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Unidentified Flying Objects Reports	ing							
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7 July 1953 Date of Information 3 July 1953	EVALUATION							
DAVID A. POWERS, JR, Lt Col, USAF	Source Tinker Air Force Base, Okla City, Okla Military and Civilian Personnel							
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Msg OCEO 2T-7-1-E FLYOBRPT								

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.)

l. Inclosed are statements of observers of unidentified object sighted between 1800 and 1900 (CST), 2 July 1953.

- 2. One (1) object reported, round in shape, ranging in size of pin head to an automobile, described as white or shining by most observers, no trail or exhaust, no propulsion system; eight observers reported slow movement or waving back and forth, and five (5) observers reported no movement, no sound or maneuvers; object reported to have vanished when it disappeared.
 - 3. Object viewed with naked eye and through 7 X 50 binoculars.
- 4. All observers on premises of Tinker Air Force Base and all were within a radius of 2 miles. Object first reported slightly South and East of Base moving to directly over the Base, altitude estimated between 30,000 feet and 50,000 feet.
- 5. Observers believed to be reliable substantiated by considerable experience viewing aircraft from the ground.
- 6. The weather officer advises all winds aloft from Northwest at 2100 (CST), and winds practically the same 1500 (CST). The weather officer also advises that a weather balloon was in this locality at the time of sighting but balloon should have appeared from the Northwest instead of the Southeast. The fact that a weather balloon was in this vicinity is substantiated by the fact that weather balloon transmitter was recovered approximately two and one-fourth (2½) miles East of the base on 3 July 1953. A Mrs. Reinhart saw the parachute and instrument fall on her farm between 1900 and 2000 (CST), 2 July 1953. Mrs. Reinhart is uncertain as to the exact time the instrument descended. Check with Lowry Air Force Base revealed no "Moby Dick" balloon in vicinity at time of sighting. There was a slight cloudiness in the West with scattered clouds directly overhead.
 - 7. Meteorological activity not investigated.
- 8. No fragments were obtained. Seven (7) exposures taken with Videon Stereo-scopic Camera. Film and "U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet" Form A and B forwarded under separate cover to Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAE-5, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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- 9. Local radar station obtained no radar return.
- 10. One (1) aircraft reported in the vicinity approximately 2,000 feet.
- 11. All inclosures have not been signed due to the fact that personnel are on leave or work irregular shifts. However, since statements are materially the same in content we feel that it is more important that they be forwarded than delay the report further.

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THRU: Commander

Air Materiel Command

ATTN: MCEP

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

TO:

Director of Intelligence

Headquarters, USAF Washington, 25, D. C.

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

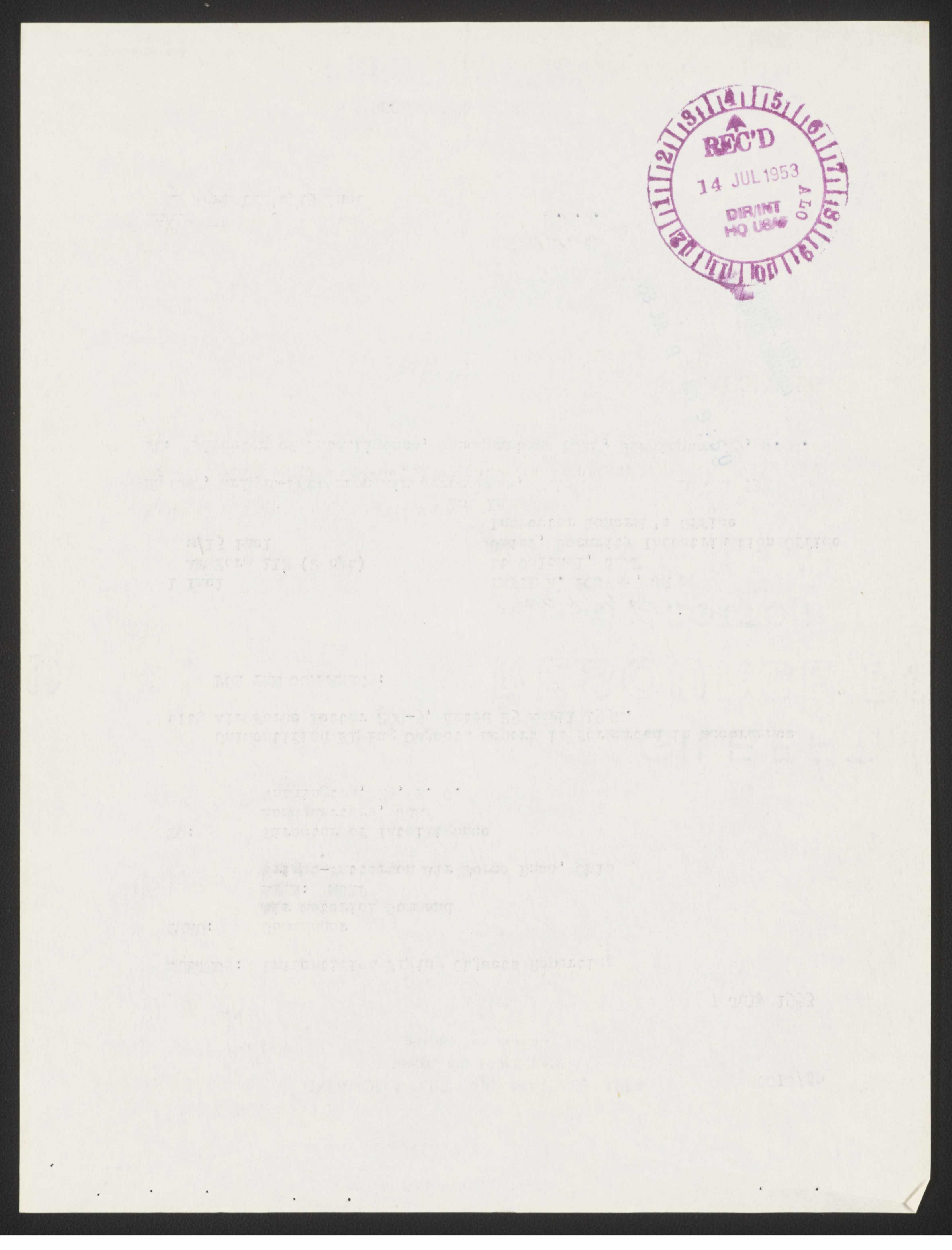
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I saw an object which I would estimate between 35,000 and 50,000 feet high directly over the Control Tower. I observed this object through binoculars and it appeared to be round and shiney. It was between the size of a pin and a pea. There was just one object. There appeared to be some darker shade in the background. There was no trail or exhaust. All the time we were watching it, it appeared to stay in one place. There was no speed or sound. It disappeared while I was rewinding the camera.

The time was 1845 and I observed it about ten (10) minutes.

I viewed the object through the binoculars and also naked eye from the Control Tower. We went out on the walk around the tower.

I observed this object from Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower. It was directly over my head and appeared to be between 35,000 to 50,000 feet.

I have been working in the control tower for two (2) years.

The sky was clear behind the object. There were scattered clouds to Northwest, North, Northeast. The temperature was 98°; the sun was to the West 1 hour 3 minutes to sundown. The wind was South - Southeast about 15 knots.

I received a call from Base Operations and they told us that a guard had spotted the object at 50,000 feet. I thought at the time they called that it would be useless to go look for it at such an altitude. I went out and looked around and spotted it directly over the field and looked at it for a minute or two through the binoculars. Then I returned to the tower and got the camera. I took seven (7) pictures lying on my back placing it on the railing. After taking the seventh picture while winding the camera, it disappeared completely. We notified operations and they said they were making out a report to send to Washington and they wanted to know if we had taken any pictures. That is all the information we gave them. We contacted the tower chief and he came up to the tower and turned in the report that I filled out to Crypto Center.

There was no air traffic in the area at that time.

WALKER, Gaylord L.

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Gayloral I. Walker

The object I saw was round in shape and white in color. It was very small, smaller than a pea. I just saw one object. There was no trail nor exhaust. It didn't appear to be moving. I just glanced at it. I was not looking at it when it disappeared.

I don't remember what time it was when I saw this object. I observed it for just a few seconds.

I saw this object with the naked eye.

I was at Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower when I observed this object. The object was directly above the tower. I would say the object was around 30,000 feet high.

I have worked in the tower for about one (1) month.

In the West there were a few scattered clouds. Just a little after the object disappeared, the sun went behind the clouds. In the East it was clear.

I didn't take any photographs nor obtain any fragments.

I didn't see any airtraffic at this time.

SPEER, Billy R.

Billy R. Speer A/2c

AF 18432100

A/2C

The object was round, very shiney like chrome. I would estimate it to be from 30,000 to 35,000 feet high. I am unable to estimate the size. I saw only one (1) object. There was no trail or exhaust. No speed whatsoever; in fact, it didn't move. There was no sound. It was stationary in the sky. I didn't see the object when it disappeared. Looking at it through glasses, every once in a while it looked like from above something would dart out from either side. It looked like it hung from some other object. Every once in a while either the top or the bottom would move slightly.

I watched this object approximately 22 minutes.

I watched it through field glasses and with the naked eye. The field glasses were 20 strength.

I was at Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower when I saw this object. The object was located directly overhead. I would estimate the object to be 30,000 to 35,000 feet high.

I have been working in the control tower for one year.

The sky was completely clear except for some clouds way off on the horizon in the West and a few East.

I didn't take any photographs and didn't see any fragments.

There was one aircraft about 2,000 feet. This aircraft was nowhere near the object.

Considering the way the object disappeared, I don't think it was a weather balloon.

STRATTON, Frank E. Jr

Frank E. Stratton In

AF 1446808

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I saw one (1) object. It appeared to be round and shiney. At about arms length it appeared to be the size of a pea. There was no trail or exhaust. There was no speed or sound. I wasn't looking when it disappeared.

I saw this object about 1845. I don't remember the time exactly. I watched it for about 10 minutes.

I looked at this through binoculars and with the naked eye. I don't know the power of the binoculars. They are issued.

I was in the Tinker Air Force Base Control Tower. The object seemed to be directly overhead. I couldn't estimate the altitude.

I have been working in the control tower about one and one-half $(1\frac{1}{2})$ years.

There were some scattered clouds; it was about one (1) hour before sunset; visibility about 15 miles.

I didn't take any photographs and didn't obtain any fragments.

I don't remember whether any aircraft were flying around or not.

KERCH, Charles NMI

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AF 13383158

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I saw a white spot in the air. It looked like a star going out. It was about like a car or something a little bigger. It was white and bright and there was no trail nor exhaust. There was no sound. There was one object. It did not move while I was watching. When it went away it just vanished.

I don't know what time it was when I saw this object. I watched it for about five minutes.

I observed this object visually from the ground. I couldn't find it with the binoculars. I used Binocular No. 7X50.

This object was directly overhead at Tinker Air Force Base. I have no idea how high it was.

From 1942 until the present time I have been a member of the Air Force on active duty or employed at Tinker Air Force Base.

The weather was clear; I don't remember any clouds. There was Southeast winds.

I have observed weather ballons, but never saw one as bright as this one was.

No fragments or physical evidence of the object were observed.

HEFLEY, Eugene H.

Civilian Guard

Tinker Air Force Base

3 July 1953

I could see one (1) object, real bright and sort of star shaped. It did not look too big; it looked like a big star. I would say the evening star - real bright. There was no trail nor exhaust. It looked like it was stationary. When it left it just vanished. There was no sound. It must have been about 1905 when I saw it. I watched it for three (3) or four (4) minutes.

I observed the object with my naked eye from the ground.

It looked like it was West of Tinker Air Force Base and South of 29th Street. It was 45,000 or 50,000 feet high.

I have been on the Guard Force for eleven (11) years. I am usually exposed to the weather and observe aircraft over the field.

The weather was clear, the sun shining. There were a few floating clouds.

I believe it was a weather balloon. The sun was shining on it.

MADDOX, Joseph F.

Civilian Guard Tinker Air Force Base

3 July 1953

I saw one object. It was round and looked like metal. It was aluminum in color. No trail nor exhaust. When I had the field glasses on it, it waved back and forth and when it left it just vanished. There was no sound. It vanished immediately.

It was about 1855 when I saw it. I watched it about ten (10) minutes. I was watching it when it disappeared.

I observed the object visually from the ground and I used binoculars. The binoculars I used were 7X50. With the natural eye it looked like a big tea cup. When I got the glasses on it, it looked like about 12" in diameter.

The object was directly overhead (Tinker Air Force Base).

I have been on the guard force at Tinker Air Force Base for eleven and one half years. (112). I view aircraft at all times while on duty.

The weather was clear; there were no clouds - nothing to block the vision.

There was no fragments or physical evidence of the object.

I think it was a big weather outfit; a big balloon. I would judge the object to be about 40,000 feet high.

SKIDGEL, Thomas K.

Civilian Guard Force Tinker Air Force Base

3 July 1953

I saw one (1) object. It was white or silver in color. I would say that it was approximately 24" X 26" in diameter and it was round. There was no trail nor exhaust. It stood still for approximately five (5) minutes and it seemed to disappear behind a cloud. The clouds were real high.

I saw this object around 1915 and I watched it for about five (5) minutes. I am uncertain as to the exact time I went out to look at it.

The object was visual from the ground. I used binoculars but never could fint it.

The object was almost directly straight up and a little South from where I was standing. (Tinker Air Force Base).

I have been on the guard force at Tinker Air Force Base for seven and one half years $(7\frac{1}{2})$. I was in the Navy one and one-half $(1\frac{1}{2})$ years aboard an aircraft carrier observing aircraft.

There was very little surface winds. There was a small haziness this object went behind.

It seemed to me that this object was around 40,000 feet to 45,000 feet high. Ropes or string appeared to be hanging from the object. I think the last reflections of the sun rays was what made all of us see it so easily. I believe it was a weather balloon.

No fragments or physical evidence of the object were observed.

RIGSBY, Claude R.

Civilian Guard Force Tinker Air Force Base

3 July 1953

From a distance the object appeared to be like an airplane. I couldn't tell for sure whether it was round or oblong. It was silver in color. I would say it was about the size of a B-29. It was a solid object; it was not exactly round. There was no trail or exhaust. There was no sound. It stood still for 15 minutes after I started watching it. When it moved, I would say the speed was from between 200 and 400 miles per hour. It stood still over Tinker Air Force Base for about 15 minutes and then it moved almost directly over the field. It was just a little South of me. It stayed there about 15 minutes. It started Northwest and disappeared immediately. It didn't change color. It looked like a bright light. The light was on all the time that I could tell.

I saw the object at 1830 hours and observed it for 30 minutes.

I observed the object from the ground. I was standing still. I did not use field glasses or binoculars. There was only one object.

When I saw the object I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base. The object was slightly East and South, then it moved to Northwest and stopped practically due over the field. I would say it was about 40,000 feet high.

I have been employed on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base for eleven (11) years.

The weather was very clear and fair. The wind was approximately 15 to 20 mph South Easterly. Around 1900 scattered clouds came up in Southwest.

I did not take any photographs and did not obtain any fragments.

There was one aircraft came in pretty high from the West about $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes after it left.

The object appeared to have a light on and it remained on at all times I observed it. The color of the light didn't change at any time.

BOREN, Melvin L. Civilian Guard Tinker Air Force Base 6 July 1953

The object looked round and was real shiney. It was perfectly still; then it moved a couple of feet West across the field and stopped. Once in a while it moved just a little to the West. There was no trail or exhaust. I wasn't watching when it disappeared.

It was about 1815 when I saw the object and I watched it for about 20 minutes.

This object was visual from the ground.

I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base, when I saw this object. The object was about 10° East of me. I don't have any idea how high the object was. It was very, very high; I couldn't estimate the altitude.

I have been on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base for 21 years.

The weather was very clear and there was a slight breeze.

I didn't take any photographs nor obtained any fragments.

There was no aircraft in the air.

TARR, Kent C.
Civilian Guard
Tinker Air Force Base
6 July 1953

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The object looked round just like a big baseball; it was bright white it looked like the moon with the sun shining on it in the daylight. There
was just one object. There was no trail or exhaust. At times it looked like
it moved. It moved Westward slowly. There was no sound. When it disappeared
it just vanished. I couldn't locate it any more. The object was just West of
straight up when it went out.

I saw this object at 1800 and I watched it for one (1) hour.

The object was visible from the ground. I first saw this just slightly East and slightly South of me. About 15° East.

I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base, when I saw this object. I would say it was at least 35,000 to 40,000 feet high.

I have been on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base for eleven (11) years. During this time I have observed aircraft.

There were a few clouds in the West. It was clear in the East. No clouds were directly overhead. The wind was out of South - Southeast.

I did not take any pictures and no fragments were obtained.

Along toward 1835 there was a B-29 going East flying high over the field. I would say it was flying at 10,000 feet.

The object I saw started getting dim and faded away until you couldn't see it.

KYLE, Claude M. Civilian Guard Tinker Air Force Base 6 July 1953

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On 2 July 1953, I saw one object. It was round as a balloon or a dish. As high as it was, it would be hard to say whether it would be metal because anything could reflect the sunlight. It seemed to stand still, but when I looked through the glasses it seemed to be moving back and forth within a short radius. I couldn't see anything hanging on it at all. When it left it seemed to go straight up; it did not go sideways. If it had been a balloon it would have burst. There was no sound. I saw this object between 1830 and 1900; I think about 1845. I watched it for approximately 10 or 15 minutes and it went out of sight. I stayed 10 or 15 minutes longer to see whether or not it would come back. It went out of sight about 1900. I observed this object through Binoculars No. 7x50 from the ground. The object was about 5° S.W. from directly overhead (Tinker Air Force Base). I have had quite a bit of experience observing aircraft in the air. I was in the Air Corp for four (4) years and have worked three (3) years on the Guard Force at Tinker Air Force Base. I see quite a bit of aircraft in the air while on duty.

The weather was clear. There was a blue sky background. The object was 40,000 to 50,000 feet high.

MULL, Robert D.

Civilian Guard Tinker Air Force Base 3 July 1953

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I saw one object. It looked like a large bright star; it was a bright white. It appeared to be round in shape. It looked approximately 4" or 5" in diameter. There was no trail or exhaust. There was no speed or sound. I didn't see the object move at all. The object was directly overhead.

I observed this object for approximately 4 or 5 seconds at a time.

I observed this object visually from the ground.

I was at Gate No. 27, Tinker Air Force Base, when I saw this object. I couldn't estimate how high the object was.

I have been on the Guard Force, Tinker Air Force Base, for about $10\frac{1}{2}$ years. I have seen a lot of weather balloons and never have seen anything like this.

I don't remember about the weather.

I didn't take any photographs and didn't obtain any fragments of it.

I didn't see any aircraft in the air at that time.

LAIL, William G.
Civilian Guard Force
Tinker Air Force Base
6 July 1953