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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) GEORGE E. GROVE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. On 22 July 1952, Colonel Smith, Executive Officer, Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, advised that his office had just received a call from the above captioned individual, and that he was concerned over some object that had apparently fallen in a wooded area behind his home. According to Colonel Smith, Mr. Grove resides on Layhill Road, Silver Springs, Maryland, and is employed by some Buick Company in the Silver Springs area.

2. Colonel Smith further stated that Mr. Grove reported this incident to the local police on 19 July 1952, the date the incident occurred, but having received no satisfaction decided to call the Air Force on 22 July 1952. I telephonically communicated the above information to Colonel White, District Commander, DO #4.

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GILBERT R. LEVY  
Chief, Counter Intelligence Div  
Dir. of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General

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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO. IR-5-51	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Unidentified Celestial Phenomenon		
AREA REPORTED ON Webster, Texas	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence, Ellington Air Force Base	
DATE OF REPORT 7 October 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 October 1951	EVALUATION <del>B2</del>
PREPARED BY (Officer) William F. Hester Jr., Captain, USAF	SOURCE Sgt. Wilfred D. Thorne Jr., AF 39419155	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)  
Ltr Hq USAF, AWCIC-CC-1, 8 Sep 50, Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

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

Report of unidentified light, thought to be a Celestial Phenomenon, as seen by Sgt. Wilfred D. Thorne at about 0215, 1 October 1951.

The following weather prevailed for 1 October 1951:

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05250	015	156/66/62	3/998
06250	06KN	156/11/59	3/998/ FEW AC-E
07250	00K	159/69/64	4/999

*W. Hester*

COMMENTS of Reporting Officer:

1. Informant is ROIC of Security for his section. He is 27 years old, an intelligent appearing person who doesn't appear to be highly excitable. His story was told in a calm straightforward manner. He is a rated civilian pilot (license No. 577600, rated commercial pilot, Ratings - Airplane Single & Multi-Engine land, Flight Instructor - Airplane).
2. A further check with M/Sgt. Wilson at Base Operations revealed a Pfc. Lloyd B. Howard, AF 33454416, was on duty at Base Operations at the time Sgt. Thorne called the Base. An information copy of Sgt. Thorne's statement was given to S/A Lockett, local O.S.I. Detachment, who asked that Pfc. Howard not be contacted regarding his statement about the Wright-Patterson experiment that involves Ellington Air Force Base until his (OSI) office gets an answer to a check they are making.
3. A check of the Air Almanac showed Venus to have been in about the same compass position of the object seen by informant at the time covered by this report.

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BY **KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF**  
Historian  
DATE **8 DEC 1975**

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Statement - Sgt. Wilfred D. Thorne Jr.

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*J. Hester*

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Statement of Sgt. Wilfred D. Thorne Jr. AF39419155, 149TH AC&W

At about 0415, 1 October 1951, my infant son woke me up wanting to come to my bedroom. When he came down to my room there was a very bright light right outside my window which is on the East side of the house. I live about three-fourths of a mile North West of Webster, Texas. The object seemed to be semi-stationary. When I first saw it at about 110° from my window and about one-half a mile away and 400' to 500' altitude.

I did not go back to sleep and observed the object until about 0700 at which time it disappeared by rising almost vertically. The time it began rising was about 0630. During the time of observation the object moved up and down like a yoyo about a half dozen times. The range of ascent and descent was approximately 100 feet.

One time (about 45 minutes to 1 hour after I first sighted the object) it went north at a very high rate of speed similar to rate of movement of a humming bird. It went approximately 1/4 mile north then returned to same relative position at a lower altitude.

The light was so bright that I was unable to see any shape or form, but the object seemed to be sending out constant rays of light similar to a diamond glittering. There was no smoke nor sparks as if a fire was burning. There was no sound. The light was the most brilliant, whitish-blue light I have ever seen. The main light was approximately 12 inches across and total size including rays, was about 3 or 4 feet, in diameter, although the rays cause the shape to appear to vary. I was first observing the object through a window screen, but at about 0530 I went outside my home and observed the object for about 30 minutes.

At 0430 I woke my neighbors to use their telephone. I phoned the base to get someone to come see the object. The Base Telephone Operator gave me O.D.'s number, but phone was answered by the Base C.Q. who said OD was not available. I told C.Q. reason for my call and he suggested I call Base Operations then had my call transferred to Base Operations. A Sgt. answered the telephone at Base Operations and said A.O. was not available. I told the Sgt. what I was seeing and he said in so many words—"All I can tell you is that Wright Patterson is experimenting with a project that involves Ellington".

Witnesses other than myself were my wife, Mrs. Martha Thorne and my neighbor, Mrs. Howard Langford.

*Wilfred D. Thorne*  
WILFRED D. THORNE  
Sergeant, USAF

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COUNTRY <b>U.S.A.</b>	REPORT NO. <b>IR-4-51</b>	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT <b>Unidentified Celestial Phenomenon</b>		
AREA REPORTED ON <b>Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas</b>	FROM (Agency) <b>Wing Intelligence, Ellington AFB</b>	
DATE OF REPORT <b>7 October 1951</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>2 October 1951</b>	EVALUATION <b>F-1</b>
PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>William F. Hester Jr., Captain, USAF</b>	SOURCE <b>Sgt. Douglas Way, AF 28202528 Pfc. John M. Sues, AF 28203868 Pfc. Richard R. Rains, AF 28203893</b>	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>Ltr Hq USAF, AFOIC-CC-1; 8 Sep 50, Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft</b>		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)  Report of unidentified light, thought to be a Celestial Phenomenon, as seen by Sgt. Douglas Way, Pfc. John M. Sues, and Pfc. Richard Rains at about 0118, 26 Aug 1951.  COMMENTS of Reporting Officer:  1. The reliability of the informants of this report can not be judged.  2. The fact the sergeant on C.Q. was made a witness to this sighting would add more weight to the statements of the other two informants.  3. For additional reports of this type for approximately same period see IR-3-51. Also, see IR-5-51 for similar sighting on a later date.  4. The following weather prevailed for 26 August 1951: øø25C 015 146/78/730/995 ø125C 012 149/78/730/996 ø225C 012 149/78/730/996  <i>W. F. Hester Jr.</i>  APPROVED:  <i>W. F. Hester Jr.</i> W. F. HESTER JR. Captain, USAF Intelligence Officer  3 INCL. Statement - Sgt. Douglas Way Statement - Pfc. John M. Sues Statement - Pfc. Richard R. Rains  DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR Hq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton Ohio. Hq Flying Training Air Force, Waco, Texas. OSI Detachment, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas. 149th AC&W Squadron, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas  NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.  518-153422-A 10-55569-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE		

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Statement of Sgt Douglas Way, AF28202528, 149th AC & W Squadron, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas

I was on CQ duty when Pfc John Suss woke me up telling me to come outside and see this strange thing. I immediately went out and saw this thing passing overhead. I noticed how bright it was (as bright as the brightest star in the sky at that time). It had no definite shape, but appeared to be as a bright light passing across the sky. The color was not blue white as a star, but more of a yellow light. There was no trail left by this object, at least none that I could see. I would judge altitude of over 25,000 feet. I also noticed that it was making a definite angular turn from its course but that it would always return in the same general direction - North. When it disappeared it was going up instead of over the horizon. I followed until it was completely out of sight, and just before fading from view it seemed to blink on and off.

Remarks: I heard no sound from object.

*Douglas Way*

DOUGLAS WAY, AF28202528  
Sgt, 149th AC&W Squadron

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Statement of PFC John M. Sues, AF28203868, 149th AC & W Squadron, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas

On the morning of 26 August 1951 at 0118 hours, I saw a strange object in the sky. It was round with no protruding surfaces. It was at night so I couldn't see any if they were present. It was a very bright light, brighter than any star. It had a more yellow-white light than stars do. It must have been very high because there was no sound at all. I have observed the lights of conventional aircraft at night, and the light that I saw that night travelled almost four times as fast or more. It went away from us in a climbing direction that is it didn't go over the horizon, but climbed into the sky until it was so far and so high that it looked just like another star, then it faded from sight. The course was zig-zag. It would fly at tremendous speeds in one direction and then seem to coast. Then it would take an obtuse angle in another direction and repeat its change in speeds. The one thing that was very noticeable was the fact that these angles were so definite. After it had started to climb into the sky and it was very far away the light started blinking on and off at two second intervals. We counted the intervals aloud and I feel the time is fairly accurate, I don't know how long this thing took to go completely out of sight, but I would estimate three to four minutes. There was no visible trails of flame or smoke from this object. After I first observed this thing myself with Pfc Rains and then I called the CQ in the orderly room, next to which we were standing, who was Sgt Way. We all three observed the object.

*John M. Sues*

JOHN M. SUES, AF28203868  
Pfc, 149th AC&W Squadron

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Statement of Pfc Richard R. Rains, AF28203893, 149th AC & W Squadron, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas.

I was with PFC Sues outside the orderly room of the 149th AC&W Squadron, when this thing passed nearly overhead. It was round, appeared slightly larger than Jupiter, and was much brighter, although a lot more yellow. It moved at first as a meteor, very fast from a South to a Northly direction. There was no exhaust trail or tail as there usually is with a meteor. There was no apparent means of propulsion, no sound was heard and no features or characteristics of modern aircraft were visible. It traveled at a terrific speed, until almost over us, then slowed almost to a stop. It then stented a pattern of accelerating at a terrific rate, slowing almost to a halt and then shooting off at angles almost perpendicular to its original South to North Course. Although it was shooting at angles, it tended to keep its same Northerly direction. It continued this course for some time, and as it appeared to be moving directly away from us, I still noticed its zig zag course and marveled at the tremendous distance it would be travelling with each zig zag, if it were as high as it appeared. It appeared to be as high as the stars. It then ascended and began a blinking on and off at about 2 seconds intervals. We counted aloud to check the intervals. Instead of going passed the horizon like a meteor or shooting star, it contined to ascend, finally fading from sight. I observed this on the 26 Aug at 0118 hours.

*Richard R. Rains*

RICHARD R. RAINS, AF28203893  
Pfc, 149th AC & W Squadron

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FLYING SAUCERS  
Washington Daily News  
18 July 52

By United Press

DAYTON, O., July 18—The Air Force admitted today that people actually see "something" when they report flying saucers and said some of the unexplainable objects traveling at speeds up to 2000 miles per hour have been tracked by radar.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, head of "Operation Bluebook," the Air Force group studying reports of unidentified aerial objects, said ground radar had tracked some aerial objects at speeds ranging between 1500 and 2000 miles per hour.

been bluish-yellow in color, and remained within sight of Veronica for more than hour.

**CAN'T CATCH UP**

Capt. Ruppelt said jet fighters equipped with the very latest radar have been sent aloft to "make contact" with the phantom objects, but all efforts to catch up with them have failed.

Of 1000 investigated reports, Capt. Ruppelt said, 38 per cent were meteors or other heavenly bodies, 13 per cent balloons, 22 per cent birds or aircraft, 2 per cent hoaxes, and 25 per cent unexplained.

**A GOOD QUESTION**

He said no physical trace, such as a piece of wreckage, had ever been found after a saucer was reported over an area.

"We are convinced that persons making these reports actually see something in the sky," Capt. Ruppelt said, "but what they are is another question."

**Saucers Soar Over  
Argentina**

LA PLATA, Argentina, July 18—Residents of nearby Veronica reported seeing six disc-shaped lighted objects which resembled "flying saucers" last night.

Eye-witnesses said the objects maneuvered in the sky and that their shape and movements were entirely different from those of regular planes.

The objects were said to have

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## A. F. INACTION ON 'SAUCERS' UNDER PROBE

Failure of the Air Force to send up interceptor jets early Sunday after a formation of "flying saucers" were picked up by radar operators at National airport was under official scrutiny last night.

The Air Force issued a statement explaining it did not order its jet fighters aloft because its own radar operators did not spot the "seven to ten unidentified objects."

The report that unexplained flying objects were spotted here was issued by the air route traffic control center at the airport.

### Top Authority Here

The official statement came as the Air Force's top authority on flying saucers arrived in Washington to assemble information on the mysterious objects reported over the capital area. He is Capt. E. J. Ruppelt of air technical intelligence command and chief of the AF's saucer investigators from Wright field, Dayton, Ohio.

As was expected, the Soviet embassy immediately denied Russia had anything to do with flying saucers or any other objects flying over the United States.

Even if the Air Force had wanted to send up jet fighters from its nearest interceptor field—Andrews—it could not have done so. The Andrews fighter squadron was transferred to New Castle, Del., recently on temporary duty.

The A.F. explained that the Washington area is still as safe as possible from enemy attack despite the fact the interceptor units have been transferred.

"Their job is still interception and that can be accomplished as well at New Castle," a spokesman said. "It has never been the job of the squadron anyway to meet the enemy over the Capital, but before they get here."

### Second Statement

Navy officials, meanwhile, denied that a group of jet planes at Norfolk, Va., went aloft Sunday to check on the strange night-flying objects.

The Navy said it heard nothing of the flying saucers until stories about them appeared in the newspapers.

In a second statement on the saucers, the A.F. announced "the Air Force didn't scramble any jets because our radar operators didn't pick up anything on radar." It earlier confirmed a report that it had received information on the saucers from radarmen at the airport's control center.

The unidentified objects also were sighted by two airline pilots flying over the Washington area at about 3:15 a.m. Sunday.

They described the saucers, between seven and ten, as "brilliantly lighted" and moving up and down and horizontally at between 100 and 135 miles per hour. At times the objects simply stood still, the pilots reported.

At the Russian embassy, Vladimir L. Lomovtsev, an attache, was asked by a reporter if the strange objects were of Soviet origin. He first said, "I don't know," and then added firmly, "No."

The attache, asked if he had seen flying saucers in Russia or heard of them in this country, replied:

"No, we have no flying saucers in Soviet Russia. I only hear of them here. But I have not seen any. Where do you see them?"

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AIR FORCE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR INACTION ON DC PLANE-LLS  
Times Herald  
28 July 1952

[Faded newspaper text, likely from the Times Herald, dated July 28, 1952, mentioning an investigation into an Air Force inaction on the DC plane-LLS.]

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FLYING SAUCERS OVER DC SIGHTED ON RADAR  
Washington Daily News  
22 July 52

The Air Force's top field expert on "flying saucers" has been called to Washington to investigate reports that 7 to 10 "unidentified aerial objects" were tracked by radar over Andrews Air Force Base early Sunday. He is expected to arrive here today.

Radar-equipped, all-weather jet interceptors, based at Andrews Field to protect the Capital, didn't get off the ground when National Airport asked them to go up and contact the "saucers." The News was told today. Allegedly, pilots weren't available.

The Navy sent jets up from Norfolk when Andrews couldn't make it. But they failed to make contact with the mysterious objects.

#### VERY SLOW

The Air Force announced last night that:

- Seven to ten objects appeared on the radar screen in the Air Route Traffic Control Center at National Airport. They appeared to be over Andrews. They appeared on one section of the screen, then showed up seconds later on another part, traveling in an entirely new direction. They moved at only 100 to 135 miles an hour—very slow for saucers.

- A Capital Airlines pilot—Capt. S. C. "Casey" Pierman—watched the lights for about 12 minutes as he flew from Washington to Martinsburg, W. Va.

- Another Capital pilot said a brilliant light followed his plane from Herndon, Va., to within four miles of National Airport.

#### HIGH

Meanwhile, a Marine pilot told the United Press he saw "two green objects—like shooting stars without tails—shooting straight across the sky at terrific speed and a very, very-high altitude" over Quantico, Va., on the night of July 10.

Capt. Pierman, who has flown in this area for 17 years, was asked by the airport tower to keep an eye out for the objects when they showed up on the radar screen.

He was flying at 180 to 200 mph toward Martinsburg, W. Va., he said, when he saw six lights.

"They were very similar to brilliant falling stars without tails," Capt. Pierman said.

Three flew in an approximate 75-degree dive at "a substantial speed" and three more flew "very, very high" on a horizontal plane. Capt. Pierman said he had "a feeling" they were in the upper atmosphere, at about 60,000 feet.

#### HUNG MOTIONLESS

He finally lost sight of them when they went into what he called "a terrific power dive" near Martinsburg.

They traveled at "tremendous vertical speed" and then changed pace and seemed to hang motionless, he said.

An Air Force press information man said the Air Force so far has only a preliminary, telephone report on the Sunday visitors, and therefore he knows nothing about the report that Andrews couldn't answer the request to try to intercept them.

He said the report that Navy jets went up from Norfolk "is news to me."

#### 'TOP BRAINS'

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, the Air Force's field investigator for the Air Technical Intelligence Command and the head of "Operation

Bluebook," will check the saucer reports, probably today, the spokesman said.

"He will make a complete report, including interviews with pilots, and so on, and it will be turned over to top men in the fields of aerodynamics, physics, and other related subjects."

"The Air Force has some of the top scientific brains in the country almost at its beck and call, you might say, to help it figure this thing out."

The report that Andrews had no jet pilots available and that Navy jets from Norfolk were sent up to intercept the objects came to The News from an Operations man at Anacostia Naval Air Base here. He said Anacostia was notified of the objects when they were over Andrews, but was not asked for help because no interceptor jets are based there.

Recent attempts to explain "saucers" as optical illusions have been shaken by recent radar sightings. Illusions don't show up on a radar screen.

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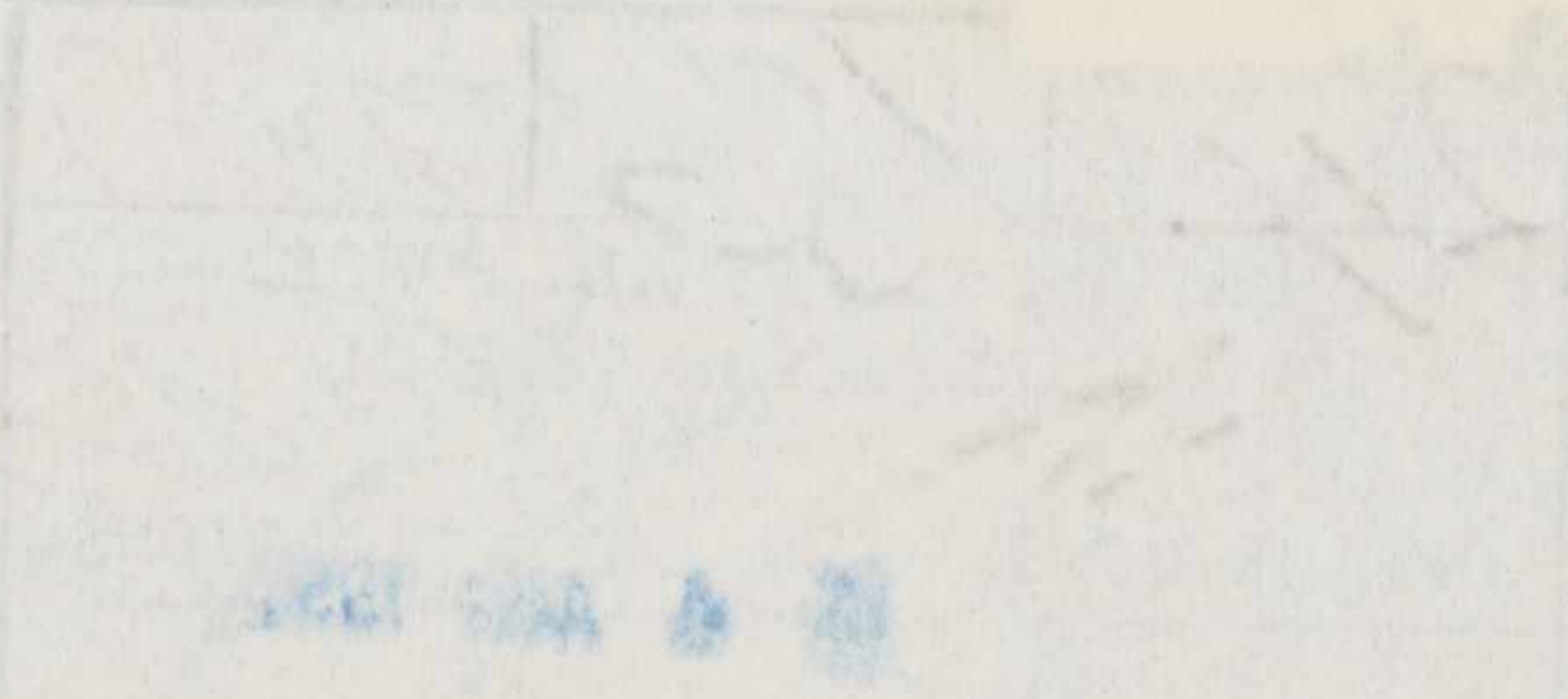
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~~TELEVISION RECEIVER AFFECTED BY SAUCERS OVER DC~~  
Washington Post  
24 July 52

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 23 (AP).—Maybe it's Washington's flying saucers that played hob with Virgil Ruppenthal's television sets. There seems to be some tie-in between the way they acted and the mysterious objects spotted in the sky around Washington over the weekend.

Ruppenthal is a television bug. He has a TV shack atop Dan's Rock about 10 miles southwest of Cumberland. It is about 2900 feet high, one of the highest spots in the Western Maryland mountains. Ruppenthal has it decked out with some of the best TV receivers money can buy, plus gadgets to step up incoming signals, plus a dozen different aerial layouts. He brings in perfect pictures from Washington, 112 miles to the southeast, and Pittsburgh, 71 miles to the northwest.

At 7:15 Sunday night, a strong electronic interference crossed off Ruppenthal's picture from WTOP Channel 9 in Washington.

Ruppenthal has been tinkering with television for six years. He can identify ordinary kinds of signal interference. He'd never seen anything like this before, never seen anything so powerful. He turned off his special amplifiers. Still there was a bright wire fence across his screen.

He tried all his aerials. Same thing. He tried other sets. Same thing. He climbed the Dan's Rock fire tower with a portable TV. The interference came in strongest at an altitude of 2940 feet.

He called a friend who has a TV set high on Savage Mountain. Same thing. He called Marshall Wolpert, who has a set on Martin's Mountain. Wolpert got the bright pattern. Then his set blew out. As suddenly as it had come, the phenomenon disappeared at 7:30 Tuesday morning.

It was shortly after midnight Sunday morning that control tower operators at Washington National Airport picked up strange blips on their radar scoops. The blips marked eight objects of some kind flying in the sky near Andrews Air Force base, just east of Washington.

The control tower contacted a commercial air liner flying northwest from Washington. The pilot, Capt. S. C. Pierman of Detroit, a veteran of 17 years with Capital Airlines, saw seven unidentified lights-falling stars without tails—in the sky between Washington and Martinsburg, W. Va.

Martinsburg is almost on a direct line between Washington and Cumberland.

Ruppenthal reported he also saw the strange interference pattern between 6:15 p. m. on July 8 and 1:30 a. m. on July 9 when he was watching a TV program from Pittsburgh.

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~~AF DEFENDS FAILURE TO SEND JETS AFTER FLYING SAUCERS~~  
Washington Daily News  
28 July 1952

The Air Force today defended its failure to send jet planes after the "unidentified objects" picked up on a radar screen here early Sunday morning. It said it didn't know where to send them.

The "blips" on the radar screen were spotted by Air Route Traffic Control Center employes at National Airport. They asked a Capital Airlines pilot to keep his eyes open on his flight from Washington to Martinsburg, W. Va., and he later reported that he watched a flight of strange "lights" for 12 minutes.

Airport employes reported their pick-up to the Air Force.

#### NO PATH

"We were unable to confirm the objects on any of our scopes and therefore we did not send any planes into the air," an Air Force spokesman said today.

"In order to direct a plane once its in the air, you have to know where to send it. The report said the objects appeared on one side of the radar screen, moved to another, appeared somewhere else—in other words there was no path."

He said there is "no point in sending planes" to a general vicinity to patrol, "because it takes only a matter of minutes to get jets into the air when you really get something."

#### NAVY SAYS NO

The nearest Air Force jets to Washington are those of the 121st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, normally stationed at Andrews Air Force Base but now on temporary duty in Newcastle, Del.

The Navy, meanwhile, denied the statement made to The News yesterday by an operations man at Anacostia Naval Air Base—that Navy jets from Norfolk went aloft but failed to make contact with the mysterious objects.

The Air Force spokesman said he did not know why no jets were sent up during the 12 minutes that the airline pilot followed the lights.

"I don't know whether he reported back to the radar station, or made his report after he landed," the spokesman said. "There is no accurate time sequence."

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He said he understood the spots were on the airport radar screen "for a while," but he did not know whether they were still there at 3:15 a. m. EDT when the Capital flight took off.

"That's what Capt. (E. J.) Ruppelt is for," the spokesman said. "To establish a sequence and get a clear picture of things."

Capt. Ruppelt is the top field investigator for "Operation Bluebook," the Air Force's project for collecting saucer reports.

Capt. Ruppelt, whose headquarters are in Dayton, O., was in Washington yesterday.

He told The News he "just happened to be in on other business. It just so happens that it was a coincidence."

#### NO CONCLUSIONS

The Air Force meanwhile said it cannot "prove or disprove" the existence of saucers, but that no conclusions are safe in the current epidemic of saucer-itis.

Capt. Ruppelt repeated his statement, made last Friday in Dayton, that "something" had been tracked on radar screens at 1500 to 2000 mph, but he wouldn't say where, when, by whom, for how long, or what kind of radar (search or tracking) was used.

He confirmed that reports of sightings had been more frequent this summer than ever before.

"Why, we don't know," he said.

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SUBJECT: MADELINE GWYNNE MERCHANT  
918 N.E. 18th Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KONZE, Capt, USAF  
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TO: Commanding Officer  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio  
ATTN: ATI

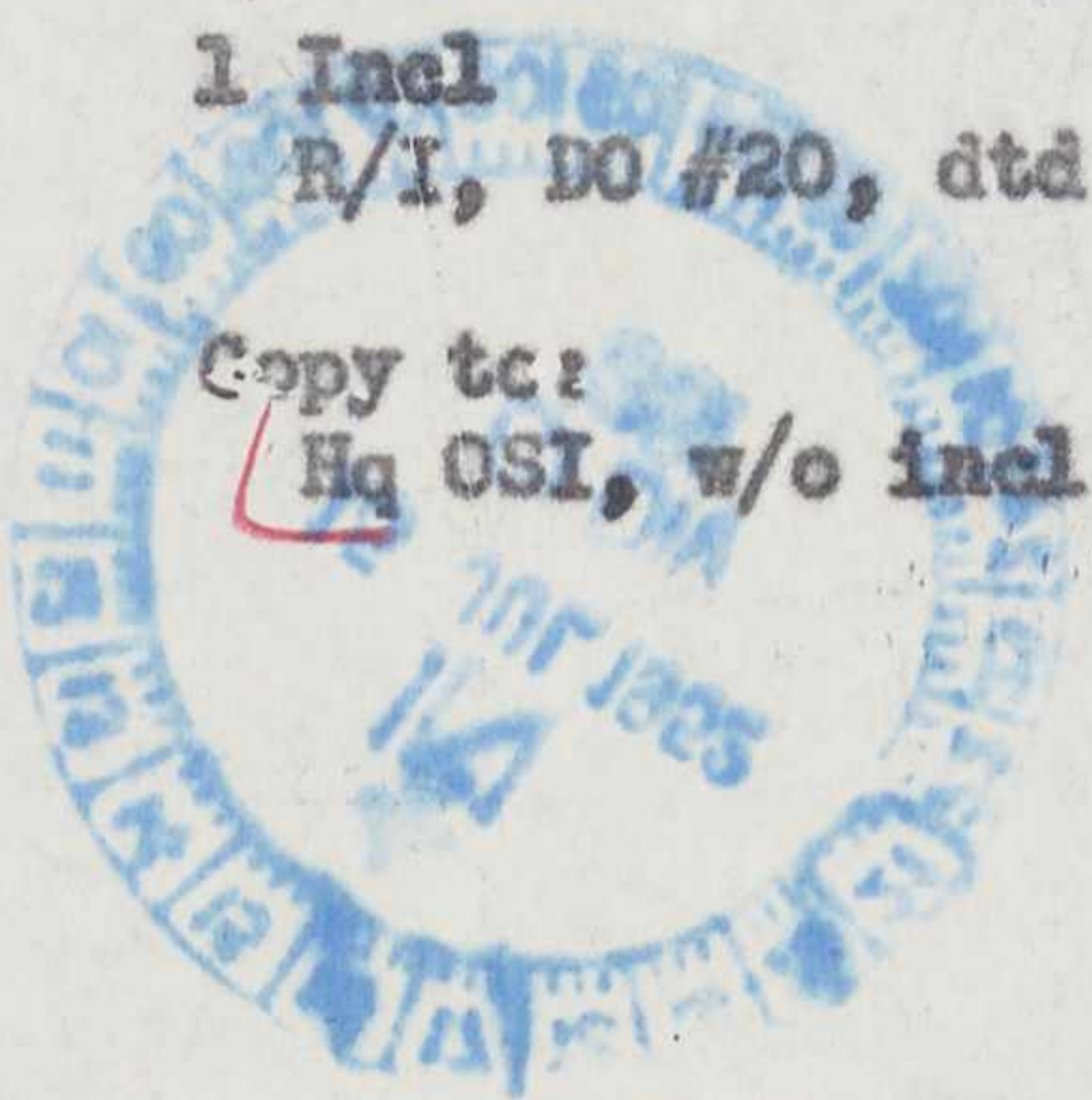
1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent DONALD C. HILDRETH, 20th OSI District, McChord Air Force Base, Washington, dated 27 June 1952, File No. 33-126, subject as above.

2. The Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, received a letter from SUBJECT in reference to her research on aerial phenomena. MERCHANT requested specific information be obtained on the meteor exploding over Seattle, Washington on 11 May 1952 to prove that it was a "flying saucer" and not a meteor. Cited letter directed that the information obtained be forwarded to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Files of the 20th OSI District disclosed that SUBJECT is known to associate with Communists and is considered dangerous.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that the information contained herein has been derived from sources other than USAF. In accordance with Paragraph 8b, AFR 205-1, dissemination of the information contained herein must not be made outside of USAF channels.

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HEADQUARTERS CARIBBEAN AIR COMMAND  
Inspector General  
Office of Special Investigations  
Albrook Air Force Base, Canal Zone

24-0

12 June 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. Reference AFCSI Letter No. 85, subject as above, dated 23 October 1950.
2. Forwarded herewith are four (4) photostat copies of a report on unidentified flying objects, observed off the coast of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, by civilians on 14 May 1952.
3. As indicated on inclosures, this information was received from Wing Intelligence, 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (M), Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, and has been investigated by personnel of that organization. Inclosures also indicate that distribution has been made to Second Air Force, and to the ONI at San Juan, in addition to this office.
4. Request that your Headquarters make distribution of inclosures as indicated in referenced letter. No further action is contemplated by this office regarding this matter unless requested.

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1 Incl:  
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55th Strat Recon Wg (M)  
dtd 19 May 52 of 3 pages  
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*David E Bales*

DAVID E BALES  
Major, USAF  
Director of Special Investigations

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Director of Special Investigations  
Air Force Inspector General  
Washington 25, D. C.

12 June 1952

TO: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Inconventional Aircraft

FROM: Director of Special Investigations  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to AFOSI letter No. 65, subject as above, dated 23 October 1951.

2. Attached herewith are four (4) photostat copies of a report on unidentified flying objects, observed off the coast of Mexico, Puerto Rico, by civilians in May 1952.

3. As indicated on inclosures, this information was received from the 55th Intelligence Squadron, Puerto Rico, and has been investigated by personnel of that organization. Inclosures also indicate that distribution has been made to the 21st Air Force, and to the 1st Air Force, in addition to this office.

4. Request that your headquarters make distribution of inclosures as indicated in referenced letter. No further action is contemplated by this office regarding this matter, please requested.

*David A. Hall*

David A. Hall  
Director of Special Investigations

55th Intelligence Squadron  
55th Street Room 401  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
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COUNTRY Puerto Rico		REPORT NO. IR - 1 - 52	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Mayaguez, Puerto Rico		FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence, 55th Strat Recon Wg, M	
DATE OF REPORT 19 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 May 1952	EVALUATION B - 2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) G. D. McAdams, Captain, USAF		SOURCE Puerto Rican civilians	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

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

On May 14, 1952, between 1900 - 1930 hrs Q, two spherical flying objects were observed off the coast of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico by civilians. The objects sighted were bright orange in color and appeared to move when observed with field glasses. The attached report is the result of an investigation made by Intelligence personnel of this wing.

From the evidence received it was not possible to determine whether or not this incident has any significance in the current "flying saucers" investigation.

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None INCLS.

APPROVED:  
*Glendor D. McAdams*  
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a. The objects (2) sighted appeared to be spherical and "orange and shining like the sun" in color. There was no regular formation but one object thought to be larger than the other appeared stationary while the smaller of the two seemed to dart away from the other at a rapid rate of speed and then to reappear in close proximity to the larger. There was no exhaust, sound or conventional type of propulsion noted.

b. The objects were sighted between 1900 and 1930Q and the observation lasted between twenty to thirty minutes. Sundown was at 1856Q.

c. The observation was made visually from the ground, elevation approximately 700 to 1000 feet above sea level. Zeiss Jena, 18 x 50 field glasses were used to observe the objects. The observers could not distinguish anything more about the object when using the glasses except that the movement mentioned in paragraph a, above, was not discernible to the naked eye and could be seen through the glasses.

d. The observation was made from a high bluff, latitude 18°11'30"; longitude 67°13'30". The point of observation overlooks the city of Mayaguez and Mayaguez Bay. Distance from observation point to sighted object could not be estimated. Heading from point of observation to objects was approximately 270° magnetic.

e. There were five witnesses to the sightings.

Mr. Miguel A. Garcia-Mendez, a Puerto Rican business man and lawyer, a man of stability and dependability in his community. Mr. Garcia did most of the observing with the field glasses and it is upon his description that the major part of the report is based.

Mr. R. B. Stipes, an American, ex-Air Force pilot, son-in-law of Mr. Garcia. Mr. Stipes is also in business in Mayaguez and impressed the investigator as a person of sound judgement and integrity.

Miss "Freddy" Garcia-Mendez, a Puerto Rican college student, 20 years old. Miss Garcia appeared to be a sensible young person, well informed and of mature judgement.

The other two witnesses were Mrs. Garcia-Mendez, and Mrs. Stipes. The investigator did not have the opportunity of talking to these people.

It is the opinion of the investigator that all the observers are people of sound judgment and integrity and were not influenced by mass hysteria.

f. The weather conditions at the time of the sightings were described as clear with visibility of approximately twenty (20) miles. Clouds were described as alto-stratus. Ramey weather station 25 miles from the scene of the sighting recorded the cloud formation at the time as M-2. Sighting appeared to be situated near the second layer of clouds.

h. Investigations made on the sight following the original sighting revealed no natural circumstance that can adequately account for these sightings.

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13 August 1952

~~24-185-328~~  
SUBJECT: Theory Concerning Flying Saucer Operations

TO: Commanding Officer  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio  
ATTN: ATIC

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1. Forwarded herewith is one copy of letter dated 12 June 1952 from Mr. Robert Berra, 322 Hillside Terrace, Staten Island 8, New York.

2. This communication is forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate. No reply has been transmitted to Mr. Berra.

1 Incl  
Ltr fr Mr Berra  
dtd 12 Jun 52

JAMES H. GUNN  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

7 AUG 1952

24-185-328

SUBJECT: (~~Confidential~~ - Security Information) Theory Concerning Flying Saucer Operations

TO: District Commander  
2d OSI District (IG)  
67 Broad Street  
New York, N. Y.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 23 June 1952 which transmitted a communication dated 12 June 1952, concerning subject, from Mr. Robert Berra, 322 Hillside Terrace, Staten Island 8, New York.

2. In answer to your query as to the preferred manner for handling such material, it is suggested that similar communications be transmitted to District Office #5 for referral to the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Information copies of such material are desired by this Headquarters.

3. By copy of this letter District Office #5 is provided two copies of the communication from Mr. Berra for forwarding to ATIC. No reply has been transmitted to Mr. Berra.

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KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF  
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Ltr fr Mr Berra dtd 12 Jun 52 (dup)

LEROY H. BARNARD  
Colonel, U. S. Air Force  
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch  
Counter Intelligence Division  
Directorate of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
67 BROAD STREET  
NEW YORK 4, NEW YORK

IN REPLY  
REFER TO: 24-0

23 JUN 1952

SUBJECT: Theory Concerning Flying Saucer Operations.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Transmitted herewith, in duplicate, is letter dated 12 June 1952, addressed to this office by a Mr. ROBERT BERRA, 322 Hillside Terrace, Staten Island 8, New York. BERRA's original letter is also attached.

2. It is noted that the correspondent offers a theory concerning Flying Saucer Operations, and requests that it be submitted to Mr. ALBERT EINSTEIN. No reply to the writer has been made by this office.

3. As matters of this nature are received by this office from time to time, advice is requested as to the preferred manner for handling such material. It is believed that some material of this type may be of interest to the Research and Development Command; however, it is known that "inventors" occasionally accuse the government of stealing their ideas. At the same time, it is felt that if this office should return such matters to the senders with a request that they be submitted direct to the headquarters concerned, the possibility exists that some material which may be of potential value may not be forwarded by the originators.

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LEE S. THOMAS  
Major, USAF  
Acting District Commander



HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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NEW YORK 4, NEW YORK

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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ROBERT BERRA  
322 HILLSIDE TERRACE  
STATEN ISLAND # 8 N.Y.

June 12, 1952

Dear Sir

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Since Energy & Mass are different manifestations of the same thing it is my belief that submittal of the following theory to Mr. Albert Einstein will insure his endorsement in principle.

The flying saucers can very easily be actual objects that have mass and are maneuvered by negating some of the natural forces.

Gravity as an exposition of energy should be expressible as an electrical force. As such its energy can be minimized or increased by the simple laws of magnetism; like attract and unlike repel.

Therefore an object that can control its polarity could fly in any direction possibly by very simple means, quietly, and would be able to change direction immediately and of course approach the speed of light.

A saucer shape would present the least resistance to flight in a plane horizontal to or parallel to the earth's surface. While the flat surface would offer the greatest area toward the earth for attraction or repulsion between itself, the earth. Newton's laws of motion would not be interfered with.

Such a ship could possibly operate without fuel if a means of utilizing existing forces is developed that does not require the release of any initial energy.

Kindly advise me of your reaction to this letter as I am intensely interested in this type of flight & believe it is our ultimate method of propulsion.

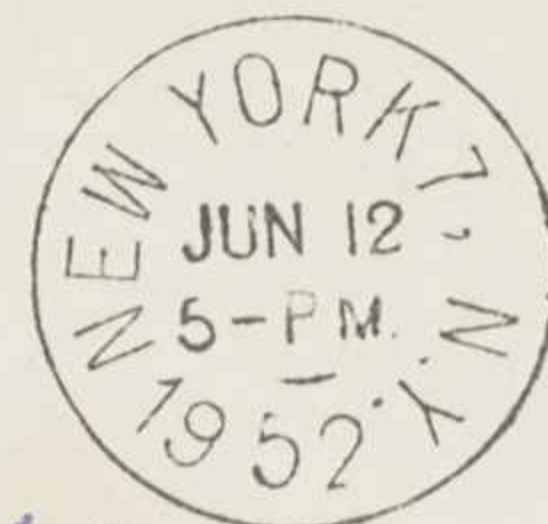
Truly yours,  
Robert Berra

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322 HILLSIDE TERRACE  
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AIR FORCE DEPT OF UNITED STATES  
2ND DISTRICT DEPT OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
67 BROAD ST. N.Y.C., N.Y.



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VANDENBERG: AF LAUNCHING SECRET SEARCH FOR FLYING SAUCERS  
Washington Post  
17 June 52

## Flying Saucer Search Begun by Air Force

NEW YORK, June 16 (AP).— Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg disclosed today that the United States Air Force has launched a secret search for "flying saucers," and said "with the present world unrest, we cannot afford to be complacent."

"The Air Force is interested in anything that takes place in the air," said Vandenberg. "This includes aerial phenomena commonly known as 'flying saucers'."

The Air Force Chief of Staff's statement was made in the current issue of Look magazine, which reports that the Air Technical Intelligence Command is mounting a new hunt for flying saucers.

One highly placed intelligence officer was quoted as saying,

"Our job is to detect any weapon that might be used against the United States. In the future, a weapon that 'probably was a meteor' may prove to be a global rocket."

A methodical and scientific plan has now been blueprinted, according to Look, and includes these steps:

1. A special camera being developed at the University of California which will be able to break down the image so scientists can determine the saucer's composition and source of light. Plans call for 200 such cameras to be built and distributed to key atomic and military locations.

2. Cine-theodolites, instruments for tracking guided missiles, will be used to trace the location, flight patterns and speed of flying saucers. Tracking crews will be able to fix their exact location and movement patterns and then photograph them with cameras built into the theodolites.

3. Radar combined with cameras and telescopes as well as modified sonar to find out why saucers appear soundless.

Lieut. Edward Ruppelt of Ames, Iowa, is project officer for the hunt. He will work out of ATIC's closely guarded headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

The Air Force, according to Look, feels the final solution will prove that the saucers are one or more of the following: misinterpretations of known objects such as balloons and jet planes; reflected light from the earth; man-made vehicles, most possibly Russian, and space ships for interplanetary missiles.

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(Restricted - Security Information) Unidentified Aerial Object Cited at Latitude 3300, Longitude 7525, 11 June 1952, by Mr. H. R. MEERAPPEL  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of Special  
Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6  
Code 192, X-140

Attached herewith for your information is a copy of a letter dated 13 June 1952 in regard to the above subject.

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dtd 13 Jun 52

GILBERT R. LEVI  
Chief, Counter Intelligence Div  
Dir. of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General

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LEROY H. BARNARD  
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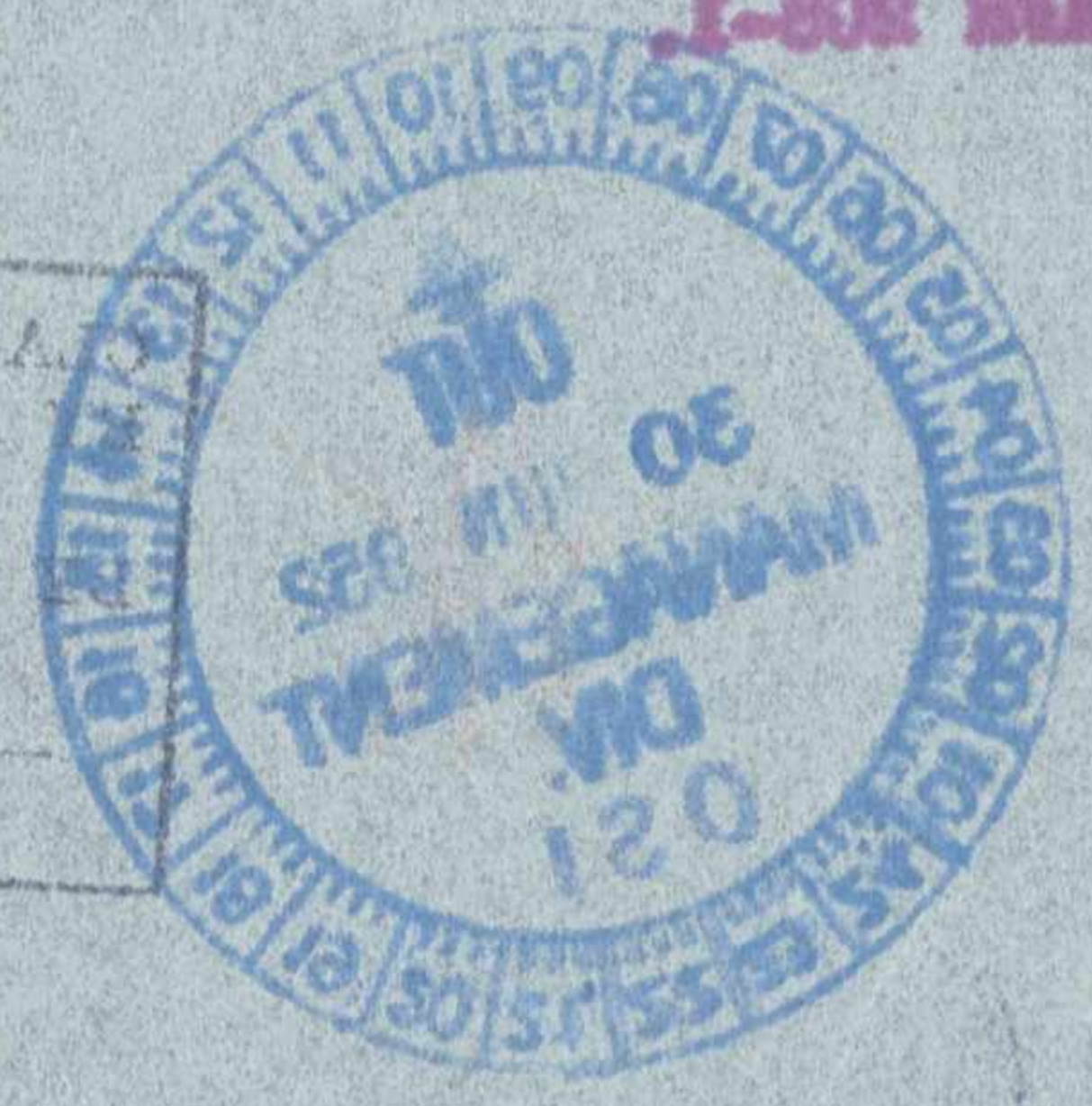
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
67 BROAD STREET  
NEW YORK 4, NEW YORK

IN REPLY  
REFER TO: 24-0

13 JUN 1952

SUBJECT: Flying Object  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. On 12 June 1952 at approximately 1830 hours, this office received a call from a Mr. H. E. MEERAPFEL, Executive, business address 91 Wall Street, telephone HA 2-0396, residence 98-19 64th Avenue, Forest Hills, Long Island, telephone TW 7-7745, who advised as follows:

On 11 June 1952, he was returning from the Bahamas, northward bound on the SS Nassau, when he observed an unidentified object travelling from West to East at a tremendous speed, and which disappeared over the horizon. Subsequent to the citing, MEERAPFEL obtained the following information from the ship's bridge; position, latitude 3300, longitude 7525; visibility 1416; wind, West 4; Sea West 3. Time of observation was between 0920 and 0925 Greenwich Mean Time (about 0425 hours). MEERAPFEL estimated the object to have been from six (6) to eight (8) miles or from eight (8) to ten (10) miles from the ship when he observed it, and it was in sight for about three (3) or four (4) seconds. Informant was on the top deck (sport deck) aft starboard, and from the angle from which he observed the object, estimated that it was possibly two hundred (200) yards above the surface of the sea, although he admits that his estimate may be in error and the object may have been considerably higher. He described this object to have been about twenty (20) inches square, with a rectangular yellowish body and with a copper green tail (not exhaust trail) attached to it. MEERAPFEL heard no noise either prior to or after the object's passage, and saw no fire.

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2. It is believed that this reported sighting may possibly be of interest to the Research and Development command.

3. Unauthorized disclosure of information contained herein will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

*F. P. Dunnington*  
FRANK P. DUNNINGTON  
Colonel, USAF  
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The following is a complete report of an alleged sighting of a flying disc near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 7 May 1952, together with a copy of "O Cruzeiro" and a translation of the published article.

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At approximately 1700 local time 8 May 1952 this office received a call from Diário da Noite, local newspaper, stating that they had some photographs of a "flying disc" they would like to show the Air Attache. The Acting Air Attache accompanied by a representative of that newspaper arrived at the office of Diário da Noite about 1830. Several dozen prints enlarged to various sizes, together with the negatives, were shown. The undersigned discussed the incident with the photographer who took the photographs and his companion who was present when the pictures were taken. According to the two observers the object was first seen at approximately 1630 local 1930 Z toward the southwest traveling in a northerly direction and descending. The location given is known as Barra da Tijuca, a sand beach at approximately 23° 01' South and 43° 26' West.

At first the photographer, Ed Keffel, thought it was a DC-3 but immediately realized that it appeared about twice the size and was traveling much faster than he had seen a DC-3 travel. The object continued in a northerly direction for a short time, then started a large circle to the right completing nearly a 180° turn around the observers still slowly descending, finally heading approximately South and disappeared. It was in sight for about one minute during which time a series of five pictures were taken. The observer would not estimate the distance to the object, its altitude or its speed. They stated its shape to be as shown in the pictures (described later); they detected no rotary motion; its color appeared more or less gray or metallic; there was no sound of any kind heard, nor was there any smoke, fire or evidence of exhaust or trails. They detected no markings, windows, lines, or anything to indicate the type of construction or material. They would give no explanation as to their reason for being at this place at this time other than that they were on another assignment. There were other pictures on the same roll of film which they stated were taken at a restaurant near this location. This has not been verified. There is no evidence of any other observers.

The prints and negatives were carefully examined by the Acting Air Attache. The camera used was a Roloflex, each negative being 2½" x 2½". The five negatives did not appear to be retouched in any way. The possibility that they could have been faked by either retouching or double exposures not detectable to an amateur does exist. Further, the possibility that an illusion was created by trick photography or taking a picture of an object being thrown into the air by a companion also exists. The negatives were slightly foggy due, according to the photographer, to haze on the beach and the lens settings were made with great haste (Such is reasonable).

The first picture was taken almost directly into the sun and shows the object in almost cross section view. From this picture alone description would be impossible but obviously it is the same object shown in the four subsequent photographs. The last four are oblique views of the object showing fairly clearly the shape of both top and bottom.

The object shown is a round disc, slightly concave on the bottom and convex on top. It is tapered toward the outside becoming thin at the edge. On top and centered is a low, round, flat-topped dome. Its diameter is estimated to be about one-third the diameter of the disc. On top of this dome and centered is a second dome approximately one-fourth the diameter of the flat dome and rounded on top. The bottom of the disc is plain and smooth except for a raised circular ridge centered and approximately the same diameter as the large flat dome on top.

The photos were supposedly taken at 1/500 second and no distinction due to motion is visible. Nor is it possible to detect material or type of construction. All surfaces appeared smooth and all corners rounded.

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The Acting Air Attache was informed that copies of all five pictures would be furnished after publication.

COMMENTS of Reporting Officer:

It is felt that there is a strong possibility that the photos were faked and it is doubted that copies will be made available. The fact that the object was first seen looking almost directly into the sun seems unlikely. That there were no other observers and the photographer evidently did not look for others seems peculiar. That no satisfactory supported reason for the photographer to have been at this particular place further causes doubt. And, finally, \$25,000 is being asked for the world-wide rights, which indicates that profit is more desired than verifying the identity of the object.

The following is a translation of the reporter's story published in "O Cruzeiro" on 13 May. This story varies slightly from that told the Acting Air Attache on the night of 8 May. The search for other observers was not indicated and the flight path description then did not include the variation in speed or the vertical gyration as indicated in the magazine.

"O CRUZEIRO"  
17 May 1952  
FLYING SAUCER ON BARRA DA TIJUCA

It was May 7th, Wednesday, four o'clock in the afternoon. We had originally arrived at 1:00 P.M. in the so-called "Isle of Love", in Barra da Tijuca. The purpose of our visit was to take some pictures of romantic couples and write up an article about them. It was bound to be an interesting, picturesque, human, slightly poetic experience. And there we were, looking for our objective. We tried to look like tourists so that we wouldn't scare our "game". The weather in the last few days had been rainy and cold. But that Wednesday morning the sun was shining and it turned out to be a beautiful day.

We arrived more or less at 1:00 P.M. We crossed the little lake on a row boat called "Piaba" and upon landing we went straight to the "Bar do Compadre" in order to have something to eat. It did not seem to be a very lucky day for us. Nobody was around. We started a conversation with the Bar owner, Antonio Teixeira, and got some information that could be valuable for us, although he did not have any idea of what we were going to do. Every 5 minutes, more or less, we heard the noise of an airplane passing over our heads, as this was the route of all planes coming or going to São Paulo, also planes going or coming from the airports situated in the south regions of Brazil. While we were enjoying a delicious dish of shrimp, we got up many times to watch the daring maneuvers of a squadron of the Brazilian Air Force. This was around 2 P.M. If things do not improve, we thought, we will be wasting our time up here. But as we did not have any other choice, and also because patience is one of the virtues of a good reporter, we decided to hang around to see if anything would happen.

And something did happen. Something that we could never imagine. Between four and four thirty we were sitting on the sand, exactly in the beginning of the interior channel. Glancing at the ocean, we saw an object moving in the air, on the side of the sun. At that distance, the object was similar to an airplane seen from the front. But the extraordinary thing about this "airplane" whose front seemed to be facing us was the fact that it was moving sideways in great velocity. It was coming directly from the ocean in the direction of the earth, perpendicular to the route of the com-

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mercial airplanes. I spoke to my colleague, "Look, Keffel, what is that?". Any other person probably would not pay attention to the fact, but we were reporters and just as a matter of professional training, we are always on the alert. When the strange object came closer to the earth, it seemed to reduce its speed. The object's silhouette was much clearer after it passed in front of the sun. Keffel had his camera hung around his neck. It was a Roloflex. Moved by an impulse and still having a slight suspicion of what I saw, I almost shouted; "Take it, Keffel!". He took the first picture. He confessed afterwards that he took the picture just for fun. But the "airplane" was coming closer, making a long curve. There was no doubt then. That was something different from anything that we had ever seen. Taking the initiative, Keffel rapidly set the speed of the camera at 1-500 (5/100 of a second) and went to work. Meanwhile, the saucer (now there was no doubt that we were looking at a circular object) continued to perform a semi-circle over the forest of Tijuca and then flew over Pedra da Gavea. At this point it turned down suddenly in the direction of the ocean. It is interesting to note that until then the saucer was flying normally, perfectly even, but in that sudden fall it was swinging like a leaf when it falls from a limb of a tree. However, when it was over the sea, the saucer started to fly ahead in a terrific speed, not in horizontal position but in an inclination angle of 45 degrees over its own axis, as an airplane bending over one of its wings. And it disappeared like an arrow, or better yet, as a bullet in the direction of the ocean. It disappeared beyond Tijuca Islands, which eventually interrupted our vision. Therefore, it turned back to the same place it came from.

All that lasted not more than a minute. We did not hear any sound. It seemed that the object was flying in absolute silence or producing a frequency sound superior to the hearing capacity of the human being. It did not leave any sign of smoke or flames. It was not luminous. Its color was blue-gray, which caused it to be confused with the clear sky. The altitude of the object and its real size are difficult to be determined. It seemed, however, that it was flying over 1,000 meters above the earth and that its dimension could have been twice the size of a DC-3 airplane. But, honestly, we cannot be sure about these two details.

What we can assure you, however, is that we really saw the object under the conditions which have been described. While I was watching the object (and I had dark glasses on), trying hard to keep in my memory everything I was witnessing, my colleague Keffel took four more shots. There was no time for taking more pictures, and even if there had been more time, it would not have been possible to take more pictures because we had only enough film for five shots. The other part of the film had been used, and the pictures taken were successively the following: picture of two employees of the Hotel in which my colleague lives and a scenery, both taken on the day before; another picture of a friend of ours taken at the office of "O Cruzeiro" on the same day we saw the saucer, and a picture of a couple taken when we arrived on the island, and finally, the picture of the bar owner and our own picture when we were eating the shrimp, the latter having been taken by the bar owner. These last two shots were taken about one hour before the appearance of the strange object.

After the object had disappeared, we were stunned for a few minutes, and I asked Keffel, "Did you really see what I saw?" When he answered affirmatively, I inquired, "Did you take the pictures?" Keffel stammered before he could say, "Yes." We took the film out of the camera with as much care as if we were handling an atomic bomb, put a new film on it and waited for the object to show up again, but it did not appear again. At least, for us it didn't. And now, what to do? We started to look for another witness of the phenomenon. We found a fisherman repairing his net. His name was Claudionor (or Nono). He had not seen anything. He had his head bent down and was absorbed by his work. We went to the bar. Antonio, who was inside the restaurant, had not seen the strange "airplane". He explained that he had seen many of those things

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passing around that place; however, this time he could not have seen because he was in the house. A couple, having lunch in the porch, had not seen it and had shown their dislike for being witness to anything.

We went back to our printing office in a hurry. From João we phoned our Director and told him what had happened and asked him to keep the laboratory man in the office until we arrived (as it was past 5 o'clock). I drove my car as a maniac through the downtown streets. At the printing office we gave the film to the person in charge of the laboratory service and the pictures started to be printed. And then the two of us, who were calm during the appearance of the saucer, began to be affected by great emotion. What would be printed on the negatives? Could we have been the victims of an hallucination? Could we have confused an airplane, a cloud, an aerolite with a flying saucer? Well, looking at the negatives through photographic lens we would be able to overcome this doubt. These were moments of great anxiety. Our colleagues and our chiefs were suffering with us. Directors Leão Gondin de Oliveira, and Accioly Neto as well as José Amadio, Milton D'Avila, Ari Vasconcellos, the laboratory personnel, were all sharing our anxiety. And when at last the pictures were printed and the silhouette of the disc was also printed on it, there was a general expression of enthusiasm. The amplified pictures had confirmed our story, without doubt.

We had this great chance to witness and photograph this mysterious thing that has been appearing in different parts of the earth and has been the cause of so many suppositions and controversies. We made the best of this chance. And here are the pictures to be examined by our readers, just as the flying saucer was going over Barra da Tijuca in that sunny afternoon. This represents a journalistic achievement which is bound to have world repercussion. Never before has a flying saucer been photographed under these conditions, with so much detail as to its form. What is this mysterious traveler of space? A secret weapon of one of the most powerful countries? Would it be an object from another planet? We do not know. We can only affirm that it exists. Could it be something to benefit humanity or a threat to humanity? Many other questions could be made but they would not be answered as well because the mystery remains.

Many flying saucers have been seen in different countries and different occasions. Their form varies, but the mystery remains. This is the mystery that sooner or later we will have to unveil.

Note: Attention is called to the shadow cast by the domes on the disk in the last view (Ultima Visão). In this view the sun would have been nearly at the photographer's back.

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# EXTRA

## DISCO VOADOR

### NA BARRA DA TIJUCA

O CRUZEIRO apresenta, num furo jornalístico espetacular, a mais sensacional documentação jamais conseguida sobre o mistério dos discos voadores — O estranho aparelho veio do mar, com enorme velocidade e foi visto durante um minuto — Côr cinza-azulada, absolutamente silencioso, sem deixar rastro de fumaça ou de chamas — Relato completo da fascinante aparição na Barra da Tijuca.

Reportagem de ED. KEFFEL e JOÃO MARTINS

*Keffel*  
AF451230

FANTÁSTICO,  
MAS REAL!

O disco voador sobrevoando  
a Pedra da Gávea, vendo-se  
a sua parte inferior.



ED. KEFFEL



JOÃO MARTINS

ÉSTE número de O CRUZEIRO já estava impresso quando os nossos repórteres João Martins e Ed. Keffel realizaram o mais sensacional trabalho jornalístico dos últimos tempos na história da imprensa mundial. Num esforço correspondente à tremenda importância desse feito, superando todas as dificuldades técnicas, conseguimos incluir nesta edição a surpreendente reportagem apresentada nestas páginas, imprimindo-a num caderno extra que foi encartado no centro da revista, interrompendo assim a reportagem intitulada "Ticiano, Imperador dos Doges", única maneira de levarmos sem delongas aos nossos leitores de todo o Brasil o empolgante relato e as espetaculares fotografias que focalizam o mais fascinante mistério do Século XX. A Revista O CRUZEIRO, através dos seus repórteres João Martins e Ed. Keffel, orgulha-se de apresentar este furo de repercussão mundial, uma das maiores façanhas da imprensa nacional e estrangeira.

N. R.

ERAM quatro horas da tarde do dia 7 de maio, quarta-feira. Tínhamos ido, depois do meio-dia, ao local denominado Ilha dos Amôres, na Barra da Tijuca. A nossa intenção era das mais prosaicas. Pretendíamos fazer uma reportagem acerca dos pares amorosos que, nos dias de semana, procuram naquelas paragens um refúgio para os seus arrulhos. Seria um trabalho interessante, pitoresco, humano, vagamente poético. E lá fomos nós para, como dizemos "estudar o ambiente". Procuramos passar como dois turistas despreocupados, a fim de não assustar a nossa "caça". O tempo, nos dias anteriores, tinha sido frio e chuvoso. Mas aquele dia amanheceu lindo, cheio de sol.

Chegamos mais ou menos a uma hora da tarde. Atravessamos a pequena laguna no barquinho "Piaba" e nos dirigimos para o "Bar do Compadre", a fim de comermos alguma coisa. A sorte não parecia estar nos protegendo. Quase, ninguém aparecia. Puxamos conversa com o dono do bar, Antônio Teixeira, arrancando-lhe muitas informações que nos poderiam ser úteis, embora ele não desconfiasse do que desejávamos realizar. Por sobre as nossas cabeças, ouvíamos, mais ou menos de cinco em cinco minutos, o ronco de um motor, pois por ali passam todos os aviões da linha Rio — São Paulo e aeroportos do Sul. Enquanto saboreávamos um prato de camarões, levantamo-nos diversas vezes para apreciar as acrobacias que um esquadrilha da Força Aérea Brasileira estava fazendo nas imediações, por volta das duas horas. Se as coisas não melhorassem, estávamos praticamente com a viagem perdida. Como não tínhamos outro jeito, e mesmo porque uma das virtudes de um repórter deve ser a paciência, resolvemos ficar por ali, para ver o que acontecia.

E aconteceu o que nunca poderíamos imaginar. Entre quatro e quatro e meia, achavamo-nos sentados na areia, justamente no começo do canal interior, quando, olhando por acaso para o mar, tivemos a atenção despertada por um objeto que se movia no ar, do lado do Sol. Esse objeto, a distância, assemelhava-se com um avião, visto de frente: mas o extraordinário era que esse "avião", que parecia voltado para nós, *movia-se de lado*, numa velocidade tremenda. Vinha diretamente do oceano para a terra, perpendicularmente à rota dos aviões comerciais. Falei para o meu companheiro:

— Olha, Keffel, que diabo é aquilo?

Qualquer outra pessoa não teria, provavelmente, dado importância ao fato. Mas nós somos dois repórteres, com a atenção sempre alerta por uma questão de treino profissional. O estranho objeto, ao atingir a linha de terra, pareceu diminuir de velocidade. A sua silhueta se apresentava mais clara, depois de passar diante do Sol. Keffel estava com a máquina, uma Rolleiflex, pendurada no pescoço. Movido por um impulso e uma ainda vaga suspeita, quase gritei:

— Bata, Keffel!

Ele bateu a primeira chapa. Depois me confessou que só tinha feito isso por brincadeira. Mas o "avião" se aproximava numa curva longa. Não havia mais dúvidas. Aquilo era diferente de tudo o que já havíamos visto em matéria de aeronaves. Com grande presença de espírito, Keffel pôs rapidamente a velocidade do obturador em 1-500 (cinco centésimos do segundo) e meteu mãos à obra. Enquanto isso, o disco (porque o que estávamos vendo era indubitavelmente um objeto em forma circular) continuava o semicírculo sobre as matas da Tijuca, até sobrevoar a Pedra da Gávea. Neste ponto, fez uma descaída até a linha do mar. Interessante que até então ele voara normalmente, absolutamente plano, mas nessa descaída balançou-se à semelhança de uma folha que se desprende de uma árvore, ou como o que acontece às vezes com alguns aviões numa tomada de campo. Repentinamente, porém, ao chegar sobre o mar, lançou-se de novo para a frente, numa arrancada alucinante, não em posição horizontal, mas inclinado num ângulo de uns 45 graus sobre o seu próprio eixo, como um aeroplano deitado sobre uma das suas asas. E desapareceu como uma flecha, ou melhor, como uma bala, em direção ao oceano. Desapareceu além das ilhas Tijuca, que encobriram a nossa linha de visão, para o horizonte. Voltou, portanto, para o mesmo rumo do qual tinha vindo.

Tudo isso durou no máximo um minuto. Durante todo o tempo, não ouvimos o mais leve som. Aquilo parecia voar em absoluto silêncio, ou produzindo um som de frequência superior à capacidade auditiva do homem. Não deixava o menor rastro de vapor ou de chamas. Não era luminoso. Tinha uma cor cinzento-azulada, que o fazia confundir-se com o céu sem nuvens. A altura em que voava, assim como o seu tamanho real, são difíceis de determinar, por falta de base para comparações. Parecia, notem bem, parecia estar a mais de mil metros sobre o solo e ser de um tamanho duas vezes maior do que um avião D.C.-3. Mas, honestamente, não podemos afirmar esses dois detalhes.

O que podemos afirmar é que vimos o tal objeto, nas condições descritas. Enquanto eu o acompanhava com a vista (e estava de óculos esverdeados), procurando fixar na memória tudo aquilo que estava acontecendo, o meu colega Keffel fez trabalhar por mais quatro vezes o disparador da "Rolleiflex". Não houve tempo para mais, nem isso seria possível, porque, quando o disco apareceu, só restavam cinco chapas na máquina. O resto do filme já tinha sido usado. Nêle estão, sucessivamente, as fotografias de dois elementos do Hotel em que o meu companheiro reside, e uma paisagem, batidas na véspera, um aspecto de um nosso companheiro, tirada na redação, na manhã do dia em que vimos o disco, depois um casal de namorados obtida quando chegamos à Ilha dos Amôres, e finalmente a foto do dono do restaurante e a nossa própria,

← A SEGUNDA FOTOGRAFIA. Já depois de começar a fazer uma longa curva, voando alto sobre as matas da Tijuca.

O CRUZEIRO



**O MOMENTO CULMINANTE**  
Depois de passar sobre a Pedra da Gávea, o disco voador deu uma espécie de descida, deixando ver a sua parte superior em forma de uma cúpula.

O CRUZEIRO

**O MISTÉRIO DO  
SÉCULO XX**

Nesta fotografia, muito ampliada, vê-se o face superior. Silencioso, cinza-azulado, com tremenda velocidade. Sem dúvida alguma, construído por uma inteligência superior. Veio do mar, voltou para o mar. Qual a sua origem? Qual o seu destino?



O PERFIL DO DISCO VOADOR.



A PARTE INFERIOR DO MISTERIOSO APARELHO.



O CRUZEIRO

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comendo os camarões, batidas por êle. Estas duas últimas foram batidas uma hora ou pouco mais antes do aparecimento do estranho aparelho.

Depois que o "disco" sumiu de nossas vistas, ficamos por alguns momentos sem ação. Perguntei a Keffel:

— Você viu o mesmo que eu vi?

E ante a afirmativa:

— E bateu as fotografias?

Keffel chegou a ficar gago para responder que sim. Tiramos o filme da máquina com o cuidado de quem está manejando uma bomba atômica, pusemos outro e ficamos na esperança de que o "bicho" tornasse a aparecer. Não apareceu, pelo menos para nós. E agora, que fazer? Saímos procurando alguma outra testemunha do fato. Atrás de uma pequena duna, encontramos um pescador consertando uma rêde, chamado Claudionor (ou Nonô). Não reparara em nada. Estava de cabeça baixa, absorvido pelo seu trabalho. Fomos até o bar. O "seu" Antônio, que se achava atrás do balcão, também não reparara no estranho avião. Como nos explicou, já está acostumado com tantos que passam por ali, e além disso se encontrava dentro de casa. Dois casais que almoçavam sob o alpendre, não eram nem tinham vontade alguma de ser testemunhas.

Voltamos o mais rápido possível para a redação. Pelo primeiro telefone que encontramos no restaurante do Juá, telefonamos para o nosso diretor, dando conta do sucedido e pedindo-lhe que não deixasse o encarregado do laboratório ir-se embora (pois já eram mais de cinco horas). Dirigi como um louco o meu automóvel através da cidade. Na redação, entregamos imediatamente o filme, que logo começou a ser revelado. E então, nós dois, que tínhamos mantido a mais



A PARTE SUPERIOR, EM FORMA DE CUPULA.



**A VOLTA PARA O  
DESCONHECIDO**

Sobre a plácida paisagem da Barra da Tijubá, o disco voador se dirige para o oceano, em velocidade estonteante, depois de fazer um semicírculo sobre o litoral. Este é o mais fascinante mistério do nosso século eletrônico.

O CRUZEIRO



**JOAO MARTINS E ED. KEFFEL, os dois reporteres de O CRUZEIRO, autores do mais espetacular furo jornalístico dos nossos tempos.**

completa calma durante a aparição do fantástico aparelho, vivemos alguns minutos de emoção. Que estaria nos negativos? Teríamos sido vítimas de uma alucinação? Teríamos confundido um avião, uma nuvem, um aerólito, um balão, com um disco voador? A frieza das imagens captadas pela lente fotográfica desfaria tôdas as possíveis dúvidas. Foram momentos de expectativa e de angústia. Em nossa companhia também sofriam os nossos companheiros e os nossos chefes. Os diretores Leão Gondim de Oliveira e Accioly Neto, José Amádio, Milton D'Ávila, Ari Vasconcelos, a turma do laboratório, todos compartilhavam da nossa ansiedade. E quando por fim o filme foi tirado do fixador, e lá na película surgiram as imagens do disco, o entusiasmo foi geral. A imediata ampliação dos negativos veio confirmar nosso relato, sem possibilidade de dúvidas.

Coube a nós a grande oportunidade de testemunhar e fotografar essa coisa misteriosa que vem aparecendo nos mais diversos pontos da terra e que tem sido objeto de tantas suposições e controvérsias. Soubemos aproveitá-la, no máximo de possibilidades. E estão aí, para o exame dos nossos leitores, os diversos aspectos do disco voador que sobrevoou a Barra da Tijuca, naquela tarde de sol. Este é um furo jornalístico de caráter mundial, que decerto terá uma tremenda repercussão. Nunca dantes um disco voador foi fotografado nestas condições, com tantos detalhes, quanto à sua forma. Que será esse misterioso viajante do espaço? Uma arma secreta, de alguma das grandes potências? Um aparelho proveniente de outro planeta? Não o sabemos. Apenas podemos afirmar que ele existe. Será um benefício ou uma ameaça para a espécie humana? Muitas interrogações poderão ser formuladas, mas tôdas elas esbarram com uma espessa cortina de mistério.

Muitos discos já foram avistados, em diferentes países e em ocasiões diversas. Variam as suas formas aparentes, mas o mistério permanece. O mistério que, mais cedo ou mais tarde, teremos de desvendar.



**A ÚLTIMA VISÃO.** Nesta foto vemos um detalhe, mais ampliado, do aspecto que aparece na página anterior. O disco se dirige, inclinado, para o mar.

**O CRUZEIRO**

### **O FILME SENSACIONAL**

Que está encerrado no cofre-forte de O CRUZEIRO, dado o seu valor inestimável, vendo-se claramente as cinco fotos que constituem o maior documento jamais obtido sobre os discos voadores.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

26 MAY 1952

FILE NO: 24-0

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT, 2240 HOURS,  
10 MAY 1952, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Information received from Augusta Office FBI indicates four individuals had sighted four disc-shaped objects at 2240 hours, 10 May 1952, while working at the DuPont Savannah River Project across the river from Augusta, Georgia.

2. DETAILS: FBI advised that four individuals observed four disc-shaped objects at 2240 hours, 10 May 1952, approaching from the south and moving in a northerly direction while working at the DuPont Savannah River Project across the river from Augusta, Georgia. Approximately 20 minutes later, the same individuals saw one more disc-shaped object coming from the north moving in a southerly direction. Approximately 10 minutes after this, one more disc was observed going from south to north. These individuals described the discs as being about 15 inches in diameter to the naked eye, yellow or gold in color, and flying at a very high altitude (no exact estimate in altitude). According to the individuals, the last disc was extremely low and had to "pull up" to go over water tanks in the immediate area. The individuals further reported that the discs were traveling at a high rate of speed and could only be observed for a few seconds.

3. ACTION: No action is contemplated by 6th District OSI (IG), concerning the matter reported. In event it is deemed advisable names of the individuals observing the discs can be obtained from the Augusta Office of the FBI.

LEO H. JOHNSON  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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BY Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
ATTN: SMC/CS  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

Director of Special Investigations  
Washington 25, D.C.

1. SUBJECT: Investigation conducted by Special Agent [Name] on May 10, 1952, at Savannah, Georgia, in connection with the investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, USA, in the State of Georgia.

2. SUMMARY: The subject of this report was observed on May 10, 1952, at Savannah, Georgia, in connection with the investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, USA, in the State of Georgia. The subject was observed at the Savannah River Project, Georgia, and was seen in the company of other individuals who were also being investigated.

3. DETAILS: The subject was observed on May 10, 1952, at Savannah, Georgia, in connection with the investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, USA, in the State of Georgia. The subject was observed at the Savannah River Project, Georgia, and was seen in the company of other individuals who were also being investigated. The subject was observed in the company of other individuals who were also being investigated. The subject was observed in the company of other individuals who were also being investigated.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

May 12 1952  
306 Spicer St.,  
Akron, Ohio

U.S.A. ARMY AIRFORCE  
INVESTIGATORS.,  
SEATTLE. WASHINGTON (25)

~~Meteor Blasts over Seattle~~  
~~+ Ohio~~

GENTLEMEN :

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I AM WRITTING IN REGARDS TO THE EXPLOSION OVER SEATTLE IS METEOR  
BLAST I HAVE FOLLOWING FACTS AND INFORMATION IN DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE AND NEWSPAPER HAS CARRIED A STORY OF A SIMILAR THING IN  
OHIO

AS TO OBJECTS FLASHES ACROSS THE SKY HERE SEVERAL NIGHTS  
AGO IN AKRON BIG WIDE BRIGHT WIDE LINES OVER THE SKY

AS I HAVE FURNISHED THE DEPT OF JUSTICE FACTS ON THE COMMUNIST  
USING RADIATION AND THIS BEING PART OF THE OPERATIOBS

ALL FACTS ARE IN THE DEPT OF JUSTICE FILES

YOURS VERY TRULY

*Robert Lindgard*  
ROBERT D. LINDGARD

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21 MAY 1952

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FROM: Counter Intelligence Division  
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

Attached herewith is a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated 7 May 1952 which contains certain theories in regard to unidentified flying objects which have been advanced by the above subject.

1 Incl  
Ltr fr FBI dtd 7 May 52 re Theories  
of F. J. Eekhout (in dup)

GILBERT R. LEVY  
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division  
Directorate of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General

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Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force  
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch  
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Directorate of Special Investigations  
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**ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET**

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aircraft

TO: Counter Intelligence Division,  
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG  
ATTN: Mr. Stillwell

DATE 11 APR 1952

FROM: Evaluation Division,  
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

COMMENT NO. 1  
LCDR Rodenburg/vb/76868  
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Pursuant to telephone conversation of 11 April 1952 between Mr. Stillwell of your office and Lt. Commander E. E. Rodenburg of this Division, the attached correspondence is forwarded as a matter of primary interest to your office.

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17 Mar 52, subj as  
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*W. W. Ottinger*  
W. W. OTTINGER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Executive, Evaluation Division  
Directorate of Intelligence

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Unidentified Aircraft

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Directorate of Special Investigations, IG  
ATTN: Mr. Stillwell

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Executive, Evaluation Division  
Directorate of Intelligence

~~Unidentified Aircraft  
Camp Beckinsridge, Kentucky~~



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R. W. OTTOWERS  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Executive, Evaluation Division  
Directorate of Intelligence



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HEADQUARTERS  
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AND CAMP BRECKINRIDGE  
Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

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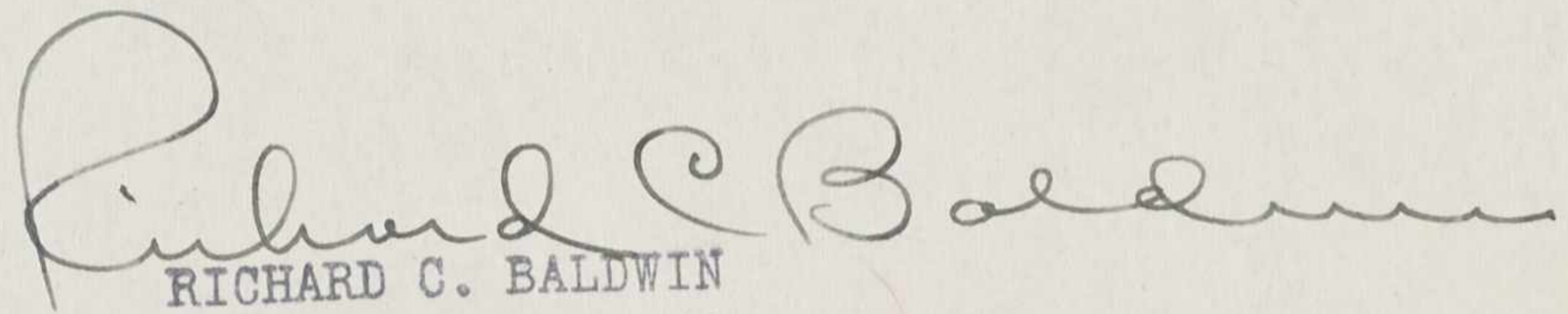
SUBJECT: Unidentified Aircraft

TO : Commanding General  
Second Army  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland  
Attention: Air Officer

1. At 1600 hours 13 March 1952 an unidentified aircraft believed to be a C-47 with no markings appeared and flew over the impact area, which is a restricted area, at this station. Coordinates are as follows: 37 Degrees 40 minutes North and 87 Degrees 40 minutes East West, Nashville Air Chart 5-7 and Radio Facility Chart AN 08-15-1.

2. This information supplied to your office for action as you deem necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

  
RICHARD C. BALDWIN  
WOJG USA  
Asst. Adj. General

"SUPPLY ECONOMY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS"

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BASIC: Ltr 101st Airborne Division and Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky,  
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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20 MAR 1952

TO: The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded for necessary actions.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*E. R. Gorman*  
E. R. GORMAN  
Major AGC  
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AGO, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 1 April 1952

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C. *JAM*  
ATTENTION: Director of Intelligence

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ATTENTION: Director of Intelligence

FROM: The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

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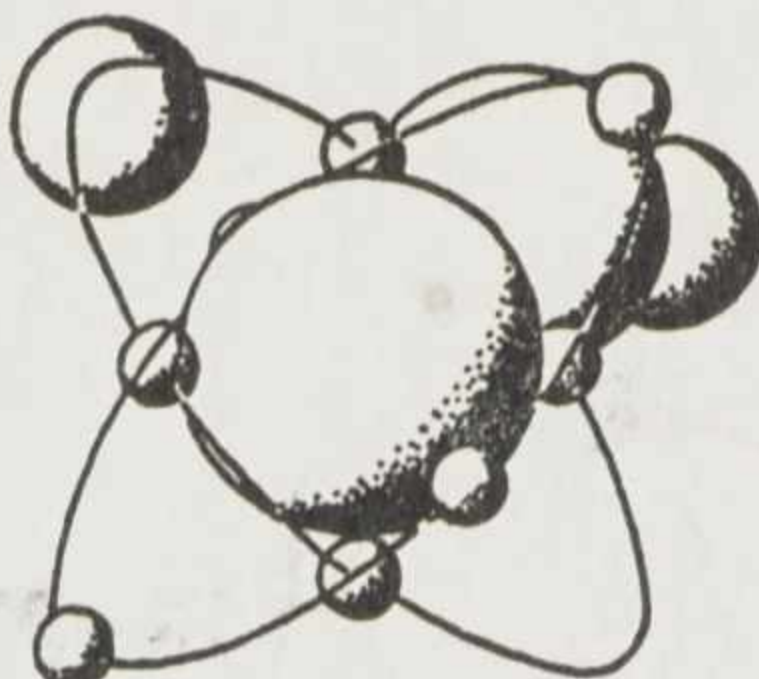
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P. O. BOX 3976, VICTORY STATION  
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

April 8, 1952

U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 900 510 S. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. J.B. Abernathy

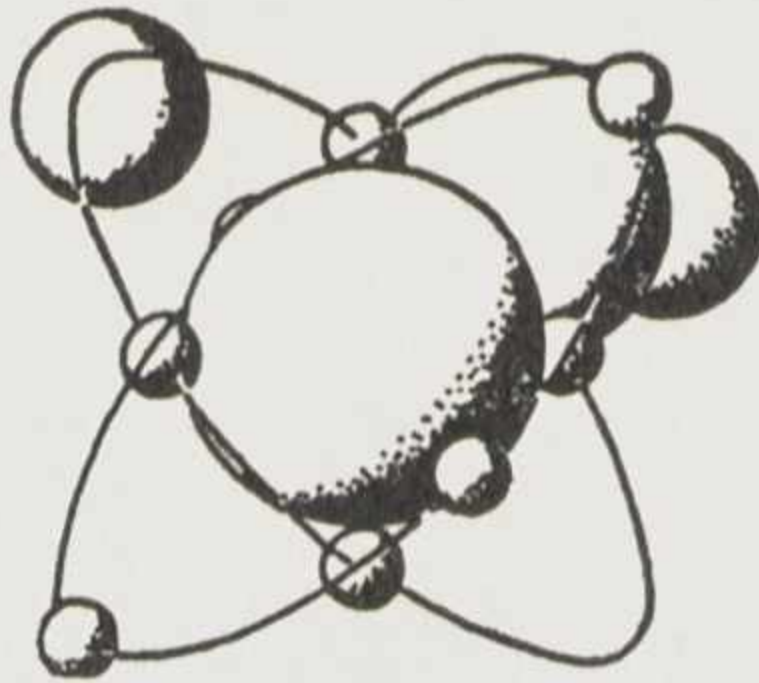
Gentlemen:

This letter is being addressed to you to introduce this organization and its purpose and members in order that your office might be aware of our existence and intents. Spheres, Inc., incorporated by the Secretary of State of California on March 26th, 1952, is composed of a group of men all of whom are seriously interested in not only learning as much as possible about the "green fireball" and "flying disc" phenomena, but also in designing, development engineering, and actual construction of a new and novel type aircraft. This aircraft will operate utilizing electromagnetic principles which we feel certain we can verify. We are all employed by local aircraft and associated industries as electronic and mechanical engineers, industrial engineers, and other similar vocations. A small group of engineers, now an integral part of this corporation, form our nucleus in that over a period of several years they feel they have developed the theory necessary to proceed with the design and development of a flying model. This corporation has been formed to further expedite and carry on to completion this development.

Due to the security involved as a result of the potential military application of this vehicle, we have in the past and are now taking every precaution to assure that proper surveillance of this project is made by the necessary government agencies. At the same time we are also seeking to protect our interests involved as proprietary proponents of this principle. For these reasons, we are addressing you to request official action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the following points:

1. The immediate initiation of a security investigation on each of our members. The names and addresses of all members involved to date are attached and we will forward you additions from time to time. This investigation will not only afford mutual protection to each member of this organization, but will help the FBI in properly classifying the security of this idea.

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2. The notation of the fact that this firm has rented a commercial building to be used in this development work. This building is located at 1010 North Lima Avenue in Burbank, California. We intend to complete our construction and testing of the flying model at that location. The City Planning Commission of Burbank has granted us a permit of occupancy for this purpose although they have been told only that we are engaged in the design and development of electronic equipment. When we have reached a point where we are ready to flight-test this vehicle, we intend performing such tests on private property in the Mojave Desert and not at this Burbank location. In connection with this coming flight-test, we have already begun negotiations with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Dr. Joseph Kaplan of UCLA. It is our intent to afford these and other qualified government representatives an opportunity to evaluate this craft at that time.

In conclusion, it is the prime purpose of this letter to convey to the Federal Bureau of Investigation not only the tremendous importance of this project from a military view, but also our individual and collective desire to conduct ourselves at all times in the best interests of national security. To such an end we pledge our utmost cooperation in all respects.

Very truly yours,

SPHERES, INC.

William M. Thompson,  
Secretary

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Post to Spheres, Inc*

cc: Dr. Lincoln LaPaz  
Institute of Meteoritics  
University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

cc: Colonel Doyle Rees  
c/o Brig. General Joseph F. Carroll  
Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters, USAF  
Washington 25, DC

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Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6 Code 192, X-140

There is attached herewith as a matter of possible interest to your Directorate a copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, from the above subject.

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Cy of ltr fr Spheres, Inc. to Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, dtd 13 March 1952

GILBERT R. LEVI  
Chief, Counter Intelligence Div  
Dir. of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General

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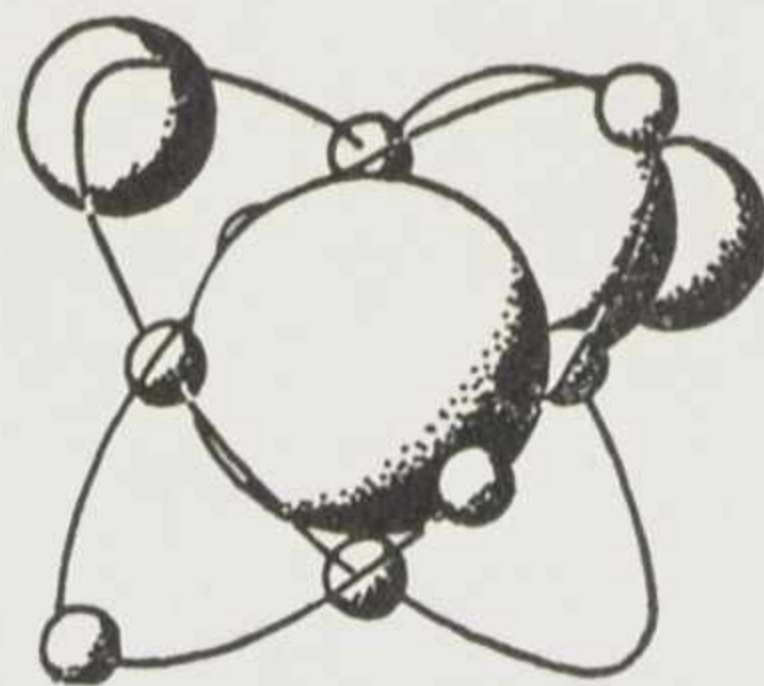
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13 March 1952

Colonel Doyle Rees  
c/o Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Carroll  
Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters, USAF  
Washington, 25, DC

Reference: Dr. Lincoln LaPaz's letter to Colonel Rees  
dated 3 March 1952.

Gentlemen:

We are forwarding the enclosed copy of our letter of  
13 March 1952 to Dr. Lincoln LaPaz. Your cooperation  
with our project, as noted in this letter, is respect-  
fully requested.

Very truly yours,

SPHERES, INC.

*William M. Thompson*

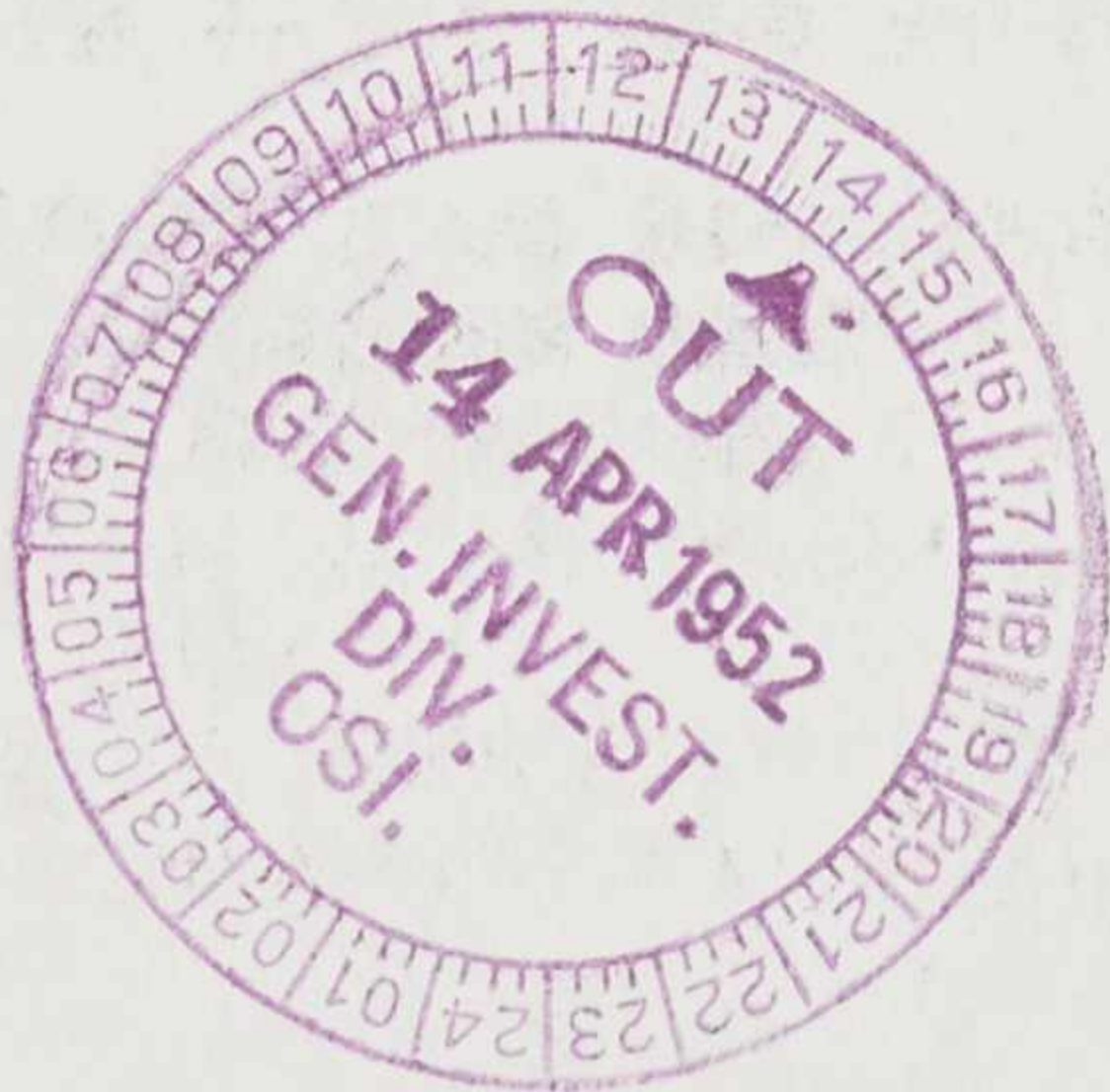
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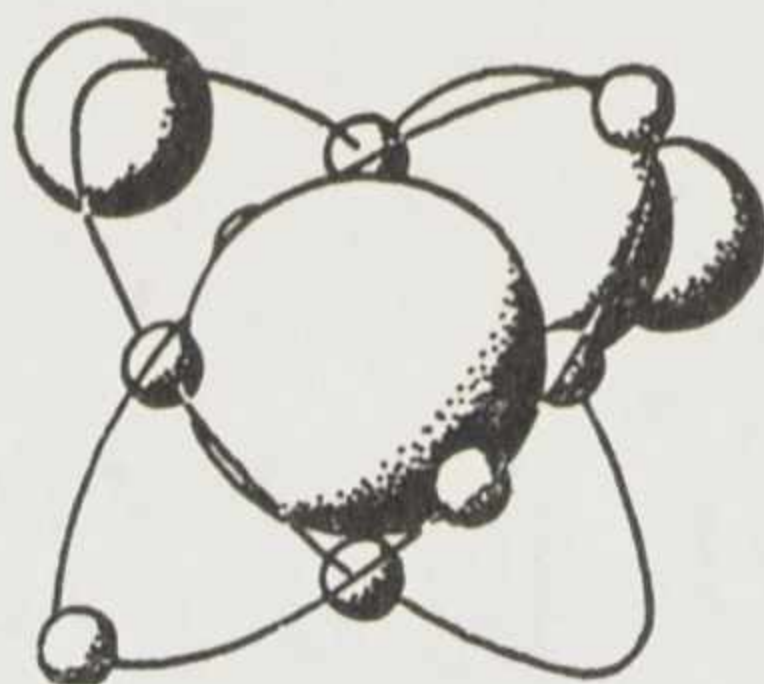


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13 March 1952

Colonel Doyle Rees  
Care: Brig.Gen. Joseph F. Carroll  
Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters, USAF  
Washington, 25, DC

Gentlemen:

We are forwarding you the enclosed copy of our letter of 13 March 1952 to the Los Angeles office of the Atomic Energy Commission in order that your office might be cognizant of our attempt to secure the clearance indicated in the subject letter.

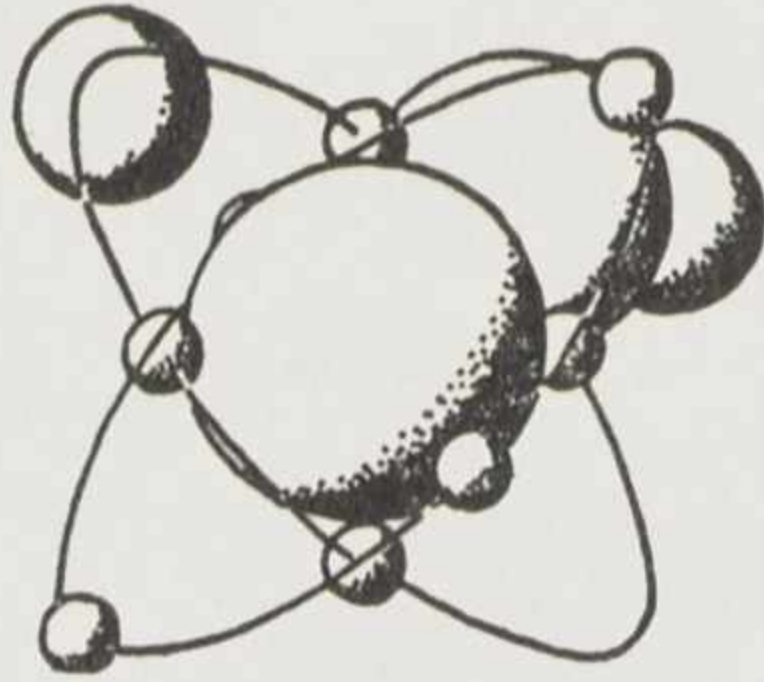
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P. O. BOX 3976, VICTORY STATION  
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

13 March 1952

U.S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Post Office Box 9007  
Station "S"  
Los Angeles, 5, California

Gentlemen:

The organization indicated by this letterhead has been formed to design a new and novel type of aircraft utilizing electromagnetic principles of operation. The theory involved is concerned with the controlled release of usable energy by atomic transformations using non-fissionable material.

This project is being treated as highly confidential by all members of our group and only a small group of our members know the complete principle involved. This fact lessens the possibility of a security leak. In addition, we have contacted the Special Investigations Group of the U.S. Air Force (Colonel Doyle Rees) and requested proper surveillance by that facility. In addition, Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the New Mexico University Institute of Meteoritics is also cognizant of our project.

In order that the technical men in our group might investigate and have access to other sources of classified material on this subject, and considering the tremendous importance to the national security should our development proceed as we expect, we respectfully request the Commission to give immediate consideration to the TOP SECRET clearance of several of our group. This might properly proceed thru Colonel Doyle's facility, however we especially wish the Commission to be aware of our project and to recognize such clearance if obtained thru the Air Force channel.

Your immediate consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

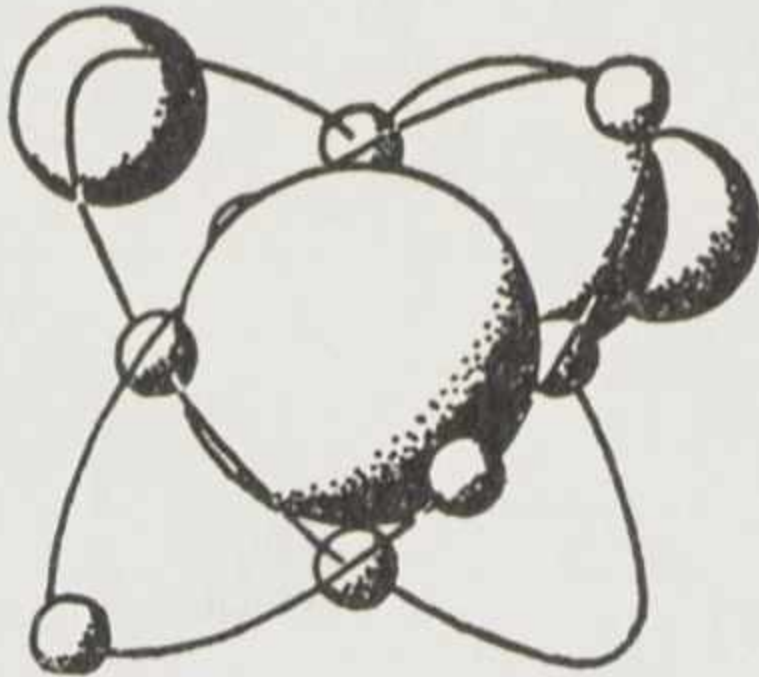
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Headquarters USAF  
Washington, 25, DC

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13 March 1952

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Director  
Institute of Meteoritics  
The University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reference: (a) Letter from Lincoln LaPaz to Colonel Rees  
dated 3 March 1952.  
(b) Letter from Lincoln LaPaz to Charles  
Milligan dated 5 March 1952.

Dear Dr. LaPaz:

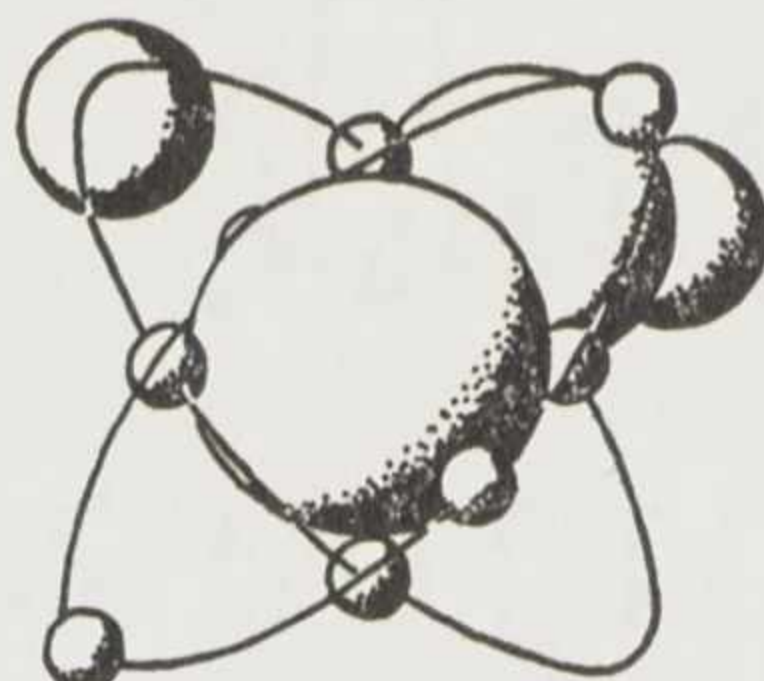
This letter will serve to introduce our organization under its corporate name which is now in the process of being filed with the Secretary of State of California. It will further serve to identify this organization as the group referred to by Mr. Charles Milligan in his written and telephone conversations with you recently. I am forwarding copies of this letter to Dr. Joseph Kaplan and also to Colonel Doyle Rees in order that they might be fully cognizant of our group and our reasons for addressing you.

As Mr. Milligan no doubt has told you, our organization is composed of a group of men all of whom are seriously interested in not only learning as much as possible about the "green fireball" and "flying disc" phenomena, but also in developing a new and novel type aircraft which will operate utilizing electromagnetic principles which we feel certain we can verify. We are all employed by local aircraft and associated industries as electronic and mechanical engineers, industrial engineers, and other similar vocations. A small group of engineers, now an integral part of this corporation, form our nucleus in that over a period of several years, they feel they have developed the theory necessary to proceed with the design and development of a flying model. This corporation is being formed to further expedite and carry on to completion this development.

Due to the security involved as a result of the potential military application of this vehicle, we have in the past and are now taking every precaution to assure that proper surveillance of this project is made by the necessary government agencies. At the same time we are also seeking to protect our interests involved as proprietary proponents of this principle. For these reasons, we are addressing you



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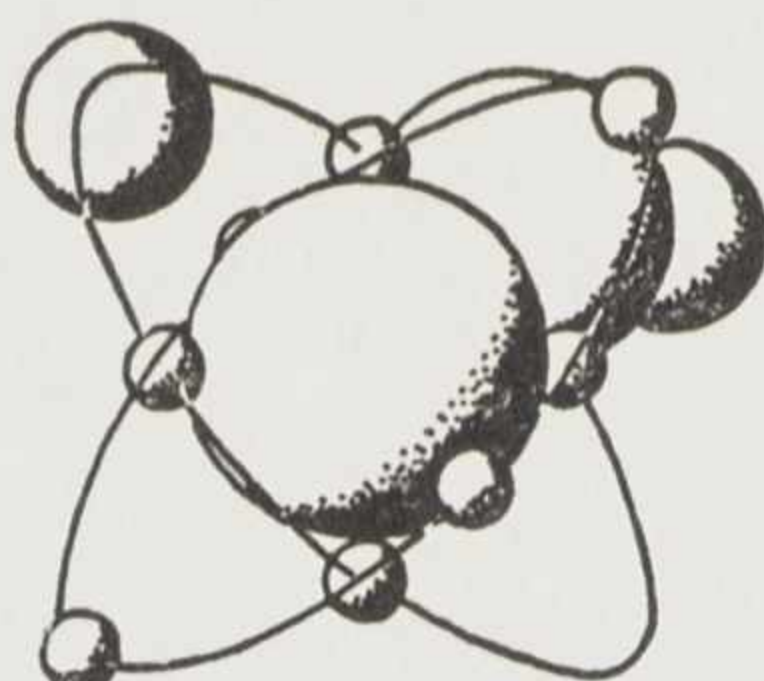
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and the other recipients of this letter to request official action by the proper government authorities on the following phases of this project:

1. The immediate initiation of a security investigation on each of the members of our organization by the proper government agency. The names and addresses of all members will be furnished by the secretary upon receipt of an official request in writing. This investigation will not only afford mutual protection to each member of this organization, but will help the investigating agency to properly classify the security of this project in general. By way of explanation, as a result of all of us now being currently employed by firms involved with classified projects, most of us are cleared CONFIDENTIAL and one or more are cleared SECRET with several others currently in process.
2. The setting up of an official government "evaluation committee" composed of men not only in a position to represent the cognizant government agencies officially, but also of men technically qualified in the fields of electronics and nuclear physics to comprehend the full import and scope of our theory. This committee should notify this corporation thru the corporation's secretary of its formation and officially, in writing thru proper channels, inform us of its willingness to participate in a series of "evaluation" meetings with several technical representatives of our firm. As a part of these meetings, our representatives will present the theory and principle we are using to an extent which will allow full evaluation of these data by the technically-qualified government representatives. In addition, it is our intent to be able to actually demonstrate a working model of this new and novel aircraft to verify the theory, at these meetings.

You will recall in your telephone conversations with Mr. Milligan that he as our representative has constantly emphasized the urgency of an early evaluation meeting such as we refer to. With all respect to Mr. Milligan, we must advise that the postponement of this meeting in accordance with our current plans is a decision of the group made since Mr. Milligan's conversations with you and in direct contradiction to our original plans and wishes. Mr. Milligan's "rush" attitude was a true reflection of our feelings about a week ago. In the past few days, however, we feel we should

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postpone this meeting until such a time as we can include the demonstration of the working model. If we were to arrange for an immediate meeting for evaluation, the necessary work in preparing drawings, data, and other information would seriously delay our completion of the model. You can appreciate the fact that the inclusion of a model demonstration in this evaluation meeting will eliminate the necessity of attempting to rush thru lots of quantitative data to support the theory.

In lieu of these facts, we request further that this evaluation meeting be delayed until we actually can include such a demonstration. At this time, our best estimate of the additional time required is between 60 and 90 days. If this estimate appears to be short in 60 days from now, we will contact you with a new estimated completion date. In the meantime, your organization of this evaluation committee and the necessary routine of official contact with our group may proceed without delay.

As you can well appreciate, the idea that we have is not yet to the "patentable" stage and this fact promulgates our sincere request to you that all contacts be arranged and presented to us in writing thru official channels.

Of prime importance in this investigation is the element of time. The tremendous importance of this project from military as well as economic viewpoints merits immediate action on the government's part toward expediting this project. Your cooperation toward this end will be and is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

SPHERES, INC.

William M. Thompson,  
Secretary

cc: Dr. Joseph Kaplan  
Col. Doyle Rees

March 11, 1952

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz  
Director, Institute of Meteoritics  
University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Dr. LaPaz:

I enjoyed very much receiving your letter of 3 March 1952 and learning that the fireball phenomena is still continuing. I often think of the great assistance you so willingly gave us during that investigation. I have lost contact entirely since I came to Washington.

I do not know how much help it would be to Mr. Milligan to talk with OSI Agents on the subject, because as you know, the investigative reports are classified. However, this is a matter he should take up with the District Commander in the area concerned.

I expect to be in the 18th OSI District at Cheli Air Force Specialized Depot, Post Office Box 310, Maywood, California (part of Los Angeles) during the period 24 March through 5 April. I will be pleased to talk with Mr. Milligan or any member of the group during that time. However, as I pointed out previously, in view of the fact that the project is classified in our files, there would be very little I could discuss with him. If you wish to pass this on to Mr. Milligan it may be of some help to him. I am interested in the fact that they are going to initiate a study, but somehow I feel that a study of this nature cannot be successful if conducted on part time basis or as an extracurricular activity.

Let me again express my appreciation for your assistance to me while I was District Commander, 17th OSI District.

Best Regards,

Doyle Rees  
Colonel, USAF  
Plans and Policy Group  
Office of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General

P. S.

Life Magazine representative spent some time with me recently. Same subject. Advised me he had talked with you also.

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INSTITUTE OF METEORITICS

March 3, 1952

Colonel Doyle Rees  
c/o Brigadier General Joseph F. Carroll  
Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rees:

You no doubt recall the investigation carried out jointly by the 17th District OSI Office and the Institute of Meteoritics in the Mescalero-Apache Reservation. Our guide on the field trip made through the Reservation was Mr. Charles Milligan, who was on leave from his engineering work with the Lockheed Corporation in California.

I have just had a long distance phone call from Mr. Milligan, informing me that a group of engineers and scientists which he recently helped organize have a new and very interesting approach to the green fireball problem which has long been a matter of concern to you and to me. Mr. Milligan and his associates are anxious to discuss this matter with agents of the OSI. I promised to bring this matter to your attention at the Washington office in the hope that you would be able to arrange for OSI agents to communicate with the secretary of Mr. Milligan's group, namely, Mr. William M. Thompson, 8054 Laurel Grove, North Hollywood, California.

Lt. Paul Ryan, with whom we several times cooperated in the Roswell area, is personally acquainted with Mr. Milligan and was responsible for Milligan's acting as guide during the Mescalero search. I mention this so that if you desire, you can question Lt. Ryan before taking action on Milligan's request.

Recently we have had several reports of remarkable fireball phenomena in the East, one coming from Colonel J. D. Caldara, USAF, Joint Strategic Plans Group, Room 2E-973, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington 25, D. C. I incline to the belief that the fireballs observed in the East are not of the green variety, but probably result from genuine meteorite falls.

With every good wish to you and highest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Lincoln LaPaz*

Lincoln LaPaz, Director  
Institute of Meteoritics

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Mr. Charles Milligan

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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Vapor Trails over Goose Air Base, Labrador		
AREA REPORTED ON Labrador	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 12 March 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 March 1952	EVALUATION A-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) Charles J. Powley, Captain, USAF	SOURCE Captain W. C. Matthews	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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1. Source, an instrument instructor pilot, Flight "D", 6th Air Rescue Squadron, MATS, Goose Bay Airport, Labrador, reports that at 1544Z, 1 March 1952, while flying NEAC C-47 #9184 at 6,000 feet over Goose Air Base, he observed vapor trails overhead. According to the source, the trails were caused by a fast moving aircraft, probably jet, which was flying at a very high altitude and in a north-easterly direction over Goose Air Base.
2. Captain Matthews immediately reported the incident to Goose Air Base tower operator who stated that he had no knowledge of any aircraft in the area other than the local aircraft he was working at the time.
3. Source added that there was no doubt in his mind that the vapor trails were real, as he had seen them often while flying in Europe during World War II.
4. The sighting of the vapor trails was confirmed by Major R. Hange, pilot of the aircraft.

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COUNTRY USA-MATS	REPORT NO. IR-131-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Unusual Sighting in Atlantic Ocean		
AREA REPORTED ON Atlantic Ocean	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 7 March 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 24 February 1952	EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Charles J. Powley, Captain, USAF	SOURCE MATS Transport Pilot	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) MATS IR-232-51		

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1. The security officer of Headquarters Azores Air Transport Station reported that at 0215Z, 23 February 1952, Captain William S. Treacy, pilot of a MATS aircraft en route from Port Lyautey, French Morocco to Lisbon, Portugal, observed a bright flash at an estimated distance of 50 miles directly ahead of the aircraft and at approximately the same altitude. The aircraft was on a heading of 343 degrees, altitude 8,500 ft. and flying on the top of a cloud formation. Lights and land were observed through the clouds far to the right of the aircraft at the time of the sighting. Captain Treacy did not know the exact position of the aircraft at the time this information was given to the Security Officer, but estimated the plane's position as 36 degrees, 50 minutes North and 8 degrees, 50 minutes West.

2. At approximately 0223Z another flash at the same altitude as the plane was observed, this one being 45 degrees to the right of the plane. This flash was much closer than the first one observed. Finally, at approximately 0231Z a white flash was observed off the right wing tip approximately one mile away. All of the flashes were reported as being instantaneous and of very high intensity. The second and third flash occurred at 8-minute intervals. No other flashes were reported after the one at 0231Z.

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES REPORT NO. 1 of 1952 (LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, 22 Feb 52

AREA REPORTED ON CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS FROM (Agency) 1st STRATEGIC SUPPORT SQ, BIGGS AFB, TEXAS

DATE OF REPORT 27 February 1952 DATE OF INFORMATION 25 February 1952 EVALUATION R-2

PREPARED BY (Officer) LT. COL. L. L. SHAW, JR., GENCE OFFICER WING INTELLI SOURCE CAPTAIN JOHN D. MUSICK, ADJ., 1st SSS

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) 8th Air Force Letter 200-2, 8th Air Force Intelligence Collection Plans

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

1. The following report on two (2) unidentified flying objects is submitted as a result of an interview with Captain John D. Musick, AO 695353, Adjutant of the 1st Strategic Support Squadron.

2. At approximately 1100 MST, 22 February 1952, source attempted to take photographs of a circle observed about a rainbow in the sky. Source was in front of home at 3514 Hamilton St., El Paso, Texas. The angle of the camera at the time of photography was approximately 70°. Sky was clear with no clouds present. Source used 35mm Cannon Camera, F-4 Rokor Telephoto Lens; film used was Kodak Super XX Panchromatic; shutter speed 1/500th second at F-5.6 or 1/200th at F-8.

3. Upon developing exposed film, two (2) unidentified objects appeared in one (1) negative of the exposed film. Objects were not visible to source at the time the pictures were taken.

4. Photographs of unidentified objects and negative of exposed film with the negative are submitted herewith.

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- 1. Photograph of both objects
- 2. Enlargement of one object
- 3. Enlargement of one object
- 4. Negative (35mm) from which objects were printed (Sent to CG, Air Materiel Command)

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(Unclassified) Opinion Concerning Aerial Phenomena by Ross E. DuBois  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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1. Attached herewith as a matter of primary interest to your Directorate is a copy of a communication from Ross E. DuBois, Dove Creek, Colorado, concerning aerial phenomena, which was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. No investigation of this matter is contemplated by this office.

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DuBois to FBI, dtd 26 Feb 52

GILBERT R. LEVY  
Chief, Counter Intelligence Div  
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Dove Creek, Colorado  
February 26, 1952

Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Possibly you have heard something about the recently publicized barrages of what has been termed "fireballs" by the press. Or possibly, too, you have other sources of interest and information in them? At any rate, it is about this subject that I am at present writing you.

I think I may have information on this subject that could possibly be of interest from your viewpoint, and from the viewpoint of every American citizen who may be concerned with the security of our country. It is not considered probable that these "fireballs" have any immediate or definite tie-in with matters pertaining to national security; but when we have such designing and crafty potential enemies and when the weapons are so deadly and so varied as is now possible, it behooves us to take no unnecessary risks when anything of so unusual nature as these barrages of heavenly fireballs are seen. Therefore, I consider it a matter that deserves thorough investigation.

And in conformity with that idea, I will herewith briefly outline my own knowledge and experience in that relation. First I wish to state that this is no mere illusion due to psychological reasons nor hysteria, but I have personally seen many of these. Contrary to the present popular ideas about the barrage of last November being the first one or unique, I wish to state definitely that I have seen these every November since and including the November of 1945, when I thought it might have some bearing on the Hiroshima bomb, in some manner as affecting the stratosphere and possibly the radio-sensitive elements therein, or in conjunction with other such hitherto unfamiliar and indefinitely understood reactions.

I also thought most likely that these were some unusual celestial bodies (not at all like the familiar meteorites we occasionally see) that could be explained by the astronomers with a bit of study and investigating. But there are some definite patterns and distinctions that I have noted that I now believe are worthy of serious consideration from the viewpoint of one concerned with our national security, although not definitely, as yet at least, established to be so. It is with this in mind that I am putting the few observations following before you:

First: date and dates of observation: I first noted these in the Fall of 1945, and they continued to be noticed, not on only one day only, as is the usual

case with meteorites, but of evenings occasionally over a period of at least two weeks or more.

Since 1945, I have noted the same phenomenon on nearly every November. This would in my opinion seem to indicate a celestial origin, but of this I will not be too insistent, for there might be another cause, for instance if they were caused by some projectile testing as might be done by someone concealed in Arizona or old Mexico. It is said that these fireballs have only been seen in about five of the southwestern states and in certain West Indies areas. Now, if this is true, I suggest that a thorough check on direction which they were coming from, might indicate the source, as in checking for location of a radio transmitter station. It certainly does seem a bit irregular that with these being seen in this area by scores and over a long period of time, that this particular area would be the only place where they were observed-unless they have an origin which would explain it. I want to emphasize that, in case you are interested, I very definitely did see a number of them about November 1945 and other Novembers since then, especially that of 1951.

Secondly; I wish to state that all of these fireballs I have noted were coming out of the South at this point in each separate year, possibly just a trifle out of the westward of true South. It would be of much interest to check on this matter of direction in other sections where they have been noted.

Thirdly: Thus far, all of them which I have noted were seen at dusk, which may have no special significance, altho I think it ought to be noted. It is possible that, this being the part of the night when I was out in the open where it was easy to note them, I noted only those at that time, whereas others fell at other times of night, or even in daytime, but were not so easily noted.

Fourthly: The very strangest part of the facts noted was that these Fireballs seemed to "float" or glide over, so leisurely and so peculiarly did they go, altho it is agreed that this may have been due to their great distance from the place of observation. This peculiarity may be understood better, I think, if I recall specifically one instance. I was walking along a lonely country road one evening in early November in 1947 when I was startled by a brilliant light on the road, coming from behind me. So brilliant was it that I instinctively darted off the roadway, thinking that it was the headlight of a car that had silently come upon me; and so brilliant was it that I remember thinking the danger of being run over was instant. On gaining the side of the road I turned around and looked to the westward, where I saw the dazzling flight of this "fireball" which was gliding out of the south in an almost horizontal direction northward. When it had reached a position about due northwest from me, and at

about 45 degrees from the horizon, it seemed to disintegrate and the fire vanished. The flare was so blinding that it was a minute or so before I could clearly see the surrounding roadway and proceed. There was a greenish quality to this light, too, which distinguished it from the ordinary reddish fire of the meteorite we occasionally see. In all, I have probably seen fifty or more of these on November evenings from 1945 to 1951, some of which I remember distinctly because of their brilliance and closeness, (apparently); others I remember only vaguely as another of those "fireballs" in some cases a much longer distance away-but all of them coming out of the south, and on November evenings at dusk.

It is most likely, I believe, that this is a matter for the astronomers to be interested in, but I wish to express my concern, now, lest we pass this off as being a fact when it could conceivably be that something more sinister is indicated, and should not be brushed aside without at least a bit of making certain that nothing of such nature is possible. The two facts: that only in a fairly compact area in this region have these been noted, and that many of them have been seen here; and that all of the objects have come out of the south in this particular place suggest that something more local may be responsible for them, and that the sinister nature should not be overlooked. Possibly it is some hidden or secret guided missile project of the U.S.? or, more sinister, if someone else, either in Arizona, Old Mexico, or some other Southerly location. Personally, I think it could be some elements that exist in the outer space or in the stratosphere which have only recently been made to concentrate by the radioactive clouds that have been poured into this space by atomic explosions. But the catch here is: if this is true, why do we observe the fireballs only about November?

About the first of this year I wrote Desert Magazine at Palm Desert, Calif. a letter on this subject, having seen the recent articles on the subject of Fireballs in the Southwest, and wishing to add my observations which I thought might be of interest to scientists who were concerning themselves over the subject. I had not at that time thought of the peculiarly sinister aspects of what I had observed, as reported herein.

Desert Magazine replied by stating that they were forwarding my letter to a certain Dr. H. H. Nininger of Winslow, Arizona (of Meteor Crater Museum) because they felt certain that he would be interested in these observations. I fully expected to hear at least in acknowledging receipt of this letter, from Dr. Nininger in a short time, but now, almost two months have gone by. Is Dr. Nininger too busy to write the usual letter of acknowledgment, or is he just not interested? I can hardly believe the latter, so I wrote him directly a letter on essentially the same subject (about 3 weeks ago now.) matter, but then suggesting that it might be a matter of concern to us as a national security concern thinking

that he would surely at least drop me a word or two then. After about three more weeks now, I have decided to write you rather than anyone else, and state the above. I have no reason whatever to think Dr. Nininger would know anything definite on the subject; yet, a person, a scientist who has made the study of meteors his lifetime study and vocation, surely would be intensely interested in learning whatever new he could on so novel a problem as these fireballs. Possibly there is a very good reason why he has shown no haste in replying.

But I think it might now be of interest to you to not waste too much time in seeing what is of interest in the general vicinity of Meteor Crater in Arizona. At least Dr. Nininger would be interesting to talk to on the subject, for his knowledge of the subject of meteors - and possibly of projectiles. But I should certainly not confine any investigation to what he says or knows of the subject. Meteor Crater, and Winslow Arizona are almost exactly in the direction from here out of which the strange projectiles called "fireballs" have all come. But I have reason to think they were coming from still much farther south of that. Again I wish to stress the apparent straight and horizontally true-north direction toward which they traveled - in every case through the several seasonal appearances noted.

Again, I stress, too, that a check may be made on directional courses noted at the different places where people saw these fireballs, and then try to find out from that where they originate. If the direction is from true-south at all points, it may indicate a celestial or natural origin. If the direction converges at a geographical point, it may indicate something for you to be further concerned about.

I hope I have not been over zealous in taking up your time on the mere chance that this is a sinister matter, whereas it quite likely is only a matter for scientists to work on.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ross E. DuBois  
Ross E. DuBois

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The attached/communication is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this reference.

*Director of Special Investigations  
Office of the Inspector General  
Headquarters of U. S. Air Force,  
Washington 25, D. C.*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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~~Transmittal of letter from Charles Karlik, Flushing, New York, Concerning  
Green Flash on the Eastern End of Long Island, 17 January 1952~~  
Technical Capabilities Branch, Evaluation Division,  
Dir. of Intelligence, DCS/O  
ATTN: Captain Forney

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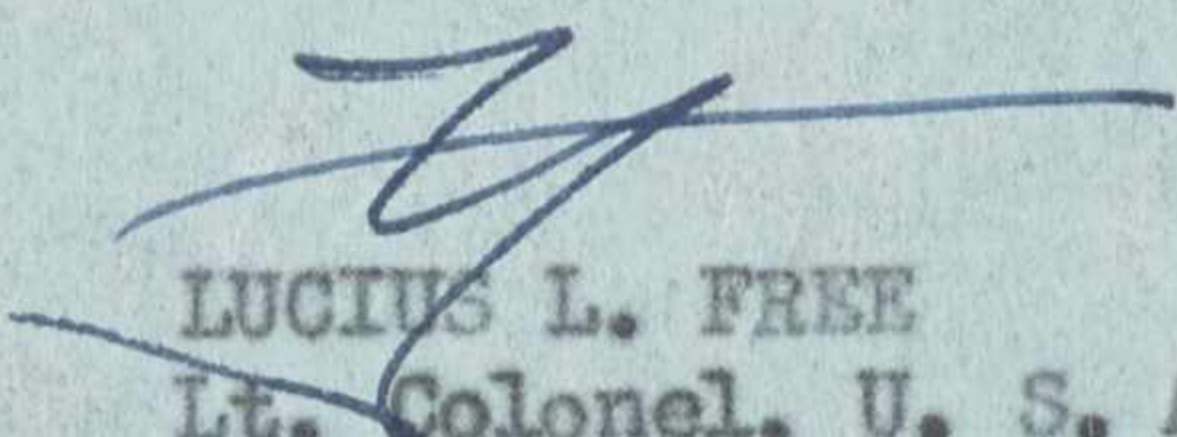
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Pursuant to the conversation with Captain Forney of your office on 14 March 1952, there is attached herewith a letter dated 17 February 1952, with inclosed diagrams, concerning aerial phenomena allegedly witnessed by Charles Karlik, 143-28 Cherry Avenue, Flushing 55, New York.

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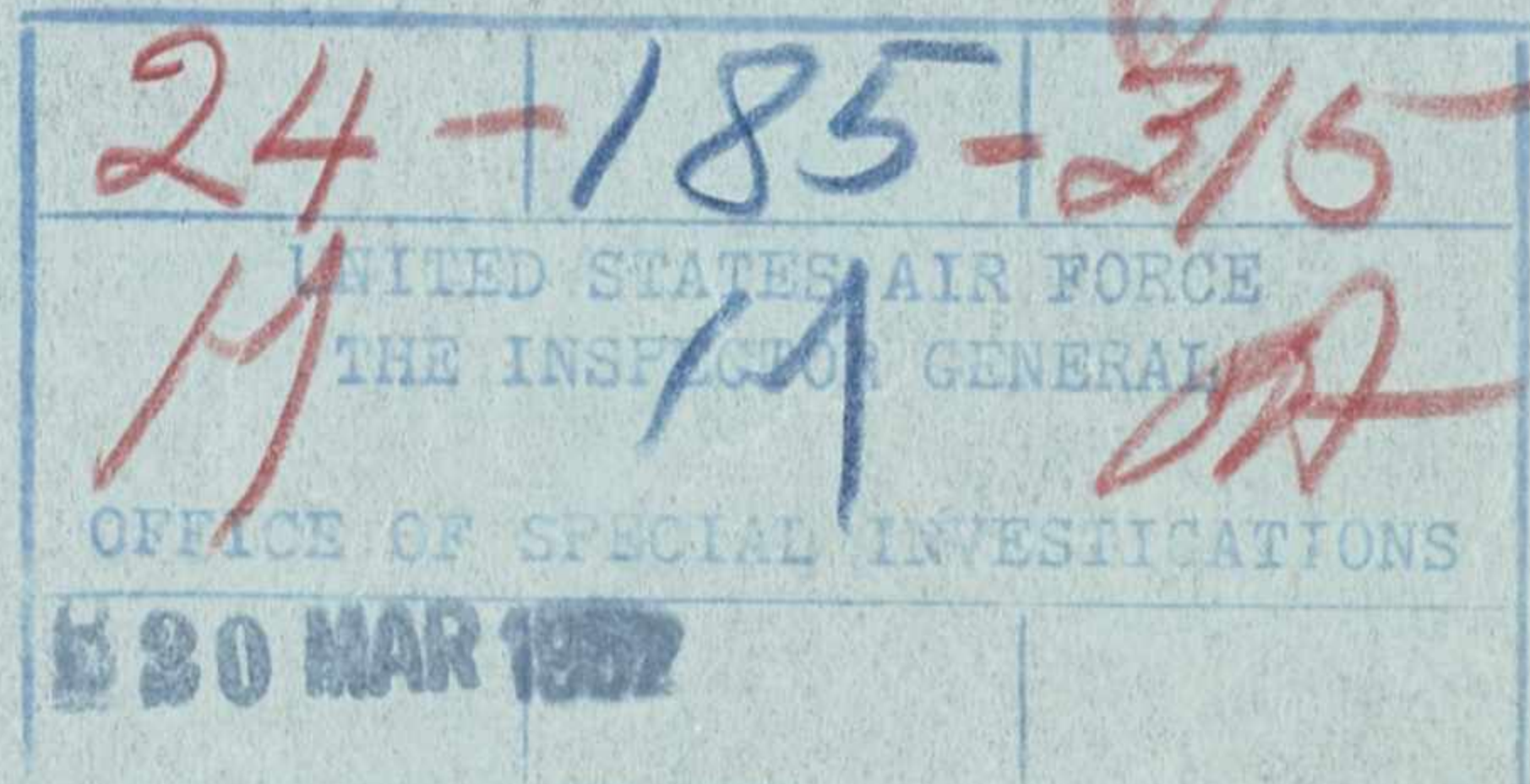
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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) AFCSI Letter #85, dated 23 October 1950,  
Subject: (Uncl) "Reporting of Information on Unconventional  
Aircraft" - SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, file AFOIN-ATIAA-2c, dated 23 January 1952, concerning the above subject, in which concurrence of the Director of Special Investigations was requested with regard to OSI assistance in inquiries concerning unconventional aircraft.
2. Procedures outlined in the above referenced letter, your Headquarters, have the concurrence of the Director of Special Investigations, Headquarters U. S. Air Force, with the following exceptions: In respect to paragraph 2a, it is desired that requests for information from OSI District Offices be channeled through the OSI District located in the area of the representative of your Headquarters making the request; for instance, should your request originate at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base your request for information should be directed to District Office #5, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.
3. Your Headquarters may be assured that the Office of Special Investigations will continue to assist in this project in all ways consistent with work loads and appropriate regulations governing OSI investigations.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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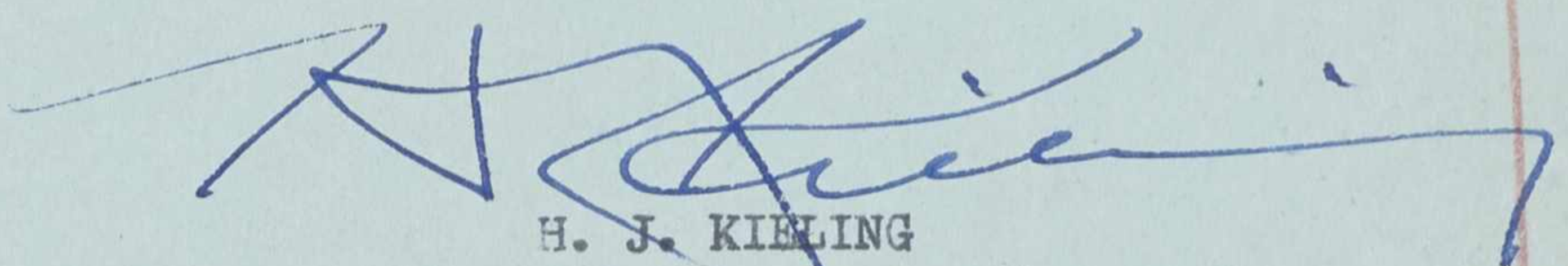
**SUBJECT:** (Unclassified) AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, Subject: (Uncl) "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft"

**TO:** Directorate of Special Investigations, Inspector General **DATE** 26 FEB 1952

**FROM:** Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O **COMMENT NO.** 1  
Lt.Col. Hundt/ro/55894  
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The inclosed letter requesting concurrence with procedures in the investigation by the Office of Special Investigation of reports on unidentified aerial objects was prepared by Air Technical Intelligence Center. This request is concurred in by the Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O and is forwarded for coordination.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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SUBJECT: AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, Subject: (Uncl)  
"Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft"

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

1. Reference is made to AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, subject, (Uncl) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft.

2. The Air Technical Intelligence Center is revising its project for the analysis of reports of unidentified aerial objects. It is contemplated that ATIC personnel will conduct as many investigations as possible but in some instances the OSI will be requested to aid in the investigations. In conjunction with this, it is requested that the following procedures, which are interpretations of subject letter, be concurred upon:

a. The Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, may request information directly from the OSI district offices that are outlined in AFR 124-6 dated 14 December 1949.

b. The district office receiving the request for information is authorized to send two copies of the report directly to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attention: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

3. It will be noted that due to a reorganization since the subject letter was circulated, the reference to "Commanding General, Air Materiel Command" should be revised to read, "Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center.

4. In the past, with the exception of a few instances where mis-interpretation of procedures have delayed requesting or receiving information, the cooperation received from the OSI has been excellent. The Air Technical Intelligence Center wishes to express its gratitude for this cooperation.

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The Inspector General

Lt.Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6  
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1. There is attached for your information a copy of a report of investigation from DO #6, by Special Agent Morris A. Strickland, dated 6 February 1952.
2. This investigation is continuing and any pertinent information which is subsequently developed will be furnished your Directorate.

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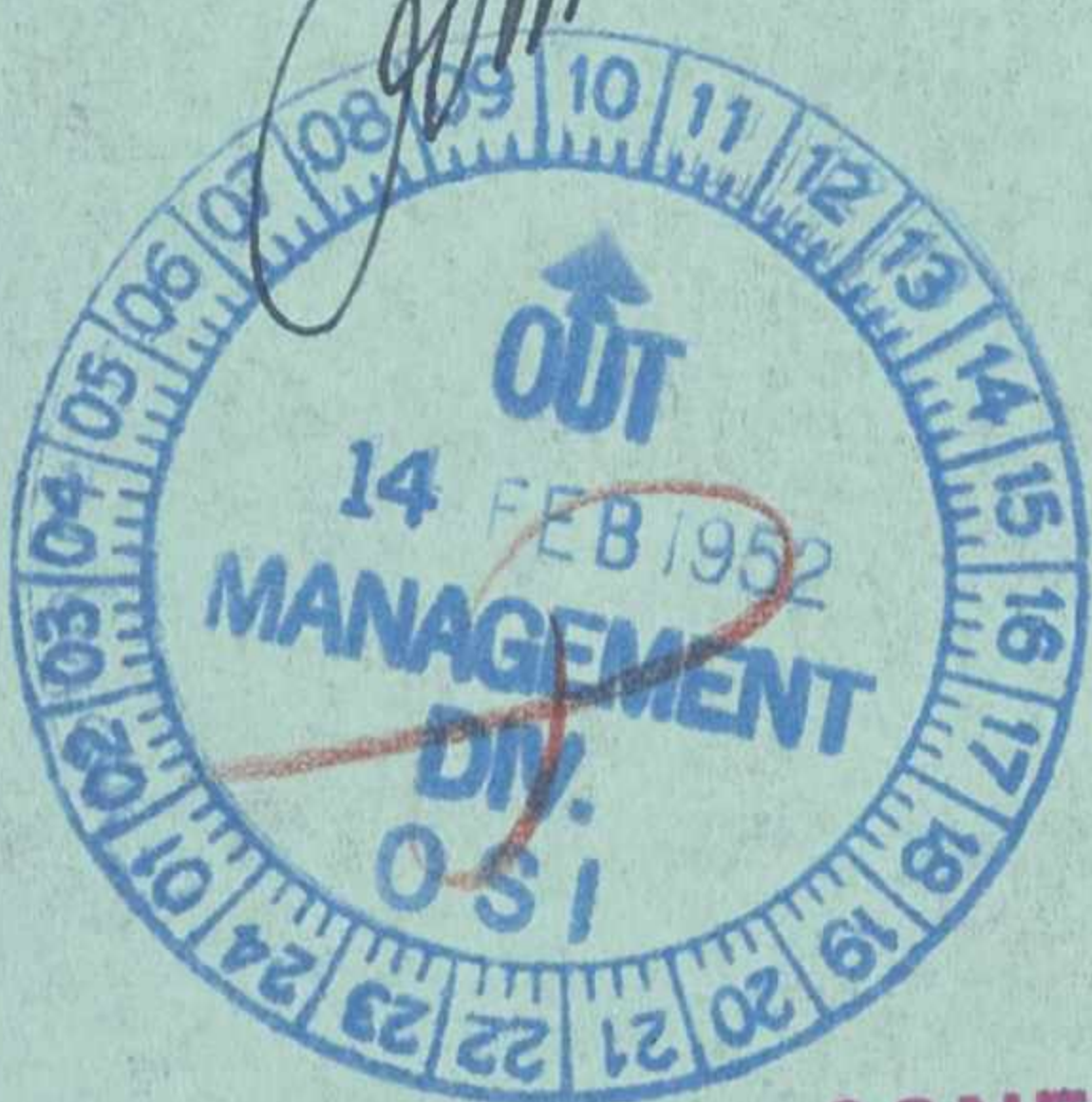
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COUNTRY: United States  
REPORT NO.: 92ID-1-52

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unusual Object

AREA REPORTED ON: NW United States (Spokane, Washington)  
FROM (Agency): Hq 57th Air Division, 92d Bomb Wing H

DATE OF REPORT: 23 January 1952  
DATE OF INFORMATION: 20 January 1952  
EVALUATION: B-2

PREPARED BY (Officer): HAROLD D. NELSON, 1/Lt., USAF  
SOURCE: M/Sgt Aluridus C. Holm, 92d BWg Intell

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable):  
Hq 57th AD 92ID Subject: Sightings of Unusual Objects, dtd 4 Oct 51

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

1. At 1920 hours, 20 January 1952, I was leaving the 92d Bomb Wing Headquarters Squadron barracks with T/Sgt Harry A. Cavagnaro and S/Sgt Robert T. Barnes.

As we were about to turn from the sidewalk to the road, I looked at the beacon light to the North and saw what I thought was a shooting star slightly above the water towers.

I called Sergeant Cavagnaro's attention to it, and he remarked "That's no shooting star, Cliff." As I continued to look, I knew the object could not be a shooting star, for it was travelling at a high rate of speed -- three times the speed of any jet I have ever seen -- parallel to the earth's surface.

The object was below the clouds, which I estimated at a height of 500 feet, moving silently from North to South. It was oval shaped and seemed to pulsate as it left a sharp blue intermittent flame at approximated 6 foot intervals.

The color of the object was a bright blue-white and appeared to be the size of a grapefruit from a distance of approximately 3000 feet.

Sergeant Barnes did not see the object, for it was visible for only about two seconds.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

2. Since the NCO making this report is a very reliable individual who holds a responsible position within the Wing Intelligence Section, and since the sighting was witnessed by another person, this report appears well-founded.

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Hq 57th AD 92ID Subject: Sightings of Unusual Objects, dtd 4 Oct 51

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)  
1. At approximately 1920 hours on 20 January 1952 I was walking from my quarters with M/Sgt Aluridus C. Holm and S/Sgt Robert T. Barnes. My attention was called by Sergeant Holm to an unidentified object travelling below the clouds at approximately 500 feet.

The object was moving silently at a terrific rate of speed as compared to any jet aircraft I have ever seen. It appeared circular in shape and was brilliant blue-white in color. I estimate that the object was approximately 3/4 to 1 mile away, and at the distance from where I stood it appeared to be slightly larger than an orange.

The object left a blue trail which was broken. The trail appeared to be coming from the object in spurts.

Height of the clouds was estimated by a beacon light on Fairchild Air Force Base. The beacon was projected vertically in a stationary position, the flying object travelling parallel to the earth.

Sergeant Barnes was behind Sergeant Holm and me and did not see the object.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:  
2. Since the NCO making this report is a very reliable individual who holds a responsible position within the Wing Intelligence Section, and since the sighting was witnessed by another person, this report appears well-founded.

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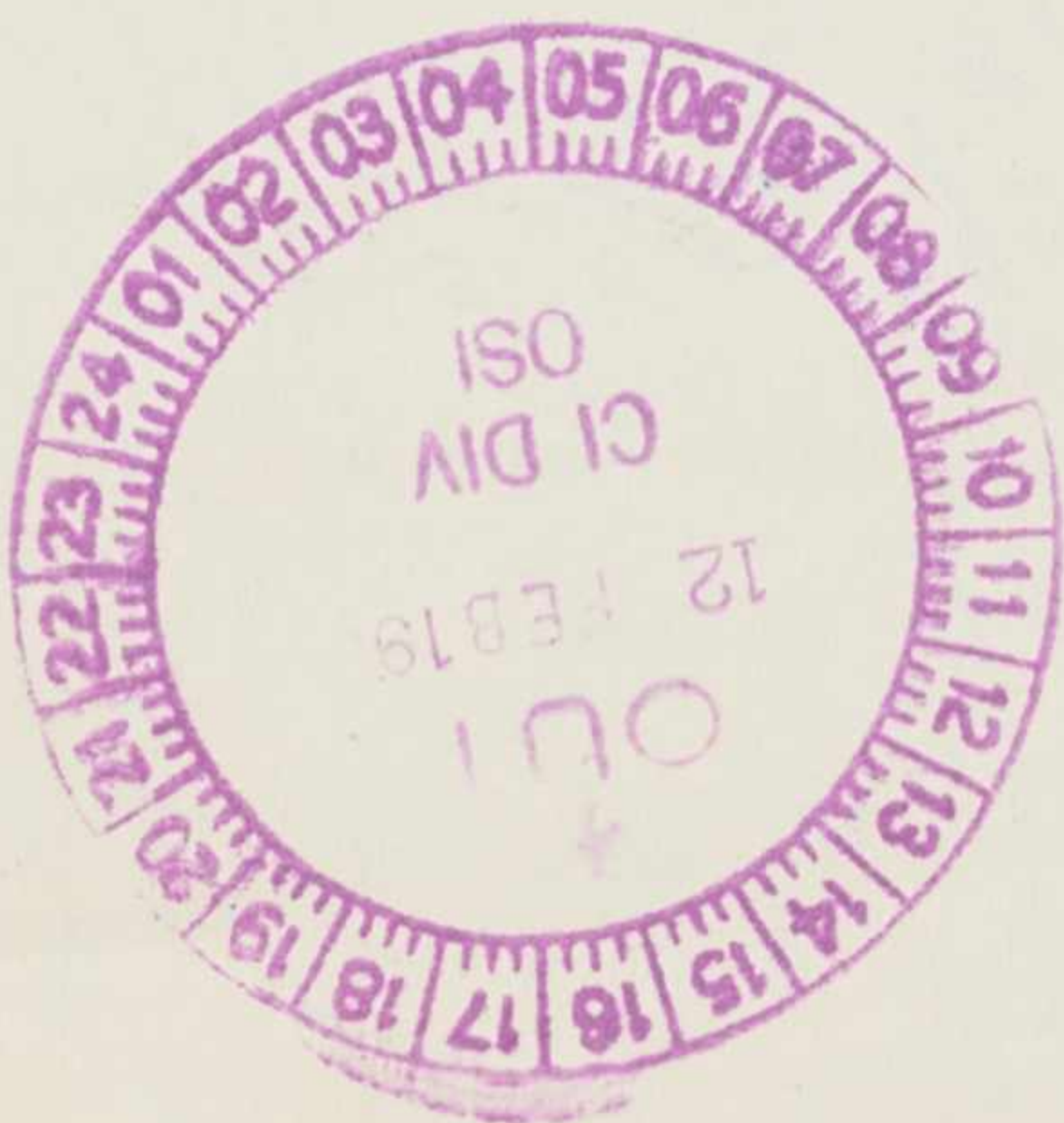
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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO. IR-47-51E	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT REPORT OF UNUSUAL RADAR SCOPE SIGHTING <i>ESP.</i>		
AREA REPORTED ON EADF	FROM (Agency) D/I EADF	
DATE OF REPORT 8 NOVEMBER 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 NOVEMBER 1951	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) BEN Z.M. GERSHATER, Captain, USAF	SOURCE 32d AIR DIV (LTR, C0C319.1, 1 NOV 51, RPT OF UNUSUAL RADAR TARGETS.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ADC L 200-1		

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

On 22 October 1951, the radar station, located at North Truro, Massachusetts observed an unusual sighting on its radar scopes, at a location approximately 120 to 300 miles East and East-North-East away. Details are listed on Part II, this report. "The individual echo returns, and the appearance of the track, substantiate the probability that these radar "pick-ups" may actually have been that of an unidentified flying object, rather than some type of radar interference or malfunction."

APPROVED: *(Signature)*

*(Signature)*  
BRUCE K. BAUMGARDNER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
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In compliance with provisions of ADC Letter No 200-1, "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft", 11 April 1951, reference: sub-paragraph 5b thereof, the following detailed report, as required in sub-paragraph 5a(1) thereof, is submitted, concerning an unusual sighting, on its radar scopes, by a station located at North Truro, Massachusetts.

- (a) Description of object: Returns indicated a characteristic "sausage shape", in which the dimension in range is smaller than the dimension in azimuth. Amplitude of the return varied from radar "pick-up" to "pick-up" and was never appreciably strong; these two characteristics are typical of any radar return of an aircraft or flying object. Possible preclusion of the object being flying object was the extreme range of final pick-up. Normally, a flying object capable of indicated great speed (reference: below) would be streamlined.
- (b) Time of sightings: From 22-0418Z to 22-0422Z, for duration of four (4) minutes. Estimated speed: approximately 1800 knots.
- (c) Manner of observation: by radar "pick-up", on Plan Position Indicator CPS-6B radar set, on frequencies of 2992 and 3014 megacycles, by station at North Truro, Massachusetts. Observation from surface station.
- (d) Location of observer: Station located at 4202N; 7003W. Single object observed along track, from 4310N; 6810W to 4140N; 6530W, at an unknown altitude, at locations approximately 120 to 300 miles East, ENE, and ESE of observer, during four-minute observation pickups. Course: approx ESE.
- (e) Identification of observer: Radar station. Reliability: normal. Estimate of reliability and experience: unknown.
- (f) Weather conditions at time of sighting: clear, visibility: 15 miles; temperature: 38 degrees F.
- (g) Other factors which might account for phenomenon: Nothing definite. However, the suggestion is offered that: (1) annual "showers" of meteorites, normally due 12-15 November, each year, may be a possible cause; (2) possible meteor from Kopff's comet, due to return near the Earth, October, 1951. No meteorological phenomena in evidence, however, to indicate either. The possibility remains that the object may have been an unconventional flying object.
- (h) No physical evidence exists of the observation. Object was above ocean.
- (i) No identification or interception procedures were undertaken.
- (j) Local aircraft airborne at time of sightings: no information available.

*Ben Z. M. Gershater*

BEN Z. M. GERSHATER  
Captain, USAF  
Intelligence Duty Officer

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF  
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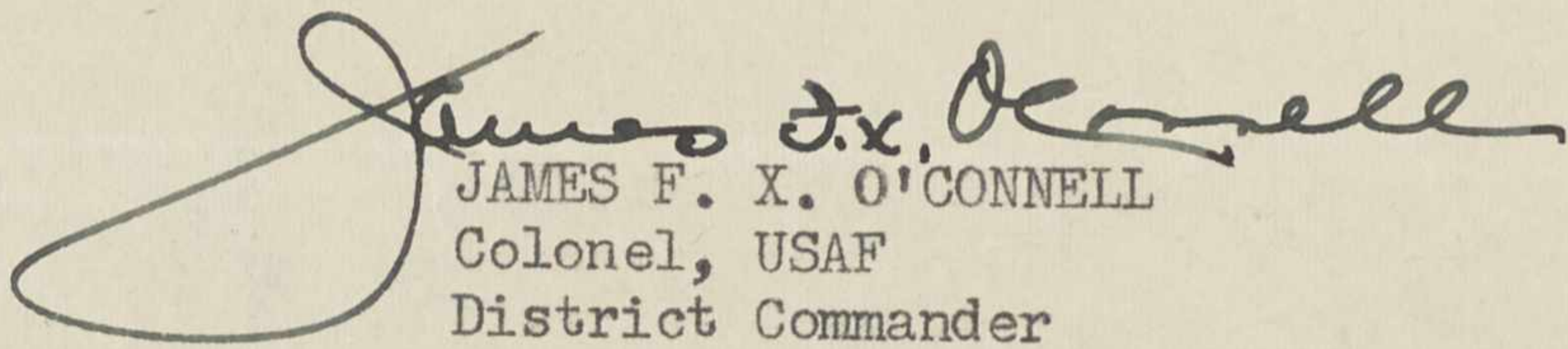
SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on  
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TO: Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, file 24-185, subject as above.

2. It is noted that paragraph 5, of the above referenced AFCSI Letter, directs that TWX Spot Reports concerning unconventional aircraft will provide for transmission of a duplicate message direct to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS.

3. Your attention is invited to the fact that since publication of this letter, the former Intelligence Center is now known as the Air Technical Intelligence Center with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Information of the nature covered by AFCSI Letter 85 should now be addressed to Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: ATI.

  
JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL  
Colonel, USAF  
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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on  
Organizational Charts

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

1. Reference is made to AFOSI Letter No. 45, dated 23  
October 1950, File 84-187, subject as above.

2. It is noted that paragraph 2 of the above referenced  
AFOSI Letter, directs that the good reports concerning known  
organizational charts will provide for transmission of a duplicate  
copy to Commanding General, Air Technical Command, Wright  
Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: AITC.

3. Your attention is invited to the fact that a copy of this  
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Eastern ADF has informed the Air Technical Intelligence Center that OSI is investigating unidentified aerial object sighted over Holman municipal airport, Terre Haute, Ind, 19 October 1951. Please advise when results of investigation will be available to this center. Ref: AFCS-1 letter No 85, dated 23 October 1950. In reply refer to project Grudge.

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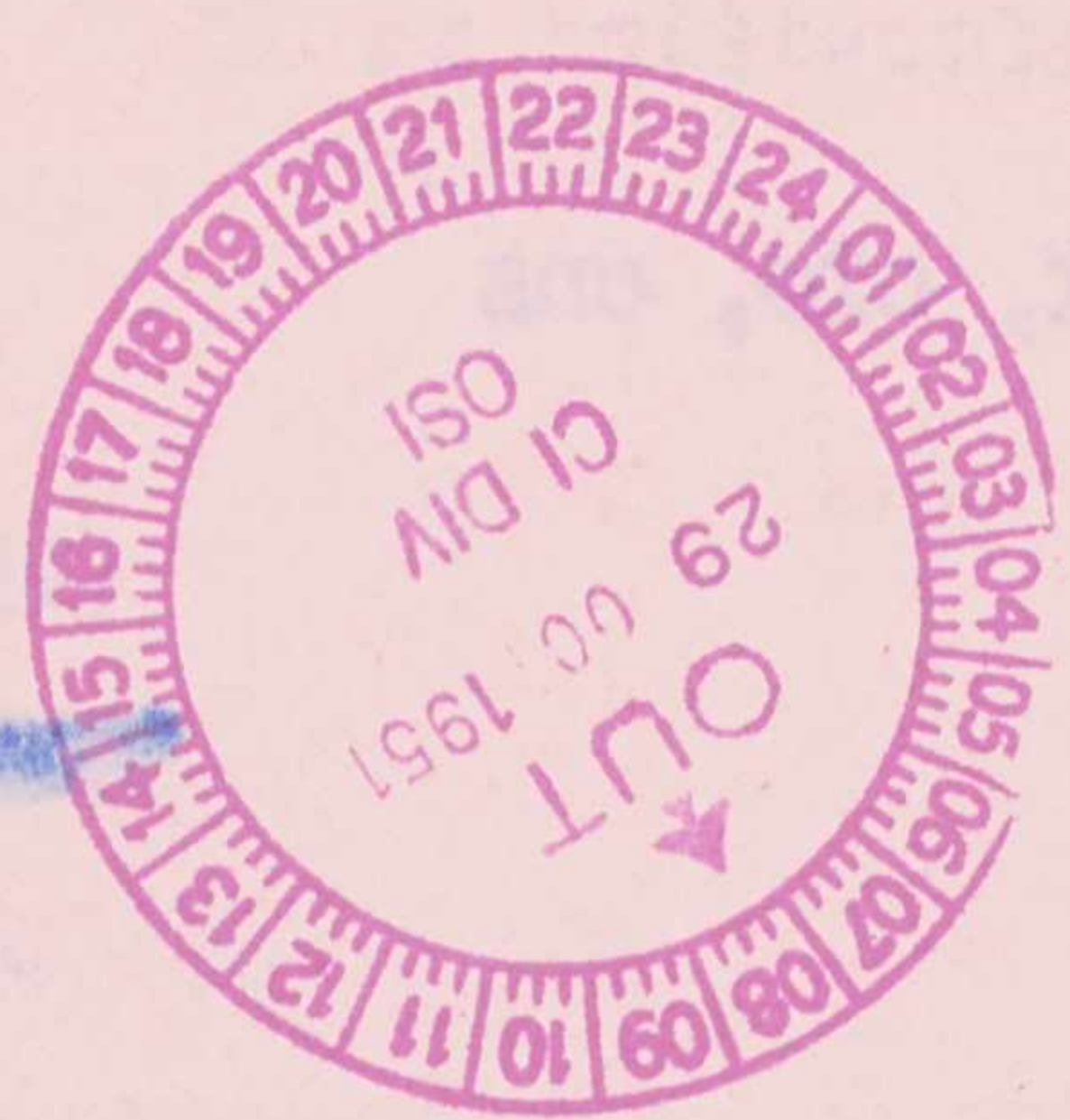
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Falmouth, Massachusetts

A3 452.1

6 SEP 1951

SUBJECT: Reporting on Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MGIS

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In accordance with letter Headquarters, Eastern Air Defense Force, subject "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft", 19 February 1951, File INT 452.1, attached report from 138d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Grenier Air Force Base, is forwarded herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WARREN H. SCHWAB  
Captain, USAF  
Adjutant

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138d Ftr-Intep Sq rpt

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133D FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON  
GRENIER AIR FORCE BASE  
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

29 August 1951

DATE: 29 August 1951

TIME: 15:15 to 15:30 E.D.T.

WEATHER:

Clouds: 4500 Cumulus 2/10 coverage  
20000 cirro-stratus 8/10 coverage  
Visibility - 12 miles in haze  
Wind direction - 10000 feet NW at 12-15 MPH

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PLACE:

Grenier Air Force Base, Manchester, New Hampshire

OBJECT SIGHTED:

Two Silvery Spherical objects connected by a dark unidentified body between. One end larger than the other.

ACTION OF OBJECT:

First sighted it was descending slowly in an area 8 miles away. It appeared to descend to an altitude of 10,000 ft. or halfway between the cloud layers. Then it rose at the rate of approximately 1000 to 2000 ft. a minute until it went out of sight into a layer of cirrus clouds.

WITNESSED:

James Elliott  
JAMES ELLIOT, CPL.  
John Andrichuk  
JOHN ANDRUCHUK, PFC.  
E. A. Rheault  
E. A. RHEAULT, SGT.  
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FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS  
Office of the AC of S, G-2

16 October 1951

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MCIS

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*W. J. S. Kelly*

Inclosed for your information and action deemed advisable are Guides to Investigation concerning observation of unidentified aerial phenomena, on 2 October 1951, by the following listed individuals:

Erique M. Cedillo, Box 10, La Mesa, New Mexico

Clarence J. Chambers, Room 13, Building T-1668, White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Cpl Dolon E. McIntyre, RA 18340929, 4119th ASU, White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Cpl Charles E. Poling, RA 15409239, 4119th ASU, White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Jose M. Ramirez, Box 11, La Mesa, New Mexico

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of observation 2 Oct 51 Date of Interview 3 Oct 51
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1945 and 2100 hours.
3. Place of observation: 0350,9-3500,42 Ten thousand Meter Universal Mercator Grid  
(Map Coordinates) Zone 13, the last three digits of the grid numbers omitted.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details):  
Standing on porch, south end of Building T-1668, WSPG.
5. What attracted attention to object: Mr. Knight asked, "What's that," and  
observer looked up and saw object, both times.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: Four (4) in first in for-  
mation and only one (1) in the last sighting.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist  
at arms length): Appeared to be size of a newspaper opened up in first group  
and second object (2100) appeared smaller in size
8. Color of object: Both sightings appeared to be amber.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Could not  
determine.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
/degrees & never saw object again.  
First sighting 30 degrees, and second sighting 30 degrees.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): First objects appeared in  
sight at 180 degrees and traveled and disappeared from sight at 110 degrees.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object  
appeared to be): First objects appeared over Organ Mountains about 5 miles.  
Second object appeared to be over Headquarters Building.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): First objects, West to East and second  
South-West to North-East.
14. Time in sight: First objects, ten seconds; second object, five seconds.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): First objects about speed of jet  
(700 to 800 MPH) and second object was faster, estimated 1,000 MPH.
16. Sound and odor: None both first and second.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None both first and second
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of  
brilliance): None both first and second.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): None, both  
1st and 2d traveled on straight plane.

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Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

21. Manner of disappearance: First vanished or faded away and second dis-  
appeared from view behind building.
22. Effect on clouds: None, no clouds, sky clear
23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Wind blowing, very clear  
night.

25. Name and address of observer: Cpl Dolan E. McIntyre, RA 18 340 929,  
4119th ASU, White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, New Mexico.  
Occupation and hobbies: Works Billing Office, WSPG

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 sight-  
ing, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent  
material? Wears glasses, reading and are not polaroid glasses.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of observation 2 Oct 51 Date of Interview 3 Oct 51
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2130 hours.
3. Place of observation: 0350.9-3500.42 Ten thousand Meter Universal Mercator Grid  
(Map Coordinates) None 13, the last three digits of grid numbers omitted.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)  
Main gate, WFO, standing up.
5. What attracted attention to object: Informed by Military Police that strange  
objects reported seen and was watching for them.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist  
at arms length): Estimated three (3) or four (4) feet.
8. Color of object: Forward end was red, and trailing end was orange blue.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Oblong,  
forward or protruding end small and the trailing end large.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
Forty-five (45) degrees from horizontal.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): Ninety (90) degrees.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object  
appeared to be): Estimated over Army blockhouse (BH), five or six miles.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Falling at slight angle, of 45 degrees.
14. Time in sight: Two (2) seconds.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Speed of jet plane.
16. Sound and odor: none
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) Particles behind and trail of  
light.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of  
brilliance): None
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): None

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd)

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

21. Manner of disappearance: Fade away

22. Effect on clouds: There were no clouds, sky clear.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Wind blowing, and clear night

25. Name and address of observer: Erique M. Gedillo, Box 10, La Mesa, 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? Does not wear glasses.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of observation 2 Oct 1951 Date of Interview 3 Oct 1951
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1945 hours.
3. Place of observation: 0350.9-3580.42 Ten thousand Meter Universal Mercator  
(Map Coordinates) Grid Zone 13, the last three digits of the grid numbers omitted.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)  
Standing on porch, on South end, Bldg T-1668, WSPG.
5. What attracted attention to object: Mr. Knight saw object and asked observer, "What's that," and observer looked up and saw objects.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: (4) Four objects in formation and fourth object trailing behind.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Appeared about size of a newspaper that had been opened up, at first observer thought that it was.
8. Color of object: Amber, like light coming through window shades.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Appeared to be square, but could not determine.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
Thirty (30) degrees from horizontal.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): First observed 180 degrees and disappeared 110 degrees.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Appeared over the Rio Grande River, about ten (10) miles distant.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): West to East
14. Time in sight: Five or six seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): About twice as fast as rocket. When first observed appeared to not be traveling fast and the longer in sight
16. Sound and odor: None / the faster it appeared to travel.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Dull color
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): Straight course.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Vanished.

22. Effect on clouds: None, no clouds, sky clear.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Wind blowing, very clear night.

25. Name and address of observer: Cpl Charles E. Poling, RA 15 409 239,  
4119th ASU, White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, New Mexico  
Occupation and hobbies: Works in Billeting Office

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? Does not wear glasses.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of observation 2 Oct 51 Date of Interview 3 Oct 51
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2120 hours.
3. Place of observation: 0350.9-3500.42 Ten thousand Meter Universal Mercator Grid  
(Map Coordinates) Zone 13, the last three digits of the grid numbers omitted.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)  
Standing up outside the Main Gate hut.
5. What attracted attention to object: Informed by Military Police that strange  
objects reported in sky. Was watching for them when object appeared.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist  
at arms length): Estimated three (3) feet
8. Color of object: Forward point red, and trailing end was light green
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Round, for-  
ward end large and the trailing end tapered and smaller.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
25 degrees, from horizontal to level of ground.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): 90 degrees (Toward Army  
Blockhouse (BH))
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object  
appeared to be): Over Army BH, about five or six miles.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Traveling down at 20 degrees from normal,  
from right to left.
14. Time in sight: One (1) second
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Estimated faster than a jet.
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None observed.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of  
brilliance): None
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): None

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21. Manner of disappearance: Fade away
22. Effect on clouds: Sky was clear and no clouds.
23. Additional information concerning object: Observer stated that it could have been a falling star.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Wind was blowing, sky clear, very clear night.

25. Name and address of observer: Jose M. Ramirez, Box 11, La Mesa, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies: Security Guard, Civil Service, WSPG, and no 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? Observer does not wear glasses.

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Incident No. 10

1. Date of observation 2 Oct 51 Date of Interview 3 Oct 51
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2100 hours
3. Place of observation: 0350,0-3500,42 Ten thousand Meter Universal Mercator Grid (Map Coordinates) Zone 13, the last three digits of the grid numbers are omitted.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)

Sitting on steps of the billeting office, Building T-1648, which is located on the south end of the building.

5. What attracted attention to object: Observer was sitting on the steps and was kidding some other men who had previously seen a strange light, when object
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1) appeared.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): About ten (10) feet long, width undetermined. Appeared to lengthen & then get shorter. Had a halo around it which was on the underside.
8. Color of object: Aluminous, could not determine the color. Never did see anything like it before. Had about the same color as when one rubs a sulfa match
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): at night.

Long and slender like a rocket.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
Came in about 20 degrees and when on line with observer was about 45 degrees.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): First appeared at 140 degrees and disappeared at about 40 degrees.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Appeared to be over Ore Grande, twenty-eight (28) miles distant.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): First observed traveling North-West. When object was North-East in relation to observer, object appeared to turn and go due North, gaining elevation at an angle of about 15 degrees.
14. Time in sight: Fifteen (15) seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Estimated five (5) times as fast as any rocket that has been fired at WSPG.
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Glow around object, which appeared to be halo.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): Changed from direction of travel (North-West) to due North, and increased elevation, about 15 degrees.

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Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

21. Manner of disappearance: Vanished

22. Effect on clouds: None, no clouds visible.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Wind blowing, sky clear, very clear night.

25. Name and address of observer: Clarence J. Charters, Room #13,  
Building T-1668, White Sands Proving Ground.  
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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Reurtwx AT 865 dtd 25 Oct 1951 project BRUDGE this dist is not conducting any invest regarding unidentified aerial object sighted over Holman Muni Apt, Terre Haute, Ind 19 Oct 51. Info received by OSI agt from apt authorities regarding incident being fwd your Hq by most expeditious means. Ref par 2 and par 4 AFCSI ltr no 85 dtd 23 Oct 50.

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DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

9 NOV 1951

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Unidentified Objects in  
Flight Over Lubbock, Texas  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander  
5th OSI District (IG)  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to letter this Headquarters, subject and file as above, dated 22 October 1951.
2. There are attached three (3) copies of a report by Special Agent Delzon L. Durham, dated 23 October 1951, concerning this subject.
3. You are requested to furnish two (2) copies of this report to the Commanding General AMC.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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R/I fr DO #11,  
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CONCENTRATION OF METEOR-  
LIKE OBJECTS IN SKY  
NEAR TUCSON, ARIZ.

# Remains of 'Remarkable' Meteor Hunted

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov. 9—A meteor expert said today the flaming objects sighted in southwestern skies in the past 11 days were "the most remarkable concentration of meteor-like objects in historic times."

Air searchers have been unable to find any remains of meteors in the area and ground parties were assembled to search on foot.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, of the New Mexico Institute of Meteoritics, said if the "fireballs" that flashed across southern Arizona and New Mexico Wednesday night prove to be parts of a meteorite, it would be the seventh such body reported in this area in the past 11 days.

Two flaming objects have been seen in southwestern skies in six days.

The latest object, which the scientist described as "a pair of brilliant fireballs," was "without parallel in the whole of recorded history," he said.

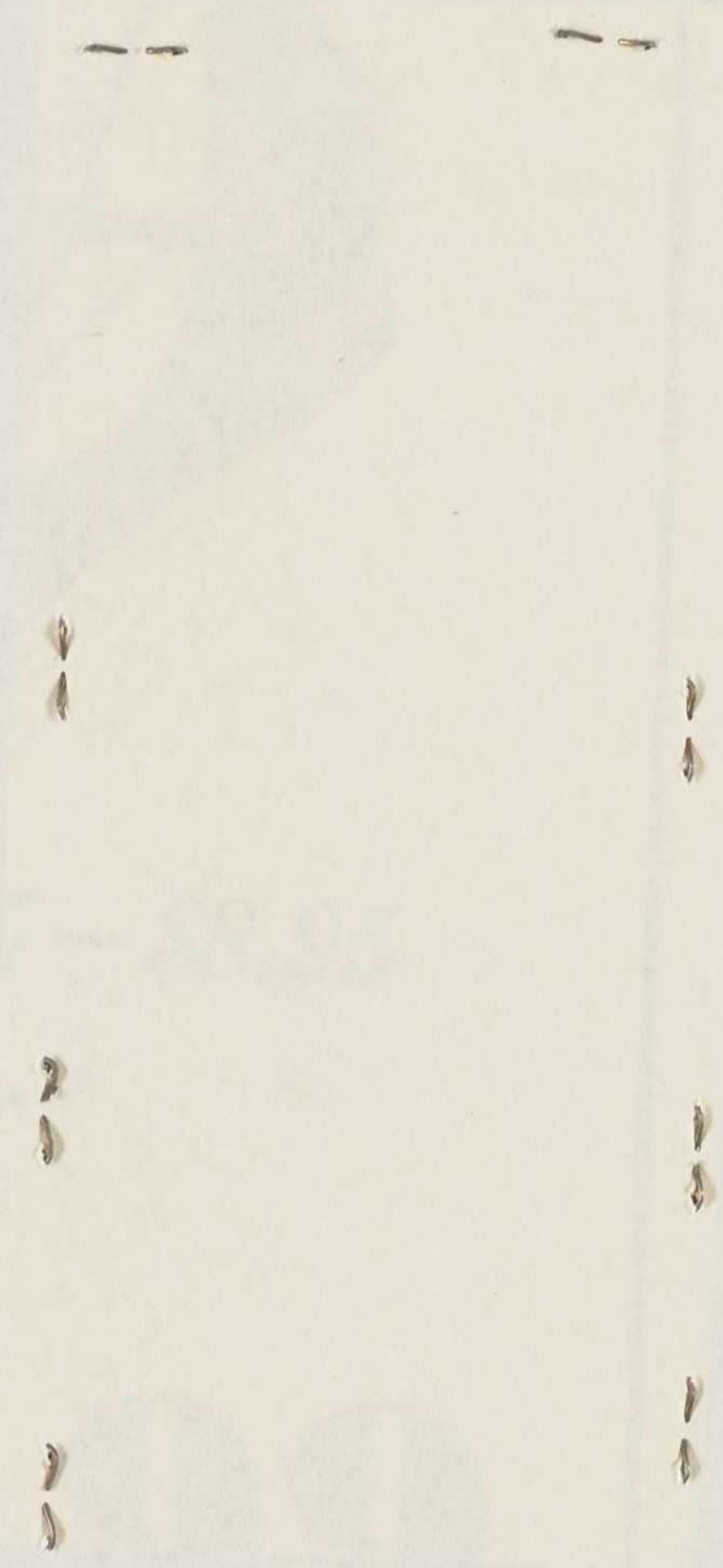
Hundreds of persons in southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico reported seeing the objects sail thru the sky leaving a long vapor ribbon in their wakes.

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DATE OF REPORT <b>26 SEPTEMBER 1951</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>25 SEPTEMBER 1951</b>	EVALUATION <b>B-6</b>
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PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>LT COL BRUCE K. BAUMGARDNER</b>	SOURCE <b>EADF</b>
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)  
**HQ EADF IR-3-51E, 21 SEPTEMBER 1951, INCL #4, RPT FT. MONMOUTH**

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

Further investigation of sighting report from Ft. Monmouth reveals that although the observing personnel state that they had no information of an unidentified flying object being sighted by two fighter pilots of this command on 10 September 1951, they were alerted to the possibility of unusual sightings occurring on their radar scopes.

The fact remains that one experienced observer was present and saw an object travelling more than 700 mph on 11 September in the New York area.

*Bruce K. Baumgardner*

**BRUCE K. BAUMGARDNER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Director of Intelligence**

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1. All personnel listed in initial report from Ft. Monmouth were students, with the exception of Mr. Norman Meier. Mr. Meier has been a qualified radar observer since 1942 and states he had no knowledge of a "flying saucer" report prior to observation. Further states observed target was not similar to any observation ever made by him.

2. Item listed in paragraph 2, initial Ft. Monmouth report, was later identified as a balloon.

3. Radar sets at Ft. Monmouth were in first class mechanical condition. However, tests will be conducted during hours that sightings were made on 10 and 11 September in order to check possibility of recurrence of targets and/or explanation for same.

4. At variance with paragraph 1, above, is fact that the Ft. Monmouth PIO called the radar section on the morning of 10 September asking "if they had seen anything unusual". A negative reply was received by the PIO, but word spread throughout the student body that something unusual was going on.

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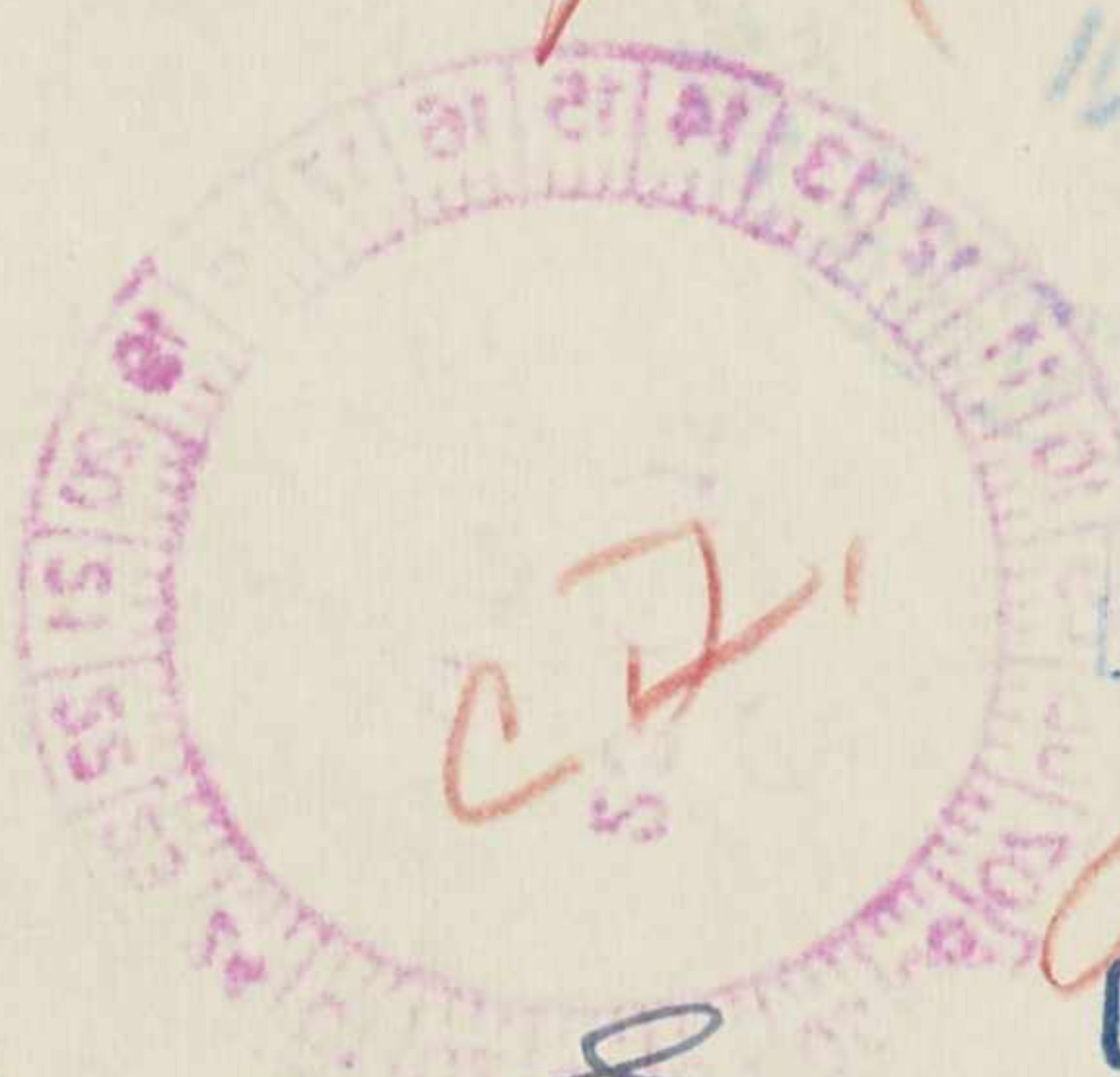
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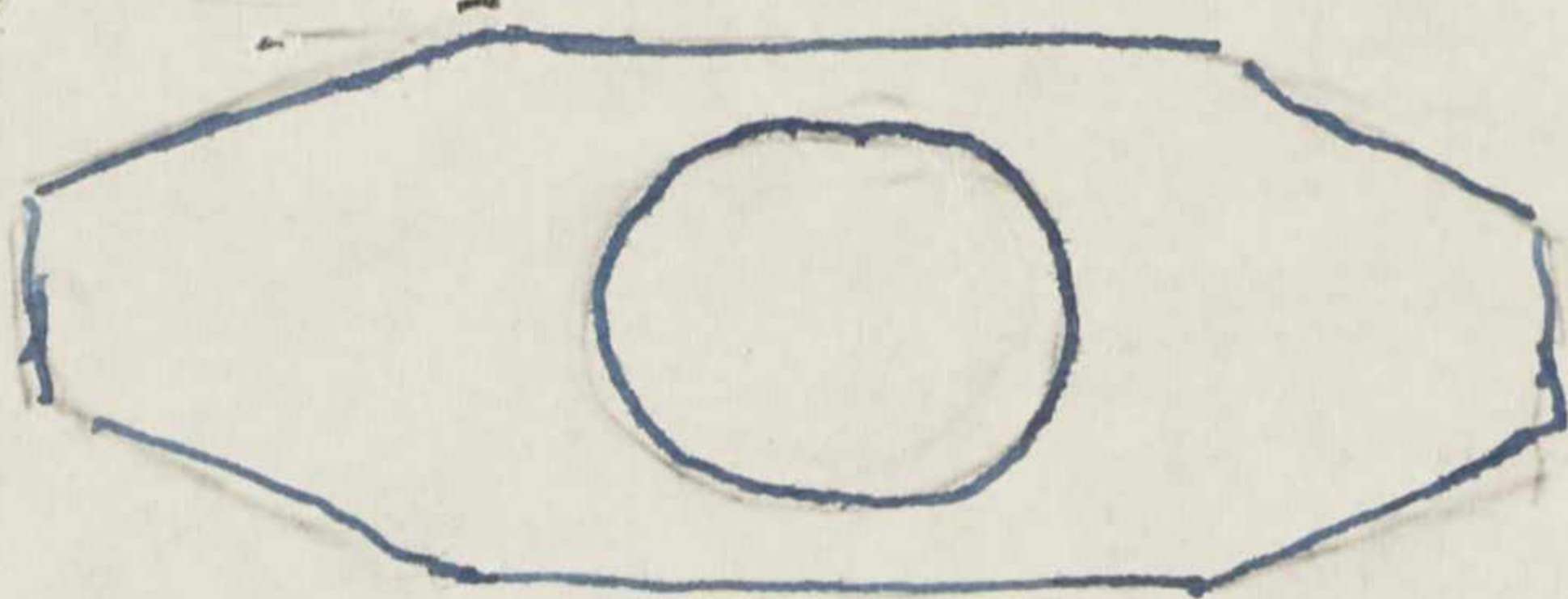
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In the latter part of August 1949 late one afternoon both my wife and I saw three planes passing over our place going east. Looking upward they appeared flat of a gray color and in the center was a circular disc the color of the sun.

They were traveling at a good speed but with no sound.

We do not know how high they were but they seemed to be of a large size and we could distinguish the color of the plane and center disc.

We have never heard of any aircraft of this type and after wondering what they really were.

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SUBJECT Information on Unconventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON Wisconsin- Illinois	FROM (Agency) 30th Air Division (Def) Selfridge AFB, Mich.	
DATE OF REPORT 3 August 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 July 1951	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt., Robert K. Hall, Dir of Intell	SOURCE 30th Air Division personnel	

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

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

1. An unconventional unidentified "object" was observed on the scopes of an AN/CPS-6B radar by observers at the 752d AC&W Squadron, Empire, Mich., between 1114Z and 1132Z, 30 July 1951. Speed of the blip varied from an estimated 3,000 miles an hour to an estimated 28,000 miles an hour. High scattered clouds were reported in the vicinity. Observatories reported no observed meteors or similar activity at the time.

2. Study of the phenomenon by technical representatives indicates that a certain set of electronic and atmospheric conditions probably existed at the time, and that the scope presentation was probably caused by interference from another radar station located at Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

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1. An unconventional unidentified "object" was observed electronically by radar observers at the 752d AC&W Squadron, Empire, Mich., between 1114Z and 1132Z, 30 July 51.
2. One officer and four airmen radar operators, with technical experience varying from two to nine months, saw an oblong shaped blip with the conventional tail caused ordinarily by the tapering off of target signal strength.
3. Speed of the blip varied from an estimated 3,000 miles an hour to an estimated 28,000 miles an hour.
4. Blip was first detected at 1114Z on an approximate azimuth of  $215^{\circ}$  from the station at a distance of approximately 130 statute miles. This position is about 30 miles northeast of Milwaukee at  $43^{\circ} 20' N$ ,  $87^{\circ} 31' W$ . It was tracked on a heading of approximately 210 degrees for two minutes and faded 115 miles to the southwest at  $42^{\circ} 01' N$ ,  $88^{\circ} 50' W$ . During this interval the speed varied considerably. At 1128Z the same or a similar object was detected at  $42^{\circ} 30' N$ ,  $88^{\circ} 50' W$ , fading immediately. At 1132Z object was detected at  $42^{\circ} 01' N$ ,  $89^{\circ} 20' W$ , fading immediately.
5. The "object" was observed by a radar type AN/CPS-6B. Excessive speed precluded use of height indicator to make useable altitude estimates.
6. Weather teletype sequence at Chicago at 1030Z was VFR UNL  $\odot$  250 3F 60/59 W8 005. At 1230Z it was IFR 250  $\odot$  1 $\frac{1}{2}$  K 66/64 C 007/.
7. Conversation with University of Michigan Observatory at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Yerkes Observatory at Geneva, Wis., indicated no unusual meteoritic activity.
8. Comments:
  - a. The tremendous speed of the "object" within the earth's atmosphere tends to rule out the possibility of the object's being a flying device because of atmospheric friction and resultant high temperatures.
  - b. Absence of observed unusual meteoritic activity tends to rule out possibility of a meteor having caused the electronic return.
  - c. Study of this phenomenon by technical representatives at this headquarters and at 752d AC&W Squadron concluded that very probably the occurrence was actuated by virtue of certain electronic and atmospheric conditions; and that these conditions, occurring simultaneously, resulted in reception by the radar station at Empire of electronic pulses from a radar station at Elkhorn, Wis. (This station is situated on an approximate azimuth of 220 degrees from Empire at a distance of 195 statute miles. Equipment is the same as at Empire: AN/CPS-6B.) One technical explanation of this occurrence is as follows:
    - (1) Because of the azimuth at which the targets were noticed, it would seem most logical to suspect interference between the two sites.
    - (2) Possible conditions extant to support mutual interference theory were:
      - (a) Anomalous propagation to an extent where Empire could receive the radar transmitter at Elkhorn. This is borne out by reports from the station at Empire, and the Advance Radio Propagation Forecasts from the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C., issued 24 July 1951.

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- (b) A transmitter at Elkhorn operating at the same frequency as a receiver at Empire. This is highly possible due to five different transmitters and receivers at each site capable of being tuned to same frequencies, and mutual interference is previously on record.
- (c) The Pulse Repetition Frequency of the two radar sets at almost the same rate. (Elkhorn slightly faster.) This is probable because of identical sets with design purpose of having each set at the same Pulse Repetition Frequency.
- (d) The two antennas rotating at only slightly different turning rates. This is probable because speed of rotation is adjustable at each site with a common practice of rotating at approximately six revolutions a minute.

d. The above conditions, if existing, will give a scope presentation as described by the site at Empire.

e. Detailed technical information to support the conclusion drawn above is available at this headquarters if required.

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# Jet Chases Weird Object 30 Miles

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y., Sept. 11—Two Air Force jet pilots reported today they chased a mysterious, round flying object—traveling at a speed they estimated at 900 miles an hour—for 30 miles and couldn't catch it.

Wilbert S. Rogers, of Columbia, Pa., told Mitchel Field authorities that he and Capt. Edward Ballard, of Dover, Del., sighted the object yesterday over Sandy Hook, N. J., while they were on a routine flight in a T-33 jet training plane.

"I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but it sure was something I've never seen before," Lieut. Rogers, pilot of the plane, said. "We couldn't have caught it in an F-86." (The F-86 Sabre jet is the U. S. fastest jet fighter.)

Lieut. Rogers described the object as white or silver-colored and said it was about the size of a fighter plane.

### TOO FAST

Lieut. Rogers and Capt. Ballard, on a flight from Dover air base in New Jersey, said when they sighted the object they were traveling at 450 miles an hour at 20,000 feet.

"I pointed it out to Capt. Ballard," Lieut. Rogers said, "who suggested we try to follow it. But we soon found it was no use. It was going too fast."

The object moved in an arc from Sandy Hook to Redbank, N. J., and then headed out to sea at Asbury Park, N. J., Lieut. Rogers said. He estimated it traveled the 30-mile course in two minutes, or at a speed of 900 miles an hour.

The Air Force and Navy have officially said that flying saucers reported previously had been nothing more than weather balloons.

"This couldn't have been a balloon," Lieut. Rogers said, "because it was descending and no balloon does that fast."

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He said they got as close as 8000 feet from the object which kept a constant speed and didn't appear to be running away."

Officials at Mitchel Field refused comment on the report, but admitted Lieut. Rogers had told them the story when he landed.

Mitchel pilots listened to Rogers' story with interest. One, who refused to allow his name to be used, said:

"When you hear a reliable pilot tell an honest story like that, it makes you wonder."

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