PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not given	1 NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	
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The 1230 hours observation at Childress, Texas shows:

Estimated ceiling 25,000 feet, overcase, visibility 15 miles plus, temperature 90 degrees, dew point 66 degrees, wind from the north northeest at 7 knots per hour, towering cumulus in the southeast quadrant.

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

taken of these objects in formation at Lubbook, Texas by Lubbook, Texas by Lubbook, Texas, a college freshman, appeared in the Horning Avalanche newspaper of 1 September 1951. (See Inclosure No. 3)

12. At 1985 hours, 20 September 1951,

Lubbook, Texas, was interviewed at his residence by the writer and Lt. FARLEY. Stated that on the night of 30 August 1951, about 2330 hours (CST) he was lying in bed watching the stars and noticed a formation of unidentified aerial objects pass over the house. Being a camera bug, he secured his camera, a 35 MM Kodak equipped with a range finder and went into the back yard. At about 2332 hours he saw a second formation of the same type objects passing overhead and took two (2) pictures, inclosed as Inclosures No. 7 and S. Almost at once, at about 2334 hours, the third formation passed over and bottained three (3) more pictures, two (2) are inclosed as Inclosures No. 9 and 10.

Bus unable to locate the other negative but stated it was almost identical to inclosure No. 9. Stated that the merial objects locked to be at a great height and passed from sight within a space of from three (3) to four (4) seconds.

SCUPING Vision to the north and the house preventing vision to the south.

tions looked as if they were approximately the same high altitude. The objects had a brilliance like reflected light but did not glitter. Each object looked like a white stick or a rapidly moving light, white in celer, did not twinkle like a star but rather had a glaw comparable to the moon. The estimated that each formation contained 18 or 20 objects and traveled in a U or rough V formation. The second and that the first group looked like a single line formation, the second and third groups same as the first.

GENT'S NOTE: Development of the negatives obtained from shows (negative #4, see Inclosure No. 7) a double line formation as downable supes No. 8 and No. 9 (Negatives #5 and #7); however, inclosure No. 18

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(Hemative #8) shows a single line. The 35 NM negatives furnished by HART were badly scratched and extreme care was taken in the enlarging process. The negatives were turned over to the Reese AFB Assistant Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt JOHN FARLEY for inclusion in his report as requested by the Commanding General, Air Material Command.

- position but he was not too certain of that fact. Was emphatic in his assertion that there was no noise, no exhaust reflections, or any visual means of propulsion within his scope of sight or hearing. He could make no approximation of the size of the objects due to the great altitude.
- 15. Stated that the weather was clear with very little wind.
 The Imbbeck, Texas weather observation at 2530 hours for 30 August 1951, was listed as: Thin scattered clouds at 25,000 feet, visibility 15 miles plus, temperature 78 degrees, dew point 56 degrees, with wind from the south southeast at eight NPH.
- tions pass over Lubbook, approximate time 2320 hours, with about a two minute interval between the formations. Which did not get any photographs of these formations, but said the passage was identical, except that the objects seemed to be at a much greater altitude and although the formations passed over Lubbook in about the same position as before, the course seemed to be from the northwest to the southeast. Each group looked to be a single line formation.
- 17. The Lubbook, Texas weather observation at 2330 hours, 1 September 1951 was: Clear, visibility 15 alles plus, temperature 77 degrees, dew point 61 degrees, wind from the southeast at six MPH.
- 18. photographic equipment was checked by the writer, and information was obtained relative to the photographs taken on 30 August 1951.

Date: Thursday, 30 August 1951

Time: 11:30 PM/(CST) 2330 and 2332 hours

Camera: Kedaki 35 MM with range finder (Model number not shown)

Film: Type PLUS I

Lens: Kodak Anastor 73.5 50 MM ES 553198L

Developing Solution: Panthermic 777

Tank: Boll Film, Hard Rubber, Clean

Mashing Solution: Speed 3 Dryer: Sleetric Flat Plate

Printer: Federal Enlarger #269 35 MM to 4 X 5

Proper: Browide F-1 Single Edge

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Description of

Cull Mane:

Address:

Lubbook, Texas

Matiquelity: United States

Race: White

Age: 18 years

Birth: 24 March 1933, at Lubbook, Texas

Fathers Mothers

Parital Status: Single

Compation: Student Preshman at Texas Technological College,

Lubbook, Taxas

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 155 lbs.

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Bland - Cut short - Crew dut style

Complexion: Fair

Build: Medium slender

Marks or Scars: Mone visible

- 20. Two photographs were taken of that his residence using an Argoflex 75, fixed focus, with flash, lens Argus Luxar, 75 HM, inclosed as inclosures No. 11 and No. 12.
- 21 was observed by the writer to be a very intelligent young man, very interested in photography, which is a hobby. He seemed sincere in his efforts to relate all incidents to the best of his ability.
- 22. Information obtained in this investigation was reported direct to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, based upon concurrent investigation conducted by 1st Lt JOHN A. FARLEY, Assistant Wing Intelligence Officer, Reese Air Force Base, Lubbook, Texas, in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-15. This case is continuing in pending status for development of lead by 11th OSI District at Lawton, Oklahoma.

Inclosures:

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.

- 1. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Avalanche Journal, 25 August 1951 (trip)
- 2. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Avalanche Journal, 28 August 1951 (trip)

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- 3. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Morning Avalanche, 1 September 1951 (trip)
- 4. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Morning Avalanche, 1 September 1951 (trip)
- 5. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Avalanche Journal, Sunday, 2 September 1951 (trip) .
- 6. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Horning Avalanche, 6 September 1951 (trip)
 - 7. Print of photograph taken by
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FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

12 inclosures as listed above, one copy each.

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 23, CARSWELL AFB

Inclosures 1 through 10 as listed above.

- 11. Negative of photograph of
- 12. Regstive of photograph of
- 13. Seven negatives of newpaper items. (Reference inclosures 1 through 6'as listed above).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT SUBJECT:

Unidentified Objects in Flight Over Lubbock, Texas

SPECIAL INQUIRY

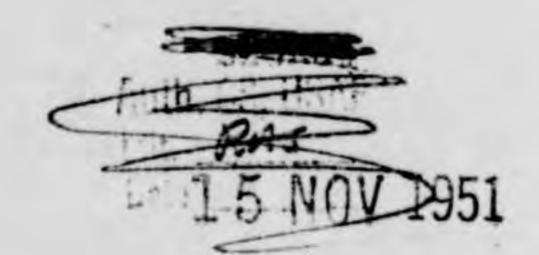
15 November 1951

TO:

Commanding Officer

Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio ATTN: ATI



1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent DELZON L. DURHAM, 11th OSI District, file 24-79, dated 23 October 1951, subject as above.

2. This investigation is continuing, and subsequent reports will be furnished your headquarters upon receipt of same in this office.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

1 Incl (in duo) R/I, DO #11, dtd 23 Oct 51

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT Unidentified Objects in

Flight Over Lubbook, Texas

FILE NO.

24-79

23 October 1951

REPORT MADE BY

DELZON L. DURHAM, S/A

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REPORT MADE AT

DO #11, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

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16 October 1951

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DO #23, Carswell AFB, Texas

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SPECIAL INQUIRY Rpt of S/A HOWARD N. BOSSERT, DO #23,

file 24-84, dtd 8 October 1951

Auth: CS, USAF

23 October 1951

SYNOPSIS

advised she observed a pearshaped object flying one hundred twenty-five yards (125) in front of her automobile north of Matador, Texas at approximately 1245 hours 31 August 1951. stated the object moved with smaller end forward with no sign of exhaust or noise heard. This object ascended rapidly and moved toward the east in a circular pattern. Object appeared to be landing or taking off from an area used by aircraft engaged in crop dusting. Local inquiry at Lawton, Oklahoma revealed Mrs. Considered a reputable citizen in _ community.

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DETAILS:

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- Lawton, Oklahoma, was interviewed and stated in substance that on 31 August 1951 at approximately 1245 hours, while driving on the highway from White Flatt to Matador, Texas, she observed an object entering her line of vision from the left rear. The object was between 125 and 150 yards from the automobile and looked to be about the same size as a B-29 aircraft without wings. The object appeared to be taking off or landing in an area to her left which was used by aircraft engaged in crop dusting as a landing area.
- appeared to be floating at a speed less than the speed required for take-off in a Cub aircraft. Suddenly the object ascended very rapidly, moving in an easterly direction and disappeared from sight. There was no noise nor sign of exhaust or smoke. No wings or visible means of propulsion were observed. The object appeared to be floating at approximately the same height as the derrick at Bob's oil well, Matador, Texas. (Described in referenced report as 120' overall height.)
- 3. In describing the object, Mrs. Stated that the only object which resembled the shape of the object was that of a pear. She further stated that there appeared to be a door or window located on the tapered end of the object; that the object was flying with the tapered end forward. The bulbous part of the object reflected the rays of the sun and made accurate description of the large part of the object impossible. It was believed by Mrs. That members of a highway repair gang saw the same or a similar object later the same day, following the course of a small creek in the area, because of a conversation members of the highway crew held with her father.

AGENT'S NOTE: Mrs. appeared sincere and honest in her description of this incident and impressed this agent as an intelligent and serious individual.

4. Discreet inquiry in the vicinity of the Community. Lawton, Oklahoma disclosed that Mrs. is considered a reputable citizen with excellent character and credit reputation in the community.

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Appendix III

MATALOR, TEXAS - 31 August 1951

I. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

On 31 August 1951 at approximately 1245 CST two ladies were driving in an automobile several miles north of Natador, Texas. The object was described as a pear-shaped object about the length of a B-29 fuselage, aluminum or silver in color, which readily reflected the sunlight. The object had a port or some type of aperture in the side and moved through the air with the small end forward. There was no sign of any exhaust and no noise was heard.

As the two ladies were driving north from Matador, Texas, the driver of the automobile first noticed the object about 150 yards shead of the automobile. They stopped and both ladies not out to observe the object. It was drifting slowly in an eastward direction at a speed they judged to be less than the speed required to take off in a Cub aircraft and an altitude of about 120 ft. Seconds later the object began to ascend rapidly and moved out of sight into the wind in a circular ascent. (The wind at this time was from Ma at about 5-7 knots.)

A background investigation showed that both women were of excellent character.

This incident is of interest because it was observed during the same period as the objects over Lubbock, Texas (See Appendix I).

II. MATHER

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- B. 1330 CST Childress, Texas 31 August 1951
 Estimated ceiling 25,000 ft., overcase. Visibility 15 miles.
 Wind MNE at 7 knots. Towering cumulus clouds in SL quadrant.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

It has been reported that a road repair crew saw the same object later on the same day. Attempts will be made by Project Grudge personnel to contact members of this road crew and obtain their statements. There were also reports of crop dusting activity in the area, so attempts will be made to determine whether or not the ladies could have seen this activity.

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Appendix V

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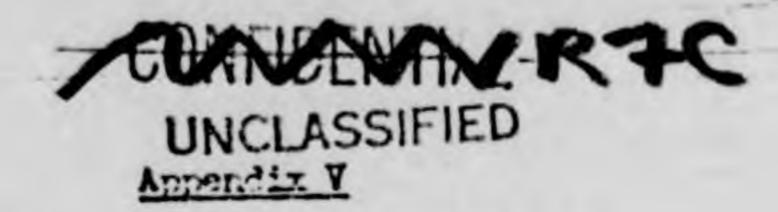
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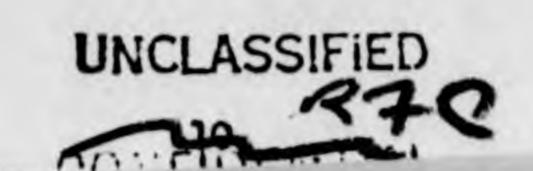
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* 1/Lt. John A. Farley

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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusives allower left. Begin lest of report on AF Form 112-Form 12).

The sighting of an unknown aerial object over US highway 70, 2% miles north of Matador, Texas was reported to the local Matador newspaper on 31 August 1951 by Mrs. Who lives about miles north of Matador, Texas on the same highway. Mrs. Was interviewed by the reporting officer on 18 September 1951.

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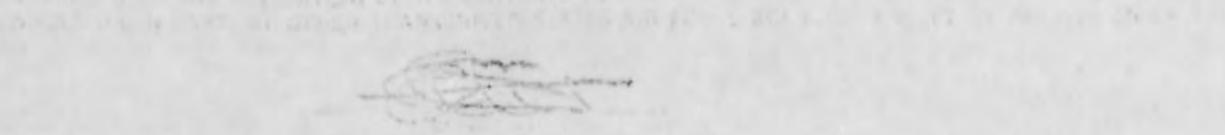
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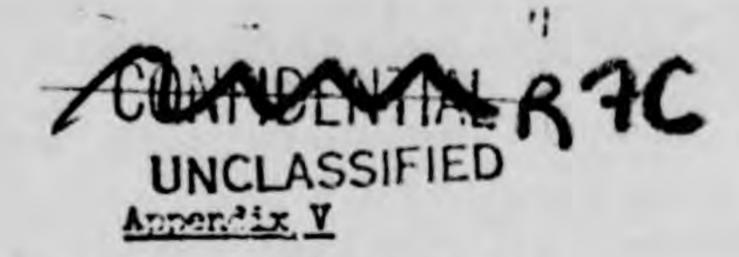
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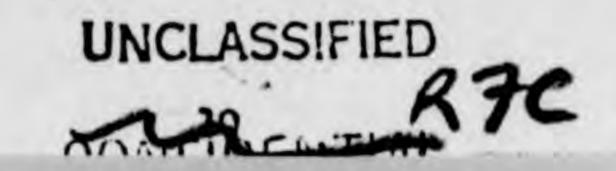
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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT #__3

DATE: 31 Aug 51

TIME (Local): 1245

LOCATION: Matador, Texas

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Several Seconds:

SOUND: None

SPEED: Hovering to high speed

ALTITUDE: low to high

HEADING: 900

SOURCE: Two ladies

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions - Investigation closed.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Pear-shaped aluminm object seemed to hover then leave the area at high speed.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Wing Intelligence Officer 3500th PTM, Reese AFB, Texas GA-1-51

Mrs. Stated that at approximately 1245 hours Cof 31 August 1951, as che and her daughter, Ers. Lawton, Oklahama, who was visiting hor, very driving to her home approximately five to miles nouth of Intudor, Cours, their attention was drawn to a strange accirl object drifting across us highery 70. Infirst noticed the object and it was a few seconds before she drug line. attention to it. When line. I saw the object it was drifting plouly in an easterly direction about 150 feet above the terrain and approximately 200 feet in Front of the car. About the time she saw it, it began a rapid ascent and moved away to the east in a circular direction in a matter of a few seconds.

The location of the sighting was about 22 miles north of Matador, Texas on US highway 70. The terrain to the west of the road is rolling for about 10 miles to a Mine of foothills. The Land is sparsely to heavily wooded by mesquite thickets with the first 300 yards open flat terrain. To the east the land is flat for approximately 30 miles, sparsely wooded, and the first 1000 yards is open. At the tire of the mighting, ire. Testimated the embemobile was traveling between 10 and 50 Wille

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon verbal request from Air Provest Spread and Rase Intelligence Officer, Reese Air Force Base, Texas, 17 September 1951, based upon receipt of classified TWX from Commanding General, Air Vateriel Command, Wright- Patterson AFR, Dayton, Chie, relayed to Commanding Officer, Reese AFB, by District Commander, 23rd 93I District, Caravell AFB, Texas, requesting that the A-2 Section, Reese AFB, Texas accomplish investigation and submit report direct to the Commanding Commanding Command as prescribed in AF Regulation 200-15, pertaining to the sighting of Unidentified Cojects in Flight over Lubbook, Texas. These insidents were previously reported to Hesiquarters CSI by District Office No. 23, Caravell AFB, Texas, in Spot Intelligence Report, dated 7 September 1951, Subject: Unidentified Objects in Flight over Lubbook, Texas.

AT REESE AFT. TEXAS

2. 1st Lt JOHN A. FARLEY Assistant Wing Intelligence Officer, Reese AFB, was designated to accomplish the report desired by the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command and requested any possible assistance from the Office of Special Investigations in the furtherance of the mission.

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

3. On 17 September 1951, the writer accompanied by FARLEY met with the editor of the Avalanche Journal newspaper of Lubbock, Texas, Mr. CHARLES GUY, when without any questions, assisted in obtaining available copies of the paper containing the necessary information to theroughly acquaint FARLEY with the scope of the required investigation. Those copies of the newspaper not svailable were photographed in privacy.

AT REESE AFB. TEXAS

4. Due to the classification of SECRET imposed by the Commanding Peneral, Air Nateriel Command, on mentioned TMX and the same classification held by AF Regulation 200-15, for the preparation of the A-2 report all of the newspaper items were photographed, developed and printed in five (5) copies only, using one (1) negative for each reproduction. These reproductions are marked in dated order of publishing, as Inclosures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and are attached as part of this report.

AT NATADOR, TEXAS

5. The sighting of an unknown serial object over U. 3. Highway 70, approximately two and one-half miles north of the town of Matador, Texas was reported to the local Matador newspaper on 31 August 1951,

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by a Mrs. who recides on a small reach miles north of Matador, Texas on U. S. Highway 70. This incident was reprinted in the Lubbook Morning Avalanche, 1 September 1951, under the Matador heading of 31 August 1951. (See Inclosure No. 4)

the writer interviewed Mr. ** When the stated that at approximately 1245 hours (CST) 31 August 1951, as she and her daughter, Mrs. ** And of Lawton, Oklahome, who was visiting at home, were driving to the the rench, located about ** miles north of Fatador, Texas, on U. S. Highway 70, their attention was attracted by a strange serial object drifting across U. S. Highway 70. Mrs. ** Who was driving, first noticed the object and it was apparently a few seconds before she drew Mrs. ** About the time ** alway** and a casterly direction about 150 feet above the terrain and approximately 200 feet in front of their car. About the time ** saw the object, it began a rapid ascent and noved away in a few seconds to the east in a circular ascent.

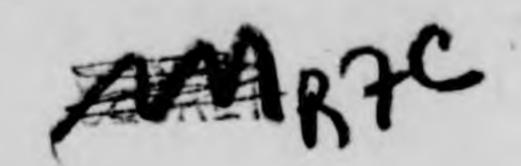
The object was described by the as being pear shaped in appearance, (to quote "like a yellow pear shaped towato") aluminum or silver in color, and that the object readily reflected the sumlight. The object had a port, window, door or a similar aperture, located at a point where the object began to taper toward the smaller end. One object only was seen, and it moved through the air with the small end forward. She stated the sun was shining brightly with little or no wind.

there was no noise, no sign of exhaust, no smake, no wings were visible, nor was any visible means of propulsion observed. The stated she could not estimate the speed of the object except that it went up repidly in a curving angle east and in a few seconds was out of her sight. The did not get out of the ear and lest sight of the object as it ascended due to her limited vision inside the car. The was certain the object was not a balloon. She compared the size of the object, to the best of her knowledge, as comparable to the Fatador railway freight shed or perhaps larger. The Matador freight shed was examined and measure approximately 48 feet by 13 feet.

Jost above ground to have been approximately 150 feet by comparison with "Bob's Oil Well", a well known landmark, which is an oil derrick combined with a geseline filling station located in the city limits of Matador, on U. S. Highway 70. To her knowledge, no other persons observed the object.



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26 October 1951

SUBJECT:

(Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT Unidentified Objects in Flight

Over Lubock, Texas SPECIAL INQUIRY Auth. CS. USAF-Init. RAS Det 2.6. OCT 1951

TO:

Commanding Officer

Mright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio

- 1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent HOWARD N. BOSSERT, 23d CSI District, file 24-84, dated 8 October 1951, subject as above.
- 2. This investigation is continuing, and subsequent recorts will be furnished your headquarters upon receipt of same in this office.
- 3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #23, dtd 8 Oct 51

REAGAN A. SCURLOCK Lt Colonel, USAF Acting District Commander

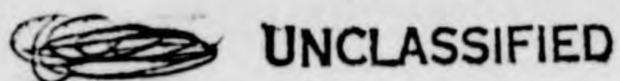
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Unidentified Objects in Flight Over Lubbook, Texas

PERIOD 17, 18, 20, 21 September 1951

S/A HOMARD H. BOSSERT

DO #23, Carswell AFB

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #23, Carswell AFB

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REFERENCE

Spot Intelligence Report, DO #23, File 24-0, dated 7 September 1951.

SYNOPSIS Investigation predicated upon verbal request of Air Provost Marshal and Base Intelligence Officer, Reese Air Force Base, Texas, 17 September 1951, based upon classified TWX from Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Chie, passed to the Commanding Officer, Reese AFB, Texas, through 23rd OSI District Office, Carswell AID, Texas. TWX requested A-2 accomplish investigation concerning reported unidentified objects sighted over Lubbock, Texas during latter part of August 1951, and reported to Headquarters 031 by 23rd CSI District via Spot Intelligence Report, file 24-0, dated 7 September 1951, copies of which vere furnished to Commanding Ceneral, Air Materiel Command. Thes. Texas reported a pear shaped object flying at approximately 200 feet in front of her automobile, five miles north of Matador, Texas, at 1245 hours, 31 August 1951. This object rapidly ascended following her observation and moved away to the east in a diroular pattern. Mrs. A advised the unidentified object moved with the smaller and forward. No sign of exhaust or noise head according to the Weather report. Reese AFB for 1230 hours, 31 August 1951, showed ceiling 6000 feet, with broken clouds, visibility 15 miles, temperature 37 degrees, and wind from the east northeast at three knots per hour. This object also observed by Mrs. This identities, Lawton, Oklahoma. Mrs. a not available for interview. Local inquiry at Matador revealed Mrs. was to be reputable citizen in community, a, Lubbook, Texas, interviewed at 1945 hours, 20 September 1951, and advised that on 30 August 1951, at 2330 hours, he observed a formation of lighted objects passing overhead at great speed. Two more formations passed over the residense and photographs were obtained by HART. Formstians appeared in a loose V or U shape, and the objects gave forth a glow rather than a direct light. Negatives of

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phetographs taken by the Commanding General, Air Material Command.

Forwarded in his report to Commanding General, Air Material Command.

Weather observation, Lubbook, Texas, reflected that at 2550 hours, 30 hours 1951, a high line of alouds at 28,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, temperature 78 degrees, and wind south southeast at elect APH.

States in Observed two more formations pass over Lubbook at approximately 2520 hours, 1 September 1951. Technical data pertaining to photographs obtained and set forth in details.

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Mrs. Enterted her daughter has since returned to Levton, Oklahous and furnished the full name and address as follows:

Lawton, Oklahom

its. Turnished the following information concerning her-

Norm: 1895 at Old Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Age: 56 years

Residence: U. S. Highway 70) Has lived for 34 years at Matador,

Marital Status: Married

- 7. An examination of the location described by the was made, and it was observed that the terrain to the west of U. S. Highway 70 is rolling land for about 10 to 12 miles (est) to a line of foothills. The land is sparsely to moderately heavily wooded by mesquite with the first 300 yards open flat terrain. The land to the east is fairly flat for approximately 20 to 30 miles, sparsely wooded and the first 1000 to 1200 yards is open terrain. Inquiry was made at "Bob's 011 Well" gas station and disclosed that the derrick is 98 feet in height with an advertising sign on top of approximately 22 feet, or a total overall height of 120 feet.
- a number of years of the disclosed that both and and credit reputation in the community.
- 9. Observation of Mrs. Shows a mature white female in her middle fifties, educated and courteous. She is in full possession of all her mental faculties and was straight forward in all her enswers and explanations.
- 10. Reese AFB, Texas weather observation for 1230 hours, 31 August 1951, was as follows:

Estimated ceiling 6000 feet, broken clouds, thin broken clouds at 25,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, temperature 87 degrees, dew point 60 degrees, wind from the cast northeast at 3 knots per hour.

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