Montague a note, but other than the White Sands, and a few other bases, I wouldn't even know who else to write, and besides it would take too long to explain why.

And since aerial missiles produced by ~~any~~ ^{any} gave ~~appeared~~ over the nation, it should be a national order.

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I noticed in the Daily Oklahoman you and General Levers were to be at Ft. Sill yesterday. I hope that Sec. of Army Kenneth Royall was present also, and that you spoke with him concerning the rays.

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Very sincerely,


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[REDACTED] Wichita Falls, Texas.

Aug. 20, 1948

Major Sidney Newberger, Security Chief,
Atomic Energy Comm., Los Alamos Project,
Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Re: SFD 3-11

Dear Newberger:

Two other items in the news appeared today which lend interest.

One is brief, but has quite a bit of significance. It is:

"State Forester James E. Nixon (maybe Nixon, but name was printed
with M,) of [REDACTED] Louisiana says he is continuing an investigation to determine if
some of the destructive forest fires in Central Louisiana were deliberately set."

The above was from the Briefly Told column of the Wichita Falls
Daily Times, Aug. 20, 1948.

Since the area near Alexandria has evidently been similar to
the Sam Houston Forest area near Conroe, Texas, with a number of fires occurring
at approximately the same time, I do believe we may have saboteurs of value here.

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As I recall, numbers of forest fires also occurred last summer
in southeast Texas, with efforts being made to find out whether saboteurs had
started the fires. This can easily be checked through the U.S. Forest Service
offices.

Also, I definitely do recall the forest fires in Washington,
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UNCLASSIFIED Now, another incident has occurred which I am checking by letter
which makes these forest fires [REDACTED] of especial interest. For, it may mean

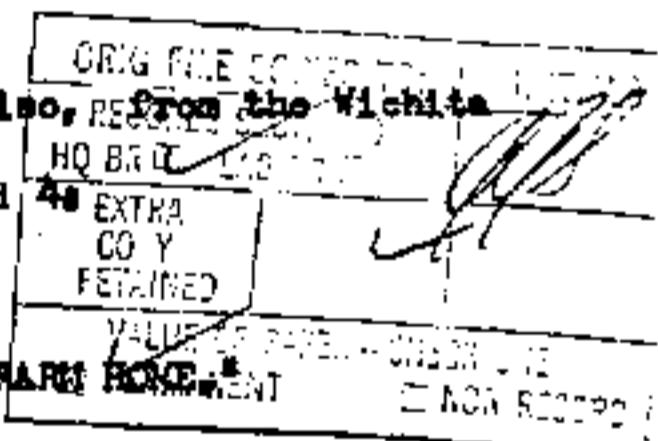
that in a stage prior to the forming of lightning, or the missile form, the wave action, if interrupted in its prime objective, is dissipated as heat waves.

This is, the vibratory action of the ray may produce simple heat, as in infrared bulbs, or heat tubes, which is short of the necessary action to create either lightning or the missile.

Thus, my previously suggested thought of using initial stages of the ray to penetrate to gas mains, and with vibratory action create heat to produce explosion by expansion of the gas, may be occurring in the cases of the forest fires.

That this may be true is important.

Now, if the Forest Service in these areas has any record of a fire occurring when no one was present, leaving all possibility as to human origin by visible matches or camp fires definitely out, and when no lightning or other action occurred.... and yet when a fire did start, we may be proving a point.

This point is suggested in the following story also, REC'D FROM THE WICHITA DAILY TIMES, AUG. 19, 1948, PART TWO, PAGE 7, COL. 1, 2, 3 AND 4. 

"EXPERTS BAFFLED BY RECURRING FIRES AT ILLINOIS FARM HOME"

MACOMB, Ill., Aug. 19. UP---- McDonough County farmers were nervous as they went about chores here, fearful that they might lose their farm homes and barns the way Charles Willey lost his.

* Willey's five-room frame house and his barn were destroyed last weekend by mysterious fires that sprang up on the walls.

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"The state deputy fire marshal, the Macomb fire chief, and an insurance broker have investigated but no one can explain the phenomenon.

"Willey's troubles began Aug. 7. Brown patches appeared on the wallpaper in the house. They spread two or three inches and then burst into flames.

"Willey and his wife, Louise, both in their 60's, put out the flames with water.

"The same thing happened the next day. Neighbors came over to watch. John Stoneking, Macomb insurance broker, investigated but no cause could be found for the fires.

"Then the fires grew in number. Nearly 200 flared up inside the house and on the porch during the week. Neighbors rallied to the Willey's aid, helping them tear the paper off the walls.

"But then the pine wallboards and laths went up in flames. One neighbor dropped a lace curtain on a bed, and returned half an hour later to find the curtain an ash.

"By this time Mr. and Mrs. Willey were frightened. So they and two children who were staying with them moved into the garage.

"Saturday morning the house burned to the ground. The Willey's were milking cows in the barnyard, the barn went up in flames.

"State Deputy Fire Marshal John Burgard, Macomb Fire Chief Fred Wilson and Stoneking examined the ruins, but were baffled.

"Willey wasn't taking any more chances. He moved out of the wooden garage, drove posts into the ground and draped a tarpaulin over them for a temporary home."

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Another short story follows, see clipping enclosed, which suggests that Nolan Mitchell of the National Bureau of Standards thought a "roach paste" used on the back of the wall paper was the cause. Such a suggestion would, in my opinion, have no basis whatsoever, since the fires reoccurred with the pine boards.

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the laths, which would not have been exposed to the wall paper, also the porch, and the barn. Also, worthy of particular note, was the lace curtain being found on ash.

I am enclosing a carbon of my inquiry to the Fire Chief, Fred Wilson,
which was written immediately after I heard a newscast the previous evening, and
on the newscast
when I had missed his name, also before the paper appeared with the enclosed clipping.

I, of course, did not mention the likelihood of a ray, but merely told him that I happened to know of a certain electrical condition of the atmosphere, and would appreciate full details.

I tried today to find a map, even a filling station map, of Illinois, but the best I could do was one showing only a part of Illinois.... and I do not have my full country and world maps here with me.... so I am at a loss to know just where this little town of Nanomb is, except that it is near Springfield, Ill. from which the news broadcast originated.

But if you have good maps handy, please see what is south of Macomb.
And should you find ~~an~~ airplane base, military headquarters, or anything of significance,
then send this case through immediately. The possibility of ~~next~~ being created is
certain, as the ray itself has a heat-tube or ultra-microwave center, viewed in a
cross-section, as previously explained, according to what I believe likely in the creation
and control of the ray and missile.

The heat stage would be the stage below, or short of, the forming of lightning of the missile, as suggested above.

Also, find out what bases might be to the right east or west of Macomb, or anywhere within an area of 100 miles. And, should any other fires have started since this story appeared, and by the time ~~the interviewee~~ contact is made, locate

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every incident, with notations as to time, nature of episode, also secure all weather conditions, temperature, barometric pressure, humidity, winds, presence or absence of storms, clouds, etc. Get definite information as to any hazy condition.

Also, secure altitude of Macomb, and general terrain, whether on open country, near mountains, plains, or lake region.

All information possible should be secured on this happening, for this may assist us in proving a point. And, if true, this point, the creation of heat sufficient to start fires, but less than the known lightning and missile-forms, then we may have explained the millions upon millions of dollars in loss to forests during the same periods that we know the missiles have occurred.

In other words, it may be the invisible stage, which I had suggested to Dr. Albert Hoyt Taylor, which is occurring in the cases of the fires.

The fire in the case of the Willey house could not be attributed to sabotage, since it was definitely observed by many persons, and the exact action as what occurred is known.

I do not think it was "roach paste" on the wall paper, nor even "spooky," which is about as sensible to me as any "phosphorous compound," which the Bureau of Standard man also suggested. There would not be any phosphorous compound in the lace curtain, nor on the porch, nor in the barn.

(Of course, the Bureau of Standard fellow, Nolan Mitchell, might consider a ray to be a "spooky" answer, and not as sensible as his own solution.... but we know our answer works, and he doesn't.... so I think the more we learn on this case, the better it will be.)

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I am sending Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Ft. Sam Houston, a copy of this letter and also, as I think that world events are marching toward a showdown, all information his offices can secure on origin of the forest fires, will help us to know what to expect in the way of heating sub-surface gas mains in communities.

We do not want to begin finding explosions of gas mains, oil refinery explosions, etc. without knowing why they are occurring.

Besides, if enough actual damage occurs, we may be seriously handicapped in case of war, and by coping with matters before they get too serious, our advantage will be augmented.

I see by my notes, that the newscast on the Willey house, also mentioned that there were no electrical connections or installations of any kind in the farm house. This detail was not mentioned in the news story, but is important as it eliminates the possibility of faulty wiring existing.

I see no harm in both your channels, and General Handy's, checking on the Willey house case. Your check will be for scientific correlation, ~~and~~ General RANDY's for War Department correlation on closeness to military objectives, and to help his own immediate situation, if a ray is being used in this section.

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Additional points may also occur to each of your offices, which would be of benefit.

With best regards, I remain, (I wish I had some of your cool air.)

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Sincerely,

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cc/ Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

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Kansas Falls, Texas

Aug. 25, 1948

Major Sidney Newberger, Security Chief,
Atomic Energy Comm., Los Alamos Project,
Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Re: SFD 3-11

Dear Newberger:

The following appeared in issue of the Daily Oklahoman,
Aug. 23, 1948, col. 8, (today's paper,) stating:

* ILLINOIS PLANS HEARING
ON STRANGE FARM FIRES

* MECOMBE, Ill., Aug 22.—John Craig, state fire marshal, said Sunday a formal fire marshal's hearing will be held here the latter part of this week to inquire into the series of mysterious fires on the Charles Willey farm 12 miles south of here.

"Members of the Willey family and several neighbors will be called to give testimony about the blazes, which began Aug. 14 with the destruction of the Willey home and included the burning of one barn August 17 and another August 19."

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The small brown spots on the walls began on Aug. 6, but this was not mentioned in the above.

(I have only one clipping, and will keep it for my files.)

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I imagine that Lewis Gust, Chief Technician AAF, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, will cover the hearing, but because he may not know what data to

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obtain on seemingly incidental points such as the presence or absence of any "name," I am writing him today, trusting that the message will arrive in time. Of course, we can pick up the information later, but time does count.

Also, those present at the hearing could collaborate on any given point.

As you know, I felt that time was of the essence long ago. Now,
I consider it too late to do anything more than for each military base and
essential center, such as Los Alamos, Oakridge, etc. and industries, as well,
to install ground lightning rods. And yet this leaves the population open.

Referring to the El Segundo, Calif. Standard Oil of Calif., tank explosion of last winter, and the May explosion of the whole refinery, (amounting in value to some millions of dollars,) it is well to remember that these are in the flight-path to the north of the probable lower California base, which I think definitely produced the missiles observed going north more than a year ago.

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What makes this case difficult is the very high probability of explosions from gas itself. And though I know every precaution is normally taken with gasoline, I have kept this case in a more or less tentative state, not classifying it either way, as without further details, I could not be sure.

However, the location of the tank and refinery were in a dangerous spot as far as a ray is concerned. And if normal heat of either the tank or refinery were raise^d/even a few degrees in temperature, explosion of the gas would result.

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Since this case would mean, if it were due to the presence of a ray, that any and every other refinery of any size could also be blown to pieces, this would measurably affect our supply of gasoline for the Armed Forces in case of "better" international developments.

We can be assured, that if a ray were involved with these explosions, that the potential enemy knows it.

And I would not be mentioning these two occurrences if I did not think there was every likelihood of a ray being responsible.

If I am correct, in considering these cases seriously, no refinery should be left unwarned by the nation's armed services.

(In other words, if we don't get action soon in instituting a counter wave, we may find ourselves seriously handicapped... and it may be too late for the counter waves, *far lightning rods.*

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Having seriously attempted to get a budget or activity to work on more than a year ago, and yet be allowed freedom to travel to any spot necessary to gain information... and finding that each department feels like a budget is something to refer onward to another department, there was nothing I could do but keep on as long as I could on my own resources, which were limited. Then, with whatever indicated the presence of a ray, make contacts by mail.

I decided that when the appropriations committee of Congress finally found out that they could "be electrocuted and blown to pieces besides," that they

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would respect anybody that could tell them what a ray is, and what it produces, woman or not.

Being a woman has had its handicap, for the normal reaction is... "Well.... you are a woman," which is evident.

Women, one would judge, has no part of the anatomy which is called a brain. And, if they exert a little mental comprehension, particularly on such subjects as math and physics, then ~~they~~ would be a "wizard," which would be in the same category as a witch on a broomstick.... something "out of this world," but not in the usual sense.

Or, a woman, particularly if having blonde hair and blue eyes, is a "seductive spy." I consider this flattery, as it means I do not look the forty years that I am.

(Personally, I consider such actual, admitted spies as the recent Elizabeth Bentley case a disgrace to the nation and to mankind. I would stand torture to death before I would utter one phrase or word which ~~I know~~ would be used against the United States of America. That this is true, ~~you yourself can~~ be a judge when I now tell you that all my field trips were made while suffering a constant, stabbing pain caused from a colic condition resulting from a severe attack of dysentery. And, that I was more often than not, without food. When necessary to reach an isolated dwelling, I climbed on up the mountain peaks and mesas, and was thankful my leg muscles, lungs and heart were sound. As you know, this was not a question of a few trips, but many. My Mother even stated, "In pain, you couldn't climb a mountain." But knowing the lives of many might depend on ^{hi} what information was to be learned, I did. And, as you know, I never ask for information, but I am the one who gives it.)

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I apologize for getting off on this personal vein. But, frankly, I have sometimes felt that if any member of the appropriations committee were fit to look at tracks where ~~Liberators~~ had walked, they would do well. This mental attitude might be any too conducive to being given an appropriation, or even back salary, but when sufficient damage occurs, no one will care whether I am a woman or not. They will merely ask "Can money stop it?"

And now I am afraid the answer is "No." I am afraid the past year counted too much.

I do want to thank you, and Colonel Gee, Finley, Zimmer, and all, for your very courteous attitude. And please know, that I know there was nothing you could do, except yourselves to send the material on to the proper authorities for consideration.

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I also say that your questions to me over the telephone during our conversations showed a very high mark of intelligence and comprehension on what was to you a new subject.

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~~the~~ ending to this letter sounds as a sort of "signing off" to these reports of cases, and points to be investigated. I do trust this is not an expression of some sort of ~~possibility~~ premonition of happenings to come. I assure you, there is no intention on my part of overlooking any case that I think should have attention.

Anyway, my best regards to you.

cc/ Gen. T.T. Handy, Comm. Gen.
P.O. Box Houston, Texas.

Most sincerely,

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Wichita Falls, Texas.

Aug., 24, 1948

General Charles P. Nandy, C.M.C., USA

Fourth U.S. Army,

P.O. Box Houston, Texas.

Re: Ray data

Dear General Nandy:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Maj. Sidney Newberger, Los Alamos, N.M. on the increase of forest fires occurring north of Houston.

Of high scientific value is the fact that these fires are sometimes recurring in immediate areas where they have thoroughly been put out. This means that the fires may be like the fires in the Charles Willey house-barn case at Masons, Ill. If so, we want to know it.

(I feel that this is probably correct, but I am not positive about it.)

I hereby ask you, and I will appreciate your doing one thing at this point, if you will assume full responsibility of placing observers in the areas where fires have re-occurred after having been put out?

These should be two or three observers near enough together that in case a fire starts smoldering, the others can be within close enough call, to get to the spot to act as added witness/that this did occur. (And, that no cigarette butts, or anything else played any part.)

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Take proper instructions to necessary Forest Service personnel and your observers that NOTHING is to be said publicly, nor information given to any other than those present, if this does occur. Above all, do not yourself indicate even to your observers that this may be a ray.... for it may mean war.

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before the War Department is ready. And, I feel there is no one day better than yourself to say this to.

Remember that this data, 12 substantiated, is just added information to what is already known, and NOT publicized, nor released to the public yet.

It is of utmost importance, however.

Remember, that our battle lines today are wherever we are. If the forest fires are due to the presence of a ray, both those in Louisiana and East Texas, then your fighting location is right at Ft. Sam Houston.

In addition to the installation of lightning rods, as previously suggested, install radar equipment if you do not already have it. If any "disc" comes within range, it will show on the screen, the same as does lightning.

If for any reason you cannot place at least two ~~radio~~ observers in the desired areas, after conference with U.S. Forest Service, ~~check one~~ determine their exact location, then place wire there ~~so you can~~. If you can place observers, no wire will be necessary. But if you are unable, then let me know as quickly as possible, so that I can make proper connection with the Naval Base at Corpus Christi. (However, since I have not been in communication with them previously, your assuming this "field duty" will be most greatly appreciated. At times like these, I am thankful I do not have to consider protocol in contacting the Army, Navy, Airforce or Atomic Energy Comm.)

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since you are evidently the target in this matter, and since I am contacting you to inform you of my own will, volition and intent, I don't see any reason why you shouldn't place observers.

(Protocol, rules and regulations, restrictions, etc. are sometimes so stringent, one doesn't know whether they are violating a rule, or not. However, I know no one could have a "monopoly" on information if a base belonging to the Army, Navy or Airforce or Atomic Energy Comm., is being subjected to attack by a ray. It would become the concern of whatever base was being attacked, or might be attacked. And even if some other branch of the government is considering the subject, there could be no purpose in "dawdling along" until atmospheric conditions are right for the base to be struck.)

Under your conditions, it may be that the presence of the ray will be manifested by the whole area's gas mains blowing up.

It may be that the actual "disc" form does not occur.

And protocol or not, I do not see any reason why you cannot correctly gain all the information possible, then let me, or the Army Kenneth Rayall make any excuses which might be necessary for staying on the Navy's territory, or the ground of the Atomic Energy Comm. It looks to be like this particular case in your business.

Thanking you for a reply to this letter on placing observers, I am,

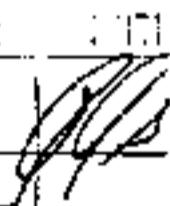
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[REDACTED] Wichita Falls, Texas.

Aug. 24, 1948

Major Sidney Newberger, Security Chief,

Atomic Energy Comm., Los Alamos Project,
Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Re: EFD 3-11

Dear Newberger:

Published in this morning's Dallas Morning News was an article with dateline of Aug. 22, on the East Texas Forest fires which have increased now to 78 (seventy-eight). (See clipping enclosed.)

In your report, please copy this in full, as the definite locations of these fires should be checked. If the action should be due to a ray, and similar to the Charles Willey house-barn fires, then every exact location should be known. It may give us data on the width of the ray.

Note that aerial observers are keeping tab on the fires, and are under the impression that incendiaries are to blame.

Check on fires occurring in this or nearby areas of about a year ago, through the U.S. Forest Service, to verify my recollection that CHECK ONE numbers of fires did occur, and were also attributed to incendiaries or saboteurs. If so, get exact locations for plotting on maps.

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(This should be done in Wash., Oregon and Calif. also, as we do know a ray was present there.)

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The recurrence of fires in the same locations suggests an action of the same type as occurred in the Willey House-barn case. Or, a continued action of the ray.

(Someone offered the suggestion in the Willey case that arson might be a factor, with the "malicious fire-bug" standing in the crowd gaining satisfaction from the attention the incident caused. Needless to say, please disregard all such "solutions," as they discounted the facts entirely, that the Willey couple themselves were the first witnesses, and they repeatedly attempted to keep the fires from burning their home. Also, it discounts the efforts of the neighbors who were also witnesses. And, the fire chief's information on just what did occur.)

In a letter to Col. Lewis Gust, AAF Chief Technician, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, I suggested that he obtain exact details on the incident of the lace window curtain in the Willey house, which was reported to "turn to an ash" in thirty minutes. This will be excellent data, for we can easily make a test with like window curtain material with ordinary heat tubes.

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I also suggested that he obtain samples of any lumber left in the vicinity, for purposes of comparative testing. Microscopic examination of these samples may prove that a heat action did occur. This is very important.

I also suggested that if he had not already done so, that he place a Geiger or other gamma-ray counter, for any possibility of radioactivity having been a factor could still be picked up from the ground itself, or the ashes of the burned house and barns.

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Knowing that you do not have field personnel immediately available, I am asking General Thomas T. Handy to assume full responsibility in placing observers on the exact locations where fires have re-occurred..... for if we can secure definite information on the breaking out of even one fire when there is no apparent cause..... then, we have proof that this is a ray action.

However, you should arrange, or suggest that it be arranged, for scientific observers to be present anywhere there is a possibility of this kind of occurrence happening.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

cc/ Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Comm. Gen.,
Fourth U.S. Army,
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: FBI Laboratory

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

Gentlemen:

Accompanying this letter is a small sample of soil. This soil was taken from a depression reputed to have been caused by a "flying saucer" described as being approximately two feet in diameter and one foot thick which supposedly settled gently to the ground, reflected to a height of about twenty feet and then continued on its journey. Although the locality was immediately covered by a large washout a heavy rain subsequently filled the depression about one-third full of water before any sample of dirt could be taken.

In an effort to approach this incident objectively to determine every possible clue, it has been deemed advisable to have this soil sample analyzed and tested. Upon inquiry, your Dayton representative stated that the FBI Laboratory would accomplish the required tests.

It is the desire of this Headquarters to ascertain, in particular, if there are traces of unusual elements or alloys adhering to the surface of the particles, or if any abnormality in structure exists showing that the soil was subjected to intense heat, gases or radio-active substances, etc. Unfortunately, in this regard, no one thought to forward a sample of the soil surrounding the depression so no comparison of soils can be made at this time. Should the subsequent test show anything unusual some arrangement could be made to procure some of the surrounding soil so that a comparative analysis could be made. The accompanying sample has not been tested by any other agency, nor will it be.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

In the event the tests show nothing warranting further investigation you may dispose of the sample. The report should be addressed to this Command marked for the attention of MCIAID-3. This Division will appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. J. H. Landman
W. R. CHURCHMAN Lt Col USAF
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Intelligence
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
1660 EAST HYDE PARK BOULEVARD
CHICAGO 15, ILLINOIS

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26 August 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Wright Patterson Airforce Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI AXO Project: Sign

1. Reference is made to letter this headquarters, subject as above, dated 17 August 1948, and telephone conversation between Major Prentiss G. Morgan, this headquarters, and Captain Ben Gordon on 22 August 1948.

2. Attached are samples of (gravel and dirt) taken from a depression made by an unknown object near Hamel, Minnesota on 20 August 1948. Also inclosed are four (4) photographs and negatives of the same area before samples had been removed.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

William B. Allison

WILLIAM B. ALLISON
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Executive Officer - G-2

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Sample/gravel & dirt
4 Photos & Negs.

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Commanding Officer
March Air Force Base
Riverside, California
ATTENTION: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Tactical Command units by Eq USAF, in letter dated 6 February 1948.
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2. Reference is made to attached teletypes dated 31 Aug 1948 and 1 September 1948 concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object by S/Sgt [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Public Information Office.
3. It is requested your office interview the above and obtain a signed graphic statement as to what he observed. This statement should include the facts as itemized in teletype dated 31 August, i. e., location, date and time of sighting, weather conditions at the time, names, occupations and addresses of witnesses (if any), photographs or sketches, construction, number, shape, size, color, speed, in what part of the sky first observed, direction, manner of disappearance, maneuverability, altitude, sound, exhaust trail, odor, effect on clouds and diagram of flight pattern (if any). Since, in this case, no photographs are available, it is desired that the witness sketch the configuration to the best of his ability and submit this as an attachment to his signed statement.
4. In connection with the above, request that
- a. Local teletype sequence of weather conditions and the Winds Aloft Report at the time of the sighting be obtained.
 - b. Local flight schedules of commercial and military aircraft flying in the vicinity at the time be checked.

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c. Possible releases of testing devices sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Army, Air Forces, Weather Bureau, Research Organizations or any other, in the vicinity be investigated.

5. All material will be forwarded directly to Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention: MCI, in accordance with USAF letter dated 26 February 1948.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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 2. Gy teletype dtd 1 Sept 48

J. J. Haugan, Jr.
E. M. McCOY Lt Col, USAF
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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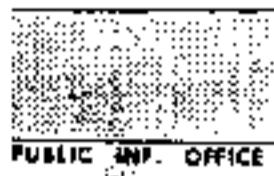
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Project "SIGN"

Mid-Michigan Procurement Field Office
1206 Santeet St
Box J 549, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles 54, California
ATTN: Mr. William G. Sproull

1. This Command is currently engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.
2. Reference is made to enclosed letter from Henry Glover, 8531 Verial Ave., Canoga Park, California, to Air Materiel Command, 13 Aug 1948, concerning an object observed in Van Nuys, California.
3. It is requested that Mr. ~~Smith~~ be interviewed and that a signed graphic statement be obtained. This statement should indicate the following salient factors: location, date and time of sighting, weather existing at the time, names, occupations and addresses of witnesses, photographs or sketches, construction, number, shape, size, color, speed, maneuverability (tactics), altitude, sound, exhaust trail, odor, effect on clouds, diagram of flight pattern (if any), whether luminous or incandescent or if the object(s) appeared to be carrying lights.
4. In connection with this investigation, request that
 - a. Local teletype sequence of weather conditions and the Winds Aloft Report at the time of the sighting be obtained.
 - b. Local flight schedules of commercial and military aircraft flying in the vicinity at the time be checked.
 - c. Possible releases of testing devices sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Army, Air Forces, Weather Bureau, Research Organizations, or any other, in the vicinity, be investigated.
5. It is requested that personnel be convinced of the necessity of avoiding publicity in relation to this investigation and that it be considered "Confidential".

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6. All material will be forwarded directly to Commanding General,
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Air Materiel Command
Wright Field, Ohio

13 Aug 48

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF STRANGE OBJECT IN FLIGER

On the evening of 22 July 48 my wife and I were having dinner in the patio of an open air market in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange object in the sky almost directly overhead.

Description. It appeared to be round and probably spherical. At first it appeared to be a weather balloon at about 2000 feet but there was none of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground in fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching it a while I concluded that whatever it was was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more. The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 60 degrees an hour after dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly toward the sun.

Very truly yours,

West. Over-Ran

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