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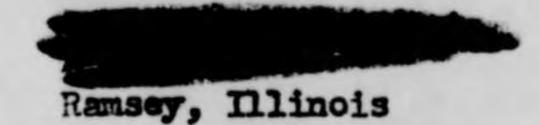
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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS	
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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND EN-VELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, A I R MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOL-LOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE DAYTON, OHIO



Dear Mis

Receipt of your letter dated September 10, 1951is hereby acknowledged.

Your letter will be forwarded to the office interested in these matters.

If further information is desired you will be contacted.

Your action in writing this Command is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BRYAN L. DAVIS Colonel, USAF

Air Adjutant General

September Ioth , 1951.

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Strange Object in Sky Baffles Local Airmen

Thursday, August 30, 1951.

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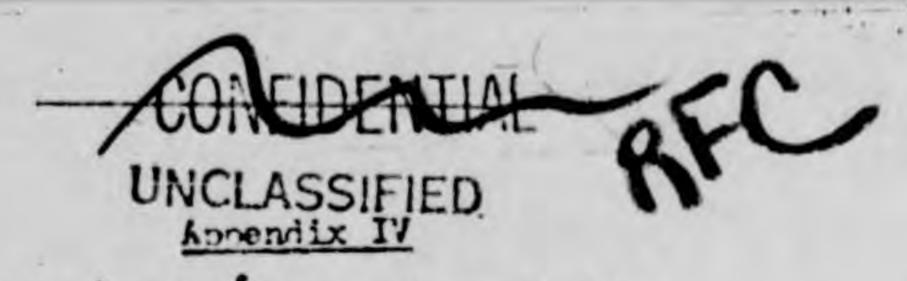
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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 27 Aug 51

TIME (Local): 2000

LOCATION: Vandalia, Ill.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUNDYone

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Varied

SOURCE: Commercial pilots and Ground Obs.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No further investigation. . No conclusions .

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Bright orange light seen from the ground and again from two aircraft.