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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) VHF contact by Otondo, Robert F., 1/Lt, Pilot, to GCI (Pursesnatcher) at 1819 EST.		
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. This is a combined report by the 2nd and 5th Fighter-Interceptor Squadrons, of McGuire Air Force Base, Trenton, New Jersey, pertaining to the sighting of an unidentified object on Saturday, 6 December 1952, at 1800 to 2005 EST over 40 degrees zero minutes North, and 74 degrees 30 minutes West. 2. The information contained in this report was received through statements made by: a. ROBERT F. OTONDO, 1/Lt, A01909847, (Pilot) 2nd FIS, McGuire AFB, N.J. b. HOWARD R. PERRY, 2/Lt, A0942075, (Rad Obs) 2nd FIS, McGuire AFB, N.J. c. EDWARD D. SMITH, 2/Lt, A0223430, (Pilot) 2nd FIS, McGuire AFB, N.J. d. CHARLES W. EASTER, 2/Lt, A0224739, (Rad Obs) 2nd FIS, McGuire AFB, N.J. e. GEORGE L. SHULSTAD, 2/Lt, A0222603, (Pilot) 5th FIS, McGuire AFB, N.J. f. WILLIAM P. MANAHAN, Pvt USA, RA12424712, 60th Inf Reg, 9th Div, Ft. Dix, N.J.		
DECLASSIFIED E.O. 12065, Sec. 3-402 VSAF memo 7/31/78 By <u>WALewis</u> NARS, Date <u>2/21/80</u> APPROVED: <u>William B. Holmes</u> WILLIAM B. HOLMES Captain, USAF Wing Intelligence Officer 1 INCL. Overlay as indicated in report. Refer to World Aeronautical Chart #357. (Chesapeake Bay) <u>Incl sent to ATIC</u> DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR Through Channels To: 1. Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D.C. 2. Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIA A-2C, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.		

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1. Robert F. Otondo, 1st Lt, AO 1 909 847, of the 2nd Ftr-Intcp Sq, McGuire AFB, Trenton, New Jersey. On 6 December 1952 while on a training flight in a F-94 at approximately 1800 hours. The pilot observed what appeared to be an object or light (round) of varying intensity. The colors of the light varied in intensity from white, red and amber. During these changes the light seemed to expand with flaring edges (✱). No pattern in these conditions were noted. The distance was difficult to determine, but if the light were that of an aircraft using normal navigation lights the initial observation would have been estimated at approximately ten miles. No physical form was determined at any time during the chase. There were no maneuvers, no sound or exhaust observed at any time.

All observing was done visually and when radar contact was attempted they received a negative result.

The pilot was at approximately 10,000 feet and 10 miles east of McGuire AFB at Trenton, N.J. Taking after the light at a heading of 260 degrees for approximately 50 miles and climbing to 22,000 feet he noted that at initial sighting, 74 degrees 30 minutes West and 40 degrees Zero minutes North, at 10,000 feet, the object or light appeared to be level with him and that after the climb the object appeared to be higher than he upon reaching 22,000 feet. At one time the pilot thought that he was overtaking object or light at about 100 knots but is not sure of it.

The weather during the run was a few scattered clouds at 8,000 feet and visibility unrestricted.

There were no activities meteorological or otherwise that could have accounted for the sighting and there was no physical evidence to substantiate same.

An attempt was made to overtake this object or light, but results were negative even though pilot was flying the F-94 on Mach for a time. No other traffic was observed during this period of chase and the pilot returned to the base after notifying the Controller (Purse Snatcher).

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The pilot is a flight leader in his Squadron and has 1247 hours time in the air. He is level headed and is not given to dramatization.

Howard R. Perry, 2nd Lt, AO 942 076, 2nd Ftr-Intcp Sq, McGuire AFB, Trenton, N.J., the Radar Observer on this flight substantiates all the facts above and has nothing to add to it. Other witnesses were Jumping Jack 24 of the 5th Ftr-Intcp Sq, at McGuire AFB, Trenton, N.J. and 2nd Lt Edward D. Smith and 2nd Lt Charles W. Easter, of the 2nd Ftr-Intcp Sq, McGuire AFB, Trenton, N.J. See Flight Path #1, on inclosure #1.

2. Edward D. Smith, 2nd Lt, AO 2 223 430, of the 2nd Ftr-Intcp Sq, McGuire AFB, Trenton, N.J. On 6 December 1952 at 1830 EST, while on a climb out from McGuire AFB at about 5,000 feet noticed this object or light to the south of the field. He leveled with it about 20,000 feet and climbed to 26,000 feet at which time the object or light seemed to be below his altitude. The colors of the light varied from white, amber and red. At one time or another each color was predominant. The light varied in intensity and during the brightness seemed to swell with flaring edges (★) then returning to round when light decreased. At no time was a pattern noted in changes or variation during the 45 minute observation. It was noted that if the lights were that of an aircraft using normal navigation lights the observation would have been approximately 10 miles.

There was no observation as to the physical form of the object as well as no exhaust or sound heard. It did appear as though the object or light was changing altitude occasionally. All the sighting was done visually and all attempts to pick it up on radar proved negative. The above was noted during the flight on Active Air Defense Mission out to sea and upon returning to base the object was still seen to be in the same location (74 degrees 30 minutes West and 40 degrees zero minutes North) and at the same altitude.

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The visibility was unrestricted with a few scattered clouds. No unusual activity or meteorological conditions existed that could account for the sighting and there is no material evidence in existence of the sighting.

The aircraft being on a primary Active Air Defense Mission was unable to take any interception action on the sighting, but did notify the controller (Purse Snatcher) of the sighting.

The Pilot is level headed and is not the type to be easily excited. His judgement is average and reliable. He has 463 hours in the air.

Charles W. Easter, 2nd Lt, AO 2 224 739, the Radar Observer on this flight substantiates the pilots facts with these exceptions: He wouldn't commit himself on the altitude or distance of the object or light.

Other witnesses were Jumping Jack 24 of the 5th Ftr-Intep Sq at McGuire AFB, Trenton, N.J. and Robert F. Otondo, 1st Lt, AO 1 908 947, with his Radar Observer, Howard I. Perry, 2nd Lt, AO 942 073, of the 2nd Ftr-Intep Sq, McGuire AFB, N.J. (See Flight Path #2, on Inclosure #1.).

3. Report by 2nd Lt George L. Schulstad, AO 2 222 603, Pilot, and 2nd Lt George R. Truitt, AO 2 224 756, Radar Observer, 5th Ftr-Intep Sq, McGuire AFB, Trenton, N.J.

F-94 aircraft was vectored toward an unidentified flying object by F-94 aircraft and G01 (Silverstone) at approximately 1945 EST and remained in chase until 2005 hours. The coordinates of the first sighting were 74 degrees 30 minutes West and 40 degrees Zero Minutes North. All sightings were visual, made between 10,000 and 20,000 feet. The object was moving on a dead ahead and level course of 260 degrees; the pursuing aircraft flew at .85 Mach during the entire stern chase. No contact was made on APG-33 Radar. Visibility was 40 to 60 miles air to ground and weather was CAVU. The object appeared to be changing in color from amber to white to red and appeared to fade once before the chase was abandoned due to lack of fuel. DORA 34, SILVERTONE 28 and two sky high aircraft were in the vicinity of the sighting. (See Flight Path #3, on Inclosure #1).

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4. Statement by William P. Manahan, Pvt, USA, RA 124 24 712, stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division; At approximately 1750-1850 EST.

On 6 December 1952 Private Manahan sighted a bright object or light approximately 15 degrees above horizon in a southwest direction from Mount Holly, New Jersey. With the aid of a landmark, the observer was able to discern that the object flew in a straight course except for one westerly deflection of 3 to 5 degrees. The object seemed to be revolving from right to left with what appeared to be the tail light intensity, increasing and diminishing, to the observer. The color of the light varied from white to yellow intermitently with no set pattern observed. The size of the object never seemed to change during the hour of observation but the change in intensity seemed to swell the light from 1/8th inch circle (original size)(O), to a 3/8th inch flared star shaped with an indistinguishable number of flaring edges (). Weather at the time of the sighting was clear and visibility was unlimited. (See point #4 on Inclosure #1). Distance and altitude not committed.

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