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260°

Brilliant red object the size of a B-36 a/c 1. Time unknown.

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TO JEPHQ/DIR INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLO

JWPML/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

[redacted]/ODO 7-80/52 PD FOLG FLYING OBJECT REPORT IS SBMD

IAW PAR 7 AFL 200-5 DTD 29 APR 52 PD

1. OBJECT THE SIZE OF A B-36 BOMBER BRICHT RED IN COLOR CMA

HORIZONTAL CMA OBLONG IN SHAPE TRAVELING EST 1500 MPH MAKING NO SOUND

PD

2. SIGHTED VISUAL OBSERVATION

3. CROUND VISUAL OBSERVATION

4. SICHTED B[redacted] COC POST PHONE [redacted]

5. SIGHTED OVER SAN FRANCISCO TRAVELING WEST SOUTH WEST

6. CLEAR - VISIBILITY 12 MILES

7. NONE

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8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

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Commercial Pilot

...steady white light observed by commercial ...n of airliner. Object moving at high ...e of speed, no maneuvers.

1. Civilian sighted ... hour earlier, same place.

2. Numerous sightings at ... Washington D. C. area.

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JEPBL/CO HQ CMD BOLLING AFB WASHDC

[redacted] ANF BGBO 78 PD FLYOBRPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AF LTR 200-5 THE FOLG RPT IS SUBMITTED: ONE SIZE UNDETERMINED, ONE SIGHTING, ONE OBJECT. APPEARED AS STEADY WHITE LIGHT TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. NO ERRATIC MANUEVERS REPORTED. TWO- VISUAL AT 2204E. 26 JULY 1952. THREE-VISUAL. SIGHTED FROM EASTERN AIRLINES CONSTELLATION FLIGHT NUMBER 606. ALTITUDE OF OBSERVER ?? UNKOWN. OBJECT ESTIMATED TO BE AT 22000 FT. AIRSPEED OF OBSERVER APPROX 300 MPH. FOUR-OVER ~~FLORENCE~~, S. C. FIVE-OBSERVER: PILOT OF EATERN AILINES FLIGHT NUMBER 606. RELIABILITY ETC.

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TWO- VISUAL AT 2204E. 26 JULY 1952.

THREE-VISUAL. SIGHTED FROM EASTERN AIRLINES CONSTELLATION FLIGHT NUMBER

616. ALTITUDE OF OBSERVER ?? UNKOWN. OBJECT ESTIMATED TO BE AT 22000

FT. AIRSPEED OF OBSERVER APPROX 300 MPH.

FOUR-OVER FLORENCE, S. C.

FIVE-OBSERVER: PILOT OF EATERN AILINES FLIGHT NUMBER [redacted] RELIABILITY

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SIX-SKY CLEAR, VSBY 10. WINDS ALOFT: 2000-210 DEG AT 7K, 4000-220 AT

5, 6000-240 AT 5, 8000-280 AT 7, 10000-310 AT 4, 12000-300 AT 7,

14000-310 AT 2, 16000-300 AT 6, 20000-300 AT 3, 25000-210 AT 10,

30000-180 AT 10.

SEVEN-UNKNOWN

EIGHT-NONE

NINE-UNKNOWN

TEN-UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME.

27/0813Z JUL JEPFF

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Airmen

Eight orange-colored balls moving in a [illegible] path in a triangle formation as observed by airmen at KAFB.

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(1) Eight orange colored balls moving in horizontal path, appeared to be in triangle formation, traveling west to east, speed was rapid, and no sound.

(2) 26 July 1952 0005 MST, length of sighting 3 or 4 seconds.

(3) Visual.

(4) On the ground, near the Service Club, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. Objects were approximately north of the observer. The observer was located at 35°38' North Latitude, 106°36' West Longitude.

(5) Reliability of observer considered excellent.

(6) Ceiling unlimited, visibility 50 miles, wind north 16 MPH.

(7) Unknown.

(8) Negative.

(9) Negative.

(10) Negative.

The information given above by A/1c Donaldson is true and correct to the best of his ability and knowledge.

[redacted]

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLYOBRPT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	34th AIR DIVISION (DEF)

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION (DEF)
29 July 1952	26 July 1952	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
GLEN D. PARRISH, 1st Lt., USAF	Visual Observer

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT), the following report of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

On 26 July 1952 at 0005 MST, [redacted] 34th Air Division (Def), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, saw 8 or more bright orange objects in the sky. From ground level these objects were approximately 30° and were traveling at a very rapid speed. They were moving in a triangular formation with the wedge of the triangle appearing to be open. These objects were observed for 3 or 4 seconds. They seemed to be traveling from west to east and were located north of the observer. The observer was located at approximately 35°38' latitude and 106°36' longitude. At the time of this observation, ceiling was unlimited and visibility was approximately 50 miles. The winds at this time were north 16 MPH.

The reliability of the observer is considered excellent.

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I [redacted], 34th Air Division (Def), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On 26 July 1952 at 0005 MST, I observed 8, 9 or 10 bright orange objects. From ground level, these objects were approximately 30°. The speed of these objects was faster than any aircraft that I have ever seen.

I did not observe any exhaust or trail from these objects. They were flying in a triangular formation with the wedge of the triangle appearing to be open. I observed these objects for approximately 3 or 4 seconds. They seemed to be traveling from west to east and were located north of my position. Ceiling was unlimited and visibility was approximately 50 miles. The winds at time of my observation were North 16 MPH.

[redacted]

Sworn to and suscribed before me this 27th day of July 1952.

Glen D. Parrish
GLEN D. PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS
34th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

OIN 452.1

31 JUL 1952

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA - 2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Air Intelligence Information Reports, dated 29 July 1952, are submitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. Required electrical message forwarded to your headquarters 26 July 1952.

3. One information copy of this report has been sent to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C..

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

James H. Barnett

JAMES H. BARNETT
1st Lt., USAF
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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2. AIIR - Part II- A/1c J.M. Donaldson
3. Sworn Statement- " " "

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[redacted]AQQ-OIN-10804 PD FLYOBRPT PD /1/ EIGHT ORANGE
COLORED BALLS MOVING IN HORIZONTAL PATH CMA APPEARED TO BE IN TRIANGLE
FORMATION CMA TRAVELING WEST TO EAST CMA SPEED RAPID CMA NEGATIVE
SOUND PD
/2/ 26 JULY 1952 0003 MST CMA LENGTH OF SIGHTING TWO /2/ MINUTES PD
/3/ VISUAL
/4/ ON THE GROUND CMA NEAR SERVICE CLUB CMA KIRTLAND AFB CMA NEW MEXICO
PD APPROXIMATELY 3538 NORTH LATITUDE CMA 10636 WEST LONGTITUDE PD
OBJECTS SIGHTED NORTH OF OBSERVER PD
/5/ RELIABILITY OF OBSERVERS - CONSIDERED EXCELLENT PD
/6/ WX CEILING UNLIMITED CMA VISABILITY 50 MILES CMA WIND NORTH 16
MPH PD
/7/ UNKNOWN
/8/ NEGATIVE
/9/ NEGATIVE
/10/ NEGATIVE
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JEDMH/CG STRAT AIR COMD OFFUTT AFB OMAHA NEBR

JWPRH/CG 15AF MARCH AFB CALIF

[redacted] OWID 82Ø5 ATTN WRIGHT PATTERSON ATIAA-2C.

REPCRT SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL OBJECT ON 26 JUL 52 1325 PST BY MAJ WALTER R. RODGERS DIRECTOR OF INTL 111TH STRAT RECON WG STATIONED FAIRCHILD AFB FAIRCHILD WASH. SIGHTING FROM B-25 ACFT FLYING CAA AIRWAY GREEN 2 BETWEEN MISSOULA MONT. AND COUR D'ALENE IDAHO FLYING WEST. ACFT AT 1Ø,ØØØ FEET 2Ø5 KNOTS TAS WITH TAIL WIND CAVU. MAJ RODGERS WAS PASSENGER IN WAIST OF ACFT LOOKING THROUGH PORT WINDOW. JUST WEST OF DEBORGIA HE SAW OBJECT BELOW ACFT AT 45 DEGREES FROM LEVEL FLIGHT OBJECT TRAVELING RECRIPROCAL COURSE TO ACFT EVEN SMOOTH FLIGHT FASTER THAN AERCOUPE SEEN SHORTLY BEFORE ON VV

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SAME COURSE AS OBJECT. OBJECT WAS BROWNISH IN COLOR GENERALLY ROUND NO GLITTER NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST. OBSERVER ESTIMATED OBJECT TO BE HALF WAYBETWEEN ACFT AND GROUND AND IN RELATION TO CARS SEEN ON HIGHWAY BELOW AND AERCOUPE SEEN PREVIOUSLY WAS ESTIMATED TO BE

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R 3100462 ZNJ

FM CG 57ADIV FAIRCHILD AFB WASH

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTL HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTL CNTR WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JEDMH/CG STRAT AIR COMD OFFUTT AFB OMAHA NEBR

JWPRH/CG 15AF MARCH AFB CALIF

[redacted] OWID 8205 ATTN WRIGHT PATTERSON ATIAA-2C.

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25 JUL 52 OKINAWA NO

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2 Civilian men.

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Silverish-yellow object the size of the moon was observed briefly, disappearing in a "snap-like" motion.

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FM CO 797TH AC&W SQ FORDLAND MO

TO JEPHQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC/DIROFINTEL

JEDWP/WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO/FOR ATIAA-2C

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEDKF/CG CADF KSC MO

ZEN/CG 33D ADIV TINKER AFB OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA

[redacted]LYOBRT. /1/ SPHERICAL SHAPED FLYING OBJECT /ONE/ CMA SIZE OF MOON IS TO THE NAKED EYE THOUGH NOT QUITE AS LARGE CMA SILVER COLORED WITH YELLOW TINGE CMA LEFT NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST CMA NO VISIBLE PROPULSION SYSTEM CMA DISAPPEARED IN A SWEEP-LIKE MOTION. /2/ SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY 2000 CST CMA 26 JULY 1952 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO /2/ SECONDS.

/3/ VISUAL SIGHTING FROM GROUND CMA ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OFF AIR FOR MAINTENANCE AT TIME OF OCCURENCE.

/4/ OBSERVER WAS LOCATED ON THE OSAGE RIVER OUTSIDE OF OSCEOLA CMA MISSOURI CMA LONGITUDE SMCLN NINETY FOUR /94/ DEGREES CMA

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NINETEEN MINUTES /19/ SMCLN LATITUDE SMCLN THIRTY EIGHT DEGREES /38/ CMA ZERO FOUR /04/ MINUTES. OBJECT OBSERVED AT AN ANGLE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DEGREES FROM THIS POINT MOVING EASTWARD.

MAINTENANCE AT TIME OF OCCURENCE.

/4/ OBSERVER WAS LOCATED ON THE OSAGE RIVER OUTSIDE OF OSCEOLA CMA MISSOURI CMA LONGITUDE SMCLN NINETY FOUR /94/ DEGREES CMA

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/5/ OBSERVED BY TWO CIVILIANS THOUGHT QUITE RELIABLE CMA MR. [redacted] CMA A [redacted] FOR A SPRINGFIELD RADIO STATION AND MR. [redacted] CMA A [redacted] CMA FIRST DISTRICT CMA MISSOURI.

/6/ UNKNOWN. GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS FAIR.

/7/ NONE

/8/ NONE

/9/ NONE INCIDENT REACHED THIS OFFICE CMA 30 JULY 1952.

/10/ NONE. CHECK OF RECORDS REVEALED NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS OR OCCURENCES BEFORE OR AFTER EQUIPMENT RETURNED TO OPERATIONAL CONDITION.

30/2345Z JUL JWFNK

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21/[illegible] CST

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"Ten sec"

Oval object with tail which tapered as it moved in straight line at high speed. Object was brilliant white.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: FLYOBREPT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Princeton, Indiana	108th Ftr Bmr Wg, Godman Air Force Base, Ky.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
29 July 52	26 July 52	F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Major Robert J. Hefling	[redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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1. Object seemed to be oval with tail tapering to a point. The tail appeared to be half the width of the main object and four times as long. The color of the object was a brilliant white. It traveled in a straight line and was much faster than any jet aircraft ever seen by the observer. There was no sound and no propulsion system. It disappeared behind a group of trees. (See attached sketch).

2. 22:30 CDST 26 July - Observed for only a few seconds.

3. Visual sighting from ground.

4. Observer was in Princeton, Indiana. 38° 21' N 87° 35' W. Object was west of observer, probably ten miles, traveling south to north at an altitude between 5,000 and 8,000 feet.

5. Observer was in Air Force for 16 months and has been flying for 1¼ months.

6. Observer reports no clouds or wing, didn't notice moon, and many stars visible. Fort Knox Kentucky weather, clear, visibility 12 miles light wind.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

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10. Observer didn't see any aircraft. His wife saw it momentarily after he had drawn it to her attention. Two other people while at Fort Knox, Kentucky, saw an article that fit this description at approximately the same time going in the same direction.

for Joseph W. Loveland Maj USAF
ROBERT J. HEFLING
Major, USAF

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1. Drawing by observer
2. Sectional aeronautical chart.

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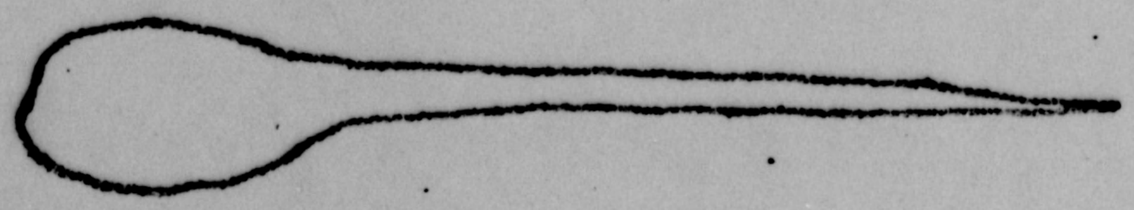

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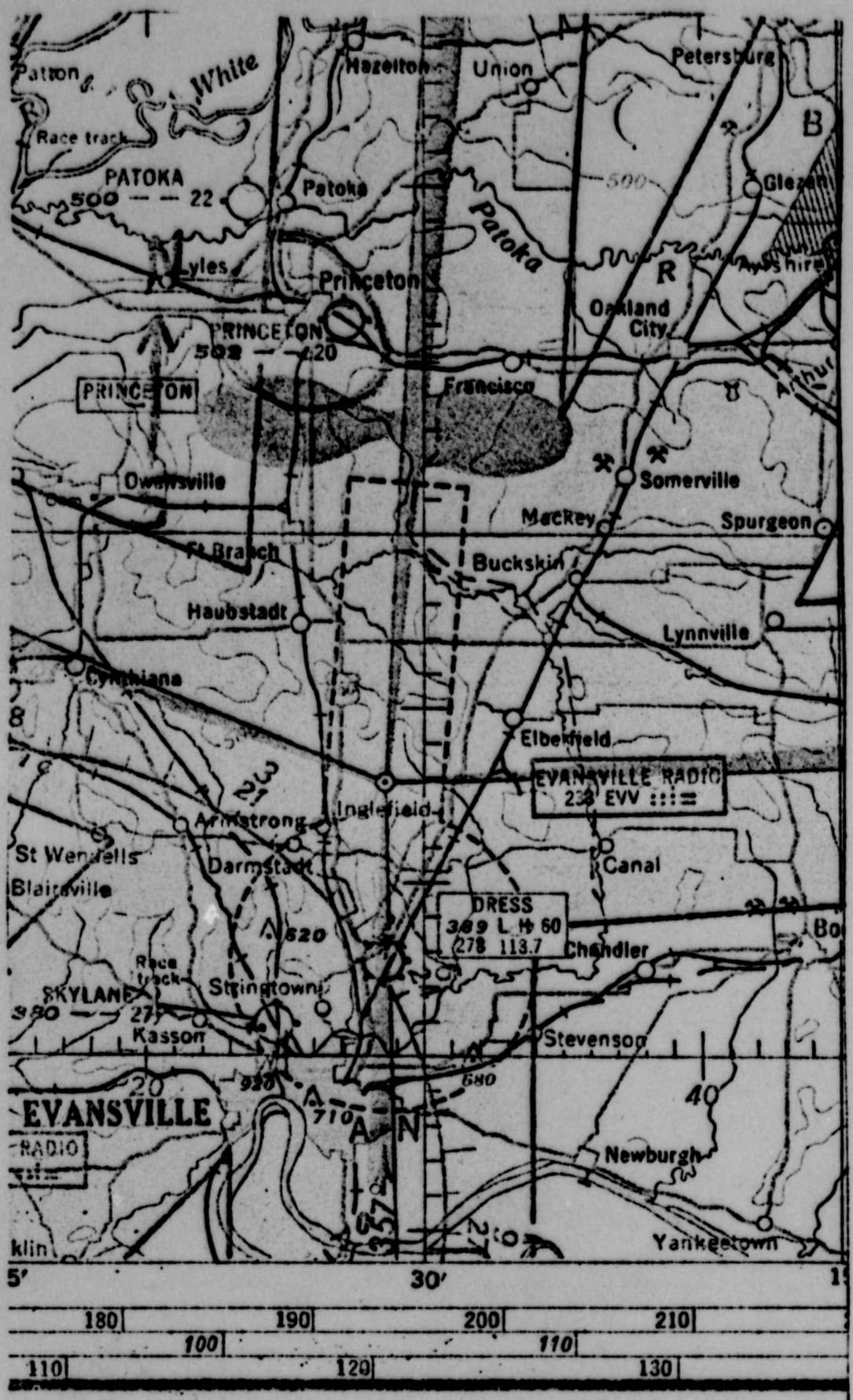

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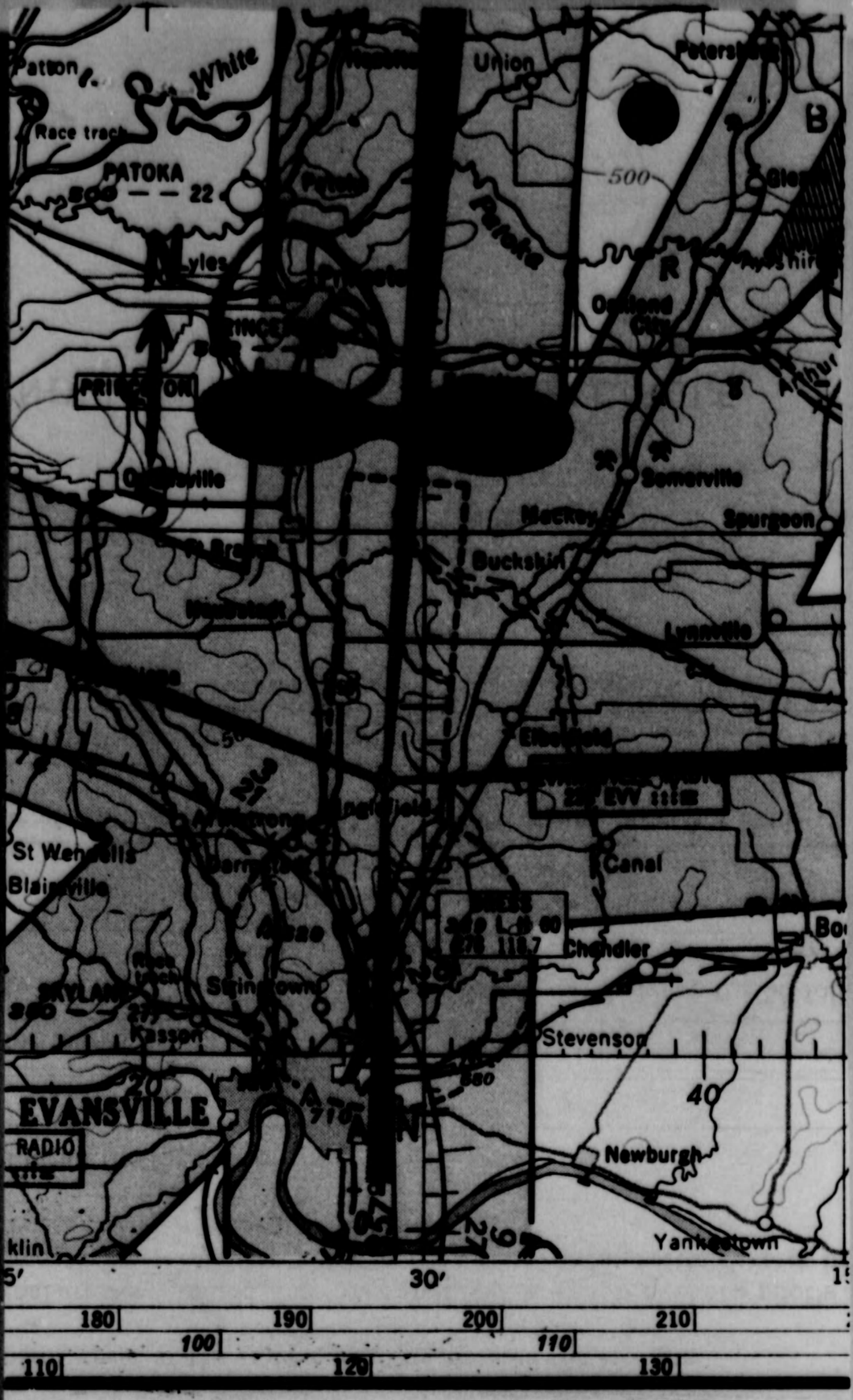

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near Los Angeles, California 26 July 1952.

State of California, USA

Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

Civilian Observer of Burbank, California

Teletype FLYOBSPT submitted by March Flight Service Center 262000PST July

1. An unidentified flying object, round in shape and yellow in the center, with some red near the edges, at an altitude estimated between 30,000 and 40,000 feet, was sighted between the hours of 1800PST and 1830PST over Los Angeles, California, by a civilian observer. The object was stationary at first and then moved in spurts in a north-northeasterly direction.

GERALD E. TYLER
Major, USAF
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1. An unidentified flying object was observed over Los Angeles, California, 26 July 1952. Sighting occurred between the hours of 1800PST and 1830PST. The object was in view for several minutes and sighting was verified by a neighbor, name unknown.

2. Reported as a round object yellow in the center with some red near the edges, at an altitude estimated between 30,000 and 40,000 feet. The object was stationary when first sighted, then moved in spurts in a north-northeasterly direction.

3. Weather in the area at time of sighting was 18,000 feet scattered, 30,000 feet scattered, visibility 25 miles, winds aloft at 20,000 feet from 180° at 10 knots, at 30,000 feet from 175° at 40 knots, at 40,000 feet from 180° at 30 knots.

4. Witness: Mr. [redacted], Burbank, California (telephone [redacted].

5. There was no known air traffic in the area at the time of sighting.

6. Report was called to Los Angeles Control by the observer and passed by that agency to March Flight Service Center via Plan 62 interphone at approximately 1930PST 26 July 1952.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Insufficient background information is available on the single witness to determine his aerial observer qualifications.

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CIRVIS NO 1. THE OBJECT THAT WAS SIGHTED WAS ROUND AND YELLOW IN THE CENTER, W TH SOME RED NEAR THE EDGES AND WAS AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE. ESTIMATED TO BE 3Ø TO 4Ø,ØØØ. IT WAS STATIONARY AT FIRST THEN MOVED IN SPURTS IN A NORTH NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION.

NO 2. SIGHTED BETWEEN 18ØØ PACIFIC AND 183Ø PACIFIC 26 JULY.

NO 3. VISUAL AND WAS IN VIEW FOR SEVERAL MINUTES AND WAS VERIFIED BY NEIGHBOR.

NO 4. IT WAS SIGHTED BY [redacted] BURBAN-

CALIF. PHONE C[redacted] IT WAS OVER LOS ANGLES, CALIF.

NO 5. WEA AT TIME OF OBSERVATION. 183Ø PACIFIC 18Ø SCATTERED 3ØØ SCATTERED 25 MILES. WINDS ALOFT 2Ø,ØØØ 68Ø/1Ø KNOTS 3Ø,ØØØ 175/4Ø KNOTS 4Ø,ØØØ 18Ø/3Ø KNOTS.

NO 6. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC OPERATING IN AREA AT THAT TIME.

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Slide. Object moved slightly left.

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(2) 1020Z 26 JULY 1952. OBSERVATION WAS LESS THAN ONE MINUTE.

(3) VISUAL FROM GROUND.

(4) OBSERVED BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAN[redacted]FORNIA FROM

NH 2334. OBJECT WAS AT AND ESTIMATED 4,000 FT ALT MOVIN[redacted]ROM WEST

TO EAST.

(5) ONLY LAST NAMES AVAILABLE. ALL ARE SERVICEMEN AT RADA[redacted] SIT:

[redacted] CMA[redacted]R CMA[redacted]

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(6) UNKNOWN

(7) NONE

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(6) UNKNOWN

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

(10) UNKNOWN

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Miss [redacted], and Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] Miami report having observed a bright object high at 22:00 hours on 26 July 52 over Dania, Florida. The shape was discribed as "like a football, but more flat. It hovered about 10 minutes and then moved very fast in a southerly direction. It then darted up and out of sight turning from orange to a dim bluish color just before darting up.

It appeared to the eye as a little larger than the moon would appear. The intensity was even until it dimmed just before darting away. No noise or trail was observed.

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
U.S.A.	IR-55-52	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLYOBRPT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Plainview, Texas	WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICE WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
27 August 1952	27 July 1952	A - 2

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
ROBERT E. KRUSE 1st Lt USAF	EIDON A. KLAPAL Major USAF

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFL 200-5, 29 Apr '52, G 35 G 30 July 1952, Williams AFB, Arizona

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Source: EIDON A. KLAPAL, AO 811430 Major USAF, Chief Instructor of the Instrument Section; member of the Acro-jets, Williams AFB.

The following report was submitted by Major KLAPAL on 28 July 1952. Apparent authenticity of information submitted and reliability of source is A - 2. The report is as follows:

No brief description of object sighting as to its size, shape, color and aerodynamic features are available. Time of object sighting was 1917 MST 26 July 1952. Length of observation was approximately eight minutes. Manner of observation was visual, no optical or electrical equipment was used in sighting. Source was in direct flight from Kelly AFB, Texas to Denver, Colorado in a T-33 aircraft.

Departed Kelly AFB at 1824 hrs MST 26 July 1952. Sighted object over Plainview, Texas at 1917 hrs MST 26 July 1952 on a heading of 323 degrees at 30,000 feet. Object was 33 to 35 degrees to the left of the aircraft's nose.

Object remained stationary until 1925 hrs MST then selected a northerly route at an unestimated rate of speed with a slight descent and in two minutes disappeared.

Major Klapal held a one cent piece 14 inches in front of his eye and judged the object to be three diameters of the coin above the horizon and filling one/third of the coin. The object moved 10 degrees in two minutes.

Object illuminated a brilliant white light while hovering and when moving flickered orange and/or bluish color. Source at time of observation indicated that it was dark but the object was at such an altitude that the sun's rays were partly upon it.

No meteorlogical phenomenon accounted for the sighting. No physical evidence, photo, etc. available. Interception or identification action taken-none.

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THE FOLG REPT WAS SBM BY MAJ ELDON A KLAPAL, AO 811430 ON 23 JUL 1952. APPARENT AUTHENTICITY OF INFO SBM AND RELIABILITY OF SOURCE A2. REPT IS AS FOL: NO BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF OBJ AS TO ITS SIZE, SHAPE, COLOR AND AERODYNAMIC FEATURES ARE AVAL. TIME OF OBJ SIGHTED 1917 HRS, 26 JUL 1952, LGTH OF OBSR APPRX 8 MINUTES, MANNER OF OBSR WAS VIS NO OPT OR ELECT EQUIP WAS USED IN SIGHTING. SOURCE WAS IN DIR FLT FR KELLY AFB TO DENVER, COLO. DEPT KELLY 1824 HRS 26 JUL 1952. SIGHTED OBJ OVER PLAINVIEW, TEX AT 1917 HRS 26 JUL 1952 ON A HEADING OF 323 DEGREES AT 3ØØØØ FT. OBJ WAS 33 TO 35 DEGREES TO THE LEFT OF ACFT NOSE. 2 SOURCES AS FOL: ELDON A KLAPAL, MAJ USAF, AO 811430 AND JACK CHADURGIAN, FIRST LT, TSAF, AO 938190. OBJ REMAINED STATIONARY UNTIL 1925 HRS 26 JUL 1952, THEN SELECTED A NORTHERLY ROUTE AT AN UNESTIMATED RT OF SPEED WITH A SLIGHT DESCENT AND IN 2 MINUTES DISAPPEARED. MAJ KLAPAL HELD A 1 CENT PIEGE14 IN FR HIS EYE AND JEDGED THE OBJ TO BE THREE DIAM OF THE COIN ABOVE THE HORIZON AND FILLING 1/THIRD OF THE COIN. OBJ MOVED TEN DEGREES IN 2 MINUTES. OBJ ILLUMINATED A BRILLIANT WHILE LIGHT WHILE HOVERING, AND WHEN MOVING FLICKERED ORANGE AND/OR BLUISH COLOR. SOURCE AT TIME OF OBRS INDICATED THAT IS WAS DARK BUT THE OBJ WAS AT SUCH AN ALT THAT THE SUNS RAYS WERE PART UPON IT. NO METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENON ACCT FOR THE SIGHTIN NO PHY EVIDENCE, PHOTO ETC AVLA. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN-NONE.
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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
26 July '52	Plainview, Texas	Local: 1912 C Zebra: 0317

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Naked Eye
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Telescope
- ☐ Theodolite

? are it 0217 ?

5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ By One Set
- ☐ By Two Sets
- ☐ By Three Sets

6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☑ Yes ☐ No
- 1 A/C Observed Object
- ☐ Interception Attempted
- ☐ No Intercept Attempted

7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- __ A/C Scrambled
- ☐ Visual Contact Made
- ☐ A/I Contact Made
- ☐ No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- ☒ Normal
- ☐ Violent

9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:
- ☐ Blinking
- ☐ Steady

10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:
- ☒ 1-15 Seconds
- ☐ 1-5 Minutes
- ☒ Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)

Wing Intelligence Office

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? 23

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☒ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☒ No

16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)
- ☐ Night
- ☐ Day
- ☐ Sunrise
- ☑ Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	☒ No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes	☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☑ Yes	☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ? → 12 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.	Lubbock (Reese AFB	private	AWS	✓	✓	white
b.	Big Spring	Navy-Goodyear private	U.S.D.A. W.B.	✓		"
c.	San Angelo (Goodfellow AFB)	private	AWS	✓		"
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☑ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☑ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☑ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon

- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical

- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:

_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

No breath. misfire.

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
Chile	IR-73-52	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Flying Saucer Reported Over San Bernardo, Chile

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Chile	Air Attaché, Santiago, Chile

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
25 July 1952	25 July 1952	C-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Colonel William E. Ross, Air Attaché	Newspaper article

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFL 200-5 dtd 29 Apr 52

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~~There~~ follows a translation of an article appearing in the DIARIO ILUSTRADO of 25 July 1952.

24 Jul 52

At approximately 8:15 p.m. yesterday, when it was already quite dark, three Redemptorist priests, [redacted] and [redacted], who were travelling by car, were surprised by a strange sight whose far-off light gave them the clue that it must be a flying saucer.

The priests got out of their car and from a vantage point on the road between San Bernardo and Malloco watched the mysterious saucer for a quarter of an hour. It appeared to be about 50 centimeters in diameter, gave off an opaque, yellowish light and was travelling at high speed. According to the account of the three priests, the saucer was going toward the coast. When the strange object disappeared, they told us, it left a luminous, white track behind - perhaps a handkerchief waved by invisible hands in a gesture of farewell.

Again a question arises among us concerning these astral visitors of whose origin we know nothing. Theories about them will probably become more numerous than ever but nevertheless the fact remains that the flying saucer seen last night by three people was real and that it disappeared into the cavern of the night without making any more revelations than its presence.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The town of San Bernardo is approximately 10 miles south of Santiago; Malloco is 10 miles west of there. The weather was clear with a new moon to the northwest about the time of the sighting. This report is forwarded without further comment except that I'll bet this is the first handkerchief-waving flying saucer ever reported. – You're So Right!

William E Ross

WILLIAM E. ROSS
Colonel, USAF
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16. Reference FLYOBRPT 262205I July submitted by Lowry Flight Service Center. Object was observed at 1900M 26 July 1952 and was described as round, bright and shining and estimated to be 100 to 200 feet in diameter. Altitude estimated at 25 to

[redacted]

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30 thousand feet. Appeared to be drifting west southwest. Object was first observed before sunset. Observer believes it could be seen shortly after sunset but is not sure. Sighting occurred 60 miles north northeast of Douglas, Wyoming, at L2 ranch.

17. Weather at the time of sighting: 85 hundred feet scattered cloud, 12 thousand broken, visibility unknown.

18. Air traffic information: None.

19. Witness: Mr. [redacted], Newcastle, Wyoming, telephone Newcastle exchange.

WASHINGTON D.C. AND SURROUNDING AREA NOV/DEC 49/JULY 52

Date	Location	Observer	Evaluation
NOV			
9	Marks AFB	Military	
22	Dover, New York	[redacted]	
DEC			
31	Andrews Field	[redacted]	
JULY			
July	Washington D.C.		
1	Washington D.C.	Civilian	Prob: BALLOON
1	Baltimore, Maryland	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DAT.
13	Washington D.C.	Multiple	
19	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	
20	Hyattsville, Maryland	[redacted]	Prob: BALLOON
20-26	Washington D.C.	Pilots	ASTRO
21	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	
21	Baltimore, Maryland	[redacted]	Possible: AIRCRAFT
22	Stafford, Virginia	Military	UNKNOWN
22	Washington D. C.	Multiple	
22	McClean Gardens (Washington D.C.)	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
23	Washington D.C.		
24	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	
24	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
25	Hampton, Virginia	[redacted]	
26	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	
26	W. Norfolk, Virginia	[redacted]	Prob: ASTRO
26	Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland	Military	
26	Washington D.C.	Civ/Mil	UNKNOWN
27	Bethesda, Maryland	[redacted]	
27	Wilmington, Delware	[redacted]	UNKNOWN
27	Kinsington, Maryland	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
27	Highlands, New York	Military	
27	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	
27	Brightwood, Maryland	[redacted]	
27	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	
27	Bethesda, Maryland	[redacted]	Possible: ASTRO
28	Hopewell, Virginia	[redacted]	Possible: ASTRO
28	Sunset Hills, Virginia	[redacted]	
28	Washington D.C.	[redacted]	

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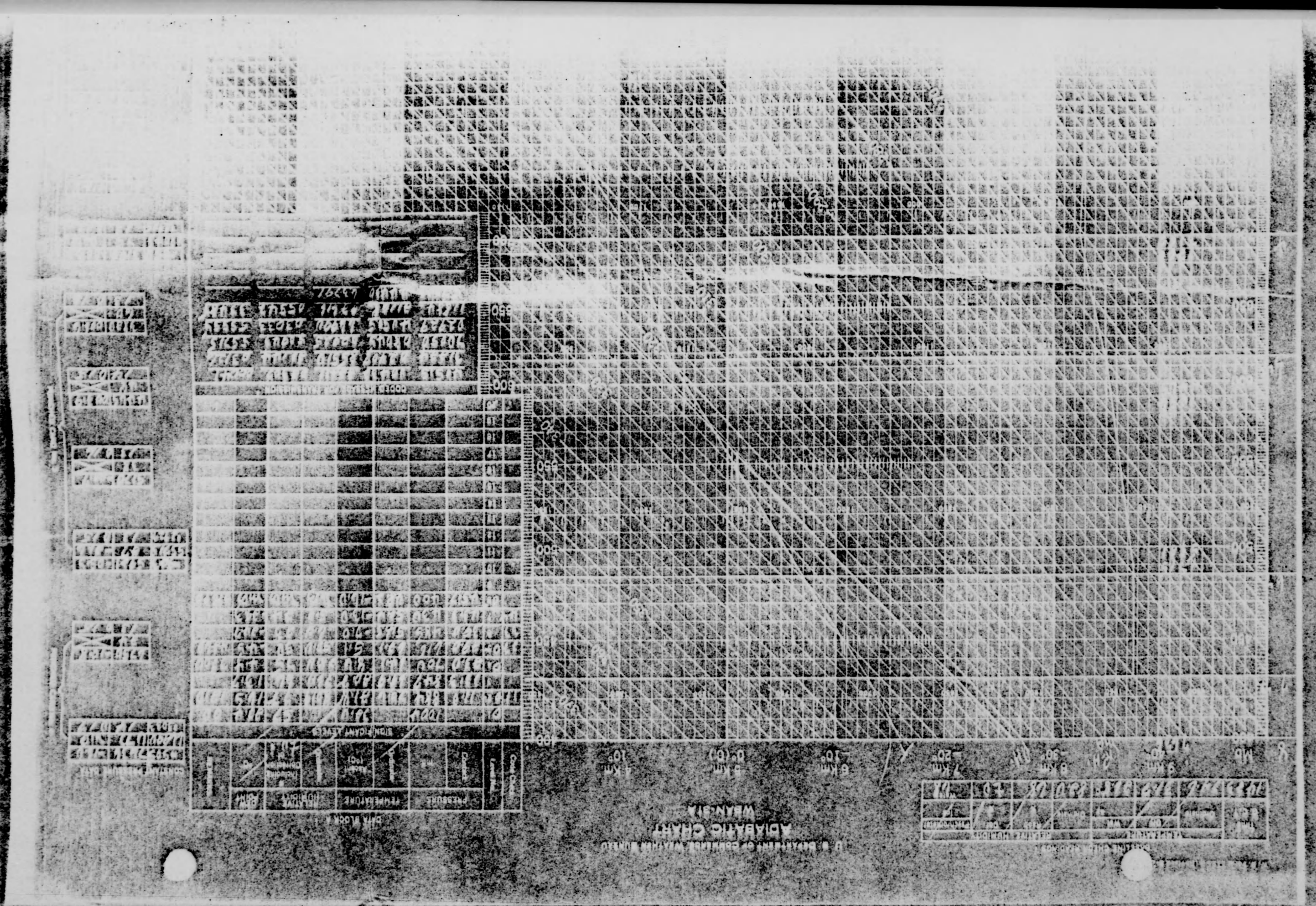

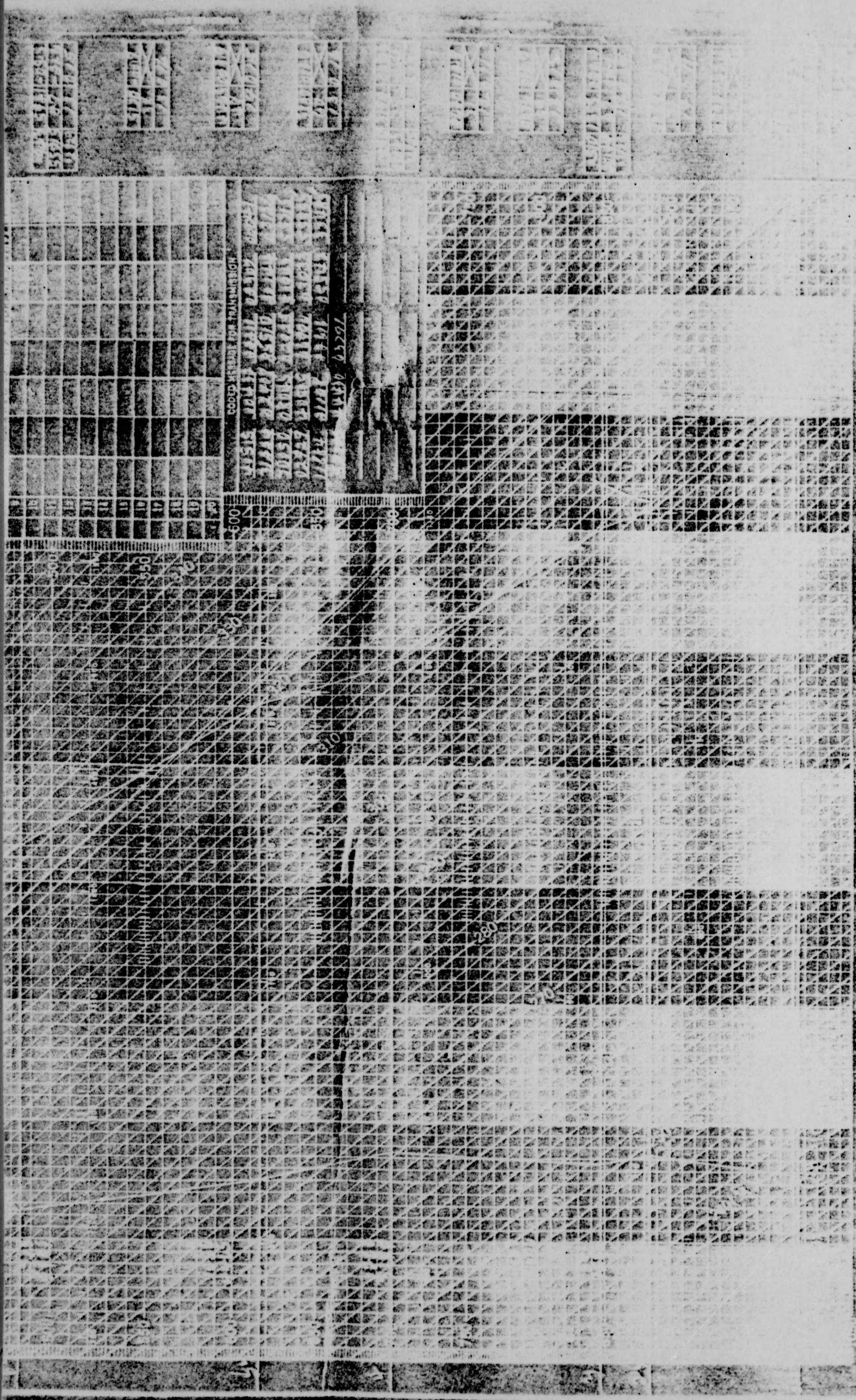

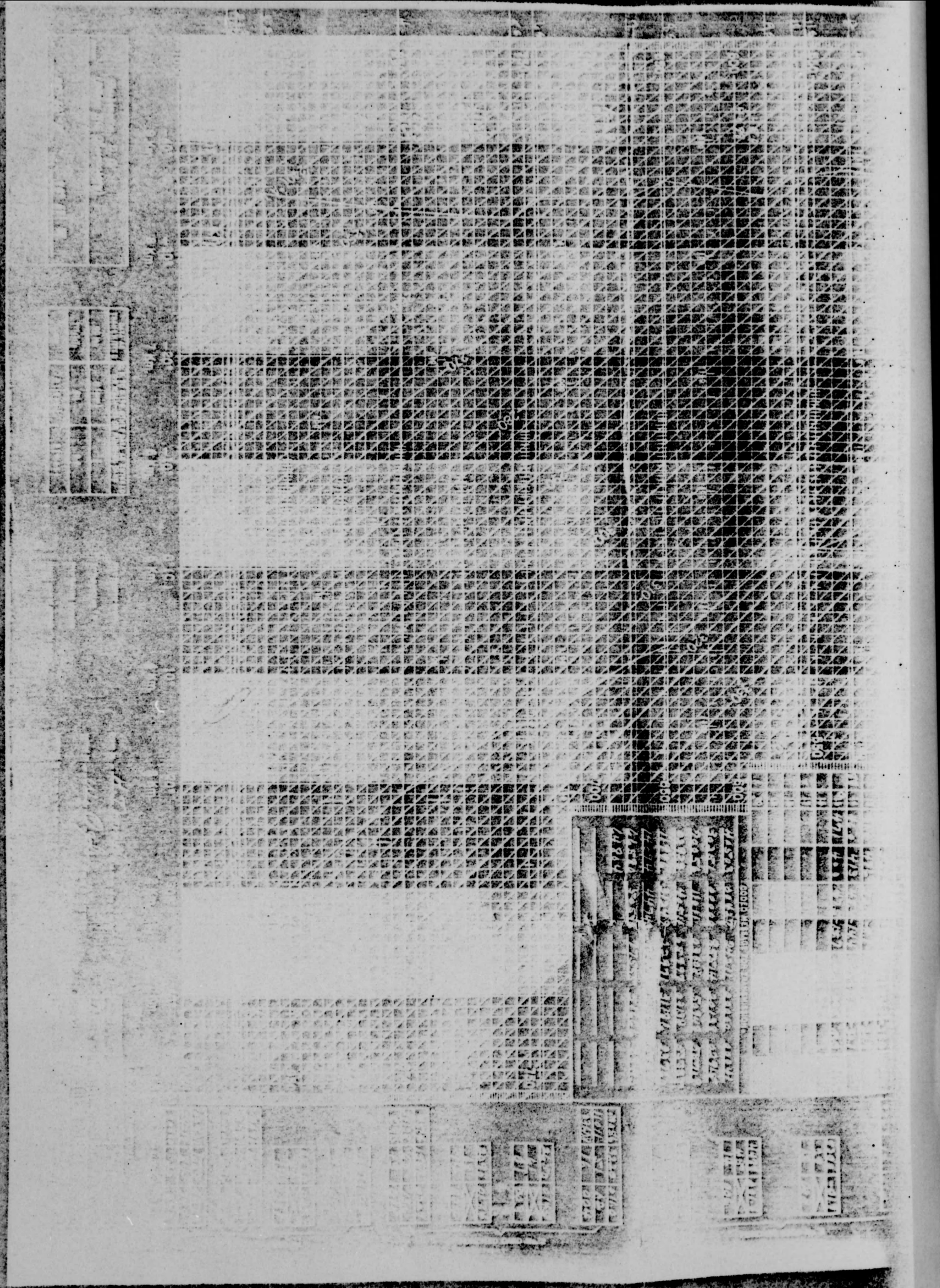

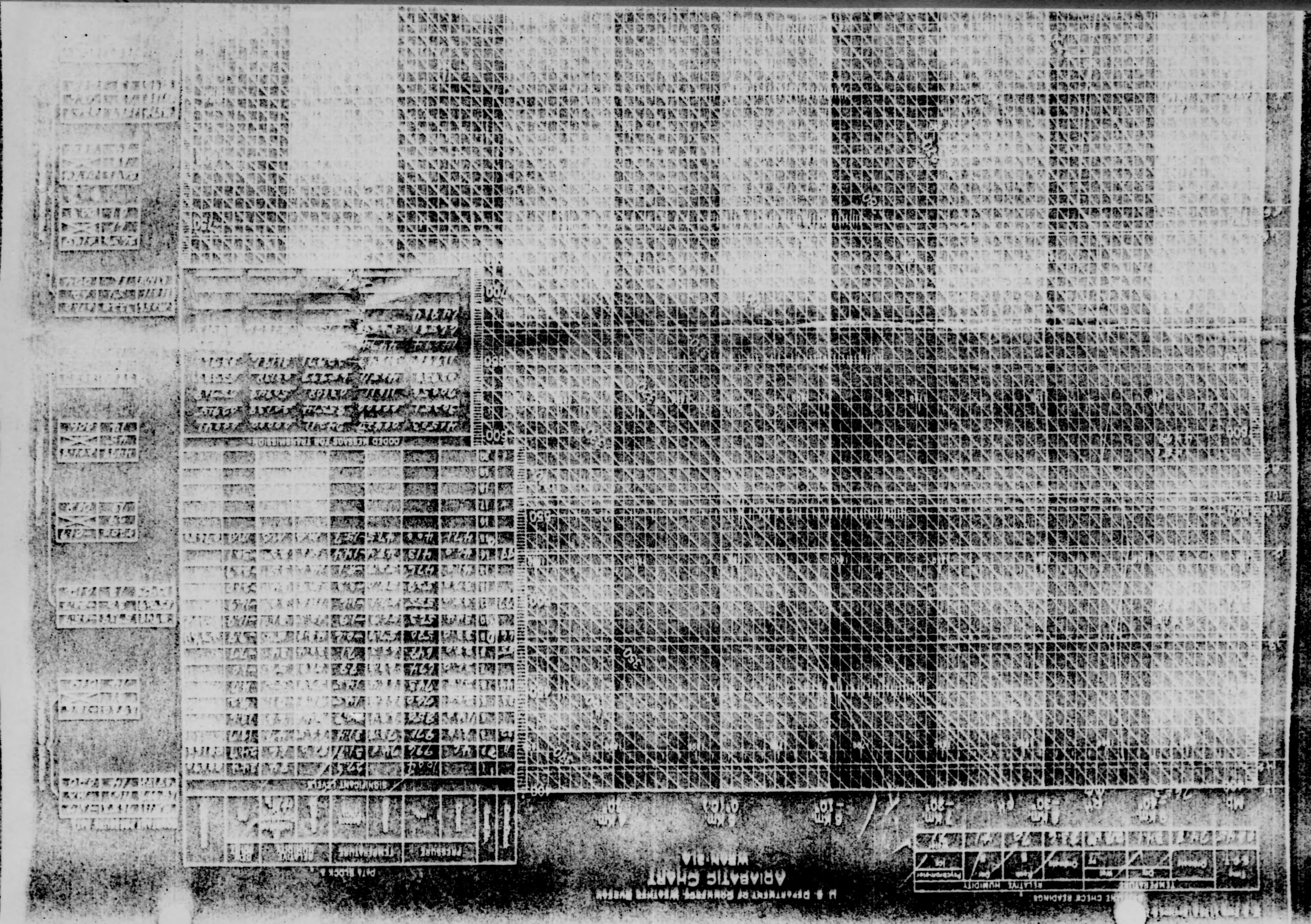

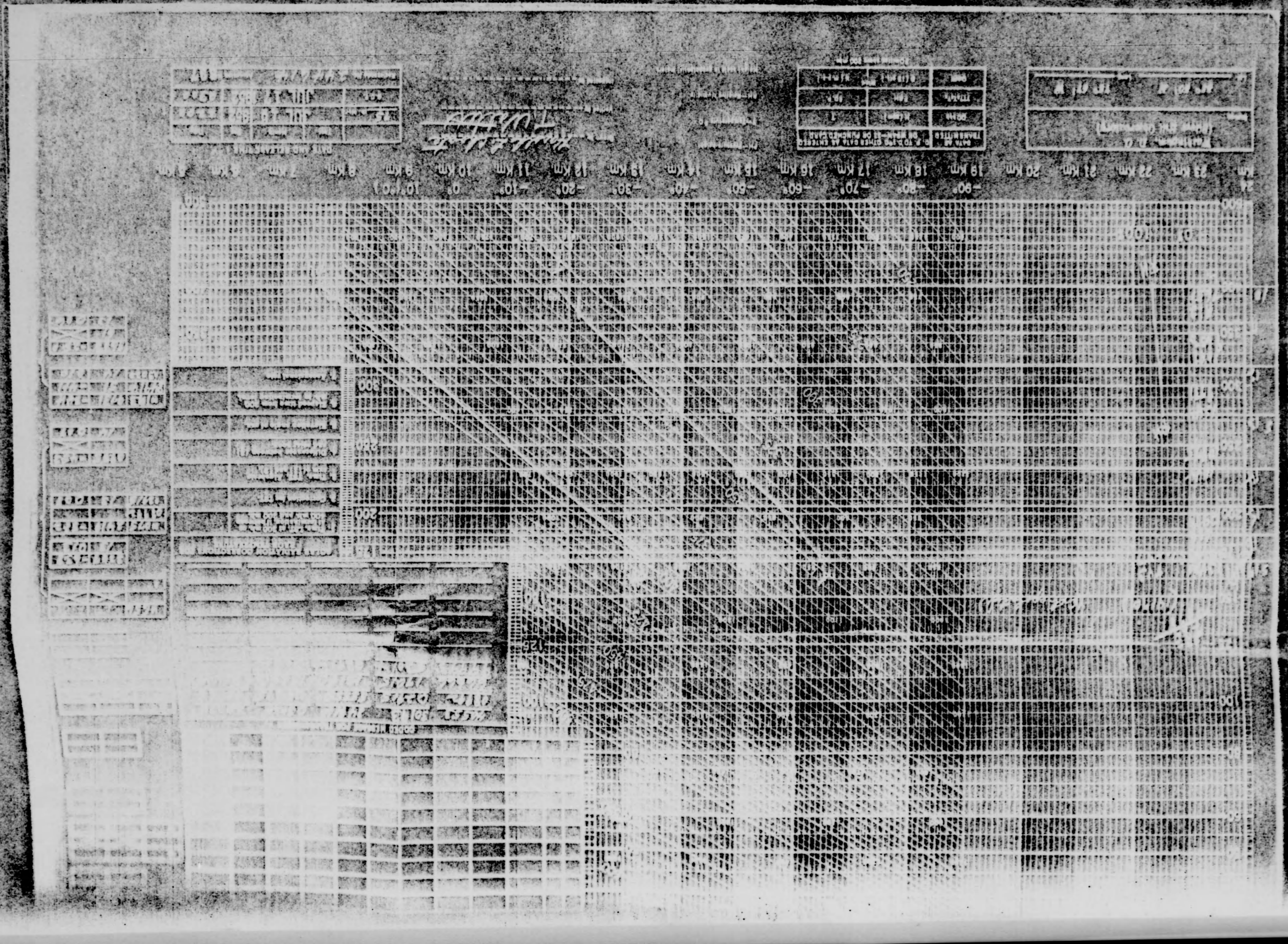

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TO ATIAA-6 RUPPELT FM AFOIN-2C5 FOURNET

FOLG INFO RECD BY PHONE FM MR [redacted]

[redacted] THIS MORNING, WHILE STANDING ON 15TH ST BETWEEN M AND N STS NW, WASHINGTON, D. C., AT 0920 EDST ON 30 JUNE OR 1 JULY 52, OBSERVED DULL (SMOKY) GREY MASS WITH SEMI-CIRCULAR FWD PORTION AND INCREASING SLIGHTLY IN WIDTH AS IT TRAILED AFT, TERMINATING IN A BLURRED LINE. OBSERVED FOR PD OF 8 TO 10 MINS DURING WHICH IT MOVED THRU ARC ABOUT 15 DEG AND LENGTH PULSATED FROM UNITY TO 2X AT REGULAR 30 SEC INTERVALS; PULSATION WAS CONTINUOUS AT REGULAR FREQUENCY. LENGTH WHEN LONGEST EST ABOUT HALF DIAM OF A QUARTER. ATTENTION ATTRACTED BY OTHER PEOPLE LOOKING UP. FIRST OBSERVED ABOUT [redacted] AT ELEV 30 TO 40 DEG. TVLD THRU ABOUT 15 DEG ARC FR N TO W WITH SLIGHT DECREASE IN ELEV AND LOST BEHIND BUILDINGS. NO SOUND. IMPRESSION OF "INCREDIBLE DISTANCE". ADDRESS [redacted] ST NW WASH D. C. PHONE [redacted] OCCUPATION COLLEGE PROFESSOR. WEARS RIMLESS GLASSES WHICH CORRECT VISION TO 20/20. SKY CLEAR AND BRIGHT SUN AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

END OF CSAF ITEM 2 [redacted]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24-0-205

28 JUL 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Allegedly Sighted on 1 July 1952 by Mr. [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Headquarters Command USAF
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

1. This office has received a letter from the Baltimore Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated 8 July 1952. This letter is as follows:

"Mr. [redacted] advised this office on July 4, 1952, that on July 1, 1952, between 10 p.m. and midnight, Mr. [redacted], who is approximately 72 years of age, observed a round object about several times the diameter of the moon flash across the sky, travelling from east to west. This round object was copper colored with a yellow border and gave off a greenish glow."

2. The Office of Special Investigations is referring this matter to your Headquarters for whatever action you might deem advisable, without taking any further action.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 16a, AFR 205-6, dated 1 September 1950, which prohibits disclosure of information to unauthorized persons.

Harold D. Collins
for Lt Col USAF

DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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TO JEDEN/CGAIRDEFCOM ENT AFB COLO

JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN: ATIAA-2C

39433. FLYOBRPT MR H G BARNES SR CONTROLLER AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT OBSERVED THE FOLG FROM 2400 HRS 19TH THROUGHTOUT THE NIGHT PAREN THIS INFO RECD FROM MR THOMAS AT THE WASHINGTON CENTER PHONE RE 6131, EXT 291, WHO WAS READING FROM MR BARNES REPT 0745 PAREN. CAPITOL AIRLINES FLT 807 REPTD TO WASHINGTON TOWER THAT 7 LIGHTS NO DEFINITE SHAPE- WERE FOLLWOING HIM FROM MARTINSBURG W VA TO WASHINGTON. MOVEMENT NOTED UP AND DOWN AND HORIZONTALLY AS WELL. ONE NOTED OVER HERNDON VA. FOLLOWED CAPITAL AIRLINE TO WITHIN 4 MILES OF TOUCHDOWN. CAPITOL PILOT ESTIMATES ALTITUDE OF OBJECT 5000 FT. WASHINGTON CENTER RADAR SUBSTANTIATED ELECTRONICALLY THAT OBJECT WAS FOLLOWING AS PILOT OBSERVED. PARA. WASHINGTON CENTER MONITORING ANDREWS FLT SERVICE HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT OBJECT MOVE ACROSS FIELD AT ESTIMATED 4000 FT, DESCRIBED AS DOME-SHAPED, VERY HIGH SPEED. MR THOMAS WILL SEND COPY OF REPORT TO AFOIN-2A2.

20/1417Z JUL JEPHQ

TT to Capitol for Wash. Natl for time & A/C
to Andrews for A/C & crew info
to Naval Air Sta. Norfolk for A/C & crew info

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TO CO ATIC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

ANF BGBO 74 REF UR MSG AFOIN-ETIAA-7-13E. PROJECT BLUE BOOK. AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED THE FOLG ACFT WERE IN THE VICINITY OF ANDREWS AFB APRX 2400E 19 JUL 52. EASTERN AIRLINES FLT NO 519W, CAPITOL AIRLINES FLT NO 118, EASTERN AIRLINES FLT NO 635Z, CAPITOL AIRLINES FLT NO 805, AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT NO 114 AND AF 55400 PLT MARTIN, C.A. LT COL, HQ MATS , ANDREWS AFB, NO ACFT WERE SCRAMBLED, HOWEVER [redacted] WAS NOTIFIED BY WASH ARTC

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AFCIN-1A. REQUEST YOU FORWARD AFCIN-1A1 FOLLOWING INFORMATION

CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTINGS IN WASHINGTON D. C.

AREA DURING YEAR ONE NINE FIVE TWO. (1) TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS

REPORTED. (2) RESULTS OF FINAL ANALYSIS IN EACH CASE.

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ATTN CLN ATIC CMA ATIAA-5 FROM AFOIN 41626 FOLG MSG RECF FROM FLT SV OLMSTED AFB PA CLN "CIRVIS. POSITION OF OBJECT DIRECTLY EAST NEW BURLINGTON OHIO. APPEARED TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HOUSE LAMP MORE BRILLIANT THAN A STAR. ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET CMA HOVERED ABOUT TEN MINUTES THEN MOVED SOUTHWARD AT A TERRIFIC RATE OF SPEED."
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FILE NO. Proj. 10073	SUBJECT (REST) Discussion of Washington, D.C. Radar Sightings of Unidentified Object on 20 and 26-27 July 1952

TO ATIAA
ATTN: Capt. Ruppelt

FROM ATIAE2

DATE 29 Aug 52

COMMENT NO. 1
Capt. James/leg
55170/Bldg 263A

1. A study of the various reports regarding the subject radar sightings do not allow a positive and final explanation to be made. This is a characteristic of practically all radar reports of unidentified and/or unconventional targets. As usual, the factual and scientific data necessary for analysis is not available. However, the information available, together with weather data, does allow a plausible explanation as to the possible cause of the unidentified targets.

2. The general trend or tone of the available reports of the subject targets indicate a possible anomalous (bending) propagation (temperature inversion and/or moisture lapse) effect on the radiated electromagnetic waves of the radar sets, thereby allowing detection of ground targets which are not normally seen. Excerpts from available reports which indicate the possibility of detection of ground targets due to a mild condition of anomalous propagation effects are as follows:

a. "Sporadic"

b. "Intermittent"

c. "Capable of dropping out of the pattern at will"

d. "Creeping appearance"

e. "Just disappeared from scope"

f. "Solid"

g. "Unidentified targets have been picked up from time to time over the past few months, but never before were there so many as were experienced on the nights of 19/20 and 26/27 July 52"

h. The lengths of time that targets appeared and the time of day, 0005 to 0530 EST (20 July 52) and 2050 to 0000 EST (26 July 1952), both indicate a favorable characteristic of anomalous propagation.

i. Reported "formation" of targets could be due to the fact that prominent ground targets, such as, power poles, buildings, etc. are usually grouped in some type of regular pattern and would maintain this grouping on the radar indicator.

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Air Traffic Control at National Airport notified Bolling Operations that they had sighted strange objects on their radar screen. S/Sgt Richard Lacava, operations dispatcher notified the Bolling Airdrome Officer and alerted the Bolling Mobile Control Tower. S/Sgt. Don L. Wilson, Tower operator, scanned the skies visually and reported that he saw an unidentified, roundish object drifting low in the sky about seven miles southeast of Bolling Air Force Base. He said it was of about the intensity of a star and white-amber in color. It was visible for a few minutes. (TIME: 0200, 20 July 52)

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S/Sgt Lacava – Bolling Dispatcher
S/Sgt Wilson – Bolling Tower Op.

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Memorandum for Record 28 July 1952

Subject: Telephone Call from a Washington Newspaper

At approximately 2130 on the night of 27 July 1952, a Washington newspaper, the name of which is unknown (the caller identified himself but the name of the newspaper could not be remembered) called Capt E. J. Ruppelt at his home. The caller was advised that Capt Ruppelt could make no statement for the press. He advised the caller that all public statements for the press had to come from PIO in Washington. The gentleman from the newspaper was very insistent and rather indignant about the fact that he had received a "run around" all afternoon. Capt Ruppelt stated that he was sorry about this but that he could still make no comments. The gentleman asked whether or not we had received a report about the Washington sighting that occurred on the night of 26 July 1952. He was advised that we had been advised of the sighting but could make no comment on it. The gentleman said that he believed the Air Force was withholding information that was vital to the press. Capt Ruppelt said that he didn't know whether this was true or not and that he was sorry that he could not give them any information. The man then asked what could be the cause of radar returns like that. Capt Ruppelt said that he had nothing to say about the Washington sighting although as previously had been announced in all of the newspapers, ATIC had reports of radar sightings but that he would make no comment on them. The gentleman stated that he had no knowledge of radar and assumed that since there was a radar pickup there must be something there. Capt Ruppelt said again that he could not make any statement but that it was a well-known fact that radar images could be caused by weather, by birds, by malfunctions in the radar set, from interference of two radar sets, and many other reasons and just the fact that there was a return on a radar

scope did not mean a great deal unless that return could be evaluated. The gentleman asked next how soon it would be before we had an evaluation on the Washington incident. Again he was informed that we could make no statement. He asked what Capt Ruppelt's affiliation with the project was and he was advised that the full details were in Look Magazine and that, as they quoted, Capt Ruppelt was the Project Officer. He was advised that nothing else could be said and the conversation was terminated.

Memo for Record 28 July 1952

Subject: Report of Unidentified Aerial Object

1. At 2115 EST, Mr. [redacted] of Life Magazine called Capt Ruppelt at his home. He stated the Time and Life representatives were at Washington National Airport tower and that the same radar returns as were observed on 19 July were on the scope.

2. Capt Ruppelt called Capt F. E. Smith, ATIC D.O., and informed him of the incident. Capt Smith called Col Thomas, the D.O. at D/I at 2130 EST.

3. Capt Ruppelt arrived at ATIC at 2200 and called Col Thomas at 2215. Col Thomas stated that he had contacted Major Fournet and Lt Holcomb, a radar analyist. Both were going to Washington National to see what was taking place. He also stated that he would call the command post and have them inform Eastern Air Defense Forces. Col Thomas also agreed to report any further developments to ATIC.

At 0030 EST, Col Thomas called Capt Ruppelt at his home. He stated that since 2100 EST, the radar at Washington National Airport tower had been picking up objects on all quadrants of their scope. Major Fournet and Lt Holcomb were at Washington National tower and observing the objects. F-94's had been scrambled with no luck and "something else" was going to be tried. (What "something else" meant is unknown.)

Col Thomas also stated that several press representatives were at the tower and photos had been taken. Andrews AFB radar was also making contacts. Major Fournet was going to contact the command post so he could request operational control over the investigation.

File in Washington Incident

26 July 1952

Memorandum for Record

Subject: Trip to Washington, D. C.

1. On 21 July 1952, Col D. L. Bower and Capt E. J. Ruppelt went to MATS Hq at Andrews AFB, Maryland, to discuss the possibility of the MATS Air Weather Service and Flight Service assisting in Project Blue Book. Col was contacted. He called in Major from the Director of Intelligence Office of Hq MATS. The proposition that these people could help us in Project Blue Book was presented. The Air Weather Service could help us by assisting the reports that we receive for possible balloons and Flight Service could help us by attempting to identify reports that turned out to be aircraft.

2. Capt and Warrant Officer were called into the meeting. These men were from Air Weather Service. The project was outlined to these people and a discussion was held as to how they can help us. Capt Ruppelt showed several examples of how we had tracked balloons previously and asked these people if they could do the same. After a lengthy discussion these people left the meeting and it was decided that ATIC would draw up a proposal stating what we wanted these people to do and submit it to them on an informal basis. They would then review this with ATIC people and make necessary corrections to arrive at a final proposal, then this final proposal would be sent to them through channels. They were advised that if the task appeared to be a big one a transfer of funds from ATIC to MATS could be arranged.

3. The of the meeting with the weather people, Lt Col who is Intelligence Officer, and Deputy for Operations of Flight Service, was

called in. The problem of identifying these objects as aircraft was discussed. It was previously known that it is a difficult job to trace aircraft back to a given position in the U.S. or merely using flight plan reports, etc. However there is a possibility of working something out. Several suggestions were offered, (1) that ATIC would furnish personnel so that there will be one person at each Flight Service Center throughout the U.S. merely to handle unidentified aerial object reports. In this way as soon as a report comes in it could be easily checked. The possibility of having a roving representative visiting various flight services was also discussed. There was no definite plan made as to what would be done in this instance. It was decided however that it would be very advantangeous for ATIC to prepare a letter to CAA and have it distributed to all CAA's installations. This letter would state how to report unidentified aerial objects and would give the CAA facility authorization to send a collect telegram directly to ATIC. This would alleviate much handling of messages. At the present time CAA facilities relay the message several times before it reaches the AF Flight Service. After it reaches Flight Service it is handled several more times before it reaches ATIC. In this interim handling it has been found that the message becomes distorted. The meeting ended with an agreement that ATIC would draw up what they desired in the way aid from Flight Service and that this would be presented to Flight Service and they would put any suggestions or corrections that they felt necessary. Lt Col also agreed to contact CAA and see how much cooperation they could give us on this subject.

4. On the next day Col Bower and Capt Ruppelt spent the day in the Pentagon. The prime purpose of the visit was to coordinate the articles that have been written for the copy of the digest,of the Air Intelligence Digest, that will devote about half the issue to the investigation of unidentified

aerial objects. Dished in with this was a great deal of confusion on the recent sighting by radar over Washington Municipal Airport on Saturday night.

5. The first thing in the morning Col Bower and Capt Ruppelt visited the Digest Office. The visit was rather brief and they proceeded to the office of Lt Col Peaberg, in the office of the Deputy for Estimates. Col Peaberg stated that under the reorganization of the Directorate of Intelligence, Major Fournet at AFOIN-2B3 would no longer be the contact man in Washington for unidentified object reports. A new agency handling this coordination is under the Topical Intelligence Division and the Current Intelligence Branch. Col Bower and Lt Col Peaberg also visited the Office of Public Information of the Air Force. It was there decided that ATIC would send a monthly status report to these people. This status report would be either a classified copy which they could disseminate the information they felt was not classified or a special unclassified report. In addition to this, various things will be send to these people such as memorandums for record that we feel would be of interest, etc.

6. While /Capt Ruppelt was in the Digest Office, he received a call from Mr. [redacted] from the PIO. Mr. [redacted] stated that the Washington Daily News wished to speak to Capt Ruppelt but he was advised that this could not be done due to existing regulations and that Mr. [redacted] would have to go through D/I channels to get permission for this interview. Mr. [redacted] called back and said that the PIO had contacted Gen Ackerman and that Gen Ackerman said in light of the fact that there had already been publicity that the Daily News could speak to Capt Ruppelt. He was advised however that it could not be a personal interview due to the time element involved and that they would contact him by telephone. Capt Ruppelt called the Daily News and talked to one of the reporters. He stated that he had been

requested by Mr. [redacted] to call the newspaper. He answered several questions none of which were used in the subsequent news story. One thing that he did stress was that he was not in Washington specifically for the recent sighting.

7. A telephone call was also received from a Gen Landry's secretary. She stated that the President had requested Gen Landry to find out the details of the sighting that had occurred in Washington on Saturday night. She was advised that ATIC had the report and was working on it and that an evaluation would be forthcoming.

8. While visiting Air Weather Service and Flight Service the Director of Intelligence at MATS requested that they be put on a distribution for reports. This was noted and they will be put on the distribution list.

Note!

Memorandum for Record 23 July 1952

Subject: ATIC Participation in the Investigation of Washington Incident of 20 July 1952.

1. The first notification of this incident was on the morning of 22 July 1952 when Col Bower and Capt Ruppelt were eating breakfast and read it in the Washington papers. They had been out at Andrews AFB the previous day and had not heard of it. They had contacted people from the D/I of MATS who also did not know of it.

2. Upon reporting to the Pentagon on the morning of 22 July 1952 they met Lt Col Teaburg, D/I Estimates Division, who stated that a Capt Berkow, D/I of Headquarters Command at Bolling, was coming in with the report of the incident. This was about 0900. At about 0930 Capt Berkow arrived and briefed Col Bower, Capt Ruppelt, Major Linder of ATIC, and others on the incident. He stated that a full report would be ready, and would be delivered to Col Bower by 1700. During the day several phone calls were received by Capt Ruppelt on this sighting. One was from the White House. They were advised that an investigation would be made.

4. Before the afternoon was over it appeared that this was going to be a "hot" incident. Capt Ruppelt called Col Bower in Lt Col Teaburg's office and offered to stay over in Washington to get the investigation started but was advised that this should not be done.

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3. Weather data is available during the time of subject radar sighting for the 26th only. This data, taken at 2200 EST, is as follows:

Altitude (Thousands of ft.)	Temperature (Degrees Centigrade)	Moisture Lapse Rate
0	25.2	
.800	26.3	(Fairly
1	25.9	constant
2	23.1	up to
3	20.4	3,000 ft)
3.200	19.5	
4	20.4	(increased
5	19.1	rate
6	17.0	between
7	15.1	3,000 and
8	13.2	4,500 ft)
9	11.1	
10	9.5	(rapid increase
11	7.9	between 4,500
12	6.4	and 7,500)
13	4.3	
14	2.0	(above 7,500 ft
15	0.0	moisture content
16	-2.2	was too small to
17	-4.6	be measured)
18	-6.2	
19	-7.5	
20	-11.2	
21	-13.5	
22	-15.5	
23	-17.0	
24	-18.3	
25	-19.8	
26	-25.6	
27	-27.8	
28	-30.0	
29	-32.1	
30	-33.9	

The above data indicates slight temperature inversions at 800 feet and at 4,000 feet altitude. Moisture conditions at these altitudes also appear to be somewhat favorable to anomalous propagation, sometimes referred to as "bending", "ducting", "guided propagation", "trapping", or "super refraction" of the radar electromagnetic wave.

4. There are several factors, given above, which are favorable for concluding that the subject radar targets were actually ground targets which are not normally detected. It is considered that an abnormal propagation condition caused a mild bending of the radar waves so that detection of ground targets were not giving "solid" returns for every antenna sweep and thereby would cause a misinterpretation that stationary ground targets were in motion.

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5. Very strong ground return signals have been previously observed on the indicators of the AN/CPS-1 type radar, located in Florida, out to ranges of about 150 statute miles.

JOHN E. LIBBERT, Major, USAF
Chief, Electronics Branch
Technical Analysis Division

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1 NAME OR TITLE Major L. J. Tacker	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
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REMARKS

[redacted] You sent the writer a fact sheet in March. As to his questions here, we can say that the Air Force conclusion on the 1952 Wash sightings was "Anomalous radar returns caused by temperature inversions".

As to the "fireballs" on aircraft, these were common in World War II and to some extent in the Korean War.

They are caused by one of two things: static electric phenomena, such as St. Elmds Fire, or reflections of light by small whirlpools or vortices of air created by small irregularities of the aircraft structure.

FROM NAME OR TITLE Ted Hieatt	DATE 7 April 60
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4X3	TELEPHONE 57136

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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Col Jacks, Safsafe, called at 1620 hours, 5 Dec 52, regarding enquiries on a sighting of April 1949. The sighting allegedly was regarding a case which AF and local police were guarding a saucer shaped vehicle by a boat ramp at Marley Park, Md. Allegedly a photo was taken of the vehicle and a gentleman by the name of Jonathan Caldwell was involved in the sighting.

Questions to be answered are:

Was he ever found?
Who flew the object?
How was it built?
What happened to it?

12th STATIONED NEW CASTLE, DEL - COMMANDED COL. JACK C. ST.

Another case happened the summer of 1952. Three pilots from the 142nd fighter interceptor wing allegedly chased a saucer in the Wash area. The pilots are stationed at Andrews AFB. The pilots were Lt La Mar Watson, Lt John Fagan, and Capt John C Casey.

Where are these pilots now?

3rd Case involved Jul 1952 wash DC sightings with a question regarding this case is whether the case is still carried as being caused by an inversion.

I told Col Jacks that the case has never been changed that it is still carried in the same category classification. I also told him to ask Beverly (Safair) for Technical Rpt 180 which was conducted by the Civil Aeronautics Board

Capper "Casey" Pierce - Capitol Airlines 807 Oct 2:15

Washington Times-Herald July 28, 1952

No Radar Pickups Were Made

1. 1/Lt. William L. Patterson
2. Capt. John M. McHugo

} 142nd FTR INTER Sqd. NEW CASTLE, DEL. Commanded by Col. JACK C. WEST.

3 Capt. Francis T. Evans Jr.
4. Capt. John C. Lang

} 121st FTR INTER Sqd. TDY TO NEW CASTLE fm ANDREWS

AF480900

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[redacted]
Control Tower Operator
Civ.

Andrews AFB, Wash
25, D.C.
22 July 1952

ALL TIMES EST

I reported on duty in the tower at 2300 ST on 19 July 1952 for my eight hour tour of duty. About 1230 A/1C Brady, M[redacted] and myself started talking about flying saucers. [redacted] and [redacted] were inclined to believe that there were such objects. I was and still am skeptical. The tower maintenance man T/Sgt Izzo was listening to the conversation over the intercom on the 6th floor as he worked there, and commented jokingly now and then.

At approximately 0100 hrs [redacted] answered the ringing telephone and spoke to someone unknown to me who was apparently watching the sky from hardstand 14. Brady became excited during the conversation and suddenly yelled there goes one. I saw a falling star go from overhead a short distance south and burn out. About two minutes later [redacted] said there's another one "Did you see the orange glow to the south". I said I thought I saw it but he pointed south and I had been looking southwest. I went up on the roof after that and watched the sky in all directions. In the meantime Wash Center was reporting targets on their radar screen over the Andrews range. Andrews Approach Control observed nothing.

[redacted] was in the tower talking on the phone and interphones. He was watching a star and telling various people that it was moving up and descending rapidly and going from left to right and Banning and I listening to him from the roof believed we saw it move too. Such is the power of suggestion.

This star was to the east slightly to the left of and above the rotating beacon. Brady reported the star as two miles east of Andrews and at an altitude of two thousand feet.

A short time later approx 0200 hrs I saw a falling star go from overhead to the north. A few minutes later another went in the same direction. They faded and went out within two seconds. The sky was full of stars, the milky way was bright and I was surprised that we did not see more falling stars.

At about 0230 hrs I descended to the tower and observed from there the rest of the night but saw nothing more. All night Wash Center was reporting objects near Andrews or over the Andrews range but Andrews Approach Control could see nothing, however they could see the various aircraft reported so their screen was apparently in good operation.

About 0400 hrs a jet (GAS BAG) called Wash Center on 121.5MC's and said he had been assigned to contact Wash CA. to investigate the unknown objects reported in the sky but he was almost out of fuel and was returning to his home base.

At 0500 hrs Wash Center called me and reported an unknown object five miles southeast of Andrews Field. I looked and saw nothing. That was the last report I heard.

A TRUE COPY

Clyde E. Manatee Jr.
Civ.
WCJC, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

/s/ [redacted]
Control Tower Operator
1509th AACS Sqdn
Andrews AF Base

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Andrews AFB, Wash
25, D.C.
22 July 1952

My name is T/Sgt John P. Izzo and I am in 1009th AACS Squadron here at Andrews. My duties are Radio Repairman (30173) and I work in the Navigational Aids Section of this Squadron. At 001 on 20 July I reported for duty at the 6th floor of the Tower where our radio equipment is installed. At about 0015 I called tower on our intercom as I overheard them talking about flying saucers. Curiously I went up to the tower and I heard Wash Center call us on the intercom advising that they had 5 unidentified targets over the Andrews range. Mr [redacted] and Mr [redacted] went to the tower roof while I stayed inside the tower. I myself couldn't see anything at that time over the Andrews range. I went to the tower roof about ten minutes later. Mr [redacted] & myself saw what appeared to be two falling stars directly overhead falling in a south to northly direction. They did not occur at the same time, about ten minutes apart. The first one was quite bright and orange in color. In my estimation all those were, were just falling stars. At about the same time A/1C Brady said he spotted a strange light near our beacon which is atop our water tower east of our control tower. I spotted the same from the tower roof but to me it appeared to be just a distant star and it changed position due to rotation of earth on its axis. To me it didnt appear to be moving around. At 0230 Wash Center called and said that a Capitol Airlines spotted 3 objects near Herndon Va and he stated they were like nothing he had ever seen. At about 0400 a jet with call sign (Gas Bag) called Wash Center on 121.5MC (Delta) and was going to investigate those objects. Wash Center advised him to switch to 135.9MC (A). Mr [redacted] asked me if I could monitor it and I said I would set it up on our spare VHF receiver down on the sixth floor. I heard the jet (Gas Bag) advise Wash Center he was at 21,000 ft and was running low on fuel. He advised he was going back to base. That was all that I heard from the jet. From 0400 to 0500 I stayed down on the sixth floor (radio room) and I then went back to my shop at OPM-18 at 0600. I went off duty at 0700.

/s/ John P. Izzo Jr T/Sgt
AF 6970675

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Clyde E. Maltbie Jr.
CLYDE E. MALTBIE JR.
USCG, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

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Report on unidentified Object (AFL 200-5)
21 July 1952

Andrews AFB, Wash
25, D.C.
21 July 1952

1. At approximately 0110 EST Washington Center called and asked if Andrews Approach Control had any unidentified radar targets in the vicinity of the Andrews Range. Nothing appeared on our radar scopes. Washington Center called several times in the next hour asking if Andrews radar had any unidentified targets but we were unable to pick up any targets.

2. At about 0200 EST. Washington Center and Andrews tower were talking on interphone Washington Center advised that their radar had a target, five (5) miles east of Andrews Field. Andrews tower reported seeing a light which changed color and said it was heading for the tower. At the same time Washington Center advised the target on their radar was moving towards Andrews. I went outside as no target appeared on Andrews radar and saw a light as reported by the tower. It was between 10 and 15 degrees above the horizon and seemed to change color, from red to orange to green to red again. It seemed to float but at times to dip suddenly and appear to lose altitude. It did not have the appearance of any star I have ever observed before. At the time of observation there was a star due east of my position. Its brilliance was approximately the same as the object and it appeared at about the same angle, 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon. The star did not change color or have any apparent movement. I estimated the object to be between 3 and 4 miles east of Andrews field at approximately 2000 ft. During the next hour very few reports were received from Washington Center. At approximately 0300 EST I again went outside to look at the object. At this time both the star and the object had increased elevation by about 10 degrees. The object had ceased to have any apparent movement but still appeared to be changing color. On the basis of the second observation, I believe the unidentified object was a star.

3. At approximately 0415EST Washington Center called and asked if we had a target 3 miles north of Riverdale. I checked our scopes and there was definitely a motionless target at the place Washington Center had indicated. It remained for about 25 to 30 seconds (5 to 6 sweeps of the antenna) and then disappeared completely. This is the only target identified by which was reported by Washington Center.

/s/ Harold C. May
Capt, USAF

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CLYDE B. TRIATT, Jr.
WCJG, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

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Andrews AFB, Wash
..., D.C.
22 July 1952

Airman Goodman called the tower and reported he had seen objects in the air around Andrews, while we were discussing them, he advised me to look to the south immediately, when I looked there was an object which appeared to be like an orange ball of fire, trailing a tail, it appeared to be about two miles south and one half of a mile east of the Andrews range, it was very bright and definite, and unlike anything I had ever seen before. The position of something like that is hard to determine accurately. It made kind of a circular movement, and then took of at an unbelievable speed it disappeared in a split second. This took place around 0005Z. Seconds, later I saw another one same description as the one before it made an arc like pattern then disappeared. I only saw each object for about a second. The second one was over the Andrews range, the direction appeared to be southerly.

/s/ A/1C William B. Brady

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Clyde E. Mahaffey Jr.
CLYDE E. MAHAFFEY Jr.
WOJG, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

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Andrews AFB, Wash
25, D.C.
21 July 1952

Mr [redacted] Airport Traffic Controller

At about 0005EST 20 July 1952 myself and two other controllers were on duty at Andrew tower. Washington Center (ARTC) called Andrews approach control to inquire about 5 radar targets near the Andrews range. Andrews approach control advised they had no traffic. Also the only traffic tower had was one C-47 inbound still about an hour out of Andrews. A few moments later tower had a phone call from the C-47 flight line at Andrews by a party named Goodwin title unknown to me. A/1C Brady answered the phone and while he was talking he suddenly said "I see It". By the time the rest of us looked there was nothing there. Both [redacted] said they saw the object south of Andrews. Wash Center called again and advised there were still targets east and west of the Andrews range. Mr [redacted], T/Sgt IZZO and myself then went to the roof of the tower with field glasses. We checked on a light first believed to be a possible object but it was a star. A while later we saw what appeared to be a shooting star streak across the sky heading NW followed almost immediately by another on the same heading and near where the other one had started. I went down to the drop line to report the incident to Wash Center when Mr [redacted] and T/Sgt Izzo said there was another one following the same route and near the others origination later on the roof. A/1C Brady and Myself saw a falling star, its color was white like any falling star while the others observed were a light red or orange color. This is to my knowledge was the last observed objects that night. However Wash Center still had targets near Andrews at times. Wash Center advised that an airline pilot reported 3 objects near Herndon Va moving at a very fast speed and also later reported 3 more between Herndon and Martinsburg W Va. Still another pilot reported one near Mt. Vernon Va at about 5000 ft. At around 0530 EST Wash Center asked Mr [redacted] if he could see anything about five miles north of Andrews. As they had a target there. Mr [redacted] said he saw nothing. Wash Center said the targets would move fast, slow then seem to hover then disappear. Wash also advised they seemed to be out more frequently when aircraft were moving, seeming to more or less follow the moving aircraft.

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Clyde E. Mahaffey Jr

CLYDE E. MAHAFFEY JR.
1st Lt, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

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Andrews AFB, Wash
25, D.C.
21 July 1952

On the morning of the 20th of July at aproximately 0200 I saw a strong light South of Andrews AFB traveling from East to West at a trific rate of speed. The light was about 5 to 7 miles South and traveled from ~~one corner~~ the East side of Andrews to aproximately the potomic river west in about 5 to 15 Seconds. ~~I~~ Watched this happen several times. At times it would apear to stand still then make abrubt changes of direction and altitude. I was unabel to tell what it was so I called Andrews tower and asked if they had it spotted or knew what it was. They finally saw it for a few seconds off runway 28 about that time it shot out of sight at a triffic speed. Its color was a orange red. Later on we spotted what seamed to be a star North East of the field which was in the general direction of Baltimore. It was about tree top level from where I was watching. It was very bright but not the same color. This was a blewis silver. It was very erratic in motion it moved up from side to side. Its motion was very fast. 3 times I saw a red object leave the silver object at a high rate of speed and move East out of sight. At this time I had to service C-47 540 and lost sight of it for the night. The time was about 0330.

/s/ S/Sgt Charles T. Davenport
AF 13240850
1053rd Maintenance Sqdn

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Clyde E. Manatee Jr.

CLYDE E. MANATEE Jr.
WOJG, USAF
Admin Operations Officer

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Andrews AFB, Wash
25, D.C.
21 July 52

INTERIM CY AIRDROME OPERATIONS REPORT OF 20 JULY 1952

AF4809O7

1. 3 unusual objects sighted by 5 base personnel from approx. 0005 to 0030 EST 20 July 52. Objects appeared to have reddish orange glow and high rate of speed. Size varied from 1 foot to size of an orange.

2. Movement of objects was erratic, one moved in a 360 degree turn and disappeared. Sighted for about 5 seconds. Another appeared to move from south west to south east and back again as sighted from tower and section A flight line. Same object returned in south westerly direction and disappeared to the north. This sighting lasted about 30 seconds. Speed was extremely great. Altitude of objects undetermined. Second object appeared about 5 minutes after first. Third object traveled from west to east & disappeared. One observer said objects could have been shooting stars.

3. Wash center has sighted unidentified targets on radar since 2340 EST 19 July. Varying numbers from 5 to 10. Several located near ADW range.

Individuals reporting these objects are:

Section A Flight Line
A/2C Goodhue, W.E. /s/ W.E. Goodhue Capt
S/Sgt Davenport, Charles T. 1050 ADJ0

ADW Tower
T.F. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted].
A/1C Brady, Wm B.
T/Sgt Izzo, John P.

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Clyde E. Wakefield, Jr.
CLYDE E. WAKEFIELD Jr.
1st Lt, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

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Andrews AFB, Wash
25, D.C.
21 July 1952

On the 20 July 1952 about 02:30 hours I was just finishing a tour of my guard post in Section "A" of the 1053Rd Maintenance Squadron on Andrews Air Force Base. At this time I noticed an object to the South West of Andrews, it looked to be about the size of a softball and it was bright orange in color. The object moved from the west to the North East in a half circule pattern and was traviling at such a speed that I knew that it could not be a jet aircraft, my estination of the speed is from 1000 miles an hour to 2000 miles an hour. It would be hard to judge at what altitude the object was flying because it seemed to loose and gain altitude. The object moved in this pattern several times and then disappared into the west. From the time I saw the object and them lost it I would say it was about 15 to 20 minutes. But as far as saying that this was a flying saucer I would not because it looked to me to be more round in shape than flat.

A/2C Bill Goodman

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CLYDE E. MANAFEE Jr.
MOJG, USAF
Admin Operations Officer

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PO FTLX 1-2
1999 AACS Squadron
(AACS Operations Section)

AF480907

AACS CONTROL TOWER

LOG

Date/Time		Operator	Remarks
0110	ME	TEM RADIO DAY AND LOG	
0115	ME	PHONE CALL ADVSG THAT THERE WAS OBJECT SOUTH OF ADW A/C READY LOOKED SOUTH AND SAW A ORANGE OBJECT THAT APPEARED FOR JUST A MOMENT THEN DISAPPEARED. THE PARTY ON THE PHONE SAW THE SAME THING. WASH CENTER ARSC CALLING TO ADVL THEY HAVE FIVE TARGETS UNIDENTIFIED IN THE VICINITY OF ADW AIRWAYS. TWR INVITED TO OBSERVE FROM THE ROOF OF THE TWR.	
0120	ME	WHILE WATCHING FROM THE TWR ROOF MR [redacted], S/SGT IZZO AND MYSELF OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO FALLING STARS BUT THEY HAD A AN ORANGE HUE AND A TAIL AND WERE TRAVELING AT A FAST PACE. S/SGT AND MR [redacted] ALSO SAW A [illegible] OBJECT THAT APPEARED LIKE THE FIRST TWO OBJECTS. (APPEARED LIKE A FALLING STAR)	
0125	ME	ADW A/C MAKING A FULL REPORT INCLUDING THE REPORT BY THE PARTY ON THE PHONE. WASH CENTER RCVD A CALL FROM A CAPITOL AIRLINE PILOT THAT HE SAW THREE OBJECTS [illegible] AND REPORTED THAT THEY WERE LIKE NOTHING HE HAD EVER SEEN. HE ALSO REPORTED THREE MORE BETWEEN ADW AND MARTINSBURG. WASH CENTER FIRST SAW THESE TARGETS AROUND 2340 AND TEN MIN LATER THEY MOVED TOWARD ADW	
0230	ME	A/C WASH CENTER ADVSD THE TARGETS SEEMED TO MOVE MORE FREQUENTLY WHEN THERE WERE AIRCRAFT MOVING. AS DAYLIGHT WAS APPROACHING THEY SEEMED TO MOVE LESS FREQUENT.	
0530	ME	WASH ADVS TARGET NORTH OF ADW. TWR COULD NOT SEE IT.	
0725	JD	[redacted] OFF DUTY.	
0800	SH	S/SGT SMITH AND MR WIEDER OFF DUTY /s/ [redacted] MR [redacted] OFF DUTY /s/ MR [redacted]	
1000	BY	A/1C BRADY OFF DUTY /s/ Brady	

AACS Form 28, 13 July 1951
Attachment #1 to AACS Reg 101-35, 13 July 1951

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A TRUE COPY:

/s/ Albert E. Mansfield, Jr.

ALBERT E. MANSFIELD Jr.
WOJG, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

Capital Airlines

July 21, 1952

Civil Aeronautics Administration
Aviation Safety District Office
Washington National Airport
Washington 1, D. C.

Attention: Mr. [redacted]
Operations Agent-in-Charge, Capital Airlines, Inc.

Gentlemen:

The following is quoted from the aircraft dispatcher's log for the period 2300E to 0730E of July 20, 1952.

"Echoes from unknown and unidentified objects received on radar most of nite at DCA, objects sited by T807, and NAT Airlines 610 between Martinsburg, Herndon, and Washington cruising objects over [redacted] vicinity for several hours. None ground sited that we know of here. However, ground sited at Harrisburg and York, Pennsylvania. T807 sited 3 at level flight moving at terrific speed.

[redacted] on 807 reported several flying objects with bright lights between Herndon and Martinsburg. The tower had numerous unidentified blips on the radar screen and had asked him to check. [redacted]'s report very interesting. As he reported the position and speed of the airborne objects, airways radar confirmed his reports. [redacted] very surprised at vertical speed of the objects, said they appeared like falling stars without tails. Dispatchers [redacted], [redacted], Commentator [redacted] and M/S Dave Pratt were able in succession, to observe the blips on airways radar. About 7 blips were in the area, and their speeds were phenomenal, but even more perplexing was their occasional disappearance from the screen for one and sometimes two sweeps of the beam —— after which they reappeared moving rapidly in other directions. All trips kept advised."

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
Manager Flight Operations

Serving America Since 1927

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Dear Capt. Russell:

Looks like mental telepathy.

The description is reasonable; looks very much as if he were some sucker bait.

I will be with Gen. Hunter on Thurs. And will pass the word for anyone who goes to Ft. S. re our plan.

Secretly hot in the East, and I am taking a bath.

Cheers,

[redacted].

[redacted]

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your recent letter concerning unidentified flying objects has been received.

The following is a resume of the Washington, D. C. sighting of 19/20 and 26/27 July 1952:

On 19/20 and 26/27 July 1952, a great amount of excitement was generated in the Nation's Capitol due to sightings of unidentified flying objects, both visually and on radar. Most of the sightings occurred between midnight and dawn. The objects were picked up by more than one radar in the Washington area and were reported to have speeds on the order of 7500 miles per hour. Jet intercepts were unsuccessfully attempted.

Visual sightings were reported by both ground and airborne witnesses. The descriptions by the witnesses were generally the same. The objects were described as changing from orange to green and back to red. The numbers varied from one to six with no apparent set formation. Three objects were reported to have left trails. The motions of the objects for the most part appeared erratic. In some instances the objects were described as meteors.

The Air Force concluded that the radar sightings were probably due to anomalous propagation; sometimes referred to as "bending," "ducting," "guided propagation," "trapping" or "super refraction" of the radar electromagnetic wave; the inversions and moisture conditions being responsible for the unusual functioning of the radar. Bending of the radar waves, so that detection of ground targets were not giving "solid" returns for every antenna sweep and thereby caused the misinterpretation that what were probably stationary ground targets were in motion.

As to the visual sightings, these individuals were probably experiencing the same effects as the radar (mirage), and were seeing objects normally beyond their range of vision. There is also the possibility of inconsistencies in the layers of air of different temperature causing lenses of air which resulted in distortion of some of the lower stars. Ittis significant to note that in all instances where it could be determined the altitude of the airborne witnesses was approximately 4000 feet, the level of the higher inversion layer. Sightings of meteors coupled with the normal excitement of the witnesses also contributed to this sighting.

The Air Force conclusion is that the radar and visual sightings on 26 July 1952 were due to the mirage effects created by a double inversion.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Information Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr [redacted]
[redacted] Street, Belfast 5,
North Ireland
United Kingdom

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[redacted] Street, Belfast 5,

Northern Ireland.

United Kingdom.

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Department of Defense

Air Force Press Desk

Office of Public Information

Washington 25 D.C.

U.S.A.

[redacted] Street,
Belfast 5,
Northern Ireland.

11th November 1961.

Dear Sir,

I have come across reports that Unidentified Flying Objects appeared over Washington D.C. in the early hours of the morning of July 20th 1952 and again on July 26-27th 1952, and were tracked by radar at Washington National Airport and Andrews Field.

Since I am a member of an astronomical society, interested in spaceflight and allied subjects, and a student, I would be very much obliged if you would furnish me with details of these sightings and any others connected with them.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

[redacted]

18 October 1961

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 13th to the Department of Defense has been referred to the Air Force.

You do not list the dates of the sightings mentioned in your letter, so I will have to assume that you refer to the Washington sightings of July 1952. The conclusion of these sightings was that a temperature inversion (double) in the area during the period caused radar "ducting" reaction and reflected images from objects over the horizon. The visual sightings were attributed to the same cause and effect.



[redacted]

SAFOI-3d/Col [redacted]r/ka/56015/22 Jul 60

22 July 1960

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 16 July 1960 concerning Unidentified Flying Objects and particularly the 1952 Washington sightings.

Your information concerning the Washington sightings is in error. Weather conditions that night revealed a double inversion in the D. C. area, one at 400 feet and another at approximately 4000 feet. This double inversion caused the radar and visual sightings that night.

For your information I am inclosing the latest Department of Defense press release on this subject. It plainly states the Air Force position in regard to UFOs.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted] Drive
Lake Worth, Florida

✓SAFOI-3d - Comeback
SAFOI-1 - Reading

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Chief, Facility Operations Branch, 1-547

Chief, Washington Center - 9

Unidentified Targets, July 20, 1952

Attached is a copy of the report written by the Senior Controller on duty, [redacted] from approximately 2330E July 19, to 0800E July 20, 1952.

Parts of this report have been given to Major Williams of Air Force Intelligence, Lt. Col. Searless, Office of Public Information, Department of Defense and to Mr. [redacted] W-41.

[redacted]

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cc: W-1
USAF Hdqtrs.

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At 2340E (19th) Controller Nugent called my attention to several targets observed on the VC-2 scope. Eight of them were counted and, although an occasional strong return was noted, most of the targets would be classified as fair to weak. After we had checked carefully on the movement (about 100 to 130mph) and confirmed our findings with what the Tower saw on the ASR, I called MFS and reported it. This was about midnight EST. MFS later advised that the nearest military base was supposed to handle these matters and to call the BOF Intelligence Officer or AO. There was some confusion for awhile as to whether Andrews or Bolling was going to make the report, but it was finally determined that ADW would handle.

I called [redacted] and asked if they could see them and was advised they saw nothing. Our ADW Maintenance then checked the equipment very carefully and advised that it was functioning satisfactorily and confirmed it with a fellow worker. (This lad tells me he has been working on this equipment for five years, so guess he knows what he is doing). The targets were noticed east and south of ADW so we asked the ADW tower to look and see if they saw anything, also asked ADW approach control to check scopes. ADW had a lad on the roof with glasses who spotted an object that looked to be orange in color and appeared to be just hovering in the vicinity of ADW. They saw others as time went on with varying descriptions. Most of this information was given to [redacted] and MFS with the expectation that they would run an intercept.

The impression received from [redacted] was to the effect that more information was needed to order an intercept. I told them our equipment was giving us good readings so we would be able to do any vectoring that might be necessary but they seemed to be leaving it all up to Smoke Ring. As time wore on, pilot reports were received - P807 saw 7 of the objects between Washington and Martinsburg variously described as lights that moved very rapidly, up and down and horizontally as well as hovering in one position and SP610 saw one come in with him from around Herndon and follow him to within 4 miles of touch-down. This was substantiated by Tower and Center radar.

In my conversation with MFS, ADW and the men on duty, we reached the point where we wondered just how much of this could go on and for how long before something could be done about it. I contacted Smoke Ring finally about 300est. They were doing nothing about it so I asked if it was possible for something like this to happen, even though we gave them all this information, without anything being done about it. The man who was supposed to be in charge and to whom I had been talking, said he guessed so. Then another voice came on who identified himself as the Combat Officer and said that all the information was being forwarded to higher authority and would not discuss it any further. I insisted I wanted to know if it was being forwarded tonight and he said yes, but would not give me any hint as to what was being done about all these things flying around Washington. He tried to assure me that something was being done about it. I asked too how he was getting his information. He said they would get it from Thorndyke and ADW. We were then told by ADW that they had no way of forwarding it to them. Smoke Ring then said that they were not really

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concerned about it anyway, that somebody else was supposed to handle it.

MFS then said that ADW was supposed to have forwarded it to Intelligence but when I checked with ADW (0505E) they said the AO had gone back to bed and the report would go in later. They confirmed the above by saying that they could not give it to anyone tonight.

It would be extremely difficult to write this so that it is in a logical sequence due to the confusion that seems to have existed throughout the whole affair. For example, ADW called us and asked what we wanted them to do with the information we had given them. (This took place after 0505E). At about 0530E Controller Ritchey reported seeing 10 targets in the vicinity of ADW which was confirmed by the other man in radar and I went in and counted 7 or 8 in scattered positions which indicated a very rapid movement if they were the same ones seen near ADW. This report was forwarded to both ADW and MFS. It was at thistime that MFS advised they had determined that none of the information we had been giving to ADW was forwarded in accordance with procedures. MFS advised however, that they were following up with their own report.

At 0540E 7 targets counted in area.

NEWS INQUIRY FROM MR [redacted] BALTIMORE NEWS POST

Baltimore, Maryland, 22 July 1952

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS:

1. "We have received a preliminary report on the Washington radar sighting of 19 July, but have not evaluated it."

2. "We have received a few reports of radar sightings in the past, but these have been identified either (a) as known conventional objects or (b) due to radar malfunction."

All other questions (There were many!) were referred to PIO USAF.

NEWS INQUIRY FROM MR. [redacted], ASSOCIATED PRESS

Columbus, Ohio, 22 July 1952

Requested statistical information on past saucer sightings, and information on current sightings.

Referred to PIO, USAF.

R. W. Taylor, Lt Col, USAF

1 September 1961

Dear Mr. [redacted]

At 11:40 P.M. E.D.T. on July 19, 1952, Air Route Traffic Control radar operators picked up from seven to ten unidentified images on their radar at the Washington National Airport. The unidentified images appeared to be in the vicinity of Andrews AFB, Maryland, and seem to be traveling at approximately 100 to 130 MPH. The ARTC Center advised Andrews AFB and the Military Flight Service Center at Middletown, Pennsylvania, and a remote radar center some 200 miles from Andrews AFB.

According to the controller and later confirmed by Air Force sources, Andrews AFB radar operators were unable to pick up these images on their radars.

At approximately 3:15 A.M. E.D.T., July 20, 1952, a pilot of a Capital Airlines flight, outbound from National Airport, reported sighting several lights between Washington, D. C. and Martinsburg, West Virginia. They were described as moving rapidly up and down and horizontally, as well as hovering in one position. Shortly thereafter the pilot of a Capital-National Airlines flight reported that a light had followed him from Herndon, Virginia to within four miles of touchdown at Washington National Airport. This information was relayed to the proper Air Force agencies, including the Air Force Intelligence Section in the Pentagon and the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (USAF). The solution for these sightings was relatively simple and was quickly found.

The radar and visual sightings were due to a temperature inversion which was prevalent at the time. This is an abnormal atmospheric condition wherein a layer of cool air overlays a warmer air mass and a duct is formed through which radar pulses travel and reflect ground targets from great distances. Radar pulses normally travel in a straight line and therefore are limited in range for picking up surface targets when interfered with by the curvature of the earth's surface. Signal strength of the pulse action is also a consideration. The inversion permitted a "ducting" action to occur resulting in the signal (normally line-of-sight) following the earth's curvature, thereby

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picking up targets at greater than normal distances. The inversion also explains the visual sightings because with a layer of warm air over cool air the path of light rays is lengthened to parallel the earth's surface at greater distances. This condition often may cause a mirage.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Kankakee, Illinois

[redacted]

[redacted]n, Kankakee, Illinois

August 28, 1961

Dear Major Coleman,

Thanks for your recent letter. I'm sorry to say we had a slight mistake. I asked you for information concerning the Hamilton type flying objects that appeared over Washington, D. C. on July 20, 1952 and July 26, 1952, I believe you thought I meant 1961.

I would still appreciate all information you could send me concerning this incident. Thank you.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Wash DC

19 April 1961

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 9th to the Department of Defense concerning unidentified flying objects has been referred to this office.

The UFO sightings you refer to are in connection with the following: at 11:40 pm. EDT, July 19, 1952, Air Route Traffic Control radar operators noted from seven to ten "images" on their radar screens at the National Airport in Washington, D.C. The unidentified "blips" appeared to be in the vicinity of Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, a few miles SSE of Washington National Airport. Speed of these "objects" appeared to be approximately 120 mph. ARTCC advised Andrews AFB and the Military Flight Service Center, as well as a remote radar center some 200 miles from Andrews. Andrews AFB radar, according to the controller and later confirmed by Air Force sources, was unable to pick up these images on their radar scopes. The next day, at 3:15 am. EDT, a Capital Airlines pilot, outbound from National Airport, reported sighting several lights between Washington, D.C. and Martinsburg, West Virginia. They were described as moving rapidly up and down and horizontally, as well as hovering in one position. Shortly thereafter, another airlines pilot inbound to National Airport reported that a light had followed his aircraft from Herndon, Virginia, to within four miles of National Airport. All of this information was relayed to the Air Force Intelligence Section in the Pentagon and the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The solution for these sightings was relatively simple and quickly found. These sightings, both radar and visual, were due to temperature inversion. An inversion involves a layer of relatively warm air overlaying a cooler air mass and a duct is formed through which radar pulses travel and reflect ground targets from great distances. Radar pulses normally travel in a straight line and are thereby limited in range for picking up surface targets due to both the earth's curvature, as well as signal strength, and that ducting causes the signal to follow the earth's curvature, therefore allowing for returns from a surface target at greater than normal distances. The temperature inversion also explains the

visual sightings for the same reasons, in that light rays are lengthened to parallel the earth's surface at greater distances and this condition in many instances cause visual mirage.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the latest fact sheet, "Air Force UFO Report."

[redacted] I hope you find this information helpful.

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

[redacted]
Normal, Illinois

[redacted]

Normal, Ill.
April 9, 1961

U.S. Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Gentleman:

I am a 12 year old boy, and I am very much interested in U.F.O.'s (Unidentified Flying Objects).

Today I saw a movie about U.F.O. and I would like to know if it was true. I have some supposed dates and facts as to 2 incidents over Washington, D.C. involving U.F.O.

On July 20, 1952 ten U.F.O. were sighted over Washington D.C.

One week later on July 26 at 9 p.m. 12 U.F.O. were spotted again over Washington. Jet fighters pursued them. Washington Radar Contol who was tracking the U.F.O. later said that when the planes came into the view of

their radarscope the U.F.O. disappeared. As soon as these planes went back to their base to refuel the U.F.O. came back. Two more planes were scrambled. This time the U.F.O. didn't disappear; instead the lead jet found himself right in the middle of 7 U.F.O. The U.F.O. closed in and then suddenly went. The jet pursued me in his maximum speed but quit because he could not catch it.

Would you please attempt to verify these facts and answer? Thank you.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

Normal, Ill.

SAFOI-3d/Maj Tacker/mnb/72291

19 April 1960

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is to acknowledge your letter of 26 March concerning unidentified flying objects.

Air Force conclusions on the 1952 Washington (visual and radar) sightings are that they were caused by a temperature inversion.

The fireballs you refer to in the Korean war were probably caused by one of two things: static electric phenomena, such as St. Elmo's fire, or reflections of light by small whirlpools or vortices of air created by small irregularities of the aircraft structure.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
University of South Carolina
Columbia, S. C.

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P.O. [redacted]
University of South Carolina
Columbia, S. C.
March 26, 1960

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for the fact sheet of the UFO report. It was very interesting.

The 1952 Washington, D. C. sightings, which I read another report of, said that there were radar pick-ups, visual sightings by persons at the airport, and both radar and visual sightings by the pilots sent up to investigate. What was the Air Force explanation for this?

Are there any investigations into the small "fire-balls," sometimes red or green, that have been reported by pilots in Korea during the Korean War which would follow their planes and then either fly away or explode? I think the pilots referred to them as "Foo Fighters."

Again, I will appreciate any information you can give me.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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On the night of 19 and 20 July 1952 Mr Burke and three (3) other controllers were on duty in Washington National Air Port control tower. At 0005 EST a series of five (5) unidentified targets appeared on the radar scope. These targets were different then those made by aircraft and a careful search was made of the sky to derterming if the objects were visual; none were at this time. Then a call was made to Air Routing Trafic Control Center and they too had the same targets located in the same vicinity which was over Andrews Air Base. A call was made to Andrews on the direct line and Washington advised Andrews tower of the situation and Andrews reported visual sighting of three (3) objects in the position indicated by Washington tower.

The targets remained on the radar scope until 0030 EST during this time one (1) target left a trace from west of Andrews to Riverdale a distance of seven (7) miles in four (4) seconds.

There was also a visual sighting by the Controllers of the Washington National. They observed an orange disk about 3,000 feet altitude at 300°. Washington tower also heard conversation between "Gas Bag 17" and Andrews (jet intercept). He reported over Andrews Air Base at 0300 EST at 21,000 feet, said he was low on fuel and was returning to his base.

After being notified by Air Traffic Control at National Air Port, S/Sgt Don L. Wilson, Tower Operator at Bolling Air Force Base scanned the skies visually and sighted a roundish object drifting low in the sky about seven (7) miles southeast of Bolling AFB.

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July 21, 1952

Civil Aeronautics Administration
Aviation Safety District Office
Washington National Airport
Washington 1, D.C.

Attention: Mr. [redacted]
Operations Agent-in-Charge, Capital Airlines, Inc.

Gentlemen:

The following is quoted from the aircraft dispatcher's log for the period 2300E to 0730E of July 20, 1952.

"Echoes from unknown and unidentified objects received on radar most of nite at DCA, objects sited by T807, and NAT Airlines 610 between Martinsburg, Herndon, and Washington cruising objects over [redacted]s vicinity for several hours. None ground sited that we know of here. However, ground sited at Harrisburg and York, Pennsylvania. T807 sited 3 at level flight moving at terrific speed.

[redacted]n 807 reported several flying objects with bright lights between Herndon and Martinsburg. The tower had numerous unidentified blips on the radar screen and had asked him to check. [redacted] report very interesting. As he reported the position and speed of the airborne objects, airways radar confirmed his reports. [redacted] very surprised at vertical speed of the objects, said they appeared like falling stars without tails. Dispatchers Commerce, [redacted]s, and M/S [redacted] were able in succession, to observe the blips on airways radar. About 7 blips were in the area, and their speeds were phenomenal, but screen for one and sometimes two sweeps of the beam --- after which they reappeared moving rapidly in other directions. All trips kept advised."

Very truly yous,

[redacted]
Manager Flight Operations

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...ached is a copy of the report written by the Senior ...troller on duty, [redacted] from approximately ...:00 July 19, to 0600 July 20, 19[illegible].

...rts of this report have been given to Major Williams of ...ir Force Intelligence, Lt. Col. Searles; Office of Public Information, Department of Defense and to Mr. Raymond ...thon, W-1.

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At 2340E (19th) Controller Nugent called my attention to several targets observed on the VC-2 scope. Eight of them were counted and, although an occasional strong return was noted, most of the targets would be classified as fair to weak. After We Had checked carefully on the movement (about 100 to 120 mph) and confirmed our findings with what the Tower saw on the ASR, I called MTS and reported it. This was about midnight EST. MTS later advised that the nearest military base was supposed to handle these matters and to call the ECF Intelligence Officer or AO. There was some confusion for awhile as to whether Andrews or Bolling was going to make the report, but it was finally determined that ADW would handle.

I called [redacted] and asked if they could see them and was advised they saw nothing. Our NEW Maintenance then checked the equipment very carefully and advised that it was functioning satisfactorily and confirmed it with a fellow worker. (This lad tells me he has been working on this equipment for five years, so guess he knows what he is doing). The targets were noticed east and south of ADW so we asked the ADW tower to look and see if they saw anything, also asked ADW approach control to check scopes. ADW had a lad on the roof with glasses who spotted an object that looked to be orange in color and appeared to be just hovering in the vicinity of ADW. They saw others as time went on with varying descriptions. Most of this information was given to Thorndyke and MTS with the expectation that they would run an intercept.

The impression received from [redacted] was to the effect that more information was needed to order an intercept. I told them our equipment was giving us good readings so we would be able to do any vectoring that might be necessary but they seemed to be leaving it all up to Smoke Ring. As time wore on, pilot reports were received - P807 saw 7 of the objects between Washington and Martinsburg variously described as lights that moved very rapidly, up and down and horizontally as well as hovering in one position and SP610 saw one come in with him from around Herndon and follow him to within 4 miles of touch-down. This was substantiated by Tower and Center radar.

In my conversation with Mr. ADW and the men on duty, we reached the point where we wondered just how much of this could go on and for how long before something could be done about it. I contacted Smoke Ring finally about 300est. They were doing nothing about it so I asked if it was possible for something like this to happen, even though we gave them all this information, without anything being done about it. The man who was supposed to be in charge and to whom I had been talking, said he guessed so. Then another voice came on who identified himself as the Combat Officer and said that all the information was being forwarded to higher authority and would not discuss it any further. I insisted I wanted to know if it was being forwarded tonight and he said yes, but would not give me any hint as to what was being done about all these things flying around Washington. He tried to assure me that something was being done about it. I asked too how he was getting his information. He said they would get it from Thorndyke and ADW. We were then told by ADW that they had no way of forwarding it to them. Smoke Ring then said that they were not really

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concerned about it anyway, that somebody else was supposed to handle it.

CIC then said that ADW was supposed to have forwarded it to Intelligence but when I checked with ADW (0505Z) they said the AO had gone back to bed and the report would go in later. They confirmed the above by saying that they could not give it to anyone tonight.

It would be extremely difficult to write this so that it is in a logical sequence due to the confusion that seems to have existed throughout the whole affair. For example, ADW called us and asked what we wanted them to do with the information we had given them. (This took place after 0505Z) At about 0530Z Controller Ritchey reported seeing 10 targets in the vicinity of ADW which was confirmed by the other man in radar and I went in and counted 7 or 8 in scattered positions which indicated a very rapid movement if they were the same ones seen near ADW. This report was forwarded to both ADW and MFS. It was at this time that MFS advised they had determined that none of the information we had been giving to ADW was forwarded in accordance with procedures. MFS advised however, that they were following up with their own report.

At 0540Z 7 targets counted in area.

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Air Traffic Control at National Airport notified Bolling Operations that they had sighted strange objects on their radar screen. S/Sgt Richard Lacava, operations dispatcher notified the Bolling Airdrome Officer and alerted the Bolling Mobile Control Tower. S/Sgt. Don L. Wilson, Tower operator, scanned the skies visually and reported that he saw an unidentified, roundish object drifting low in the sky about seven miles southeast of Bolling Air Force Base. He said it was of about the intensity of a star and white-amber in color. It was visible for a few minutes. (TIME: 0200, 20 July 52)

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

AREA REPORTED ON: Washington, D.C. | FROM (Agency): Director of Intelligence Hq Comd, USAF

DATE OF REPORT: 22 July 1952 | DATE OF INFORMATION: 19 & 20 July 1952 | EVALUATION: Excellent A-1

RAD BY (Officer): BENJAMIN L. BERKOW Capt., USAF | SOURCE: Control Tower Operators

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Information contained herein resulted from an interrogation of control tower operators of Washington National Air Port on unidentified flying objects.

BENJAMIN L. BERKOW
Capt., USAF
Director of Intelligence
Headquarters Command, USAF

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Statements by:
1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. Don L. Wilson, S/Sgt

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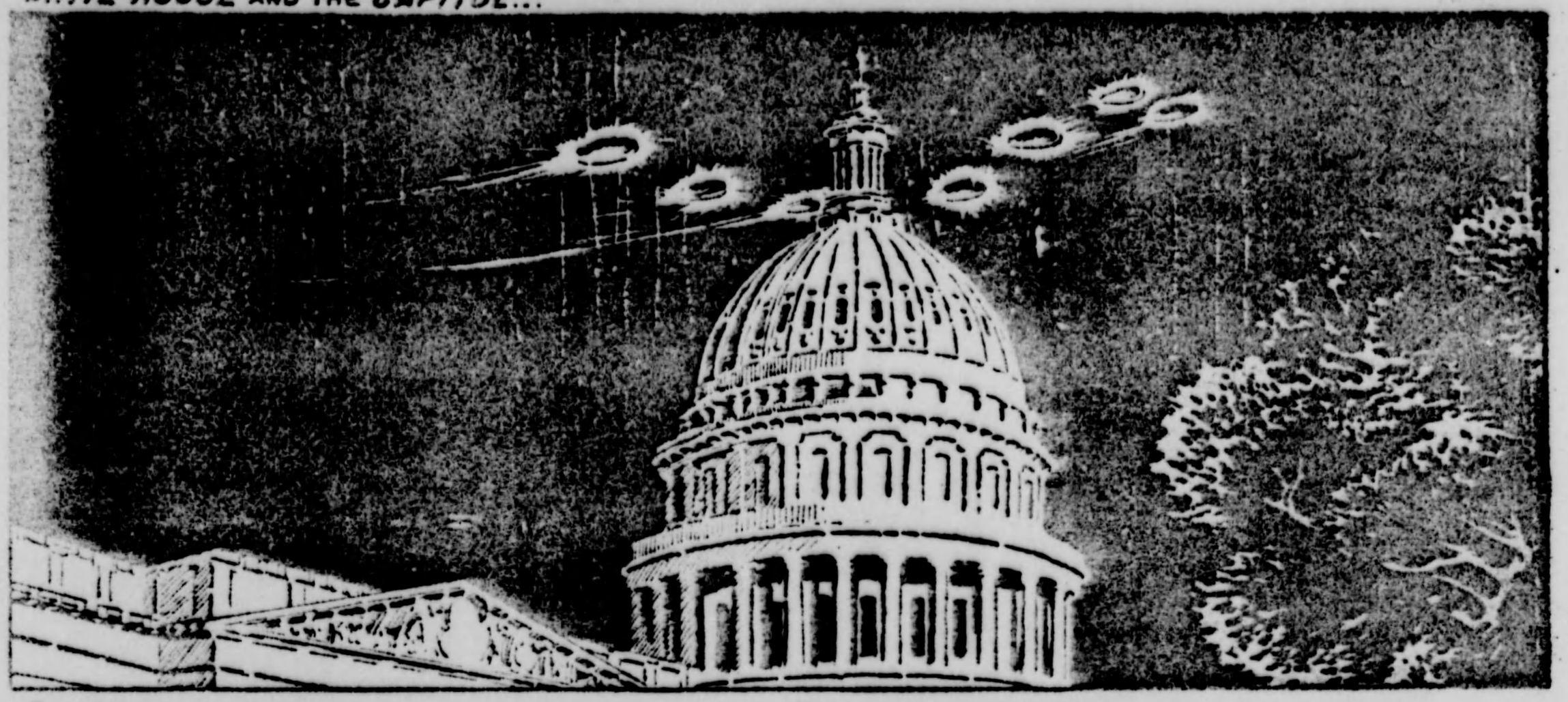
During night of 19-20 Jul, many objects were observed in area of Washington DC. Some of these objects were shooting stars. Radar at [illegible] National Airport confirmed a report that objects were "following a commercial airliner from Martinsburg, W Va to Washington, DC." Pilot sighted erratic maneuvering objects about 20/0215 and observed them to within five miles of touchdown at Washington. Objects described as reddish-orange [illegible]

Objects also sighted visually on ground at Andrews and in [illegible]

SAUCERS OVER WASHINGTON, D.C.

HARRY G. BARNES, SENIOR AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROLLER FOR THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C., A.R.T. CONTROL CENTER ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 19, 1952. "BRIEFY," HE STATES IN A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, "...OUR JOB IS TO CONSTANTLY MONITOR THE SKIES AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITOL WITH THE ELECTRONIC EYE OF RADAR..." SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT ON THAT DATE, SEVEN PIPS APPEARED SUDDENLY ON THE CONTROL CENTER'S SCOPE. ED NUGENT, JIM COPELAND, AND JIM RITCHEY, ALL EXPERIENCED RADAR CONTROLLERS, CHECKED THE OBSERVATIONS. THE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER RADAR OPERATOR VERIFIED THE SAME SIGHTING. *THEY WERE OVER "THE RESTRICTED AREAS OF WASHINGTON,* INCLUDING THE *WHITE HOUSE* AND THE *CAPITOL...*"



CAPTAIN C.S. PIERMAN, A CAPITOL AIRLINES PILOT OF 17 YEARS FLYING EXPERIENCE, SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFF, WAS ASKED TO CHECK THESE MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS. HE RADIOED BACK...



PIERMAN DESCRIBED IT AS A BRIGHT LIGHT MOVING FASTER, AT TIMES, THAN A SHOOTING STAR...

BARNES STATES: "DURING THE NEXT 14 MINUTES, HE (PIERMAN) REPORTED THAT HE SAW SIX SUCH LIGHTS... *EACH SIGHTING COINCIDED WITH A PIP WE COULD SEE NEAR HIS PLANE.* WHEN *HE* REPORTED THAT THE LIGHT *STREAKED OFF AT HIGH SPEED,* IT *DISAPPEARED* FROM *OUR SCOPE...*"



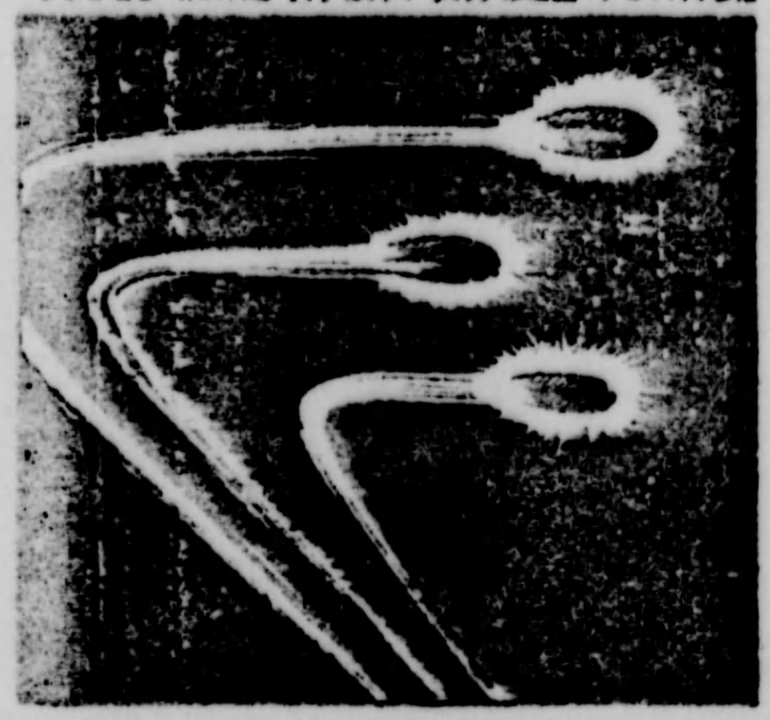
BARNES THEN STATES: "BEFORE NOTIFYING THE AIR FORCE... OUR TECHNICIANS HAD CAREFULLY CHECKED THE EQUIPMENT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT WAS OPERATING PERFECTLY..."



"THERE IS NO OTHER CONCLUSION I CAN REACH BUT THAT FOR SIX HOURS ON THE MORNING OF THE 20TH OF JULY THERE WERE AT LEAST 10 UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS MOVING OVER WASHINGTON. THEY WERE NOT ORDINARY AIRCRAFT. I COULD TELL THAT BY THEIR MOVEMENT ON THE SCOPE..."



"I CAN *SAFELY DEDUCE* THAT THEY PERFORMED GYRATIONS WHICH *NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT COULD PERFORM*. BY THIS I MEAN THAT OUR SCOPE SHOWED THAT THEY COULD MAKE *RIGHT ANGLE TURNS*."



"...AND *COMPLETE REVERSALS OF FLIGHT...*"



"*NOR* IN MY OPINION COULD *ANY NATURAL PHENOMENA* SUCH AS *SHOOTING STARS, ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCES*, OR *CLOUDS* ACCOUNT FOR THESE SPOTS ON OUR RADAR."*



*NOT TO MENTION PIERMAN'S ACTUAL VISIBLE SIGHTINGS OF THE OBJECTS.—EDS.

THE AIR FORCE DUG DEEP IN AN EFFORT TO SQUIRM OUT OF THIS SIGHTING. AT 4 O'CLOCK ON JULY 29, 1952, A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD...

GENTLEMEN! THE RADAR-SIGHTINGS OVER WASHINGTON WERE CAUSED BY *TEMPERATURE INVERSION*. THE OBJECTS WERE *REFLECTIONS* OF *GROUND* OBJECTS... *CARS*... *TRAINS*... ETC...

THIS WAS THE AIR FORCE'S *GLIB ANSWER*. THEY DREW UPON *DR. DONALD H. MENZEL'S TEMPERATURE-INVERSION THEORY*: WHEN A LAYER OF *COOL* AIR LIES *BENEATH* A LAYER OF *WARM* AIR, LIGHT RAYS ARE *REFRACTED* AS THEY *PASS THROUGH*. IF A TEMPERATURE-INVERSION IS *STRONG ENOUGH*... *10 TO 13 DEGREES DIFFERENCE*... LIGHT RAYS MAY EVEN BE *REFLECTED*. THIS IS WHAT CAUSES *MIRAGES* ON DESERTS OR HEATED ROADS. *LIKE* LIGHT, *RADAR WAVES* ARE *ALSO* REFRACTED OR REFLECTED. "*TEMPERATURE-INVERSION*," THE AIR FORCE SAID, "*WAS THE ANSWER.*"

JUST TWO POINTS, BOYS:

(1) THE ACTUAL TEMPERATURE-INVERSION OVER WASHINGTON ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 19, '52, WAS JUST ONE DEGREE FAHRENHEIT! AND (2) YOU FORGOT THE VISUAL SIGHTINGS!"

JETS ALERTED FOR 'SAUCERS'

INTERCEPTORS CHASE LIGHTS IN D.C. SKIES

Radar-Detected Objects Escape

Jet fighters of the Eastern interceptor command last night were alerted to reach the Washington area "in a matter of minutes" if "flying saucers" paid a second visit within 24 hours.

The jets roared into action late Saturday night when a new invasion of "saucers" was picked up on radar here.

Two jet pilots, sent up by the Air Force to investigate the mysterious objects, pursued the saucers but were unable to make contact before they disappeared.

The Air Force announced that the strange phenomena, "between four and twelve in number," were first sighted at 9:08 p.m. Saturday by radar operators at the CAA air route traffic control center at National airport.

No Definite Pattern

"There was no definite pattern to the objects," according to the Air Force announcement. At 11:25 p.m. two F-94 jet fighters were ordered aloft by the Air Defense command to investigate.

The fighter pilots reported they were unable to get any closer than two miles to the saucers which they said were only faintly visible. One of the fliers said the saucers

A "steady white light" was spotted by the pilot about 10 miles east of Mount Vernon a few minutes later. When he zoomed off in pursuit the light faded and then went out.

The objects, meanwhile, were spotted on radar equipment at Andrews Air Force base. Operators reported "a long series of sightings off and on until midnight." Apparently, they said, the objects were flying a short distance south of the base at a "slow rate of speed."

Data Screened

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, who heads the Air Force's investigation of "flying saucers," said at his home in Dayton, Ohio, last night he had been informed of the latest sightings over Washington and that this information is now being screened.

The "saucer" expert reported that special Air Force personnel was sent to National airport when the objects were picked up on radar to make an "on the spot" investigation.

Capt. Ruppelt, explaining that most of the "saucer" information is "highly classified," acknowledged that a good portion of the reports he receives are spurious.

"People are seeing a lot of things in the skies these days," he said. "But we're continuing to investigate and look into all reports."

Jet interceptor planes attached to the Eastern Air Defense command are standing by on round-the clock duty to zoom out after "saucers" if any more are picked up on radar.

Col Jack C. West, commanding officer of the 142d fighter interceptor squadron at New Castle, Del., said his men are ready "at a momnt's notice" if new objects are spotted over the Washington area.

Second Incident

Neither of two jet planes which swung into action shortly after the 'saucers" were sighted was able to pick up the objects on the planes' radar equipment. Only visual sightings were made.

First Lt. William L. Patterson, attached to the 142d fighter interceptor squadron, said he spotted a "bright light" about five to ten miles in front of his plane and streaked off to investigate. He approached to within two miles of the object, and it disappeared.

In the other jet, Capt. John W. McHugo, of the same squadron, was flying at a higher altitude and was unable to glimpse the object. He reported seeing only "several civilian planes in the area."

Two other jets took off in the second flight but failed to pick up a trace of the "saucers." They were flown by Captains Francis T. Evans jr., and John C. Lantz both of the 121st fighter interceptor squadron, which was transferred recently from Andrews Air Force base to New Castle on temporary duty.

A CAA spokesman said the objects were between "10 and 20 miles" from Washington when they appeared on the radar screen at National airport. Each time they appeared, he explained, it was from a different direction.

This was the second time the saucers were picked up by radar. Only last week between seven and ten of the elusive objects were sighted by radar operators at the airport. Two airline pilots also saw the saucers which they said were flying up and down and even hovered in the air. The speed of these saucers was estimated at between 100 and 135 miles an hour.

Relief Sent Up

A CAA spokesman expla that objects sighted on r showed definite "blips" on screen, indicating contac solid objects rather than lig He said the "blips" were sim to those given off by regular craft.

The first two jet planes wh spotted the saucers were ca off the chase at 12:15 a.m. yes day. Two relief jets were sent at 1:40 a.m. and continued sc ing the area until about 2:20 a according to the Air Force further contact was made, h ever.

A CAA air traffic contro meanwhile, declared him mystified by the fact that objects apparently were invisi to other planes in the area at same time they were being pic on the radar scope.

Orange Lights Seen

"Several times we received ports from pilots we had c tacted that they could see orang lights," the controller said.

"But a good many of the pil in the area couldn't see anyth such as we were describing them. We contacted a number aircraft, gave the pilots the a tude and position of the obje and asked them to take a loo

The radar expert said the jects "were analogous to aircr moving at a slow rate of sp —100 to 120 miles an hour— did not look like clouds or ot phenomena which is visible radar."

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New-Model Flying Saucers Seen Over Capital

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—The Air Force disclosed tonight it has received reports of an eerie visitation by unidentified aerial objects—perhaps a new type of "flying saucer"—over the vicinty of the naton's capital.

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In addition, they were described as traveling at a slow 100 to 130 m.p.h.—instead of with the incredible swiftness attributed to earlier saucers—although at times they shot up and down.

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NO INTERCEPTION TRIED

The Air Force said no planes were sent out in an attempt to intercept the objects, and no sightings were reported by "Operation Skywatch," the round-the-clock ground observer operation now underway around the Northern arc of the United States.

The Air Force said it has received only a preliminary report, and therefore does not know why no attempt at interception was made.

The Air Traffic Control Center at Washington National Airport, just across the Potomac River from the capital, reported that its radar operators picked up eight of the slow-moving objects around midnight last Saturday. They were flying in the vicinity of nearby Andrews Air Force Base.

The center said Capital Airlines Flight 807, southbound from National Airport, reported seeing objects between Washington and Martinsburg, W. Va., at 2:15 a.m., EST, the same night.

LIKE FALLING STARS

Officials of Capital Airlines said the pilot of Flight 807, Capt. "Casey" Pierman of Detroit, a veteran of 17 years' service with the company, spotted the objects and described them in these words:

"They were like falling stars without tails."

Company officials said the airport picked up radar "blips"—[illegible] tact with aerial objects—and as[illegible] Capt. Pierman to keep a watch out for any unusual objects in the sky.

Shortly thereafter, officials said, Pierman reported back to the dispatchers tower that he had spotted a group of objects.

Pierman, then flying at normal cruising speed of 180 to 200 m.p.h., reported that the objects were traveling with "tremendous vertical speed"—moving rapidly up and down—and then suddenly changing pace until they seemed to hang motionless in the sky.

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By Associated Press

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At his home in Detroit tonight, Pierman said:

"In my years of flying I've seen a lot of falling or shooting stars—whatever you call them—but these were much faster than anything else that I've ever seen. They couldn't have been aircraft. They were moving too fast for that.

"They were about the same size as the brighter stars. And were much higher than our 6,000 foot altitude. Couldn't estimate the speed accurately.

"Please remember, I didn't speak of them as flying saucers—only very fast moving lights."

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No especial attention was paid to these, he reported to company officials, because those three could be taken for falling stars.

Later three bright lights were observed, Pierman reported, flying horizontally, and fast, at a very tremendous height. They were watched from three to five seconds.

The pilot said he hadn't the slightest idea of what the things were.

Routine Report

Officials said Pierman made only a routine report of the incident and did not specifically say that what he saw were flying saucers.

The eight objects picked up by Air Force radar were said to be traveling at slightly more than 100 mph.

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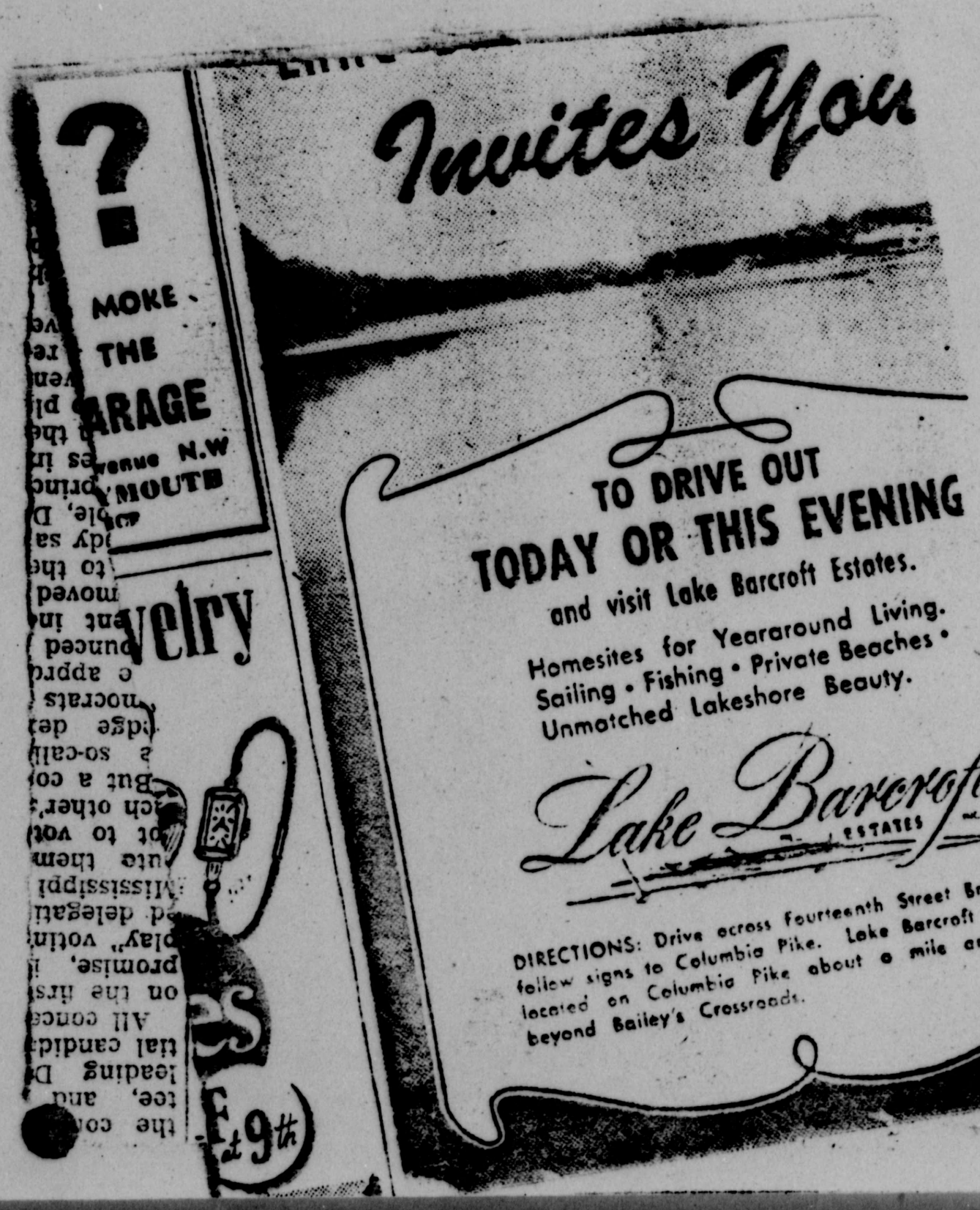
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After the caucus, Byrd was asked if the delegation would walk out of the convention if the loyalty pledge is adopted.

"I don't want to anticipate what the delegates will do," Byrd said, "but you saw their mood this morning." He hopes, the

Short said the President had no intention of replying to a letter demanding that he once again declare himself out of the nominating race—by means of a quotation by Plutarch.

The letter was sent to the White House by John F. Latimer, a George Washington university

and Catholic. Foster is a Protestant.

"I don't believe in one religion over another," he said. "Many roads lead to God."

Earlier Donations

A thrifty bachelor, he already had given away more than five million dollars to local institu-

for a settlement "firmly based upon the recommendations of the wage stabilization board."

The action came at a closed session following an open meeting in which USW President Philip Murray charged the steel industry with twice blocking the road to a strike settlement after

unholy alliance (the six of 10 biggest steel companies) want the strike continued; they care not for the needs of the workers or the needs of the defense program.

"The unholy alliance of steel companies wants total surrender by the union of the demands of the workers for fair improvements in wages and working conditions

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meanwhile, picked up the saucers, according to CAA. An operator said they would occasionally disappear from one portion of the screen only to reappear within seconds on another portion, traveling in an entirely new direction

Capt. Pierman, in a written report to his operations section, described the objects as "flying with bright lights at phenomenal speed.". He expressed surprise at their great vertical speeds, explaining that they "looked like comets or falling stars" when they shot down into power dives.

Earlier Saucer Reports

The flier's report was relayed to CAA, which turned it over to the Air Force. The latter has a special section at Wright Field, Dayton. Ohio, devoted to studying flying saucer reports.

Similar reports of the mysterious objects over the Washington area were made 10 days ago. Two Pan American Airways pilots said they spotted a flight of saucers near Norfolk and reported them to the Air Force.

A Defense department spokesman said, meanwhile, the radar observation may provide investigators with new data which may aid them in solving the mystery of the strange objects.

The Air Force has said in the past that many of the saucer reports can be explained as conventional objects but that others cannot be readily explained.

Reports Stepped Up

The Air Force revealed that flying saucer reports this summer are coming in at a rate higher than at any time since the initial flood of sightings in 1947. Reports are averaging about 100 a month in the current outbreak. Second greatest volume was during November and December 1948.

Pentagon intelligence officers explained that saucer reports are more abundant at this time of the year. They said many of the sightings are weather balloons, natural celestial phenomena, optical illusions or other similar things. There is no evidence, however, that the saucers are from a foreign nation or a nearby planet, or a result of some secret research in this country, the Pentagon asserted.

Intelligence officials concede that there have been a few incidents which could not be explained but they are not talking about them.

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'Flying Saucers'

SKY OBJECTS SEEN ON SCOPE AT D.C. AIRPORT

Data Turned Over To Air Force

The Air Force last night was investigating reports that from seven to ten unidentified aerial objects were picked up by radar operators at National airport early Sunday.

This is believed to be the first time that the mysterious "flying saucers" have been detected by radar since hundreds of such objects were sighted several years ago.

'Copter Causes Scare

Meanwhile, thousands of northwest Washington residents last night were alarmed by a Navy helicopter which trailed a large light on a 135-foot cable over the Naval observatory, Thirty-fourth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest.

Observatory staff Dr. John Hall told the Times-Herald that the craft, dispatched into the restricted air space from the Patuxent Naval air station, was aiding the center in finding out "what makes the stars twinkle."

Hall said the experiment involved determining the effect of atmosphere on light. The helicopter hovered about the observatory grounds at altitudes ranging between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

However, Hall said the observatory did not conduct any experiments over the weekend and can offer no help in explaining the unidentified radar "blips."

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Capital Airlines said the pilot, Capt. "Casey" Pierman of Detroit, 17 years with the company, described the objects in these words:

"They were like falling stars without tails."

Company officials said the airport picked up radar "blips"—contact with aerial objects—and asked Capt. Pierman to keep a watch out for any unusual objects in the sky.

Pierman, then flying at normal cruising speed of 180 to 200 m. p. h., reported the objects were traveling with "tremendous vertical speed"—moving rapidly up and down—and then suddenly changing pace until they seemed to hang motionless in the sky.

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"This information has been relayed to the proper Air Force authorities and the Air Force is investigating the matter," the announcement said.

Baltimore Sun
July 22, 1952

Radar Picked Up Mysterious Objects In Sky, Air Force Told

Washington, July 21 (AP)—The Air Force disclosed tonight it has received reports of an eerie visitation by unidentified aerial objects—perhaps a new type of "flying saucer"—over the vicinity of the Nation's Capital.

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In addition, they were described as traveling at a slow 100 to 130 miles per hour—instead of with the incredible swiftness attributed to earlier saucers—although at times they shot up and down.

Preliminary Report

The "objects" were also described as hovering in one position.

The Air Force said no planes were sent out in an attempt to intercept the objects, and no sightings were reported by "operation skywatch," the around-the-clock ground observer operation now under way around the northern arc of the United States.

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Air Force spokesman said 1947 was the big year reports, the current aver- sightings a month is the ce then, with the Novem- period of 1948 next. ere has been no correla- ighting reports to seasons.

No Cost Estimate

The Air Force could not furnish estimate of the cost of running flying-saucer rumors, because they are handled through normal staff channels. Since there is no special project in this field, no breakdown of cost is available.

Reports are checked by the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

The Air Force spokesman said that neither the center nor headquarters here has yet received reports on sightings said to have been made last Friday in the areas of Burlington, Vt.; South Portland, Maine, and Staten Island, N.Y.

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DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
27 July 1952	20 July 1952	

PREPARED BY (Office)	SOURCE
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REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

None

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

1. Unidentified objects were sighted between 0050 and 0300 on 20 July 1952. The sightings were visual & radar.

2. The visual sightings are not consistent in that several reports state that objects were believed to be stars. The only positive report is the targets on the radar scope.

#7 This report from AE-5 from Hq USAF on 1 Oct 54

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Statements by:
1. Jose H J. De Leves
2. F/Sgt Inzo
3. Capt H.C. May
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WASHINGTON, D C SIGHTINGS
19/20 and 26/27 July 1952

On 19/20 and 26/27 July 1952, a great amount of excitement was generated in the Nation's Capitol due to sightings of unidentified flying objects, both visually and on radar. Most of the sightings occurred between midnight and dawn. The objects were picked up by more than one radar in the Washington area and were reported to have speeds on the order of 7500 miles per hour. Jet intercepts were unsuccessfully attempted. FTD reports contained unconfirmed information that the President of the United States had taken an active interest in the sightings.

Visual sightings were reported by both ground and airborne witnesses. The descriptions by the witnesses were generally the same. The objects were described as changing from orange to green and back to red. The numbers varied from one to six, with no apparent set formation. Three objects were reported to have left trails. The motions of the objects for the most part appeared erratic. In some instances the objects were described as meteors.

Unfortunately the only day for which weather data was obtained was for 26 July 1952. The data on this day showed that there was a temperature inversion at 800 feet and at 4000 feet.

The radar porition of this report was analyzed by the Electronic Division of FTD. It was concluded that the radar sightings were probably due to anomalous propagation; sometimes referred to as "bending", "ducting," "guided propagation," "tapping" or "super refraction" of the radar electromagnetic wave; the inversions and moisture conditions being responsible for the unusual functioning of the radar. The "ducting," "tapping," etc, being responsible for detecting ground targets which are not normally seen. Bending of the radar waves, so that ground targets were not giving "solid" returns for every antenna sweep, thereby caused the misinterpretation that what were probably stationary ground targets were in motion.

As to the visual sightings, these individuals were probably experiencing the same effects as the radar (mirage), and were seeing objects normally beyond their range of vision. There is also the possibility of inconsistencies in the layers of air of different temperature causing lenses of air which resulted in distortion of some of the lower stars. It is significant to note that all instances where it could be determined the altitude of the airborne witnesses was approximately 4000 feet, the level of the higher inversion layer. Sightings of meteors coupled with the normal excitement of the witnesses also contributed to this sighting.

The FTD conclusion is that the radar and visual sightings on 26 July 1952 were due to the mirage effects created by a double inversion. It is also concluded that since the circumstances of 19/20 and 27 July 1952 parallel to those of 26 July 1952, that similar conditions existed and that the sightings were due to the same cause.

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TO AFOIN-2A2
Attn: Maj Fournet

FROM ATIC

DATE 22 Sept 52

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Ruppelt/vs
65365/B263D/P D-28

Attached is a carbon copy of the conclusions on the sighting of unidentified aerial objects at Washington National Airport on 20 and 26 July 1952.

for James Casschedt 1st Lt
ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General
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Proj. 10073 (REST) Discussion of Washington, D.C. Radar Sightings of Unidentified Object on 20 and 26-27 July 1952

ATIAA ATIAE2 29 Aug 52
ATTN: Capt Ruppelt Capt James/leg
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1. A study of the various reports regarding the subject radar sightings do not allow a positive and final explanation to be made. This is a characteristic of practically all radar reports of unidentified and/or unconventional targets. As usual, the factual and scientific data necessary for analysis is not available. However, the information available, together with weather data, does allow a plausible explanation as to the possible cause of the unidentified targets.

2. The general trend or tone of the available reports of the subject targets indicates a [redacted] anomalous (bending) propagation (temperature inversion and/or moisture lapse) effect on the radiated electromagnetic waves of the radar sets, thereby allowing detection of ground targets which are not normally seen. Excerpts from available reports which indicate the possibility of detection of ground targets due to a mild condition of anomalous propagation effects are as follows:

a. "Sporadic"

b. "Intermittent"

c. "Capable of dropping out of the pattern at will"

d. "Creeping appearance"

e. "Just disappeared from scope"

f. "Solid"

g. "Unidentified targets have been picked up from time to time over the past few months, but never before were there so many as were experienced on the nights of 19/20 and 26/27 July 52"

h. The lengths of time that targets appeared and the time of day, 0005 to 0530 EST (20 July 52) and 2050 to 0000 EST (26 July 1952), both indicate a favorable characteristic of anomalous propagation.

i. Reported "formation" of targets could be due to the fact that prominent ground targets, such as, power poles, buildings, etc. are usually grouped in some type of regular pattern and would maintain this grouping on the radar indicator.

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3. Weather data is available during the time of subject radar sighting for the 26th only. This data, taken at 2200 EST, is as follows:

Altitude (Thousands of ft.)	Temperature (Degrees Centigrade)	Moisture Lapse Rate
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.800	26.3	(Fairly
1	25.9	constant
2	23.1	up to
3	20.4	3,000 ft)
3.200	19.5	
4	20.4	(increased
5	19.1	rate
6	17.0	between
7	15.1	3,000 and
8	13.2	4,500 ft)
9	11.1	
10	9.5	(rapid increase
11	7.9	between 4,500
12	6.4	and 7,500)
13	4.3	
14	2.0	(above 7,500 ft
15	0.0	moisture content
16	-2.2	was too small to
17	-4.6	be measured)
18	-6.2	
19	-7.5	
20	-11.2	
21	-13.5	
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30	-33.9	

The above data indicates slight temperature inversions at 800 feet and at 4,000 feet altitude. Moisture conditions at these altitudes also appear to be somewhat favorable to anomalous propagation, sometimes referred to as "bending", "ducting", "guided propagation", "trapping", or "super refraction" of the radar electromagnetic wave.

4. There are several factors, given above, which are favorable for concluding that the subject radar targets were actually ground targets which are not normally detected. It is considered that an abnormal propagation condition caused a mild bending of the radar waves so that detection of ground targets were not giving "solid"returns for every antana sweep and

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thereby would cause a misinterpretation that stationary ground targets were in motion.

5. Very strong ground return signals have been previously observed on the indicators of the AN/CPS-1 type radar, located in Florida, out of ranges of about 150 statute miles.

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Hq USAF - AFOIN-2A2

11 Aug 52
Maj Fournet/vg/71016

1. Inclosed are summary reports of observations as telephoned to AFOIN-2A2 during the past two weeks plus a report on radar observations at Washington National Airport on the night of 26/27 July 52. In all cases, the outline specified for electrical messages in paragraph 7c of AFL 200-5 has been utilized for the sake of expediency with appropriate notations as necessary.

2. No attempt has been made to follow-up on any telephone reports taken by the Estimates Duty Officer now was any attempt made to obtain great detail in the other telephone reports. Wherever possible, a general statement of weather conditions, usually as reported by observer, has been included. In all cases where pro-forma items are omitted, they are negative.

3. No further action is contemplated on any of these incidents.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

26 Incls:
Rpts of U/I Flying Objects
originated by AFOIN-2A2

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Washington, D. C. - Night of 26/27 July 52

(Partially witnessed by Maj. Fournet and Lt Holcomb AFOIN-2C5; remainder as reported to them)

General:

This incident involved u/i targets observed on the radar scopes at the Air Route Traffic Control Center and the tower, both at Washington National Airport, and the Approach Control Radar at Andrews AFB. In addition, visual observations were reported to Andrews and Bolling AFB and to ARTC Center, the latter by pilots of commercial a/c and one CAA a/c. Two flights of interceptors were dispatched from Newcastle, Del., but their official reports have not been received by this office; comments on their conversations with ARTC Center personnel are included herein. It has been impossible to collect all facts for a single report. The Base Intelligence Officer, Bolling AFB, is submitting a report covering the Bolling and Andrews aspects of the incident. This report covers the facts obtained from Washington National A/P personnel, the USAF Command Post and the AFOIN Duty Officer log. As yet, the commercial and CAA pilots who reported visuals have not been contacted, nor have other potential sources been investigated. Such action will not be possible by this office.

1. Varying numbers (up to 12 simultaneously) of u/i targets on ARTC radar scope. Termed by CAA personnel as "generally, solid returns", similar to a/c return except slower. No definable pattern of maneuver except at very beginning about 2150 EDT, 4 targets in rough line abreast with about 1½ mile spacing moved slowly together (giving about a 1" trace persistency at an estimated speed of less than 100 mph) on a heading of 110. At the same time 3 other targets were scattered throughout scope. ARTC checked Andrews Approach Control by telephone at 2200 EDT and ascertained that they were also picking up u/i targets. U/i returns were picked up intermittently until about 27/0100 EDT, following which weak and sporadic (unsteady) returns were picked up intermittently for another ¾ hours. Washington National Tower radar crew reports only one target positively u/i. This return was termed a "very good target" which moved across the scope from West to East at about 30 to 40 mph. However, the radar operators stated that there could have been other u/i targets on their scopes, particularly outside their area of a/c control, which they would not have noticed or would have assumed to be a/c under ARTC Center control. However,

they noticed no other unusual (i.e. very slow or erratic) returns. ARTC Center controllers also report that a CAA flight inspect[illegible], Mr. [redacted] flying a/c #NC-12 reported at 2246 EDT that he had visually spotted 5 objects giving off a light glow ranging from orange to white; his altitude at time was 2200'. Some commercial pilots reported visuals ranging from "cigarette glow" (red-yellow) to "a light" (as recorded from their conversations with ARTC controllers). At 2238 EDT the USAF Command Post was notified of ARTC targets. Command Post notified ADC and EADF at 2245, and 2 F-94's were scrambled from Newcastle at 2300 EDT. ARTC controlled F-94's after arrival in area and vectored them to targets with generally negative results (flew through "a batch of radar returns" without spotting anything). However, one pilot mentioned seeing 4 lights at one time and a second time as seeing a single light ahead but unable to close whereupon light "went out" (these comments from ARTC controllers). One ARTC controller worked a USAF B-25 (AF 8898 ?) for about 1 hr 20 mins about 2230 EDT. B-25 was vectored in on numerous targets and commented that each vector took him over a busy highway or intersection. Maj Fournet (AFOIN-2A2) and Lt. Holcomb (USN, AFOIN-2C5) arrived at ARTC Center about 27/0015 EDT. Lt. Holcomb observed scopes and reported "7 good, solid targets". He made a quick check with airport Weather Station and determined that there was a slight temperature inversion (about 1°) from the surface to about 1000'. However, he felt that the scope targets at that time were not the result of this inversion and so advised the Command Post with the suggestion that a second intercept flight be requested. (2nd intercept flight controlled by ARTC, but no strong targets remained when they arrived. They were vectored on dim targets with negative results.) Maj. Fournet and Lt. Holcomb remained in ARTC Center until 0415, but no additional strong targets were picked up; many dim and unstable targets (assumed due to temperature inversion) were observed throughout the remainder of the period.

2. Intermittently between 26/2150 and 27/0100 EDT July 52. Periods of observation vary.

3. Electronic: VC-2 radar (ARTC) and ASR-1 radar (Tower). Others visual from air (details unknown).

4. Radar located at Washington National Airport, Washington, D. C. (Alexandria, Va.) A/c #NC-12 believed in vicinity of Aberdeen/ Baltimore, Md., commercial a/c reporting visuals located in general area vicinity Washington National A/P.

5. ARTC Center radar crew and controllers:

Austin M. Stapf)
Lloyd Sykes)
James M. Hitchey)

Harry Barnes James M. Copeland Stewart Dawson Phil Ceconi Mike Senkow Jerome Biron	All are CAA employees with varying levels of experience (ARTC radar installed Jan. 52). All appeared to be serious, conscientious and sincere although somewhat vague about details of their experience on 26/27 July. Considered fairly reliable.

Washington Tower radar operators:

Lester G. Woodahl (2yrs radar) Salvatore Marinello (1½ yrs radar)	Conscientious and sincere. Direct manner. Appeared sure of themselves. Considered very reliable.

Observer in a/c #NC-12: Mr. [redacted] reliability unknown.
Pilots of commercial a/c: unknown.

6. Weather clear, scattered thins (alt unknown).
Temperatures at 26/2200Z as reported by Washington National Weather Station:

Surface	25°C	
800'	26	
3500	20	
4800	20	)
10,000	7	) Steady drop
15,000	0	)
22,000	-17	)) Constant
22,300	-17	)
23,000	-20	

7. See 6. Others negative.

8. Negative

9. See 1. Official reports not received.

10. Normal commercial traffic inbound and outbound Washington National Airport plus some USAF a/c - all known and identified.

Remarks:

ARTC crew commented that, as compared with u/i returns picked up in early hours of 20 July 52, these returns appeared to be more haphazard in their actions, i.e. they did not follow a/c around nor did they cross scope consistently on same general heading. Some commented that the returns appeared to be fromobjects "capable of dropping out of the pattern at will". Also that returns had "creeping appearance". One member of crew commented that one object to which F-94 was vectored just "disappeared from Scope"

shortly after F-94 started pursuing. All crew members emphatic that most u/i returns were "solid". Finally, it was mentioned that u/i returns have been picked up from time to time over the past few months but never before had they appeared in such quantities over such a prolonged period and with such definition as was experienced on the nights of 19/20 and 26/27 July 52.

A transcript of a conversation between the towers at Washington National and Andrews which took place at 2130 EDT 26 July is attached. The "Center" mentioned is the ARTC Center at Washington National. The number of the National Airlines flight referred to is unknown.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AF 18,046

24-0-203

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Objects Sighted at Andrews AFB, 20 July 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS:

Three (3) unidentified objects were sighted by five (5) AAFB base personnel between 0005 and 0030 hours EST, 20 July 1952. The objects appeared reddish-orange in color and moved erratically in flight at an undetermined altitude. They traveled from a northerly to a southeasterly direction. They were sighted for periods of from five (5) to thirty (30) seconds on three (3) different occasions. Another sighting was made by the Approach Control which picked up one (1) unidentified target at 0115 hours EST. This target was in the scope for thirty (30) seconds before fading.

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2. DETAILS:

Inquiry into the presence of unidentified objects over Andrews AFB was initiated after this office had received a telephone call from a Lt. WYATT (not otherwise identified) who stated that he had been Operations Officer at Andrews AFB during the period between 0001 and 0830 hours on 20 July 1952, and that during his tour of duty, he had been receiving calls reporting "flying saucers" in the area. The lieutenant stated that the objects had been picked up by radar.

After receiving this call, an inquiry was made at the Control Tower at Andrews AFB where the following information was obtained:

Three (3) unidentified objects were sighted by five (5) base personnel between 0005 and 0030 hours EST on 20 July 1952. The three (3) objects appeared reddish and orange and moved erratically from a northerly to a southeasterly direction at an undetermined altitude. They were sighted for periods of from five (5) to thirty (30)

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seconds on three (3) occasions by [redacted] Civilia[redacted]C, JOHN P. IZZO, T/Sgt. (all of whom are assigned to the control tower at AAFB), and Capt. HARRY W. REDDING, AO-818935, Airdrome Officer on duty at the time. At 0415 hours EST, the Approach Control picked up one (1) unidentified target which remained on the scope for thirty (30) seconds and then disappeared.

The following is a copy of the AACS Control Tower Log, 1909th AACS Squadron, dated 20 July 1952:

"0005 Phone call advsg that there was an object south of ADW. A/1C [redacted] looked south and saw a orange object that appeared for just a moment then disapeared. The party on the phone saw the same thing. Wash Center also calling to advise they have five targets unidentified in the vicinity of ADW Range. TWR personnel used to observe from roof of the TWR.

"0120 While watching from the TWR roof Mr. [redacted] T/Sgt IZZO and myself, Capt H. W. REDDING, observed what appeared to be two falling stars but they had an orange hue and a tail and were traveling at a fast pace.

"0125 T/Sgt and M[redacted] also saw a third object that appeared like the first two objects (appeared like a falling star).

"0235 ADW A/O making a full report including the report by the party on the phone. Wash Center received a call from Capital Airlines plane that he saw three objects near [redacted] and reported that they were like nothing he had ever seen. He also reported three more between HRN and Martinsburg. Wash Center first saw these targets around 2340 and then about ten minutes later they moved toward ADW.

"0330 Wash Center advised the targets seemed to move more frequently when there were aircraft moving. As daylight was approaching they seemed to move less frequently.

"0530 Wash Center advised target north of ADW. Tower could not see it.

"TWX sent to Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
Air Technical Intell Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-26
Commanding General, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, USAF, Bolling AFB."

3. ACTION:

No investigation of this matter was conducted by this office inasmuch as no request for investigation was received. This matter was

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([redacted] - Security Information) Unidentified Objects Sighted at Andrews AFB, 20 July 1952 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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coordinated with Capt. BENJAMIN BERKOW, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, who stated that his office would handle the required investigation.

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USAF MSG AFOIN 39431 CIRVIS FLYOBRPT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH JANAP 146 (B) AND ALL 200-5, THE FOLG INFO IS SBMD. (1) 7 BRILLIANT BLUISH-WHITE OBJECTS, APPEARED TO BE ROUND, SIZE OF LARGETS BRIGHT STARS, NO EXHAUST, NO TRAIL, NO SOUND, UNKNOWN PROPULSION, TREMENDOUS RATE OF SPEED, DISAPPEARED IN DISTANCE, OBJECTS SIGHTED SINGLY AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS. (2) 200552 TO 200605Z. (3) VISUAL. PLT STATED THAT WASH NATL APRT AIRWAYS TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER HAD OBJECTS ON RADAR SCOPE DURING SAME PERIOD. (4) CLIMBING ON COURSE 330 DEGREES AFTER TAKE OFF FROM WASH NATL APRT. (5) CAPT C[redacted] CO PLT C[redacted] OF CAPITOL AIRLINES, CAPT [redacted] 24 YRS FLY EXPERIENCE, APPEARED TO BE CONSCIENTIOUS AND RELIABLE. (6) WEA CLEAR, SURFACE WINDS 250 DEGREES AT 4 KNOTS, 5000, 360 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS. (7) UNKNOWN (8) WASH NATL APRT AIRWAYS TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER IND TO PLT THAT OBJECTS WERE ON RADAR SCOPE. UNKNOWN IF SCOPE PHOTOGRAPHS EXIST. (9) NEGATIVE (10) 05
RPTING ABOVE LINE
(9) NEGATIVE (10) PLT STATED OBSERVICNG 1 ACFT DURING TIME OBJECTS WERE ON SCOPE AT TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER, CONVERSATION BETWEEN PLT AND ATCC DURING SIGHTING POSSIBLE RECORDED BY ATCC AT WASH NATL APRT. AF FORM 112 REPT TO FOL
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Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

Washington, D. C. Director of Intelligence, Hqs Tenth AF

31 July 1952 20 July 1952 C-2

2ND LT. GEORGE H. JANCZEWSKI CAPTAIN CASEY PIERMAN (CAPITAL AIRLINES)
172 E. HURON RIVER DRIVE, BELLVILLE, MICH

AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 December 1951, AFL 200-5, TWX AFOIN 39431

1. This report contains information on unidentified flying objects as reported to this headquarters by CAPTAIN [redacted] of CAPITAL AIRLINES, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

2. Subject report was investigated by 2ND LT. GEORGE H. JANCZEWSKI and M/Sgt O. T. TAYLOR of the DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS, TENTH AIR FORCE, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN.

APPROVED:

M. M. ZEINE
Lt Col, USAF
Assistant Deputy for Operations

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Sketch of CAPTAIN [redacted] sightings

D/I, USAF - original
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Director of Intelligence
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1. On 20 July 1952 at 0555z, CAPTAIN CASEY PIERMAN of CAPITAL AIRLINES was in the cockpit of his DC-4 aircraft performing a check list prior to take-off from WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON D.C. The aircraft was on the parking ramp heading 020°. CAPTAIN [redacted] looked up and observed a clear bluish white light travel from 190° to 010° at a 30° angle above the horizon in horizontal flight until it disappeared in the distance. CAPTAIN PIERMAN stated that he had to turn his head slowly through a 45° quadrant in order to observe the object while in its flight and estimates that he observed it for five (5) seconds or less. CAPTAIN [redacted] states that he did not attach any significance to this light until later events demanded attention to it.

2. Immediately after performing his check list, CAPTAIN [redacted] took off from WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT on a Heading of 180° and climbed to 1200' before making a right turn on course 330°. Upon gaining 1200' and course 330°, CAPTAIN [redacted] stated that he switched over from Tower Control to AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER (ATCC) at WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT. At this time ATCC informed him that their radar scope indicated two or three objects on the screen traveling at high speeds. ATCC instructed CAPTAIN [redacted] to steer 290° so as to intercept the objects which were approximately nine (9) miles ahead of him. At this time CAPTAIN [redacted] rate of climb was approximately 600' per minute and his altitude was between 3500' and 4000'.

3. Immediately after ATCC instructed CAPTAIN [redacted] to steer course 290° he stated that the following events occured within 5-8 minutes in the order in which presented and at the approximate time intervals as indicated:

a. 3-5 minutes after take-off - ATCC informed pilot that objects were five (5) miles distant dead ahead.

b. 3-5 seconds later - ATCC informed pilot that objects were four (4) miles distant dead ahead.

c. 1-3 seconds later - ATCC informed pilot that objects were at ten (10) o'clock. At this time pilot stated he plainly observed a DC-4 type aircraft at ten (10) o'clock level proceeding in the opposite direction. This information he reported to ATCC.

d. 4-5 minutes later - COPILOT [redacted] observed one (1) object bluish white in color in a twenty-five degree (25°) dive from northeast to southwest travelling at a tremendous rate of speed. The copilot told CAPTAIN [redacted] that he could neither estimate from what altitudes the object began its descent nor at what altitude it faded. CAPTAIN [redacted] stated that at this time his altitude was 6000' and he could look down almost vertically and see CHARLES TOWN, WEST VIRGINIA.

e. Immediately upon sighting CHARLES TOWN, CAPTAIN PIERMAN and his copilot observed a brilliant bluish white light flash past from high over his left and disappear in level flight dead ahead travelling at a tremendous rate of speed and appeared to be outside the earth's atmosphere.

f. Next CAPTAIN [redacted] and his copilot observed a brilliant bluish white light reappear where the last light had disappeared and flash past from

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right to left at approximately 30° above the horizon and travelling at a tremendous rate of speed. This light also appeared to be outside the earth's atmosphere.

4. CAPTAIN [redacted] stated that he may have seen as many as seven (7) objects during as many minutes but due to the fact that things were happening so fast he had no way of keeping an accurate account of the number of objects.

TENTH AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE COMMENT:

1. The interrogators, LT JANCZEWSKI and M/SGT TAYLOR, are of the opinion that CAPTAIN [redacted] is reliable and conscientious. He has been a pilot for twenty-four (24) years and has piloted for CAPITAL AIRLINES for seventeen (17) years. CAPTAIN [redacted] stated that during all his years as a pilot he has never seen anything that would compare with the objects mentioned in this report. He further stated that he is thoroughly convinced that the objects he observed were traveling at such tremendous speeds that he would not attempt to estimate the rate of their speeds.

2. CAPTAIN [redacted] stated that the ATCC at WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT had the objects on the radar scope. Due to such an unusual circumstance there is a possibility that scope photographs were made providing the equipment was available.

3. CAPTAIN [redacted] also stated that ATCC contacted the tower at BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE and queried them of any knowledge of the objects. It is not known if any such targets had been plotted by BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE

4. The following is offered as a suggestion:

Due to the tremendous speeds of the objects and the inability of the observers to determine the exact altitudes or even if the objects observed were in the earth's atmosphere there is a possibility that there is some connection between a previous report (AFXOI FLYOBRPT 4-52) and this report since they occured at approximately the same time.

5. Weather: 0500Z 19 July 1952, WASHINGTON D.C.
Ceiling - Unlimited
Visibility - 10 miles
Clouds - Negative

Winds:
Surface - 230°/04 knots
5,000' - 360°/20 knots
10,000' - 350°/16 knots
20,000' - 310°/25 knots
30,000' - 310°/42 knots
40,000' - 290°/46 knots

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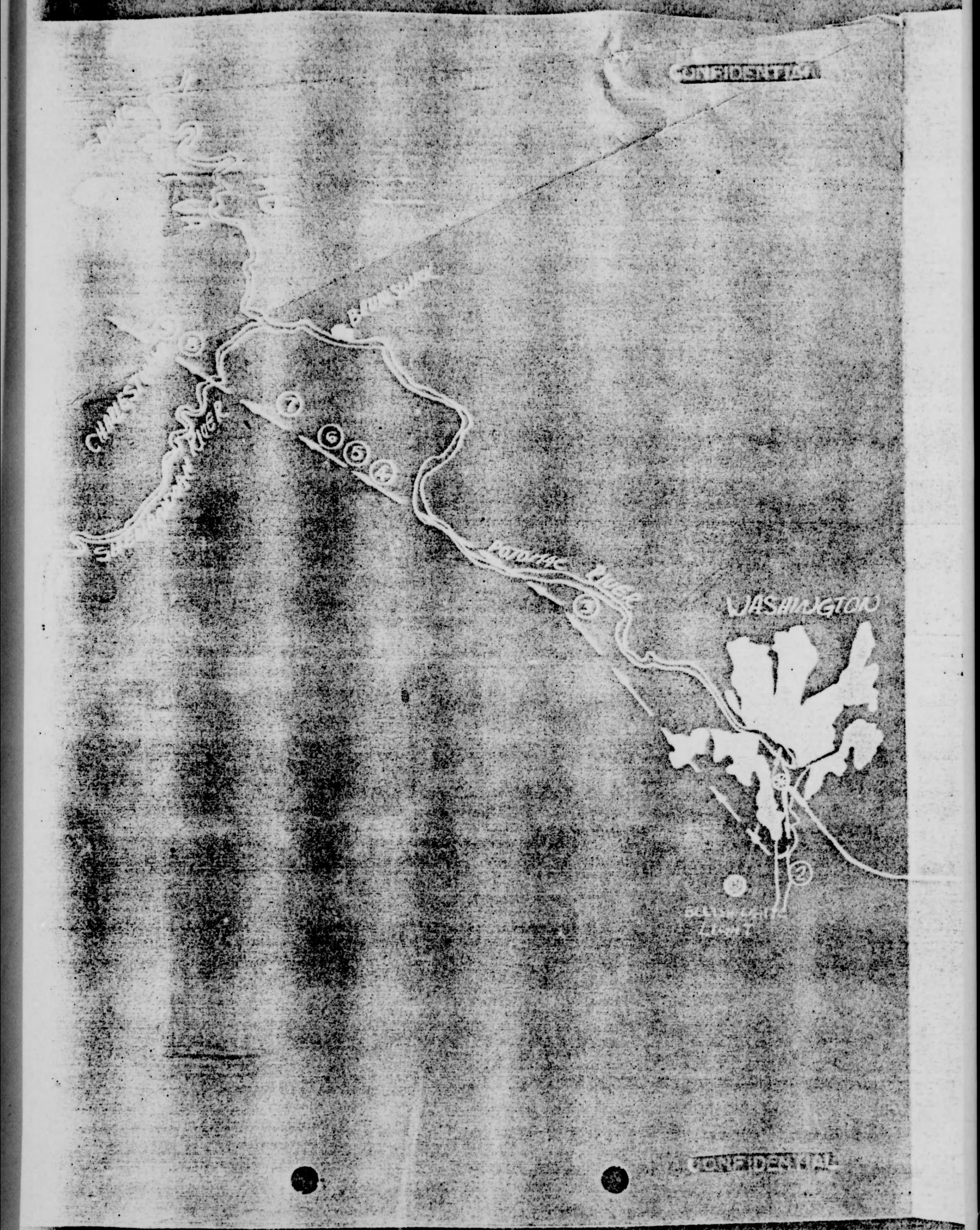

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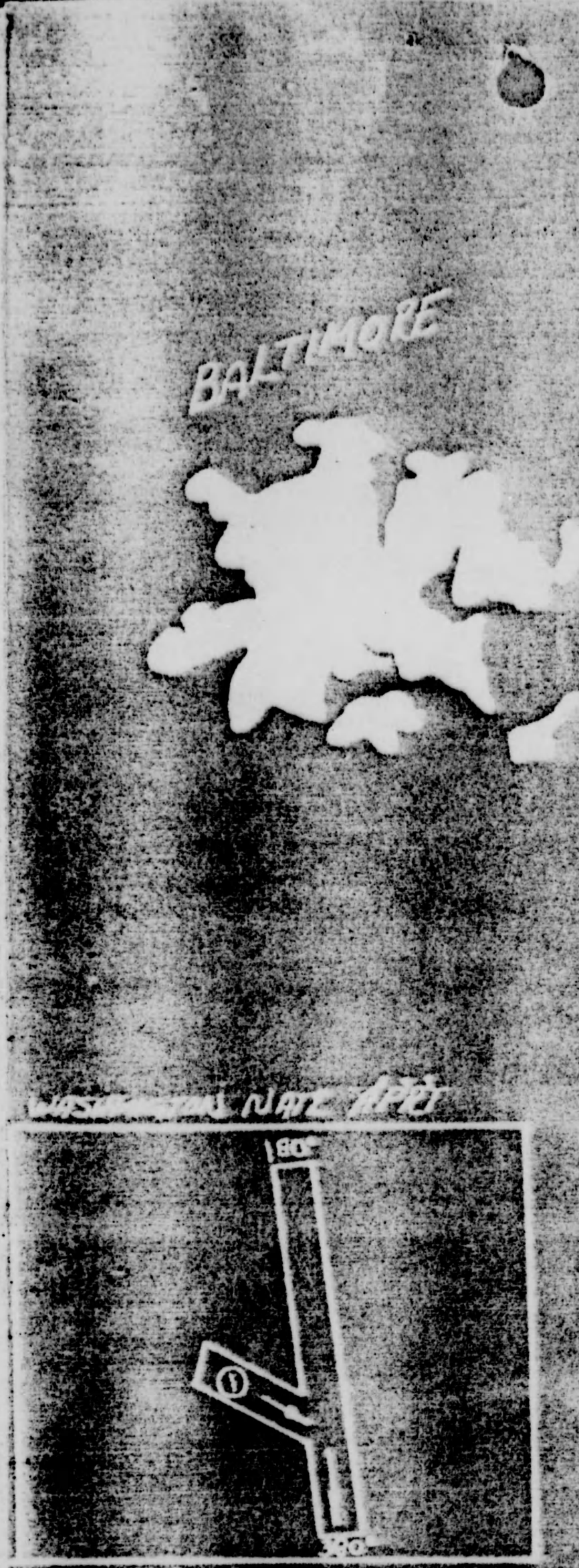

① CAPTAIN PIERMAN WAS TAKING A CAT NAP PRIOR TO TAKEOFF AT OFFUTT AFB JUNE 24th WHILE HIS CREW WAS ON THE PARKING RAMP HEADING OUT WHEN HE OBSERVED A BLUISH WHITE LIGHT TRAVELING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AT A 30° ANGLE.

② CAPTAIN PIERMAN CALLED TO RADIO FOR A TAKE TAKING OFF ON HEADING 180° AND MADE A RIGHT RETURN ON COURSE 360°.

③ ATCC WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT INSTRUCTED CAPT. PIERMAN TO STEER 250° TO INTERCEPT TWO(2) OR THREE(3) OBJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN PICKED UP ON THIER RADAR SCOPE APPROXIMATELY NINE (9) MILES AHEAD OF CAPTAIN PIERMAN.

④ ATCC INFORMED CAPT. PIERMAN OBJECTS WERE FIVE (5) MILES "DEAD AHEAD".

⑤ ATCC INFORMED THE PILOT OBJECTS WERE FOUR (4) MILES "DEAD AHEAD".

⑥ ONE (1) TO THREE (3) SECONDS LATER ATCC INFORMED PILOT OBJECTS WERE AT TEN (10) O'CLOCK. CAPT. PIERMAN THEN OBSERVED A DC-4 AIRCRAFT AT TEN (10) O'CLOCK WHEN HE REPORTED TO ATCC.

⑦ FOUR(4) TO FIVE(5) MINUTES LATER CO-PILOT CHARLES WHEATON OBSERVED ONE (1) BLUISH WHITE LIGHT IN A TWENTY-FIVE DEGREE (25°) DIVE FROM NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST TRAVELING AT A TREMENDOUS SPEED.

⑧ PILOT & CO-PILOT OBSERVED BRILLIANT BLUISH WHITE FLASH BY FROM OVER THIER LEFT [illegible] DISAPPEAR IN LEVEL FLIGHT "DEAD AHEAD" AT TREMENDOUS SPEED & APPARENTLY OUTSIDE THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, ACCORDING TO CAPT. PIERMAN.

⑨ PILOT & CO-PILOT OBSERVED BLUISH WHITE LIGHT FLASH BY FROM RIGHT TO LEFT WHERE THE LAST LIGHT HAD DISAPPEARED AT APPROX MARLEY 30° ABOVE HORIZON TRAVELING AT A TREMENDOUS RATE OF SPEED. THIS OBJECT APPEARED BEYOND THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.

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Washington, D. C. - 2230 EDT 21 July 52

(As telephoned to OIN-2A2 on 28 July 1952)

1. Round, clearly defined circle of light. Object moved slowly (35 - 40 mph.) then speed accelerated to "100 mph." from 500 to 10,000 ft. altitude. No moon nor illumination that night. 90° turn made. Thought it was a "blimp". "Light" moved toward West to stand still then South when speed increased. No propulsion. Sound not loud but muffled hum.

2. 2230 EDT 21 July 52. Observed for about 20 minutes.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground.

4. Observer at home on roof top in Washington, D. C. Object disappeared westward then south where speed accelerated.

5. Mr. [redacted] Army veteran, student, [redacted] Ave, N.W., Washington, D. C., reliability unknown.

(SEE 17 JULY, 1952, SILVER SPRINGS, MD.)

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT		
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AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency)
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND		HQ26th Air Division(Defense) Roslyn, NY
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
22 July 1952	21 July 1952	F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer)		SOURCE
Major William H. Greenhalgh Jr		Civilian Observation

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFR 200-5

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. On 21 July 1952 at 1303 Eastern Daylight time, two civilians in Baltimore, Maryland reported sighting an unconventional aircraft (flying object). Exact position of observers and their occupation is unknown. Following is the information available on observers: Jacque Ayd, 5431 Timbroke, Baltimore, Maryland, Business telephone: Plaza 2000, Home telephone: [redacted] John Neuman, [redacted] Road, Baltimore, Maryland, Home phone [redacted]

2. Object was described as a large cone shaped object with a brilliant orange glow which hurt the eyes to look at it. Object was travelingSouthwest and when first seen it was estimated to be ar 2000 feet. It dove with terrific speed, traveling so fast that it was difficult to follow, and then the observers estimated that it must have been at 15,000 or 20,000 feet before diving. It was about the size of a four)4(engine aircraft, and was in sight for approximately one (1) minute.

3. Weather was 4500 feet scattered, visibility 10 miles, temperature 90 degrees, dew point 71, winds West at 11 miles per hour.

4. No known aircraft in the area at time of sighting.

5. Report relayed to this Headquarters from Baltimore, Filter Center, Ground Observer Coppe.

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PP JEDEN JEDWP JEPHQ JEPNB 444

DE ROSLYN NY 208/JEPQW 35D

P 221300Z ZNJ

FM CG 26TH ADIV DEF ROSLYN NY

TO JEPHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLO

JEPNB/CG EADF STEWART AFB NEWBURGH NY

/R E S T R I C T E D/ ADOIN 5292 USAF ATTN DIR OF INTEL PD AIR TECH

INTEL CENTER ATTN ATIAA-2C PD FOLG FLYOBRPT SUBMTD IN ACCORD WITH AFL

TWO ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE PD PAREN ONE PAREN LARGE CONE SHAPED OBJ WITH

BRILLIANT ORANGE GLOW SMCLN HURT EYES TO LOOK AT SMCLN TRAVELING

SOUTHWEST SMCLN WHEN FIRST SEEN WAS EST AT TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO FT CMA

FOL SMCLN SEC EST OF ALT WAS ONE FIVE TO TWO ZERO THOUSAND FT SMCLN
APPROX SIZE OF FOUR ENG PASS AC PD PAREN TWO PAREN SIGHTED AT ONE 1303EST
THREE ZERO THREE EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME SMCLN SIGHTING LASTED APPROX
ONE MIN PD PAREN THREE PAREN VISUAL OBVR FROM SUR PD PAREN FOUR PAREN

LOCATION OF OBVRS UNK OTHER THAN IN CITY OF BALTIMORE MD PD PAREN
FIVE PAREN TWO OBVRS TOGETHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING SMCLN FIRST OBVR
JACQUE AYD CMA FIVE FOUR THREE ONE TIMBROKE CMA BALTIMORE CMA
BUSINESS TP PLAZA TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO CMA HOME TP CLIFTON SIX TWO
THREE NINE SMCLN SEC OBVR [redacted] CMA FIVE FOUR ONE TWO LEIGH
ROAD BALTIMORE CMA MARYLAND CMA HAM ZERO SIX SEVEN SEVEN SMCLN
OCCUPATIONS UNK SMCLN RELIABILITY UNK PD PAREN SIX PAREN WEA FOUR
FIVE ZERO ZERO SCATTERED CMA VISIBILITY ONE ZERO MILES CMA TEMPERATURE
NINE ZERO DEG CMA DEW POINT SEVEN ONE CMA WINDS WEST ONE ONE MILES
PER HOUR PD PAREN SEVEN PAREN NEG PD PAREN EIGHT PAREN NEG PD PAREN NINE
PAREN NEG PD PAREN TEN PAREN UNK PD END OF RPT
22/1340Z JUL JEPQW

WHEN OBJ TURNED ON THEIR HEADING, SPLITTING

[redacted]

[redacted] EST 10-12 INCHES TOTAL AND STATES EST

12-12 TOTAL. [redacted] STATES IT DISAPPEARED

ABRUPTLY. [redacted] EST TIME OF 5-10 SEC FM

INITIAL OBSER TO POINT WHEN OBJ CHANGED COURSE

TO THEIR HEADING, THEN 2-3 SEC ADDITIONAL UNTIL

LOST. [redacted] EST 5 SECS FOR FORMER AND

20-30 SECS FOR LATTER. NO OTHER A/C OBSERVED

IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER OR DURING

OBSERVATION ALTHOUGH TRAFFIC THIS AREA NORMALLY

VERY HEAVY. SUN BEHIND THEM NOT QUITE AT

ZENITH. WEATHER DESCRIBED AS CAVU ABOVE

4000 FT WITH VERY SLIGHT GROUND HAZE

AND THIN SCUDDY CLOUDS OVER HILLS AHEAD.

[redacted] HAS 23 YRS FLYING EXPERIENCE AND

[redacted] 12. BOTH RATED AND CURRENTLY

ON FLY STATUS. NO OTHER REPORT MADE BY

THEM.

DO NOT CONSIDER CANOPY REFLECTION

A POSSIBILITY SINCE KEMPER MOVED HIS HEAD

TO VARIOUS POINTS WITHIN CABIN DURING

OBSERVATION AND ALWAYS OBSERVED SAME

THING.

END OF CSAF ITEM 7 /RESTRICTED/

AS 90-120 DEG TO THEIR HEADING; [redacted]
COULD NOT EST BUT STATES COURSE COULD
HAVE DESCRIBED ARC. BOTH STATE THAT
WHEN OBJ WAS DEAD AHEAD OF THEM ON
THEIR COURSE IT APPEARED TO MAKE SUDDEN
TURN TO THEIR HEADING AND TVLD AWAY
FM THEM. DESCRIBE MOTION WHILE ON
COLLISION COURSE AS MOVING FWD IN
SPURTS, IRREGULAR IN BOTH TIME AND DISTANCE,
WITH IMPRESSION DEAD STOPS BETWEEN AND NO
APPARENT ACCELERATION OR DECELERATION.
WHEN OBJ TURNED ON THEIR HEADING, SPURTING
MOTION CONTINUED BUT IN VERTICAL PLANE
GOING UP "STEP FASHION" [redacted] BELIEVES
OBJ WAS TVLG AWAY BECAUSE OF FADING HE
OBSERVED; [redacted] COULD NOT GAIN IMPRESSION
BUT BELIEVED IT COULD HAVE BEEN GOING AWAY/.
BOTH EST OBJ DISAPPEARED WHEN ABOUT 10 DEG
ELEV FROM THEIR COURSE AND DEAD AHEAD. [redacted]
EST 10-20 SPURTS TOTAL AND [redacted] EST
10-12 TOTAL. [redacted] STATES IT DISAPPEARED
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ATIAA
24 Jul 52

CSAF ITEM 7 /RESTRICTED/

SECURITY INFORMATION

TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FM AFOIN-2C5 FOURNET

INTERROGATED [redacted] 2834A

AND M[redacted]4526A.

BOTH ASGD DIR MANPOWER AND ORGANIZATION,

HQ USAF, AND OBTAINED FOLG REPORT:

AT 1200 EDST 22 JULY 52 IN VICINITY

STAFFORD, VA /38-25 N, 77-25 W/, WHILE

FLYING C-45 AT 6000-6100 FT ALT ON

HEADING 270 WITH COL BAILEY AS PILOT AND

MAJ KEMPER AS CO-PILOT, OBSERVED U/I

FLYOB. OBJ DESCRIBED BY BAILEY AS BRIGHT

SPOT /BRILLIANT REFLECTION/ WITH NO DEFINITE

SHAPE, APPROX SIZE OF PIN HEAD HELD 12

INCHES AWAY. BRILLIANCE AND SIZE CONSTANT

THROUGHOUT OBSERVATION EXCEPT FADED GRADUALLY

BEFORE DISAPPEARING. [redacted] DESCRIBES AS

CONTINUOUS, VERY BRIGHT AND SHINY OBLONG

SHAPE /PERHAPS ROUGH RECTANGLE/ WITH LENGTH

TWICE DEPTH. ESTIMATES LENGTH EQUIVALENT

TO 3/16 INCH AT ARMS LENGTH. NEITHER

ONE OBSERVED ANY TRAILS, PROPULSION, EXHAUST,

ETC. NO SOUND HEARD EXCEPT THEIR ENGINES.

BAILEY OBSERVED FIRST AT ABOUT 70 DEG

TO RIGHT OF A/C HEADING. CALLED

[redacted] ATTN TO IT AND HE PICKED IT UP

AT ABOUT 30-40 DEG TO RIGHT OF HEADING.

BOTH STATE OBJ AT ABOUT SAME ALT AS C-45

AND THAT IT TVLD WHAT APPEARED TO BE

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TO RIGHT OF A/C HEADING. CALLED KEMPERS ATTN TO IT AND HE PICKED IT UP AT ABOUT 35-40 DEG TO RIGHT OF HEADING. BOTH STATE OBJ AT ABOUT SAME ALT AS C-45 AND THAT IT TVLD WHAT APPEARED TO BE COLLISION COURSE /BAILEY ESTIMATES COURSE AS 90-120 DEG TO THEIR HEADING; KEMPER COULD NOT EST BUT STATES COURSE COULD HAVE DESCRIBED ARC/. BOTH STATE THAT WHEN OBJ WAS DEAD AHEAD OF THEM ON THEIR COURSE IT APPEARED TO MAKE SUDDEN TURN TO THEIR HEADING AND TVLD AWAY FM THEM. DESCRIBE MOTION WHILE ON COLLISION COURSE AS MOVING FWD IN SPURTS, IRREGULAR IN BOTH TIME AND DISTANCE, WITH IMPRESSION DEAD STOPS BETWEEN AND NO APPARENT ACCELERATION OR DECELERATION. WHEN OBJ TURNED ON THEIR HEADING, SPURTING MOTION CONTINUED BUT IN VERTICAL PLANE GOING UP "STEP FASHION" /BAILEY BELIEVES OBJ WAS TVLG AWAY BECAUSE OF FADING HE OBSERVED; KEMPER COULD NOT GAIN IMPRESSION BUT BELIEVED IT COULD HAVE BEEN GOING AWAY/.

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BOTH EST OBJ DISAPPEARED WHEN ABOUT 10 DEG ELEV FROM THEIR COURSE AND DEAD AHEAD. BAILEY EST 10-20 SPURTS TOTAL AND KEMPER EST 10-12 TOTAL. KEMPER STATES IT DISAPPEARED ABRUPTLY. BAILEY EST TIME OF 9-10 SEC FM INITIAL OBSER TO POINT WHEN OBJ CHANGED COURSE TO THEIR HEADING, THEN 2-3 SEC ADDITIONAL UNTIL LOST. KEMPER EST 5 SECS FOR FORMER AND 20-30 SECS FOR LATTER. NO OTHER A/C OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER OR DURING OBSERVATION ALTHOUGH TRAFFIC THIS AREA NORMALLY VERY HEAVY. SUN BEHIND THEM NOT QUITE AT ZENITH. WEATHER DESCRIBED AS CAVU ABOVE 4000 FT WITH VERY SLIGHT GROUND HAZE AND THIN SCUDDY CLOUDS OVER HILLS AHEAD.

BAILEY HAS 23 YRS FLYING EXPERIENCE AND KEMPER 19. BOTH RATED (AND CURRENTLY ON FLY STATUS. NO OTHER REPORT MADE BY THEM.

DO NOT CONSIDER CANOPY REFLECTION A POSSIBILITY SINCE KEMPER MOVED HIS HEAD TO VARIOUS POINTS WITHIN CABIN DURING OBSERVATION AND ALWAYS OBSERVED SAME THING.

END OF CSAF ITEM 7 /RESTRICTED/

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United States	52-1	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Object Report

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Bolling AFB and Washington National AirPort	Director of Intelligence Hq Comd, USAF

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
22 July 1952	19 & 20 July 1952	Excellent A-1

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
BENJAMIN L. BERKOW, Capt., USAF	Control Tower Operators

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

This report constitutes statements by control towers at Washington National Air Port and Bolling Air Force Base.

BENJAMIN L. BERKOW
Capt., USAF
Director of Intelligence
Hq Comd, USAF

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USA	UNCLASSIFIED	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT		
UFO [redacted]		
AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
Andrews AFB, Wash 25, D.C.	Wing Intelligence Section	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
22 July 1952	20 July 1952	
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
	See Summary	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
None		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

1. Unidentified objects were sighted between 0002Z and 0530Z on 20 July 1952. The sightings were visual on radar.

2. The visual sightings are not consistent in that several reports state that objects were believed to be stars. The only positive report is the targets on the radar scope.

Statements by:
1. [redacted]
2. T/Sgt Ison
3. Capt H.C. May
4. A/1C Brady
5. Mr [redacted]
6. A/2C Goodman
7. S/Sgt C.T. Davenport
8. Capt Redding (A.C.)
9. Control Tower log

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
Director of Intelligence Headquarters Command, USAF	UNCLASSIFIED 52-1	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

On the night of 19 and 20 July 1952 Mr [redacted] and three (3) other control tower operators were on duty in Washington National Air Port Control Tower.. At 0005 East Standard Time a series of five (5) unidentified targets appeared on the radar scope. These targets were different than those made by aircraft and a careful search was made of the sky to dertermine if the objects were visual; none were visual at this time. Then a call was made to Air Routing Traffic Control center and they too had the same targets located in the same vicinity which was over Andrews Air Base. A call was made to Andrews on the direct line and Washington advised Andrews tower of the situation and Andrews reported visual sighting of three (3) objects in the positon indicated by Washington tower.

The targets remained on the radar scope until 0030 EST during this time one (1) target left a trace from West of Andrews to Riverdale a distance of seven (7) miles in four (4) seconds. (7300 mph)

There was also a visual sighting by the controllers of the Washington National Tower. They observed an orange disk about 3,000 ft altitude at 300°, Washington Tower also heard conversation between "Gas Bag 17" and Andrews (jet intercept). He reported over Andrews Air Base at 0300 EST at 21,000 feet, said he was low on fuel and was returning to his base.

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ACTION

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AT 1

23 AM 9:45 AM

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3 C Fls

DE BEKAC 35

R 231316Z

FM NAS NORVA

TO CO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

NAVY GRNC

PROJECT BLUE BOOK X YOUR 221930Z REFERS X ONE JRB CLEARED NGU TO DCA ARRIVING 200143RX NO AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED

CFN 221930Z 200143RX

23/1318 JULY BEKAC

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WPAØ98W

YDBØ2ST

TYD 1Ø1

TMAØ39

JEPFF B29

PP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEPBL 444

DE JEPFF 12

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FM OPERATIONS OFFICER 1Ø5Ø ABG ANDREWS AFB MD

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF ITELLIGENCE HQS USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/AIR TENHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT WFB COLO

JEPLB/CO HQS CGMMAND BOLLING AFB WASH DC

[redacted]/ FLYOBRPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH AFLTR 2ØØ-5 THE

FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED ONE-SIZE UNDETERMINED CMA REDDISH ORANGE

CMA THREE SIGHTED CMA MOVEMENT ERRATIC FROM SOUTHWEST TO SOUT EAST

CMA HIGH RATE OF SPEED CMA DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH AND EAST TWO-

FM ØØ5 E TO ØØ3Ø E 2Ø JULY 1952 THREE VISUAL FOUR OBSERVED FROM

ANDREWS AFB FIVE OBSERVERS ONE RADAR OFFICER RELIABILITY EXCELLENT

FOUR CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS RELIABILITY EXCELLENT CMA TWO CREW MEN

SIX WEATHER SCAT 22,ØØØ, 1Ø MILES, TEMP 76, DUE QOINT 72, WIND NW 7

ALTIMETER 29.91 WINDS ALOFT 2ØØØ EEP DEGREES AT 25, RPPP ETP AT 22

6ØØØ ETP AT 1Ø 8ØØØ ERP AT 14, QPNPPP EWP AT 15, QWNPPP EUP AT 13,

14,ØØØ 32Ø AT 5 16,ØØØ EPP AT 1Ø, WPNPPP EPP AT 35, WTNPPP EPP AT 3Ø

SEVEN UNKNOWN EIGHT NONE NINE THORNDYKE ALERTED TEN UNKNOWN

2Ø/18Ø8Z JUL JEPFF

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

O'HARA, COMMANDING, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

TO: WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT
WASHINGTON DC

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
2219402 July 52	

PRECEDENCE FOR:	ACTION	INFORMATION
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☐ BOOK MESSAGE

☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-7-14E FOR CONTROLLER

Would like exact time of sighting of unidentified objects on 19 July 52. Also all a/c in vicinity at time.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt J. E. EDELSTEIN/73

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL: AMIL-5

TELEPHONE: 5436

OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT E. OLNEY
Asst Adjutant G

DD FORM 1 OCT 49 173 REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 49. WHICH MAY BE USED.

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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: CO OLSTED AFB MIDDLETOWN PA

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
222300Z July 52	

PRECEDENCE FOR:	ACTION	INFORMATION
	PRIORITY	

☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION

FROM: AFOIN-ATIA-7-162 FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Were any a/c scrambled from your base or any bases in vicinity around 2400 E, 19 July 52 re report of unidentified object near Washington. Also any a/c on flights toward Washington within one hour of that time.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
Lt J. E. Bonesfield/rs	
SYMBOL: AFOIN-5 / TELEPHONE: 5A261	OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT E. KELLY, Major, USAF Air Adjutant General

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

OTAMA, CONTAIRING, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE
CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

TO: CAPITAL AIRLINES
WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT
WASHINGTON 1 DC

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
221945Z July 52	

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	PRIORITY	

☐ BOOK MESSAGE

☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION

FROM: AFOIE-ATIA-7-152

Would like names, addresses, and telephone numbers of crew of Flt 307 on 19 July 52 and Capital National Flt 610 on 19 July 52.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

[redacted]

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL	TELEPHONE
ATIA-5	5[illegible]61

OFFICIAL TITLE ROBERT J. [illegible], Lt, USAF
Air Assistant Counsel

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FROM: (*Originator*)

CO, ATIC

TO: CO NAVAL AIR STATION NORFOLK VA

INFO:

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221900Z July 52	

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	PRIORITY	

☐ BOOK MESSAGE

☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-7-172 FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Would like info on a/c which could have been in vicinity of Washington at about 2400Z 19 July 52. Also were any a/c scrambled because of a report of unidentified objects at that time.

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Lt J. K. ROTHSTEIN/ts	
SYMBOL: AFOIN-5	TELEPHONE: 54261
	OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT E. KELLER, Major, USAF Air Adjutant General

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FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: CO ANDREWS AFB MARYLAND

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:	
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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-7-138 FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Would like info on all a/c in vicinity on 19 July 52 at 2400 E. Were any a/c scrambled?

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1Lt J. K. ROTHSTEIN/ts	
SYMBOL: AFIAA-5 / TELEPHONE: 54263	OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT B. KENNEDY, Major, USAF, Air Adjutant General

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TO DONALD L BOWER COLONEL USAF

CHIEF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS DIVISION

WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JUL 1952 10 40

FROM CAPITAL AIRLINES CXXXARLINGTON VA M A CROWDER MANAGER FLIGHT DISPATC

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PROJECT BLUE BOOK

ACTION

CAPITAL 307-19 CREW

CAPTAIN [redacted]

1[redacted]

BELLEVILLE MICHIGAN

TELEPHON[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]RD

YIPSILANTI MICHIGAN

TELEPHONE YPSILANTI 960W

NATIONAL CAPITAL 610-19 CREW

CAPTAIN [redacted]

[redacted]

MIAMI SPRINGS FLORIDA

TELEPHONE [redacted]

FIRST OFFICER J[redacted]

P[redacted]

DANIA FLORIDA

TELEPHONE [redacted]

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1952 JUL 23 17:2

19 Jul Wash DC

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1952 JUL 23
07:20

Washington case 19 Jul 52

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E JEPHQ 346A
221ØZ ZNJ
HQ USAF WASHDC
JEDEN/CG AIR DEF COMM ENT AFB COLO
EDWP/ATIC WP AFB OHIO
[redacted] FROM AFOIN 54199 ATIC PASS TO ATIAA-2C FLYOBRPT
F AF OUT 39433 CMA 2Ø JULY 52 UNCLASSIFIED CORRECTION CLN "ONE
OTED OVER HERNDON CMA VA. FOLLOWED CAPITOL AIRLINE TO WITHIN 4
ILES OF TOUCHDOWN CAPITOL PILOT ESTIMATES ALTITUDE OF OBJECT 5ØØ
T SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ CMA "ANOTHER OBJECT NOTED OVER HERNDON
MA VA. FOLLOWED CAPITOL NATIONAL FLIGHT PAREN 61Ø PAREN TO WITHIN
MILES OF TOUCHDOWN. CAPITOL NATIONAL PILOT ESTIMATES ALTITUDE
OBJECT 5ØØØ FEET" COMPLETE FORM 112 REPORT WILL FOLLOW
THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.
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JEPHQ 051

RR JEDUP

DE JEPHQ 434A

R 232142Z

FM HQ USAF WASHDC

TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN 40467 CGATIC PASS TO ATIAA-2C FLYOBJRPT. FOLLOWING

REPORT RECEIVED BY AFOIN-2A2 CMA 1500 EDT. TWO OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED

IN THE SKY VERY HIGH LIKE STARS. ONE WAS SIGHTED LOW CMA APPROXIMATELY

500 FEET. ROUND OBJECT CMA FIERY ORANGE COLOR FOLLOWED BY WHAT

APPEARED TO BE A HELICOPTER WITH WHITE LIGHT ON TOP AND ON BOTTOM.

MADE NOISE LIKE AIRPLANE. TIME OF SIGHTING 2122 EDT VISUAL FROM

GROUND. OBJECT OVER MCLEAN GARDENS CMA WASHINGTON CMA D.C. OBSERVER

MRS. [redacted] CMA [redacted] COURT N.W. CMA WASHINGTON

16 CMA D. C. WEATHER CLEAR CMA WIND CALM

23/2242Z JUL JEPHQ

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C-1 ROUTINE [redacted]
FM 142 FIS WILMINGTON DEL 291800Z
TO WRIGHTPATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIC 08 55

CITE FSCO 0314

FLY OB RPT. PROJECT BLUEBOOK. CITE YOU MSG IC 833 DATED 28143 0Z. NO BALLOON RELEASES MADE FROM THIS BASE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SEVERAL RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY IN WHICH BALLOONS VARYING BETWEEN 25 AND 110 FT IN DIAMETER ARE RELEASED FROM SITES WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. HOWEVER THIS UNIT HAS NO INFO ON THESE RELEASES.
30/0935Z JULY

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NBR 1233 24 JULY 52
C-1 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE [redacted]
FM CO 142 FTR INTCP SQ NEWCASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT DELAWARE 23213ØZ
TO C/S USAF WASH DC ATTN: DIR OF INTEL
CO ATIC WPAFB OHIO ATTN: ATIAA-2C
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INFO NEWCASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT WILMINGTON DELAWARE

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CITE: FSCO Ø297 FLYOBRT.

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IN ACCORD WITH AFL 2ØØ-5 THE FOLG REPT IS SUBMTD. 1. THE THREE OBJ ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING IN A FORMATION OF 1 DIRECTLY ABOVE THE OTHER, TOP OBJ WAS CIRCULAR OR CYLINDRICAL IN SHAPE WITH THE 2 OBJ BELOW BEING REPTD BY THE 4 OBS AS CYLINDRICAL, RECTANGULAR, VERY FLAT, RECTANGULAR AND VERY FLAT AND LONG. ALL THREE OBJ APPEARED APPROX OF THE SAME SIZE, WITH A ROUGH EST BEING 8Ø FT IN DIAMETER. OBJ WERE SHINY AND REFLECTED LIGHT. THEY APPEARED TO REMAIN IN THE SAME AREA AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION CONTRAILS, EXHAUST, PROPULSION METHODS, SOUND OR MANEUVERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1 OBS REPTING THAT THE MIDDLE OBJ APPEARED TO MV OUT AND SLIGHTLY AWAY FR THE OTHER 2. REMAINING THERE FOR APPROX 45 SECONDS AND THEN

RETURNING TO THE ORIG POSITION. 2. OBJECTS WERE FIRST SIGHTED AT 1250 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME AND WERE UNDER OBS FOR 20 MINUTES. 3. OBS WAS BY VISUAL MEANS FR 2 F94B ACFT FLYING AT A SPEED OF 150 TO 180 KNOTS INDICATED AIR SPEED AND AT ALTITUDES INDICATED AT 35000 FT TO 46500 FT. 4. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF OBS ACFT WAS PK 5040 AND NK 2048 AND OBJECTS WERE EST AT 4000 FT TO 30000 FT ABOVE THE OBS ACFT. 5. FLY EXP OF THE 4 OBS WAS FR 1 TO 9 YRS. 6. WEA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING WAS CLEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SQUALL LINE WHICH WAS NOT IN THE VICINITY OF THE SIGHTING AND IN NO WAY LIMITED THE SIGHTINGS. 7. IT IS BELIEVED NO ACTIVITY OR CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHERWISE, CAN ACCOUNT THE SIGHTING. 8. NO PHOTO COULD BE TAKEN SINCE PLTS WERE UNABLE TO ELEVATE THE NOSE OF THEIR ACFT HIGH ENOUGH TO GET OBJECTS IN THE SIGHTS. 9. SILVERTONE WAS KEPT ADVISED OF THE SIGHTINGS. 1Ø. OTHER FTRS AND A BOMBER TYPE ACFT WERE IN THE AREA OF THE SIGHTINGS.
24/2405Z JULY

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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: CO 142 FTR INTCP SQDN
NEWCASTLE COUNTY APT
DELAWARE

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP: 251330Z July 52

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PRECEDENCE FOR: ROUTINE | ACTION | INFORMATION

☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION: FSCO 0297 FLICBRT

CLASSIFICATION: Confidential

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-5 FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Cite your message FSCO 0297 FLICBRT dated 24/0405Z July 52. Would like information on balloon releases between 1130 E and 1300 E and path of balloons.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: [redacted]

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT J. K. ROTHSTEIN/vs

SYMBOL: ATIAA-5

TELEPHONE: 54261

OFFICIAL TITLE: [redacted], Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

DD FORM 1 OCT 49 173 REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48. WHICH MAY BE USED.

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Washington, D. C. - 2130 EDT 24 July 52

(As telephoned to OIN-2A2 on 28 July 52)

1. Two large "cylinder", silver objects travelling comparatively slow - "noise" heard; eastward direction.

2. 2130 EDT - 24 July 52 - Observed briefly.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground.

4. Observer in Michigan Park section, Washington, D.C., objects headed eastward.

5. Miss [redacted] - reliability unknown.

(See 1T July 4, 1952, Silver Springs, MD.)

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FM HQ USAF WASHDC

TO CGATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN 41070. CGATIC PASS TO ATIAA-2C . FLYOBRPT. ORANGE DISC LIKE BALL SIGHTED BETWEEN CAPITOL AND WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND 2200 EDT NIGHT OF 24 JULY. NO FURTHER DETAILS. OBSERVER MR. [redacted] T. N.W. CMA WASHINGTON CMA D.C. TELEPHONE [redacted]

25/2211Z JUL JEPHQ

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 25th (Day) Dec (7) (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 12 (Hrs.) 20 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

(a. Eastern)
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
(b. Standard)

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

my location intersection [redacted] Postal Address Langley Field Rd Hampton, Va. U.S.
City or Town State Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
(b. In a car)
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
(b.) In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? it "caught my eye" as it was passing across the sky almost perpindicularly to the way I was fa

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

31 / Jul (7) / 52
Day / Month / Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? I was bringing my car to a stop.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Eating 25 min.
Driving car 5 min.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

(Yes) or No. but almost stopped

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
(d. Southeast)
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? 2 miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):

a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
g. Through open space
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours _____ Minutes 4 to 5 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
(b. Fairly sure)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent? Type of light like of

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	(No)	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): (Yes) No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? blinish wh

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound no

16.2 Color gave of white light but there were random beams as from a reflect

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

only one

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
(g. Small airplane)
(h. Large airplane)
i. Dirigible
j. Other Can't say for sure as it was a good distance away

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain
(b. Fairly certain)
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 15,000 feet. approx
20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or ~1.5 miles approx
20.3 How fast was it going? 300-500 miles per hour. approx
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

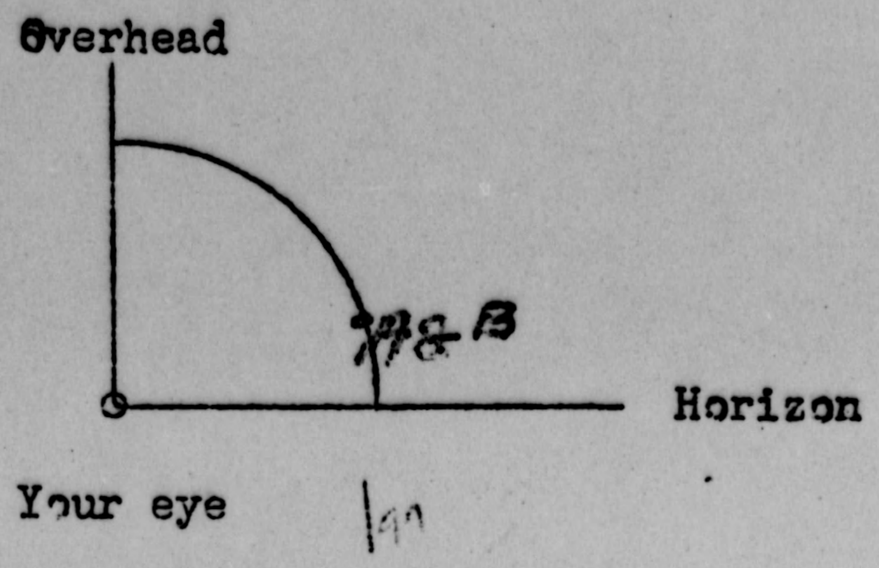
a. Certain
(b. Fairly certain)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

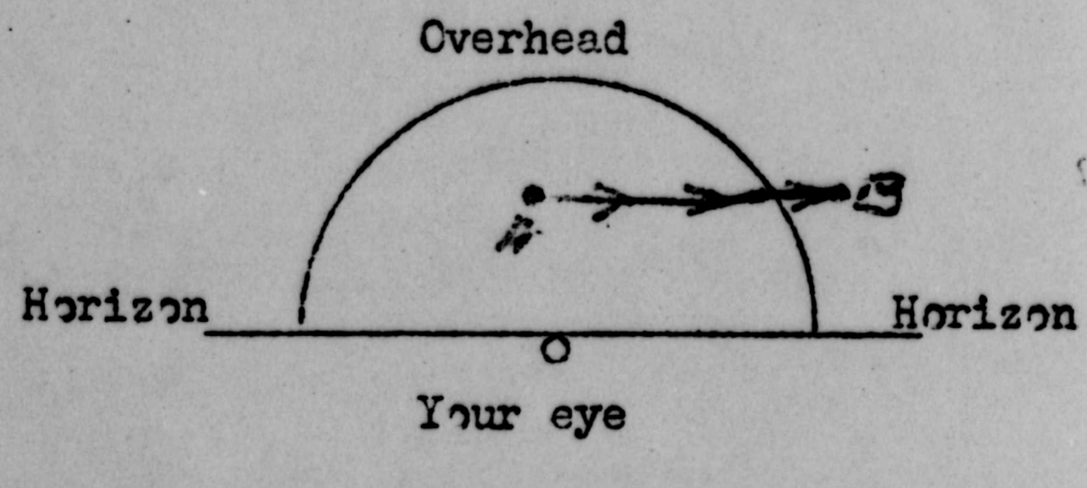
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other passed out of sight
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you <u>first</u> saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you <u>last</u> saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

1. round in appearance
2. very bright
3. bluish white
4. no scattered or reflected beams as come from a reflection yet it was fairly intense -

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): (Yes) No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

_____

_____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Hampton Virginia
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Mathematician - U.S. Govt. N.A.

Age 21

Sex male

Last School Attended William & Mary College (Wm'sburg, Va.)

Year of last attendance at this school 1952

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or (No)

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

I was hesitant to report it as no one was with me, though I was sure I had seen "something". I mentioned it to some of the engineers with whom I work but made no report to Air Intelligence on. I read in the Washington paper about the "lights" or "saucers" seen there over the weekend of July 26th & 27th. A "Light" or "ball of energy" would fit as a description so I made a report. I assume in daylight and not at night as those in Ops The were no faults in my windshield glass that could have produced an optical impression such as the one I got. My only speculation in the matter comes the fact that that same day (this I found out later while talking to Air Intelligence) two other reports of an object ~~came~~ came one person saw it over the James River b and another in Williamsburg. These sightings (mine would place it about 8 miles away or near the bridge) would give such an object

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United States TAC IR - 9 - 52

Unidentified Flying Object Report

US - Virginia DCS/I, Hq Tactical Air Command, LAFB, Va

31 July 1952 30 July 52 F-2

C. S. Rice, Major, USAF Civilian NACA employee

[redacted]

At 1315 Tuesday 29 July reporting officer received a phone call from Mr. [redacted], Hampton, Virginia, telephon[redacted]. who stated he was employed by NACA at Langley Air Force Base as a mathematician operating a BELL computer in the 19 feet test building, where he works the night shift. [redacted] stated he had seen an unusual flying object on Friday 25 July, but had failed to report it fearing ridicule. However, press and radio reports of similar recent sightings persuaded him to report what he had seen.

An appointment was made for Berend to come to the Air Intelligence Office, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, for an interview on 30 July.

Attached is transcript of shorthand notes taken by a secretary during this interview.

APPROVED:

DONALD N MACKNITZ
Colonel, USAF
Acting Deputy Chief
of Staff, Intelligence

1 Sketch showing observers position in relation to Langley Air Force Base and sighted object.

1 copy sent Chief ATIC, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

[redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. D[redacted]
Hampton, Virginia

Employed: NACA (Bell Computer, 19 ft. Test Building)
Works night shift
Telephone NACA, extension 34

Size: No idea - I don't know how far awary - probably larger than an ordinary airplane. I would say the average distance away was between 5 and 10 miles from where I was. It was between 5 and and 10 miles away. I would say it was larger than an average size aircraft.

Shape: Round like a ball, no trail or exhaust. I heard no sound.

Speed: I would say, if it was 5 or 10 miles away, the speed would be between 300 and 500 miles per hour. It covered about 40 degrees of sky in about 3 or 4 seconds, then passed out of sight.

Color: Just bright - just energy. It was more or less like a reflection. It had a definite shape. It just went across - very bright. It was round - nothing like an airplane - it was going horizonally across the sky.

Time: About 1220, Friday, 25 July.

Appearance:
I don't know - I was driving ahead down the street when it caught my eye and I looked up. It just went gradually out of sight.

Location of Observer:
I was on this street which comes to an angle (approximately 30 degrees) from Langley Field Road (at this time he drew a diagram). When I saw it I slowed down and continued across the road to a circle, stopped the car and stood on the running board, but it had gone completely. To me, the direction it was passing would be perpendicular to the road. It was moving from left to right. When I saw it it was just past the center of my windshield. It passed out of sight toward Norfolk and Newport News.

Height:
Not too high. Thirty or forty degrees. Passed just above the middle of the windshield. I had to look up to see it.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Weather: Very bright - no clouds. Good visibility. I think the direction in which it was headed passed fairly parallel to the direction of the windshield. It moved at a constant rate.

Any other aircraft in sky?

There weren't any. It was the weirdest sight I have ever seen. Can't state anything definite about the size and shape. It was intensely bright. It was not throwing beams - it was just like a ball of energy. The sky was blue - no clouds - it was very evident. Only lasted about 4 seconds.

CHARLES S RICE
Major, USAF
Chief Estimates Division

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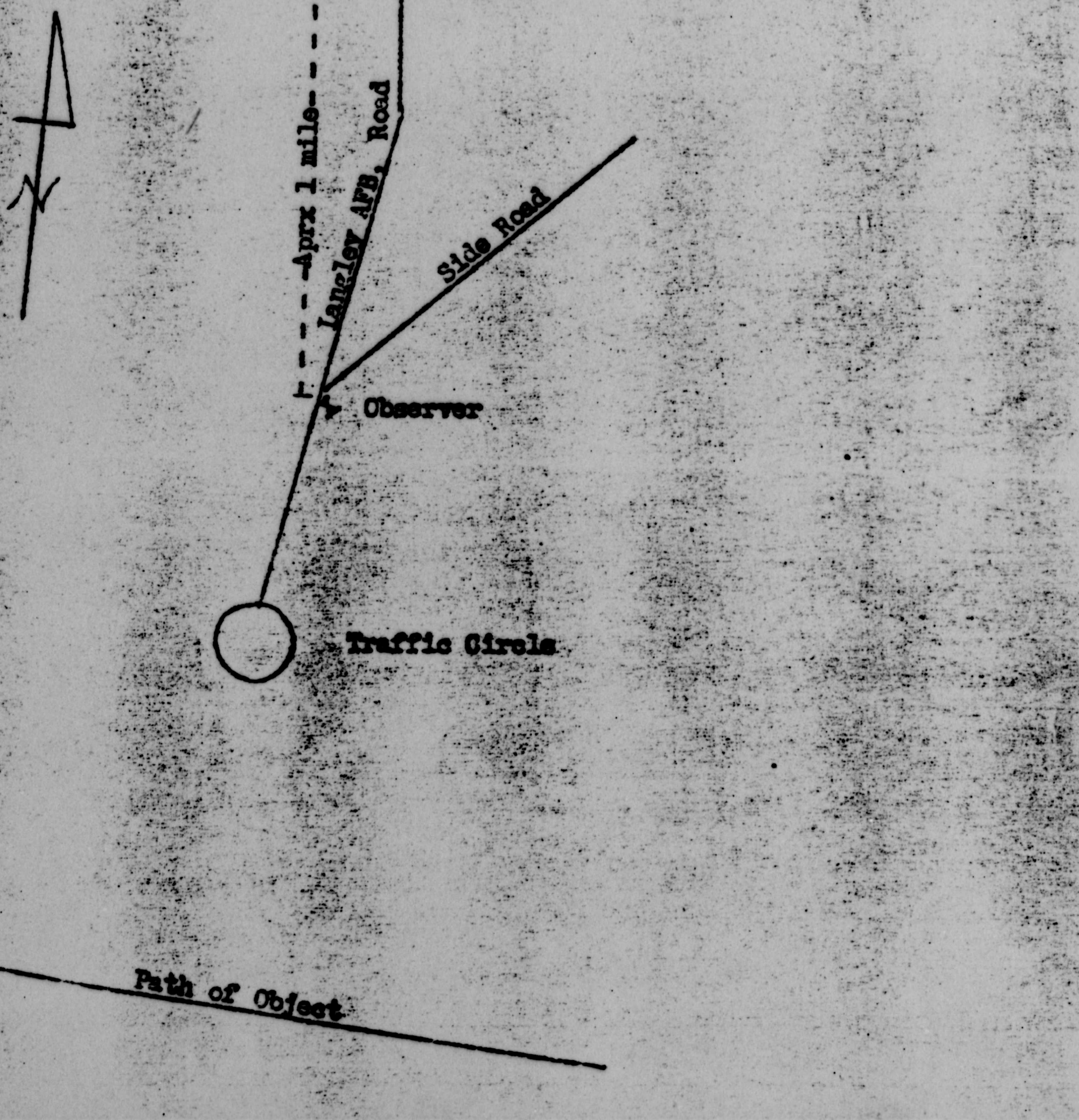
Sketch showing observers position in relation to Langley Air Force Base and sighted objects



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BEREND JR CMA NACA EMPLOYEE AT LANGLEY AFB REPTS SIGHTING FLYOB ONE TWO

TWO ZERO EST TWO FIVE JUL FIVE TWO FR POINT ONE MI SOUTH LANGLEY AFB

PD BEREND STATED ROUND OBJ OF UNK SIZE PASSED EAST TO WEST ONE ZERO TO

ONE FIVE MI SOUTH HIS PSN AT THREE ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE ZERO ZERO MPH

CMA THREE ZERO TO FOUR ZERO DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AND WAS VISIBLE FOUR

SECONDS PD NO SOUND CMA NO EXHAUST CMA EXTREMELY BRIGHT WHITE COLOR

CMA QUOTE LIKE PURE ENERGY UNQUOTE PD WEA CLEAR AND BRIGHT PD NO ACFT

IN AREA AT TIME PD NO CHANGE IN COURSE OR SPEED DURING OBSR PD BEREND

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HEADQUARTERS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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HC 319-C

14 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOBRPT) (Unclassified)

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

The inclosed correspondence is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 7e, AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

C. P. McCARTY
Captain, USAF
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:
Ltr, 4th Dist. OSI,
Subj: FLYOBRPT, dtd 4 Aug 52

When Incl 1 is withdrawn or not attached the classification of [redacted] on this correspondence will be cancelled in accordance with par 25a, AFR 205-1.

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Incl 2

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24-0-212

4 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Observed on 26 July 1952 over Annapolis, Maryland
Observer: Major C. P. Carlson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Headquarters Command, USAF
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Director of Intelligence

HC-300-C (4 Aug 52)

1. This office received the following information from S/A DERRICK of the 109th CIC Detachment at Baltimore, Maryland:

Major C. P. CARLSON, Post Chaplain, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland reported that on 26 July 1952, at 2230 hours, he saw a flying object over the vicinity of Annapolis, Maryland. The object appeared to be flying at approximately 10,000 feet in a northwest direction at what the Major described as being the "speed of a jet aircraft." The object appeared to be a large ball of fire, made no noise and did not maneuver. It remained in sight for approximately six seconds and then vanished into the air. The light intensity of this object was that of a "shooting star" but the object was much larger.

2. No action was taken in this matter by District Office #4 of the Office of Special Investigations. The above is being submitted for whatever action is deemed appropriate by your office.

Harold D. Collins
Lt Col USAF
for DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Headquarters, OSI

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FILE NO. 47 11-7 B

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Material for Project Blue Book

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

FROM: Dept of the Air Force, Hq USAF - AFOIN-2A2

DATE: 11 Aug 52

COMMENT NO. 1: Maj Fournet/vg/71016

1. Inclosed are summary reports of observations as telephoned to AFOIN-2A2 during the past two weeks plus a report on radar observations at Washington National Airport on the night of 26/27 July 52. In all cases, the outline specified for electrical messages in paragraph 7c of AFL 200-5 has been utilized for the sake of expediency with appropriate notations as necessary.

2. No attempt has been made to follow-up on any telephone reports taken by the Estimates Duty Officer nor was any attempt made to obtain great detail in the other telephone reports. Wherever possible, a general statement of weather conditions, usually as reported by observer, has been included. In all cases where pro-forma items are omitted, they are negative.

3. No further action is contemplated on any of these incidents.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

for James P Ruhlett Maj. USAF

WILLIAM W. WILCOX
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Policy and Management Group
Office, Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence

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Rpts of U/I Flying Objects originated by AFOIN-2A2

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ASR-1 Tower radar

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ARTC Radar
(1st crew - til 2000)

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* [redacted] — Supvr (Radar)

Raymond Nathan — Deputy Dir of Flow
of Aviation Ltr
CAA

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Tower [redacted]

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CAA Flow Controller
[redacted]

Dir. [redacted]

* 1600 - 2000 Lance (Duty)

0001 [redacted]

[redacted] (2nd crew) Sugarglider

[redacted]

2108 EST ARTC picked up between
4 & 12 obj. No def obj. 2 jet intercep.
1125 (jet on scope) vectored in.
One pilot sited & lite ahead (fm).
Visual contact, 1149 saw one lite
steady white. 10 mi E MT Vernon.
Visual clear.

ortho 2 more jets.

7/27/54.

[redacted] had written in his book by time Mr. Staff requested his departure from Central Room. (Ref F-965 - 1st interview) May also have overheard frequency on which controlled

[redacted]

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Held

[redacted] D/Chief of Staff, Operations.

Memorandum for Chief of Staff

SUBJ: Possible Compromise of Air Defense Code and/or Communications

1. On the night of 26/27 July CAA radar at Washington National Airport picked up a number of unidentified targets in all quadrants [redacted] intermittently for a period of about 3 hours. F-94 interceptors were dispatched in two flights to attempt an intercept, and at certain times were controlled by the CAA Air Route Traffic Control Center at Washington National.

2. Mr. [redacted], Time-Life correspondent, was in the Control Center at the time that [redacted] control of the first intercept flight was assumed by the center. An interview with Mr. [redacted], CAA Flow Controller at the time, established that Mr. [redacted] apparently overheard the intercept code "Shirley Blue" and wrote this information in his notes. Mr. Staff also believes that Mr. [redacted] may have overheard the radio frequency which was being used to control the intercept.

3. Another Life correspondent established that the first flight of interceptors was based at Newcastle, Delaware.

4. It is not known whether the above

constitutes a compromise of the Air Defense code and/or communications, but is being forwarded for information.

Pri. [redacted] Lester G (Tower)

Partial extract Log:
(all times EST)

Approx 1030: Center advised VFR lgts

Saw one VFR across scope W-E (Traded up on E side of scope), very good lgt, 30-40 mph. Could have been other lgts, particularly outside of area of control, but wouldn't have spotted because assumed have assumed normal a/c. However, no other unusual (slow, etc) lgts noticed.

Exper: Controller 5 yrs; radar 2 yrs.

Dri. [redacted] 7/20/60

Same as first sentence for Woodall except W side of page. However, Gen as for W

Exper: [redacted] Controller 9 yrs.; radar 1½ yrs.

Mr. [redacted] EST

2015: Mr. [redacted] verified FL lt & wpi lights

2050: about 12 wpi trees :—

1 light (well defined, small, 1 long, < 100 mph)
in NW quadrant & in SE course (110) roughly parallel
about 1½ mi apart. Other scattered
throughout page.

2100: Andrews checked — they were also
picking them up. (still about 12 lights).

2116: NC 12 (CAA Flt Degree, Mr [redacted])
reported 5 obj. that were giving
(call tomorrow) (range) for typed
by 7 day)

Dir: [redacted]

Behaved differently from those of 19:00 July. Did not appear to be following Ofc as before, also, final dive of turn was SE as opposed to "ace-dive" for previous incident). Return was quiet as good as previously. More lights this time than last; more bunched than previously (some appearance of grapes). Slower speed (30-40 mph) About 20 min after initial, tower confirmed visual image glow in E. Cap Aviation got visual (later); Also 4 or 5 more [redacted] Another Cap a/c made visual (lite "at professional speed" but radar tracked him until 5 mi fm touchdown.

Appearance of law act & dragging out of radar pattern at will.

When obj being chased by Cessnas Lear obj suddenly disappeared fm ARTC scope.

Comment: acted as the monitoring Shirley Blue frequency.

Later: 7 mos or radar control; Ops traffic con

Dlr: [redacted]

East (Cor?)

T/o at 2008. Had to try to vector thru no. of images. Batches. Well defined but smaller than reg tgts. 3x - 90 mph. All that he could truly va - se. United vectored in & saw pulsating red-yellow lite.

Degression of loss alt possible because of "dropping out", creeping appearance, etc.

Tgts were "solid" returns.

All pilots reports very vague in direction.

Imag radar exper; 6 yrs traffic control.

Re [redacted]

Record of Andrews:

All hdq flt SE (some E, some S, etc).
Similar to a/c returns except slower (solid line
trace)
Started wtg B-25 (AF 8696) leading at
B-25 Bolling at about 2130 EST.
While [redacted] circled twice (6-7 mi diam)
obj remained within 6 moved only 2-3 mi.
Victored B-25 for 1:10 or 1:20. (Pilot
mentioned each vector took him over heavy
highway or intersection)

Andrews reported visual w/ glasses 5 of Andrews
est 6 mi, blue-white lite, jerky motion,
2000' alt est

Only about 1/3 of flts in Andrews area
picked up by Andrews radar.

Flts varied in intensity — some good, some
poor. Faded often.

0300Z 20 July (2300 EDT 19 July)

	°C
Surface	26
800'	27
Constant fall	
8000'	13
Constant temp	
9500'	13
Constant fall	
23,000	−15

NA 1830
A/P Wea Sta

Inversion: temp drop falls w/ alt.
when " increases w/ alt = inversion

2200Z (1800 EDT) 26 July

Surf	25
800'	26
3500	20
4800	20
↓ steady drop	
10,000	7
↓ steady drop	
15,000	0
↓ steady drop	
22,000	-17
22,800	-17
23,000	-20

} constant temp

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

FLYOBJ'S

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Andrews AFB, Wash 25, D.C.	Wing Intelligence Section

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
29 July 1952	26 July 1952	Unk

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
EDWARD R. VAN SANT, Capt, USAF	See Summary

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. Unidentified objects were sighted between 2000E and 2300E on 26 July 1952. The sightings were visual and radar.

2. Targets seen on the radar scope are the only positive reports.

Statements by:

1. T/Sgt Spiewakowski
2. M/Sgt Harrison
3. Lt Palmer (A.O.)
4. Lt Carlson

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1. The following report is submitted in compliance with par 7d, AF Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952.

2. On the evening of 26 July 1952 between 2000E and 2300E a number of unidentified objects were reported in the vicinity of Washington D.C. Only two persons saw these objects visually. All others were sighted on radar scopes at Washington ARTC and Andrews Approach Control.

3. At 1500E 28 July 1952, Mrs. [redacted] St., Chevy Chase, Md., called Andrews Operations to report that she had seen an unidentified object between 2130E and 2200E on the 26th of July 1952. She states she was sitting on the deck on her boat in the Rhodes river, Lat. 39 degrees 51' N., Long. 76 degrees 32' west, looking to the SW, when she saw a large fuzzy light streak across the sky just above the horizon. This light was from yellow to yellow-green in color and moved in a straight line. She saw it only for a few seconds. This light did not appear solid to her, looked closer than the stars and made no noise. The objects were also seen visually by M/Sgt Harrison, a GCA Operator at Andrews AFB. His reliability is excellent. His statement is attached. Electronically they were seen by 1st Lt W.V. Carlson and T/Sgt E. Spiewakowski, radar controllers. Their reliability is excellent. Their statements are attached. Statement of 1.0. is attached.

4. The size of the objects is unknown. The number varies from one to many (number unknown). Colors are described as bluish white, yellow, and yellow-green. visual sigitings traveled in a straight line. Electronic sightings moved very erratically. No apparent formation was observed.

5. The weather at the times of the sightings was: Sky clear, visibility 10, temp. 78, dew point 70, wind S, at 10 MPH, altimeter 30.13, winds aloft: 2000-210 at 7K, 4000-220 at 5, 6000-240 at 5, 8000-280 at 7, 10000-310 at 4, 12000-300 at 7, 14000-310 at 2, 16000-300 at 6, 20000-300 at 3, 25000-210 at 10, 30000-180 at 10.

6. No meteorological condition was known to exist.

7. No physical evidence available.

8. Thoroughly alerted.

9. Aircraft known to be in the area are as follows:

AF 8[illegible]-Pilot-Phillips, W. Capt. AO 266841, Maryland University
AF 70[illegible]-Pilot-Henry, S.W. Col, 3907A, Hq. USAF
AF 7[illegible]-Pilot-Seingeickert, G.R., Capt, AO 208220, Hq. USAF.
AF 6121-Pilot-Smith, C.B., Capt, 17730A, 1025th AB Sq, Wash [illegible]
AF 0[illegible]-Pilot-Bone, G.W., Capt, AO 742409, 1111th SAM Sq, Bolling [illegible]
AF 9119-Pilot-Bellard, Capt, 22718A, 1734th ATG, Kelly AFB.
AF Jet 655[illegible]-Pilot-Whitehead, Capt, AO 838035, Wichita, AFB.
AF 10[illegible]-Pilot-Grindle, F. Capt, AO 2083971, 1050th AFG, Andrews
AF 5999-Pilot-Sudbury, D. Maj, 6201A, Hq MATS, Andrews AFB.

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Andrews AFB
Wash 25, D.C.
28 July 1952

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

Happenings of Saturday 26th July 52 (2023-2121E)

While standing in front of GCA unit I observed a bluish white light move from vicinity of range in a NNE dir at an incredible rate of speed- about 45 sec later I observed another light moving from over the vicinity of the range to the NW. About one min later while walking toward AAFC from the GCA unit I saw the same kind of light moving from the NE toward the range station. These lights did not have the charistics of shooting stars. There was no trails and seemed to go out rather than disappear, and traveled faster than any shooting star I have ever seen.

/s/ M/Sgt Harrison

A TRUE COPY

Clyde E. Mahaffee Jr.
CLYDE E. MAHAFFEE JR.
WOJG, USAF
Admin. Operations Officer

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Andrews AFB
Wash 25, D.C.
28 July 1952

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

Happenings of Saturday 26th July 52

At 2023E Wash Center called requesting info as to whether we were observing many unidentified targets in the immediate area, on our radar equipment. We observed & noted a great many targets some of which later were identified as aircraft (conventional). We continued to maintain a sharp lookout & observed targets following very erratic courses, sometimes appearing to stop, then reverse course, accelerating momentarily, & then slowing down. Target sightings were all coordinated with W.A.R.T.C. & verified, using radar facilities. Another peculiarity noted was the sudden disappearance of targets then suddenly reappearing 8-10 mi farther along the same course. A couple of aircraft which happened to be in the area were given vectors to targets however I am uncertain of results as this was handled by Wash. Radar. We had targets in vicinity of ADW(R), the field, & the SHZ vicinity, also NW of us targets were present in great No's. The only area relatively free was the S.W. Andrews tower personnel were advised of positions & were attempting to make visual sightings- results Unkn. The biggest problem appeared to be the large No. of targets present which made it difficult to have any definate targets singled out for checking.

/s/ T/Sgt H. Spiewakowski

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

18 AUG 1952

Mrs. J[redacted]
[redacted] Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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a/s

TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 26 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 10:30 (Hrs.) 11:00 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

22:30
26

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

(a. Eastern)
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a. Daylight Saving)
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

[redacted] (Postal Address) [redacted] Md. (State) U. S. A. (Country)

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One):
a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
(e. At sea)
f. Other no boat

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other Anchored in the Rhode Ri

4. How did you happen to notice the object? I was sitting close to the desk looking in the direction it appeared & disappeared.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

28 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Sitting on desk

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Putting children to bed
Cleaning up.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No.)

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):

a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
g. Through open space
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? X Hours X Minutes 1 or 2 sec. Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Yellow gre

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound No sound

16.2 Color Yellowish green

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ___
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
(d. Bicycle wheel)
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 3000 feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? — feet or 5 miles
20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

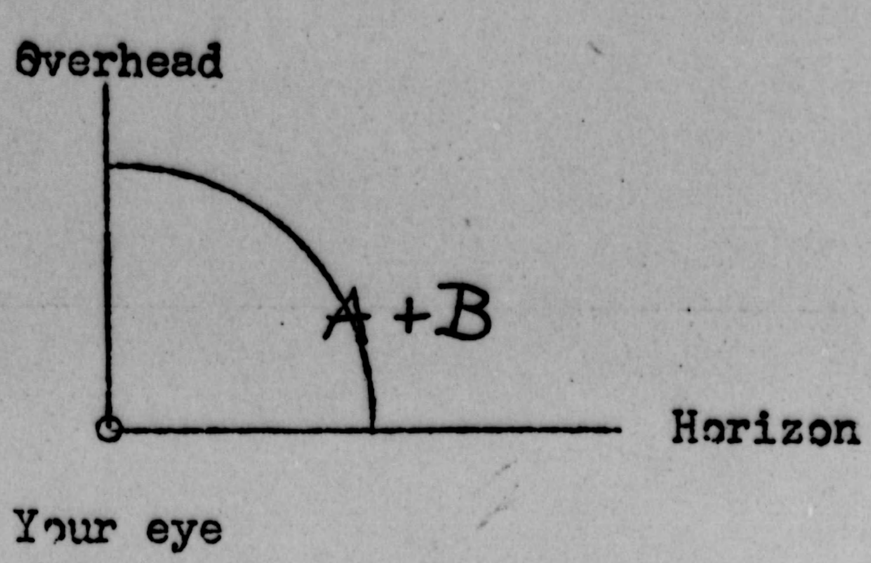
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
(d. Just a guess)

21. How did the object disappear from view?

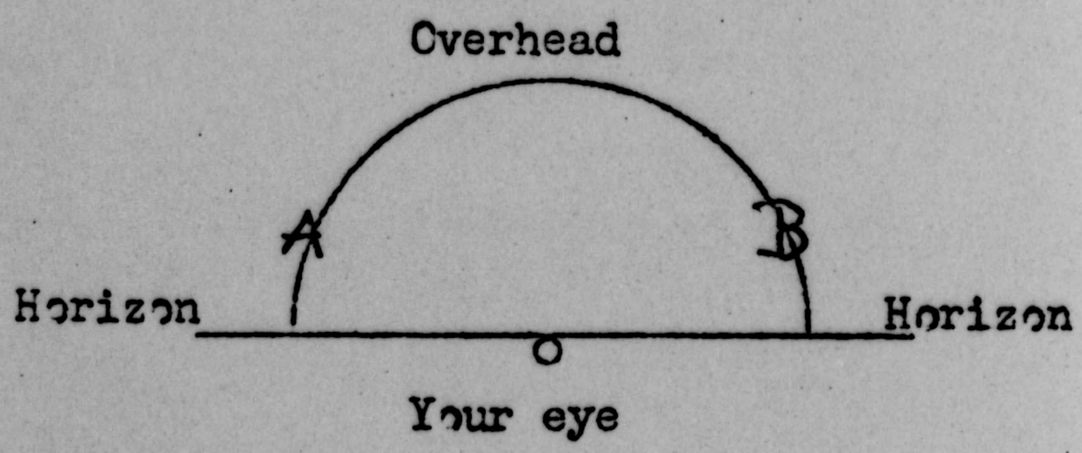
(Circle One): (a. Suddenly)
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

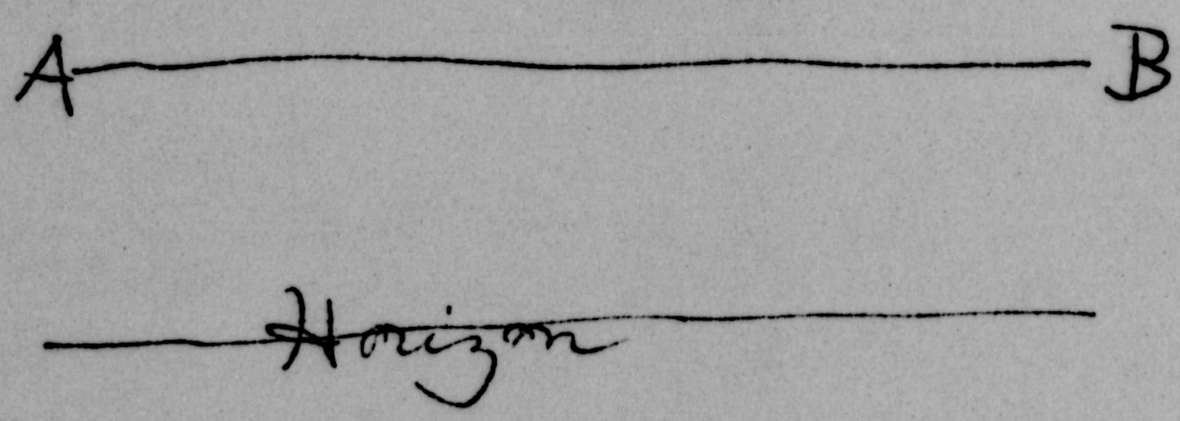
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you <u>first</u> saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you <u>last</u> saw it.



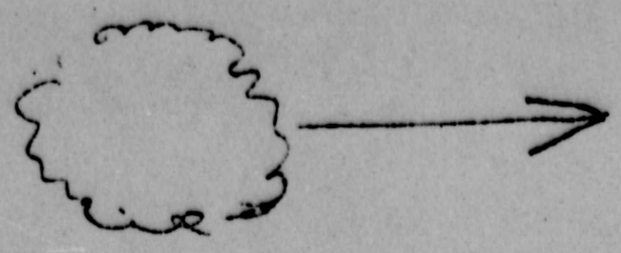
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



large, round, fuzzy ball of light

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): (Yes) No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

It appeared to me to be a large ball of light and the unusual thing was that it seemed to travel in its own orbit.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] 15 Md.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Housewife

Age 40

Sex F

Last School Attended Fairlay Hall

Year of last attendance at this school 1931

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or (No)

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

I thought that it was some sort of reflection or electrical discharge from a radar, because I it's speed and it it seemed to be travelling in it's own orbit. The distance above the horizon, it's sudden appearance & disappearance and the distance from me all made me feel that it had something to do with radar. It made no sound & was defini-

a reflection or discharge of some sort.
The night was perfectly clear, so many
stars, but no moon, I believe. It bo-
(stars)
No resemblance to any sort of star.
It did not fall toward the earth, as
a star, nor did it go away from the
earth as a projectile. It seemed to be
travelling in a straight line, above the
horizon, in an orbit it's own.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO. IR-104-52 (CLEAR WITH BLANK)

COUNTRY: U.S.A.

SUBJECT: FLYOBBA

ORGANIZATION: One Hundred (100) miles South off Coast of New York City

UNIT: 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing

DATE OF REPORT: 31 July 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION: 25 July 1952

CLASSIFICATION: S-2

PREPARED BY: MAJOR EDWIN O. WITTLER

SOURCE: S/Sgt. David L. Walker

REFERENCES (List any other, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable):

TWX, SIGNAL 2362-S, dtd 302115Z

SUMMARY: (Under this line a summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

Observer had three and one half (3 1/2) years experience as a gunner in the United States Air Force and previous service in the United States Navy.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Three (3) different amber edged white flashing objects observed. Travelling at approximately speed of sound each caused yellowish trail. First object moved across sky in horseshoe path; second appeared to drop vertically; and the movement of the third not identifiable.

2. First object was sighted at twenty thirty (2030) hours Eastern Standard Time, 24 July 1952. Second object about thirty (30) seconds later and third object about two (2) minutes later. Total elapsed time for all sightings including intervals, four (4) minutes.

3. Visual observation from B-29 cruising speed at altitude 9,900 feet. Unknown to observor if radar received return on these objects but believed radar received return from later object.

4. Observor was gunner on B-29 in formation of five aircraft, flying north approximately two hundred (200) miles off coast south New York City Area. Objects thirty (30) to forty (40) miles distance south eastern horizon at undetermined height. First object sighted at four (4) to five three zero (5:30) o'clock position; second object sighted four (4) o'clock position; third object sighted five (5) to six (6) o'clock position.

5. Staff Sergeant David L. Walker, AF-57322115, of 301st Bombardment Wing, Medium, 353rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, has three and one half (3 1/2) years gunnery experience in the Air Force and previous duty in the United States Navy. He observed many meteors and falling stars both before and after seeing strange phenomenon on this mission. ///

6. Clear night with stars and moon shining brightly.

7. No known activity or meteorological condition account for sighting.

8. No physical evidence of fragments available.

9. The other members of crew were notified but identification by them not verified.

10. Formation of five (5) B-29's in formation.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

FLYOBRPT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Two hundred (200) miles south off Coast of New York City	91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
31 July 1952	26 July 1952	B-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
MAJOR EDWARD O. WITTMER	S/Sgt. David L. Walker

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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Washington, D. C. - Night of 26/27 July 52

(Partially witnessed by Maj. Fournet and Lt Holcomb [AFOIN-205; remainder as reported to them)

General:

This incident involved u/i targets observed on the radar scopes at the Air Route Traffic Control Center and the tower, Both at Washington National Airport, and the Approach Control Radar at Andrews AFB. In addition, visual observations were reported to Andrews and Bolling AFB and to ARTC Center, the latter by pilots of commercial a/c and one CAA a/c. Two flights of interceptors were dispatched from Newcastle, Del., but their official reports have not been received by this office; comments on their conversations with ARTC Center personnel are included herein. It has been impossible to collect all facts for a single report. The Base Intelligence Officer, Bolling AFB, is submitting a report covering the Bolling and Andrews aspects of the incident. This report covers the facts obtained from Washington National A/P personnel, the USAF Command Post and the AFOIN Duty Officer log. As yet, the commercial and CAA pilots who reported visuals have not been contacted, nor have other potential sources been investigated. Such action will not be possible by this office.

1. Varying numbers (up to 12 simultaneously) of u/i targets on ARTC radar scope. Termed by CAA personnel as "generally, solid returns", similar to a/c return except slower. No definable pattern of maneuver except at very beginning about 2150 EDT, 4 targets in rough line abreast with about 1½ mile spacing moved slowly together (giving about a 1" trace persistency at an estimated speed of less than 100 mph) on a heading of 110. At the same time 8 other targets were scattered throughout scope. ARTC checked Andrews Approach Control by telephone at 2200 EDT and ascertained that they were also picking up u/i targets. U/i returns were picked up intermittently until about 27/0100 EDT, following which weak and sporadic (unsteady) returns were picked up intermittently for another 3+ hours. Washington National Tower radar crew reports only one target positively u/i. This return was termed a "very good target" which moved across the scope from West to East at about 30 to 40 mph. However, the radar operators stated that there could have been other u/i targets on their scopes, particularly outside their area of a/c control, which they would not have noticed or would have assumed to be a/c under ARTC Center control. However,

they noticed no other unusual (i.e. very slow or erratic) returns. ARTC Center controllers also report that a CAA flight inspection, Mr. [redacted] flying a/c #NC-[redacted] reported at 2246 EDT that he had visually spotted 5 objects giving off a light glow ranging from orange to white; his altitude at time was 2200'. Some commercial pilots reported visuals ranging from "cigarette glow" (red-yellow) to "a light" (as recorded from their conversations with ARTC controllers). At 2238 EDT the USAF Command Post was notified of ARTC targets. Command Post notified ADC and EADF at 2245, and 2 F-94's were scrambled from Newcastle at 2300 EDT. ARTC controlled F-94's after arrival in area and vectored them to targets with generally negative results (flew through "a batch of radar returns" without spotting anything! However, one pilot mentioned seeing 4 lights at one time and a second time as seeing a single light ahead but unable to close whereupon light "went out" (these comments from ARTC controllers). One ARTC controller worked a USAF B-25 (AF 8898 ?) for about 1 hr 20 mins about 2230 EDT. B-25 was vectored in on numerous targets and commented that each vector took him over a busy highway or intersection. Maj Fournet (AFOIN-2A2) and Lt. Holcomb (USN, AFOIN-2C5) arrived at ARTC Center about 27/0015 EDT. Lt. Holcomb observed scopes and reported "7 good, solid targets". He made a quick check with airport Weather Station and determined that there was a slight temperature inversion (about 1°) from the surface to about 1000'. However, he felt that the scope targets at that time were not the result of this inversion and so advised the Command Post with the suggestion that a second intercept flight be requested. (2nd intercept flight controlled by ARTC, but no strong targets remained when they arrived. They were vectored on dim targets with negative results.) Maj. Fournet and Lt. Holcomb remained in ARTC Center until 0415, but no additional strong targets were picked up; many dim and unstable targets (assumed due to temperature inversion) were observed throughout the remainder of the period.

2. Intermittently between 26/2150 and 27/0100 EDT July 52. Periods of observation vary.

3. Electronic: VG-2 radar (ARTC) and ASR-1 radar (Tower). Others visual from air (details unknown).

4. Radar located at Washington National Airport, Washington, D. C. (Alexandria, Va.). A/c #NC-12 believed in vicinity of Aberdeen/ Baltimore, Md., commercial a/c reporting visuals located in general area vicinity Washington National A/P.

5. ARTC Center radar crew and controllers:

Austin M. Staff)
Lloyd Sykes)
James M. Ritchey)

Harry Barnes	)	All are CAA employees with varying levels of experience (ARTC radar installed Jan. 52). All appeared to be serious, conscientious and sincere although somewhat vague about details of their experience on 26/27 July. Considered fairly reliable.
James M. Copeland	)	
Stewart Dawson	)	
Phil Ceconi	)	
Mike Senkow	)	
Jerome Biron	)	

Washington Tower radar operators:

[redacted]	(2yrs radar))	Conscientious and sincere. Direct manner. Appeared sure of themselves. Considered very reliable.
[redacted]	(1½ yrs radar)	

Observer in a/c #NC-[redacted] Mr. [redacted], reliability unknown.
Pilots of commercial a/c: unknown.

6. Weather clear, scattered thins (alt unknown).
Temperatures at 26/2200Z as reported by Washington National Weather Station:

Surface	25°C		
800'	26		
3500	20		
4800	20	)	
10,000	7	)	Steady drop
15,000	0	)	
22,000	-17	))	Constant
22,800	-17	)	
23,000	-20		

7. See 6. Others negative.

8. Negative

9. See 1. Official reports not received.

10. Normal commercial traffic inbound and outbound Washington National Airport plus some USAF a/c - all known and identified.

Remarks:

ARTC crew commented that, as compared with u/i returns picked up in early hours of 20 July 52, these returns appeared to be more haphazard in their actions, i.e. they did not follow a/c around nor did they cross scope consistently on same general heading. Some commented that the returns appeared to be fromobjects "capable of dropping out of the pattern at will". Also that returns had "creeping appearance". One member of crew commented that one object to which F-94 was vestored just "disappeared from Scope"

shortly after F-94 started pursuing. All crew members emphatic that most u/i returns were "solid". Finally, it was mentioned that u/i returns have been picked up from time to time over the past few months but never before had they appeared in such quantities over such a prolonged period and with such definition as was experienced on the nights of 19/20 and 26/27 July 52.

A transcript of a conversation between the towers at Washington National and Andrews which took place at 2130 EDT 26 July is attached. The "Center" mentioned is the ARTC Center at Washington National. The number of the National Airlines flight referred to is unknown.

July 26, 1952

"THE CUPLESS SAUCER"

Transcription fro the record at WNA:
(2130 EDT 26 July)

Washington Tower: Andrews Tower, do you read? Did you have an airplane in sight west-northwest or east of your airport eastbound?

Andrews: No, but we just got a call from the Center. We're looking for it.

Washington: We've got a big target showing up on our scope. He's just coming in on the west edge of your airport--the northwest edge of it eastbound.

He'll be passing right through the northern portion of your field on an east heading. He's about a quarter of a mile from the northwest runway--right over the edge of your northwest runway now.

Andrews: What happened to your target now?

Washington: He's still eastbound. He went directly over Andrews Field and is now five miles east.

Andrews: Where did he come from?

Washington: We picked him up ourselves at about seven miles east, slightly southeast, and we have been tracking him ever since then. The Center has been tracking him farther than that.

Andrews: Was he waving his course?

Washington: Holding steady course, due east heading.

Andrews: This is Andrews. Our radar tradking says he's got a big fat target out here northeast of Andrews. He says he's got two more south of the field.

Washington: Yes, well the Center has about four or five around the Andrews Range Station.

The Center is working a National Airlines--the Center is working him and vectoring him around his target. He went around Andrews. He saw one of them--looks like a meteor. (Garbled)..Went by him..or something. He said he's got one about three miles off his right wing right now.

There are so many targets around here it is hard to tell as they are not moving very fast.

Andrews: What about his altitude?

Washington: Well, must be over 8,000 feet as we don't have him in radar any more.

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[redacted]ANF BGBO 76 PD FLYOBRPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AF LTR 2ØØ-5 THE FOLG RPT IS SUBMITTED: ONE-SIZE UNDETERMINED. TWO SIGHTED. APPEARED AS GLOW OF CIGARETTES. NO SET FORMATION. NO ERRATIC MANUEVERS. ESTIMATED TO BE TRAVELING AT 1ØØ MPH. TWO-2Ø15E. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED UNKNOWN. DATE 26 JULY 1952 THREE-VISUAL. SIGHTED FROM LOCKHEED LODESTAR, NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 42. ALTITUDE OF OBSERVER 17ØØ FT, AIRSPEED APPROX 2ØØ MPH. FOUR-OBSERVER SOUTH OF WASH. OBJECTS HIGH DIRECTLY OVERHEAD. FIVE-OBSERVERS: NATIONAL AIRLINES PILOT CAPTAIN [redacted] RELIABILITY EXCELLENT. STEWARDESS, RELIABILITY GOOD. SIX-SKY CLEAR, VSBY 1Ø. WINDS ALOFT: 2ØØØ-21Ø DEG AT 7K, 4ØØØ-22Ø AT5, 6ØØØ-14Ø AT 5, 8ØØØ-23Ø AT 7, 1ØØØØ-31Ø AT 4, 12ØØØ-3ØØ AT 7, 14ØØØ-31Ø AT 2, 16ØØØ-3ØØ AT 6, 2ØØØØ-3ØØ AT 3, 25ØØØ-21Ø AT 1Ø

EIGHT-NONE

NINE-THORNKYDE NOTIFIED BY ANDREWS AT 2121E.

TEN-UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME.

27/0814Z JUL JEPFF

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TWO-NUMBER ONE SIGHTING AT 2Ø54E. NUMBER TWO SIGHTING AT 2Ø57E. NUMBER THREE SIGHTING AT 2223E. NUMBERS ONE AND TWO SIGHTINGS REMAINED IN WASH AREA IN EXCESS OF ONE HOUR. ALL TIMES ON 26 JULY 1952.

THREE-ELECTRONIC, CPN-18 RADAR SETS.

FOUR-OBSERVED AT ANDREWS AFB AND WASH NATL APRT. OBJECTS IN NUMBER THREE SIGHTING WERE NEAR BELTSVILLE, MD, AND HERNDON, VA.

2054E

ACTION INFOR. A.G.O. INFOR.

27 JUL 1952 PM 11:30

FIVE-UNKNOWN

SIX-SKY CLEAR, SBY 10. WINDS ALOFT: 2000-210 AT 7K, 4000-220 AT 5, 6000-240 AT 5, 8000-280 AT 7, 10000-310 AT 4, 12000-300 AT 7, 14000-310 AT 2, 16000-300 AT 6, 20000-300 AT 3, 25000-210 AT 10, 30000-180 AT 10.

SEVEN-UNKNOWN

EIGHT-NONE

NINE-THORNDYKE NOTIFIED OF NUMBERS ONE AND TWO SIGHTINGS AT 2103E; OF NUMBER THREE SIGHTING AT 2232E. ACTION TAKEN UNKNOWN.

TEN-UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME.

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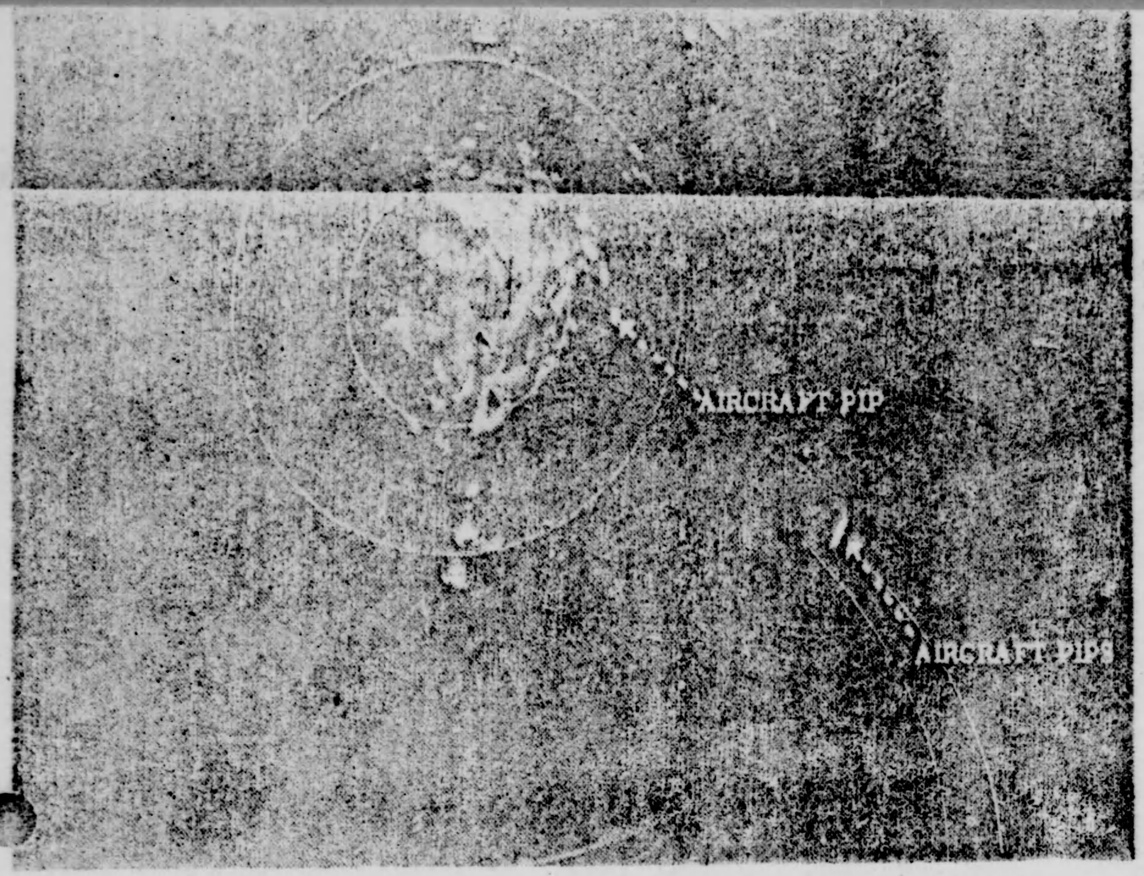

Here's the way the radar screen looks at Washington Airport, altho this picture wasn't taken when the unidentified blips were on it.

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Here's the way the radar control men keep things spotted—with identification data on plastic chips, which they move on the illuminated chart as radar gives them a "fix."



Here's Capt. "Casey" Pierman of Capital Airlines, who was radioed by Radarman Barnes and asked to identify the blip which the radar showed was near the course Capt. Pierman was flying. Pierman flew past the place where the object was sailing in the air, saw it, but couldn't tell what it was.



Here's Lieut. Col. DeWitt Searles, who has had the unhappy job of saying for two years that the Air Force didn't know anything about flying saucers, unidentified flying objects, and such. That's his story. He's stuck with it, and he's still sticking to it.



Here's Capt. Pierman of Capital Airlines (left) and his First Officer, Charles Wheaton, being interviewed by NEA reporter Douglas Larsen for The Washington Daily News. Both pilots saw the flying "objects," confirmed what Mr. Cocklin saw from the airport tower, and also what Mr. Barnes saw on the radar.

Washington's Aerial Whodunit

Here are pictures of the place, the equipment, and the men who spotted the strange objects dodging around in the Washington air these past two week-ends. What were they? Nobody seems to know. At least, no official is admitting it. The testimony, however, is hardly possible to doubt. A group of mysterious somethings flew around this neighborhood.



Here's the place where the "whatzits" were picked up; CAA radar traffic control center, Washington National Airport.





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The airplane of the future conceivably could have glass wings, ailerons, stabilizers and an all-glass fuselage, Mr. Piper said. It would be made with glass rivets and supported by light-weight titanium and stainless steel structural members.

It could have a power plant capable of sending it thru the air at more than 2000 miles per hour and would operate on fuel with a lower vapor pressure than any now in use, he said.

A dry, heat resisting powder could be used to lubricate its engine, Mr. Piper said.

BRITAIN LEADS THE WAY

He also said it appeared likely that such a glass airplane could be assembled more rapidly than conventional metal aircraft, but he admitted he knew of no immediate plans for producing an entire airplane of reinforced plastic in the United States.

British manufacturers, however, have made plastic wings which are to be given a flight test within a few months, he said, and American producers believe complete military airframes of glass plastics are within the realm of possibility.

Atomic Plane Engine Soon to Be Tested

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, July 29—The Atomic Energy Commission announced today that facilities to test an atomic-powered airplane engine will be built at the sprawling National Reactor Testing Station in eastern Idaho.

Design, development and preliminary fabrication of the prototype aircraft propulsion reactor are already being done at Lockland, O., by the aircraft gas-turbine department of the General Electric Co.

When the preliminary work in Ohio is completed, the atomic power plant—which if successful will open the door to a new concept in aircraft range—will be assembled at the Idaho site for testing.

An airframe to utilize the first atom-fueled aircraft engine already is being developed by the Air Force and the Consolidated-Vultee Co., builder of the mammoth B-36 intercontinental bomber.

AEC officials here would not speculate on any time schedule for completion of the $33,000,000 test project.

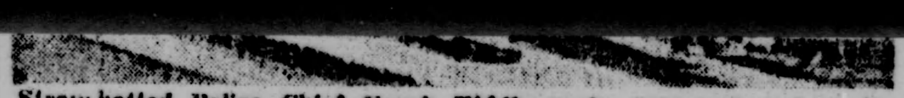


AND SEE IF

YOU

are one of the lucky ten to receive two free tickets to see "AFFAIR IN TRINIDAD," starring Rita Hayworth, starting Wednesday, August 6th, at the Ontario Theater. Look on today's classified pages for winning names and details. YOUR name may be there.

SEE PAGES 31 to 37



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—United Press Telephoto.

To Stave Off Bankruptcy

Tories Outline New Austerity Program

LONDON, July 29—Prime Minister Winston Churchill's government announced today a drastic new economy program—including a probable slowdown in the rearmament effort. It is designed to head of threatened national bankruptcy.

R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced slashes in imports of manufactured goods unrationed foods, paper and wood pulp.

Turning to rearmament, Mr. Butler said the United States has given Britain orders totalling nearly $70,000,000 for arms and equipment for American troops.

He said Britain expects to earn $28,000,000 more than originally planned by selling arms to dollar-paying countries.

Hinting that this may mean a slowdown in rearmament in this country Mr. Butler added.

"With this new pattern of our defense effort, which Mr. Churchill will describe tomorrow, it will be possible to limit the demands made by defense on the engineering industry in the near future."

Mr. Butler predicted that if the Government's program is carried out and no new adverse factors arise—Britain will be able to balance its trade with the dollar countries, and the world as a whole, in the second half of this year.

Accent is on local sports in The

AF WON'T HEAR OF IT

A pilot aboard an Eastern Air Lines Constellation was directed to check on the objects at about 3 a. m., but he reported he saw no lights despite a 15-mile visibility. The CAA official said the objects disappeared from the radar screen when the plane was in the area where they had been tracked and "then came back in behind him."

Asked why the Air Defense Command had not been alerted, the CAA official said "We were too busy with other things and besides those objects aren't hurting anybody."

Later it was learned that Air Force won't hear about anymore saucers unless they can be seen. A CAA spokesman said airport employes now have orders not to report radar pick-ups unless they have been confirmed by visual sightings.

Since the airline pilot failed to see anything when he checked early today, airport employes simply followed orders and left the Air Force alone, the spokesman said.

The Air Force will rely primarily on physicists for its "flying saucer" investigation. This is in line with a tentative opinion already reached in some Air Force circles that that variously described mystery objects in the sky actually are physical phenomena, however imperfectly understood up to now, rather than actual flying discs.

Small Quake Hits California Again

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 29—A short, rolling earthquake, apparently a settling shock from last week's disastrous "killer" quake, jolted Southern California early today, causing at least one fire.

No damage was reported in the Los Angeles area, but the Bakersfield fire department said the shock touched off one fire there.

Bakersfield, 111 miles north of here in the San Joaquin Valley, felt the shock more severely than Los Angeles, apparently because it is nearer the Bear Mountain fault that caused the July 21st quake, which claimed 13 lives.

Accused of Arson

Colmar Manor, Md., police arrested a Cottage City volunteer fireman and accused him of setting fire to a tavern at 3927 Bladensburg Road early today. He was identified as Richard E. Thompson, 34, of Colmar Manor.

M. CAMILLERI DISCOVERS

Faith Can Go Just So Far

By United Press

NICE, France, July 29—Andre Camilleri, a 44-year-old Paris accountant accused of shooting an Italian faith healer, pleaded justification today.

Mr. Camilleri said he engaged the faith healer, 40-year-old Guido Tagliavini, to treat his ailing, attractive 26-year-old wife at the suggestion of her mother.

Tagliavini took such an interest in the case, Mr. Camilleri said, that he moved right into the house.

"He succeeded in convincing my wife that her condition would improve if she became more distant with me," Mr. Camilleri said. "Then he took my place."

To add insult to injury, the outraged husband added, Tagliavani took Mrs. Camilleri to the Riviera for a "cure" and sent back a bill for

said came from Russia and the United States.

"Then," to quote Mr. Camilleri, "the scales fell away from my eyes."

He traced the couple to a Nice hotel yesterday, then called police.

Mr. Camilleri waited downstairs while the police brought down his wife and the faith healer. But the sight of his tormentor was too much.

Mr. Camilleri pulled out a gun and fired several shots into Tagliavini.

The faith healer was hospitalized in serious condition. Mrs. Camilleri collapsed in hysterics. And Mr. Camilleri was booked on a charge of attempted homicide.

Texas Progress

AUSTIN, Tex., July 29—The Texas Fire Insurance Commissioner will hold a meeting tomorrow to revise present regulations which require Fire Department hook and ladder trucks to be horse-drawn and order night watchmen to carry oil-burning lanterns.

Death Called Suicide

A certificate of suicide has been issued today in the death of Hornsby I. Crockett, 38, of 3462-A S. Utah-st, Arlington, police said. He was found shot in the head with a rifle. His wife told police she found him in the basement of their home, they said.

Sooner Justice

WEATHERFORD, Okla., July 89—Leon H. Mitchell, 27, was robbed of $30 and his auto by a hitchhiker. He walked a mile to town and notified police. The thief was arrested

Science Juggles a Hot Problem

Thru Space on Wings of Glass

By United Press

HAWTHORNE, Calif., July 29—An aircraft engineer revealed today that scientists are exploring the possibility of building glass airplanes that could conquer the "heat barrier" to ultra-sonic flight and fly two to three times the speed of sound.

Thomas E. Piper, Northrop's director of materials and process engineering for Northrop Aircraft, Inc., said glass appears able to windstand the searing skin friction temperatures generated in ultra-high speed flight better than most metals.

If aircraft are to be built that can fly at such speeds, Mr. Piper said, they must be able to crack the "heat barrier," which drastically lowers the mechanical properties of aluminum and magnesium alloys.

2000 MILE AN HOUR

The particular glass material under consideration for the job is glass plastic laminate, which is made by embedding reinforcing material in plastic resin. The plastic laminate is molded into shape and allowed to harden, Mr. Piper explained.

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Air Force Asks for Help

Our Town Was Buzzed Again

(See editorial, Page 16; Mr. Othman, Page 17; other stories, Page 4; pictures, Page 5.)

Those "mystery objects" swooped in over the Capital again today as an aroused Air Force called in top scientists to find out what flying saucers really are.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration traffic control center reported that its radar picked up the objects for about six straight hours early this morning.

The objects, a CAA official said, were traveling about 100 to 120 miles an hour in a 10-mile arc around the Capital, between Herndon, Va., and Andrews Air Force Base.

CHANGE OF WIND

It was in this same area that radar screens recorded the strange "targets" the past two Saturday nights, setting off a new rash of "flying saucer" rumors in the Capital.

A CAA official said the control center radar first started picking up the strange "blips" about 1:30 a. m. and that they continued showing up on the radarscope until 6 a. m. today. At some times, he said, there were as many as eight to 12 of the objects on the scope at the same time.



This is a California flying saucer. Alan C. Dumas, Culver City, Calif., took this photo over a year ago. "It looked like two straw hats stuck together with a dome on top and bottom," he said.

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Representatives of nine civic groups met today with Commissioner F. Joseph Donohue to plead for the opening of Rosedale playground to children of both races. Other delegates picketed the District Building during the conference. Earlier today, Milo F. Christiansen, Recreation superintendent, told the same delegation that Rosedale "would be opened eventually."

State Urges Veto on Austrian Nazi Pardons

The State Department today strongly recommended a veto of recently passed Austrian laws pardoning certain lesser Nazi war criminals.

Stevenson Hides

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 29—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson today canceled two public appearances set for this week and secluded himself in the executive mansion to clean up routine state business. (Earlier candidate stories on Page 8.)

Estes Gets 200 Sympathy Notes Daily

Sen. Estes Kefauver has been getting about 200 "condolence" letters a day since he lost his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, his office staff said today. A "good many" of the writers declared they would vote Republican in view of the Tennessee Senator's defeat.

Steel Strike End Saves Vegetables

Defense Production Administrator Henry H. Fowler said today the steel strike ended just in time to save "most" of the fruits and vegetable crops which had been in danger of rotting for lack of cans.

Hotel Strike in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 29—Employes of six major hotels suddenly walked out on strike here yesterday and there was a threat that the strike would spread to 18 other large hotels today.

Starmaker Dies

NEW YORK, July 29—Charles Kehlinger, 86, teacher of acting whose pupils included such stars as Jane Cowl, Spencer Tracy, Rosalind Russell, William Powell and Lauren Bacall, was found dead today in his room at the Hotel Plaza.

Klan Sentencing Postponed

WHITEVILLE, N. C., July 29—Superior Court Judge Clawson L. Williams today postponed until tomorrow sentencing of Carolinas Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard Thomas L. Hamilton and 62 other defendants who pleaded guilty to floggings.

3 Quakes Hit California

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 29—Three jolting earth tremors rattled thru Southern California today and one had a magnitude of 6.50—the strongest aftershock of last week's "killer" quake yet registered. The 6.50 temblor was the strongest since a week ago Monday and surpassed in strength the 6.25 strength 1933 Long Beach quake which killed more than 100. (Earlier story on Page 3.)

German Steel Restrictions Lifted

BONN, Germany, July 29—West Germany was formally freed today of all restrictions on steel production.

Racing

ROCKINGHAM

FIRST—2-y.-o., 5½ f.:

Annette (Valdes)	18.80	8.60	5.40
Seven Sins (Keene)		5.60	4.00
First Penny (Ussery)			4.20

Also ran: Peace Trial, Golden Choice, Overdraft, Army Pal, Gold Champ, Ruth, Light Polly, Easter Airline, Novia.

SECOND—4-y.-o. up, 6 f.:

Wish Egan (Martin)	14.20	7.00	3.80
Marine Charger (Sconza)		4.80	3.60
Joes Gal (Keene)			2.80

Also ran: On the Way, Redeal, Dot H., Gleneagles, Town Topic, Bemmy, Smarty Arty, Valuta, Portentous. Daily double—139.80.

THIRD—4-y.-o. up, 1 1/16 m.:

Edward T (Ussery)	8.40	5.40	3.60
Jeep Supply (Desppirito)		7.80	4.60
Bayal (Keene)			3.20

Also ran: War Blues, Black Rover, Picadelia, Safe Bet, Hibernian, Girder, Purple Reward, Isoluc, Kibosh.

MONMOUTH PARK

FIRST—4-y.-o. up, 1 1/16 m.:

King Midas (Stout)	9.40	5.00	4.20
Prefect (Boulmetis)		5.80	4.20
Top Pilot (Ryan)			7.80

Also ran: Sam Bernard, Buddie Sweep, Bull, Vineland, Coronus, Revenger, Spring Scout.

SECOND—3-y.-o., 6 f.:

Acres N Acres (Tingley)	12.60	5.20	3.20
Hoop Roller (Breckons)		9.20	6.80
Cariduro (Rodriguez)			4.20

Also ran: Jungle Jag, Main Line, Cambrian, Song Of Italy, Triple Saint, Pourquoi, Twice Teddy, Dash-O-Light. Daily double — $62.80.

JAMAICA

FOURTH—2-y.-o., 5½ f.:

Erin Go Bragh (Hardinbrook)	17.10	5.10	3.60
Slim (Woodhouse)		3.20	2.70
War Nimbus (Boland)			6.60

Also ran: Blue Dandy, Sanction Fine Alibi, Intention, Fly Wheel, Sahib.

Woman Prisoner Threatens Plunge Here

A 40-year-old woman, arrested on a drunk charge, crawled onto a stairway ledge at the Police Woman's Bureau today and threatened to jump and kill herself, police said. Police and firemen spread a life net under the ledge, which is about 15 feet above the second floor. The prisoner looked at the net, then crawled down and asked Women's Bureau Capt. Mary C. Gainey to send her to Gallinger Hospital, police said. She was taken there for observation.

Cabbie Robs Bank Robbers

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29—Most of the loot from yesterday's $20,000 bank robbery here was returned today by "Tony," an alert cab driver. Tony told the police that two men had hired him to drive them to Reno, Nev., and displayed the loot en route. At Reno, they took part of the money into Harold's Club and put $17,000 into the car trunk. Tony hightailed it back to San Francisco as soon as they were out of sight.

Fishing Boat Missing

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 29—The 55-foot fish boat "Daisy B" and her seven-man crew were reported missing today off Vancouver Island.

Sally Rand Libel Suit Dismissed

CHICAGO, July 29—Judge William J. Campbell dismissed charges of libel filed against the National Broadcasting Company and Helen Gould Beck Finkelstein, better known as fan dancer Sally Rand, for $2,000,000. Al Wagner charged that Miss Rand said over the air that he owed her $23,000.

Refugees Pour Into West Berlin

BERLIN, July 29—East Germans poured into West Berlin in unprecedented numbers today, seeking to escape the Red rule that grips East Germany. More than 1000 refugees were lined up at dawn today before the West Berlin refugee center. Yesterday 900 others, a record up to then, had sought refuge yesterday. (See World Today on Page 2.)

Britain to Cut Tobacco Imports

LONDON, July 29—The British government announced today it intends to cut tobacco imports from the United States, Canada and Cuba approximately 50 per cent this year.

Anti-Semitism Rises in Rumania

VIENNA, July 29—Romania was reported today to be following up the ouster of Foreign Minister Ana Pauker, a Jew, with a purge of other Jews.

Tenn. Drought Nears Disaster Stage

Agriculture Department officials today said that Tennessee and three other Southeastern states may soon be declared disaster areas because of heavy drought damage to farm crops.

U. S. Swimmers Near Olympic Sweep

HELSINKI, July 29—Slender Jimmy McLane of Yale led the U. S. 800-meter free style relay team to an upset victory over Japan with another new record in the Olympic games today and kept alive American hopes for a clean sweep of all men's swimming events in the 1952 games. (Earlier Olympic stories on Page 27.)



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Silver Spring, Md. - 17 July 52

(As telephone to OIN-2A2 on 29 July 1952)

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2. 2230 - 2300 EDT 17 July 1952.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground.

4. At home in Silver Spring, Md. (address below). Object travelled directly overhead in N.W. direction. Observer facing about due West initially.

5. Mr. [redacted] Silver Spring, Md., phone [redacted] Other observers (neighbors): [redacted] and [redacted] unknown.

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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 27 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: 8 (Hrs.) 00 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

(a. Eastern)
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a. Daylight Saving)
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

(a. Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[redacted] Ave (Postal Address) Bethesda (City or Town) Md. (State) U.S.A. (Country)

Additional Remarks: This is the home of Robert Barker we were at their house having dinner when we saw the object.

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One):
a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. (Outdoors)
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
b. (In the residential section of a city?)
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? my little son wh is four years old was outside playing wit another fouryear old and they called for us to" com see the funny in the s

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

27 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? having dinner w friends when my small son called and I went ou

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

I had been setting at the dinner table eating and talking with friends.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No)

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North	e. South
b. Northeast	f. Southwest
c. East	g. West
d. Southeast	h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. North	e. South
b. Northeast	f. Southwest
c. East	g. West
d. Southeast	h. (Northwest)

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One): a. North, b. Northeast, c. East, d. Southeast, e. South, f. Southwest, g. West, h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One): a. Through window glass, b. Through windshield, c. Through binoculars, d. Through telescope, e. Through theodolite, f. Through sunglasses, g. Through open space, h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours _____ Minutes 30 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know → it did wabble
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know
As it wabbled it seem to be reflecting light from time to ti

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound no sound at all

16.2 Color silver (looked like a metal)

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

it disappeared into the clouds

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. (Small airplane)
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. (Not very sure)
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 2500 feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 1 miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? 200 miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

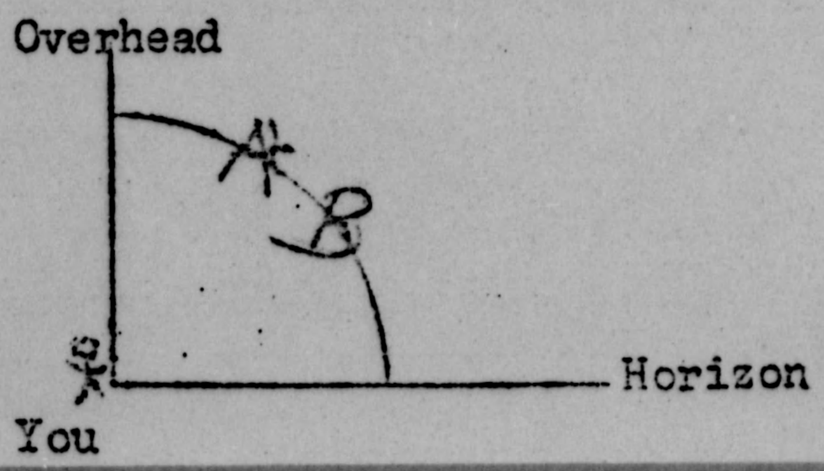
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. (Not very sure)
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

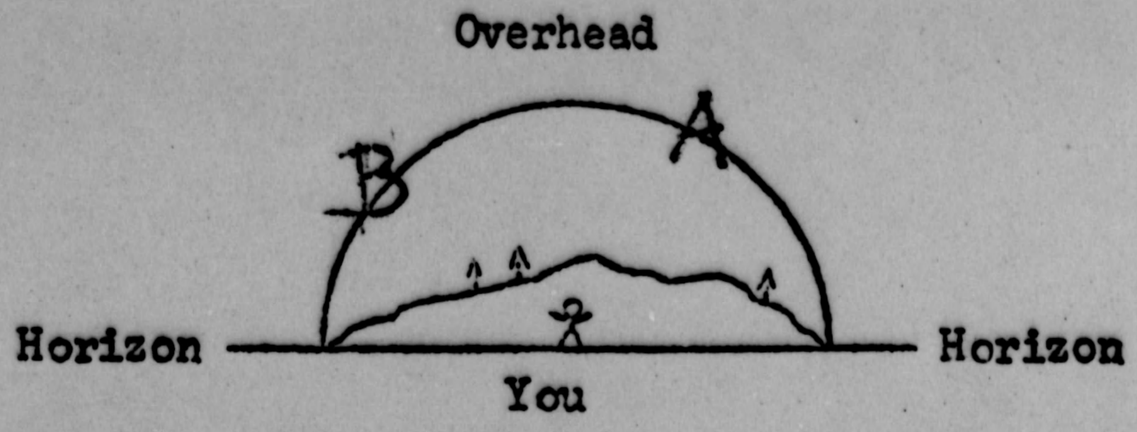
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. (Gradually)
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

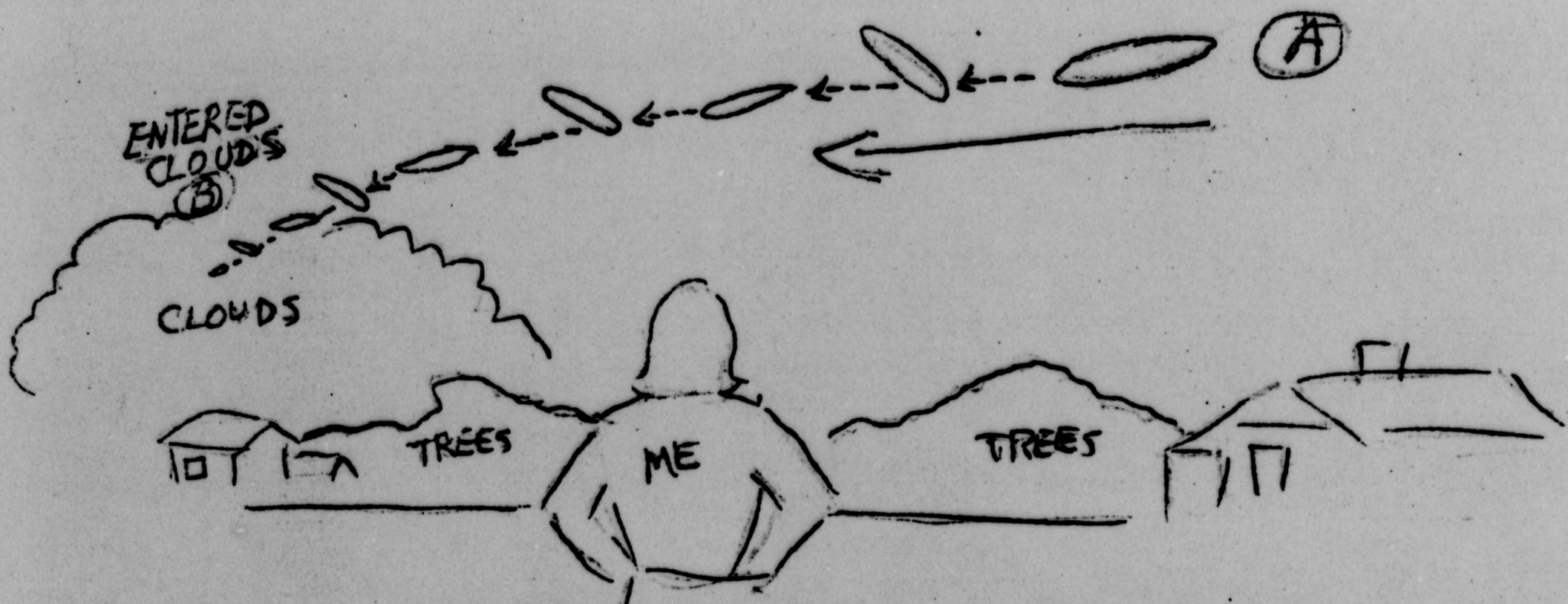
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



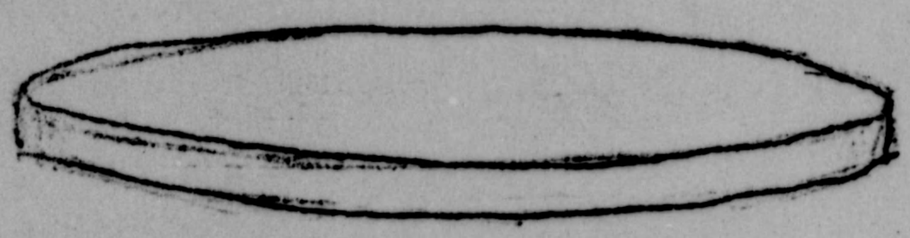
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SIDE VIEW AS I SAW IT

I WOULD IMAGIN THAT LOOKING DIRECTLY DOWN IT IT WOULD BE PERFECTLY ROUN

IT HAD A SLIGHT THICKNESS

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? a malallic-like mechanical device the cause of which is unknown and unguessed at by me.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) Bethesda (City) 14 (Zone) Maryland (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? housewife

Age 26

Sex female

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

My husband [redacted]

My littleson [redacted] and

The others th
at dinner als
came outside
see it but by
time they got
there it was
so far away
they couldn't
it, however
husband, sister

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

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TO JEDWP/CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA-2C

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLYCBRPT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft.

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Vicinity of Wilmington, Delaware	4710th Defense Wing, NCCA, Delaware

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
29 July 1952	27 July 1952	F-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Maj. James A. Matthews, Intel O.	[redacted], Civilian

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

A single grey cylindrical object with slightly domed top and bottom was observed with the naked eye moving along a Northwest-Southeast course from the direction of PARKERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA toward DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE. The cylinder appeared moving in an upright position. Just prior to the end of the sighting the object briefly reflected a silver light then entirely disappeared. The observer stated that the reflection did not appear to be an explosion. No trails or sound were detected.

The sighting was made at approximately 2300Z, 27 July 1952, and lasted approximately 90 seconds. The observer, [redacted], was standing in his front yard at [redacted] Chelsea Estates, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. [redacted] served for 25 months as an administrative clerk, Aviation Branch, U. S. Navy, during World War II.

Weather: Visibility unlimited. There was no local meterological activity to account for the sighting. There is no physical evidence such as fragments or photographs. A flight of three fighter-interceptor aircraft from nearby New Castle County Airport, engaged in camera gunnery, were in the air at the same time and were observed by Thomas. He stated that the object appeared moving at about the same speed as the aircraft, and remained at a considerable distance above the aircraft until its disappearance. At no time was the object sighted by the pilots of the aircraft.

APPROVED:

James A. Matthews
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Major, USAF
4710th Defense Wing Intel O

None INCLS.

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[redacted] WDOI 7499 ATTN: AT1AA-2C : FLYOBRPT. SINGLE GREY CYL OBJECT WITH DOMED TOP AND BOTTOM OBSD WITH NAKED EYE MOVING NW-SE FROM DIR PARKERSBURG TOWARD DELAWARE CITY. CYL APPEARED MOVING IN UPRIGHT POSITION. BRIEFLY REFLECTED SILVER LIGHT THEN ENTIRELY DISSAPPEARED.. NO TRAILS, NO SOUND DETECTED. SIGHTING APRX 2300, 27 JULY 1952, LASTING APRX 90 SECONDS. OBSR STANDING IN FRONT YARD CHELSEA ESTATES DIR NORTH NEW CASTLE COUNTY APT. OBSR: [redacted] CIVILIAN [redacted] CHELSEA ESTATES, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, SERVED 25 MOS ADM CLERK AVN BR US NAVY WORLD WAR TWO. INFO RATED F-2. WEA: VISIBILITY UNLIMITED. NO LOCAL MET ACTIVITY O ACCT FOR SIGHTING.

ACTION

NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SUCH AS FRAGMENTS OR PHOTOS. FLIGHT OF THREE ACFT FIRING CAMERA GUNNERY OBSD BY THOMAS OVER WILMINGTON AT SAME TIME. OBJECT CONSIDERABLE DIS ABOVE THREE ACFT BUT WAS NOT OBSD BY ANY OF THE PILOTS PD END

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C1 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE [redacted]
FROM WILMINGTON DEL 271500Z
TO CSUSAF WASH DC DIR OF INTEL
WPAFB OHIO AIR TECH INTEL CTR ATTN ATIAA-2C
AIR DEFENSE COMD ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO
EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCE STEWART AFB NY
26 AIR DIV DEF ROSLYN NY DIR OF INTEL
INFO NEW CASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT WILMINGTON DEL

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CITE FSCO 2306
FLY OB RPT. IAW AFL 200-5 THE FOLG REPT IS SUBMITTED. 1. 2 F 94B ACFT WERE SCRAMBLED BY THE 646 ACW SQDN. HIGHLANDS. NEW JERSEY (DOG CATCHER) AT 272304Z AGAINST UNDENTIFIED OBJ PICKED UP BY THE GCI STA. THE GCI STA WAS REPTG CLUSTERS OF 5 OR 6 OBJ COMING IN ON THEIR SCOPE. UPON BEING VECTORED INTO TH MIDST OF THE REPTD OBJ, NOTHING COULD BE SEEN BY THE INTCP CWS OTHER THAN LIGHTS ON THE GROUND. HOWEVER, 1 INTCP PILOT REPTD SEEING 2 BRIGHT LIGHTS IN THE VICINITY OF MOUNT VERNON POSSIBLY 5 TO 10 MILES IN THE DISTANCE AT 1500 FEET. UPON CLOSING WITH THESE LIGHTS THEY DISAPPEARED WHEN WITHN APPROX 2 MILES. THESE LIGHTS WERE SIGHTED AT APPROX 272345Z. 2. THE PILOT HAS ADVANCED A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THESE SIGHTINGS. EVERY TIME HE WAS VECTORED INTO THE AREA OF SIGHTINGS BY DOG CATCHER IT WAS NOTICED THAT THE AREA WAS VERY HAZY, DARK, TURBULENT AND HAD A HIGH MOISTURE CONTENT. THE HAZE WAS AT APPROX 1200 TO 1500 FEET. LIGHTS WERE SIGHTED ON THE GROUND BELOW THIS HAZE AREA AND PILOT BELIEVES AT A DISTANCE OF FROM 5 TO 10 MILES OUT THE REFLECTION OF THESE LIGHTS APPEARED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE HAZE BUT UPON APPROACHING THEY DISAPPEARED. 3. THIS REPT WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED BY A WRITTEN REPT SINCE NO EXPANSION ON THE ABOVE CAN BE GIVEN.

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ACTION

C-1 PRIORITY [redacted]
FM WILMINGTON DEL 3005ØØZ
TO DIR OF INTEL USAF WASH DC
AIR TECH INTEL CTR ATTN ATIAA-2C WPAFB OHIO
ADF ENT AFB COLO
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26TH AIR DIV DEF ROSLYN NY ATTN DIR OF INTEL
INFO NEW CASTLE COUNTRY ARPT WILMINGTON DEL

CITE FSCØØ316
FLYOBRPT. FOLG CRTN TO MSG THIS HQ. FSCØØ3Ø6 FLYOBRPT, DTD 27 JUL 5 IS SBMTD. LINE 1. PARA 1. SHOULD READ "2F94B ACFT WERE SCRAMBLED BY THE 535 AC AND W SQ HIGHLANDS NEW JERSEY (DOGCATCHER) AT 27Ø3Ø4Z AGAINST UNIDENTIFIED OBJ PICKED UP BY THE WASHINGTON AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CON CTR (EGGNOG)". LINE 2. PARA 1. SHOULD READ "WASHINGTON AIR RTE TFC CON CTR (EGGNOG) WAS REPTG CLUSTER OF 5 OR 6 OBJ COMING IN ON THEIR SCOPE"
3Ø/1312Z JULY

[redacted]

EDT : 26/2 July Sat

2115 : CAA ARTC notified Flt Lvr of u/i lights on scope
2150 : 12 u/i ARTC scope ; 4 in ragged formation NW-SE
2200 : CAA asked Andrews who reported u/i lgts on their scope. (ARTC log)
2238 : Lt Col Sanders (OSD-PIO, AF) notified Cmd Post that CAA PIO, Mr. [redacted] had informed him that ARTC Washington had been and still was picking up u/i lgts on radar since 2100.
2245 : Cmd Post notified ADC & EADF of above. neither had rec'd rpts at that time.
2250 : Cmd Post notified AFOIN D/O.
2300 : 2 F-94's scrambled from Newcastle (142nd FIS)
2312 : Cmd Post called ARTC to verify that lgts still on scope & arranged to vector flight on lgt.
2328 : F-94's on ARTC frequency. (ARTC log)
2333 : F-94 rptd 4 lights (ARTC log)
2335 : " " lgts dissipated.
2349 : " " lgt
2350 : " " light out, lgt at 5 mi ahead.
0015 : Maj Fournet & Lt Holcomb of AFOIN arrived ARTC Center. Lt. Holcomb observed scope lgts, then suggested to Cmd Post that second sortie be scrambled.
0040 : Cmd Post notified Gen Ramey
0100 : Cmd Post requested 2nd sortie
0138 : ARTC assumed control 2nd sortie
0221 : " released " " (no lgts)
0410 : Maj Fournet & Lt Holcomb departed.

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19/20 July 52

EDT 20 July

0005 - 0030: ARTC 5 radar tgts, no visual

0005 - 0510: intermittent radar tgts ARTC; natl
some confirming pilot-reps from Tower
" " " " " Andrews

One visual natl tower
" " Bolling "
7 " Andrews
At least one visual by airline pilot -
confirmed ARTC radar: followed
a/c to within 4 mi of touch-down.

Visual at Andrews: light from red to orange
to green to red; 1 to 6, no formation, 3
with trails; tofg W to E, very erratic.
Andrews radar tgts stationary (at 0415?).
ARTC radar measured one tofg 7 mi in 4 sec.

Genl

ARTC radar crew reports that some w/s pick-ups have been made for some time now, but before 19th July incident nothing like activity, etc near.

ARTC Radar VG-V

Log of Reports on Unidentified Objects, 2108E - 0121E, July 25, 1952 follows:
(EST)

2108 Targets on scope.

2146 NC 12 spotted 5 objects that were giving off a glow of light from orange to white - altitude 2200 feet.

2152 Targets disappeared from scope.

2134 Two targets appeared on scope - one 2' NE ADW - one 2' SW RVD.

2200 E606 elected to proceed NW of BLL to try and identify one of targets - no luck.

2210 BLL target very weak.

2212 One target appeared 2' E of RVD.

2213 E606 requested information if any targets in vicinity of AED - None on scope - seen light, could be A/C.

2214 Headquarters Command Post, Pentagon sending up F-94, Col. Spires, for vector to targets (F-94 call "Shirley Blue")

2214 Mr. Nathan and Mr. Lee, CAA, objecting to presence of Mr. [redacted], Time and Life magazine in radar room during F-94 search - If [redacted] clears with AF, o.k.

2222 5 or 6 targets ADW 2 E of Largo.

2224 ADW 2

2227 [redacted]

2228 Shirley Red on our freq - angels 20.

2228 Shirley Red vectored to ADW and targets - not sighting as yet.

2229 Shirley Red 2.

2233 Shirley Red sighted target - 4 lights.

2235 R-1 targets disappeared.

2244 R1 steered to ADW and targets.

2245 R1 X ADW - not sighting.

2248 R2 X ADW not sighting.

2248 R1 vectored to MTV.

2249 R1 sights target X MTV.

[redacted]

2250 Lights went out on him - target 5" ahead.

2251 R1 steered to SHZ and target.

2250 R1 and 2 check fuel - 1 hour.

2251 5 targets appeared SRI - R1 and 2 vectored to SRI.

2255 R1 returning to base - low on fuel 150.

2256 R2 sticking around for 15"

2259 R2 targets at HLI - negative.

2300 R2 saw light - looked like a star through the haze.

2304 R2 now has a flock of targets in his vicinity - unable to see them.

2306 R2 given a heading to SRI.

2310 R2 given a heading 200° for intercept

2311 R2 given a heading 270° - range from target ½ mile at 12 o'clock.

2312 Target appeared at 2 o'clock - 2 miles.

2313 R2 making 360°'s vicinity of SRI - no fog.

2315 R2 - 225 gal. remaining fuel.

2320 Objects still printing - R2 returned to base.

0032 DCA called Redman Blue on 135.9 and 149.94.

0035 Ditto

0038 DCA assume etc Redman Blue Leader.

0038 Redman Blue Leader called DCA.

0038 DCA called Redman Blue Ldr requesting alt. and heading - 19,000 and

0039 Redman Blue Ldr gave alt. 19,000.

0041 Redman Ldr turn left to 200°

0041 Redman Ldr vector 200°

0042 Redman Ldr 1 mile east DCA airport.

0042 Tower does not have target 325° from DCA 5 miles.

0044 Red Leader turned to 320°

0045 Red Leader turned to 360°

0046 Red Leader and 4 cut back to 85% power.

0047 Red Leader request traffic.

0047 No traffic other than E535W.

0047 Redman Blue Leader and Blue 2 on 360° heading.

0048 Redman Blue Leader and Blue 2 descending to 10,000

0048 Redman Blue Leader and Blue 2 orbit present location (approx 5 SE HKN)

0053 Redman Blue Leader returned to Thorndyke on "C" charlie.

0104 Tower does not have targets at 2 SE mel and 4 SE SRI.

0107 Redman called DCA and DCA assumed control.

0108 Redman Blue Leader over DCA and turn left to 270°

0110 Turn right to 340°

0110 Red Leader stay on 340° and orbiting at position.

0111 Red Blue 2 found target off starboard wing - determined conventional aircraft aft.

0113 Red Leader on heading 030°

0115 Red Leader turned right to 110° Leader acknowledged

0116 Red Leader turned right to 180°

0116 Bogie at 1100 6 miles.

0116 Red Leader says no target

0116 Aircraft report small patches of cumulus

0121 Aircraft changed to Thorndyke.

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FROM: NEW CASTLE COUNTY APRT, WILMINGTON, DEL

TO : CSAF WASH DC FOR: DIR OF INTEL
WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO FOR: AIR TECH INTEL CTR,
ATTN: ATIAA-2C
ADC ENT AFB COLO
EASTERN AIR DEF FORCE STEWART AFB NY
26TH AIR DIV ROSLYN, N. Y. TO: DIR OF INTEL

NR : FSCO 0306 27 July 1952 (DTG 271500Z)

17 Jul

Fly Ob Rpt.

IAW AFL 200-5 the folg rept is submitted:

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FROM: COC ADC ENT AFB COLO

TO : USAF COMMAND POST WASH DC ATTN: MAJOR KELLY

MR : NONE 29 Jul 52 (DTG 291744Z)

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Washington, D. C. - 2330 EDT 27 July 52

(as telephoned to OIN-2A2 on 28 July 52)

1. A bright yellow cluster-like "nebulae", intense "light", eliptical shaped - about 10 in number - stationary then moving northward in pulsating manner - 45° from Horizon.

2. 2330 EDT, 27 July 52. Observed for two minutes.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground.

4. At home in Spring Valley, Md. (address below). Observer faced about due West - range of vision 30° - 80° above Horizon - no planes in area.

5. Mr [redacted], researcher, Civil engineer, reliability unknown, [redacted] Street, N.W., Spring Valley, Maryland, phone at work: [redacted] Other observers: (neighbor's wife) [redacted] Street; who said object was going N.E.; Mrs [redacted]

General:

Mr [redacted] stated that he would mail to this office sketches depiciting his observation. As yet they have not been received. They will be forwarded when obtained.

(SEE 14 JULY, 1952, SILVER SPRINGS, MD.)

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Washington, D. C. - 2100 EDT 27 July 52

(As telephone to OIN-2A2 on 28 July 1952)

1. Round object large, casting sun's reflections. Wavered then shot straight up-disappearing from sight. Seen in assumed N.E. direction.

2. 2100 EDT, 27 July 52, observed for one minute.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground.

4. Observers at Washington National Airport. Object seemed to hover over the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C.

5. Sgt. Thomas Froellich, Miss [redacted] and friend- assigned to Documents and Dissemination Branch, D/I, Hq USAF, X-52563. Reliability unknown.

(SEE 19 JULY, 1952, SILVER SPRINGS, MD.)

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Washington, D. C. - 1830 EDT 27 July 52

(As telephoned to OIN-2A2 on 28 July 52)

1. Circular - like object, "very high," trail of smoke behind with small halo around it. Airplane seen "chasing it"(?). Seemed to make two circles around Washington, D. C., soon disappeared "counter-clock" northwards. Object seemed "opalescent".

2. 1830 EDT 27 July 52. Observed for two minutes in clear vision.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground (bldg).

4. Observer at home, on top of apartment house, Washington, D. C. Object disappeared northward.

5. Miss [redacted]
Employee for American Institute for Research, Washington, D. C.
Also observed by one other person, a neighbor. Reliability unknown.

(SEE 17 JULY, 1952, SILVER SPRINGS, MD.)

Washington, D. C. - 2200 EDT 27 July 52

(As telephoned to OIN-2A2 on 28 July 52)

1. Two pin-point, star-like objects, one green, one orange, travelling "very slowly" and surnging, with "red flashes" emanating from them going in assumed Westerly direction.

2. 2200 EDT - 27 July 52 - Observed for two hours.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground.

4. Observers at home in N.W. Washington, D. C. Green object first seen by observers then orange object reported to them by neighbor. Objects directly overhead - very high - moving westerly.

5. Mrs [redacted] other observers: Mr [redacted] and neighbor, reliability unknown.

(SEE 17 JULY, 1952, SILVER SPRINGS, MD.)

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Brightwood, Maryland - 2340 EDT 27 July 52

(As telephoned to OIN-2A2 on 28 July 1952)

1. Cylinder-shaped, "1/2 - 3/4 size of a/c" yellowish - red at one end, shell-like whistle heard sparks seen. Heading eastward (sketch enclosed).

2. 2340 EDT, 27 July 52. Observed very briefly.

3. Visual with naked eye from ground.

4. Observer at home (had been asleep) Brightwood, Md. Object disappeared eastward.

5. Mr [redacted] employee of Agriculture Department, reliability unknown.

(SEE 17 JULY, 1952, SILVER SPRINGS, MD.)

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/[redacted] FROM AFOIN 54617 CG ATIC PASS TO ATIAA-2C

FLYOBRPT APPROX Ø4ØØ EDT CMA 27 JULY OBSERVER SIGHTED VIVID ORANGE BALL OF FIRE FOR SEVERAL SECONDS THROUGH SCREEN OF WINDOW OF DWELLING. LIGHT FIRST APPEARED AS STRAIGHT LINE CMA MOVED IN CURVING DIRECTION AND APPEARED TO GROW ROUND IN SHAPE. GREW LARGER AND FADED FROM VIEW. NO SOUND HEARD. SKY CONDITION HAZY OR POSSIBLY OVERCAST AS OBSERVER DOES NOT REMEMBER OBSERVING STARS. LIGHT DID NOT BRIGHTEN SURROUNDING SKY. AIR HUMID CMA WIND CALM. POSITION OF SIGHTING CLN SUBURB NORTHEAST OF WASHINGTON CMA D. C.

OBSERVER CLN MRS [redacted] CMA [redacted] RD. CMA MT. RAINIER CMA MD. PHONE CLN [redacted] REPORT FIRST RECEIVED BY DUTY OFF MATS CMA ANDREWS AFB CMA MD. CMA RELAYED TO HQ COMMAND POST THEN TO AFOIN-2A DUTY OFFICER WHO PHONED OBSERVER FOR MORE COMPLETE DETAILS

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FLY OB RPT. IAW AFL 2ØØ-5 THE FOLG REPT IS SUBMITTED. 1. 2 F 94B ACFT WERE SCRAMBLED BY THE 646 ACW SQDN. HIGHLANDS. NEW JERSEY (DOG CATCHER) AT 27Ø3Ø4Z AGAINST UNDENTIFIED OBJ PICKED UP BY THE GCI STA. THE GCI STA WAS REPTG CLUSTERS OF 5 OR 6 OBJ COMING IN ON THEIR SCOPE. UPON BEING VECTORED INTO TH MIDST OF THE REPTD OBJ, NOTHING COULD BE SEEN BY THE INTCP CWS OTHER THAN LIGHTS ON THE GROUND. HOWEVER, 1 INTCP PILOT REPTD SEEING 2 BRIGHT LIGHTS IN THE VICINITY OF MOUNT VERNON POSSIBLY 5 TO 1Ø MILES IN THE DISTANCE AT 15ØØ FEET. UPON CLOSING WITH THESE LIGHTS THEY DISAPPEARED WHEN WITHN APPROX 2 MILES. THESE LIGHTS WERE SIGHTED AT APPROX 2703452. 2. THE PILOT HAS ADVANCED A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THESE SIGHTINGS. EVERY TIME HE WAS VECTORED INTO THE AREA OF SIGHTINGS BY DOG CATCHER IT WAS NOTICED THAT THE AREA WAS VERY HAZY, DARK, TURBULENT AND HAD A HIGH MOISTURE CONTENT. THE HAZE WAS AT APPROX 12ØØ TO 15ØØ FEET. LIGHTS WERE SIGHTED ON THE GROUND BELOW THIS HAZE AREA AND PILOT BELIEVES AT A DISTANCE OF FROM 5 TO 1Ø MILES OUT THE REFLECTION OF THESE LIGHTS APPEARED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE HAZE BUT UPON APPROACHING THEY DISAPPEARED. 3. THIS REPT WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED BY A WRITTEN REPT SINCE NO EXPANSION ON THE ABOVE CAN BE GIVEN.

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FROM: AFOIN 41315 ATTN ATIAA-2C FLYOBRPT-- OBJECT DESCRIBED
AS HAVING SIZE AND APPEARANCE OF A BRILLIANT ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB
SIGHTED FROM VICINAIY OF BETHESDA, MARYLAND. APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING
AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED IN NE DIRECTION, ALTITUDE UNDETERMINED
BUT FROM VIEWER'S POINT OBJECT WAS RATHER LOW OVER THE HORIZON.
AFTER A TIME LAPSE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE OBJECT REAPPEARED
AND THEN ABRUPTLY DISAPPEARED WHILE MOVING EARTHWARD. WEATHER CLEAR.
SIGHTED AT 2240 EDST 27 JULY 1952. WITNESSED AND REPORTED BY MR [redacted]
[redacted] MA [redacted] MA AMELIA, OHIO. RELIABILITY AND EXPERIENCE
OF WITNESS UNKNOWN.

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4641.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 27 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 9 (Hrs.) 30 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. (Eastern)
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. (Daylight Saving)
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

Congressional Country Club (Postal Address) | Bethesda (City or Town) | Md. (State) | USA (Country)

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One):
a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. (Outdoors)
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. (In open countryside?)
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? It was quite close to horizon, and movement + Brightness attracted my eye.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

27 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Dining

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6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Dining outdoors with a family group. Sitting constantly at a table

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No)

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. ~~Southwest~~ — Disregard
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. (Southwest)
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. (Southwest)
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

(Yes) or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
g. (Through open space)
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. (Clear sky)
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. (No wind)
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. (Dry)
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. (Hot)
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours _____ Minutes 45-60 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. (Fairly sure)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) (Solid) or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	(No)	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): (Yes) No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Blue White

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color Blue White - Similar to Magnesium Flare

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____ Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. (Pea)
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 500 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 5-8 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? 150-200 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

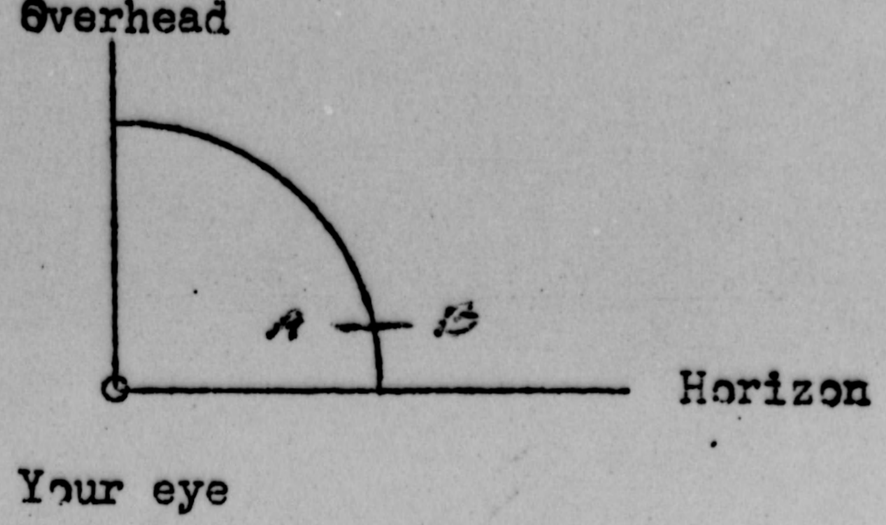
a. Certain
b. (Fairly certain)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

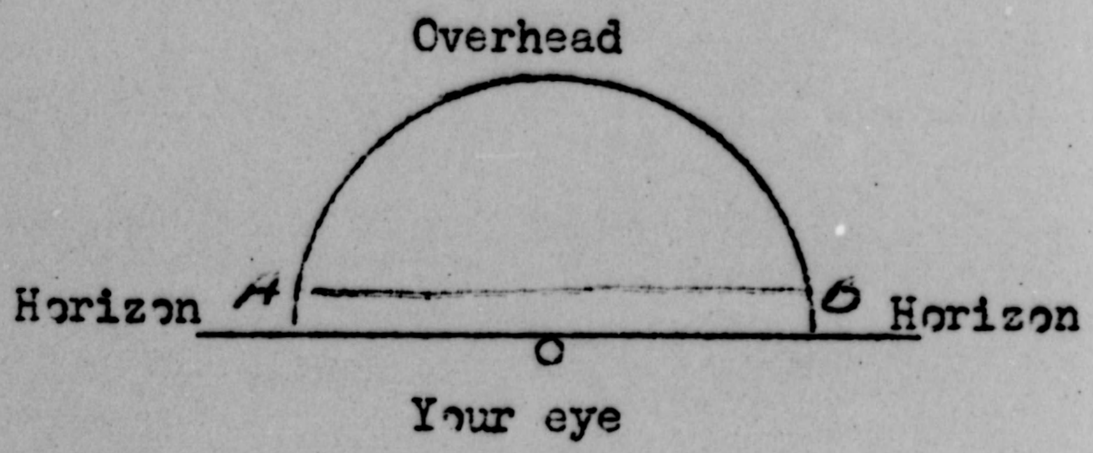
(Circle One): a. (Suddenly)
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

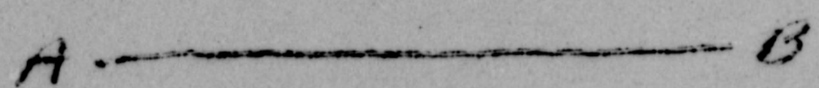
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you <u>first</u> saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you <u>last</u> saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Merely a bright, intense, star-like light travelling in a perfectly straight horizontal line

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SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): (Yes) No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

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27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

If it had been moving in a vertical direction towards the earth, it could have been an aerial Magnesium flare.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS: [redacted] [redacted] Ohio
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [redacted]

What is your present job? [redacted] Cincinnati Fire Detection Service

Age 40

Sex M

Last School Attended High School

Year of last attendance at this school 1930

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

My 14 year old daughter Helen - same address

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

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[redacted]/ACGGDOW 987. ATTN ATIAA 2C FLYOBRPT. IAW AF LTR

00-5 DTD 29 APR 52, FOLG IS SUBMTD : IAW PAR 7C. FOLG INFO RPTD TO

HIS SQ BY RICHMOND FILTER CENTER OF THE GOC. PAR 1, 1 OBJECT, RAINBOW

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BSVTN . PAR 4 , LOCATION OF OBSVR WAS 37 DEGREES 18 MIN NORTH LAT,

DEGREES 29 MIN WEST LONG. OBJECT PASSED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD

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OF OBSVR. PAR 5 OBSVRS NAME AND ADRDRESS ARE AS FOLS: MR [redacted],

[redacted] STREET , HOPEWELL, VA. [redacted]

NO WEATHER INFO RPTD. PAR 7, 8, 9 AND 10 NONE RPTD

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 28th (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 9 (Hrs.) 25 (Min.) ~~A.M.~~ or P.M. (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern X
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard X

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain x
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

_____ (Postal Address) Honewell (City or Town) Virginia (State) _____ (Country)

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors x
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other Observer Post

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city? x
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? I was on duly at the Hopewell Observation Post.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

28th (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Watching the sky for planes as an Observer at the Hopewell Observation Post.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Same as above.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No. X

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast X
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West X
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain X
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No X

10. How was the object seen? With the naked eye.

(Circle One):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
g. Through open space
h. Other With naked eye.

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky X
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind X
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry X
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot X
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? ____ Hours ____ Minutes 5 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain X
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid X or Transparent? Solid.

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.2	Change speed? E	Yes X	No	Don't know Faster at las
14.3	Change size?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes X No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Red, Purple, Oran Yellow

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound No sound

16.2 Color Red, Purple, Orange, Yellow

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? No more than o
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No X Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No X Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No X Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other Size of Softball, approximately 6" in diameter

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain X
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 10,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 3 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? Very fast miles per hour. (faster than any I have seen)

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

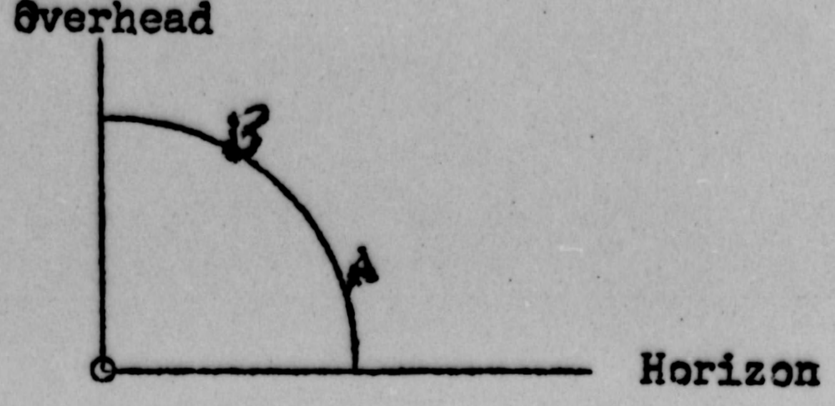
a. Certain X
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

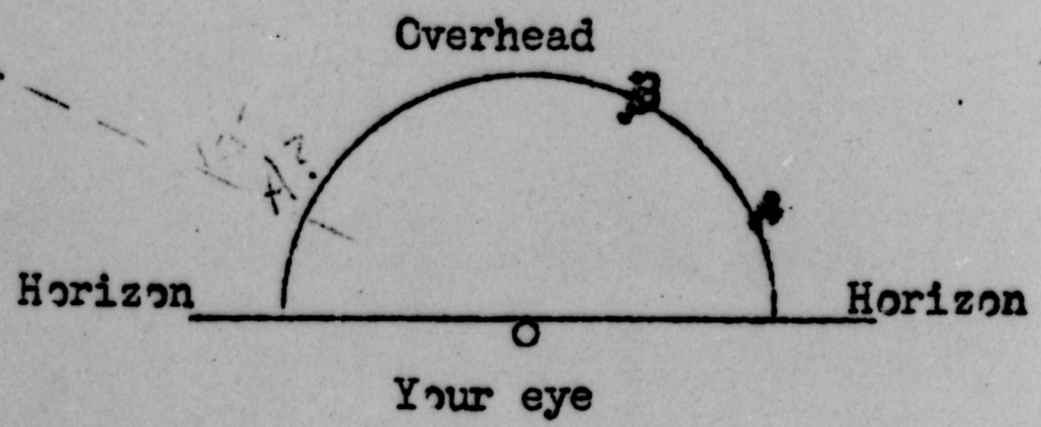
(Circle One): a. Suddenly X
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you <u>first</u> saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you <u>last</u> saw it.



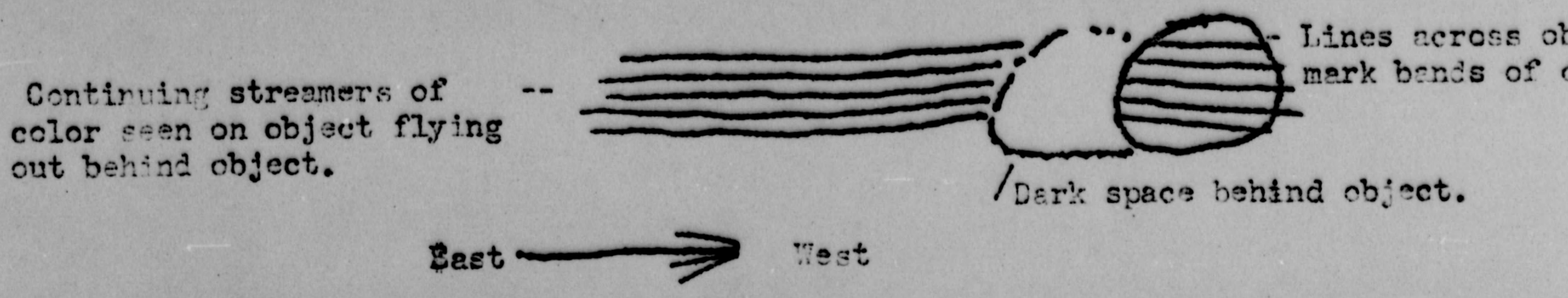
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this? (Circle One): Yes X No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

_____

_____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

It was no shooting star or falling star. I have never seen anything like it before. I have no idea what caused it.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) [redacted] (City) _____ (Zone) Virginia (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Millwright

Age 40

Sex Male

Last School Attended Mineral High School, Mineral, Virginia.

Year of last attendance at this school ~~1929~~ 1930

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes X or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No X

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mrs. Mildred Rawlings, Rt. 1, Woodlawn, Hopewell, Virginia

Mrs. Catherine Hurdle, 2138 West Broadway, Hopewell, Virginia.

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

I was serving my regular shift at the Hopewell Observation Post on July 28th, 1952 in the company of two other observers named above. I promptly endeavored to get them to see the strange object but it passed so quickly they did not see it. I reported it to the Filter center at Richmond, Va. in accordance with instructions given in our training periods. I then reported the matter to my Supervisor and Deputy Observer. I have endeavored to answer these questions to the best of my ability.

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 28 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 9 (Hrs.) 13 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

(a.) Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a.) Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

2½ mi. east of Sunset Hills (Postal Address) _____ (City or Town) Virginia (State) U.S.A. (Country)

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One):
a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c.) Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
(c.) In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? it attracted my attention by its appearance.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

_____ _____ _____
Day Month Year

within ½ hour after observation

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? I was going out on to my outside terrace

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

watching television

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

(Yes) or No.

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a.	North	e.	South
b.	Northeast	f.	Southwest
(c.)	East	g.	West
d.	Southeast	h.	Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? walking miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
(c.) East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
(c.) East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

(Yes) or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):

a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
(g.) Through open space
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
(c.) Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
(b.) Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
(c.) Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours _____ Minutes 45 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) (Solid) or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes (No) Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? _____

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound none

16.2 Color Bright Orange

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? only one
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
(g.) Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 1500-2000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 2½ miles

20.3 How fast was it going? 100 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

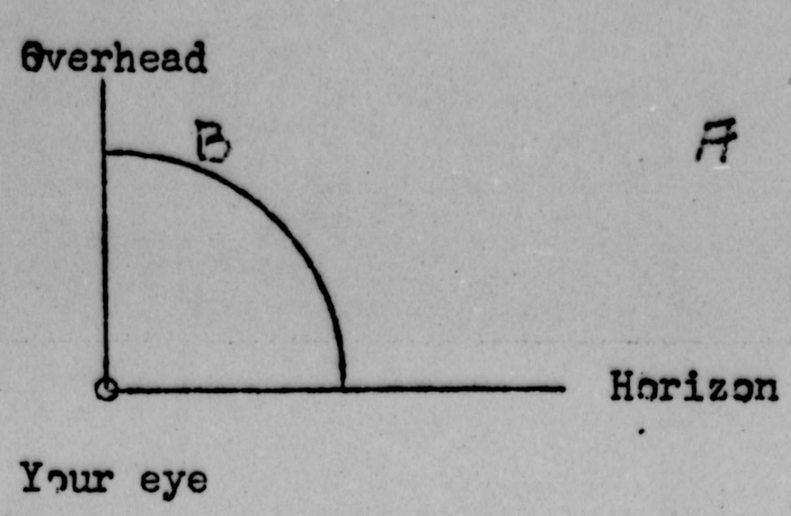
a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

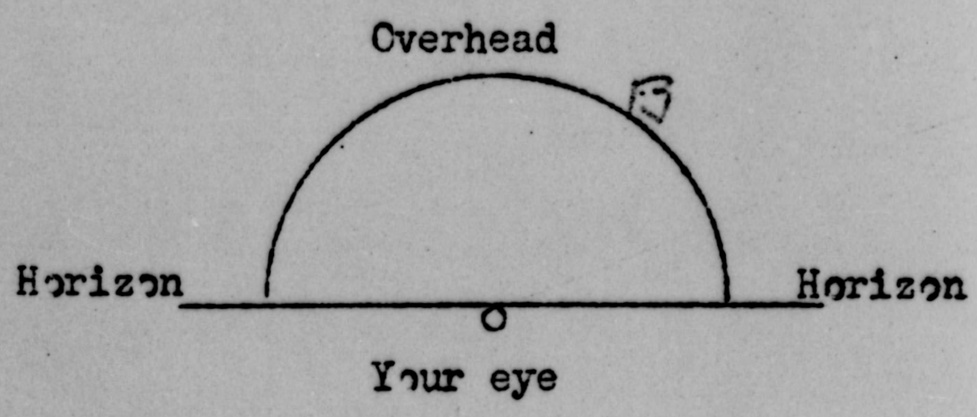
(Circle One): (a.) Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

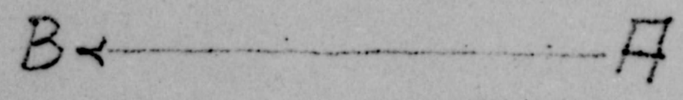
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you <u>first</u> saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you <u>last</u> saw it.



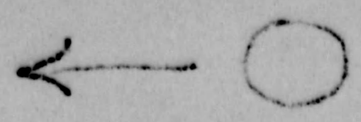
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?
(Circle One): (Yes) No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

_____

_____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

Do not know

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____ Sunset Hills _____ Virginia
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER Herndon 137M

What is your present job? farmer-manufacturer

Age 40

Sex Male

Last School Attended Princeton University

Year of last attendance at this school 1931

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mrs. [redacted]n, Sunset Hills, Virginia
" " "
" " "

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

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OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE 3737.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 22 (Day) Sept (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: 1 (Hrs.) 30 (Min.) (A.M.) or P.M. (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

(a) Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a) Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

(a) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[redacted] (Postal Address) Fairfax (City or Town) Va (State) Fairfax (Country)

Additional Remarks: _____

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c) Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): (a) In the business section of a ~~city~~ Town?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? Another Officer showed it to me.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

22 (Day) Sept (Month) 1952 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Standing on the Court House Lawn.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

I was dispatching for the Tarpon County Police.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No)

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
(d.) Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

It did not disappear while looking at it. I kept looking at it

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No)

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):

a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sunglasses
(g.) Through open space
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

(a.) Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
(b.) Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

(a.) Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
(b.) Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours	Minutes	Seconds
	10	

I only looked at it for approx. 10 minutes but it was there for a couple 3 hrs.

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

(a.) Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) (Solid) or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	(Yes)	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): (Yes) No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? white

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound There was no sound

16.2 Color it look like a large spot light with a tail on it

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea	f. Automobile
b. Baseball	g. Small airplane
(c.) Basketball	h. Large airplane
d. Bicycle wheel	i. Dirigible
e. Office desk	j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

(a.) Certain	c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain	d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? about 4000 feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? 4000 feet or _____ miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? _____ miles per hour. Too fast to me 5
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

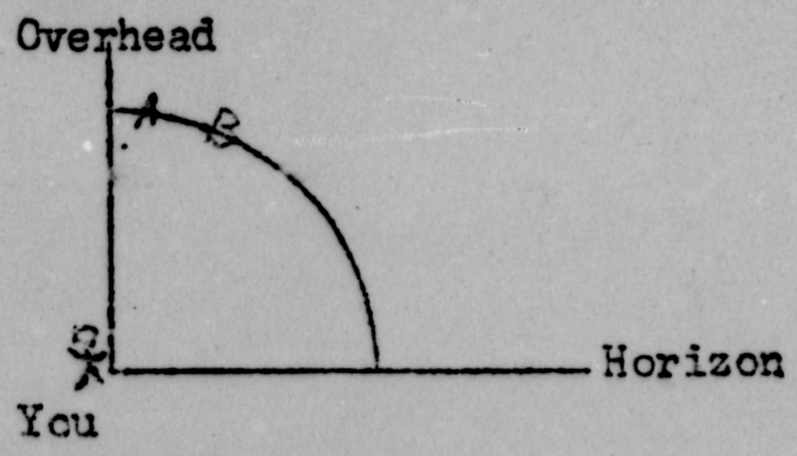
(a.) Certain	c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain	d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

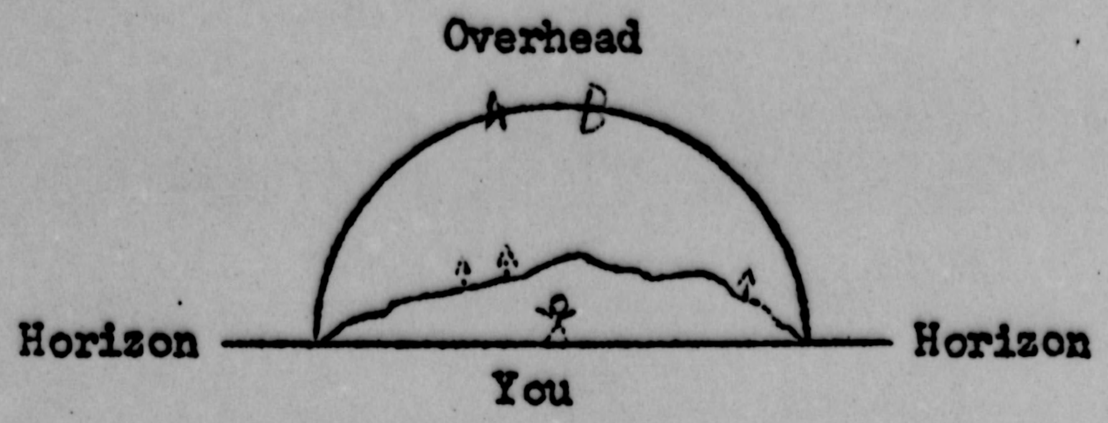
(Circle One):	a. Suddenly	c. Other _____
	(b.) Gradually	d. Don't remember

SECTION D

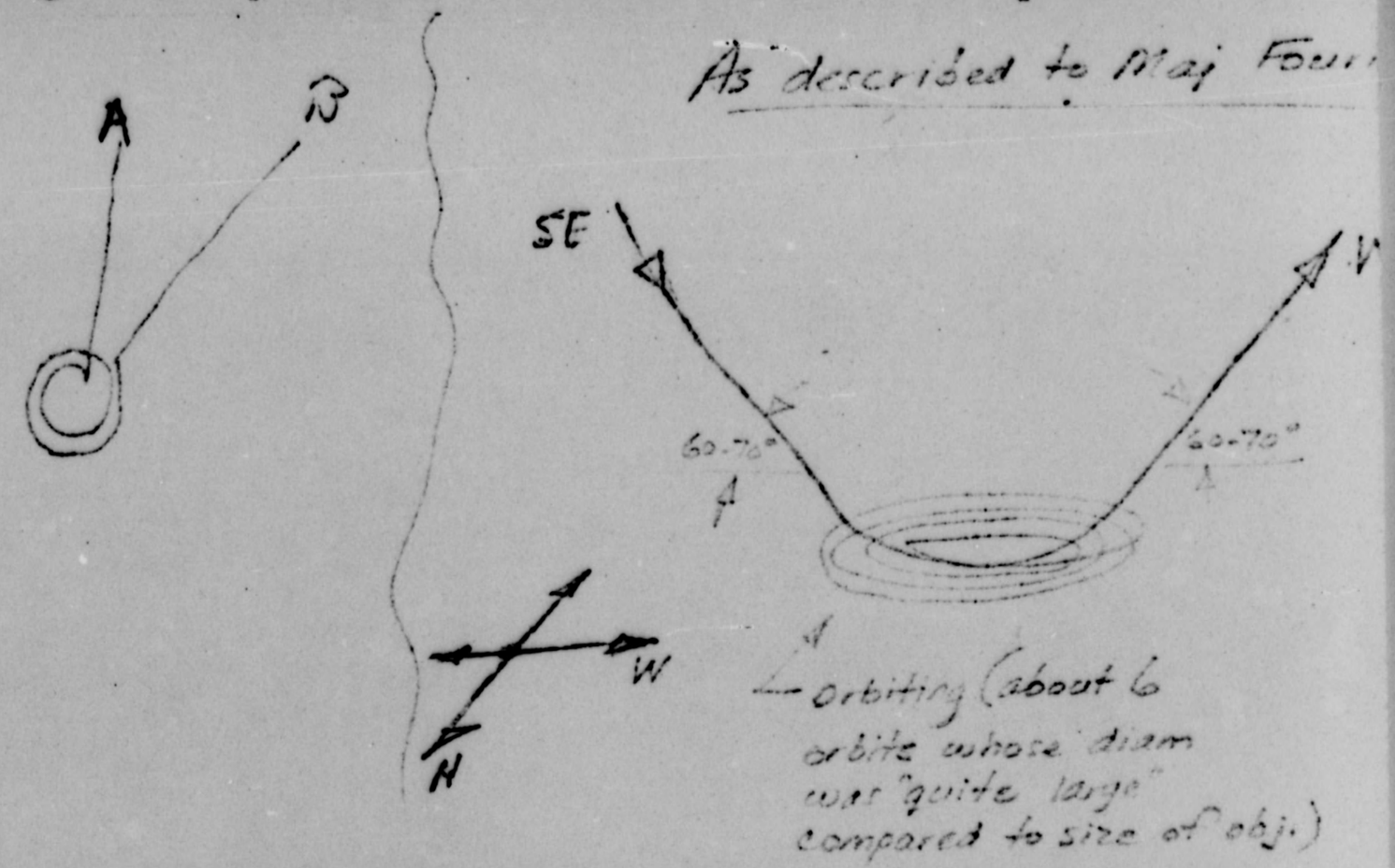
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



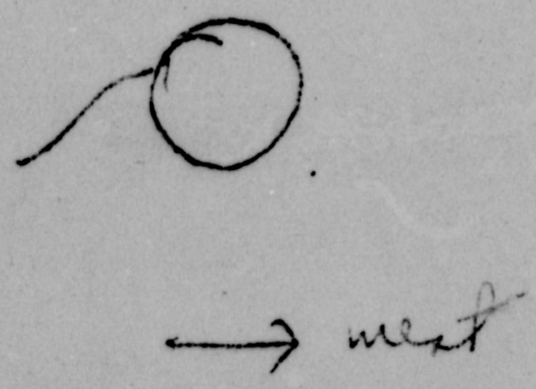
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you <u>first</u> saw it, and a "B" at its position when you <u>last</u> saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones?_____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I don't have the slightest idea.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Herndon ____ Va.
Street ~~City~~ Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Police

Age 32

Sex male

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Lt [redacted] Fairfax Police Dept
Pvt [redacted] Fairfax Va.

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

I don't have the slightest idea what it was and have never seen anything like it before so I can't add anything to what I have already said.

Comments by Maj Fournet (AFOSI-7AF):

Interviewed [redacted] on 27 Sep 57. He is slightly above average intelligence, extremely sincere and most cooperative. He was fairly certain of what he had seen.

He observed the object from front of Police Station in Fairfax with another officer. He states the object was circular (definitely not elliptical) white light descending slowly from SE and appearing to travel to the W. It was brightest at its lowest point of descent and increased in size proportionately. Additionally, when at lowest altitude it appeared to have a "stringy" vapor tail from lower portion and to the right; length of this tail was 3-4 times diameter of the light. Both the light and the tail were white. It ascended very rapidly and diminished in size and brilliancy until it disappeared. Size at lowest point estimated to be "equal to a basketball at 3-4 feet".

[redacted] was the dispatcher that night and received the call from the Haycocks. He states that he dispatched [redacted], etc at 0050 hours.

[redacted]

[redacted]

As obtained through personal interview by Maj Council, AFOIN-3A2, on 22

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 22 (Day) Sept (Month) '52 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: Initially between 0030 and 0100 Hrs. Min. (A.M.) or P.M. (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[redacted] (Postal Address) | Clifton (City or Town) | VA (State) | USA (Country)

Additional Remarks: Located approx. 1 mile south of Centreville, Va. on Route 645

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One):
a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? husband called my attention to it.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

22 (Day) Sept. (Month) '52 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Looking for the object which was pointed out to me by my husband.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

driving truck from gas station to home. my husband was following in the family car. I left the house & went into the yard - Smelled sweet odor. (Later determined that odor not related to objects).

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No)

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?
(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. (East) g. West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
(g.) West (almost straight up)
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No)

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sunglasses
(g.) Through open space
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. (Clear sky)
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. (No wind)
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. (Dry)
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. (Cool)
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 3 to 3½ hrs.

Hours _____ Minutes _____ Seconds _____

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. (Fairly sure)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) (Solid) or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.3	Change size? (as traveled got smaller)	(Yes)	(No)	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know *
14.7	Change brightness?	(Yes)	(No)	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	(Yes)	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): (Yes) No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? blue pin point to reddish to brilliant white

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound None

16.2 Color blue to red to white

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? as many as 5 at one time
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

(Agree in general with comments of Mr. [redacted])

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

[redacted]

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other automobile headlight small area ½ that size not be.

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? no estimate feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? no est. feet or no estimate miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? no estimate miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

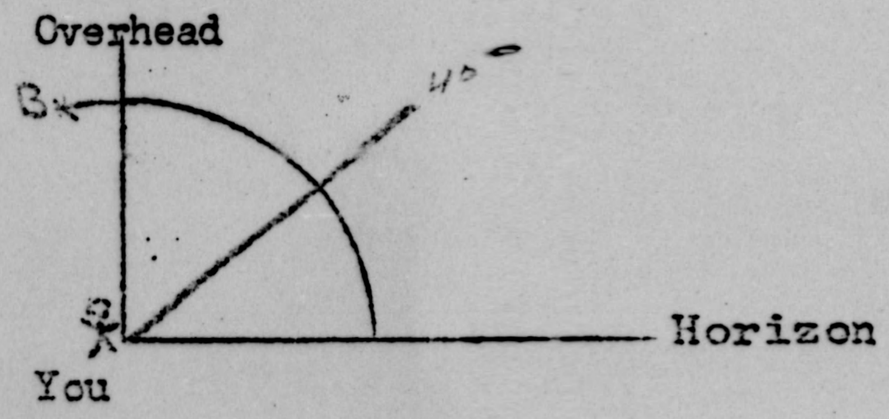
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other stopped looking - still shown when dawn came
d. Don't remember

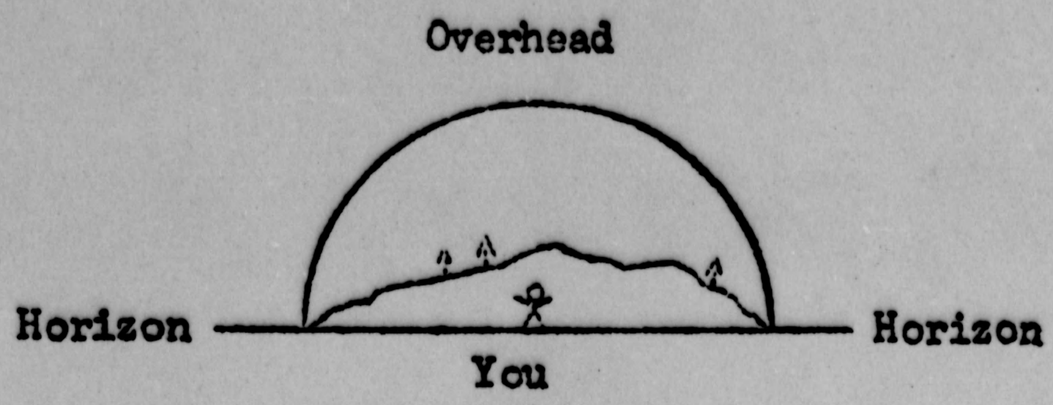
SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



less specific about minute details)

23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones?_____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

no ideas on subject, Thinks was controlled object.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Clifton – Va.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] (Browning)

What is your present job? Dynamic Corp. (Mfg dehumidifiers - asst

Age 38

Sex Female

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mr. [redacted]
Fairfax County Police } (See separate questionnaire

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

(1) Sweet, sickening sort of smell. Once or twice before we smelled a black snake which had sweetish similar smell. I had gone out to close the chicken gate. It did not burn nostrils or throat. Called husband to smell the odor. He could'nt smell the odor. I had gone into the house. While he was out in the yard sniffing, he noticed the strange lights. Then he called me out to look at them. (Later established that above odor not related to observation except that it was reason husband had gone outside, whereupon he noticed objects.

(2) Agree emphatically with Comment #2 of Mr. [redacted] re object being "attracted" by police car spot light.

(3) Agree vaguely with Comment #1 of [redacted] re "revolving" beam of light from object, although fairly vague about details — only an impres-

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Comments by Maj. Fawcett:

Mrs. [redacted] appears to be slightly more intelligent than Mr. [redacted] but also more emotional. Believe she substituted impressions for actual observations on detailed points. Nonetheless, she appears very honest and quite sincere in relating her experience. It is noteworthy that she had the presence of mind to call the police shortly after first observing object. She actually watched large object about 5 to 10 ft. above tree