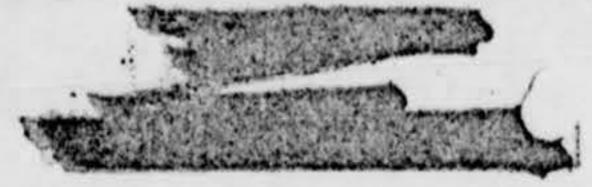
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(A/Vis 25 Min) 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	Circular obj changing colors from glowing orange to white was observed 15 deg above horizon 8 min before fading out. At

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- 1. On 23 January 1953 at approximately 2135 hours, SOURCE observed a unusually bright light northwest of Albany, Georgia. At the time of first sighting, object was circular in shape and SOURCE first thought it was another aircraft or a unusually bright star. Object was white in color. When first sighted, SOURCE was flying on a heading of three five five (355) degrees at four thousand (4,000) feet and the object appeared to be slightly above the aircraft. At the end of the observation LOURGE was flying a ten thousand (10,000) feet and the object appeared to be slightly below the aircraft. At the time of the first sighting, object was white in color, but the last three (3) minutes of the observation object constantly changed color, from white to orange and back. The last fifteen (15) seconds of observation the object changed from circular in shape to triangular and to a deep red color. The triangle them split into two (2) triangles one (1) immediately above the other. This lasted only seconds and then they disappeared. In comparison SOURCE stated it was like turning a electric light off. At 2230 hours SOURCE reported to Albany radio, requesting Moody AFB weather, Albany radio queried SOURCE on position and them asked if any unusual objects had been sighted. When SOURCE answered affirmative they stated that an object as described had been sighted and that radar contact had been made. This radar contact had been made at the approximate hours mentioned above. No apparent movement of the object was seen, however, it appeared to maintain . the same relationship to the DOURCE who was flying at three hundred (300) miles per hour. The serodynamic characteristics could not be determined, nor was there any trail or exhaust visible.
 - 2. SOURCE observed the object for approximately seventeen (17) minutes, at 2135 hours, 28 January 1953.
 - 3. SOURCE observed the object visually.
 - h. The point of observation was from a jet type aircraft (T-33) when East South East of Albany, Georgia. (31/05N-8h/10w) Object was on a direct line from Albany, Georgia to Columbus, Georgia. Appeared at all times to be Northwest of Albany, Georgia. Object, in relationship to SOURCE, stayed always at a forty-five (45) degree angle at ten (10) oclock high.
 - 5. SCURCE appeared willing, in fact he set down his narrative without benefit of questions by the interviewer. No questions on sighting were asked, just questions about personal history. His powers of observation seem to be excellent. SCURCE has eleven (11) years service all of this as a rated officer. He is now a senior pilot with over three thousand one hundred (3100) hours and is currently assigned as OIC of Base Operations.
 - 6. A check with the Moody Air Force Base weather station confirmed the weather conditions on the night of the sighting to be scattered clouds at ten thousand (10,000) feet. Visability was eight miles and winds aloft condition, speed unknown, direction lest North lest. A full moon was present at the time of the sighting.
 - 7. Negative
 - 8. A radar contact was made with object by Albany.

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9. Negative. SCURCE made no attempt to intercept or home in on object considering it for some time as a possible hazard to flight. Other aircraft were in the area. Saw nothing unusual in the object except its brilliance until such time as it began its rapid change of colors and as this lasted for less than three (3) minutes there was no chance for interception.

10. Confirmation was received from the Hase Operation at Moody Air Force Base that aircraft were airborne at the approximate time in the general area of the sighting of the object.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. SOURCE was cooperative and sincere in his statements. He gave his narrative all at one time and did not change his mind on any thing. His nowers of observation seemed above average, perhaps accountable to elaven (11) years as a rated officer. TIRGE could not identify the object that he had sighted.

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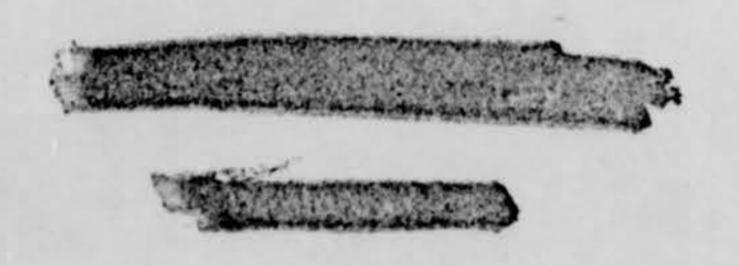
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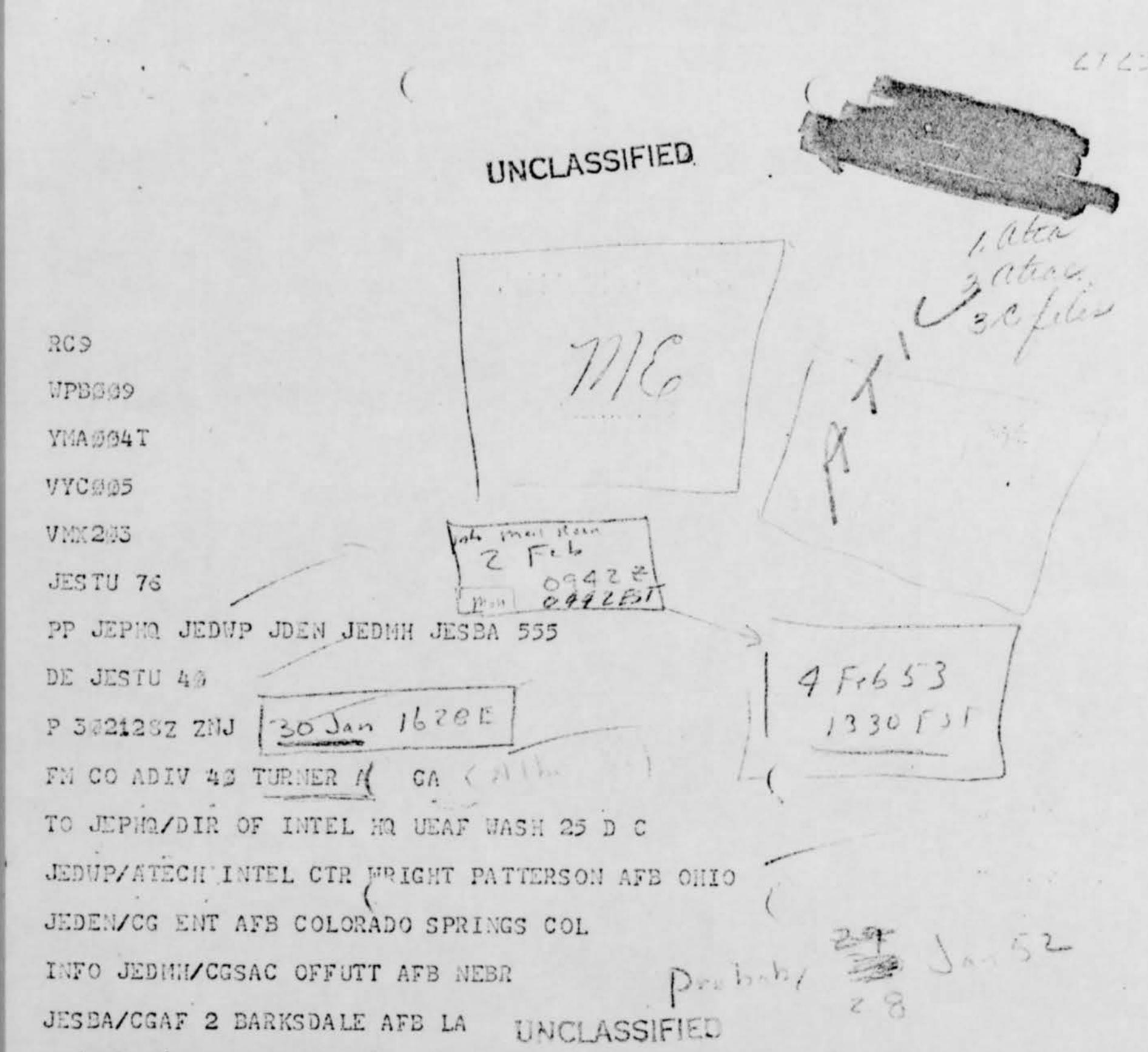
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The pilot called Albany, Ga., but before he could make his amazed report, ground asked him if he had seen anything unusual. They advised him that ground radar had picked up both his jet and a strange target. On the radar scope, when the jet had speeded up, the target had stepped up, too, to maintain its lead on him.



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On 28 January 1955, at approximately 2150 EST, three airbourne objects were reported

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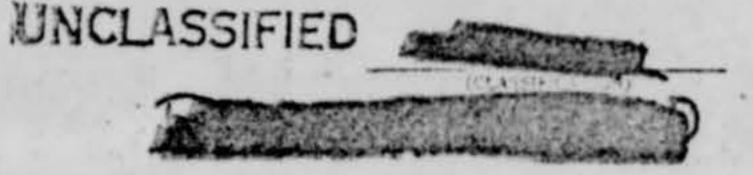
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FROM (Agency) REPORT NO. IR-15-53 Headquarters 40th Air Division

At approx 2150 EST, Albany radio called TAFB tower and asked the operators on duty to look west of the field and see if they observed any strange objects.

They looked out and observed what appeared to be a (one) circular object changing colors from glowing orange to white and repeating again and again. They observed this object for a period of 8 minutes, from 2150 EST to 2158 EST, then it appeared to either go out or just fade away.

During this 8 minute period/GCA was contacted, and two maintenance men who were doing preventive maint, on the set, turned it on and they reported that they

picked up 3 or 4 objects on the scope. (3 moving, 1 stat.)

Albany radio again contacted the TAFB tower at approx 2200 EST, and related the following information. (source unknown) A USAF aircraft had reported seeing one object, and then reported that it had gone into a triangle formation and now appeared as three objects. This aircraft was enroute from Moody AFB to Warner-Robbins AFB, and reported having the objects in sight for 25 minutes.

The pilot of this aircraft reported that at 10,000 feet the objects were

below him and that when he decended to 4,800 feet they were above him.

At approx, 2210 EST, the men at the GCA unit contacted the tower and said they had two stationary objects on the scope, one at 27 miles-300 degrees, and the other at 17 miles-300 degrees.

The three tower operators were unable to sight these two objects with a binoculars, or the naked eye.

Notes:

1. The object sighted west of TAFB, appeared to be standing still or moving away in a direct line.

2. In judging the altitude, it appeared to be about 15 degrees above the horizon. (as judged by the tower men to be approx 2-4,000 feet).

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Major Hal W. Lamb, 9344A

AFL No. 200-5 dtd 29 April 1952: TMX CI libba dtd 30 January 1953

On the night of 28 January 1953, at approximately 2135 hours, SOURCE, OIC of Base Operations, saw an unidentified object from a jet airplane and observed it for approximately seventeen (17) minutes. Object remained at same angle in relationship to pilot and aircraft while aircraft was traveling at three hundred (300) miles per hour. The object also changed color the last three (3) minutes of observation. The last fifteen (15) seconds of the observation the object changed to deep red in color, changed from circular in shape to triangular and then split into two (2) triangles. The following report contains information regarding sighting of this object.

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