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Hq, 317th ORC Composite Gp c/o Office Instructor, ORC Charlotte OM Depot Charlotte, N. C.

15 April 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Hq, Third Army, Att. AC of S, G-2

1. The following report submitted in accordance with Ltr., iq, Third Army, AJACI-452.1 General, 1 April 1948. The undersigned neard of a sighting of an unconventional aircraft, investigated, and submits herswith the following information:

- a. Signted at belmont, N. C., march 3, 1948 at 1100 hours.
- b. Meather clear, visibility excellent, few small scattered fleecy white clouds.
- Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.

  Mr. Mr. Gastonia Electric Co.,

  Gastonia, N. C.
- d. No photographs.
- 3. Object sighted:

(1) one

(2) Round-not able to determine whether disc or sphere.

(3) Size-not able to estimate except that apparent size from ground about that of small coin.

(4) Color-bright or silver, reflected sunlight, but no

flicker, steady reflection.

(5) Speed-estimated a bit faster than jet type airplane, that witness has seen, or about 600 miles per hour. Nitness was able to observe very fast speed in relation to a small cloud, behind which object disappeared. Seen for about 10 seconds.

(6) Heading-easterly.

- (7) Maneuverability-object moved in straight line at constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction.
- . (8) Mititude-unable to estimate, but above clouds.

(9). Sound-no sound of any kind.

(10) No exhaust trail or any other phenomenon connected.

2. The undersigned talked to Mr. the part of the other witnesses. Mr. This a man of excellent character and reputation, a first grade engineer, and employee of Duke Power Co. for some 30 years. He is known to the undersigned thru mutual close friend to whome he is related. He impressed the undersigned as being conservative and sound and is a technical man with a very technical and responsible position. Was employed by the government during war in some work of a technical and classified nature.

does not claim that he and other witnesses saw a "flying disc". He merely claims that they saw an object which they could not identify with any natural phenomenon or known type of aircraft. In was quite sure in his own mind that it did not resemble any conventional aircraft, that it was "a round metallic appearing object, moving very rapidly." He states that there is absolutely no doubt in his mind or that of the other two witnesses that they saw something very clearly of the above description, and that they all watched it for some ten seconds until it disappeared behind a small cloud.

- further information that may be desired, but believes the above contains all the information which he can give as to the object itself. The exact location from which the witnesses sighted the object can be obtained as the three were working on a power line at the time and have a detailed diagram of their exact position.
- 4. Further information concerning Mr. and Mr. could not doubt be obtained from the Personnel Dept of Duke Power Co. The undersigned knows nothing about the references of the third witness, Mr.
- 5. The undersigned has no further information upon which to evaluate report, but from talking to Mr. Defeels that me and other witnesses saw something which they could not identify, are sincere, and the details of the object in their own minds are as presented above. Mr. Defeels that he was quite positive that the object was not an airplane.

James Y. Rogers, Jr. Lt Col, Cml C (Res) 0-403612 C.O. 317th Composite Gp

Personal address: 2131 McClintock Rd., Charlotte, N. C.



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21 April 1949

MCIA

It Colonel James Y. Regers 2131 McClintock Road Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Colonel Rogers:

Reference is made to your letter, subject: "Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft" to Eq. Third Army, Attn: AC of S, G-E, dated 15 April 1948.

It is requested that an estimate of the height of the clouds at 1100 hours on 8 March 1948 be secured from the Belmant, M. C. Weather Bureau. It is further requested that Mr. Quantum be interviewed once nore for the purpose of securing the following:

position to the object.

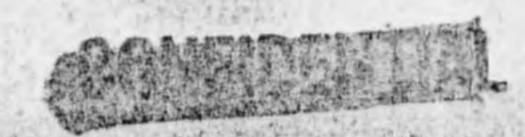
b. Whether or not the object gave the appearance of immense .

Any further information evailable on this or other sightings of this nature would be greatly appreciated by this Headquarters.

Simperely yours.

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W. R. CLIECREMAN Colomel, UMAP Chief, Teek Intelligence Div Intelligence Department



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Charlotte, M. C. May, 7, 1948

Commanding General Air Material Command Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Dayton, Ohio Att. MICA

Gentlemen,

Reference is made to your letter of 21 April to me from Col. W. R. Clingerman (signed by Lt. Col. J. J. Hausman) in reply to my report of 15 April, subject: "Sighting of Unconvent [al Aircraft."

The weather bureau at Morris Field (about five miles from the Imperial wotton Mills, Belmont, N. C. - where object was sighted) reports that the weather on 8 March 1948 at 1100 hrs. as unlimited ceiling, clouds about .1, high (above 10,000 ft.) thin Sirrus, estimated at 30,000 ft at 1130 hrs. Morris field says that these conditions were general over a large area, and undoubtly the same over the sighting spot as they were at the weather station at Morris "ield.

Have interviewed the witness, Mr. . . again and he says that since he is not a trained aerial observer and does not know either the actual size of the object or the distance, would be unable to estimate horizontal or slant range, or determine whether the object appeared to be large at a great distance, or smaller at a lesser distance. There are no other known observers other than Mr. and his party.

added nothing further to the original report, except that he seems to be of the impression that the object was a disc rather than a sphere, but I don't see how he could determine this under the conditions, and since he was uncertain in his original report, believe it should probably be discounted. He was quite insistent that he heard no sound, and that it wasn't in his orinion a conventional type airplane.

It is regretted that no more information is available.

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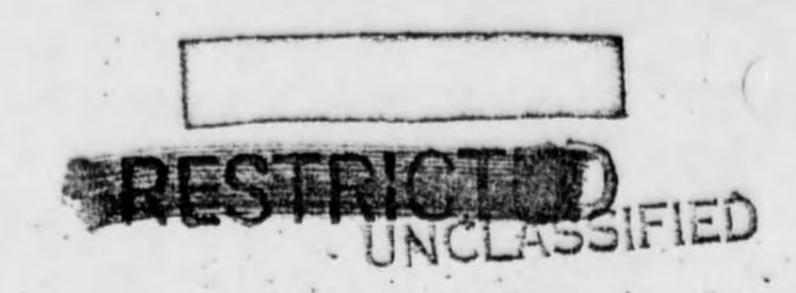
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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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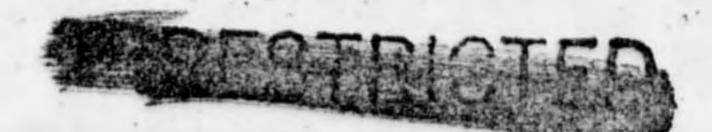
### 1. Astronomical

- a. Eigh probability: #26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 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. Mon-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations
  - a. 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: #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.
  - c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.): #39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.
- 3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident
  - a. 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.
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Incident #105 -- Belmont, Morth Carolina -- 8 warch 1948

The speed of 600 MM, the lack of an exhaust trail, and the reported "exactly horizontal course" make it extremely improbable that the object seen in this incident was a moteor. The "steady reflection which did not flicker" also argues against that possibility. Since the observer was a technical man, it does not seem likely that his observations can be considered subjective enough to fit them into an astronomical hypothesis.



# HEADQUARTERS AIR MATERIEL COMMAND Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Dayton, Ohio

MCIAIO-3/HHS/rm Jan 5 1949

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service,
Andrews Air Force Base,
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: DSS

- 1. Project "SIGN" is responsible for the collection, investigation and interpretation of data relative to sighting of unidentified flying objects. Attached Incident Summaries 1 thru 172 from the files of Project "SIGN" are forwarded for study and recommendations as to which of the incidents may be eliminated as ballooms released on routine synoptic ascents by the Air Weather Service, the Navy Aerological Service or the United States Weather Bureau. The summaries attached may be retained in your headquarters for working and reference purposes.
- 2. The Air Weather Service is the only agency of its type that has been asked to assist in the accomplishment of Project "SIGN" except that the United States Weather Bureau has provided information on ball lightning. Research projects in which balloons are used and which are conducted or aponsored by the Army, Navy or United States Air Force are checked by the Intelligence Department of this Command. These checks are usually made direct from the Project "SIGN" Office, MCIAXO-3. These checks are distinct from the check of synoptic balloon flights made by weather service stations of the Air Force, the Navy and the Department of Commerce. (U. S. Meather Bureau) requested of Air Weather Service.
- 3. It is the opinion of this office, that the below listed incidents are those having the greatest possibility of being balloons. This list does not eliminate the possibility that many of the remaining incidents are balloons.

2 .	21,	50	91	113	155
3	25	52	92	115	156
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Hq ALC, Chief, Air Weather Service, Washington 25, D. C. Bubj; Project "SIGN"

- 4. The form used in interrogating witnesses to sightings is inclosed as a matter of interest. Comment as to possible improvement of the "Essential Elements of Information" in regard to routine synoptic balloon flights is invited.
- 5. It is requested that correspondence be forwarded to the Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls: Summaries 1-172 incl /s/ W. R. Clingerman, Col; USAF for H. M. McCOY Colonel, USAF Chief, Intelligence Dept

Copies furnished;

AFOIR, Eq. USAF Capt Trakowski, Geophysics Lab Major Kodis, ECHEEP Colonel Neal, ECLANS B/Ltr from ALC dtd 5 Jan 1949 Subj: Project '

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24 Jan 1949

HEADQUARTERS, AIR WEATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Chio ATTN: NCIANO

Investigations by this headquarters reveal that a synoptic weather balloon could have been at the location where sightings were reported in the following incidents. In compiling this list consideration was given to the wind direction and speed at the surface and aloft at the scheduled time of balloon release, and the location of the nearest weather station making balloon observations.

2	52	91	126
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58	81	113	169
36	87	115	172

FOR THE CHIEF AIR WEATHER SERVICE

2 Incls:

/a/ W. A. West
W. A. WEST
Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

### CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date S May 48

Incident #105

- 2. Time 1100
- 3. Location Belmont, E. C.
- 4. Hame of observer Mr.
- 5. Occupation of obsorver Sept. Meter Dept. Duke Power Co., Charlotte, H. C.
- 6. Address of observer Charlotte, E. C. (Duke Power Co.)
- 7. Place of observation Belmont, N. C. (Sighted from ground)
- 8. Number of objects 1
- 9. Distance of object from observer 1/8
- 10. Time in sight about 10 seconds
- 11. Altitude M/8 could not be estimated
- 12. Speed Around 600 MPH
- 13. Diroction of flight Basterly
- 14. Tactics None moved in straight line at constant speed without change in altitude or direction
- 15. Sound Mone
- 16. Size From a distance that of a small coin
- 17. Color bright or silver looked metallic
- 18. Shape round or sphere (unable to determine which)
- 19. Odor dotected B/S
- 20. Apparent construction Metallic
- 21. Exhaust trails Eons
- 22. Woather conditions Class with senttered white clouds
- 23. a Effect on clouds 1/S
- 24. Skotohos or photographs 2000
- 25. Mannor of disapposrance Behind small white eloud
- 26. Romarks: (over)

A round metallic-specaring object moving very rapidly at an estimated speed of 600 MPH was observed near Belmont, M. C., at approx 1100 the morning of 8 Mar 48. The weather was clear with excellent visibility with a few small scattered fleecy white clouds. It could not be determined if the object were a disc or sphere. Its apparent size was that of a small coin of a bright or silver color. It reflected the sum maintaining a steady reflection which did not flicker. The object which was under observation for some 10 seconds was on an easterly heading and moved in a straight line at a constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction. It was impossible to determine the altitude but it was moving above the clouds. No sound of any kind was heard nor was any exhaust trail observed.

NOTE: Witness (Mr Marketa) is a men of excellent character and reputation, a first-grade engineer and employee of Duke Power Co for some 30 years. He impressed the agent as being conservative and sound and is a technical men with a very technical and responsible position.

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Dake Power Co., Charlette, H. C.

Mr. Gastonia Electric Co.,

Gastonia, N. C.



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Project "SIGE"

APR 22 1948

Director of Intelligence General Staff United States Army Washington 25, D. C. ATTENTION: CEGID

The attached copy of toletype from Fort KeFherson, Georgia, is forwarded for your information.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMS, Fort MoPherson, Georgia, 16 April 1948

- TO: COMMENANC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFF, Daybon, Chie
  - 1. THE forwarded this date.
  - 2. Basic occumulation is forwarded for more detailed information.
    FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WALTER A. BUCK Colonel, GSC AC of 8, G=2

