ATIC NO. ----- DATE OF INFO March 1949

AP NO. ---- LOCATION Dumont, N.J.

REPORT NO. --- SOURCE Female Civilian

DATE OF REPORT ---- DATE IN TO ATIC ----

TIME OF SIGHTING After Dusk COLOR white light

SHAPE ---- SPEED ----

SIZE Small A/c ALTITUDE ----

COURSE ---- LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ----

NO. IN GROUP 8 or 10 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND ---- MANEUVERS ----

PHOTOS ---- SKETCHES ----

Insufficient Data

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Technical Intelligence Division,
Air Materiel Command Headquarters,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I read the articles in the Saturday Evening Post about "Flying Saucers" and wish to report what I saw in the sky over Dumont, N.J., about the middle of March this year. I am a registered nurse and not in the least superstitious or surprised at a good many things that I see but I must say that the sight of this object gave me the thrill of a lifetime and I don't care to see any more and not know what it was. I can fully sympathize with any of the others who has had the experience. I did exactly what the other people usually do I suppose and that was rush to the telephone and call the newspaper and got no reaction from them and then called the police of our town to see if anyone else had seen the object.

Previous to calling I had stopped at a store where a girl from England had been on duty and had had occasion to see the buss bombs and hear them and when I described it to her she said it couldn't be one of them. My first thought was a jet propelled plane until I realized it made no noise and I have been told that those planes make quite a racket.

I was standing in front of a friends house waiting for her to come out through the back door and lock as I had gone out the front. It was just after dusk although the sky wasn't entirely dark and the moon was bright. At first I thought it was a plane which was travelling very fast and then it come to my mind that no plane could go so fast as it seemed to be travelling a north westerly direction and came into view over the top of one tree top and out of sight over another in about five seconds. I fully expected to see it go further but it had disappeared just at the moment the person I was waiting for had reached the corner of the house where she ~~have~~ might have seen it also. Then I had no one to back up my story and as the newspaper said the next day when I persisted in telling the story " That I might just as well forget it as I had no witness". I had no desire for publicity but surely would have liked at the time to have someone believe that I actually saw something. I even tried to get in touch with an observatory in Teaneck, N.J. thinking that it was some planet that had decided to change its position on short notice. I have seen shooting stars, a brilliant display of northern lights in upper N.Y. State and once a comet and it was none of these.

This object was a white light about the size of a small plane and the queer part of it was the two tails on it that looked like a continuation of stars although they did not seem to be the result of an explosion and not very long. You could see about 8 or 10 and they seemed to be connected to the ball of light as they travelled with it.

Not one of the objects described in the two articles by flyers seem to be of the same description.

I also take it from the articles that not one of the people that have seen these strange things have been believed although there have been more than one person seen the thing at the same time so I certainly don't expect any one to believe me either but never the less I did and will probably never know what it was/ I feel that I must write this and then will proceed to forget it as I did before. If it is of any value to sience

or to the cold war effort I will have done my bit because I still believe that it was some trick of the heavens rather than any man made object.

What I am most interested in finding out is whether any observatory in this part of the country reported any unusual activity in the sky at that particular time.

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Dumont N. J.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Dumont, N. J.

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Receipt of your communication dated 16 May 1949 is acknowledged by this Command.

Your contributions relative to "flying saucers" have been made a matter of record, and will be incorporated into the present study of this phenomena.

Your interest and action in reporting this matter to this Headquarters is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. B. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department