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3. SOURCE 1311tary 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	NATURE HALLOON Rawdinsondo balloon released from Long NFB at 1925 hours. Investigated and determined object to be randmoonde balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Orough-Visual 7. COURSE North	Four airmen observed a whitish light traveling in H direction lineavers consisted of moving very erratically, stopping, stortlar up and down, fading very slowly in a spiraling motion.
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WASHINGTON

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

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2 November 1953

SUBJECT:

Rawinsonde Balloon Reported as Unidentified Aerial Object Lowry Air Force Base 1935 hours, 19 October 1953 SPECIAL INQUIRY (Aerial Object)

TO:

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

- 1. Attached for your information is one (1) copy of report of investigation by Special Agent CHESTER A. CUMMINS, 14th OSI District, file 24-155, dated 31 October 1953, subject as above.
- 2. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 14th CSI District, Lowry Air Force Base, predicated upon information received from the Airdrome Officer on 19 October 1953 to the effect that four (4) airmen had reported an unidentified aerial object over Lowry AFB at approximately 1935 hours, 19 October 1953.
- 3. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the 14th OSI District are considered closed.

4. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit release of classified information to unauthorized persons.

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cc: Dir. OSI w/o incl DO #14 (24-155) w/o incl GECYCE T. KOCH, JR

Major, USAF

District Commander

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SYNOPSIS

Attention is invited to per 16, AFR 205-6, dated 1 Sep 30. which probables the discioners or investigative information to their period persons.

Investigation initiated by District Commander. Four airmen reported unidentified serial object over Lowry AFB to the Airdrone Officer at approximately 1935 hours, 19 October 1953. Statements obtained from airmen reflect they saw a light moving erratically agross the sky. Light was visible approximately ten to twelve minutes and turned alternately bright white and yellowish, and was moving from a southerly direction across Lowry AFB. Light circular in shape and emitted no sound. Radiosonde Section of the 11-4 Weather Detachment confirmed releasing a Rawinsonde Balloon over Lowry AFB at 1928 hours, 19 October 1953, to which was attached a light for tracking purposes. Radiosonde Section released another belloom at 0100 hours 20 October 1953, which was observed and had characteristics of reported object. Wing A-8 Officer, Lowry AFB, personally advised of inclosed information.

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DETAILS

- 1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, predicated upon information received from the Airdrene Officer on 19 October 1983 to the effect that four nimes had reported as unidentified serial object over lowey AFB, at approximately 1938 hours, 19 October 1983.
- 2. This investigation was conducted by Special Agents JOHN G. CAMPBELL and Off G. Batts.

AT LOWER AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

3. At 2023 hours, 19 October 1953, Special Agent CAMPBALL, Duty Agent, received a telephone cell from lat Lt LADMARD L. ABART, AD 784283, 3415th Air Dase Group, Airdress Officer.on 19 October 1953, in which he stated that four airmen had reported to him that they had seen a flying saucer at 1935 hours this date. It abart furnished Special Agent CAMPBALL with notes he had taken from the sirmen which included their names, ranks, sarial numbers and organizations. Excepts from these notes are as follows:

"AVB DAVID C. POWER, AF 18 405 619, 5487th Student Squadron

A/30 James S. ANTRIM, AT 10 469 398 3437th Student Squadron

A/30 AUGUST L. VAN SICILIN, JR., AF 29 651 255

A/36 WILLIAM C. JONES, AF 13 435 727

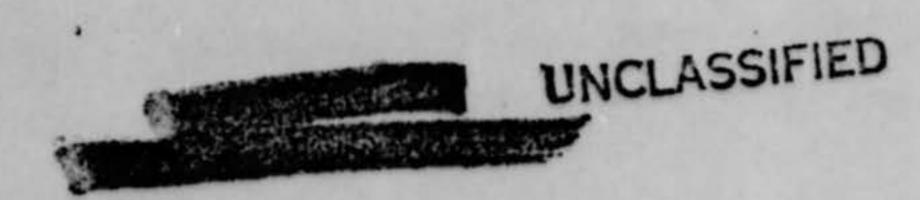
"Airman Johas sighted first while mulking alone. Saw other three motioning toward object. All four got together and watched. Object (light) moving
year errationally, storping, starting up and down, fading very slowly, visible
for approximately five minutes while light bright and yellowish. Then first
sighted was extremely bright, north of Lowry A and below clouds. Object
atopped and howered. Seemed to make very slight sevement. Appeared to be quite
low over Lowry moving in northerly direction. No definite shape, just a light
which did not change shape. Last saw object disappear to Northeast. Upward
spiral noted when disappeared. Moved straight norms sky."

4. At approximately 2250 hours, 13 October 1953, the above airmen were summaned to the OSI office where they executed statements setting forth their recollection of the incident. The body of these statements are set forth verbatin herewith:

Statement of A/B PONIE:

"Lowry AFB, Colorado 19 October 1953

"I, DAVID S. POWAR, A/B, AF 18, 403, 619, 3427th Student Squadron, Lowry AFS, Colorado, bereby state that JOHN G. CAMPBELL has identified himself to be





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as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigation, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following utatement without having been subjected to any operation, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement, and without any promise of reward, benefit or any immunity having been made to me:

"At approximately 1940 hours 19 October 1953 Airman Jan 23 8. ANTRIM came into the Lowey & cufrieria and asked me to come outside and he had comething for me to see before it jot away. I went outside and Airman Van Sichia was pointing up into the sky and I looked up and saw what appeared to be a light below the chouds which were at about 15-30,000 feet. The light Looked at first like a distust sharp, clear street light, of a whitish color with a slight rellevish cost. It did not flisher or shimmer but recained a steady light. It looked very tiny but very clear and very bright but appeared to be at a tremendous distance. It appeared to be moving very slowing in an approximate morthorly direction from a southerly-southeast direction. The light appeared to vanish at about 70-80 degrees elevation when figuring 90 degrees us being directly overhead. It appeared to be following a spiraling course, not a herd planted spiral but one more of a haphazard drifting apiral without direction. It appeared to remain in a small sestion of the sky before it disappeared, fading clowly from view. I observed no violent jerks only a mild wobbling. I heard no sound wintecover and did not cast any light on the ground. I saw the light for approximately four minutes myself. I did not see any semblance of shape but it appeared to be an aircraft light in intensity and brilliance but much menllar. I saw no other stars to the particular area of sky in which the objust was, there appeared to be depth to the light leasuneh as it did not vary in brilliance when passing clouds soudded over it. I do not think it was a star or an nirplane. The sky man broken with clouds drifting about; the moon was brilliant and appeared to be due southwest of the object at a 75-30 degree alayation.

"I am 13 years of age and have been in the USAF since March 1953 studying comern repair and electronies.

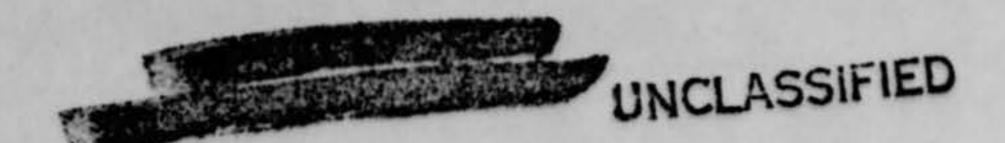
"I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all the pages and corrections and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

/s/ David S. Power AF12403519

[Addresses]

Subscribed and sworm to before me, a person authorized by law to administer outhe, this 19th day of October 1953 at Lowry AF3, Coloredo.

(Signature of person administering outh JOHN G. CAMPRILL, 3/A, OSI, USAF (19)**





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Statement of A/30 ANTRINS

DSTALLS (cout'd):

"Lowry Alr Force Base, Colorado 19 Ostober 1953

"I, James S. ANTRIM, A SC, AF 19489 398, 3427th Student Squadron, lawry AFB, Colorado, hereby state that JOHN S. CAMPBELL has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following atatement without having been subjected to any operation, unlawful influence or unlawful induspment, and without any promise of reward, benefit, or any immunity having been made to me:

"I was lawying the Sarvice Club at Lowry .3, Coloredo, with A W/C VAN SICLIN at about 1930 hours 19 October 1963 when Van SICLEN pointed a light in the sky out to me. The light was to the last of the moon and below it. The moon was already part may up in the sky but it masn't fully risen. I thought that the light looked like as airplane light but them it dammed on me that airplane lights blink and this was a stemmy light, kind of a yallowish-white. The light appeared to travel at a repid appead toward the north. I don't have any idea as to the actual height of the light or its speed. The light slowed down and came to s complete stop to the left and above the moon, but didn't erose the moon where we could get a glimpse of what it was. It made a sort of half circle I don't recall which direction, but started north-east and then gained altitude in a spireling motion and kept in that motion until it faded out of sigis. It stayed altogether in our sight about 10 or 13 minutes from the time we first saw it until it disappoured. The condition of the may mee light cloudy with many clear patches of sig. I didn't beer any sound at all from the object and did not send any light to the ground. All it looked like to me mue just a blob of light but I can't account for what it was, I'm pretty sure it wasn't an airplane though. While as bester betting the light another dimen named Johns wilked by and asked us that we were looking it and we told him the light up in the sky. He said that he saw the same light come over the horizon and had followed it with his eyes to its present position. I went and got Airman Fortal from the curatoria during time we first saw the light and be joined us in matching it and called the Airdress Officer and reported it after it disappeared.

"I om 17 years of age and have been in the USAF since April 1955 and have

"I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all the pages and corrections and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

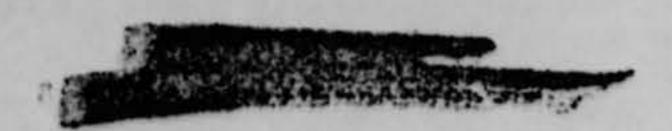
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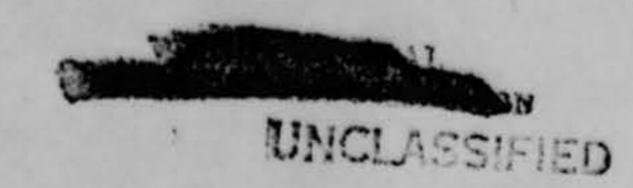
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Lowry AFB Denver, Cole



DETAILES (cont'd):



" Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th Day of October, 1953, at Lowry AFB, Colorado, a person authorized by law to administer oaths.

Signature of person administering oath SCHN O. GAMBESILL Special Rent, OSI, MARY (IG) "

Statement of A/3C VAN SIGLES JR.:

"LORRY AIR FORCE BASS, COLUMNO 19 October 1953

"I, Almand L. Vall STOLLEN, A 30, AF 28651265, 5481st Student Squadron, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, hereby state that John G. C. Braill has identified himself to me as a Special agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement, and without any promise of roward, benefit or any immunity having been made to me:

"As approximately 1935 hours 19 Oct 53 I came out offervice Club 3 at Lowry Ala 3 out of the door facing south. As I came out I looked up toward the aky and new a bright object which looked to be a very bright star which was mounting into the sky. I thought it was moving because I was moving but when I mentioned it to my buddy, A 30 JAMAS ANTRIM he said to stop and see if it still moved. We stopped and it kept moving. We watched the object and it mounted to a point where it appeared to be directly above us at which time the object stopped and just stayed where it was. As we metened the object for a fow minutes it began to move again slowly in a pertheenterly direction and then it stopped namia and a 30 ANTRIM ron over to the careteria and got Alrean FOWERS out to look at it. We all looked at the object for a few minutes while the oblook moved erretically around and them it started to elimb. At about this time another Alman whom I believe to be named Johlif owns up to us and asked us if we were looking at the object at which he was looking and we realisd that we were. We mutched the object until it finally disappoured from sight straight up in the air. Bafare it did disappear however, it did some tricky maneuvering in the sky. I blinked by eyes as it started to disappear and then looked at the object again at which time it appeared to be two objects but as my syss refocused on the object I could see that it was just one. The color of the object appeared to be a white light. I did not hear any sound whatsoever and I have no idea as to the beight of the object in the sky but it was high and it was in the aky. It did not appear to be leaving any trails and I could not see the any detall of the object as to its outline, shape or form. Altogether the object stayed in the vicinity oleven minutes. The time I know because I shocked my match when I first saw the object and when it disappeared from my view. The object did not appear to shed any light on the ground or buildings. The sky



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was clear at the time and the moon was in the process of rising as I do not recall that it was high in the sky at the time. After the object disappeared to the north, apparently straight up in the sky, Aimsa Manit called the Air-drome Officer and reported what we had seen.

"I am 13 years of age and have been in the USAF since March 1953 atudying

electronics.

"I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all the pages and corrections and sighed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

/n/ Andrew L Van Stolen Sr A/3e (Signature) 28651265

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Subscribed and sworm to before me, a person authorized by law to administer cathe, this 19th day of October 1955 at Lowry AFB, Colo

John G. Campbell

JOHN G. CAMPBELL, S/A OSI, (IG) USAF

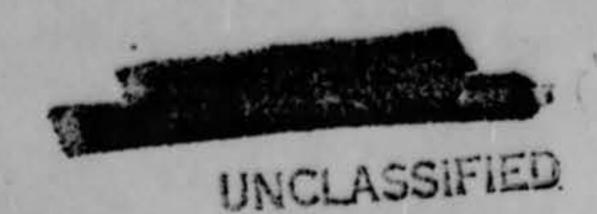
Statement of A/30 JONAS:

"Lowry AFB, Colorado

"I, WILLIM C. JONES, A 50, AF 13 433 727, S430th Student Squadron, Loury AFS, Colorado hereby state that JOHN G. CAMPBELL has identified himself to me us a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any operation, unlawful influence of ujlauful inducement and without any promise of reward, benefit, or any insunity having been made to me:

Int agree from the dervice Club, only on the far and of the parking lot, the southern and of it. I was walking dast and just above the horizon I saw a whitish-yellow light which appeared to get brighter as it got closer and appeared to come toward me at a rather rapid speed. I natched it as I walked fast and then turned north by the flase Theatre #2 and before I got to the Theatre the object appeared to be very bright and appeared to stand stationary above me, and then as I started to walk off the light suddenly took off from a standstill, moving alowly, gained speed and then stopped dead. It appeared to make a plight team to the South. When the light first stopped in the sky I cassaupon Airman Antria, VAN SIGHEN and FOWER also watching the object. I noticed that the light appeared to move in a spiraling motion, a sig-sagging Fancuyer when it moved toward me when I first saw it. I didn't hear any noise whatsoever. The sky was cloudy with some broken places and the mone while not bright was "blurry".





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The light did not send any light to the ground and when it disappeared it appear ed to fade away as itappeared to rise. I don't believe it was an airplane or star nor did I see any stare in the same place I saw the light.

"I am 18 years of age and have been in the USAF since September 1958 and am studying weapons-mechanics.

"I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all the pages and corrections and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

/s/ A/3G William C Jones

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Subscribed and aworn to before me a person authorized by law to administer outhe, this 19th day of October 1983 at Lowry AFB, Colorado.

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5. At 0100 hours, 30 October 1953, Special Agent CAAPSAL telephonically contacted the immissance Section, 11-4 Weather Detechment, Lowry AF Date, to assertain whether they released a weather balloon. A/13 ROBERT BOGAM, AF 13 364 471, on duty at the Endiceonde Section, advised that at 1928 hours, 19 October 1953, Rawinsonde balloon with a rellowish light hanging from it for tracking purposes was sent up from the South part of Lowry AF Base. In addition, HOGAN stated that another balloon had just been sent up. Special Agent CALPESEL went outside the building and saw a flickering whitish light high in the sky in the Northwest area. It too appeared to change color slightly and to gyrate about the sky in a small area. CAMPESEL called the weather station for a bearing and they confirmed his observation as to the light being that attached to the balloon.

6. On 20 October 1953, Special Agent OTF G. Batts personally advised Captain Wallack L. CRISWELL, AD 228078, A-3, 3415th Technical Training Wing, of the information possessed by this office.

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