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HEADQUARTERS, 2102D AIR WEATHER GROUP, Mitchel Air Force Base, Mitchel Field, . New York., 15 December 1948.

To: Commanding Officer, Newark Air Force Base, Newark, New Jersey. ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer.

- 1. Reference paragraph 4 of basic correspondence. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer, Newark AFB conduct the interview and investigation and forward all data directly to Commanding General, AMC, ATTN: MCIAXO-3, as outlined in paragraph 5, basic letter.
- 2. Original letter reporting sighting of "flying disc" at Newark AFB on 8 November 1948 was submitted by 1st Lt. The Newark AFB on 9 November 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ARTHUR N. ANDERSON.

Major, USAF,

Executive Officer.

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HQ, 2231st AF Raserve Training Center, Newark Municipal Airport, Newark 5, New Jersey, 29 December 1948.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio, Attn: MCIAKO-3.

Attached herewith completed investigation requested in basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl 1: n/c

Lt. Colonel, USAF

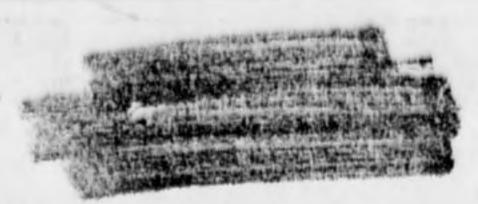
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AND, 52D FIGHTER WING, ALL WEATHER, MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE, MITCHEL FIELD, M.Y. To: Commanding Officer, 2102nd Air Weather Group, Mitchel AF Base, W. M.

- 1. For necessary action in view of inclosure #1.
- 2. Direct communication between your headquarters and Headquarters, Air Materiel Command is authorized on this matter.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL TATES:

l Incl: Message from AMC J. E. WARREN Capt. USAF

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

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NOV 29 1948

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 1519442 from Mitchel Field to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, regarding sighting 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 phenomena.
- 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: MCIAXO-3.

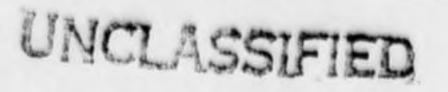
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Chief, Intelligence Department

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Air Defense Command
Mitchel AF Base
Mitchel Pld, N. Y.
ATTN: 52d AACS Gp. Hempstead
L. I., N.Y.

Co. A. GRIFFITH Chief, Operations Section

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52D FIGHTER WING, ALL WEATHER
Mitchel Air Force Base
Mitchel Field, N. Y.

10 December 1948

SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

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

ATTM: Chief, Intelligence Department

Reference latter your headquarters, subject as above, dated 29 November 1948 together with TWX #AT 5191, dated 9 December 1948. This matter has been referred to the CO, 2102nd Air Weather Group, this station, for necessary action inasmuch as subject report was originally submitted by them.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. E. WARRENT Capt. USAF Asst Adjutant ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

PROJECT "SIGN"

- 1. Date of Sighting: 8 November 1946.
- 2. Time of Sighting: 1850 hours.
- 3. Where Sighted:
 - a(1) Newark, New Jersey
 - a(2) Approximately three (3) miles southeast of downtown section of Newark
 - a(3) South side of Hangar #7, Newark Air Base
 - a(4) Latitude 40° 42 min. north Longitude 74º 10 min. west
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Not applicable.
- 4. Number of objects: Single object.
- 5. Distance of object from observer:
 - a, Horizontally
 - b. 45° above the horizon
 - c. Five to six thousand feet
- 6. Time in sight: A second or less.
- 7. Appearance of object:
 - a. Pale luminous object about one third the brightness of a bright moon.
 - b. Perfectly round in shape.
 - c. solid object.
 - d(1) About the same diameter of the moon.
 - d(2) Flat, with little or no depth DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.

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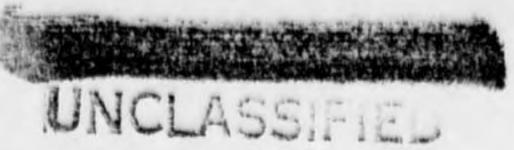




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- 8. Direction of Flight: Object appeared in an arc from the north west toward the south south-east.
- 9. Tactics or maneuvers: None. Comparatively horizontal course.
- 10. Evidence of exhaust:
 - a. None
 - b. Could not determine
 - c. No re
 - d. None
 - e. There was no sound
- 11. Effect on clouds: There were no clouds.
- 12. Lights:
 - a. None
 - b. Object appeared to be luminous
 - c. Maintained steady luminosity.
- 13. Support: Not applicable.
- 14. Propulsion: No visible means of propulsion.
- 15. Control and Stability:
 - a. None
 - b(1) None
 - b(2) Solid disc-like object
 - b(3) Not applicable
- 16. Air ducts: None visible.
- 17. Speed: Estimated to be going about 800 mph.
- 18. Sourd: There was no sound.





- 19. Was any radio antenna to be observed: No.
- 20. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind hangar immediately in front of the observer.

Relative to the Observer

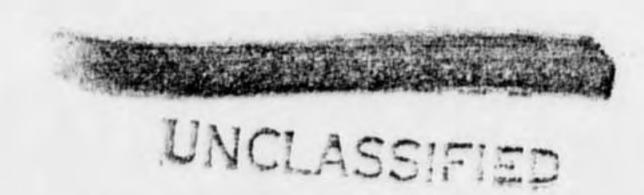
- 1. Name:
- 2. Address: Alexander and Alexander
- 3. Occupation: Civilian Dispatcher.
- 4. Place of business: 2231st AFRTC, Newark Muricipal Airport, Newark 5, N. J. (Civilian employee).
- 5. Hobbies: Regular participant in Reserve flying activities.
- 6. a. Excellent
 - b. Excellent
 - c. Excellent
- 7. Mr. is a very reliable employee.
- 8. a. Not applicable.
 - b. How attention was drawn to object: Preparing to scan the sky when object appeared from the position it started, and followed it through in the arc of motion.
- 9. Witnesses: Observer inquired from the tower, but they did not notice or sight anything unusual. There were only two men on actual duty and they reported that it was a slow night. Air traffic at that particular time was very slow.
- 10. Mr. Tis a highly intelligent individual, of excellent character.

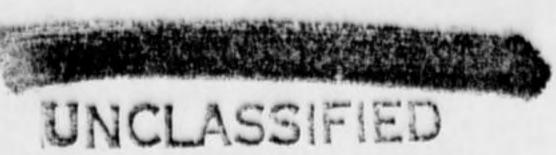
Relative to Radar Sightings

Not applicable.

General

- 1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions. Inclosure #1.
- 2. Winds aloft report. Inclosure #2.





- 3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time: None reported.
- 4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: None reported.
- 5. Not applicable.

- 6. Not applicable.
- 7. Not applicable.
- 8. Signed statement. Inclosure #3.
- 9. Not applicable.



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Incident #202 -- Newark AF Base, New Jersey -- 8 November 1948

In everything but the luminosity, the object reported here answers to the description of a slow-moving firebull. Since it was in sight "one second or less," the first quarter mean and, presumally, the lights of the city and the airport, providing background and foreground illumination, may have tended to diminish the brilliance of the object. The time of day was most propitious for a slow-moving moteor. The contest a more likely explanation is forther ing, this incident can be tentatively ascribed to the flight of a fireball.



THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE SECUENCE REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AT NEWARK AFB WEATHER STATION AT THE TIMES INDICATED:

8 NOV 48 -- 1730E -0/5K 281/55/43158/035

8 NOV 48 18308 -0/6K 284/52/4219/936

1930E -0/8 274/49/40218/033

CERTIFIED CORRECT ACCORDING TO RECORDS OF THIS WEATHER

STATION:

THOMAS J. HEAVEN, JR. J. J. STATION WEATHER OFFICER

THE FOLLOWING WINDS ALOFT REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AT NEWARK ON 8 NOVEMBER; 1948:

TIME	ALTITUDE	DIRECTION	SPEED (MILES/HR)
1560Z(1000E)	4900 FT MSL 6900 " " 8300 " " 13090 " "	280 DEG 280 " 280 " 250 "	1-3 8-12 13-18 1.9-24
0900Z(0400E)	2000 FT MSL 4000 " " 6000 " " 8000 " "	320 DEG 300 " 290 " 290 " 280 "	13-1.8 19-25 25-31 32-38 39-46

CERTIFIED CORRECT ACCORDING TO RECORDS OF THIS

WEATHER STATION:

THOMAS J. HRAVEY, JR.

LST LT., USAF

STATION WEATHER OFFICER



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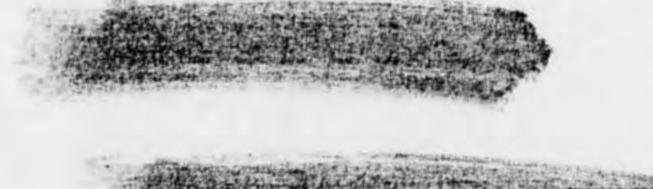
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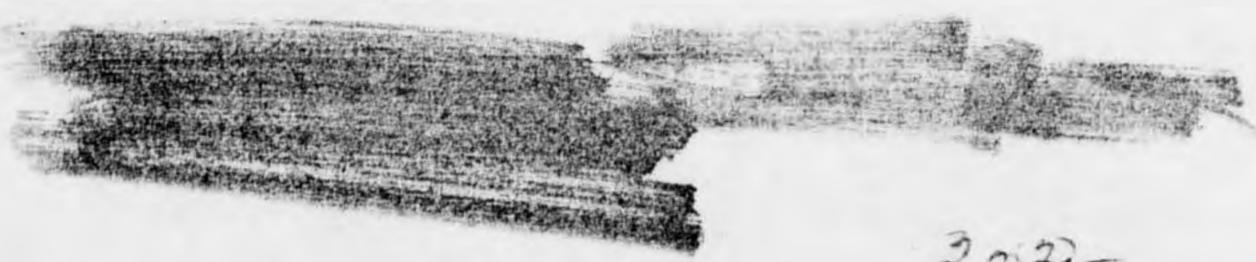
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INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

- a. Eigh probability:

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 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,

 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,

 219, 238.
- b. Fair or low probability: #19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 35, 46, 50, 63, 67, 86, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Hon-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

- 8. Balloons or ordinary aircraft: #3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.
- b. Rookets, flares or falling bodies:

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- c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.): #39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

E. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

- Lack of evidence precludes explanation: #38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.
- b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

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 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,

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HEADQUARTERS . AIR WHATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base Hashington 25, D. C.

In Reply Rafor To: AMS DSS

11 Pay 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO : Commanding General Air Lateriel Command Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Daytor, Chio ATTN: MCIAXO-3

- 1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, iCIAKS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.
- 2. The Incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.
- 3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that wertical and horigontul motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is apecified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Rolative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR ME CHIEF, AIR WEATHER STRAIGE

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1 - Incident Summaries

2 - Comments 173 thru 233

/s/ W. A. Mest W. A. WEST Lt. Col., USAP Adjutant General

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No. 202; Time of sighting was five hours after last scheduled release time for any rawin or pilot balloon sounding, thus discounting a balloon leak, would put it far too high for easy sighting. Definitely not a weather balloon.

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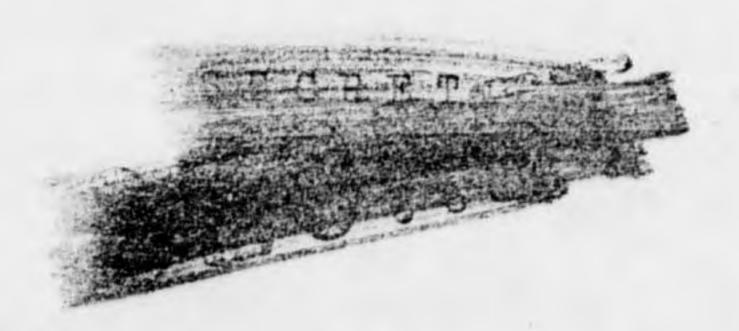
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Mr is a very reliable employee, highly intelligent and of excellent character.

There were no reports of commercial, private and military craft flying in the vicinity at the time.

No reports were received relative to possible releases of testing devices in the vicinity.

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- 1. Date and Time of Observation: 8 Nov 48 1850 EST
- 2. Where Sighted: Newark AF Base, Newark, N. J. 40° 42' N 74° 10' W
- Observer's Position: ground
 (i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
- 4. Name and Address of Observer: Jamaica, Long Island
- 5. Occupation and/or hobbies: Civilian Dispatcher, Newark AF Base. Regular participant in Reserve flying activities. Former Capt, USAFR.
- 6. Attention Attracted by: Was preparing to scan the sky when object was observed
- 7. Number of Object(s) Seen: 1
- S. Size of Object(s): Same relative diameter as the moon but with little or no depth (thickness)
- 9. Color of Object(s): pale luminous 1/3 brightness of moon
- 10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) disc round with little or nor depth
- 11. Nature of Luminosity: Appeared as lumihous object (directed beam of light?)
- 12. Altitude of Object: 5,000 to 6,000 ft (estimated)
- 13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: Appeared at 457 angle above horizon.
- 14. Estimated Speed of Object: 800 MPH
- 15. Time in Sight: one second or less
- 16. Tactics: made arc toward south southeast performed comparatively horizontal flight
- 17. Sound Made by Object(s): no sound
- 18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) south southeast
- 19. Apparent Construction: N/S luminous
- 20. Effect on Clouds: N/S
- 21. Exhaust Trail (Color of): N/C
- 22. Monner of Disappearance: Tisc Passed out of sight over another hangar.
- 23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: Moonlit night clear
- 24. Peculiarities Noted: Object seemed to have no depth and maintained a steady luminosity
- 25. Summary of Incident: (over)
 (See attached page)

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TO AMC WPAFB ATTENTION MCIAXO-3
CITE 2102 AWD 424

REPORT OF INFORMATION OF FLYING DISC. LOCATION, NEWARK, NEXCONSTRUCK AFB, NJ. TIME, 1850 EST, 8 NOV 48.

WEATHER, CLEAR.

OBJECT SIGHTED: ONE; ROUND, LUMINOUS, ONE THIRD BRIGHTNESS OF MOON, LITTLE OR NO DEPTH, TRAVELED FROM NORTH NORTHWEST IN ARC TO SOUTH SOUTHEAST, APPROX 800 MPH, ALTITUDE XXXXXXX ESTIMATED 5,000 to 6,000 FT., NO SOUND.

LETTER TO FOLLOW.

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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 Ceneral Air Material Command Wright-Fatterson AFB Dayton, Ohio . ATTN: MCIAXO-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 1943, is forwarded.
- 2. The following additional information was dotermined in an interview between the Station leather Officer, the Officer of the Day and and at Newark AFB on 9 November 1943;
- a. Mr. alapatcher, was on duty in the operations section, Newark AFB, on 3 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. We correboration of Mr. report could be obtained. However, Newark AFB is normally almost deserted after 1300 hours daily and there were few personnel who might have seen this phenomena,

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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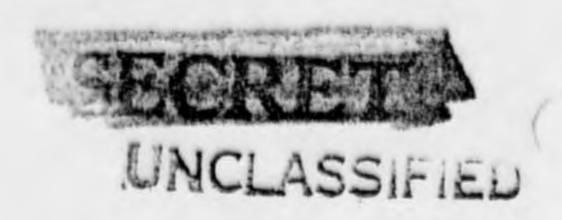
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AFGRUE V. Anderson, Major, UsaF, Executive officer.

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STATEMENT

9 November 1948

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