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FILE NO. 24-28

DATE 21 December 1949

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JACK S. MARTIN

REPORT MADE AT
DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

PERIOD
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DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

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TITLE
PROJECT GRUDGE
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August 1949 in Vicinity of San Francisco, California

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Rpt by S/A JACK S. MARTIN, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB File No. 24-28 , dated 21 October 1949.

SYNOPSIS

Sketches of unidentified objects sighted were obtained from Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On 15 December 1949, the inclosed sketch of unidentified aircraft sighted on 1 August 1949 in the vicinity of San Francisco, California, was obtained from Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND, 1580 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California.

Inclosure:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

Original rough sketch of unidentified aircraft drawn by Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND.

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Detachment Commander, 19th District OSI, 9 December 1949
Presidio of San Francisco, California
District Commander, Hq. 19th District OSI (IG) USAF
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, California
PROJECT GRUDGE
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August
1949 in Vicinity of San Francisco,
California.

1. Attention is invited to the undeveloped lead listed in the report of S/A JACK S. MARTIN, subject and file as above, dated 21 October 1949 which states:

" AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will obtain sketches of objects seen by Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND, 2518 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California, when he returns from vacation 8 November 1949."

2. It is requested that this lead be developed immediately and report forwarded to this office no later than 17 December 1949.

JOHN G. SWOPE,
Colonel, USAF,
District Commander

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FILE NO. 24-28

DATE 21 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY JACK S. MARTIN

REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

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PROJECT GRUDGE
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August 1949 in Vicinity of San Francisco, California

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Rpt by S/A JACK S. MARTIN, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB File No. 24-28, dated 28 September 1949

SYNOPSIS

Mr. EDWARD W. CURBAND, 2518 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California; Mr. ROY OLIVER NEELY, 1550 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California; and Reverend CURTIS DANIELS, 825-35th Avenue, Oakland, California, all signed statements to the effect that they saw unusual and unidentifiable objects in the sky on 1 August 1949. Sketches were obtained from NEELY and DANIELS.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. On 29 September 1949, Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND, 2518 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California, signed the following statement:

"On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1400 hours, PST, while riding on a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, I sighted two (2) objects appearing to be in formation and traveling at a speed greater than that of jet aircraft. These objects were oval in shape, from 10,000 to 25,000 feet in altitude, at a distance laterally of approximately eight (8) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was approximately 35 to 40 seconds and the objects appeared to be silvery in color, having oval shapes, and apparently of solid construction. Size of these objects, as they appeared from my view, were approximately 40 feet in diameter. The objects were going due North, and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of the objects, there was no means of aero dynamic support. There was no sound, no fins or stabilizers were visible, and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was estimated at from one to one and one-half times faster than jet aircraft. The objects disappeared behind fog bank. I called the attention of the other members of the boat to these objects which appeared to be in formation, and after they had disappeared from view, several minutes later, I spotted approximately seven (7)



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DETAILS (cont'd)

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more of these objects in trail formation at the same altitude, traveling in the same direction and being identical with the original objects."

/s/ EDWARD W. GURBAND
EDWARD W. GURBAND

WITNESSES:

/s/ CHARLES A. STARRATT

/s/ JACK S. MARTIN

2. On 29 September 1949, Mr. ROY OLIVER NEELY, 1550 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California, signed the following statement:

"On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1400 hours, PST, Mr. GURBAND, who was a passenger on the commercial passenger fishing boat belonging to Jerry's Bait Shop, of which I am Captain, called my attention to several objects (four or more) in the sky. At this time the fishing boat was approaching San Francisco in the main ship channel of the No. 2 Buoy, and was due East of the San Francisco Light Ship. At this time, the objects were approximately nine (9) miles away, laterally, at an angle of elevation from the horizon of 45°, at an approximate altitude of 1000 feet. Sighting time was less than a minute. Objects were described as being silver in color, and having a square shape, approximating that of a box kite. Construction seemed to be solid, and the size, as it appeared from my view, was twelve (12) inches square. The direction





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of flight was approximately SSK and appeared to be climbing. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no lights were noticed, either reflected or attached, no aero dynamic support was visible other than shape of object. There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, either propeller or jet, no fins or stabilizers were noticed and no slots or duct openings were visible. No sound was heard, and the speed was approximately at jet speed or better. These objects faded from view."

/s/ ROY OLIVER NEELY
ROY OLIVER NEELY

WITNESSES:

/s/ JACK S. MARTIN

/s/ Mrs. ROY O. NEELY

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

3. On 29 September 1949, Reverend CURTIS DANIELS, 825 - 35th Avenue, Oakland, California, signed the following statement:

"On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1430 hours, PST, while riding in a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, my attention was called, by Mr. GURBAND, a fellow passenger, to six (6) or more objects appearing in formation and traveling at a speed slower than that of a jet aircraft. These objects in the sky were oval in shape, at an undetermined altitude, at a distance, laterally, of approximately ten (10) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was approximately 3 to 4 seconds.





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Color was silvery, and objects apparently were of solid construction. Approximate size, as they appeared from my view, was "half dollar" and approximate size was 20 feet in diameter. The objects were going ENE and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of objects, there was no means of aero dynamic support. There was no sound; no fins or stabilizers were visible and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was slower than jet aircraft. Objects faded from view."

/s/ CURTIS DANIELS
CURTIS DANIELS

WITNESSES:

/s/ JACK S. MARTIN

/s/ STEVE FORD

AT SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

4. On 18 October 1949, sketches were obtained from Reverend CURTIS DANIELS, 825 - 35th Avenue, Oakland, California, and Mr. ROY OLIVER NEELY, 1550 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California.

Inclosures:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

The original signed statement (and 5 copies) of Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND dated, at San Francisco, California, 29 September 1949.





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DETAILS (cont'd)

Inclosures (cont'd)

The original signed statement (and 5 copies) of Mr. ROY OLIVER NEELY dated, at San Francisco, California, 29 September 1949.

The original signed statement (and 5 copies) of Reverend CURTIS DANIELS dated, at Oakland, California, 29 September 1949.

The original copy of sketches of objects by Mr. ROY OLIVER NEELY.

The original copy of sketches of objects by Reverend CURTIS DANIELS

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Two (2) copies of sketch drawn by Reverend CURTIS DANIELS.

Two (2) copies of sketch drawn by Mr. ROY OLIVER NEELY





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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will obtain sketches of objects seen by Mr. EDWARD W. GUNBAND, 2513 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California, when he returns from vacation, 8 November 1949.





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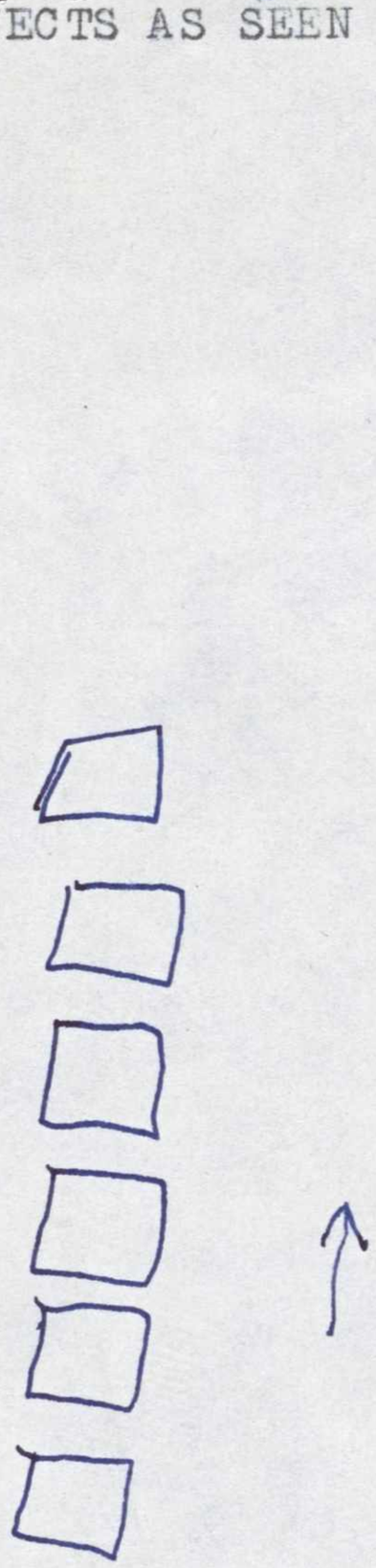
SKETCHES OF OBJECTS AS SEEN BY MR. ROY OLIVER NEELY



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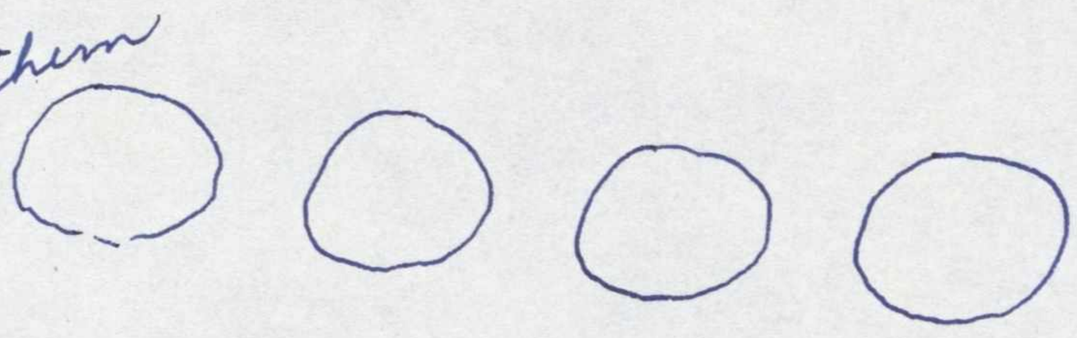

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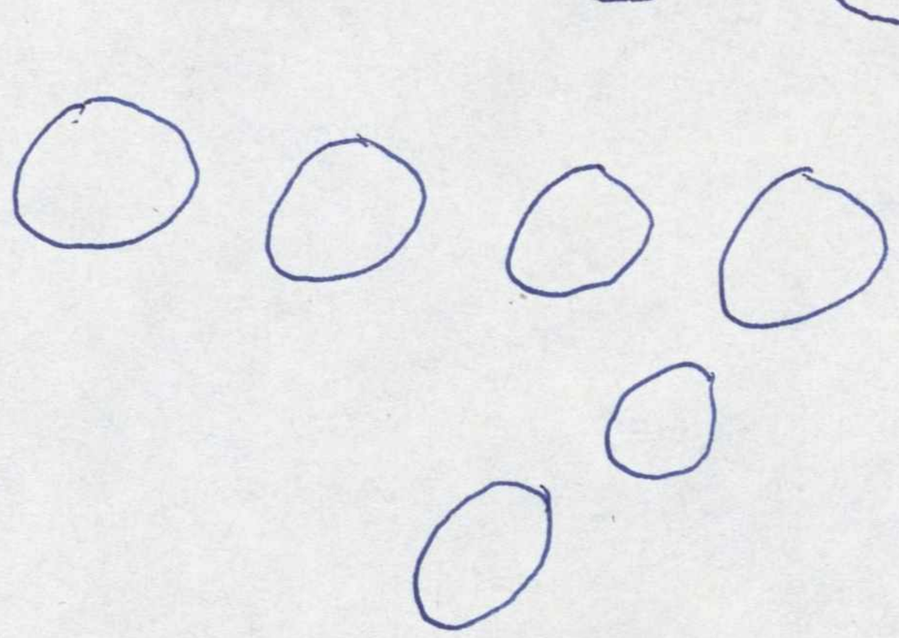

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13 October 1949

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PROJECT GRUDGE
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August 1949
in Vicinity of San Francisco, California
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Your attention is invited to the Synopsis of the inclosed report and to paragraph 2 of your inclosed report.

2. In the last sentence of your Synopsis, you state that "No sketches were obtained as observers described the objects as being oval in shape with no detail."

3. In paragraph 2 in a signed witnessed statement of ROY OLIVER NEELY he states that "the objects were silver in color, having a square shape, approximating that of a box kite. Construction seemed to be solid and the size, as it appeared from my view, was 12" square." It is inconceivable how a rational, thinking individual can make a statement that an observer stated that an object was oval in shape, when the same witness makes a signed witnessed statement that the object was square in shape.

4. In paragraph 4 of this report it is stated, "As all stated that objects were minute in size and with no details visible" and yet in Mr. NEELY's signed statement he stated the object appeared to be square in shape, approximating that of a box kite and it appeared to be 12" square, yet in your paragraph 4 of Details you state that all persons stated the objects were minute in size. Mr. DANIELS stated that the object appeared to be the size of a half dollar and of solid construction.

5. This report gives evidence of very poor and inefficient investigative work, and it does not seem that a logical and reasonable District Commander could send forward a report which contains such conflicting information.

6. The SUBJECTS of this case will be re-contacted and requested to sketch drawings resembling the objects that they sighted.

7. Your attention is further invited to the fact that no information will appear in a Synopsis that is not in the Details. In other words, no new information will appear in the Synopsis unsupported by the details.

8. Your attention is further invited to the fact that all Undeveloped Leads listed in reports of investigation must be fully and specifically answered before the case can be closed.

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9. From the method in which this investigation has been handled, it appears that instructions to contact individuals and sketches to be obtained, were not complied with, and you not only did not comply with instructions but tried to fix up your report from a cursory review of the case which, in itself, was completely inaccurate. This case will be given the most expeditious priority and returned to this Headquarters, and instructions will be fully complied with.

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL KING:

KENNETH W. KING
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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FILE NO. 24-28

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REPORT MADE AT
DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

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12, 13, 14 September 1949

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DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

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TITLE
PROJECT GRUDGE
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August 1949 in Vicinity of San Francisco, California

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Special Inquiry

REFERENCE
Pending Rpt by [illegible] dated 12 Sept 49 MARTIN, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, File No. 24-28

SYNOPSIS

Reverend CURTIS DANIELS stated that his attention was drawn by Mr. GUERRAND to six (6) or more unusual and unidentifiable objects in the sky on 1 August 1949. Three (3) character witnesses for Mr. GUERRAND described him as being "dogmatic in his viewpoints". One (1) character witness for Mr. HENELY vouched for his reliability and responsibility. No character witnesses were obtainable for Reverend DANIELS. Two (2) radar testing devices were aloft on 1 August 1949. Oakland Police Department, San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Field Office, F.B.I., have no record of HENELY, GUERRAND or DANIELS.

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DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

1. On 12 September 1949, in an interview with Reverent CURTIS DANIELS, 825 - 35th Avenue, Oakland, California, the following information was ascertained: On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1430 hours, PST, Reverend DANIELS, while riding on a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, sighted six (6) or more objects appearing to be in formation and traveling at a speed slower than that of a jet aircraft. These objects were oval in shape, at an undetermined altitude, at a distance laterally of approximately ten (10) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was estimated as from three (3) to four (4) seconds. Color was expressed as silvery, and objects apparently were of solid construction. Estimated size, as they appeared from Rev. DANIEL's view, was like a "half dollar", and estimated size was 20 feet in diameter. The objects were going ENE and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of objects there was no means of aero dynamic support. There was no sound; no fins or stabilizers were visible; and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was estimated at "slower than jet aircraft." Objects faded from view. Rev. DANIELS' attention was drawn to these objects by Mr. GURRAND.

NOTE: Rev. DANIELS is Colored, and his religious sect is "Sanctified Pentecostal". His wife is considered a "Prophetess". Rev. DANIELS impressed this agent as being a "religious fanatic" and as not particularly responsible or reliable. DANIELS lives in an extremely low class Colored neighborhood and attempts to interview neighbors to establish DANIELS' reliability were not successful.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. On 13 September 1949, Mrs. GEORGE DALY, 341 Bartlett Street (owner of the residence at 2513 Sacramento Street); Mrs. LORENZ, 2522 Sacramento Street; and Mr. MANCEBA, 2513 Sacramento Street, all of San Francisco, California, stated



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that they have known Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND for from three (3) to fifteen (15) years. Nothing derogatory was known of SUBJECT and he was described as being "temperate in habits", "dogmatic in his view points", and because of his advancing years tended to "insist on having his own way."

3. On 14 September 1949, Mr. HENRY T. TANIMURA, Proprietor, Anglo Hotel Apartments, 1550 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California, stated that he has known ROY OLIVER NEELY for approximately three (3) years, during which time NEELY lived at the Anglo Hotel Apartments. NEELY was described as being a responsible tenant, causing no trouble, and Mr. TANIMURA further stated that as far as he knew, he had no reason to doubt NEELY's reliability.

4. On 14 September 1949, Captain HOWARD A. CARLSON, 12456-A, Detachment Commander, Detachment E, 3903 Radar Bomb Scoring Squadron, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, was interviewed and stated that on 1 August 1949, two (2) radar testing devices were released; one (1) at approximately 1000 hours, PST, and another at 1400 hours, PST.

5. On 13 September 1949, the files of the following agencies were checked and contained no information re DANIELS, GURBAND or NEELY:

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F.B.I. Field Office, San Francisco, California

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will obtain signed statements from observers.

2. Will obtain sketches from observers.

NOTE: GUNBAND and DANIELS are presently on vacation and are not expected back until 1 October 1949.





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FILE NO. [illegible]-28 DATE September 1949

REPORT MADE BY JACK S. MARTIN

REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

PERIOD 6, 7 September 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

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PROJECT GRUDGE
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August 1949 in Vicinity of San Francisco, California

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CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, upon receipt of report from Mr. T. QUINN, Office of Naval Intelligence, 12th Naval District, Federal Building, San Francisco, California. Mr. EDWARD W. GUERRARD, who was described as "excitable with a tendency to exaggerate", stated that on 1 August 1949, while on a boat entering the Golden Gate, he sighted several objects which he described as being oval, at an undetermined altitude, and which appeared to be traveling faster than jet aircraft. These objects were brought to the attention of other passengers on the boat. Radar units in the Bay Area revealed that there were testing devices aloft on 1 August 1949.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the District Commander, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, upon receipt of report from Mr. T. QUINN, Office of Naval Intelligence, 12th Naval District, Federal Building, San Francisco, California, dated 2 September 1949.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. On 2 September 1949, in an interview with Mr. EDWARD W. GURBAND, sales clerk, Jerry's Bait Shop, 1675 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, California, the following information was ascertained: On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1400 hours, PST, Mr. GURBAND, while riding on a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, sighted two (2) objects appearing to be in formation and traveling at a speed greater than that of jet aircraft. These objects were oval in shape, from 10,000 to 25,000 feet in altitude, at a distance laterally of approximately eight (8) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was approximately 35 to 40 seconds and the objects appeared to be silvery in color, having oval shapes, and apparently of solid construction. Size of these objects, as they appeared from GURBAND's view, were approximately the size of a penny, and the estimated size was approximately 40 feet in diameter. The objects were going due North, and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of the objects, there was no means of aero dynamic support. There was no sound, no fins or stabelizers were visible, and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was estimated at from one to one and one-half times faster than jet aircraft. Mr. GURBAND stated that objects disappeared behind fog bank. Mr. GURBAND called the attention of the other members of the boat to these objects which appeared to be in formation, and after they had disappeared from view, Mr. GURBAND, several minutes later, spotted approximately seven (7) more of these objects in trail formation at the same altitude, traveling in the same direction and being identical with the original objects.





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DETAILS (cont'd)

3. On 6 September 1949, in an interview with Captain ROY OLIVER NEELY, 1550 Fillmore Street, Apartment 506, San Francisco, California, Captain of a commercial passenger fishing boat for Jerry's Bait Shop, the following information was ascertained: On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1430 hours, PST, Mr. GURBAND, who was a passenger on the boat and was known to Captain NEELY as being a sales clerk in Jerry's Bait Shop, San Francisco, California, called his attention to several objects (four or more) in the sky. At this time the fishing boat was approaching San Francisco in the main ship channel of the Golden Gate, was approximately 200 yards South of No. 2 Buoy, and was due East of the San Francisco Light Ship. At this time the objects were approximately nine (9) miles away, laterally, at an angle of elevation from the horizon of 45°, at an approximate altitude of 1000 feet. Sighting time was less than a minute. Objects were described as being silver in color, and having a square shape, approximating that of a box kite. Construction seemed to be solid, and the size, as it appeared from Captain NEELY's view, was twelve (12) inches square. The direction of flight was approximated as SSE and appeared to be climbing. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no lights were noticed, either reflected or attached, no aero dynamic support was visible other than shape of object. There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, either propeller or jet, no fins or stabilizers were noticed and no slots or dust openings were visible. No sound was heard, and the speed was estimated as at jet speed or better. These objects faded from view.

NOTE: Discrepancies in the shape, altitude, and direction of flight, between Mr. GURBAND's version and Captain NEELY's version were noted and questioned. Both were convinced of the accuracy of their own statements.

4. On 6 September 1949, Mr. JERRY VEST, 1675 O'Farrell Street, Jerry's Bait Shop, San Francisco, California, stated that Mr. EDWARD GURBAND had worked for him for approximately ten (10) years, as a sales clerk and that Captain NEELY had been employed by him as Captain of his commercial passenger





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fishing boat for eight (8) years. Records of his boat log showed that on 1 August 1949, the following list of people had made a fishing trip outside the Golden Gate:

Captain ROY OLIVER NEELY
EDWARD W. GURBAND
Reverend CURTIS DANIELS, 825 - 33th Avenue,
Oakland, California
Mr. HYNES
Mr. MARTIN

There were no addresses given for HYNES or MARTIN, and these names were unfamiliar to Mr. VEST, Captain NEELY and Mr. GURBAND. Mr. VEST described GURBAND as being rather excitable and as having a tendency to exaggerate. Nothing derogatory was known of Mr. GURBAND and he was also described as being honest and trustworthy. Captain NEELY was described as being rather "easy going" with no tendency to exaggerate or to become excited.

5. On 6 September 1949, the Winds Aloft Report from the Oakland Air Port, on 1 August 1949, at 1300 hours, PST, was as follows:

| Altitude | Direction | Speed |
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| 14000 " | " | 20 " |
| 16000 " | S | 15 " |

Weather report from Alcatraz Island, on 1 August 1949, at 1630 hours, PST, showed a visibility of 10 miles, clear sky,





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surface winds at SW at 15 knots, temperature 61°. Weather report from the Coast Guart, Fort Point Station, San Francisco, California, on 1 August 1949, at 1400 hours, PST, showed barometric pressure 30.22, temperature 62°, westerly wind at 12 to 15 miles per hour. Sea calm, scattered clouds, 6 to 8 mile visibility. Weather report from San Francisco Light Ship, for 1 August 1949, 1300 hours, PST, showed barometric pressure 30.19, temperature 70°, westerly wind 8 to 12 miles per hour; light sea; visibility 15 to 20 miles. Scattered clouds.

6. On 7 September 1949, it was learned from the San Francisco Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) that there were 161 listed air carriers in the Bay Area. Only 14 of these have regularly scheduled flights and less than one percent of the remaining file any kind of plan or clearance for their flights. A check with the Oakland Air Port and the San Francisco Air Port revealed that less than one percent of the planes normally using those fields file any type of schedule or clearance. A check with the Hamilton Air Force Base and a check at the Navy Alameda Air Station disclosed that on 1 August 1949, there were numerous flights made by military aircraft in and around the Bay Area.

7. On 7 September 1949, Air Force Radar Installations at Treasure Island and Fort Baker, both at San Francisco, California, revealed that they send aloft radar testing devices known as "kites" twice each day at approximately 1000 and 1600 Hours, PST. These devices are of aluminum sheet, approximately five (5) feet on a side, roughly diamond shaped and containing double sets of triangular fins on the top side. These are carried aloft by gas filled balloons and when these devices reach a high enough altitude, the expanding gases cause the balloons to burst and the "kites" drift earthward.

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## UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

1. Will conduct an interview with Reverend CURTIS DANIELS, 825 - 35th Avenue, Oakland, California.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. Will obtain signed statements from observers.

3. Will conduct further interviews with people to evaluate reliability of observers.

4. Will determine exact number of radar testing devices sent aloft on 1 August 1949.

5. Will check F.B.I. and Police Department, San Francisco, records re observers.



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# COMPLAINT FORM

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## I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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| SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Mr. Tom Quinn | DATE: 30 August 1949 | TIME: 1630 |
| ORGANIZATION: 12th Naval District<br>Office of Naval Intelligence | PLACE: Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. | |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO. | HOW RECEIVED: Telephonically | |
| | TITLE: Case No. 24-28, Project Grudge<br>UNKNOWN OBJECTS sighted San Francisco, California, 1 August 1949 | |
| BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.<br>Federal Building<br>San Francisco, California<br>MA 1-3828, Ext 578 | CHARACTER: Special Inquiry | |

## II. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Mr. Quinn was contacted by Mr. Ed W. Gurband, 2518 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California, on 29 August 1949, with the information that he (Gurband) had sighted a total of nine (9) flying saucers on 1 August 1949, while fishing in the main shipping channel of San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. Mr. Gurband stated that there were several witnesses besides himself. Mr. Gurband further reported that on 29 August 1949, he and other persons (number unknown) sighted a falling parachute which was shredded and raveled.

S/A Jack S. Martin, San Francisco Detachment, 19th District OSI, has been designated to do the necessary preliminary investigation and an initial report will follow upon completion. This office notified your headquarters on 30 August 1949, and was assigned Case No. 24-28 for this case. S/A Martin will complete all necessary investigations.

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Detachment Commander

## III. OPEN NEW FILE 24-28
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
19TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

OPNS/EEH/rw
31 August 1949

19D OSI 24-28

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August 49
in Vicinity of San Francisco, Calif.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Detachment Commander
19th OSI District (IG)
Presidio of San Francisco
California

1. Transmitted herewith is assignment card for case number 24-28, Subject: As above.

2. The necessary investigation will be conducted by a Special Agent of your Detachment, and results submitted to this Headquarters as soon as practicable.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SWOPE:

BRYDEN E. MOON
Captain, USAF
Chief, Investigations Branch

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TO : 19D OSI 24-28

DATE: 31 August 1949

FROM : Chief, Investigative Branch

SUBJECT: Project Grudge
Unidentified Aircraft 1 August in vicinity of San Francisco.

Mr. Herold called 0930 hours, 31 August 1949 and was informed that the case number for this sighting would be 24-28.

Bryden E. Moon

BRYDEN E. MOON,
Captain, USAF,
Chief, Investigative Branch

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TO : Chief, Investigations Branch DATE: 30 August 1949

FROM : Captain Ford

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aircraft 1 Aug 49
in Vicinity of San Francisco, Calif

Captain Herold, of the Presidio Detachment, telephoned at 1630 hours this date and requested that Captain Moon call 31 August 1949 for the purpose of assigning a case number for the reported sighting of unidentified objects in the air over San Francisco, California, on 1 August 1949.

John P Ford
JOHN P. FORD
Captain, USAF
Chief, Administrative Branch

Capt Moon was informed of this on 31 Aug 1949.

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28 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident - 1 1/2 miles from Lake Erie Shoreline near Point Place and Naval Armory on U. S. Route 25, between Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to Routing and Record Sheet, your office, dated 24 June 1949, requesting investigation be conducted on the "flying objects" at Toledo, Ohio.

2. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the final report of Special Agent PHILIP F. HOOKER, of this office, dated 28 June 1949.

3. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

Incl:
Rpt of SA PHILIP F. HOOKER
dtd 28 June 49 (in dup)

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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

FILE NO. 5D 24-21V

DATE 28 June 1949

REPORT MADE BY PHILIP F. HOOKER emb

REPORT MADE AT DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

PERIOD 23, 24 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

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Incident - 1 1/2 miles from Lake Erie Shoreline near Point Place and Naval Armory on U. S. Route 25, between Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio
0 Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D. C., thru Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Information received that RALPH K. GASS, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio claims to have seen four strange objects, one of which landed on an island 1 1/2 miles from shore in the vicinity of Point Place and the Naval Armory, U. S. Route 25, between Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio. GASS interviewed, reiterated claim, drew sketch and gave description of objects, including dimensions. Toledo police records list GASS as AWOL from U. S. Navy on 30 October 1944 and apprehended 20 December 1944. Toledo Veterans Administration records list GASS's service-connected disability as 30% psychoneurosis, anxiety state and 10% fracture, left carpal navicular, post operative. Statements verifying this attached.

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon a telephone conversation between Mr. G. T. TOWLES, Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio and Mr. JOHN E. MORRILL of 5th District, Office of Special Investigations, regarding the claim of Mr. RALPH K. GASS, to the effect that he had seen four strange objects, one of which landed on an island extending 1 1/2 miles from the shoreline near Point Place and the Naval Armory on U. S. Route 25, between Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio.

2. On 23 June 1949, Mr. RALPH K. GASS, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio was interviewed regarding strange objects he claims to have seen while enroute from Monroe, Michigan to Toledo, Ohio and which he reported to the Research and Development Section, Department of the Navy on 23 June 1949. Mr. GASS stated in substance regarding the above mentioned incident with quotations as follows:

a. After attending a gathering of his old shipmates at Monroe, Michigan he was returning to his home in Toledo, Ohio on U. S. Route 25 when he happened to look to the rear of his car and noticed an "object" in the air coming from a north-northeasterly direction. This object startled him and he looked again and then stopped his car, after which he observed three other similar objects. This occurred at 0432 hours on 23 June 1949. After stopping his car, he took his binoculars from the glove compartment and tried to the best of his ability to observe every detail of the "craft". Shortly after 0432 hours one of said "craft" landed on an unoccupied island which extends 1 1/2 miles from the shoreline into Lake Erie, between Point Place and the Naval Armory on U. S. Route 25.

b. According to his observation, the "craft" had a "long extension landing gear built like a tripod, but with two units forward of the main spar and one aft. The craft that landed did not have 'wheels' but hoof-shaped gear in place of wheels, with one hoof on each hydraulic landing gear. Each unit when extended seemed to be approximately eight feet long and while on the ground the craft set approximately five feet above the ground."

c. "After the one craft landed a hatch opened from the port side of the craft" and two men were observed to get out of the craft, one seeming to be a military officer since he wore "shoulder-boards" on his uniform; the uniforms of the men appeared to be of a blue-gray color, one man wearing an officer's cap and the other an overseas cap; and the men wore "Russian or military type" boots. Upon alighting from the craft, the man, observed by Mr. GASS to be an officer, held a sack which the second man filled with two "handfuls of soil", after which both men re-entered the craft and closed the hatch, which appeared to be "hydraulically operated". After the hatch was closed the craft remained still for 30 seconds and then took off. The craft was on the ground for a "total of 4 1/2 or 5 minutes." Mr. GASS said that



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while the one craft was on the ground he observed a "whiny" sound, but could not determine whether it came from the craft on the ground or the three craft hovering above.

d. While the hatch was open he observed "a number of tubes running at an angle of 70° to 80° down to the bottom of the craft. The tubes were located inside the hatch and seemed to be reaction chambers of some type, or expansion chambers."

e. The craft "took off in a northwesterly direction with a 70° angle of ascent and was slow at the beginning with a sudden burst of speed upward." After the craft had reached an altitude of "approximately 1200 feet" it joined the three other craft which had been hovering above the island while the first craft landed and the four aircraft then flew off, continuing in the northwesterly direction "at an approximate speed of 600-650 miles per hour, comparable to an American jet aircraft. Their speed increased at a rate which could not be judged any further, but as a layman I judged the speed at approximately 1600-1900 miles per hour, or that of a super-sonic speed. The (four) craft disappeared above the horizon at an altitude of approximately 8000 feet, and were climbing at a steady rate" before they went out of sight.

f. From his observation, two of the three craft in the air were made of stainless steel and the third was of a "bluish" cast, while the fourth craft which landed was also made of stainless steel; the dimensions of these objects or craft were "approximately 80 feet in length and 45 to 50 feet in width; the profile of the craft resembled a "wing section of an aircraft, the thickness of which was eight to ten feet at the widest part", and the weight of the aircraft was approximately 40 to 60 ton.

g. "The control of the craft from a propulsion standpoint was handled internally" and there was "no external trace of any jet or reciprocating engines."

h. The weather conditions were clear and the clouds were high, with a ceiling of approximately 4000 feet.

i. He had called the city desk of the New York Daily Mirror, New York City, at 0530 hours, 23 June 1949 and tried to relate his story to them and was told that they were not interested in his story; he then called the Research and Development Section of the Navy at Washington, D. C.

j. He held the rating of Fireman 1/c in the Navy on an L.S.T. during the war; his serial number was 7232106; he was discharged on 3 December 1947 with a 40% disability which was due to a nervous condition which he said had improved since that time. He is a general machinist by trade but is unemployed and is living on his disability pension.

3. During this interview, Mr. GASS was requested by this agent to make a sketch of the object or craft which he claims to have seen. Mr. GASS attempted



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to make a sketch of the craft at this time, but apparently didn't seem satisfied with his efforts and requested this agent to call back the next morning for the sketch. Mr. GASS displayed the binoculars he used to observe the objects. They bore the following information: "Monarch, Made in Tokyo, Japan, 8 x 25, 61613".

4. This agent requested Mr. GASS to accompany him to the location where the strange object was supposed to have landed, and tentative arrangements were made. It was agreed that Mr. GASS would call this agent the next morning (24 June 1949) when he was ready to proceed to that vicinity.

5. On 23 June 1949, after conducting the above interview with Mr. GASS, this agent made a check of the Bureau of Identification and Records, Toledo Police Department, Toledo, Ohio. Records revealed that RALPH K. GASS, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio was listed as AWOL from the U. S. Navy on 30 October 1944. Filed with the records were fingerprint card and U. S. Navy Circular requesting arrest as a deserter offering $50.00 reward and giving his serial number as 7232106. Also filed was another Navy circular stating that RALPH K. GASS was apprehended 20 December 1944 by the U. S. Navy. Records also revealed that RALPH K. GASS was born 26 August 1924 at Toledo, Ohio.

6. At approximately 0300 hours, 24 June 1949, Mr. GASS made a telephone call to the Lorraine Hotel, 12th & Jefferson Streets, Toledo, Ohio and informed this agent that he would not be able to accomplish the sketch as requested since he had broken the compass to his drawing set and would not be able to replace it until the next morning. At this time Mr. GASS inquired whether it would be suitable to wear "dungarees" on the previously mentioned trip to the island where the objects were supposed to have landed.

7. On 24 June 1949, at 0830 hours this agent again contacted RALPH K. GASS by telephone at his residence, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio and informed Mr. GASS that it would be impossible to make the trip to the vicinity where the strange objects were supposed to have landed. During the conversation this agent asked Mr. GASS if he had been able to make a sketch of the object he claimed to have seen and Mr. GASS replied that he hadn't, but that he could have one ready by 1130 hours that day.

8. On 24 June 1949, this agent interviewed Mr. L. E. GREER, Training Specialist, Veteran's Administration, 501 Huron Street, Toledo 4, Ohio regarding Mr. RALPH K. GASS. Mr. GREER stated that Mr. GASS had been in enlisted status in the Navy from 10 November 1942 to 3 December 1947 and had spent two years of this time overseas; that Mr. GASS had joined the Navy after completing his tenth year of school; that his disability at the time of separation from the Navy was 10%; that his Claim Number was 12173224; his Social Security Number was 271-20-1006; and that he had been receiving training at the University of Toledo Junior College under Public Law 346. Mr. GREER further stated that Mr. GASS had enrolled 2 February 1948 at the University of Toledo Junior College and was taking an engineering course (day school, 12 hours per day); that his attendance at the school was bad; that he had

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to be reinstated at two different times by two different professors; and that GASS finally left school at his own request on 15 April 1948. Mr. GREER referred this agent to Dr. H. A. RICHARDSON, Chief, Out-Patient Service, Veterans Administration, also at that address, for further information. Attached is an extract from VA Form 7-1902i, dated 9 March 1948, regarding RALPH K. GASS, C-12-173-224, which was obtained from Mr. GREER.

9. On 24 June 1949, this agent interviewed Dr. H. A. RICHARDSON, Chief, Out-Patient Service, Veterans Administration, 501 Huron Street, Toledo 4, Ohio, who reviewed his files on RALPH K. GASS and found that Mr. GASS had a service-connected rating, dated 1 February 1949, by the Veterans Administration of "30%, Psychoneurosis, anxiety state; and 10% Fracture, left carpal navicular, post operative". Attached hereto is Veterans Administration letter dated 24 June 1949, signed by Dr. H. A. RICHARDSON, bearing the reference number 66SR10, C-12 172 224, GASS, RALPH KENNETH, to that effect.

10. On 24 June 1949, this agent interviewed Dr. CHARLES A. BOHNENGEL, Psychiatrist, Veterans Administration, 501 Huron Street, Toledo 4, Ohio, who reviewed the files on RALPH K. GASS and found that Mr. GASS had a moderate psychiatric disability. Attached hereto is "Transcript of N. P. Examination Conducted at V.A. Office on December 20, 1948" on RALPH K. GASS, Claim No. C-12 173 224, which was obtained from Dr. BOHNENGEL.

11. On 24 June 1949, at 1130 hours, this agent proceeded to Mr. GASS's residence and upon arriving there found Mr. GASS had not made the sketch as promised, and after much persuasive discussion Mr. GASS consented to prepare the sketch which is attached hereto.

INCLOSURES:

1. Photostatic copy of sketch prepared by RALPH K. GASS, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio.
2. Photostatic copy of SUMMARY OF MEDICAL DATA AVAILABLE IN C-FOLDER AND NOT OF RECORD ON RATING SHEET, extracted from VA Form 7-1902i, dated 3-9-48
3. Photostatic copy of Veterans Administration Letter bearing RALPH K. GASS's service connected disability rating dated 24 June 1949.
4. Photostatic copy of TRANSCRIPT OF N.P. EXAMINATION CONDUCTED AT V.A. OFFICE ON DECEMBER 20, 1948, regarding RALPH K. GASS.

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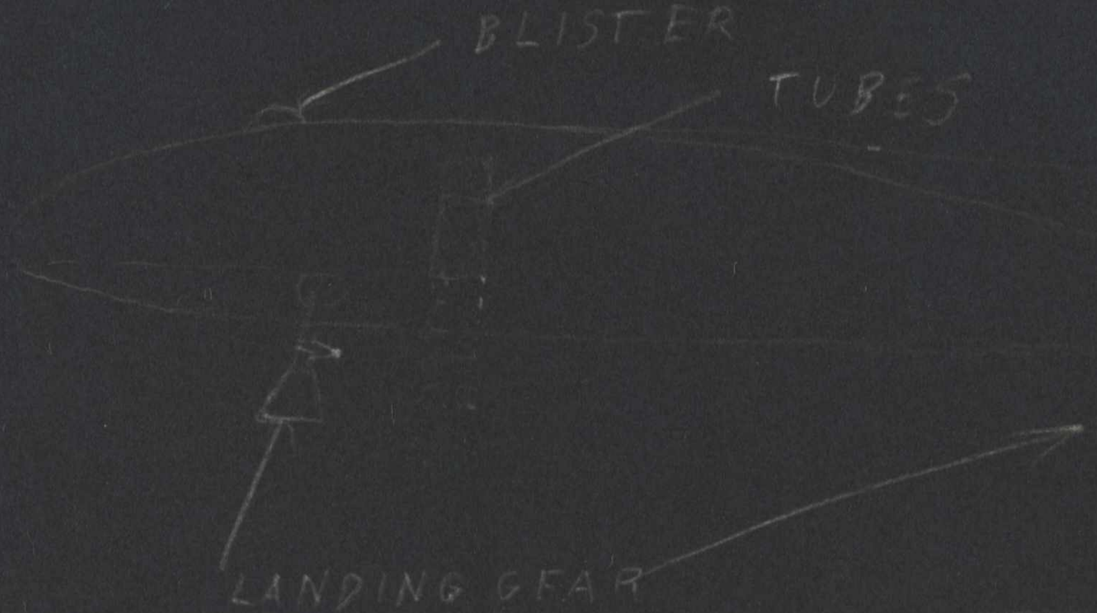


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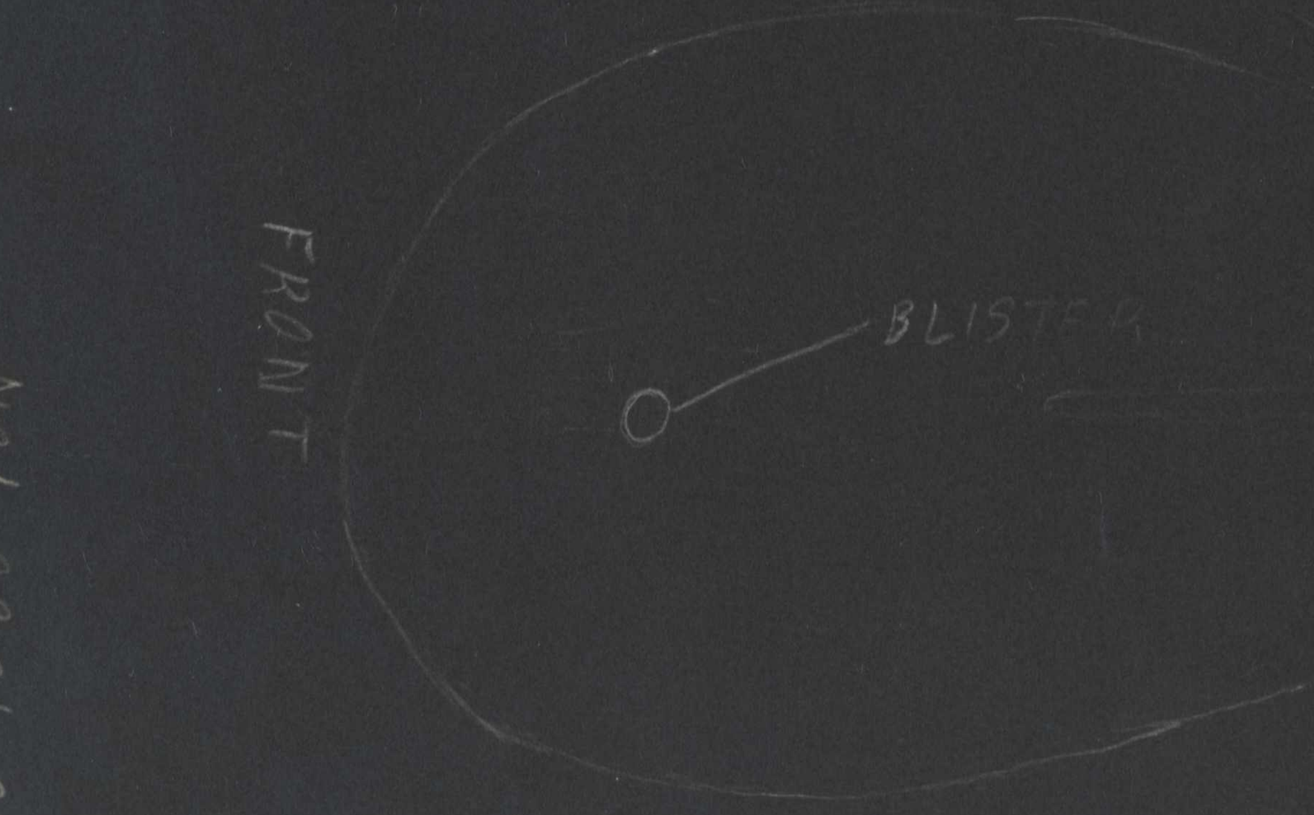


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# VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

501 Huron Street
Toledo 4, Ohio

June 24, 1949

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 66SR10
C-12 173 224
GASS, Ralph Kenneth

To Whom It May Concern:

The above-named veteran has a service-connected rating dated February 1, 1949 by the Veterans Administration as follows:

30%, Psychoneurosis, anxiety state.
10%, Fracture, left carpal navicular, post operative.

H. A. Richardson

H. A. RICHARDSON, M.D.
Chief, Out-Patient Service

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Extract from V[redacted]orm 7-1902i Dated 3-9-48

GASS, Ralph K. C-12-173-224

SUMMARY OF MEDICAL DATA AVAILABLE IN C-FOLDER AND NOT OF RECORD ON RATING SHEET

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Personality change during overseas service. He had gone thru 10 grades in school, and 2 years of navy duty without disciplinary action. He then stated drinking excessively, became restless and irritable, seclusive. Psychologic examination revealed a typical neurotic pattern with anxiety features. He was on trial for AWOL, missing ship, etc., but because of his pronounced anxiety state it was felt that it would be detrimental to his mental health and conducive to serious mental illness to subject him to disciplinary action.

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TRANSCRIPT OF N.P. EXAMINATION CONDUCTED AT V.A. OFFICE ON DECEMBER 20, 1948.

GASS, Ralph K. C-12 173 224

MILITARY HISTORY:

Enlisted in the Navy Nov 10, 1942. Following boot training assigned as fireman 2nd class to frontier base at Staten Island. Went overseas in May. 1944 as crew member of an L.S.T. Took part in Palau, Lingayen Gulf, Okinawa and Tsulsenshima engagements. Received shrapnel wounds in back at Palan and was blown out of a fox hole in Okinawa After war was over, but while still in service, wrist was injured as a result of an accident in engine room of the L.S.T. No doctors were present, the wrist was treated for sprain for 9 months at end of which time it was discovered that it had been fractured. Throughout the war period he experienced long and arduous combat duty. Was overseas 22 months altogether. Was on a 6 year hitch and after return to the States in Sept of 1946 went on duty at San Diego as mess cook. It was here that the fracture of the wrist was discovered. Hospitalized and a bone was removed in Dec. 1946. Returned to duty in Feb. 1947. Assigned light duty on an aircraft carrier on coast wise duty. Hospitalized for a "nervous condition" for first time in June 1947. Returned to his ship in August 1947. Remained on duty till Dec. 3, 1947 when he was surveyed out of the Navy from his ship on grounds of "nervous disability".

INDUSTRIAL RECORD:

Completed 8th grade at the age of 17. Had lost 3 years because of an "enlarged heart caused by scarlet fever" at the age of 3. Went to high school for 2 months, because of restlessness or result of mother's surveillance, and entered the Navy. While hospitalized in the Navy, claims he made up about 3 years of Hi School credit and following separation he entered Toledo University as a special chemical engineering student under PL 346 and then PL 16. After 2 months quit because his records were confused with his brother's records and he wasn't receiving government checks. Worked at Willys-Overland for 2 months as spot welder at $1.87/hr. However, couldn't do this heavy work because of his wrist which was still weak and so he had to quit. Took short vacation, tried to study but couldn't concentrate. Worked as machine operator at Electric Auto Lite at $1.42/hr. This was production work and he was too "nervous" and slow to keep up with the machine. Wrist was sore and he finally quit after a month. Was too afraid of the punch press job, which was offered to him as an alternative. Returned to Willys-Overland. Worked one day on the assembly line. Again the work was too heavy for his wrist and to fast for his "nerves". Was laid off as the result. This was in August 1948, and the pay would have been $1.92 per hour if he could have kept up with production. Since Aug. 1948 has been going to nite school at Scott High School to get the one credit he needs for graduating. Is paying for this himself since he wants to save his PL 16 credit for eventual university training. Has not been gainfully employed since August 1948.

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MEDICAL RECORD:

Saw Dr. Howard Murphy of Toledo once. Dec. 8, 1948. Received advice to soak wrist in hot water, stay away from bandages as much as possible and was given some "nerve" medicine.

SOCIAL RECORD:

Age 24. Born and reared in Toledo the second of 2 siblings and the son of a R.R. Engineer. Parents are said to have always gotten along fairly well. Mother has always been over-solicitous of him and still "babys" him to his considerable annoyance. She has always been worrisome and easily upset. Much of her over-solicitude seems to have been due to the fact that vet was always considered to have a bad heart as result of scarlet fever. Had "leakage of the heart" and enlarged heart. Had "black outs" and "weak spells" and he would have to sit on side walk to rest. This would occur when he would run or play too hard. As a result he was not allowed to go up and down stairs, missed a lot of time in school and spent about 3 years in a special school for the handicaped children. Yet in spite of all this alleged disability, he was taken into the Navy without much difficulty. The examining doctors, at the time, commented casually that he had a "little murmur which didn't amount too much". Except for his military Service, he has always lived at home under the thumb of his mother. Even now, he would like to live away from home, but mother through her pleadings with him, always manages to extract a promise from him to put the move off for another few months. While in Service, the only girl he was seriously interested in, gave his engagement ring back recently and he has been too deeply engrossed in his studies to pay attention to girls. Has always been shy and withdrawn. Didn't meet people very much, but is planning to learn to dance at Arthur Murrays so that he can get out and meet people more. Has had a few sex relations with pick-ups while in Service.

PRESENT ILLNESS:

Vet dates the onset of his anxiety, tension and restlessness to the period just prior to entry in Service, when he began to rebel against mothers over-solicitude and surveillance, and wanted to get out and do things for himself but couldn't. After entering Service in Nov. 42, enjoyed his freedom and felt more at ease than he ever had before. However, in Sept. '44 he was authorized to go ashore at Palau. Did some sovenier hunting, was pinned down by snipers and unable to get back to his ship in time for its departure. Was there-

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fore listed as AWOL. In Nov '44, was returned to ship and court martialed. It was his understanding that he would be acquitted because of the circumstances. However, when his trial finally came up, he was found guilty and declared a deserter. This incident seemed to sweep OUT FROM UNDER HIM all of the self-confidence he had managed to build up in himself. Following that he grew increasingly tense and anxious apparently more as a result of discouragement than the subsequent severe fighting. He remained with the same outfit for 18 more months and seemed never to be able to live it dow, at least as far as his own conscience was concerned. When he reached Shanghai, was depressed, started drinking heavily and go into two more minor disciplinary scrapes. Anxiety and tension increased until he was finally separated as a result. Used to have nite mares, re-enacting the same old battle experiences. Usually of stretcher bearers picking up parts of blown up men. In civilian life while still living under the thumb of his mother, he has not been able to hit his stride either occupationally or educationally in spite of several sincere but faltering an abortive attempts.

ON PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION:

He is anxious, tense and insecure. Gives the above story with a tendency to blame his difficulties on external circumstances but on the whole, seems to have fairly good working insight into the dynamics and at the end of the interview asks for psychotherapy which will be arranged. He is also sensitive about some teeth that are missing in front of his mouth. They were lost as result of a service connected injury.

DIAGNOSIS: Anxiety Reaction. Moderate. Competent.

PREDISPOSITION: An over-solicitous mother with life long over-emphasis on a minor heart ailment.

EXTERNAL STRESS: Severe combat; Two years of Service within the confines of a single L.S.T. An unfortunate disciplinary action which shattered what little morale he had been able to build up in two years of satisfactory service prior to the incident.

PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY: Moderate

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The description of the external precipitating stress, the predisposing factors and the adjective description of the estimated resultant incapacity recorded in this examination, are for fuller psychiatric study and treatment purposes. They are not determinative as a basis for compensation or pension purposes. The adjudicating agencies are responsible for the evaluation of all evidence available in determining entitlement to compensation or pension.

Charles Bohnengel

CHARLES A. BOHNENGEL, M.D.
Psychiatrist.

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Report made by: EARL E. ROBERTS

Report made at: DO #12, Scott AFB

Period: 22 June 1949

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Status: RUC

Title: FLYING SAUCERS and Phenomena

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference: Report of S/A ROBERT A. SCHELLHOUS, DO #18, dated 2 June 1949

Synopsis

Interview with Mrs. EVA UNDERWOOD, Rural Route No. 1, Puxico, Missouri, disclosed her living in Mexico City, D. F., Mexico, the wife of a Mexican citizen, until approximately two years ago. She would hear talk of secret weapons during conversations with various Mexicans; also, she was told of an underground aircraft factory near Monterrey, Mexico, during an arguement with her husband concerning the merits of Mexico and the United States. She saw neither the factory or any aircraft.

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DETAILS:

AT PUXICO, MISSOURI

1. Mrs. EVA UNDERWOOD, was interviewed on 22 June 1949 at the home of her father on Route #1, Puxico, Missouri. She stated that she had married RICARDO ROMERO, a Mexican citizen, in Texas approximately seven (7) years ago, and had resided with him in Mexico City, D. F., for five (5) years. They are presently separated. ROMERO is a member of a famous singing combination in Mexico City, and as such, has privileges granted by high standing Mexican Statesmen, etc. He is a quiet person, is not a "blow hard" and does not usually assert himself. On the few occasions that he did, it was usually during an argument over the merits of the respective nations. On one occasion, he stated that if the United States started another war with Mexico, she would be in for a surprise. Mexico would be ready for this one with some secret weapons. He said there was a plant in the mountains near Monterrey, Mexico, where many airplanes had been manufactured. He did not mention this plant any more, only to make his wife promise not to mention it to anyone else.

Mrs. UNDERWOOD further stated that the Mexican people seemed bitter toward the United States. On several occasions, she had heard friends of her husband say that if the United States started anything, they would be ready this time. They would converse in Spanish, not knowing that she understood.

On one other occasion, ROMERO was allowed to visit an aircraft plant near Mexico City on a special pass. When she asked to accompany him, she was informed that no foreigners were allowed near the plant. He did not further mention this plant.

She visited her aunt, Mrs. FRANK GARDNER, after her separation from ROMERO and subsequent return to the United States. She mentioned the above to her aunt only casually and could not recall several of the facts reported by Mrs. GARDNER. (One of these remarks being "that these aircraft was made of some metallic material that could not be recognized in the air only as an almost invisible form".) Her aunt has a more or less vivid imagination and probably added to the story, Mrs. UNDERWOOD told her.

In further description of her husband, Mrs. UNDERWOOD stated that he was strong for his home land and did not like for her to speak ill of it. It was only on occasions when she did that he would mention these plants.

RICARDO ROMERO and his two brothers form the "Trio Tasquenes". Their mailing address is Radio Station XEX, Cordoba #48, Mexico, D. F. Mrs. UNDERWOOD believes that the trio is presently touring Cuba.

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SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident - Union, Ohio
and Cincinnati, Ohio
5 June 1949

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to Routing and Record Sheet, your office, dated 7 June 1949, requesting an investigation be conducted on an unidentified aerial object observed at Union, Ohio and Cincinnati, Ohio.

2. Forward for your information are two copies of the final report of Special Agent ROSCOE PAGE, of this office, dated 24 June 1949.

3. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

Incl:
Rpt of SA ROSCOE PAGE
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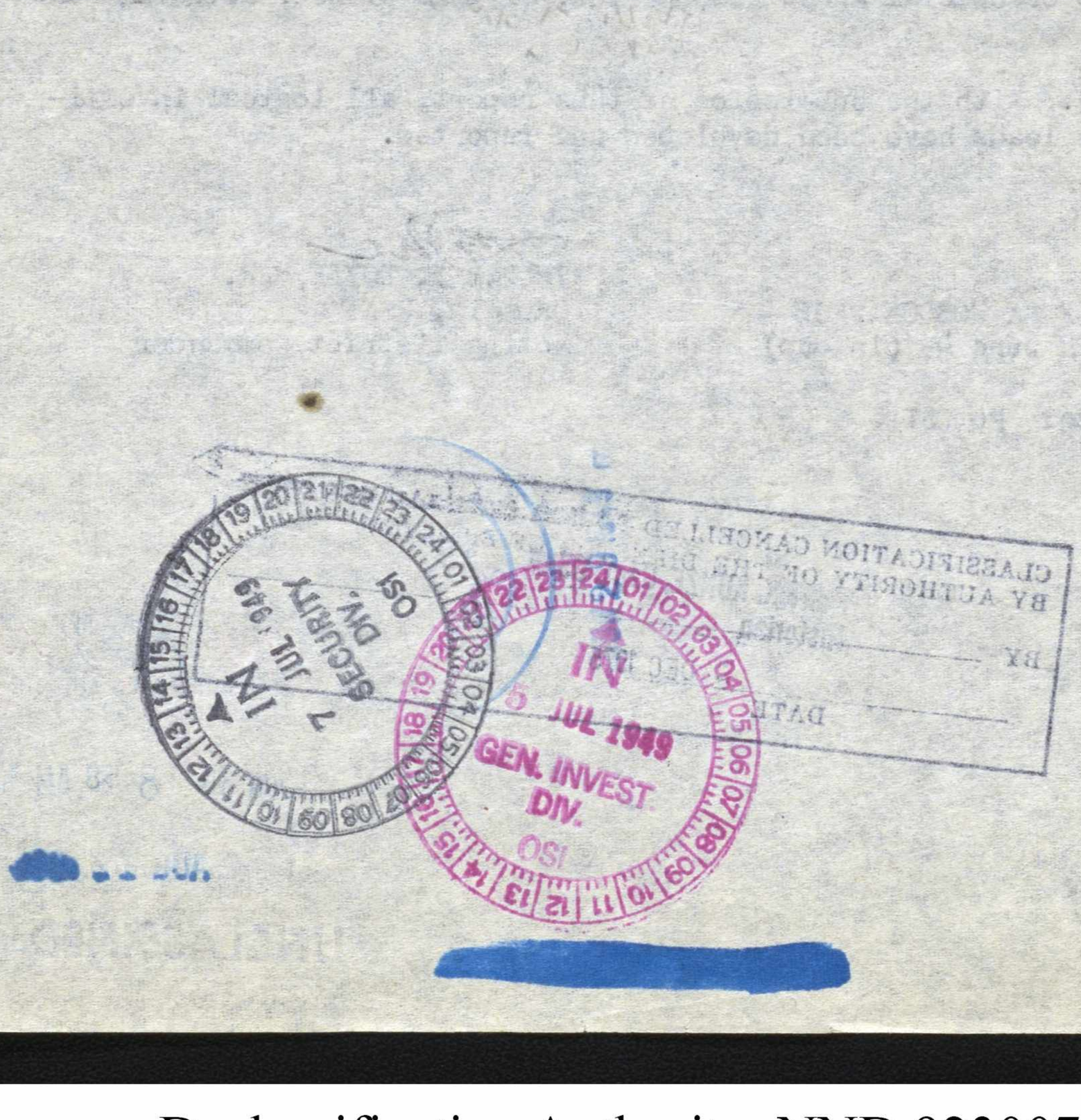


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PROJECT "GRUDGE"
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CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Lt. Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio to investigate a report that Mrs. WILLIAM L. SIMMONS, R. R. #1, Union, Ohio observed from her farm on 5 June 1949, an unidentified aerial object, two miles north of Union, Ohio. Mr. DAVID L. REIF, 1638 Brandon Avenue, Mount Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio also reported that he saw from his residence, an unidentified object in the air on the same date.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of a Routing and Record Sheet, dated 7 June 1949, from Lt. Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department (MCIAXS), Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, requesting an investigation be conducted of an unidentified aerial object observed on 5 June 1949 by Mrs. WILLIAM L. SIMMONS, R. R. #1, Union, Ohio and Mr. DAVID L. REIF, 1638 Brandon Court, Mount Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio.

AT UNION, OHIO

2. Mrs. WILLIAM L. SIMMONS, R. R. #1, Union, Ohio, housewife, was interviewed on 15 June 1949 and stated that she observed an unidentified aerial object between 1400 and 1500 hours on 5 June 1949, from the yard of their farm, which is located approximately one and a half miles north of Union, Ohio, on Route 48. Mrs. SIMMONS was looking for airplanes from the Naval Reserve, Columbus, Ohio when the object appeared at a forty five degree angle in the northwest, traveling southeast. The object went directly overhead and disappeared from sight at approximately a thirty five degree angle. Mrs. SIMMONS described the object as being approximately two feet in diameter, dull white in color, shaped like an artist's palette and flying a straight course at approximately half the speed of a jet plane, between five and eight thousand feet with the open edge forward. The object was in sight for less than two seconds. Mrs. SIMMONS called her husband's attention to the object. Mr. SIMMONS, an employee of the National Cash Register, Dayton, Ohio, saw the object just after it had passed over the farm. His description of the object corresponded with that of his wife except that the object appeared to be two feet in width, three to four feet in length, did not leave any trail or have any projections. The weather was clear, no wind was blowing and no planes were in the vicinity at the time, although planes from the airport at Vandalia, Ohio, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio or the Naval Air Station, Columbus, Ohio, had flown over their farm that day.

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

3. Mr. DAVID L. REIF, Project Engineer, Crosley Engineering Division, Crosley Motors, Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed on 14 June 1949 and he stated that he observed an unidentified aerial object at approximately 1400 hours on 5 June 1949, from the back yard of his home, which is approximately one mile southeast of the Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio. The flight pattern of the object, different than balloons or airplanes, attracted REIF's attention to the object. The object appeared to be about the size of a baseball and dark grayish brown in color. When first seen, it was almost overhead at an eighty five degree angle approximately eight to ten thousand feet in altitude. The object, traveling southeast, was round in shape and



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as it got further away from the observer, it appeared to change from a round shape to a sausage shape. The object passed through a cloud, made a steep climb, came to a halt and reversed its course, traveling northwest at a higher altitude. The object was in sight for approximately forty five seconds. The object took approximately twenty seconds from the time of its appearance to the top of its climb, and took approximately fifteen seconds to make a direct reverse of its course and disappear from sight beyond the horizon. REIF could not tell whether the object made any sound for airplanes from the Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio, were in the air at a much lower altitude; approximately 1500 to 2000 feet. The object did not leave any trail, have any projections or have any effect on the cloud it passed through. There were a few clouds at a high altitude and a light wind from the southwest; otherwise the weather was very clear.

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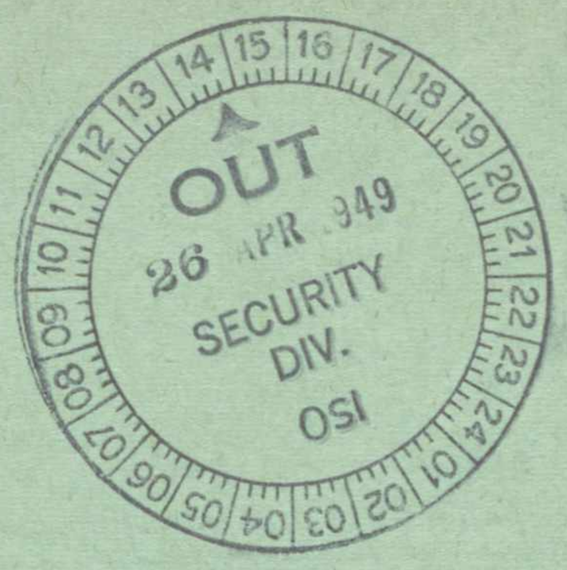


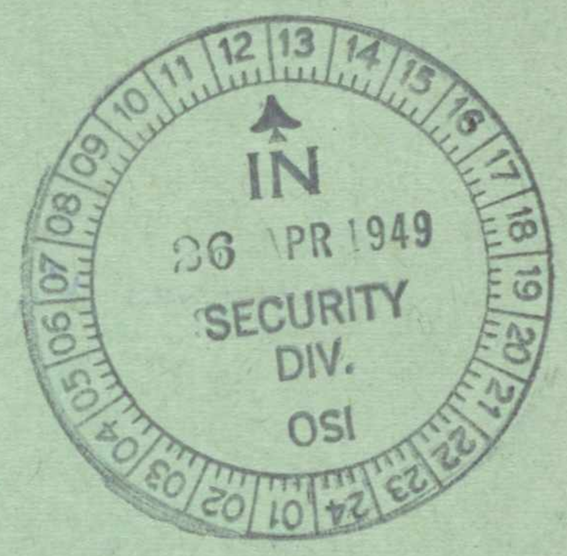


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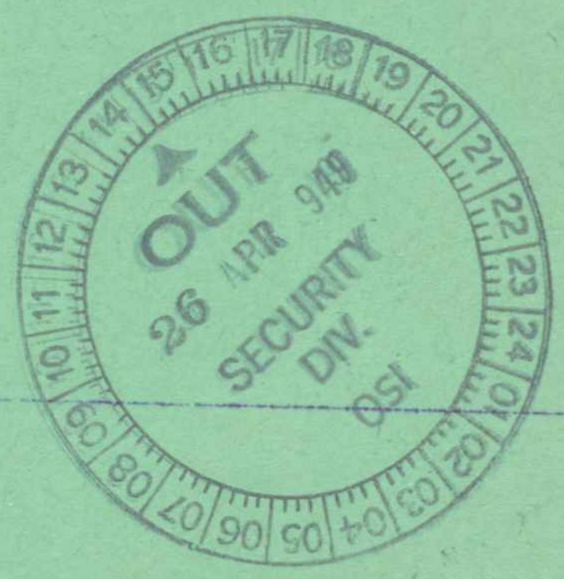


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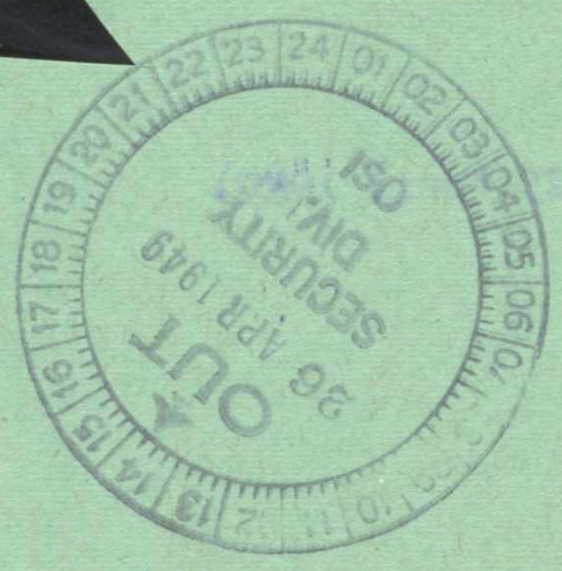


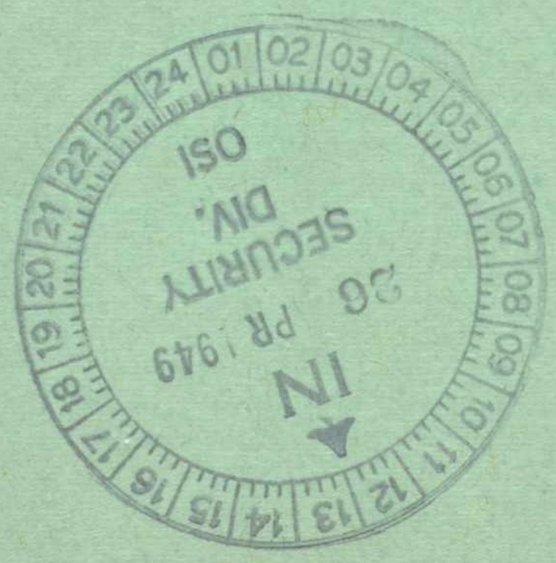


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NR : CWGD 0287 24 May 1949

At 1330 PM 21 May 1949 an object, described as a Flying Saucer was sighted over the Hanford Atomic Area by Security Operator on duty. Operator states that object traveled through the air faster than jet acft. No altitude given. Maneuverability not known. Detailed report follows.

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SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Inclosed for your information is report of investigation by Special Agent THOMAS J. SCANLAN of DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, dated 13 June 1949.

2. This investigation was not requested through this District Office.

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
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SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE" 325
Incident, 13 May 1949
St. Louis, Missouri
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAIS

1. Reference is made to your R&R, dated 24 May 1949, requesting an investigation of unidentified aerial phenomenon reported on 13 May 1949 at St. Louis, Missouri.

2. Transmitted herewith are two (2) copies of Report of Investigation by Special Agent BENJAMIN F. SELLARS, Jr., dated 6 June 1949, with inclosures, for your information.

3. This report constitutes the development of all logical leads in this case and no further investigation is contemplated by this office.

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THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

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24 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
INCIDENT OAKRIDGE, TENNESSEE
19 June 1949

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District IG
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Reference is made to report of investigation by Special Agent JOHN E. MORRILL, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, dated 29 April 1949, file number 24-21G, wherein DO #8 was requested to develop leads at Memphis, Tennessee.

2. On the basis of that request DO #8 is forwarding two (2) copies of report of investigation by Special Agent ARTHUR J. DALE, DO #8, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated 23 June 1949, file number 24-36, regarding a like incident at Oakridge, Tennessee.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
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# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE BY: ARTHUR J. DALE

REPORT MADE AT: DO #8, Maxwell AFB

PERIOD: 20 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

STATUS: RUC

TITLE

PROJECT GRUDGE
INCIDENT OAKRIDGE, TENNESSEE
19 June 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Three unidentified objects were sighted flying over Oakridge, Tennessee, at approximately 1200 hours, 19 June 1949, at an estimated 1000 ft. altitude. These objects were flying from southeast to northwest, and at an estimated speed of 10 to 12 miles per hour.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation requested by Colonel C. D. GASSER, AMC Engineering Field Officer, Oakridge, Tennessee, on 20 June 1949.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

2. At 1640 hours, 20 June 1949, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Knoxville, Tennessee, reported to the Knoxville Detachment, 6th District OSI IG, Knoxville, Tennessee, that residents of Oakridge, Tennessee, had reported sighting unidentified objects flying over Oakridge, Tennessee.

AT OAKRIDGE, TENNESSEE

3. At 1900 hours, 20 June 1949, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. ANDERSON, 102 Vance Road, Oakridge, Tennessee, stated that at approximately 1200 hours, 19 June 1949, they sighted three unidentified objects flying from the southeast, over Oakridge, Tennessee. Mrs. ANDERSON first sighted the objects and called Mr. ANDERSON's attention to them. They watched the objects until they came into closer view. They described two of the objects as being rectangular in shape, and identical. The third object was described as circular in shape, and flying either in between or slightly above the two rectangular objects. The two rectangular objects appeared to be flat and flexible. The third object was flat but did not have a flexible appearance. The rectangular objects in traveling, followed a wave-like course, and appeared to be dark in color underneath, and of bright metal finish on top. Their movements were coordinated, and their reflection in traveling was light and dark. The rectangular objects seemed to have an area of from four to ten square feet. The circular object was described as being the color of frosted glass. This third object did not follow the wave-like movement of the rectangular objects, but maintained a level flight. There was no noise to indicate how these objects were being propelled. They remained in view from 10 to 15 minutes after being sighted, and when last seen were traveling in a northwest direction. During this time the objects did not appear to either gain or loose altitude. The weather was clear with the exception of high scattered cumulus clouds, and the wind which was from an easterly direction was very slight.

4. At 2000 hours, 20 June 1949, Mrs. JOHN A. WHITE, 103 Valetta Lane, Oakridge, Tennessee, stated that Mrs. E. H. ANDERSON, her neighbor, called her attention to the three flying objects sighted by the ANDERSONS at approximately 1200 hours, 19 June 1949, and that she watched them for approximately 10 minutes. Mrs. WHITE's description and details regarding the objects were the same as Mr. and Mrs. ANDERSON's.

5. The witnesses of these objects are reputable people, and their statements are considered reliable. Mr. E. H. ANDERSON is a biologist with the Oakridge National Laboratories, Mrs. ANDERSON is a school teacher, and Mrs. JOHN A. WHITE is the wife of one of the members of the Security Division, A.E.C., Oakridge, Tennessee.





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6. At 0900 hours, 21 June 1949, Mr. RUSSELL J. YOUNKIN, Assistant Official in charge of the Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, stated that their records indicated that a balloon was released by them at 1005 hours, 19 June 1949. This balloon was followed with a theolite to an altitude of 4530 meters, and was last sighted 23 minutes after release at an altitude of 6500 meters, SSW (196) of the station. This balloon did not carry any attachments. The following is the wind recording for 19 June 1949:

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| Surface | 50 degrees | 3 Meters Per Sec |
| 2000 | 80 degrees | 3 Meters Per Sec |
| MSL | | |
| 4000 | 240 degrees | 4 Meters Per Sec |
| 6000 | 260 degrees | 5 Meters Per Sec |
| 8000 | 260 degrees | 11 Meters Per Sec |
| 10000 | 240 degrees | 12 Meters Per Sec |
| 12000 | 190 degrees | 11 Meters Per Sec |
| 14000 | 200 degrees | 12 Meters Per Sec |
| 16000 | 200 degrees | 19 Meters Per Sec |
| 18000 | 190 degrees | 24 Meters Per Sec |
| 20000 | 170 degrees | 20 Meters Per Sec |

The wind at Oakridge, Tennessee, was from an easterly direction, and the velocity up to 2000 ft. was from 4 to 7 miles per hour.

AT OAKRIDGE, TENNESSEE

7. It was verified through the Security Division, A.E.C., that K-10 weather division at Oakridge, Tennessee, did not release any balloons or other weather instruments on 19 June 1949.

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REPORT MADE BY JOHN E. KRAMB, S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #14, Lowry AFB

PERIOD 10 and 11 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #14, Lowry AFB

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TITLE

INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS, TIOGA, COLORADO

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Telephone call, A-2, Intelligence, Headquarters 15th Air Force, 10 June 1949

SYNOPSIS

Investigation was initiated at the request of Col P. D. WYNNE, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado, who on 10 June 1949 advised the writer that he had received information that a flight of unidentified aerial objects were observed by an employee of Mr C. W. BARTLETT in the vicinity of Walsenburg, Colorado, during the afternoon of 9 June 1949. Investigation revealed that a Mr TOM PERRINO, Post Office Box 107, Tioga, Colorado, employed as a farm hand by Mr C. W. BARTLETT, had sighted five unidentified objects flying in formation at approximately 20,000 feet in a northeasterly direction at a speed estimated to be between five and six hundred miles per hour. The objects were flying in two echelons - two flying parallel to each other followed by three more which changed position in relation to the two front objects by going from right to left and back behind the lead objects. The objects were in sight for an estimated fifteen seconds. Extensive investigation in the vicinity of Tioga, Gardner and Walsenburg, Colorado failed to reveal any other witnesses to the incident.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Col P. D. WYNNE, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado, who at approximately 1030 hours, 10 June 1949 verbally advised the Detachment Commandor, Investigative Detachment, 14th OSI District (IG) that he had received a report that five unidentified objects had been sighted by an employee of Mr C. W. BARTLETT in the vicinity of Walsenburg, Colorado during the afternoon of 9 June 1949.

AT TIOGA, COLORADO

2. At approximately 1830 hours, MST, 10 June 1949 the writer contacted Mr and Mrs C. W. BARTLETT, Tioga, Colorado in their home (located on Colorado State Highway 69) approximately ten miles west of Tioga and 8 miles east of Gardner, Colorado. Mr BARTLETT stated that a farm hand of his, a Tom PERRINO, had told him the preceeding evening that he had sighted five oval shaped objects flying in a northeasterly direction during the afternoon. Mr PERRINO had never seen any aerial object that resembled the ones he saw and was somewhat concerned about them. Mr BARTLETT then telephonically advised the authorities at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado of the situation.

3. On 10 June 1949 at approximately 2000 hours, MST, Mr TOM PERRINO, farm hand, was interviewed with regard to the objects he had sighted the preceeding day. Mr PERRINO stated that sometime between two and three p.m. (1400 and 1500 MST) on 9 June 1949, he had been working in a field about a mile and a half south of the BARTLETT home. Due to the scattered overcast and the possibility of rain, he had glanced at the clouds to see if it might rain. When he looked he noticed five objects, round in shape, flying at about 20,000 feet towards the north. Because he had never seen an aerial object like the ones he was observing, he watched them until they were out of sight. He estimated that they were flying at about five to six hundred miles per hour. They were in a formation of two echelons with two objects flying parallel to each other in front. The remaining three objects were to the left and rear of the two front objects and were formed in a triangular formation. The flight was at cloud level and flew in and out of the clouds. He noticed that the rear echelon moved back and forth in the rear of the front echelon. He watched them for approximately fifteen seconds when they flew out of his sight in the clouds. Mr PERRINO estimated that at the time of sighting they were at about a sixty to seventy degree angle from the horizon from him and were to the west of him. He estimated their altitude to be 20,000 feet stating that he figured this altitude when they flew over Greenhorn Peak which is about 13,000 feet in altitude. (Greenhorn Peak is located almost due north of the place of sighting and is 12334 feet in altitude) The objects were estimated to be about two feet in diameter and appeared to be perfectly round in shape. They were brown in color. Mr PERRINO stated that they were about the size he would think an AT-6 aircraft would be. Their direction of flight was from the southwest to the northeast. Due to the altitude, Mr PERRINO was unable to determine their means of propulsion or support. There was no evidence of any lights or exhaust. Also Mr PERRINO could not tell anything about the construction of





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the objects. One thing he noticed was the lack of any sound from the objects. The objects flew in and out of the clouds with no apparent effect on the clouds. At times they were hidden from his view and would then reappear. He lost sight of them when they finally faded from view in the clouds. Mr PERRINO informed the interviewing agent that he had served in the United States Air Force for a period of approximately four years. During that time he worked in the capacity of aircraft mechanic for three and one half years. He stated that had the objects been similar to any standard aircraft, he would have paid little or no attention to the flight.

4. Concerning the Observer: Interviews were held with Mr and Mrs C. W. BARTLETT; Mr FRED M. PADDOCK, Chief Clerk, Colorado Fuel and Iron Coal Mine, Tioga, Colorado and Mr CLAUDE SWIFT, Sheriff, Huerfano County, Walsenburg, Colorado on 10 and 11 June 1949 to determine the type individual Mr PERRINO is. All were emphatic in their statement that Mr PERRINO was considered to be a very level headed individual who seldom if ever became excited. Mr BARTLETT stated that even when Mr PERRINO told him of the objects he showed no outward excitement. During dinner with the BARTLETTS and Mr PERRINO, the investigating agent had opportunity to observe Mr PERRINO for about two hours and was impressed by his calmness and ability to observe details.

5. The Terrain: The terrain in the vicinity of the sighting is extremely hilly being in the foot hills of the Sangre de Christo range of mountains and being approximately 10 miles south of the Wet Mountain Range.

6. On 11 June 1949 attempts were made to locate other individuals in the vicinity of Tioga and Gardner, Colorado who might have seen the unidentified objects. These attempts met with negative results.

AT PUEBLO, COLORADO

7. At approximately 1130 hours, MST, 11 June 1949 an interview was held with Mr ORVILLE FOSTER, Observational Supervisor, US Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Pueblo, Colorado in an attempt to ascertain the weather conditions in the vicinity of Tioga at the time of the sighting. A check of the reports revealed that around Pueblo (approximately forty-five miles northwest of the place of sighting) there was broken sky at 5000 feet with intermittent rain showers during the afternoon. This report indicates cloud level 5000 ft above surface which, at place of sighting is approximately 7000 above sea level, making the cloud surface at approximately 12,000 feet. Winds aloft were north northwest at 10 to 15 miles per hour. Mr FOSTER stated that they had no reports for the area immediately surrounding the place of sighting, but that the reported condition was general throughout the area on the east side of the mountains during the afternoon in question. As far as Mr FOSTER knew there were no observable celestial phenomena occurring that might have been mistaken for the flight.

8. On 11 June 1949 at approximately 1200 hours, MST, Mr C. C. ZENTS, CAA Aircraft Communicator was contacted to ascertain if there were any flights of aircraft in the vicinity at the time of reported sighting. A check of the records failed to reveal any such flights. A check of the CAA maps by Mr ZENTS revealed





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that the place of sighting is located approximately 37° 45" N. Latitude and 105° 10" W. Longitude. From a description given by the writer as to the apparent direction of the flight it was determined that it was proceeding on a true heading between 30 and 35 degrees and would have passed very near to Pueblo Municipal Airport had they maintained that heading.

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Lt Col Hurst/lse/72231
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Inclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary, is a copy of report of investigation concerning the sighting of an unconventional aircraft in the vicinity of Vermillion, Ohio.

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Project Grudge Incident, Vermillion, Ohio.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

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SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

Noted 17 Jun 49

1. Inclosed for your information, and any action deemed necessary, is report of investigation by Special Agent GEORGE E. SWINFORD of this office, dated 10 June 1949.

2. With the submission of this report the files of this office are being closed in instant case.

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DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O.

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TITLE
PROJECT GRUDGE
INCIDENT, VERMILION, OHIO

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation is predicated upon information received from Mr. I. P. HILLYARD, Aviation Safety Agent, Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Office of Aviation Safety, Municipal Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, that he had seen an unknown object approximately four miles west of Vermilion, Ohio, while flying at 2500 feet MSL altitude on 7 March 1949 at approximately 1445 hours. Object appeared to have an oval shape, the same as an F80, and to measure 18 to 20 inches top to bottom and 12 to 14 inches in width, painted red. Wings were mounted in the center of the fuselage and appeared to be about three feet long. HILLYARD tried to sight object immediately after passing said object but failed to sight this object again.

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DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

1. Mr. I. P. HILLYARD, Aviation Safety Agent, Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Office of Aviation Safety, Municipal Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, stated as follows:

"On March 7, 1949 at approximately 14:45 while enroute from Toledo, Ohio to Cleveland, Ohio, via aircraft, I had an unusual incident occur.

When approximately four miles west of Vermilion, Ohio over the lakeshore at 2500 feet MSL altitude, an object was suddenly observed approaching head-on at the same altitude. I immediately pulled up into a steep right turn to avoid a collision and completed a turn to the right to observe the object with which I had nearly collided but very much to my amazement, I was unable to locate anything within seeing distance after spending several minutes searching the area. There was an overcast approximately 500 feet above my altitude so I finally decided the object may have climbed into the clouds.

My first impression was that I had nearly collided with a powered model airplane but after giving it more thought, I realized this was impossible as the head-on view of the fuselage was too large to be that of a model as the front view of the fuselage appeared to have an oval shape the same as an F80 and appeared to measure 15 to 20 inches from top to bottom and 12 to 14 inches in width and painted red. Wings were mounted in the center of the fuselage or as a mid-wing and each appeared to be about three feet long or a total span of six to eight feet and were painted light gray.

After landing at Cleveland, Ohio, I discussed the incident with a few close friends and let the matter drop as it was so fantastic, but after careful consideration, I now think this information should be on record.

As a matter of information, I have been flying for twenty years with approximately 6500 hours and hold an Airline Transport Pilot Rating Certificate with all ratings. The foregoing is not the result of a vivid imagination but an explanation of the facts to the best of my knowledge."

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16 June 1949

SUBJECT: Special Inquiry
Unidentified Aerial Objects

TO: Commanding General
Ogden Air Materiel Area
Hill Air Force Base
Hill Field, Utah

1. Reference is made to report of investigation from this office, file and subject as above, dated 1 June 1949.

2. So much of paragraph 3, subject report, as reads, "When GABEL located the airplane, he said it was an F-81...." should be corrected to read " When GABEL located the airplane he said it was an F-51...."

3. This information is forwarded for information and ammendment of your copies of this report.

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LEO M. CHRISTIANSON
Captain, USAF
Actg District Commander

cc:

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-21J

21 June 1949

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Project Grudge" Incident,
Akron, Ohio, 5 February 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Headquarters USAF
The Inspector General, USAF
ATTN: Director of Special Investigations
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter from your Headquarters, subject as above, dated 15 June 1949.

2. When subject report of investigation was received at this office, the departure from normal procedure was noted and the agents concerned were contacted. The agents did not attempt to excuse their actions.

3. All investigative personnel of this Organization have been advised of the circumstances under which sworn statements will be solicited.

Thomas F. Doyle, Jr

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
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THOMAS J. SCANLAN

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X AMC Project "Sign"
Elko, Nevada
Lights

CHARACTER
Special Inquiry

REFERENCE
TWX from DO #16, Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah, dtd 3 June 1949

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 16th District OSI, Hill AF Base, Ogden, Utah. RUSSELL B. HENRICH stated that he observed five (5) lights in vee formation; estimated altitude one thousand feet; five miles South of Elko, Nevada; lights moving West at high rate of speed. No outline discernible; could not establish whether one object or five (5) objects. No other witnesses.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, 16th District OSI (IG), USAF, Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah, and was predicated upon a report that Mr. HENRICH, Communications Chief, Elko Airport, Nevada, had observed five (5) vee shaped objects flying in the vicinity of Elko, Nevada.

AT ELKO, NEVADA

2. Investigation conducted at Civil Aeronautics Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, Elko, Nevada, on 7 June 1949, revealed that Mr. HENRICH is not employed at the Elko Airport, but is a Yard Clerk for the Western Pacific Railroad Company, Elko, Nevada. Mr. YALE D. HASKINS, Aircraft Communicator, CAA, stated he had received the report from HENRICH by telephone and produced a file copy of the message which he (HASKINS) forwarded to Salt Lake (Exhibit A) and which read as follows:

> Report from Western Pacific Ofc.
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> Mr. HENRICH Yard Clerk reports sighting a series of five objects in V-shaped formation at about 1,000 feet traveling west bound at a high rate of speed. No sound accompanied them. Sighted over Elko. Time of sighting 0200P. He advd could have been large plane with swept wings or five objects. Objects were lighted.

The copy of the message on file at the CAA Office bears a time stamp indicating it was sent at 0245 PST on 29 May 1949. HASKINS stated he was not sure of the exact time he received the telephonic report from HENRICH, but it had been between 0200 hours and 0230 hours on 29 May 1949.

3. Review of the communication files maintained at the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Elko, Nevada, revealed that the following aircraft were in the vicinity of Elko, Nevada at times indicated on 29 May 1949:

a. NC 59484 - enroute to Sinclair, Wyoming. Over Elko at 0222 PST. Altitude 15000 feet.

b. NC 79975 - enroute to New Jersey. Over Elko at 0243 PST. Altitude 13000 feet.

Aircraft personnel did not report any unusual aircraft or activity in the vicinity.





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4. Review of the files maintained at the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Commerce, Elko, Nevada: Latitude 40°50'N; Longitude 115° 47'W revealed the following information relative to weather conditions on 29 May 1949:

a. 0132 PST; broken clouds at 7000 feet; visibility 15 miles; wind west at 3 miles per hour; temperature 52°F; Dewpoint 42°F.

b. 0207 PST; broken clouds at 7000 feet; visibility 15 miles; wind southwest at 8 miles per hour.

c. 0230 PST; broken clouds at 7000 feet; visibility 15 miles; wind southwest at 8 miles per hour; temperature 47°F; Dewpoint 41°F; occasional lightning West of Elko.

d. 0306 PST; scattered clouds at 7000 feet; visibility 30 miles; wind southwest at 11 miles per hour; occasional lightning West of Elko.

5. On 8 June 1949, Mr. RUSSELL B. HENRICH, Yard Clerk, Western Pacific Railroad Company, Elko, Nevada, was interviewed at his home, 116 Court Street, Elko, Nevada, and the following statement (Exhibit B) was obtained:

> At approximately two A.M. on the morning of May 29, 1949, while attending to routine duties in the freight yard of the Western Pacific Railroad Company in Elko, I noticed five amber colored lights approximately five miles distant and at an altitude of 1000 feet. The lights were in a vee formation about 150 feet apart and heading West at a speed of over 500 miles per hour. I could hear no sound and there were no visible signs of exhaust. The lights were steady, giving the appearance of being seen through a window, rather than that of a ray or beam. When they disappeared it was as if an obstruction or projection on an aircraft had come into my line of vision.
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> I do not know how long the lights were within my sight or the distance they covered during that period. I could not distinguish any outline around them and do not know whether they came from one very large aircraft or five smaller ones flying in formation.

The only portion of HENRICH's statement made with assurance was that he had seen five (5) lights travelling West in vee-formation and had heard no sound.





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The balance of the statement was indefinite and arrived at after many variations. HENRICH could give no logical basis for his assumption of height, distance, spacing or speed.

6. Investigation failed to reveal any other persons who had observed lights described by HENRICH.

ENCLOSURES:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON OHIO

1. Photostatic copy of Telegram forwarded from CAA Office, Elko, Nevada, 29 May 1949.

2. Carbon Copy of signed statement by RUSSELL B. HENRICH, dtd 8 June 49.

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI

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FOR DO #16, HILL AF BASE, OGDEN, UTAH

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REPORT FROM WESTERN PACIFIC OFC.

MR HENRICH YARD CLERK REPORTS SIGHTING A SERIES OF FIVE OBJECTS IN V-SHAPED FORMATION AT ABOUT 1,000 FEET TRAVELING WEST BOUND AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. NO SOUND ACCOMPANIED THEM. SIGHTED OVER ELKO. TIME OF SIGHTING 0200P. HE ADVD COULD HAVE BEEN LARGE PLANE WITH SWEPT WINGS OR FIVE OBJECTS. OBJECTS WERE LIGHTED.

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Elko, Nevada
8 June 1949

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I do not know how long the lights were within my sight or the distance they covered during that period. I could not distinguish any outline around them and do not know whether they came from one very large aircraft or five smaller ones flying in formation.

The foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ RUSSELL B. HENRICH

WITNESS: THOMAS J. SCANLAN

WITNESS: CLYDE M. EDWARDS

Exhibit B-5

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Mr. Gould/bjn/72231
Wrtn 22 Jun 49

Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

24-185

28 JUN 1949

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
10th OSI District, IG
Kelly Air Force Base
San Antonio, Texas

1. This refers to your letter of 13 June 1949 concerning the above subject.

2. It will not be necessary for you to duplicate Fourth Army reports which have been forwarded to the Air Materiel Command.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

WILLIAM M. TURNER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
10TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, KELLY FIELD, TEXAS

13 June 1949

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Headquarters USAF
The Inspector General USAF
ATT: Director of Special Investigations
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Reference is made to letter, your Headquarters, 2 June 1949, on this subject. This office is in receipt of a letter of 20 May 1949, which stated that copies of reports should be sent to Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and to the Director of Intelligence, USAF. It is presumed that this is the letter referred to in your letter of 2 June.

2. Inasmuch as instructions were received after the report had been prepared, it will be necessary for additional copies to be made for transmittal as instructed. It is anticipated that this will be completed and the report sent forward on or about 15 June.

3. Clarification is requested relative to the instructions contained in your letter of 20 May, as all reports submitted to this office by Fourth Army have been sent directly to AMC by that organization on prescribed forms. Is it the desire of your Headquarters that this office forward reports to AMC which have previously been sent by Fourth Army?

R. R. LUMSDEN
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 32-5

DATE 27 May 1949

REPORT MADE BY
LOUIS H. COLEMAN, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #9 - Barksdale AFB

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PROJECT "SIGN"
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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REFERENCE

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 9th OSI Dist (IG), Barksdale AFB, La., upon receipt of information that unidentified aerial objects had been sighted in the vicinity of New Orleans, La.

Investigation revealed that two persons sighted what appeared to be a disk-like object turning end over end, travelling in a north-northwesterly direction across the outskirts of New Orleans, La.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by the District Commander 9th OSI District was upon receipt of information which indicated that unidentified aerial objects had been sighted in the vicinity of New Orleans, La.

2. On 23 May 1949, this agent, in company of Special Agents Bellman and Koster of the Fourth Army Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, La., interviewed MRS LUCIEN R. AUSTIN, JR., of 3129 Frenchman St., New Orleans, La. The following information pertaining to the alleged sighting of the object by MRS AUSTIN was obtained in the course of this interview:

a. Date of sighting: Friday, 20 May 1949.

b. Time of sighting: 1615 hours.

c. Where sighted: The object was sighted from 3129 Frenchman St., New Orleans, La., which is the residence of MRS AUSTIN. The object appeared to be passing across the outskirts of the city near Lake Pontchartrain.

d. Number of objects: Only one (1) object was noted.

e. Distance of object from observer: The object appeared to be approximately one and one-half (1½) miles from the place of observation. The observer estimated the elevation of the object along her line of vision above the horizon to be approximately 45°.

f. Time in sight: The object was within view of MRS AUSTIN for approximately five (5) minutes.

g. Appearance of object: The object appeared to be luminous and silver in color. The shape was that of a disk and the observer compared it to an ordinary dinner plate. The size was estimated as approximately that of a small training type aircraft.

h. Direction of flight: The object appeared to be travelling from east to a north-northwesterly direction.

i. Tactics or maneuvers: The object travelled in a horizontal line throughout the period of observation. The object was turning in an end-over-end fashion.

j. Evidence of exhaust: The object gave off no apparent smoke, odor, or vapor trail.





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k. Effect on clouds: The object was not observed to pass through any cloud layers during the period of observation.

l. Lights: No lights were observed inasmuch as the object was noted in the day light. However, the object itself appeared very luminous and reflected the sunlight.

m. Support: The object had no apparent control apparatus, but was a plain disk in appearance.

n. Propulsion: The object had no apparent method of power such as propellers, rotors, or jet openings.

o. Control and stability: The object had no apparent stabilizing apparatus.

p. Air ducts: No air ducts were observed.

q. Speed - MPH: The speed was estimated at approximately 120 to 140 mph. This was established on a relative basis by the observer as compared to that of a medium training plane.

r. Sound: No sound of any nature was evident.

s. Manner of disappearance: The object passed from view behind a residence and the observer was unable to locate the object after changing positions.

t. Weather: The weather at the time of the sighting was clear, sunny and bright with a few scattered clouds.

The following information pertaining to MRS LUCIEN R. AUSTIN is submitted as background information to be used in evaluating the information above.

a. Occupation: Housewife, formerly stenographer and court reporter.

b. Hobbies: None.

c. Neighborhood Check: Neighbors of MRS AUSTIN believed her to be a person of good character and a high degree of intelligence.

d. Agency Check: The records of the FBI Field Office and the Police Department of New Orleans, La., contained no record of MRS AUSTIN.

e. General: To the interviewing agent, MRS AUSTIN appeared to be very intelligent and not the type of individual who would put forth such ideas with the hope of publicity. MRS AUSTIN also appeared to be normal in every respect including eyesight. There were no other witnesses to the sighting to MRS AUSTIN'S knowledge.



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On 23 May 1949, this reporting agent and S/A Koster of Fourth Army CIC interviewed MRS THEODORE MICHEL, housewife, 1756 Paul Morphy St., New Orleans, La. MRS MICHEL was contacted after this agent ascertained from MRS AUSTIN that MRS MICHEL had called MRS AUSTIN'S husband on Saturday, 21 May 1949, to report that she, too, had seen the flying disk. However, MRS MICHEL sighted the disk on the day previous to MRS AUSTIN. The following information was obtained from MRS MICHEL relative to the sighted object:

a. Date of sighting: Wednesday, 18 May 1949.

b. Time of sighting: 1630 to 1645 hours.

c. Where sighted: The observer was at her home at 1756 Paul Morphy St., New Orleans, La., at the time of sighting. The object appeared to be on the outskirts of the city in the vicinity of Lake Pontchartrain, which is approximately two (2) miles from MRS MICHEL'S home, in a western direction. At the time of sighting, MRS MICHEL was watering her lawn and working in the garden.

d. Number of objects: MRS MICHEL sighted only one (1) object. No other craft of any type were in the sky within her line of vision.

e. Distance of object from observer: The object appeared to be approximately one and one-half (1½) miles to two (2) miles from the observer at an angle of elevation of approximately 45° from the horizon. MRS MICHEL was unable to judge the altitude, but stated that it was relatively high.

f. Time in sight: The object remained within MRS MICHEL'S view for approximately ten (10) minutes.

g. Appearance of object: The object was silver in color and luminous and had the shape of a disk and was likened to a dinner plate. The size was indicated as being approximately eight to twelve inches (8" to 12") in diameter when viewed at the stated distance. The informant compared this to the relative size of a small training type aircraft when viewed at the stated distance.

h. Direction of flight: The object appeared to be travelling from the east to a north, northwestern direction.

i. Tactics or maneuvers: The object appeared to be ascending at a gradual pace. However, the object did not swerve from its direct upward line of flight. No tactics or maneuvers other than these were evident. The object was turning in an end-over-end fashion.

j. Evidence of exhaust: No smoke, fumes or odors were apparent.





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k. Effect on clouds: The object did not pass near or through any clouds during the time of observation.

l. Lights: No lights were evident. However, the object in itself reflected considerable sunlight due to its silver luminous appearance.

m. Support: No support or control apparatus such as wings or rotating propellers were noted.

n. Propulsion: No means of propulsion was apparent.

o. Control and stability: No evidence of any means of control or of maintaining stability was observed.

p. Air ducts: No air ducts, slots or jet openings were observed.

q. Speed - MPH: The informant compared the speed of the craft to that of a small training type plane.

r. Sound: No sound of any sort was heard.

s. Manner of disappearance: The informant stated that she removed her sight from the object for an instant and when she again sought to observe, could not locate this object.

t. Weather: The informant stated that the weather at the time when sighting occurred was very clear, sunny and bright.

The following background information is submitted concerning informant to assist in evaluating the information given:

a. Occupation: Housewife.

b. Hobbies: Gardening and pets.

c. Neighborhood check: Interview of neighbors of MRS MICHEL revealed that she is well liked, of good character, and of average intelligence.

d. Agency check: The records of the FBI Field Office and the Police Department of New Orleans, La., contained no record of MRS MICHEL.

The interviewing agent found MRS MICHEL to be very cooperative and not at a loss to express herself concerning any question regarding instances indicating that, unless the story had been well planned before hand, she had actually observed the object as described by her. MRS MICHEL does not wear glasses and appears to have excellent sight and be in satisfactory physical condition otherwise.

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District Commander, 17th OSI District, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

From AFCSI reur OSI 4-23-C dated 25 Apr 49

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Authority for conference at this stage disapproved ~~as proposal considered premature~~. Meanwhile, you are requested to continue transmitting reports on unidentified aerial objects to Air Material Comd in accordance with Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum No. 4, 15 Feb 49. Copies of prescribed AMC guide supplementing this Memo are being transmitted to you.

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FROM: KIRTLAND AFB NEW MEXICO

TO : CS USAF WASHINGTON D C

NR : OSI 4-23-C 25 APRIL 1949

Reurtel AFCSI 53773 date[redacted] Request authority for Melvin E. Neef and Jack L. Boling to visit Headquarters Air Material Command for conference with Colonel Clingerman re Anobolousluminous Phenomena observed since December in West Texas-New Mexico Area. Conference is desire to establish techniques of reporting and observation, and determine extent of interest by project "Grudge" in incidents in this area. Also desire to arrange future conference to include representatives of Air Material Command, Atomic Energy Security Service, 4 Army Forces Special Weapons Project, and other interested agencies. This conference to be held in this area but personal contact with representatives of Air Material Command Technical Intelligence Branch essential to set up same. Our file number this case 24-8.

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FROM: CO ENID AFB, ENID, OKLA

TO : DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HQS USAF, WASH., D. C.

INFO: COMGEN AMC, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, (ATTN: MCIAXO-3)

NR : BKLZ-5-A-GD463BF 27 APRIL 1949

Information relative to Air Intelligence Requirements Memo 4, Unconventional Aircraft. Date of sighting, 21 April 49. Time of sighting, 2140 CST. Sighted from ground, Enid Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma. 6 miles SW City of Enid. Map coordinates 97 degrees 55 minutes Lat, 36 degrees 20 minutes Long. Number of objects, 1. Distance of object from observer 2,000 feet. Horizontally, angle of elevation from horizon, 70 degrees. Altitude, 2000 feet. Time in sight, 5 seconds. Appearance of object, white ball with tail. Size, appeared same as large opalescent light globe would be if observed at 15 feet. Direction of flight, East to West. Tactics or maneuvers, level flight. Evidence of exhaust, white light trail 100 feet in length and continuous. Lights, none attached. Support, none noted. Propulsion, appeared to have jet exhaust. Control and stabilizers, none noted. Air ducts, none noted. Speed, supersonic. Sound, impossible to ascertain due to aircraft taking off. Manner of disappearance, faded from view. Relative to the observer, Lt Col Howard E. Conklin, AO 46361, Director of Flying, Enid Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma. Pilot, 2186 hours total time. 266 hours combat time. Presently on flying status. Reliability of observer, unquestionable. Witnesses, None. Comments of interrogator, subject is 30 years of age, rated pilot on 12 December 1941. Character above reproach. Weather conditions as of 2130 same date, clear, 6 mile visibility, temperature 58 degrees, wind southeast 7 knots, no clouds.

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BENJAMIN F. SELLARS, JR.

Report made at
DO #12, Scott AFB

Period
31 May, 3, 6 June 1949

Office of origin
DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

Status
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Incident, 13 May 1949
St. Louis, Missouri

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Reference
Report of S/A VELTON COMBS, DO #5, file 5D-24-21P, dated 27 May 1949

Synopsis

Upon receipt of report of investigation from OSI District Office No. 5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, undeveloped leads set forth therein were developed, however, no information was disclosed that would positively identify the strange object sighted by Mr. ROBERT VAUGHN, 5219 Alabama Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on 7 May 1949.

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DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

1. On 31 May 1949, Mr. ROBERT VAUGHN, 5219 Alabama Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed regarding his sighting an unidentified object in the sky on 7 May 1949. Mr. VAUGHN stated in substance as follows: On the evening of 7 May 1949 at approximately 1800 hours CST he was sitting on the back lawn with his wife and they were watching the gulls from the Mississippi River when they noticed a strange object almost directly overhead. Mr. VAUGHN stated at first he thought it was a large bird, but closer observation disclosed that it was at a much higher altitude than the gulls, that it was somewhat triangular in shape, and that it was traveling at a terrific rate of speed. Mr. VAUGHN further stated that he has been a passenger on commercial air liners and would estimate the altitude of the object at approximately nine (9) or ten (10) thousand feet. Mr. VAUGHN would not estimate the speed but stated it was only in sight for approximately forty-five (45) seconds and was faster than any airplane he has ever seen in the sky. Mr. VAUGHN described the object as being about the size of a light private plane and that it closely resembled the shape of a Sting Ray with the exception that the object had no whip-like tail. Mr. VAUGHN further described the object as having a dark, dull reddish brown color and that he observed a glint or reflection along the right side of the object as it was oscillating. Mr. VAUGHN would observe this glint or reflection when the right side was higher than the left. Mr. VAUGHN further stated that he first observed the object at about eleven (11) o'clock, that it was at an angle of approximately eighty-five (85) degrees above the horizon and that it was traveling in a south by south west direction. Mr. VAUGHN further stated that the object traveled in a straight path without apparently gaining or losing altitude, that it was oscillating from side to side and that it disappeared in the atmosphere.

2. On 31 May 1949, Mrs. ROBERT VAUGHN, 5219 Alabama Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed regarding the sighting of a strange object in the sky on 7 May 1949. Mrs. VAUGHN substantiated Mr. VAUGHN'S version of the sighting of the object with the exception that she thought it was buff colored and thought there was a reddish glow, somewhat like the glow of a iron coal stove, along the right edge of the object as it was oscillating through the sky. Both agreed that the sun had just gone down behind the trees and that there was still quite a bit of light in the sky. Neither observed any fins, canopies, or antennas on the object.

3. Interview of neighbors in the vicinity of 5219 Alabama Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on 6 June 1949, failed to reveal any information that would indicate either Mr. or Mrs. VAUGHN may be eccentric or that they had ever reported seeing any strange objects before. The object was not noticed by any of the neighbors however they all stated they could not remember looking in the sky at that time on 7 May 1949.

4. A check of the files of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, on 3 June 1949, failed to reveal the name of either Mr.or Mrs.



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VAUGHN as ever being arrested or ever being a complainant in any case.

5. A check of the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Louis, Missouri, on 3 June 1949, failed to reveal any record of Mrs. or Mrs. ROBERT VAUGHN.

6. On 3 June 1949 the flight records of the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri, revealed there were no flights of aircraft from that plant after 0930 hours on 7 May 1949.

7. On 3 June 1949, HENRY M. POOLE, Lieutenant Junior Grade, United States Navy, Operations Officer, U. S. Naval Air Station, Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri, advised there had been no flights from the Naval Air Station between 1730 hours and 1830 hours Central Standard Time on 7 May 1949. Lt. POOLE further stated that the Ground Control Approach Unit had secured at 1615 hours, CST, on 7 May 1949, and had not resumed operation until 0800 hours, CST, on 9 May 1949.

NOTE: The GCA Unit at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri, operated by the U.S. Navy is the only radar unit operating in this area.

8. On 3 June 1949, Mr. E. L. ELMORE, Senior Tower Controller, Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri, advised the only south bound flight from Lambert Field at approximately 1800 hours CST on 7 May 1949, was a Chicago and Southern DC-4 which departed Lambert Field for Memphis, Tennessee, at 1751 hours CST. Mr. ELMORE further stated this ship had taken off to the northeast and would have flown over south St. Louis at an approximate altitude of six (6) or eight (8) thousand feet at the time a strange object was sighted by Mr. VAUGHN.

AT SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

9. On 3 June 1949 the records of the AACS, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, were examined. Above records failed to reveal any aircraft that had arrived or departed this station between the hours of 1730 and 1830 hours, CST, on 7 May 1949.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

10. On 6 June 1949, Mr. ROBERT VAUGHN, 5219 Alabama Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, was re-interviewed to ascertain if he had noticed a commercial airliner fly over his home on the evening of 7 May 1949. Mr. VAUGHN stated that he has noticed a four engine airliner that flys over his house late in the afternoon but that he does not remember seeing this particular airplane on the evening of 7 May 1949.

NOTE: As there were no known experimental aircraft flying in this area on 7 May 1949, it is possible Mr. VAUGHN sighted the Chicago and Southern Airliner and in the evening twilight may have mistaken it for an unidentified object.

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FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

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UNKNOWN
(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of JOSE Q. RODRIGUEZ, 23 May 1949

SYNOPSIS

Reports of sightings of seven additional incidents were reported. It is to be noted that the incident of 12 May 1949 was observed by DONALD H. MENZEL of the Harvard Observatory.

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## UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of Observation: 12 April 1949 Date of Interview: 15 April 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local): 1930 hours
3. Place of Observation: AEC Tech Area # 1, Sandia Base
4. Position of Observer: Post # 21, in front of tower # 10
5. What attracted attention to object: Was looking in the direction of object at the time
6. Number of objects: One
7. Apparent size: Approximately 1/8 the size of the full moon
8. Color of Object: White
9. Shape: Round
10. Altitude: 20 degrees above horizon
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): 145 degrees
12. Distance from Observer: Unknown
13. Direction of Flight: Southeast to Northwest
14. Time in sight: 1930
15. Speed (Time to cover given angular distance): Approximately 15 degrees in 8 seconds
16. Sound and Odor: None
17. Trail: None
18. Luminosity: Looked like a light
19. Projections: None
20. Maneuvers: Straight flight

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21. Manner of Disappearance: Extinguished

22. Effect on clouds: No clouds noticed

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear

25. Name and Address of Observer: Pvt G. H. B. BArnhill
RA 16286609
8456th MP Company
Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies: Military policeman -- Model aircraft hobby

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer: Average intelligence -- serious type.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? No.



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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 3 May 1949 Date of Interview 10 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2143

3. Place of Observation: Station 340, Los Alamos, New Mexico
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

5. What attracted attention to object: Light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

8. Color of object: White light - very bright

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): 10 or 15 degrees above horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

13 Direction of flight of object (s): South to North

14. Time in sight: 10 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Very fast, assuming distance to be over 15 miles (Up to 1000 mph)

16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance): **Self luminous**

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

21. Manner of disappearance:

22. Effect on clouds:

23. Additional information concerning object:

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Name and address of observer: **Sgt Elwood E. Obert**
**AEC, Los Alamos, New Mexico**

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 3 May 1949 Date of Interview 10 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2126 - 2143 - 2205

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) Station 340 Los Alamos, New Mexico

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

5. What attracted attention to object: Light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: Three separate observations at times indicated; one light each time.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Large - similar to size of airplane landing lights

8. Color of object: White

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

13 Direction of flight of object (s): South to North

14. Time in sight: From 3 to 7 seconds each time.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Very fast at distance objects appeared to be

16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance): **Self luminous**

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

**At 2143 one appeared to hover in one place 3 seconds and then move North.**

21. Manner of disappearance:

22. Effect on clouds:

23. Additional information concerning object:

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Name and address of observer: **Inspector John C. Gosney AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico**

Occupation and hobbies: **Security Inspector**

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 3 May 1949 Date of Interview 12 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2126 and 2140

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) 2126 -- Station 340, Los Alamos, New Mexico
2140 -- Rd. # 2 and new Access Road, Los Alamos

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

5. What attracted attention to object: Light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One each time

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): 2126 -- Size of baseball diamond lights
2140 -- slightly larger than fire box lights

8. Color of object: 2126 -- White
2140 -- Red

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): 2126 -- Approx 10 degrees above horizon
2140 -- Approx 10 to 15 degrees above horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

13. Direction of flight of object (s): ESE to WNW

14. Time in sight: 2126 -- 5 seconds
2140 -- 2 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Approximately same speed as aircraft landing

16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance): Self luminous

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

21. Manner of disappearance:

22. Effect on clouds:

23. Additional information concerning object:

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Name and address of observer: Inspector William D. Wilson
AESS, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies:

Security Inspector

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 6 May 1949 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2040 - 2130

3. Place of Observation:
   (Map Coordinates) 9099-0573

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
   GF Crossville No. 1-2-3-4

5. What attracted attention to object:
   Brilliant Light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
   One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
   Half Dollar Diminishing To Short Quarter-size

8. Color of object:
   Alternating Pinkish to green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
   round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
    Approxima e 1200 ft droppi g to 440 ft

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
    5200 mils

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
    4000 yds

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
    West and North 300 or 400 Yds. back and forth

14. Time in sight:
    50 min

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
    very slow

16. Sound and odor:
    none

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)
None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):
Very brilliant brighter than any star visible

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
No

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Slow lowering of altitude

21. Manner of disappearance:
Faded from sight, grew smaller

22. Effect on clouds:
Not observed

23. Additional information concerning object:
Seemed as if it were constantly spinning alternating red, green and white

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
clear visibility unlimited

Name and address of observer:
Lt Hardell E Ward Hq. 11th A. F. A. Bn.

Occupation and hobbies:
Task Force Commander

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Object was viewed with naked eye, field glasses and MC scope

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 7 May 57 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2025 - 2105

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates)
912000 - 851350

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Arty AF's

5. What attracted attention to object:

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

3 mils width

8. Color of object:

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):

Diamond Shape

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):

1300 ft

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):

Approx 4500 mils

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

6000 yds

13 Direction of flight of object (s):

SE

14. Time in sight:

40 min

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Covered 15 mile in 40 min hour

16. Sound and odor:

none

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

Incadescence very brilliant (compared to right stars)

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

none

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Slowly loses alt alt altitude

21. Manner of disappearance:

Dims and then goes out

22. Effect on clouds:

not observed

23. Additional information concerning object:

Four stations reported reading, translation error Approx 200 yd

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

good

Name and address of observer:

Lt Marcell A. Ward, Hq 113th AAA Bn

Occupation and hobbies:

Army Task Force Cmd

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Je and observers scope

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 7 May 49 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) 1940 (57 sec)

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) 917500 - 855200

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Atty CP's

5. What attracted attention to object:
Brilliant Object

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Width 3 mils

8. Color of object:
Reddish - Greenish - white

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Diamond Shape

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
1000 ft

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
North East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
5000 yds

13 Direction of flight of object (s):
North and East

14. Time in sight:
57 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Covered 20 mile here in 57 sec

16. Sound and odor:
none

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

Appears incadescence very brilliant

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

none

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

none slow moves north and lowers in altitude

21. Manner of disappearance:

seems dim and go out

22. Effect on clouds:

none observed

23. Additional information concerning object:

Two station got reading proving intersection

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

good

Name and address of observer:

Lt Kardell E. Ward Hq 11th AFA Bn

Occupation and hobbies:

Artillery Force Cmd

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No: _____

1. Date of Observation ~~6 May 1949~~ Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time of observation (local) ~~2000-2017~~

3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates)
~~90600-85100 - Aprox~~

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
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5. What attracted attention to object:

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
~~2 Mls in width~~

8. Color of object:

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
~~Diamond~~

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
~~1600 ft~~

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north):
~~West Aprox 4700 ft~~

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
~~6000 Yds~~

13 Direction of flight of object (s):
~~North and [illegible]~~

14. Time in sight:
~~9 Mins~~

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
~~10 M in 9 Min~~

16. Sound and odor:
~~None~~

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

none

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescent, other - degree of brilliance):

Incandescent very brilliant

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

none

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Slowly decreased on altitude

21. Manner of disappearance:

dimmed and went out

22. Effect on clouds:

not observed

23. Additional information concerning object:

Error of trangelation was Approx 100 yds
three stations reporting

Force Able reported very bad radio interferrence during target was in sight. After and of target good communications was reported.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Good and clear moonlight bright

Name and address of observer:

Lt Randell L. Ford Hq A/A Bn

Occupation and hobbies:

Arty Task Force Commander

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

NO Observers Scope

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HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

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16 May 1949

REPORT OF AN UNUSUAL (?) NATURAL (?) PHENOMENON

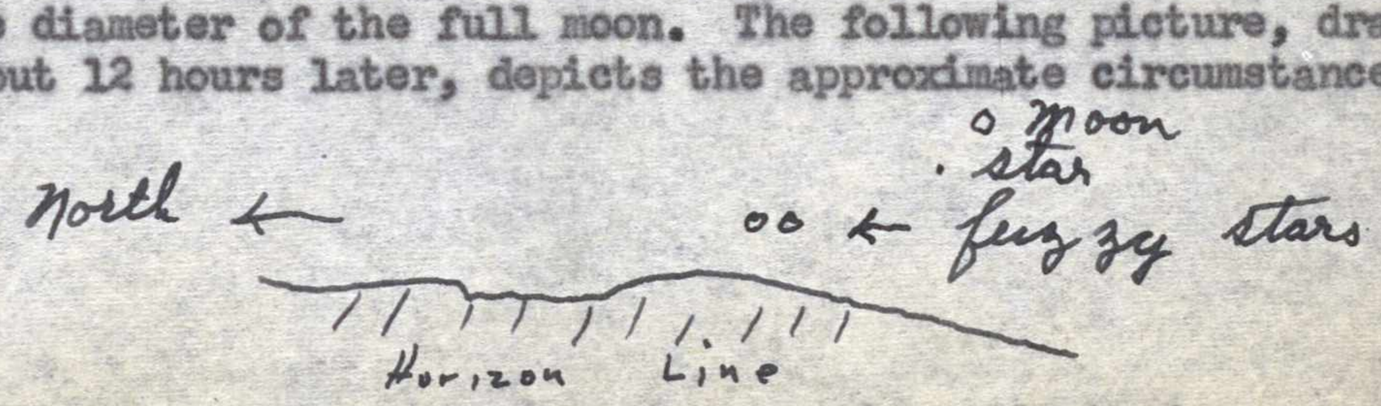
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On the night of May 12, 1949, while enroute from Holloman Air Force Base to Alamogordo, New Mexico, in a two-door sedan, I noted an atmospheric or celestial (?) phenomenon that I have been unable to explain. I am still not entirely convinced that what I saw may not have been an optical illusion of an unusual character.

Shortly after leaving Holloman Base, I looked out toward the Sacramento Range, to the East. The time was about 9:30, possibly as early as 9:15. I was watching the moon rise. At the moment, the moon had an altitude of perhaps 15° - 18° above the top of the Sacramento ridge. The moon was nearly full and the sky was bright. I was interested, therefore, to see a bright star, perhaps 6° - 8° East from the moon. I wondered what the star was. When the sky is so bright that the fainter stars do not show, I find it hard to locate the constellations. The star had a faint reddish color.

As I watched for a minute or two, I became conscious of another star considerably nearer the horizon. The star had a fuzzy appearance, caused, I thought, by low-level atmospheric haze. As I watched I noted, within half a minute, a second star about three degrees to the South of the first. I think the Northernmost star appeared first, but am not completely sure.

My first impression was that the stars were Castor and Pollux, of Gemini. Both increased in brightness rather slowly, which was not surprising for a pair of stars rising. I watched for perhaps another minute and suddenly became conscious of the fact that the stars couldn't have been Castor and Pollux, because Gemini is in the West rather than the East. Furthermore, the size of the fuzzy images bothered me. They were, as far as I could tell, very nearly identical in diameter, which was about one-fourth the diameter of the full moon. The following picture, drawn from memory about 12 hours later, depicts the approximate circumstances:




The fuzzy stars were three or four degrees above the horizon as defined by the mountain range.

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I wear glasses, bifocals, I turned and shifted my head to make sure that the phenomenon was real. I lowered the window another turn or two. The patches remained. I was still unaware that the phenomenon was exceptional until the southern object suddenly disappeared. I then asked the driver to stop the car, but the northern object vanished at that moment. The northern one had been slightly brighter. At maximum brilliance the patches must have been of zero to first stellar magnitude. The color was white possibly with a greenish tinge. They endured for about 4 minutes, during which time the car, travelling at 50 miles per hour, covered at least 3 miles. During that period, I am sure that the direction of the object did not change by more than 2°. I would prefer to say that the change was not more than 1°. With a base line of 3 miles, this latter figure indicates that the objects were at least 180 miles away, that their separation in space was at least 9 miles and that the diameter was about 3/4 of a mile.

There is a bare possibility that the patches were clouds, but the behavious was unusual, to say the least. The whole phenomenon is puzzling. It may have some simple explanation, but there seems to be no completely satisfactory theory available. I report the event for future records.

DONALD H. MENZEL
Harvard Observatory
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| OFFICE OF ORIGIN | DO # 17, Kirtland AFB |
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TITLE

UNKNOWN
(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of LYNN C. ALDRICH, 26 April 1949

SYNOPSIS

Mr LES GEERY, Winslow, Arizona, sighted FIREBALL at 0145, 18 April 1949 approximately 27 miles NE of Flagstaff, Arizona, while driving Santa Fe bus on Highway 66. FIREBALL visible from 5 to 10 seconds at approximately 20 to 30 degrees above horizon at 1000 feet above terrain. FIREBALL traveled in straight course in northeasterly direction and was blue green in color. Observer unable to estimate speed, heard no sound and saw no evidence of smoke or exhaust. FIREBALL disappeared behind an obstacle. Mr GEERY has been employed by Continental Bus Systems for 5½ years and has been driving Winslow-Needles night route 4 years. Informant has no criminal record, enjoys a good reputation, is intelligent and of good character.

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DETAILS:

AT WINSLOW, ARIZONA

1. On 25 May 1949, Mr LES E. GEERY, 111 A Street, Driver for the Continental Bus System was interviewed and advised he observed the FIREBALL or meteorite at 0145 on 18 April 1949, approximately 27 miles NE of Flagstaff, Arizona, (approximate location is within the area covered by rectangle on Exhibit A). Informant was driving a Santa Fe bus, with his window closed, and was approaching the summit of Wagon Wheel hill (shown as X on Exhibit A). Interviewee observed a sudden flash of light and saw the FIREBALL from 5 to 10 seconds at approximately 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon. Only one FIREBALL was seen and it appeared to be not over 1000 feet above the terrain traveling a straight course in a northeasterly direction. The FIREBALL was blue green in color and Informant was unable to estimate its size. The speed of the FIREBALL appeared to be slightly slower than that of a falling star. Inasmuch as interviewee was inside the bus he heard no sound; saw no evidence of smoke or exhaust, and did not notice that it affected the clouds in anyway. Informant advised the FIREBALL disappeared behind an obstacle. Mr GEERY advised he has seen many falling meteors, but none were as large and brilliant as the one seen on 18 April 1949. Mr GEERY knew of no other individuals who had seen the FIREBALL.

2. Mr LES GEERY has been employed as a driver for the Continental Bus System approximately 5½ years and has been driving the Winslow, Arizona-Needles, California night route for 4 years. Subject enjoys photography and woodworking as a hobby and spend most of his off duty hours at either hobby. Informant has no difficulty determining color or speed of objects. His attention was drawn to the FIREBALL by its brilliance and closeness. Informant has no criminal record, enjoys a good reputation in the neighborhood, is intelligent and of good character.

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Exhibit A, the Prescott Sectional Aeronautical Chart based on the edition of September 1944, revised July 1948.

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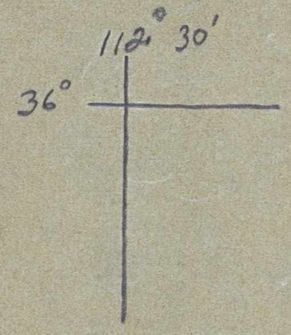


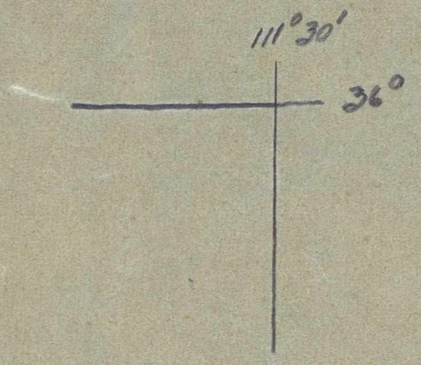


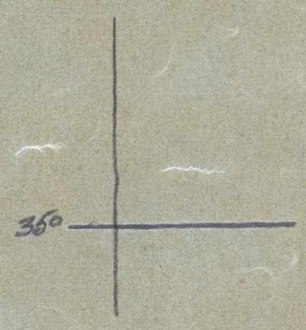

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REFERENCE

SYNOPSIS

On 8 May 1949, Mr. EMANUEL D. DIAZ, 1930 East Twelfth St, Tucson, Arizona, sighted an object in the air at approximately two miles distance. This object was round and flat with a diameter of approximately forty to seventy-five feet. Object was reported as traveling both at a high rate of speed and just floating along. There were three witnesses that observed this object also. S/Sgt SUMMEY, M/Sgt BLANGIO and Mr. JAMES WILLIAMS. Investigation in and around Tucson, Arizona, did not result in finding possible explanation of object.

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DETAILS

1. Date of sighting - 8 May 1949

2. Time of sighting - 0930 to 1100 hours

3. Where sighted -

   a. Ground

      (1) Tucson, Arizona
      (2) Approximately 4 miles South by 10° West of the intersection of Campbell Ave and Twelfth Street, Tucson, Arizona
      (3) From the yard in rear of 1930 East 12th St, Tucson, Arizona.
      (4) Latitude and longitude - Not available

4. Number of objects - One

5. Distance of object from observer

   a. Four miles

   b. 45 to 60 degrees

   c. 4,000 to 20,000 feet

6. Time in sight - 10 to 20 minutes

7. Appearance of object
   a. White, with light reflections

   b. Circular, changing to flat

   c. Metalic

   d. Size

      (1) 40 to 75 feet in diameter

8. Direction of flight - West, 90° turn to the North

9. Tactics or maneuvers - Horizontal flight, then rapid climb at 45 degree angle

10. Evidence of exhaust - none

11. Effect on clouds - No clouds

12. Lights - Reflected light.





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13. Support - No visible means of support

14. Propulsion - No method visible

15. Control and stability - No fins or stabilizers visible.

16. Air Ducts - Not visible

17. Speed - Standing still to faster than a jet plane

18. Sound - No sound

19. Manner of disappearance - Climbed at 45 degree angle until out of sight

RELATIVE TO OBSERVER

1. Name - Emanuel D. Diaz
2. Address - 1930 E 12th St, Tucson, Arizona
3. Occupation - truck driver
4. Place of Business - Blade Beverage Company
5. Hobbies - None
6. Ability to determine -
   a. Color - Stated he was not color blind
   b. Speed of moving objects - fair
   c. Size at distance - fair
7. Reliability of observer
   a. Sources
      (1) Neighbor - Three neighbors stated observer appeared to be reliable, steady and sober.
      (2) Police Department - No record
      (3) FBI records - no record
      (4) Employer - Diaz is honest, reliable, trustworthy and a good employee.
8. Notes relative to observer on
   a. Sightings in general - undetermined
   b. How attention drawn to object - Glint of light
9. Witnesses

| Name | Address | Occupation |
|---|---|---|
| WALTER L. SUMMEY, S/Sgt AF-13034673 | 64th Bomb Sq 43rd Bomb Gp Davis-Monthan AFB | Airman |

Reliability - Considered reliable by Commanding Officer, 1st Sgt and Squadron Adjutant.

| Name | Address | Occupation |
|---|---|---|
| JOHN J. BLANCIO, M/Sgt AF-6268858 | 64th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Wg Davis-Monthan AFB | Airman |

Reliability - Considered reliable by Commanding Officer, 1st Sgt and Squadron Adjutant.



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| Name | Address | Occupation |
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| JAMES WILLIAMS | 1918 E 12th St, Tucson, Arizona | Employee - Grabe Electric Appliance Store |

Reliability - Interviews with 3 neighbors and employer revealed WILLIAMS is considered reliable, honest and steady.

10. Comments - DIAZ appears to be of average intelligence and character. Interviews with neighbors indicates DIAZ has no bad habits. DIAZ appears to have normal school education.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequence of local weather conditions - Clear, no clouds, visibility 50 miles

Hourly Weather Report

| Hour | 1030 | 1130 | 1330 | 1430 | 1530 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sky | Clear | Clear | Clear | Clear | clear |
| Visibility | 50 Miles | 50 Miles | 50 Miles | 50 Miles | 50 Miles |
| Temperature | 81 | 83 | 91 MBS | 88 | 88 |
| Sea Level Pressure | 105 MBS | 83 MBS | 88 | 091 MBS | 071 MBS |
| Dew Point | 25 | 23 | 31 | 20 | 29 |
| Wind | Calm | Calm | W. 3 MPR | SSW 5 MPR | NW 7 MPR |
| Altimeter Setting | 999.5 | 999.5 | 999.1 | 990 | 986 |
| Station Pressure | 25.190 | 27.150 | 27.200 | 27.190 | 27.150 |
| Relative humidity | 9% | 12% | 14% | 9% | 12% |

2. Winds Aloft Report - Between 1030 and 1530 hours

| Altitude in feet | Degrees | Speed in Knots |
|---|---|---|
| 4000 | 320 | 5 |
| 5000 | 350 | 5 |
| 6000 | 300 | 3 |
| 7000 | 360 | 2 |
| 8000 | 320 | 3 |
| 9000 | 290 | 2 |
| 10000 | 270 | 5 |
| 12000 | 260 | 7 |
| 14000 | 260 | 9 |
| 16000 | 260 | 10 |
| 18000 | 260 | 15 |
| 20000 | 270 | 18 |
| 22000 | 290 | 21 |
| 24000 | 290 | 18 |
| 26000 | 290 | 21 |
| 28000 | 300 | 30 |
| 30000 | 280 | 25 |



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| Altitude in feet | Degrees | Speed in Knots |
|---|---|---|
| 32,000 | 290 | 32 |
| 34,000 | 290 | 29 |
| 36,000 | 280 | 35 |
| 38,000 | 270 | 40 |
| 40,000 | 280 | 36 |
| 45,000 | 260 | 50 |
| 50,000 | 270 | 39 |
| 55,000 | 270 | 30 |

3. Local Flight Schedules between 0930 and 1130 hours 8 May 1949:

Commercial - Tucson, Arizona

American Airlines westbound flight to San Diego & Los Angeles at 0740 hours
American Airlines westbound flight to Phoenix & Los Angeles at 1420 hours
American Airlines eastbound flight to El Paso & Dallas at 1110 hours
Helicopter Service - No helicopters were airborn during this time.
Gilpin Airlines - Two light planes were airborn, one between the hours 1023 hours and 1128 hours and the other from 1055 hours to 1130 hours.
Tucson Air Park - No aircraft were airborn between hours mentioned above.

Military - Davis-Monthan AFB

B-26 departed north for Los Angeles at 0831 hours
B-25 departed east for Ft Worth, Texas at 0907 hours

Records of AACS log book, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona indicate that no contacts were made with aircraft in the vicinity between 0930 and 1130 hours 8 May 1949.

4. No testing devices released by the United States Weather bureau in Tucson area at this time.

5. Object did not contact earth.

6. Object did not come near other aircraft or known objects.

7. Sketch showing path of flight inclosed as exhibit "A".

8. Statement of DIAZ inclosed as exhibit "B".
Statement of WILLIAMS inclosed as exhibit "C".
Statement of SUMMEY inclosed as exhibit "D".
Statement of BLANCIO inclosed as exhibit "E".

9. No physical evidence available.





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10. No projections or antennas of any sort were observed.

11. Comments - Pilots of the local aircraft in the Tucson area were interviewed, butnone of them observed any unidentified object in the air during the hours 0930 to 1130, 8 May 1949.

Enclosures

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1. Exhibit "A", Sketch showing path of flight.
2. Exhibit "B", Statement of DIAZ.
3. Exhibit "C", Statement of WILLIAMS
4. Exhibit "D", statement of SUMMEY.
5. Exhibit "E", Statement of BLANCIO

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RIVER

BELL

CORTARO

ROAD

CITRUS GROVES

ORACLE JCT

U.S. 80

INA RD.

SANTA CATALINA MTS.

SUMMERHAVEN

SOLDIERS CAMP

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SABINO CANYON RD.

BEAR CANYON RD.

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TANQUE VERDE

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30 May 1949

STATEMENT

I, Emanuel D. Diaz, 1930 East Twelfth St, Tucson, Arizona was laying on my back looking out the window facing directly South, on Sunday May 8, 1949, and at about a 45 degree angle, very high in the sky, I could see a round object. It seemed to be traveling across the horizon to the West. I then went outside and observed the object and it was due South from my house about ten degrees west and I would judge it to be two miles in the air. When I first noticed this object it was shaped like a football bladder. Then it seemed to change to a flat shape. When I first noticed it, it appeared to be the size of a tennis ball. This object was white in color, appeared to be solid and was traveling West and when getting into the mountains West of Tucson, turned North and began to rise at about a 45 degree angle. After it began to rise, this object disappeared in approximately two minutes. It was not traveling fast, just appeared to be drifting along. I do not think this was a piece of paper or any other object blown into the air nor do I think it was a conventional airplane.

I first sighted this object around eleven o'clock in the morning and it was in view for about ten or fifteen minutes. There appeared to be no windows or holes in this object nor did it seem to have control surfaces of any type visible to the naked eye. No smoke or exhaust could be seen coming from the object and it reflected light.

Emanuel D. Diaz

EMANUEL D. DIAZ
1930 East Twelfth St
Tucson, Arizona

Exhibit "B"

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18 May 1949

STATEMENT

I, Mr. James Williams, 1918 East Twelfth St, Tucson, Arizona, was in my back yard when Mr. Diaz, my next door neighbor, called my attention to an object in the sky.

This object was due west of my home when sighted about 11:30, 8 May 1949 and was traveling due North. It seemed to be going faster than any jet plane I have ever seen and I would judge it to be four to five thousand feet up at about a 60 degree angle from the horizontal. This object was baloon shape, and then it seemed to change to a flat circular shape. This object did not seem to be guided although it was traveling at a rapid speed. This object did not execute any areal maneuvers of any sort other than when it disappeared it started up at about a 45 degree angle at a high rate of speed.

I have seen lots of objects floating in the air here in the Southwest, such as paper and have even seen bed sheets that have been picked up by twisters. It isn't unusual to see these objects in the air and lots of them are very misleading. This did not appear to be a piece of paper or any other object blown into the air although at the extreme altitude this object was floating, it is quite possible that it could have been some object lifted from the ground by a twister and carried to that altitude. No smoke, exhaust or projections could be seen and this object was in view for about 15 minutes.

James Williams

JAMES WILLIAMS
1918 East Twelfth St
Tucson, Arizona

Exhibit "C"
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22 May 1949

STATEMENT

I, S/Sgt Walter L. Summey, AF-13034673, 63rd Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb Gp, Davis-Monthan AFB, a resident of 1916 East Twelfth St, Tucson, Arizona, make the following statement.

On Sunday, 8 May 1949, I was in front of my house at the above listed address in company with Sgt Elangio and two civilians, a Mr. Williams and Mr. Diaz. My attention was called to an object in the air by Mr. Diaz who had been observing this object for some time.

This object appeared to be about the size of a thumb nail and seemed to flutter. It seemed to be located due West of my point of observation by about 45 degrees North. It appeared to be at 20,000 feet altitude on a horizontal line of three to four miles. This object was perfectly still in the air.

There was a plane, a AT-6 at approximately seven or eight thousand feet and was circleing, gaining altitude. When this plane approached the object within eight to ten thousand feet, the object started rising rapidly and faded into the distance. The object was in view fifteen or twenty minutes. It was silver in color, perfectly round and then would either seem to turn or change shape and take a flat appearance. I believe this object was solid and of metalic construction since it reflected quite a bit of light. I would judge this object to be, if placed on the ground, approximately 40 feet in size.

I have flown a lot, have been working around airplanes for a long time and I do not believe this object was any conventional type aircraft nor was it a foreign object such as paper or cloth. This object was first sighted at about ~~1100~~ 0930 hours. There were no fins, rudders or any protrudances visible.

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Walter L Summey
WALTER L. SUMMEY

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(Rank) (Serial Number)

63rd Bomb. Sqdn
(Organization)

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22 May 1949

STATEMENT

I, M/Sgt John J. Blangio, AF-6268858, 64th Bomb Sq, 43rd Bomb WG, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona was at a friend's house, Sgt Summey, which is located near Campbell and Broadway in Tucson, Arizona on Sunday, May 8, 1949. While there, my attention was called to an object in the air by Mr. Diaz, a civilian who lives in the neighborhood.

This object was round in shape, changing to a flat appearance. It appeared to be at approximately twenty thousand feet altitude and when moving seemed to change shape from circular to a disc shape. This object was at about a 45 degree angle from the horizon directly west by about 45 degrees north. I would judge this object to have been around four miles distant from me. This object was sighted around 1040 to 1050. I can place this time fairly accurately because I had just left church and church was out at 1030 and it did not take me over ten minutes to drive to my friend's house. This object appeared to be of solid construction and if placed on the ground, I would judge it to be around 75 feet in diameter.

There was a single engine plane in the air circling, appearing to be gaining altitude to reach this object, but I am not sure if he saw it or not. The object was standing still in the air and when the plane came within approximately eight to ten thousand feet of it, the object started climbing in the shape of a baloon at a very high rate of speed. I would judge this rate of speed to have been four to six hundred miles per hour, about a 45 degree angle climb. This object appeared to be powered, although there was no trace of contrail, exhaust or smoke of any sort. I could hear no noises made by this object and it climbed faster than any aircraft I have ever witnessed. This object appeared to be perfectly stable although there was no control surfaces visible.

John J. Blangio
JOHN J. BLANGIO

MSG-L AF 6268858
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Exhibit "E"
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon report from DO #5, File No. 24-21M, dtd 20 May 49, an article in the Jackson Citizen Patriot, Jackson, Michigan, dtd 3 June 49, and VO, District Commander, 25th District, OSI (IG), 6 June 49.

Information received indicated that on 31 May 49, Mr. WILLIAM WATTS found an object thought to be a Flying Saucer near his residence at Parma, Michigan.

Two aluminum discs recovered, one disc accompanied by plastic. Objects identified as radio transcription discs from local radio station.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon receipt of OSI Report #24-21M from 5th District OSI (IG), WP/AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 20 May 49, "Project, 'Grudge' "; a newspaper clipping from the Jackson Citizen Patriot, Jackson, Michigan, dated 3 June 49, and VO District Commander, 25th District OSI (IG), Detroit 32, Michigan, relative to the sighting and finding of unidentified aerial phenomena near Homer, Michigan, and Parma, Michigan.

2. Information from the Jackson, Michigan newspaper indicated that one WILLIAM WATTS, a farmer residing one mile north of Parma, Michigan, found an object believed to be aerial phenomena sticking in the ground of his corn field on 31 May 49.

AT HOMER, MICHIGAN

3. On 27 May 1949, 1700 hours, Mr. WILLIAM SACKETT, 232 West Hamilton Street, Homer, Michigan, stated that:

"I, WILLIAM SACKETT, 232 W. Hamilton St., Homer, Michigan, do hereby make the following statement to JACK L. HECKELMAN an agent of the Inspector General's Office, US Air Force.

On the 28th day of April 1949 at 09:15 A.M. I was sitting at my office at the Pet Milk Co. located in Homer, Michigan, and while looking out of the window saw strange objects in the sky which first appeared to be sea gulls. Quickly going out doors and calling to a fellow worker, Mr. WILLIAM GIBSON, who was working in the tank room of the plant, we both were able to observe that they were not gulls but six silver colored discs rotating around in a wide circle at about a 45 degree angle and traveling due west. They seemed to be revolving around as if they were attached to an axel. I judged them to be between 300 and 400 ft. off the ground and traveling at about 40 miles per hour. After they had disappeared over the tree tops I and another co-worker who had just come out of the plant, jumped in my car and pursued after them on Highway M-60. We traveled for about 3-1/2 miles west of town, but were unable to locate them. After returning back to town, I called the Jackson Citizen Patriot correspondent, LOTTIE TILLOTSON and informed her of my experience and then drove up town and informed RAY FOGEL, editor of the local paper.

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) WILLIAM C. SACKETT"

4. Upon questioning Mr. WILLIAM GIBSON, 314 Clinton Street, Homer, Michigan, the statement of Mr. SACKETT was repeated. Mr. GIBSON's description of the incident and objects was the same as SACKETTS.



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5. While questioning GIBSON it was learned that a Mrs. CLARA E. KNICHOIS, 405 West Adams Street, Homer, Michigan, has seen an object flying through the air about 2 miles west and 3 miles north of Homer, Michigan, which she thought to be a "Flying Saucer." Questioning Mrs. KNICHOIS established that on 24 Apr 49 at about 1730 hours, she had been in the company of her husband. Upon stopping the car to take pictures, Mrs. KNICHOIS saw an object about 1-1/2 miles away traveling straight east that seemed to be tilting at intervals and reflecting the sun. Mrs. KNICHOIS remarked to her husband and a Mr. and Mrs. JAMES L. HESS, Sutton Road, Jackson, Michigan, "I guess that is one of those Flying Saucers." She described the object as being about 12" in dia. and of a polished aluminum color. Mrs. KNICHOLS had made no report of the incident, and seemed surprised when approached by this agent. Mrs. KNICHOIS and her husband live alone, operate the Chevrolet Sales and Service Agency at Homer, Michigan, and both are Notary Publics. Their manner of answering all questions was quite direct and sincere. No reason to doubt the veracity of this information was found.

AT PARMA, MICHIGAN

6. On June 6, 1949, Mr. WILLIAM WATTS, RFD #1, one mile north of Parma, Michigan on County Hall Road, was interviewed. Mr. WATTS stated that; "On 31 May 49 at about 1000 hours I and my son WILLIAM JR. were cultivating corn in the west field. I noticed a shiny piece of metal sticking in the ground about 100 feet from the east side of County Hall Road, and in the middle of a row of corn. The reason I was curious about it was the fact that I had been picking up stones from that area a few days before, and there had been no such object there at that time. I walked over and saw this metal disc sticking in the ground about 3 inches as though it had been driven there by a considerable amount of force. I pulled the disc from the ground and looked it over. It seemed to be about 9 inches in diameter and there was a piece of purple colored plastic sticking to the one side of it. I did not think too much about it at the time, but carried it to the house at the end of the day and showed it to my wife. A short time later that evening one of my neighbors came over, and I showed him the disc. He suggested that I call the Jackson Citizen Patriot (a daily newspaper printed and circulated from the city of Jackson, Michigan). I finally reported the object to this newspaper on Friday, 3 June 49. Then one of the news reporters came out and took the disc into Jackson. I haven't seen it since. I do not have any idea of what the disc is, and do not want anyone to think I am trying to cause trouble, but if there is any way that this can help anyone, then I want to do what is right."

AT JACKSON, MICHIGAN

7. After talking to Mr. WATTS, this agent proceeded to Jackson, Michigan, to locate the reporter from the aforementioned newspaper, and if possible to obtain the disc found by Mr. WATTS. A Mr. GEORGE GREGORY,



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Asst. Editor for the Jackson Citizen Patriot was contacted and his permission was received over the telephone to remove the disc from the offices of the newspaper. While talking with Mr. GREGORY it was learned that another disc of smaller size was turned in to the offices of the newspaper by an unknown farm boy from Michigan Center, Michigan. No information was available during this interview as to the identity of this boy. Mr. GREGORY did state that an attempt had been made through the city of Jackson, Michigan, at the local airport, and at Romulus, Michigan, to identify the disc turned in by WATTS, but that no one had been able to give any information of any value.

AT PARMA, MICHIGAN

8. Upon leaving the offices of the Jackson Citizen Patriot, this agent returned to the residence of WILLIAM WATTS and proceeded to the exact spot in the corn field in which the disc was found. While in this area, several additional small pieces of the purple colored plastic were found in an area about 6' in dia. (See Exhibit "B"). At this time Mr. WATTS remarked, "I wonder if all this is worth the expense you are going to." Mr. WATTS is married and has a family of 7 children. He is a very sincere, humble appearing individual, and was extremely cooperative at all times.

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

9. At 1330 hours, Mr. GREGORY of the Jackson, Michigan, newspaper telephoned the District Office and stated he and another newspaper man had discovered that the metal discs found and turned over to Special Agent HECKELMAN were used by the Jackson, Michigan radio station for the purpose of making radio transcriptions. After the transcriptions were made, these discs, which have plastic on both sides, are then thrown away and the children in the area obtain these junked discs and sail them. Mr. GREGORY said a comparison of the junked discs and those turned over to Special Agent HECKELMAN were identical and there was no doubt as to the source of the discs.

NOTE: The discs and plastic had been mailed to DO #5 just a few moments prior to receiving the information in the above paragraph.

INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

1. Exhibit "A" - Saucer found at WILLIAM WATTS farm 31 May 49 at 1000 hrs by WILLIAM WATTS.

2. Exhibit "B" - Particles of plastic covering found clinging to and laying about the area of the disc found at the WILLIAM WATTS residence, Parma, Michigan.

3. Exhibit "C" - Saucer found by Unknown Subject at Michigan Center, Michigan, 3 June 49.

4. Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects

Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" being forwarded under separate cover.

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 25, Detroit, Michigan

AT LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN

1. Will interview PAUL TIMM and PAT O'CONNEL, Ludington High School.

AT MICHIGAN CENTER, MICHIGAN

2. Will attempt to establish identity of person turning in 8" disc to Mr. GEORGE GREGORY of the Jackson Citizen Patriot, Jackson, Michigan.



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NR : OSI-4-26C 27 APRIL 1949

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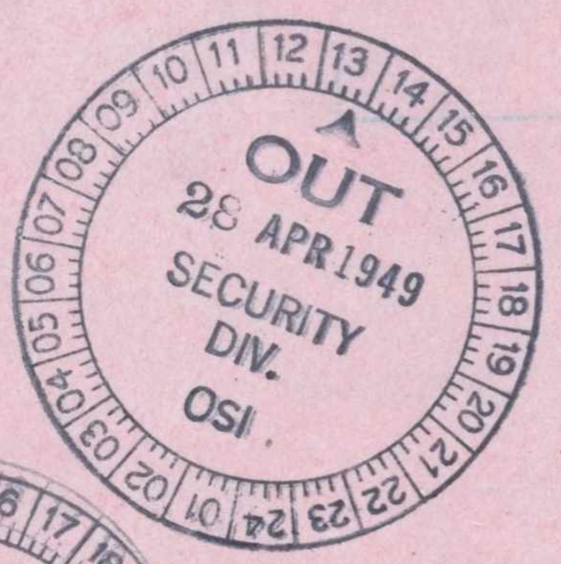


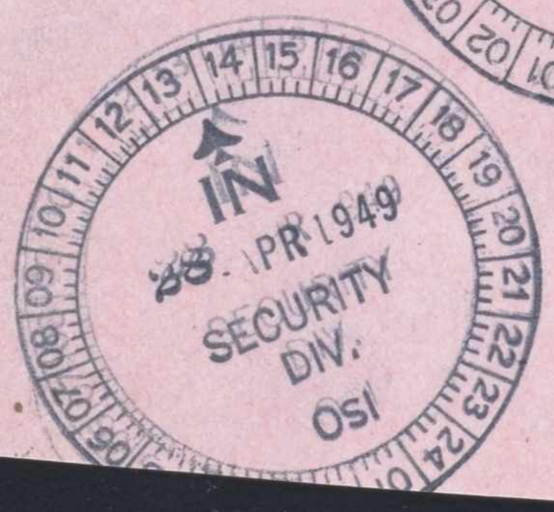


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# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 32-4

DATE 26 May 1949

REPORT MADE BY
Special Agent BERNARD A. PRICE

REPORT MADE AT
Jackson Det, DO #9, Jackson, Miss.

PERIOD
25 April - 12 May 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.

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CHARACTER
Subversive Activity

REFERENCE
9TH OSI District Bulletin # 55-16, dated 22 November 1948.

SYNOPSIS

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information that an unidentified aerial phenomena was sighted over Vicksburg, Mississippi on Friday, 22 April 1949, which was described as a "flying triangle".

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

2. The following newspaper item taken from the Jackson, Mississippi Daily News, dated 23 April 1949, is quoted ver batim:

'FLYING TRIANGLE' REPORTED OVER VICKSBURG FRIDAY

A "flying triangle" was reported seen in the sky over Vicksburg last night.

JAMES E. PARKER said he saw the object "like a lighted triangle" shortly after midnight.

He said he could not estimate the height or speed of the object. PARKER said there was no noise to indicate it might have been a high flying airplane.

AT VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI:

3. On 11 May 1949, the writer interviewed Mr. JAMES E. PARKER at Vicksburg, Mississippi. PARKER stated in substance that he sighted a flying triangle at approximately 0022 hours, central standard time, 23 April 1949, over the city of Vicksburg. When this object was sighted, it was within the city limits and approximately one and one-half (1-1/2) miles from the center of the city of Vicksburg. PARKER further stated that he was standing in front of 1226 West Street when he first sighted this object. PARKER stated that he could not locate the latitude on the map. PARKER only saw one object and when this object was sighted, it was at about a forty-five (45) degree angle, going east, and was at a seemingly high altitude. PARKER further stated that he observed this object from a period of from five (5) to ten (10) seconds.

PARKER described the color of the object as being milky looking, like a flourescent light, but not quite as bright. PARKER described the object as being in the shape of a triangle, each side of the triangle being approximately four (4) feet in length and one and one-half (1-1/2) feet in width. Running down the outside edge of each side of the triangle was a row of lights.

PARKER further stated that this object was headed due east in level flight and that there was no evidence of exhaust, nor was there any effect caused on the clouds by this object. All light appeared luminous, but slightly milky. This object appeared to be supported by wings, but there was no evidence of any kind of propulsion, nor did he sight any type of stabilizers or antenna on this object.





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PARKER stated that this object was traveling at a speed faster than mail planes, or National Guard planes, but slower than a jet type aircraft. This object did not make any sound. The manner of disappearance of this object was that it "just disappeared" in a clear sky as though it traveled out of sight.

Information relative to the observer is that PARKER lives at 1226 West Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and follows the occupation of carpenter as a rule, but at present is employed in a pool hall under the name of "Nosser's Smoke House". PARKER does not have any hobbies, but likes to watch airplanes in an effort to determine their type. PARKER has done some riding in airplanes and enjoys this experience. PARKER appears to have the ability to determine color, and the ability to determine the speed of automobiles, but is not too familiar with the speed of airplanes. PARKER seems to have the ability to determine the size of an object at a distance. According to informants in Vicksburg, PARKER is seemingly reliable as an observer. The local police department has no record of PARKER. PARKER has what could be termed as a "fairly good" eyesight and according to PARKER, his attention was not drawn to this object in any particular manner. He just happened to glance up into the sky and saw the object. When Mr. PARKER was interviewed, the writer was accompanied by Major FRANKLIN A. RICHARDSON, Base Intelligence Officer and Base Inspector, Hawkins Air Force Base, Jackson, Mississippi, who is a rated pilot and both the writer and RICHARDSON agree that PARKER seemed very reliable. PARKER is very elusive in his description, and it is the opinion of Major RICHARDSON and the writer that PARKER did see something.

Information relative to radar sightings in Vicksburg, Mississippi is negative.

Weather information on 22 April 1949 is as follows: Visibility one half (1/2) mile, ground fog, estimated ceiling, 25,000 feet; light broken clouds; barometric pressure, 1001.86; temperature, 58 degrees; winds, southeast, two miles per hour altimeter. Vicksburg weather at 0030Z, 23 April 1949 was garbled and could not be read. Prevailing winds aloft in the local area were from the southwest, or west and ranged from six (6) miles per hour at 10,000 feet to fifty-seven (57) miles per hour at 20,000 feet.

There was no commercial aircraft in the vicinity of Vicksburg, Mississippi after 2330 hours, 22 April 1949, and there was no record of military aircraft in Vicksburg at the time the object was sighted. It is not known in this vicinity whether or not any test device had been released by any military organization or any research organization.

There was no radio antenna or any projection of extension from this object which might be construed as such.

The following signed statement which is quoted verbatim was received from Mr. JAMES E. PARKER, 1226 West Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi.



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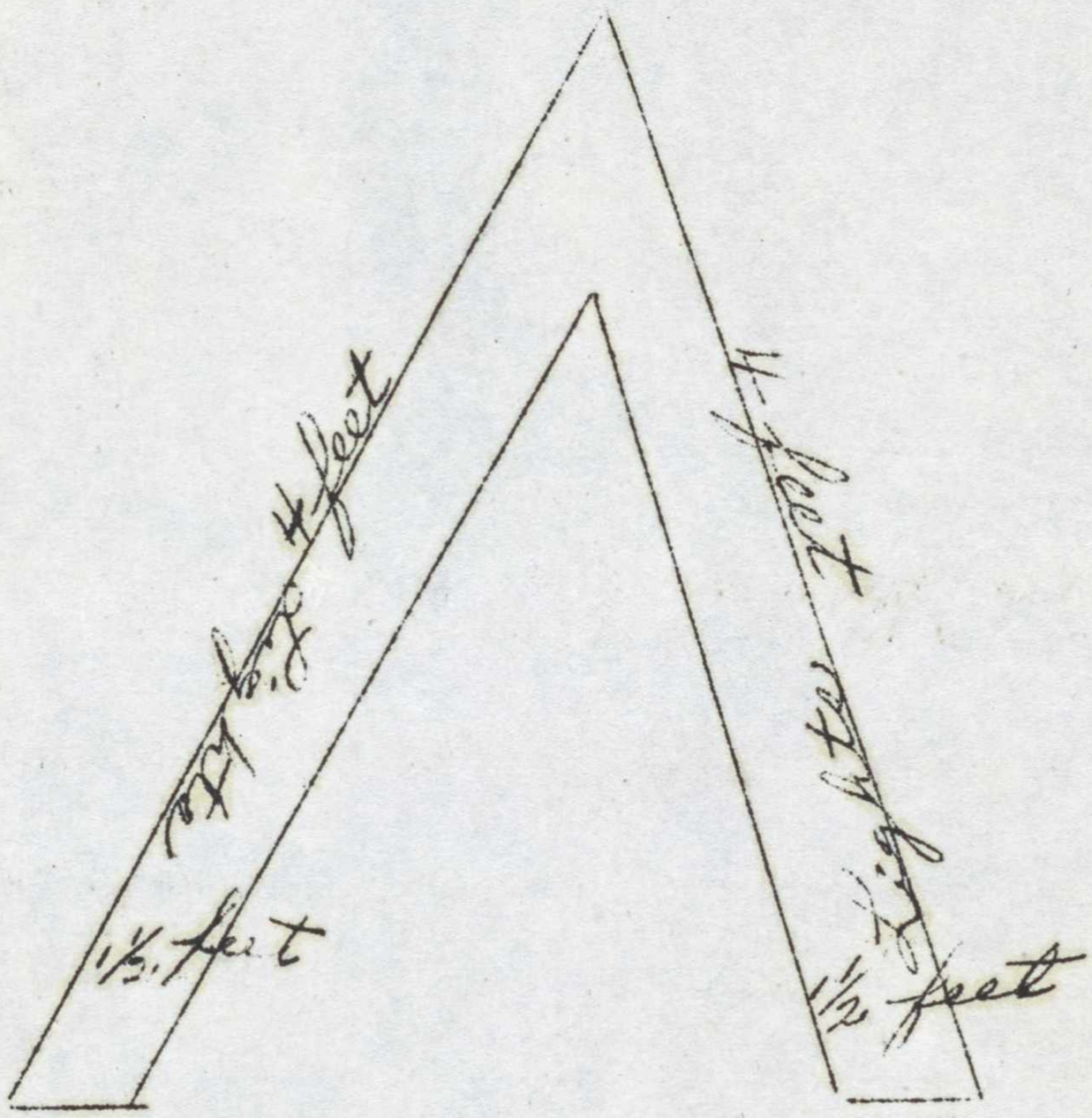
"On April 22, 1949, as well as I can remember, about 12:25, I got out of a cab at Clay and West Streets, and I looked up and saw a flying object shaped like a angle and it was dimmed lighted, traveling at a fast rate of speed, traveling faster than the average plane. It looked like to be 4 ft long and it was high in the air. It was traveling east. See drawing at bottom of this page. I couldn't estimate the height of speed.

/s/ James E. Parker

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FILE NO. 5D 24-21R

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REPORT MADE BY CHARLES F. CRUTCHFIELD blk

REPORT MADE AT DO #5, W/PAFB, Dayton, Ohio

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Roanoke, Virginia
13 May 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Lt. Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio to determine characteristics of mysterious cigar-shaped object reported seen by several persons over Roanoke, Virginia and other parts of West Virginia and Eastern Tennessee. Report of observers was taken from the Roanoke World-News, Roanoke, Virginia, Friday afternoon, 13 May 1949.

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

DETAILS:

1. Investigation was requested by Lt. Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

2. An item in the Roanoke World-News, Roanoke, Virginia on Friday afternoon, 13 May 1949, transmitted by Mr. P. H. TROUT, 502 King George Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia, described the cigar-shaped object reportedly seen over Roanoke and other parts of West Virginia and Eastern Tennessee. An extract copy of subject newspaper item is attached as an inclosure to this report.

INCLOSURES

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI

1. Extract copy of Roanoke World-News clipping. (in dup)

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 21, LANGLEY AFB

1. Extract copy of Roanoke World-News Clipping. (in dup)
2. Guide to Investigation (in dup)

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 21, LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

1. Will interview the following persons concerning cigar-shaped object mentioned in report, using information contained in Guide to Investigation:

Mr. J. S. MAYS, 1504 Chapman Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia
Mr. W. F. MULLINS, 1101 Williamson Road, Roanoke, Virginia

2. Will submit results of investigation to this office on AFHQ Form 0-206 (Form 4).

AT CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

1. Will interview the following persons concerning cigar-shaped object mentioned in report, using information contained in Guide to Investigation:

Mr. L. B. GRAYBEAL, Christiansburg, Virginia
Mr. C. L. PHILLIPS, Radford Road, Christiansburg, Virginia

2. Will submit results of investigation to this office on AFHQ Form 0-206 (Form 4).



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SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
Incident, Memphis, Tennessee
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to report of investigation by Special Agent JOHN E. MORRILL, subject and file as above, dated 29 April 1949.

2. Inclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary is report of investigation by Special Agent WILLIAM T. HECKART, SR., 8th OSI District, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

3. With the submission of this report, the files of this office are being closed in instant investigation.

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FILE NO. 24-14

DATE 2 June 1949

REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. SCHELLHOUS LM

REPORT MADE AT DO #18

PERIOD 27 May 1949

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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE Letter from Headquarters OSI, dated 19 May 1949, File 24-185.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Headquarters OSI. Mrs. FRANK GARDNER, 2310 West Garvey Blvd., El Monte, California, stated in an interview that her niece, EVA UNDERWOOD of Puxico, Missouri was formerly the wife of one RICARDO ROMERO, a Mexican citizen. ROMERO had told GARDNER's niece of an underground aircraft factory near Mexico City where rocket-powered aircraft of a strange construction were being prepared for use against the United States. GARDNER's niece had, in 1944, mentioned this to GARDNER. GARDNER had said nothing of this until recently, when she sent a letter regarding this information to the FBI. GARDNER is a reader of True Detective stories and has written previous letters to the FBI.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Headquarters, OSI, by letter, dated 19 May 1949 to interview Mrs. FRANK GARDNER, 2310 West Garvey, El Monte, California, who had indicated in a letter to the FBI that she had knowledge concerning "flying saucers."

AT EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA

2. Mrs. FRANK GARDNER, 2310 West Garvey Blvd., El Monte, was interviewed in her house trailer on 27 May 1949. She stated that her niece, EVA UNDERWOOD, who can be located in care of CHARLIE UNDERWOOD, Box 85, Puxico, Missouri, had previously been married to a Mexican citizen by the name of RICARDO ROMERO. Sometime in 1944, GARDNER's niece reported to her that her husband ROMERO had spoken of a secret underground aircraft factory located beneath a mountain near Mexico City. According to the niece, ROMERO had been given the special privilege of visiting this underground factory where he saw thousands of aircraft which were being constructed of some metallic or plastic material that could not be seen in flight. The crews of these aircraft could see out but on-lookers were unable to see in. These aircraft were being prepared for a special operation against the United States and were rocket-powered. GARDNER also stated that ROMERO was a radio musician employed in Mexico City. He was a member of an entertainment group known as "TRIS TASQUENOS." ROMERO's present address can be obtained from his ex-wife EVA UNDERWOOD. GARDNER went on to say that when her niece told her of this, she had taken a few notes and had not thought of it again until recently, when she read of the "flying saucers" in the newspaper. She could not say who ran the underground factory or give any additional data on the type of aircraft being constructed; nor could she say who was employed in the factory or why ROMERO was allowed into the factory when it was supposed to be so secret.

It was noted that GARDNER is an avid reader of True Detective magazines. In the magazine rack in her trailer copies of these sensational type periodicals were overflowing. Further, she mentioned writing other letters to the FBI on previous occasions in regard to other matters. She and her husband formerly resided in Donna, Texas, where they operated a small business. Her niece visited her frequently and mentioned the underground aircraft factory on only the one occasion. GARDNER is accepted by the other trailer park residents and seems to enjoy a good reputation.

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Inclosure:

Copy of letter from Mrs. FRANK GARDNER to J. EDGAR HOOVER, dated 29 April 1949.



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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 12, SCOTT AFB

AT PUXICO, MISSOURI

1. Will interview EVA UNDERWOOD, niece of Mrs. FRANK GARDNER and ex-wife of RICARDO ROMERO, at her address in care of CHARLIE UNDERWOOD, Box 85, Puxico, Missouri regarding her knowledge of the underground aircraft factory, supposedly located under a mountain near Mexico City.

2. Will conduct any additional investigation which the facts developed may indicate.

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2310 W. Harvey
El Monte Calif.
4-29-49

Edgar J. Hoover
F.B.I.

Dear Sir:

Take this for what you think its worth, But I keep thinking I may be able to throw a light on the so called, Flying Saucers, I do not know how True this is, but as our own Army says it has nothing to do concerning these Saucers appearing in the Skies, I aim to tell You what a certain woman told me of a supposed secret aircraft hide out and factory that is in or under mountains near Mexico City Mexico.. This young woman is married to a Mexican radio Musician here. Who seems to be one of a special few who were allowed to visit this place in the mountains. She said that these aircraft was made of some metalic material that could not be recongized in the air only as an almost invisible form. That the passengers or pilot rather, could see out, but lookers on could not see inside. That close up-they (the craft) looks a sort of glass. And that-they were preparing them for special reason against the U.S.

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that there were thousands of them. They were supposed to be the rocket type.
Now Mr. Hoover this was told me in 1944 or 43. at the time I wrote it all down and never thought any more of it until lately. and maybe I am foolish but I thought maybe this had something to do with the flying Saucers, if true.
I am a true american and love my country and if I can do any service for my country I am glad of it.
The flying Saucer could be more dangerous than we think.

Respectfully Yours.

Mrs. Frank Gardner

p.s.
I lived within a few miles of mexican border when this was told me.
In Texas.

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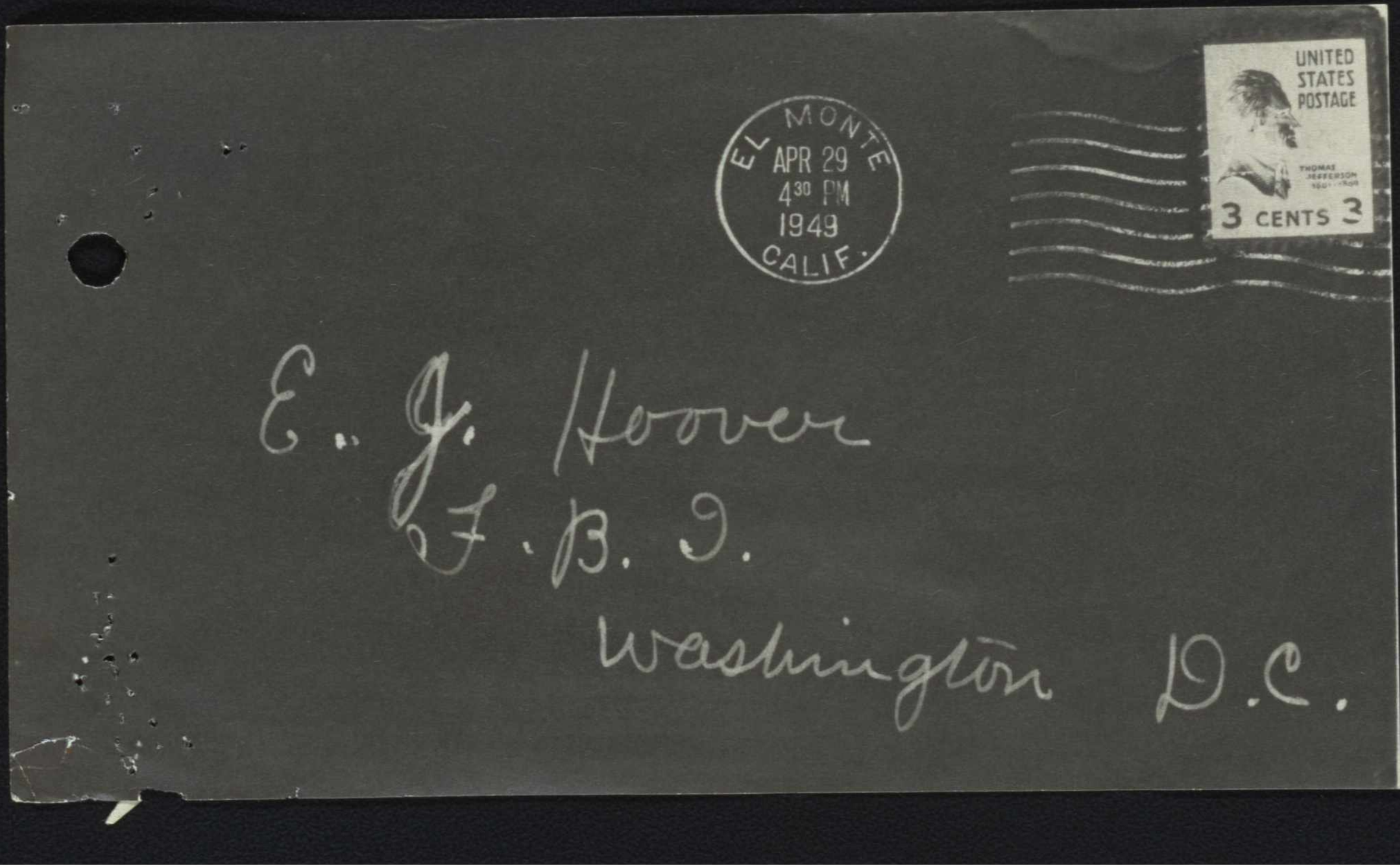


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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE Ltr, Headquarters, OSI, dated 20 May 1949, File 24-185.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was requested by Headquarters, OSI. Three witnesses were interviewed; Mr. ROY DE JARNETT, Mr. ROSCOE JOHNSON and Mr. EUSTAQUIO ESCOBAR. All agreed that they had seen an object which resembled a disc, flying a northwest course at a high altitude over Glendale, California, on 8 April 1949, at approximately 1400 hours. Visibility was excellent and the skies were cloudless. No military or civilian aircraft were scheduled in the vicinity and military units and civilian research organizations reported that no aerial testing devices had been released at the time that the aerial object, described as a disc, was observed.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Headquarters, OSI, by letter dated 20 May 1949, in which it was stated that certain Department of Recreation employees had reported seeing an object which resembled a disc in the sky.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

2. Mr. ROY DE JARNETT, 3872 Edenhurst Avenue, interviewed on 25 May 1949, provided the following information regarding his observance of what was believed to have been the "flying discs":

a. Date of observance: 8 April 1949

b. Exact local time: Unknown; approximate time: 1400 hours.

c. Place of observation: North latitude 34° 08' West longitude 118° 19'

d. Position of observer: Standing on a hillside to the west of Griffith Park Drive as it winds through Griffith Park. There are hills that rise about 150 feet on both sides of the road limiting horizontal visibility in any direction.

e. DE JARNETT's eyes were attracted skyward by a small civilian aircraft (presumably a Piper Cub from nearby Grand Central Airport) which was diving low over the park.

f. High above the aircraft which first arrested DE JARNETT's attention, he observed a round flat metallic object heading into the northwest.

g. The object seemed to be flying at a great height and appeared to be about half the size of a 10¢ coin when it is held at arm's length.

h. Its color was that of unpainted aluminum and it glistened and shimmered in the rays of the sun.

i. Shape of object was round and flat; thick in the center and tapering to a thin edge at the circumference, like a convex lens in a magnifying glass.

j. When observed, the object was very high in the sky, estimated at about 70° to 75° above the horizon.

k. It was first seen in the East and was observed as it traveled into the northwest.

l. Direction was a straight northwest course.

m. Time in sight was approximately thirty seconds.



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about two and-a-half years since his discharge from the Army and is considered to be a reliable employee. His vision is unimpaired and he made his observations with the naked eye. JOHNSON has a limited education but he was very sincere in his manner while telling of the object.

4. Mr. EUSTAQUIO ESCOBAR, Mexican laborer, 10522 South Hickory Street, Watts, California also an employee of the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Department was interviewed on 25 May 1949 regarding his observance of the object described as a "flying disc." ESCOBAR, whose position was near that of JOHNSON, became aware of the object when he saw JOHNSON looking up and followed JOHNSON's gaze to the object. ESCOBAR's story agreed with the others in regard to altitude, direction, size, shape and speed, but ESCOBAR stated that the object appeared to him to be turning over and over, in the same manner that a coin would which had been flipped into the air. He also denied seeing any projections of any sort on the surface of the object. ESCOBAR is a laborer who has had no formal education. He has been employed by the City of Los Angeles for a long period of time and is considered to be a steady, dependable employee. His observations were made with the naked eye.

5. General information: Weather information of 8 April 1949 revealed that skies were cloudless and visibility unlimited; winds aloft at 10,000 feet were southeast at 25 knots. A check of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in the vicinity, failed to indicate that any aircraft had been flying northwest over Glendale, at or near 1400 hours on 8 April 1949. Checks with local military units, with the California Institute of Technology and the University of Southern California, failed to reveal the operation or release of any testing device in the area.

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†PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Watertown, New York
11 May 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Information received reflects Watertown Daily Times, Watertown, New York released information on 12 May 1949 indicating a silver tipped object was observed moving in the sky between 4:15 and 4:25 P.M. on 11 May 1949. Observers who saw this object identified as Mrs. EVERETT R. JOHNSON, Watertown, RD 2, her small son, EVERETT, and Mrs. JOHNSON's mother, Mrs. DANIEL McCARGAR, Watertown, RD 2.

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a Routing & Record Sheet, dated 24 May 1949 from Lt. Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department (MCIAXS) Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who received information hereinafter set forth, regarding sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena reported by news clipping in the vicinity of Watertown, New York on 11 May 1949. Information transmitted by D. J. HANLON, 1213 State Street, Watertown, New York.

2. Report from the Watertown Daily Times, Watertown, New York, issue of 12 May 1949:

SILVER-TIPPED OBJECT IS OBSERVED MOVING IN SKY

A silver-tipped object trailing smoke moved slowly across the northeast section of the sky Wednesday afternoon between 4:15 and 4:25 and then slowly disappeared, seeming to dissolve from the tail forward, according to Mrs. Everett R. Johnson, Watertown R. D. 2.

"We were looking to the northeast and this meteorlike thing rose in the east and went slowly across the horizon, disappearing in the north," Mrs. Johnson said. "It hung like a silver ball right in the north and then dissolved."

Two others who were riding with Mrs. Johnson saw this phenomenon, her small son, Everett, who was fascinated by the sight, and her mother, Mrs. Daniel McCargar, Watertown, R. D. 2.

3. Request return of completed leads to reach this office not later than 1 July 1949.

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AT WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

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