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(U) Unidentified Flying Object Allegedly Sighted in the Vicinity of Preston Road, Terryville, Connecticut, 2 Dec 60

TO: Commander, 8th Air Force
Attn: DIO

24-185-1-55

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, file 24-0-444, SUBJECT: (U) Possible MOONDUST, dated 6 Dec 60.

2. Information received on 8 Dec 60 from our OSI Detachment in Hartford, Connecticut, indicates that Subject UFO was observed by Mrs. GWENDOLYN WATKINS, Preston Road, Terryville, Connecticut, who subsequently furnished the information to Mr. Chesley.

3. On 6 December 1960, Mrs. WATKINS advised a Special Agent of this office that at approximately 1630 hours, 2 Dec 60, when it was dusk, almost dark, her son called her outside where in a due easterly direction, he pointed out an object in the air. Mrs. WATKINS described the object as fire orange in color, shaped and about the size of a carriage lantern, or old-fashioned post lamp. From the point of observation to the East, the horizon is formed by a line of trees approximately ¼ mile away. The field of vision from due East to North is limited to about 20 degrees because of a wooded area. From the description furnished by Mrs. WATKINS, the UFO at time of first sighting appeared to be less than 200 feet in the air and about 200 yards away, over a pond located in a hollow running from North to South.

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After noting the UFO, Mrs. WATKINS returned inside the house. About five minutes later she was again called outside by her son. This time the object had moved North to a position almost out of sight. It had also enlarged to about twice its size in width and seven times its size in length and changed color from fire orange to yellow. Although generally rectangular in shape, its edges were irregular rather than straight and square. Mrs. WATKINS again went inside the house, but a few minutes later was again called by her son. Outside she could no longer see the object, but observed a heavy, black smoke in the air and noted a smell similar to that of a burning auto tire. Although the children had said that the object was going down, Mrs. WATKINS did not feel that it had because from her two sightings, the object had not changed altitude.

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4. Two other residents in the immediate area were interviewed, but denied sighting the object. The Terryville Police Department advised that no sightings of an unidentified flying object had been reported to them.

5. For your additional information, the Waterbury Sunday Republican, dated 4 December 1960, carried a short article entitled "City People Spot Russian Space Ship." The body of this article is set forth verbatim as follows:

> "Edward Krampitz, 140 Cherry St., said he and about 10 other people were leaving work about 4:30 p. m. yesterday at Alcorts, Inc., when they saw an object in the sky, believed to be the Russian space ship which burned in the atmosphere.
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> "He described it as very high, looking as if the sun were reflecting on it as well as being engulfed in a smoke screen."

6. No further action is contemplated by this office.

7. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL to preclude unauthorized disclosure of investigative information which is considered classified in nature.

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(U) Possible MOONDUST

TO: Commander, 8th Air Force
Attn: DIO

1. This will confirm oral information furnished to MSgt MILTON SHEARER, Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters, 8th Air Force, on 6 Dec 60 by Major A. T. WAGNER, this office.

2. By letter dated 5 Dec 60, the FBI Field Office, New Haven, Connecticut, advised as follows:

"Mr. Lloyd H. Chesley, 90 Pleasant View Ave., Bristol, Connecticut, who described himself as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves, telephoned this office on December 5, 1960. He advised that at approximately 4:30 pm on Friday, December 2, 1960, an object believed to be possibly a portion of a space satellite, had apparently fallen in Bristol, Connecticut. Mr. Chesley advised that as the object neared the ground, there was sufficient smoke to cause a delay in automobile traffic. He advised that this occurred in the neighborhood of Preston Road, Bristol. According to Mr. Chesley, the smoke pattern was such as to indicate that the object descended at 'a 240 degree angle.' Mr. Chesley advised that he had no first hand information since he was not present and did not observe this incident. He said that an article in a Bristol newspaper had reported this incident and indicated that a number of persons in that area had observed it."

3. Any further information developed concerning this matter will be promptly furnished your Headquarters.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
1st District Office of Special Investigations
Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 1D-OSI INV 24-360

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24-0-U224 (Wichita Falls, Texas)

SUBJECT: (U) Possible ~~/~~ MOONDUST

TO: Director, Special Investigations

1. Reference is our TWX, 1D-OSI J-1, Subject as above, dated 7 Oct 60.

2. This office was telephonically advised by Detachment 106 on 14 Oct 60 that an Ordnance Disposal Team from Loring AF Base, Maine had thoroughly investigated the scene where an unidentified object allegedly struck and found nothing. Considerable digging at the scene failed to uncover any foreign object and recovery operations have been terminated.

3. No further action is contemplated and this matter is considered Closed in the files of this office.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL to preclude unauthorized disclosure of information which is considered classified in nature.

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1D-OSI 24-0-441

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(U) Unidentified Flying Object
Andover, Massachusetts
1930 hours, 26 August 1960

TO: Commander, AFCCDD

1. The following confirms information telephonically furnished the Office of the Provost Marshal, L. G. Hanscom Field, on 30 August 1960, concerning Subject incident:

On 30 August 1960, Special Agent RICHARD A. HOLMES, Detachment 102, OSI District Nr. 1, L. G. Hanscom Field, was contacted telephonically by RAYMOND E. MAC DONALD, Personnel Manager, AVCO Corporation, 2385 Revere Beach Parkway, Everett, Mass. MAC DONALD advised that on 26 August 1960, at approximately 1930 hours, he, his wife, and three children sighted an unidentified flying object from the yard of their home in Andover, Mass.

MACDONALD stated as they were facing southeast they observed a twin-engine and two "piper cub" type aircraft flying close together from East to West at 3,000 to 4,000 feet. While watching these airplanes, another object appeared and seemed to follow the three aircraft. This object was silver, flat and square with a short cigar-shaped nose, had a dome or "half globe" on the bottom of the fuselage which glowed with an orange or orange-yellow color, and was approximately the size of a "pursuit type airplane."

MACDONALD watched the object travel across the sky from East to West for approximately three minutes, at which time it descended at about a thirty degree angle from the original altitude of 35,000 feet to approximately 15,000 feet. MACDONALD lost sight of the object at the latter altitude when it became obscured from view by a group of large trees thirty feet away.

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MACDONALD estimated the speed of the unidentified flying object as approximately 300 miles per hour, or "the speed of a commercial passenger airplane." The object did not leave a vapor trail, did not make any sound, and did not have any markings which would identify it as a familiar object.

MACDONALD stated the sky was clear and bright although the sighting was made during the hour of sunset.

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MACDONALD stated he had discussed this with his wife and children and they were all in agreement regarding the details of this sighting. Interviewee stated he is thirty-four years of age and has 20/20 vision; his wife is thirty-one years old and has 20/20 corrected vision.

2. MACDONALD provided this information in a positive, clear manner; however, no estimate can be made regarding his reputation for reliability or accuracy.

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Detachment 102
L. G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts

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Unidentified Flying Objects 30 June 1960

WILMINGTON, MASS

Commander, 3245th Air Base Wing, IG Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass.

1. Confirming verbal notification of 29 June 1960, to Colonel George R. Hundt, DCS/Intelligence, Air Force Command and Control Development Division, and in accordance with Paragraph 4, AFR 200-2, as amended, be advised that at 1635 hours, 29 June 1960, WILLIAM ROBERT HARRISON, 136 Church Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, who is self-employed in the plumbing and heating business, telephonically reported that he had sighted what he believed was an unidentified flying object, or a "flying saucer."

2. Mr. HARRISON explained that at approximately 1625 hours, 29 June 1960, while seated in the yard of his property and looking skyward, he observed a dark, ball-shaped object flying at an extremely high altitude. At the time he did not consider it unusual, but observed it as it flew into a cloud. He kept watch for the object anticipating its exit from the cloud from the direction from which it had entered and was not disappointed when it did so after approximately thirty seconds. HARRISON pointed out that since he resides near a USAF installation and has certain expectations regarding aircraft in flight, he continued to observe the object expecting to detect sunlight reflection from its surface which would normally occur from flying aircraft. However, after watching the object for a full five minutes, he observed no reflection from its surfaces and was surprised to find that the object just disappeared. Although he was unable to estimate its altitude or rate of speed, HARRISON advised that in the past he has seen USAF bombers flying in the area and estimated that this particular object flew three times faster than a bomber and insisted that it was clearly distinguishable although he was unable to furnish any additional descriptive information. HARRISON concluded with the information that immediately after the object vanished, two swept-winged jets, one red and one blue, flew past at a much lower altitude. He added that the sighting occurred directly over his home in Wilmington, Massachusetts, and the weather was clear with high, scattered cloudcover.

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3. On 30 June 1960, Colonel Hundt requested that the information reported herein be referred to Commander, or Executive Officer, 3245th Air Base Wing.

William B. O'Donnell

WILLIAM B. O'DONNELL
For: MARX H. STUART
Major, USAF
Commander

cc: Dir OSI
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1D-OSI 24-0-385 6 November 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
AF Cambridge Research Center
L. G. Hanscom Field
Bedford, Massachusetts

1. This is to confirm verbal notification provided your headquarters this date by the Commander, OSI Detachment 102, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

2. At 1030 hours, 6 November 1957, an individual identifying himself as Paul Best, Topsfield, Massachusetts, Telephone: Tucker 7-5580, occupation: Engineer, Jet Engine, General Electric Company, Lynn, Massachusetts, telephonically furnished the Cambridge OSI Detachment the following information:

On 2 October 1957, while aboard TWA aircraft #159 enroute from Boston, Massachusetts to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he sighted two unidentified objects due west of the aircraft. He estimated the time to be approximately 6:30 p.m., and the aircraft's position to be approximately over Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The aircraft was flying at 20,000 feet just above a haze layer. The sun was just below the horizon, it was still fairly light, and he noticed no stars. He described the objects as looking like cigars, standing on end, glowing like a star, and having no color. The objects appeared to be stationary, and both at the same elevation, which was about at eye level or 0^{o} elevation. He estimated the size to be approximately 1" at arms length. The object to the left appeared brighter than the other and he was able to observe it continuously for approximately twenty minutes. The fainter object to the right seemed to disappear and reappear intermittently. Both objects faded away.

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Best advised he thought nothing of the sighting at the time, but in view of recent newspaper items, decided to make a report.

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3. No further information available this District.

4. This letter classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to paragraph 30 c, AFR 205-1.

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GOODMAN G. GRIFFIN
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1D OSI 24-0-383

22 October 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reported by ~~Onufer, M.R.~~

TO: Commander
AF Cambridge Research Center
L. G. Hanscom Field
Bedford, Mass.

1. Reference AFR 200-2, 14 August 1954.

2. This is to confirm verbal report provided your headquarters on 21 October 1957 by TIMOTHY J. LYDEN, 1st District OSI Detachment 102 Commander. At 1430 hours, 17 October 1957, Mr. REGINALD M. SAVAGE, ONI, Hq First Naval District, Boston, Mass., reported telephonically to Detachment 102 that a speed letter had just been received from the District Intelligence Officer, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S. C., to the effect that M. R. ONUFER, Charleston, S. C., had just reported the following incident:

"Five (5) citizens, among others, were in a fishing vessel two miles off shore from Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and at 1535 EST, 12 October 1957, sighted an object in the air for ten to fifteen seconds which, at first looked like a lead pencil. It then descended to about 30,000 feet, 15 degrees over the northwest horizon, enlarging to the shape and size of a beer can, with antenna or fins, aluminum like and reflecting sunlight and surrounded by slight haze and traveling at tremendous speed. The object was not revolving. It disappeared to rise again to the southward, but not before being viewed through binoculars by at least two of the people."

3. No further information available this District.

4. This letter classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to paragraph 30c, AFR 205-1.

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1D-OSI 24-0-351

31 AUG 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object BOSTON, MASS. Aug '56 SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commander
Detachment #3
4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron
Stewart AF Base, New York

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, the attached letter, which was furnished to this District by the Boston Federal Bureau of Investigation, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has acknowledged Mrs. Mamaux' letter and advised her that the matter was referred to the Air Force.

3. No investigation has been conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Office of Special Investigations.

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GOODMAN G. GRIFFIN
Colonel, USAF
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Ltr fr Mrs. Mamaux,

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Apt 66, 214 Riverway Dr.
Boston, Mass.
August 19, 1956

Dear Sirs:

At the risk of being considered "unbalanced" I wish to report that on the evening of August 14 (Tues.) my son Michael (Age 5½) and I were gazing out of our 6th floor apartment window watching the afterglow on the horizon after the sun had set when we observed a wingless aircraft approaching from a west-south-westerly direction. Nothing obstructed our view. It was, I believe, what has been referred to as a "flying saucer."

When first I realised that I could see no wings, I thought it was merely too distant. It approached straight towards us and although I still expected to identify wings momentarily. I realised that if it were to have wings then it would have to be flying sideways - an impossibility. Soon after first seeing it I could identify on it a blue light on the (my) left side and a red light on the right which seemed to be directly opposite each other.

I said nothing to my son all during this from the time we first sighted it simultaneously. Unconciously, I probably desired to see if he was seeing what I saw and the object was so different I was sure he would make a comment. Shortly after sighting it he said, (approximately these words), "Where are the wings? It's funny. (pause) Maybe it is an autogyro. (pause) But where are the big things on top? Isn't it funny it doesn't have wings. What is it, Mother?" I told him I didn't know and didn't discuss it with him at all.

It made no noise such as you can hear an airplane at a distance but at the time it was closest to me I could hear a faint noise which I can only describe in housewifely vernacular as the motor of a mixer running without the beaters inserted. There was a slight glowing light about the upper portion. It was silver grey in color.

I now fully realise what Mr. Einstein's theory of relativity means for not knowing its size I could not judge its distance and visa versa. However, it was not too high above the 6th story.building from which we watched. Nor could I judge its speed. But it must have been very great for it took 1½ to 2 min. (a guess, of course) to cover the distance from the horizon. Ahd just as I thought that any second I would have the opportunity for a close view of it, it had gone right past. I had not perceived any change in the rate of speed so can only assume that it had been moving exceedingly rapidly the whole time.

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Our stay in Boston is temporary. I did not mention the above episode to anyone. My husband visited us for the weekend arriving Sat. and Mike told Daddy of the funny plane. "Daddy" was a Navigator with rank of Capt. in Air Force and flew tour of bombing missions out of Italy. After Mike had retired, I told my husband the above story. I was not going to write you or tell anyone but he reminded me that as a citizen witnessing something of possible value I had no choice but to inform the proper authorities. I watched the newspapers for the next few days (after Tues.) but saw no mention of anyone reporting a similar story.

My son and I will probably be returning home within a week. Home is 319 N. Hamilton St., Painted Post, New York. It is next to the city of Corning, New York where my husband is employed as a Senior Sales Engineer for Corning Glass Works. If you desire to contact me or test my sanity I will be at the above address.

Sincerely,

s/ Margaret H. Mamaux
(Mrs. David A. Mamaux)

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft at West Barrington, Rhode Island, at 2205, 26 October 1952
POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 26 October 1952, at approximately 2205 hours, RICHARD HILDRETH, 21 Fountain Avenue, West Barrington, Rhode Island, observed two (2) unidentified airborne objects. No activities or conditions developed to account for sightings. HILDRETH appears to be a reliable, mature individual who considers it his duty to report such incidents. HILDRETH made notes of the observation shortly after the sighting, which he referred to in relating the information. (OSI, B-2, Confidential)

DETAILS:

1. At approximately 2205 hours, 26 October 1952, RICHARD HILDRETH, 21 Fountain Avenue, West Barrington, Rhode Island, sighted two (2) unidentified airborne objects and reported these sightings to the Commanding Officer, 152d Fighter Squadron, Air National Guard (RI), Hillsgrove Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island. On 25 November, HILDRETH was interviewed by Special Agent FRANCIS E. BARRETT and gave the following information:

a. Description of objects: Two (2) egg-shaped objects, from a distance of from eight to ten miles appeared to be the size of a small coin. Objects appeared smooth with no ports or tail assembly and did not leave a vapor trail. Objects appeared to move in formation at

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a speed much greater than the fastest jet aircraft and covered approximately fifteen degrees in an estimated one-tenth of a second. The course of the objects was estimated to be due south when first sighted by HILDRETH who was facing a northwesterly direction. Objects were estimated to be two to five degrees above the horizontal and maintained that elevation during the entire time sighted. HILDRETH described the color of the objects as "silvery light", unlike any star or meteor. HILDRETH stated the objects appeared to be over Providence, Rhode Island, which is a distance of eight to ten miles in a northwesterly direction. The objects produced no audible noise or vibrations.

b. Objects were sighted by RICHARD HILDRETH at about 2205 hours EST, 26 October 1952 and were clearly observed for an estimated one-tenth of a second in the clear and for a fraction of a second through trees which obscured the line of vision.

c. Sighting was by visual observation only.

d. Observer sighted the objects from the yard of his residence at 21 Fountain Avenue, West Barrington, Rhode Island.

e. Identifying information on observer: HILDRETH is twenty-four years of age, has recently completed five years of active service with the U. S. Navy and is at present a student in a local radio school. HILDRETH advised that while in the Navy, he underwent extensive training in radar and served as a radar man for about three years. HILDRETH appeared to be familiar with various types of aircraft and stated that he has never observed a comparable object. HILDRETH advised that due to the unusual sighting he did not report it immediately because he was afraid of the unfavorable publicity that such a report might create. However, HILDRETH stated, he reported the sighting within two days to the 152d Air National Guard (RI), Hillsgrove Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island. HILDRETH advised that he inquired of persons in the neighborhood, but that no one had observed the objects. HILDRETH advised that shortly after sighting these objects, he wrote down all he could recall and he used this information in relating the details of his observance.

f. Weather Conditions: HILDRETH stated that at the time of sighting, the weather was clear with very little wind and visibility was excellent. The U. S. Weather Bureau, Providence, Rhode Island, advised that weather conditions at 2205 hours, 26 October 1952, were high, broken clouds, no precipitation, visibility excellent, with very little wind.

g. No activity or condition is known that might account for the sighting. HILDRETH advised that at the time of the sighting, he was casually observing the stars and lights of Providence because of the excellent visibility.

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h. No physical evidence exists and no interception action was taken.

i. Manner of disappearance: Objects moved behind trees located nearby and were observed for a fraction of a second through openings in the trees.

ACTION:

One (1) copy of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: ATIC. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC
Attn: ATIC

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(Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S); Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft Gloucester and Provincetown, Mass., at 2000 to 2100 hrs, 14 Oct 52

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Capt Brown/fjm/AFCSI-6
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1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report prepared by the 1st OSI District, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, dated 28 October 1952, concerning the above subject.

2. No further action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in this matter.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft
Gloucester and Provincetown, Mass., at 2000 to 2100
hours, 14 October 1952
POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 14 October 1952, Captain ROBERT E. METCALF, O. D., 1620th Air Test Support Wing, Laurence G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass., relayed a report from the Boston Coast Guard Station, that the Straitsmouth Life Boat Station, Rockport, Mass., at approximately 2013 hours, 14 October 1952, reported a sighting of one (1) unidentified airborne object, and that within an hour similar reports were received by the Coast Guard from Coast Guard Stations in Gloucester and Provincetown, Mass., from the Coast Guard Cutter "Yankton," from a fishing boat off Gloucester, and from a yacht off Nantucket. Five (5) Coast Guardsmen who witnessed a reported phenomena were interviewed. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting. (OSI, B-2, Confidential)

DETAILS:

1. At 2130 hours, 14 October 1952, Captain ROBERT E. METCALF, O. D., Air Test Support Wing, reported that the Coast Guard Station in Boston, Mass., had received reports of sighting of unidentified airborne objects from the Coast Guard Life Boat Station at Rockport, Mass., Gloucester, Mass., and Provincetown, Mass.; from the Coast Guard Cutter "Yankton" which was en route from Portland, Maine, to Provincetown, Mass.; from a fishing boat off Gloucester, Mass.; and from a private yacht off Nantucket Island, Mass. According to METCALF, the first report was received at 2013 hours, 14 October 1952, and the additional messages were received by the Coast Guard within the hour. On 15 October 1952, Mr. R. G. EASTMAN, Coast

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Guard Intelligence Division, U. S. Coast Guard Station, Boston, Mass., was interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA and identified the witnesses as follows:

a. Gloucester Life Boat Station, EN 2/C FOLEY

b. Straitsmouth Life Boat Station, Rockport, Mass., Seamen LAWRENCE FLYNN and ET 2/C KENNETH SMITH

c. Race Point Coast Guard Station, Provincetown, Mass., Seaman AUBREY T. GRIGGS

d. Coast Guard Cutter "Yankton," CWO EDWARD L. MASTERS

EASTMAN stated that no record was made of the report from the fishing craft off Gloucester, and that the yacht off Nantucket Island was identified only as "Charles S. Ashley." EASTMAN stated that the Coast Guard Motor Boat Registry lists one craft named the "Charles S. Ashley," which is further identified only as a fishing boat with home port at New Bedford, Mass.

2. On 15 October 1952, Smn ET 2/C KENNETH SMITH was interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA, and on 16 October 1952, EN 2/C GEORGE J. FOLEY, JR., and Smn 1/C LAWRENCE J. FLYNN, JR., were interviewed by Special Agent DANIEL E. LYONS. On 16 October 1952, Smn AUBREY T. GRIGGS and CWO EDWARD L. MASTERS were contacted telephonically by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA. Interviewees furnished the following information:

a. Description of object: SMITH described the object sighted by him as a bright image, lighted with either a short exhaust or an indistinct tail section, giving the overall impression of a cigar shape.

FOLEY believed the object sighted by him to be disc-shaped, with a flat bottom and top having a brilliant red glow. FOLEY also observed a trail which was similar in color and intensity to the object. FOLEY believed this trail to be following the object with a distinguishable space between. FOLEY saw no exhaust trail but stated that the light did appear to be extending slightly to the rear of the object.

FLYNN described the object sighted by him as spherical in shape like a baseball, or a "small image of the sun" and bright orange in color.

GRIGGS compared the object sighted by him to be a football with a short trail to the rear. He added that after the object passed, and as he looked at it from the stern, the trail was not distinct, but seemed to be part of the object itself. The overall impression received by GRIGGS was that of a bright yellowish light.

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MASTERS stated that the object sighted by him looked like a long cigar with a brilliant whitish light in front and bluish rear trail, which departed to the rear, giving the impression of a gun with the whitish end toward the front.

Interviewees could not give clear estimates of the size of the object they sighted. All stated that they heard absolutely no sound, that they could distinguish no wings or any clear aerodynamic features, and that they observed no vapor trail or exhaust other than described above. The speed of the object was uniformly described by interviewees as "tremendously fast" or "much faster than a jet aircraft."

SMITH, FOLEY, FLYNN and GRIGGS described the path of the object north to south, no variation in altitude or directions, and with no maneuvers of any kind. MASTERS stated that the object sighted by him was moving south to north and seemed to gain altitude just before it disappeared.

b. SMITH sighted the object at 2020 hours EST by his own watch, 14 October 1952, from the Watch Tower at the Straitsmouth Life Boat Station, Rockport, Mass., and observed it for an estimated eight (8) seconds.

FLYNN was at the same location and stated that he sighted the object at 2025 hours according to the tower clock on 14 October 1952. He estimated the duration of sighting as six (6) seconds.

FOLEY sighted the object from the Watch Tower Coast Guard Life Boat Station at Gloucester at 2025 hours according to the Tower clock. He estimated the duration of the sighting as from two (2) to four (4) seconds.

GRIGGS sighted the object from the Coast Guard Station at Race Point, near Provincetown, Mass., at 2013 hours, according to his own watch, on 14 October 1952, and estimated the duration of sighting as one (1) minute.

MASTERS sighted the object described by him at 1940 hours according to his own watch from the bridge of the Coast Guard Cutter "Yankton", which at the time of sighting, was approximately 22 miles east of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. MASTERS estimated the duration of sighting as three (3) seconds.

c. Sighting was by visual observation with no optical or electronic aids, except in the case of GRIGGS, who sighted the object through a No. 7.50 Navy type pair of binoculars.

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d. Identifying information on observers: ET 2/C KENNETH SMITH, No. 285 667, U. S. Coast Guard, Boston, Mass., is 22 years of age, and has served in the Coast Guard for three (3) years as an Electronics Technician. SMITH advised that he has done considerable private flying and considers himself familiar with all types of aircraft. He stated that although he has seen falling stars, he has never observed anything similar to the object described.

EN 2/C GEORGE J. FOLEY, JR., No. 285 497, U. S. Coast Guard, is 21 years of age and has been in the Coast Guard for approximately three (3) years. FOLEY considers himself very familiar with both jet and conventional aircraft and stated that he has often seen shooting stars, but that he has never seen anything comparable to the object described.

Smn 1/C LAWRENCE J. FLYNN, No. 285 931, Straitsmouth Life Boat Station, Rockport, Mass., is 20 years of age, and advised that he has been in the Coast Guard approximately fifteen (15) months and stated that he has some knowledge of aircraft identification, that he has seen jet aircraft in flight, and that he has seen shooting stars. FLYNN believed the object described by him to be distinctly different from anything he has observed before.

Smn AUBREY T. GRIGGS, No. 283 745, U. S. Coast Guard Station, Race Point, Provincetown, Mass., is 21 years of age and has been in the Coast Guard for two (2) years. GRIGGS advised that he has often observed aircraft in flight and meteorological phenomena, but that the object is distinctly different from anything seen before.

CWO EDWARD L. MASTERS, No. 25598, Captain of the "Yankton", stated that the object described by him was different from anything he has seen before. He advised that he was convinced it was not a shooting star or a comet; because while he observed it, it seemed to gain altitude. MASTERS stated that he first believed the object to be a rocket or flare from submarines in the area, but discounted that thought because of the object's tremendous speed and intensity. MASTERS made the additional comment that at approximately 2020 hours he saw what looked like the reflection of lights over a city appearing in the eastern sky parallel with the horizon and that this illumination lasted for a "few seconds." MASTERS did not describe this phenomena as a distinguishable object, but only as a broad glow.

e. Weather conditions: Interviewees all agreed that the sky was perfectly clear at the time of the sighting, temperature moderate, visibility was excellent, and ceiling unlimited. Weather conditions at 2000 hours and 2030 hours, 14 October 1952, for the Boston area were reported by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Logan International Airport, Boston, Mass., as follows: "Clear, with west wind at 10 miles per hour, visibility 15 miles, temperature 55 degrees."

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f. No activity or condition is known that might account for the sightings.

g. No physical evidence exists, and no interception action was taken.

h. Manner of disappearance: FOLEY stated that he lost sight of the object behind some trees nearby the point of observation. SMITH, FLYNN, GRIGGS and MASTERS advised that the object gradually faded out in the distance before reaching the horizon.

ACTION:

One (1) copy of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: ATIC. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT H. WAYLAND, JR.
Major, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC
Attn: ATIC

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12 AUG 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft,
1830 hours, 6 August 1952, Belfast, Maine
POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE

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

SYNOPSIS:

Radio Station WABI, Bangor, Maine, reported on 6 August 1952 that a "flying saucer" had been observed by one W. C. STOVER in Belfast, Maine, on 6 August 1952. STOVER was interviewed on 7 August 1952, and described the flight of two (2) round shaped, dark colored objects in the sky over Belfast, Maine. STOVER generally regarded by Civilian Authorities, Belfast, Maine, as being unreliable, and habitually under the influence of alcohol. (OSI, D-4, Confidential)

DETAILS:

WINFRED C. STOVER, age 45, occupation, painter and paperhanger, who resides with his family on Patterson Hill, Belfast, Maine, was interviewed on 7 August 1952, by Special Agent DAVID J. WALSH. STOVER stated in substance that at approximately 1830 hours on 6 August 1952, he was standing on the front porch of his home facing in a southeasterly direction. A dark colored object, round in shape, resembling a scaled pie plate, appeared in the sky over the City of Belfast at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet, and was traveling at a high rate of speed from the southeast in a northerly direction. While in flight, the object ceased all forward motion and appeared to stand on end. After remaining in that position for approximately thirty (30) seconds, the object returned to a horizontal position, proceeded in a northerly direction at a high rate of speed and disappeared. STOVER further advised that a few minutes after the disappearance of the first object a second object appeared, identical

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in physical appearance with that of the first object, followed the same course of advance, ceased forward motion for approximately the same length of time, and disappeared as did the first object. STOVER stated that the time lapse between the sighting of the first object and the disappearance of the second object was approximately three (3) minutes.

a. STOVER's residence is located approximately one (1) mile northwest of the center of Belfast, Maine, and is separated from the City of Belfast, Maine, by a bay of water approximately 500 yards wide.

b. At 1830 hours on 6 August 1952, the sky was overcast, and visibility was limited somewhat by a slight haze that was forming over the harbor just north of the City of Belfast, Maine.

c. During the evening hours, many marine vessels of all types are docked and anchored in the harbor just north of the City of Belfast, Maine, and it is not unusual for searchlights and/or spotlights to be reflected against the clouds.

d. JUDSON W. PALMER, Police Officer, Belfast, Maine, advised that STOVER was a person who habitually consumed excessive amounts of alcohol, was not gainfully employed and was generally regarded by the townspeople as unreliable. PALMER stated that no reports of other persons having observed unusual objects in the sky had been received.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS, and one (1) information copy forwarded to the Commander, Atlantic Division, MATS, Westover Air Force Base, Mass. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft,
Thomaston, Connecticut, 0830 hours, 25 July 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

SYNOPSIS:

Two (2) employees of Technicraft Laboratories, Incorporated, Thomaston, Connecticut, reported that they observed a bright, silver, cigar-shaped object which appeared to have a black gondola attached on the underside. No activity or condition exists that accounts for the sighting.

DETAILS:

1. On 29 July 1952, Captain JOSEPH EIGHER, Wing Intelligence Officer, 1600th Air Transport Wing, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, telephonically advised Headquarters, 1st District OSI that a Miss MARIE FLEMING, 65 Sheffield Lane, Union City, Connecticut, and Miss MARGARET MARTIN, 45 Bronson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, employees at Technicraft Laboratories, Incorporated, Thomaston, Connecticut, had sighted an unidentified airborne object on 25 July 1952.

2. On 30 July 1952, FLEMING and MARTIN were interviewed by Special Agent CLIFFORD E. EGELAND and furnished the following information:

a. The object appeared similar to a cigar in shape and appeared to be exceptionally high. Witnesses were unable to give any estimate as to its altitude. Both believed it to be a rather large object, bright silver in color, but with no glow or sheen to it. MARTIN advised that

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the lower edge toward the front appeared very black. FLEMING stated it appeared to her to have a gondola, similar to a blimp in that respect, and this was very black. Only one such object was sighted and both advised that it tapered off to a cigar shape effect and that it did not have any propeller or tail. No trail or exhaust was observed, and object was motionless when first sighted. When object started to move, it tilted downward at a shallow angle. Witnesses' view was obscured for four or five seconds by trees. Upon being in the clear again, they stopped their vehicle, got out and scanned the skies, but were unable to see it. MARTIN advised that when object first started to move it appeared to her to be going at the approximate speed of a regular passenger plane. Both witnesses advised that although they listened, they were unable to hear any sound.

b. MARTIN advised that she saw the object through the right windshield of the automobile at about 0830 hours EDT. She advised that for approximately a minute she studied it, trying to determine what it could be. FLEMING then asked MARTIN if she saw an object and MARTIN replied affirmatively. MARTIN stated she saw the object for approximately five minutes while FLEMING had observed it for about four minutes.

c. Manner of observation was visual while traveling in an automobile at a speed of approximately 20 to 25 MPH. Miss FLEMING wears eyeglasses, which she advised, corrected her vision to 20/20. MARTIN does not wear eyeglasses and advised that she has excellent eyesight.

d. Witnesses stated that they were near the Solvent Recovery Service, Incorporated, on the Thomaston-Waterbury Road when object was first sighted. FLEMING advised that she saw the object about two or three inches from the top of the right windshield. Both stated the angle of sight was less than 45°, and were unable to state the altitude, other than that it appeared exceptionally high.

e. ALFRED M. WINCHELL, President and Security Officer, and ALTON ANDERSON, Vice President and Technical Director, Technicraft Laboratories, Incorporated, Thomaston, Connecticut, advised that both witnesses are reliable and believed competent observers, and have never reported sighting objects prior to this incident. ANDERSON advised he has known FLEMING for about nine years and that he is her immediate supervisor. FLEMING is a laboratory technician having direct supervision over five other employees. ANDERSON advised further that she is very reliable, not gifted with imagination, not prone to jump to conclusions, and believes that because of the type of work she does and her experience she would be above average in observation.

f. MARTIN and FLEMING advised that at the time of sighting the weather was extremely clear, with no clouds or wind. Both stated the visilibity was perfect.

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g. Records, United States Weather Bureau, Brainard Field, Hartford, Connecticut, were checked with the assistance of WAYNE A. SMITH, Meteorologist. Records reflect that at the time of sighting, weather was as follows: Clear skies, visibility, 15 plus miles, temperature 67°, dewpoint 56°, wind, surface NNE 7 miles per hour. SMITH advised that this weather extended throughout the major part of the State of Connecticut.

h. There were no activities or conditions, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

i. There exists no physical evidence and no interception or identification action was taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS, and one (1) information copy forwarded to the Commander, Atlantic Division, MATS, Westover Air Force Base, Mass. No further action taken by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

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1 AUG 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
Somerville, Mass., 1530 hours, 24 Jul 52

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 24 July 1952, THOMAS H. ROSS, 7 Wheeler Street, Somerville, Mass., sighted an unconventional object at approximately 1530 hours, DST. No activities or conditions developed which would account for sighting. No interception or identification action taken.

DETAILS:

At 1500 hours, 26 July 1952, THOMAS H. ROSS, 7 Wheeler Street, Sommerville, Mass., telephonically reported that he had observed an unconventional aircraft at approximately 1530 hours, DST, 24 July 1952, from Lowell Street, Somerville, Mass. On 28 July 1952, ROSS was interviewed by Special Agent RICHARD W. RANDALL, and provided the following information:

a. Description: One (1) round silver-red object, approximately three (3) times the size of a nose of a conventional airliner, with speed slightly faster than an airliner. No aerodynamic features, exhaust-trail, propulsion system, maneuvers, or sound were noted. Object disappeared from view of ROSS behind a building. Color was sliver, then red, and object changed from one color to another four or five times, with equal intervals for each color. ROSS could not state whether the colors observed appeared to be a light source or reflection.

b. Object sighted at approximately 1530 hours, EDT, 24 July 1952, and observed for approximately one (1) minute.

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c. Object observation was visual, no optical or electronic equipment was used.

d. Observer at the time of the sighting was on Lowell Street, Somerville, Mass., which is located between Highland Avenue and Medford Avenue. Object appeared to be over the city of Medford, Mass., at an altitude higher than an airliner and in flight from east to northwest.

e. ROSS is a printer with the Record American, newspaper, Boston, Mass., and has not had any experience as an observer.

f. Weather conditions obtained from the U. S. Weather Bureau Observatory, Logan Airport, East Boston, Mass., for 1530 hours, DST, 24 July 1952, were clear sky, temperature 85°F., wind west northwest, with gusts to 28 knots.

g. No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, accounted for the sighting.

h. No physical evidence obtained.

i. No interception or identification action was taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
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Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

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31 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unidentified Object,
Springfield, Mass., 0020 hours,
23 Jul 52

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

SYNOPSIS:

Mr. and Mrs. SAMPSON, Springfield, Mass., advised that they saw an unidentified airborne object at 0020 hours on 23 July 1952. Object described as oval, orange glow, speed, distance, or size could not be estimated. Object was observed for approximately 40 minutes. Maneuvers of object formed a "T". Fireworks display occurred approximately 12 miles away.

DETAILS:

1. On 23 July 1952 the Public Information Officer, Westover Air Force Base, Mass., notified the Office of Special Investigations that Mr. EVERETT T. SAMPSON, 915 Worthington St., Springfield, Mass., had reported the sighting of an unidentified airborne object during the evening of 22 July 1952.

2. On 24 July 1952, Mr. SAMPSON furnished the following information to Special Agent RAWORTH D. TILSON.

a. The object was oval shaped, size is estimated to be about $\frac{1}{4}$ the size as the moon appears, orange glow, no aerodynamic features

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observed, speed could not be estimated, and no sound was heard. The object was first seen in a northwesterly direction, distance unknown. The movement of the object was described as follows, using a starting point as near as possible to the center of its movements. The object remained in a stationary position for approximately one (1) minute, from this point it moved to the right, very fast, for an estimated 10°. When the object reached the extreme right hand movement, twinkling of its lights could be seen, then it would reverse its direction and return, very fast, to its original stationary point, remain there for only a moment then move an equal distance to the left. When the object reached its extreme left hand movement, twinkling could be seen, then the object would return very fast to its original stationary position, remain there for only a moment, then dropping very fast toward the earth for approximately 10° from the original stationary point, never going out of sight of the observer. When the object reached its lowest point, it would immediately rise to its original stationary point and remain there for about one (1) minute, after which it moves over the above described course. The object disappeared by growing smaller and smaller until it could no longer be seen.

b. The object was first sighted 0020 hours, EDT, 23 July 1952 and was observed for approximately forty (40) minutes before it disappeared.

c. The sighting was by visual observation only.

d. Mr. SAMPSON advised that he was sitting in the living room of his apartment which is on the third floor and while looking out the window which is located in the corner and facing northwest, he saw the object and observed the object from that position the whole forty (40) minutes. Mr. SAMPSON advised that soon after he first observed the object, he called his wife's attention to it. Mrs. LILLIAN SAMPSON agreed in every detail to the description given by Mr. SAMPSON. There is a clear view of the city of Springfield and sky line due west from the window as the apartment building which is situated on a hill overlooking Springfield. To the northwest there is a five story apartment building which is higher than the apartment in which the SAMPSON's reside; however, this does not obstruct the observation of the object as described by Mr. SAMPSON.

3. Mr. SAMPSON is 63 years of age, occupation, undertaker. Mrs. SAMPSON is 54 years of age and is a housewife. Both have observed various types of aircraft, but that they have never seen an airborne object such as the described one before.

4. Weather conditions as reported by Westover AFB Weather Station for 0026 hours, EDT, 23 July 1952 are as follows: sky clear, ten miles visibility, temperature 60°F, calm wind.

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5. On 24 July 1952, Mr. ARTHUR CATAW, Manager of Mountain Park Amusement Center, Holyoke, Mass., advised that every Tuesday during July at 2230 hours fireworks are set off. The fireworks usually last about twenty (20) minutes and are over not later than 2300 hours. Mr. CATAW advised that among the fireworks there are aerial bombs and displays which sometimes reach as high as Little Mt. Tom (altitude 540 feet). The aerial displays, according to Mr. CATAW, are composed of rocket fireworks in the shape of a wheel, and when set off in the air, goes through unpredictable motions. Mr. CATAW further advised that from the top of Little Mt. Tom, one could see both Springfield (approximately 10 miles distance) and Holyoke (approximately 2 miles distance) and that Mountain Park is in a northwesterly direction from both cities.

6. No physical evidence exists and no identification or interception action taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

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31 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unidentified Object,
Springfield, Mass., 2130 hours,
22 July 1952

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

SYNOPSIS:

At 2130 hours, 22 July 1952, Mrs. HANRAHAN, Springfield, Mass., observed a pale orange, round object which slowly moved up and down while moving in a southerly direction. Firework displays set off at 2230 hours at Mountain Park, Holyoke, Mass. could possibly account for sighting.

DETAILS:

1. On 23 July 1952, the Public Information Officer, Westover Air Force Base, Mass., notified Headquarters, 1st District OSI that Mrs. FLORENCE HANRAHAN, 23 Abbe Avenue, Springfield, Mass., had reported the sighting of an unusual airborne object during the evening of 22 July 1952.

2. On 24 July 1952, Mrs. HANRAHAN furnished the following information to Special Agent RAWORTH D. TILSON.

a. The object appeared to be round, half as large as the moon appears, a very pale orange color, with no aerodynamic features observed; speed of object was very slow and no sound was heard. The object was first observed about 10° above the horizon in the northwest and was slowly moving in a southerly direction while slowly moving up and down about one-half (½) its own diameter. As the object moved in a southerly direction, the view was obstructed by the house next door.

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b. The object was sighted at approximately 2130 hours, EDT, on 22 July 1952 and was observed for seven (7) or eight (8) minutes.

c. Sighting was by visual observation only.

d. Mrs. HANRAHAN was sitting on her front porch, which faces north, when she observed the object to her left. The distance could not be estimated, however, the object appeared to be over the Connecticut River, and seemed to be following the course of the river, southward. Mrs. HANRAHAN called her daughter, KATHERINE, and both observed the object from the front porch until its disappearance. Mrs. HANRAHAN and KATHERINE then ran through the house to the back yard and observed it from there for about two (2) minutes until it disappeared behind trees in the yard next door.

3. Mrs. HANRAHAN, age 52, housewife, and KATHERINE, age 15, high school student, have both observed various aircraft which fly over often; however, the object seen could not be associated with any type of aircraft they had ever observed before.

4. Weather conditions as reported by Westover AFB Weather Station for 2125 hours, EDT, 22 July 1952 are as follows: sky clear, twelve miles visibility, temperature 83°F, wind west by northwest at seven (7) miles per hour.

5. On 24 July 1952, Mr. ARTHUR CATAW, Manager of Mountain Park Amusement Center, Holyoke, Mass., advised that fireworks are set off every Tuesday during July at 2230 hours. The fireworks usually last about twenty (20) minutes and are over not later than 2300 hours. Mr. CATAW advised that amoung the fireworks there are aerial bombs and displays which sometimes reach as high as Little Mt. Tom (altitude 540 feet). The aerial displays, according to Mr. CATAW, are composed of rocket fireworks in the shape of a wheel, and when set off in the air, go through unpredictable motions. Mr. CATAW further stated that from the top of Little Mt. Tom, one could see both Springfield (approximately 10 miles distance) and Holyoke (approximately 2 miles distance) and that Mountain Park is in a northwesterly direction from both cities.

6. No physical evidence exists and no interception or identification action taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

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Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

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31 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Sighting of Unidentified Object, 2300-2400 hours, 21 Jul 52, Holyoke, Mass.

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

SYNOPSIS:

Three (3) persons in Holyoke, Mass., observed a round, orange-yellow object flash downward in the sky after 2400 hours on 21-22 July 1952. One (1) person observed practically a recurrence at approximately 2300 hours, 22 July 1952. Fireworks display set off at Mountain Park, Holyoke, Mass., 22 July 1952 at 2230 hours could account for sighting.

DETAILS:

1. On 24 July 1952, the Public Information Officer, Westover Air Force Base, Mass., notified the Office of Special Investigations that Mrs. ARTHUR BURGESS, 116 Jackson Parkway, Holyoke, Mass., Mrs. JOHN R. O'NEIL, 127 Jackson Parkway, Holyoke, Mass., and one (1) other person had reported the sighting of an unusual airborne object during the evening of 22 July 1952.

2. On 24 July 1952, Mrs. ARTHUR BURGESS, Mrs. JOHN R. O'NEIL, and Mrs. JEAN KANA, 170 Jackson Parkway, Holyoke, Mass., were interviewed by Special Agent RAWORTH D. TILSON.

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a. Mrs. BURGESS advised that she observed an object in the sky during the night of 21-22 July 1952 shortly after 2400 hours EDT and again during the evening of 22 July 1952 at approximately 2300 hours, EDT. The object seen during the night of 21-22 July 1952 was described as round, about the size of a tea cup held at arms length, orange-yellow, no sound was heard and no aerodynamic features observed. The object flashed downward at an angle from west to northwest and disappeared from sight behind buildings. The object sighted at approximately 2300 hours on 22 July 1952 by Mrs. BURGESS was given the same description as the one seen the night before except for the downward flash which was at a more perpendicular angle and the color more orange.

b. Mrs. O'NEIL and Mrs. KANA advised that they observed an object in the sky to the northwest after 2400 hours on the night of 21-22 July 1952. Both described the object substantially the same. It was described as seeming like a burst of light with no fire trail, orange-yellow, no sound, flashed downward to the northwest for an instant and disappeared from view behind buildings.

c. Mrs. BURGESS, Mrs. O'NEIL, and Mrs. KANA were all three (3) sitting together in the yard at the north end of the apartment building when the object was first noticed to the northwest by Mrs. BURGESS who called the other ladies' attention to it. The object was in view only long enough for the other persons' attention to be brought to the object before it disappeared from view.

3. Mrs. BURGESS, age 31, Mrs. O'NEIL, age 29, and Mrs. KANA, age 29, are housewives and have observed the usual aircraft flying about. All three (3) advised that the object they saw was no aircraft as they knew them.

4. Weather conditions as reported by Westover Weather Station, for 0020 hours, EDT, 22 July 1952, were as follows: eight tenths cloud coverage with base at 1500 feet, five mile visibility with haze, wind at surface to 1000 feet, south by southeast at ten miles per hour, temperature 75°F. For 2323 hours, EDT, 22 July 1952: sky clear, eight miles visibility, wind from north at three miles per hour, temperature 75°.

5. On 24 July 1952, Mr. ARTHUR CATAW, Manager of Mountain Park Amusement Center, Holyoke, Mass., advised that fireworks set off every Tuesday during July at 2230 hours. The fireworks usually lasted about twenty (20) minutes and are over not later than 2300 hours. Mr. CATAW advised that among the fireworks there are aerial bombs and displays which sometimes reach as high as Little Mt. Tom (altitude 540 feet). The aerial displays, according to Mr. CATAW, are composed of rocket fireworks in the shape of a wheel, and when set off in the air, go through unpredictable motions. Mr. CATAW further

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advised that from the top of Little Mt. Tom, one could see Holyoke (approximately 2 miles distance) and that Mountain Park is in a northwesterly direction from that city.

6. No physical evidence exists and no interception or identification action taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
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31 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
Waltham, Mass., 0300-0500 hours,
23 Jul 52

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 24 July 1952 a sighting was reported of one (1) unidentified object, described as a light, between 0300 and 0500 hours, EDT, 23 July 1952 by resident of Waltham, Mass. Description of object set out. No activities or condition developed which would account for sighting.

DETAILS:

On 24 July 1952 Lt Comdr ROBERT FISK, First Naval District Hq, Fargo Building, Boston, Mass., relayed a message received from PAUL OWENS 14 Shade Street, Waltham, Mass., reporting the sighting of one (1) unidentified object from 0300 to 0500 hours, EDT, 23 July 1952. On 26 July 1952 OWENS was interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA and provided the following information:

a. Description: One (1) orange-yellow light, about the size of but brighter than a star, with no particular shape. Observer stated that the light appeared to flicker but did not go completely out at any time. Object moved without sound or exhaust trail and appeared to move

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much faster than a 4-engine airliner. OWENS could describe the altitude only as "very great", but was of the opinion that the object was close enough for him to have heard a sound had it been a jet or piston-driven aircraft.

b. Maneuvers: OWENS first sighted the light in the eastern sky at an angle of 45 degrees above the horizon. The object turned to the south and began a circular path toward the west, passed directly overhead to the northern quadrant, turned eastward and then to the south, thus completing a clockwise circle. OWENS advised that the object repeated this circle a total of five (5) times and that each one took approximately 5 minutes. The object moved with a steady motion until completing the fifth circle, at which time it abruptly reversed its direction and moved at an increased speed toward the east in the same direction from which it had originally come. OWENS believed that the turn made by the object in reversing its direction was much too tight to be duplicated by conventional aircraft. He further stated that he lost sight of the object as its distance increased but did not know whether it had faded from view or disappeared behind a cloud. OWENS at that point went into the house and, upon looking out of the window, again saw a light of the same color which appeared to be moving upward at an angle of 80 degrees from the horizontal from approximately the point at which the object previously described had disappeared. He stated that this light remained in sight at progressively higher altitudes until 0500 hours, at which time he lost sight of the object because of daylight.

c. Time Sighted: OWENS first sighted the object at 0300 hours and stated that the maneuvers described above lasted until 0325 hours. The vertical ascent of the object described above lasted from 0330 hours until approximately 0500 hours.

d. Manner & Location of Observation: No optical or mechanical aids were employed. OWENS observed the object from his residence at 14 Shade Street, Waltham, Mass.

e. Identifying Information on Observer: PAUL OWENS is 26 years of age and is presently enrolled as a student at Boston College, Newton, Mass. He has served two (2) years in the U. S. Army. He claims no special knowledge of aircraft but advised that he has seen falling stars and is thoroughly familiar with the appearance of aircraft nagivational lights and was of the opinion that the object described was distinctly different from either of these. OWENS advised that he has not observed jet exhaust flames at night but did not believe that the light described came from jet aircraft because of the absence of noise and the extremely sharp turn described above.

f. Weather Conditions: OWENS described the sky as clear with excellent visibility. Weather conditions for the Boston area at 0330 hours,

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EDT, 23 July 1952, were recorded by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Logan International Airport, East Boston, Mass., as follows: "Clear; northwest wind 10 miles per hour; visibility 12 miles; temperature 76 degrees".

g. Existing Conditions that Might Account for Sighting: JOHN COHEN, Supervisor, U. S. Weather Bureau Observatory, Logan International Airport, East Boston, Mass., advised that weather balloons equipped with lights are visible to the unaided eye for not more than 10 minutes under ideal conditions. No other condition or activity is known that would account for sighting. No physical evidence exists, and no interception action was taken.

ACTION:

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29 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
West Newfield, Me., 1925 hours, 22 Jul 52

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

SYNOPSIS:

CHARLES BUCK, a skywatcher, telephonically reported sighting an unusual object in the sky at West Newfield, Maine, at 1925 hours, 22 July 1952. Description of object set forth. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

1. Major HAROLD J. HULBERT, AO 912215, Commander of the Manchester (N.H.) USAF Filter Center, advised on 23 July 1952 that at approximately 1950 hours, 22 July 1952, Mr. CHARLES BUCK, a skywatcher at the Newfield, Me., observer post, telephonically reported to the Filter Center that he had observed an unusual object in the sky at West Newfield, Me. The Duty Officer at the Filter Center, Captain CHESTER McGRATH, AO 827886, called BUCK at 2105 hours for further information and at 2110 telephonically communicated the report to "KIDSKIN" (a radar station at Brunswick, Me).

2. On 24 July 1952, CHARLES B. BUCK was interviewed at his home in West Newfield, Me. He stated that at approximately 1925 hours, 22 July 1952, he was in his home when his son, CHARLES G. BUCK, who was playing outside, called out that there was a parachute in the sky. BUCK went outside and observed a silver-colored sphere high in the sky almost overhead.

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There was a smaller sphere attached underneath the larger sphere, and a smaller undefinable object attached under the smaller sphere. The size and altitude of the object could not be estimated, but BUCK stated that from his position the large sphere approximated the size of a tennis ball and the small sphere a golf ball. There was no sound emanating from the object and no exhaust or trail could be seen. The object appeared to have no propulsion and was just slowly drifting along with the slight wind, with no appreciable vertical or horizontal deviation from course. The object moved towards the southeast and remained in sight approximately thirty (30) minutes before disappearing from view in the distance. (NOTE: Records of USAF weather station at Grenier AFB indicate that a slight wind from the west to the east was prevailing at Newfield at 1930 hours, 22 July 1952.) BUCK observed the object without the use of optical instruments. BUCK's home is located in the vicinity of the junction of Maine highways 110 and 153 (43° 40' N, 71° 15' W). The weather was clear, with a few white fluffy clouds at high altitude. The sun was low in the sky - a normal good-weather sunset. There were no aircraft in the vicinity at the time. BUCK's twelve (12) year old son, CHARLES G., was interviewed. He gave substantially the same account as his father.

3. Mr. BUCK appears to be approximately forty (40) years of age, apparently in good physical condition, and of average intelligence. He is the Sunday School superintendent of Newfield and is regarded as a respectable, quiet-living individual. BUCK has been a voluntary skywatcher at Newfield since inauguration of the plan in April 1952. The Chief of the Newfield observer post, FRED M. STAPLES, has known BUCK for approximately five (5) years and regards him as a thoroughly reliable person of unimpeachable character.

4. No physical evidence exists which might account for sighting and no interception action was undertaken.

ACTION:

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
Norfolk, Mass., 2105 hours, 23 Jul 52

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 24 July 1952, an unconventional aircraft was sighted by three (3) employees, Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting. No interception or identification action taken.

DETAILS:

At 0845 hours, 24 July 1952, Mrs. LORETTA NEAL, Secretary, Chief of Staff's Office, Hq. 1124th ASU, Boston Army Base, Boston, Mass., telephonically advised that a guard at Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Mass., had observed an unconventional aircraft at approximately 2105 hours, 23 July 1952. On 24 July 1952, Special Agent RICHARD W. RANDALL obtained the names of PHILLIP J. PICARD, Assistant Deputy, JOSEPH L. RIEVET, Correction Officer, and HOWARD F. McLELLAN, Correction Officer, from the information desk, Norfolk Prison Colony, as the persons who had sighted the unconventional aircraft. The observers were interviewed at their respective homes, which are 663 East Street, Wrentham, Mass., 54 Central Street, Foxboro, Mass., and 133 Pemberton Street, Walpole, Mass., respectively. Interviewees furnished the following information:

a. Description of object: One (1) round, tilted object, 3 to 5 ft. in diameter, black in color, drifting along slowly, and which disappeared behind one of the buildings at the colony. No aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, or sound were noted.

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b. Object was sighted at approximately 2105 hours, EDT, 23 July 1952, for approximately two to five seconds.

c. Object was sighted visually, no visual aids utilized.

d. Observers were at the Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts at the time of the sighting. The object was flying north to south, approximately 60 to 225 feet away from the observers at an approximate altitude of 50 to 100 ft.

e. PHILLIP J. PICARD has been employed at the Norfolk Prison Colony for 21 years as a guard. JOSEPH L. RIEVET has been employed at the Norfolk Prison Colony for approximately 2½ years, worked previously at Lawrence, Mass. in a woolen mill and served with the U. S. Coast Guard for three years. HOWARD F. McLELLAN has been employed at the Norfolk Prison Colony for approximately 2½ years, and served in the U. S. Navy for four years as a painter on a 40-man gun crew.

f. Light wind from the south, dark night with no moon, but the stars were out.

g. No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

h. No physical evidence obtained.

i. No interception or identification action was taken. Boston Army Base notified at approximately 2120 hours, 23 July 1952.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

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29 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
Nahant, Mass., 0215-0218 hours, 23 Jul 52

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 24 July 1952 a report was received at Detachment "B", 1st District OSI (IG) USAF, Boston, Mass., relative to a sighting of two (2) unidentified objects by a Seaman on watch at Nahant Coast Guard Station, Nahant, Mass. Details of interview with observer set forth. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

On 24 July 1952 a report was received at Detachment "B", 1st District OSI (IG) USAF, Boston, Mass., to the effect that two (2) unidentified objects had appeared over the Nahant Coast Guard Station at approximately 0215 hours, EDT, on 23 July 1952. On 25 July 1952, Seaman HENRY ARNPRIESTER, Coast Guard Station, was interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA and offered the following information:

a. Description: Two (2) bluish lights approximately 5 feet in diameter, appearing as flat, disc-shaped objects having no aerodynamic features and moving without sound or exhaust trail at a speed faster than a four-engine airliner at an altitude of 1,100 to 2,000 feet.

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b. Formation: Objects appeared to be side-by-side. Observer could not estimate the actual distance between the lights but advised that from the ground they appeared to be about 5 yards apart. This formation did not change during the maneuvers described below.

c. Maneuvers: ARNPRIESTER first sighted the lights in the Southeast sky at an angle of approximately 45 degrees above the horizon. Objects were descending gradually toward the point of observation in a northwesterly direction. When they were at a distance of approximately 1 1/2 miles from the point of observation, they executed an extremely sharp turn, described by observer to be similar to the path of a ball bouncing off a wall. Objects returned in the exact direction from which they had come and were gradually gaining altitude until they disappeared. Observer noticed no change in the speed of the objects during the entire period of observation.

d. Manner of Disappearance: Disappearance was gradual as distance increased. Observer stated that both objects went out of sight at the same time.

e. Time sighted: ARNPRIESTER first sighted the objects at 0215 hours, and they remained in view until 0218 hours, or a total of 3 minutes.

f. Manner and Location of Observation: No optical or mechanical aids were employed. ARNPRIESTER was on watch duty and at time of sighting was standing just east of the Coast Guard Station on Nahant Island.

g. Identifying Information on Observer: Seaman HENRY ARNPRIESTER is 22 years of age and has served in the Coast Guard for 21 months. He advised that the sight offalling stars, searchlight beacons, and navigational lights on conventional aircraft is distinctly different from the objects described. He stated that the objects were close enough so that if they had been conventional aircraft, he would have been able to see wings and tail surfaces and would definitely have heard engine noise. He also believed that the maneuvers executed by the objects could not be duplicated by conventional aircraft. ARNPRIESTER further stated that he was "mystified" by the sighting and was in doubt as to whether he should report them at all. He did so, however, in accordance with the established procedure. ARNPRIESTER added that, when he first saw the lights, he called to Seaman ELMWOOD MORSE, who had just gone off watch. MORSE returned and, according to ARNPRIESTER, sighted the same objects. MORSE is presently on leave and could not be interviewed.

h. Weather Conditions: ARNPRIESTER described the sky as clear with a few scattered clouds and excellent visibility. Weather conditions at 0200 hours, EDT, 23 July 1952, were reported by the U.S. Weather Bureau, Logan International Airport, East Boston, Mass., as follows: "Clear, northwest wind, 10 miles per hour, visibility 12 miles, temperature 77 degrees".

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i. Existing Conditions that might Account for Sighting: None. No physical evidence exists, and no interception action was taken at the Coast Guard Station. However, the incident was reported by ARNPRIESTER to the 654 AC&W Radar Station, Brunswick, Maine on 23 July 1952.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

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1D-OSI 24-149 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft, 2315-2400 hours, 22 July 1952, Boston, Massachusetts

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 23 July 1952, reports of sightings of unidentified phenomena between 2315 and 2400 hours, 22 July 1952, were received from five (5) separate sources. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sightings.

DETAILS:

1. At 0800 hours, 23 July 1952, a telephone call was received at Detachment "B", Headquarters, 1st District OSI, from the duty officer, 108th CIC Detachment, Boston Army Base, relaying a report from Lt Commander W. J. ADAMS, Squantum Naval Air Station, Quincy, Massachusetts, to the effect that he and several others had observed unidentified phenomena during the night of 22 July 1952. At 1400 hours, 23 July 1952, GUY M. BAILEY, weather observer, U. S. Weather Bureau, Logan Airport, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he observed strange lights between 2315 and 2326 hours, 22 July 1952. Additional calls reporting similar phenomena were received from JAMES HENRY, 780 Webster Street, Needham; WALTER MAHONEY, 105 Archdale Road, Roslindale; and PAUL KELCH, 21 Glenburnie Road, West Roxbury; all in Massachusetts. Results of personal interviews with ADAMS and BAILEY by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA on 23 July 1952 are set forth. This District Office does not contemplate interview of MAHONEY, HENRY, and KELCH unless your Headquarters directs otherwise.

2. Information provided by Lt Commander ADAMS:

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(a) Description: Two (2) round, bluish-green lights, much more brilliant than a first magnitude star, having no aerodynamic features, and moving without sound or exhaust trail. Observer could not estimate size, speed, or altitude of lights.

(b) Formation: One directly behind the other and at the same level. ADAMS could not estimate the actual distance between the lights, but stated that when looking at them over his outstretched arm, a hands-breadth covered the space between them. This formation did not change.

(c) Maneuvers: The lights were sighted at an angle of 45 degrees above the horizon in the southeastern sky. They moved northwest until directly over the point of observation, then reversed their direction without apparent turning, moved southeast 45 degrees, again reversed their direction, passed over the observer, and began a wide arc toward the northeast. All maneuvers were on the same plane, without any noticeable change of altitude.

(d) Manner of disappearance: Lights were not dimmed by distance, but the disappearance was abrupt, as if the objects had been switched off suddenly. The lead light disappeared first, while the second one continued until reaching the approximate point at which the first disappeared and then went out.

(e) Time sighted: ADAMS, who was on duty as Officer of the Day, received a call from East Weymouth, Massachusetts, advising that two very bright lights were moving in the direction of the Naval Air Station. He immediately went outside and sighted the phenomena. The time was 2345 EDT. The maneuvers described lasted about three (3) minutes, or until 2348 EDT.

(f) Manner and location of observation: No optical or mechanical aids were employed. ADAMS stood just north of the administration building at Squantum Naval Air Station, Quincy, Massachusetts.

(g) Identifying information on observer: Lt Commander ADAMS has served twelve (12) years active duty in the U. S. Navy, primarily as a pilot. He is presently performing duties of assistant personnel officer at Squantum. He stated that falling stars, jet exhaust trails, search light reflections, and navigational lights on conventional aircraft are all very familiar to him and that the phenomena described was distinctly different from any of these.

(h) Existing condition that might account for sighting: None. No physical evidence exists, and no interception action was taken.

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(i) Weather conditions: ADAMS described the sky as perfectly clear, affording exceptional visibility. Weather conditions at 2330 hours EDT, 22 July 1952 were reported by the U. S. Weather Department, Logan Airport, Boston, Massachusetts, as follows: "Clear; west wind 11 mph; visibility 15 plus miles; temperature 83; humidity 58%."

(j) ADAMS advised that S Sgt ANTHONY DI NALLO, Marine Air Detachment, Squantum, observed the phenomena with him, and that Smn 1/C ROLF HELLUM, also of Squantum, observed it from a point one (1) mile south of the station but at the same time. On 23 July 1952, DI NALLO and HELLUM were separately interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA. Descriptions received from them did not differ from that given by ADAMS and provided no additional information.

(k) During his tour of duty, ADAMS received a total of six (6) telephone calls from the following persons, who, according to ADAMS, reported substantially the same thing: JOHN EARTHLY, South Weymouth; JAMES ALLONEN, 990 Pleasant Street, East Weymouth; H. T. WOFFORD, 71 Selwyn Street, Roslindale; JOHN TIRRELL, 16 Brook Terrace, Weymouth Landing; DONALD VERRY, 35 Main Street, Cambridge (who observed the lights from Wollaston Beach near Weymouth); and V. E. J. VODA, 2 Shirley Street, Roxbury. Interviews with these persons are not contemplated, unless your Headquarters directs otherwise.

3. Information provided by BAILEY:

(a) Description: Four small lights, red and green, at times completely enveloped by a single, bluish-white light much brighter than a star of first magnitude. Shape, sound, exhaust, altitude, and speed were not determinable.

(b) Formation: None. Appeared as one (1) body only.

(c) Maneuvers: Appeared to make three complete elliptical circles at constant altitude within an arc of 22 degrees. Apparently slowed to almost a stop before changing direction.

(d) Time sighted: From 2315 to 2326 hours, 22 July 1952. Observer had to abandon the light to prepare weather report, and was prevented from making further observation because of other duties.

(e) Manner of observation: Object was <u>not</u> <u>visible</u> to the naked eye, but was observed through a Weather Bureau <u>Theodolite</u>, a telescopic instrument used for tracking weather balloons. Make and lens power could not be determined from markings or from observatory personnel. However, they advised that balloons 18 feet in diameter could be seen through the instrument at a distance of 50 miles.

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(f) Location of observer and position of light(s): BAILEY was standing on the observation platform at the Weather Bureau observatory at Logan Airport, Boston, Massachusetts. He first located the light while tracking a balloon at an azimuth of 130 degrees or southeast, at a vertical angle of 22 degrees from the horizontal. He advised that the light did not change altitude, and remained within an arc of 22 degrees, from an azimuth of 118 degrees to 140 degrees.

(g) Information on Observer: GUY M. BAILEY has been a weather observer for eight (8) years. The airport location of the observatory gives evidence to his familiarity with all types of aircraft. He advised that if the lights were caused by jet aircraft, he could not account for their slow speed during changes of direction. BAILEY could think of nothing else such as search light reflections or shooting stars that could account for the sightings.

(h) Existing condition that might account for sighting: None. No physical evidence exists, and no interception action was taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action contemplated by this District Office.

ROBERT S. JONES
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REMARKS

Re our telephone conversation, the following information is forwarded for such action as you deem necessary.

At 1515 hours, Monday, 21 July, Mr. W. L. ROBINSON, American Automobile Association, telephoned me to report the receipt of a telegram from a Mr. GEORGE F. LAING of North Calais, Vermont. According to Mr. ROBINSON, Mr. LAING stated in his telegram: "Have witnesses to observation to flying saucer at North Calais, Vermont, Friday, July 18." Mr. ROBINSON advised that the telegram further indicated that Mr. LAING was furnishing the information as a friend of AAA in case that organization desired some publicity.

Mr. ROBINSON further advised that Mr. LAING was living in his summer home at North Calais and that in the wintertime he was occupied as a school teacher at Brockton, Mass. Mr. ROBINSON stated he believed Mr. LAING to be of sound judgment -- a man not easily disposed to excitement.

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1. The following is submitted as a matter of information and as being of primary interest to your office:

On 21 July 1952 Mr. W. L. Robinson, American Automobile Association, telephonically advised an officer of this Directorate to report the receipt of a telegram from a Mr. George F. Laing of North Calais, Vermont. According to Mr. Robinson, Mr. Laing stated in his telegram: "Have witnesses to observation to flying saucer at North Calais, Vermont, Friday, July 18." Mr. Robinson advised that the telegram further indicated that Mr. Laing was furnishing the information as a friend of AAA in case that organization desired some publicity.

Mr. Robinson further advised that Mr. Laing was living in his summer home at North Calais and that in the wintertime he was occupied as a school teacher at Brockton, Mass. Mr. Robinson stated he believed Mr. Laing to be of sound judgment – a man not easily disposed to excitement.

2. No inquiry into this matter is contemplated by this office.

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(Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft (Salem, Massachusetts) - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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1. There is transmitted herewith for your information a copy, with inclosure, of a Spot Intelligence Report by Office of Special Investigations District No. 1, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, relative to the above subject.

2. This report may be retained for your use.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft (Salem, Massachusetts) SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 16 July 1952, at approximately 0935 hours, SHELL R. ALPERT, 292-624 SN, USCG Station Photographer, U. S. Coast Guard Air Station, Salem, Mass., observed four (4) unidentified airborne objects west of the station. A photograph of the objects was taken. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

At 1145 hours, 16 July 1952, a telephone call was received from J. F. MC CUE, Commander, USCG, Commanding Officer, U. S. Coast Guard Air Station, Salem, Mass., reporting that two of his men had observed unusual airborne objects at approximately 0935 hours, 16 July 1952, and that one of the men had taken a photograph of the objects. On 16 July 1952, Commander MC CUE was contacted by Special Agent RICHARD W. RANDALL, and the following information obtained:

a. SHELL R. ALPERT, 292-624 SN, USCG, Station Photographer, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, Salem, Mass., noticed a very brilliant light in the sky west of the station. ALPERT grabbed his camera and took a photograph of the brilliant light. ALPERT called a THOMAS E. FLAHERTY, 273-206 HM-1, USCG, who was in the same building and also saw a bright light in the sky. ALPERT furnished the following information.

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b. Three (3) objects glowing bright and then light and disappeared like a light being dimmed with a rheostat. Objects appeared to waver slightly and glow as a light source. ALPERT could not determine the shape nor formation, aerodynamic features, or propulsion system. ALPERT did not see any trail, exhaust, or maneuvers. ALPERT did not hear any sound and could not tell if the objects were moving. After ALPERT developed the photograph, he noted that there was a difference in numbers than what he had observed.

c. Objects sighted by ALPERT at approximately 0935 hours, 16 July 1952 and were observed for approximately 25 - 30 seconds.

d. Observed by ALPERT through a fine mesh screen window. Photograph was taken through the same window with a 4 x 5 Busch Pressman, with an f 4.7 raptar lens, 135 mm, with settings of f 4.7 at 1/50th of a second, on Kodak Super XX film.

f. ALPERT has been a member of the U. S. Coast Guard for one and one-half years, and previously attended the Art Center School, Los Angeles, California. FLAHERTY was a member of the U. S. Navy for two years, seven months, and U. S. Coast Guard for five years, four months. Commander MC CUE advised that ALPERT is an excellent photographer, and that both ALPERT and FLAHERTY are very stable and reliable.

g. Weather conditions, as reported by U. S. Coast Guard Station Aerology Office for 0928 hours, 16 July 1952, are as follows: thin, broken clouds at 28,000 ft., visibility six (6) miles, wind southwest eight (8) knots, altimeter setting 3.05, temperature 84° F.

h. No activity or condition is known that might account for the sighting.

i. Photograph taken of the objects is attached as an inclosure.

j. No interceptor or identification action taken. Sighting of objects was not reported to Commander MC CUE until approximately fifteen to thirty minutes after they were observed.

THOMAS E. FLAHERTY confirmed time and place of sighting and stated he was of the opinion that the light in the sky was a reflection of a plane or light reflected off an automobile windshield. FLAHERTY could give no further account of the sighting.

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ACTION:

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft (New Braintree, Massachusetts, on 13 July 1952) SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, this District Office, dated 19 July 1952, Subject and file as above.

2. Paragraph 2 a of cited report is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Description of object: One (1) rectangular shaped, deep red, glowing object, which seemed to hang or float in the sky about 20° above the horizon for approximately one (1) to two (2) minutes, then abruptly moving in a northerly direction without any gradual increase of speed. The rectangular object was in a vertical position at all times that it was in view. No sound was heard, no aerodynamic features, tail or exhaust, or propulsion system observed. The speed of the object could not be estimated as there was nothing within sight by which the speed of the object could be compared. Mrs. THOMPSON, when asked for an estimation of the approximate size of the object, advised that to her the object seemed to be as long as the diameter of a full moon and one-fourth as wide. The object disappeared from view shortly after it moved in the northerly direction behind a large tree which was approximately fifty (50) yards from the point of sighting. It is an estimated 20° between the point in the sky where the object was first observed and the tree behind which the object disappeared."

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft (New Braintree, Massachusetts, on 13 July 1952)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

SYNOPSIS:

Mrs. CHARLES THOMPSON, New Braintree, Massachusetts, reported that she observed a deep red, rectangular object in a vertical position at 2235 hours EDT on 13 July 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for the sighting.

DETAILS:

1. On 17 July 1952, Captain JOSEPH EIGHER, Wing Intelligence Officer, 1600th Air Transport Wing, Westover AF Base, Massachusetts, furnished to Special Agent RAWORTH D. TILSON, 1st District OSI, Westover AF Base, Massachusetts, information to the effect that a Mrs. CHARLES THOMPSON, Route 67, New Braintree, Massachusetts, observed an unidentified airborne object on 13 July 1952.

2. On 17 July 1952, Mrs. CHARLES THOMPSON was interviewed by Special Agent TILSON, and furnished the following information:

a. Description of object: One (1) triangular shaped, deep red, glowing object, which seemed to hang or float in the sky about 20° above the horizon for approximately one (1) to two (2) minutes, then abruptly moving in a northerly direction without any gradual increase of speed. The triangular object was in a vertical position at all times that it was in view. No sound was heard, no aerodynamic features, tail or exhaust, or propulsion system observed. The speed of the object could not be

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estimated as there was nothing within sight by which the speed of the object could be compared. Mrs. THOMPSON, when asked for an estimation of the approximate size of the object, advised that to her the object seemed to be as long as the diameter of a full moon and one-fourth as wide. The object disappeared from view shortly after it moved in the northerly direction behind a large tree which was approximately fifty (50) yards from the point of sighting. It is an estimated 20° between the point in the sky where the object was first observed and the tree behind which the object disappeared.

b. The object was sighted at approximately 2235 hours EDT, 13 July 1952, and was observed from one (1) to two (2) minutes.

c. Sighting was by visual observation only, with no optical or electronic aids.

d. Mrs. THOMPSON was in her home which is located approximately one and one-half miles northwest of the Hamlet of New Braintree, longitude 42° 30', latitude 72° 30'. At the time Mrs. THOMPSON observed the object, she was installing a screen in her upstairs bedroom window which faces the east. While installing the window screen, she noticed a vertical, deep red light. After observing the object for a few seconds through the glass of the window, Mrs. THOMPSON looked out through the screen thinking perhaps, that the object was a reflection on the glass or a result of an imperfection in the glass. However, the object could still be observed in the sky while viewing through the screen. After the object disappeared from view behind the large tree, Mrs. THOMPSON went outside to the other side of the tree, but did not see the object again.

e. Identifying information on observer: Mrs. THOMPSON, age fifty (50) to fifty-five (55) years, is the President of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau in Massachusetts. She claims no special knowledge of aircraft identification, but has observed aircraft from Westover AF Base, commercial aircraft, and private planes from the small airfield at New Braintree. Mrs. THOMPSON advised that the object she saw was like nothing she had ever seen before.

f. Weather conditions for 2230 hours EDT, 13 July 1952, as reported by the Weather Forecaster, Westover AF Base, Massachusetts, indicated the sky to be clear, visibility, twelve (12) miles, temperature, 75°F., and very light winds blowing in a north, north-westerly direction at 20,000 ft to 25,000 ft.

g. There were no activities or conditions, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting, known or reported.

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h. There exists no physical evidence and no interception or identification action taken.

ACTION:

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft
SPECIAL INQUIRY
Westover AFB

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 2 July 1952, Captain ROBERT E. METCALF, 1001 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts, reported that he and two other persons observed one unidentified airborne object between 0730 and 0740 hours, EDT, on 1 July 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

At approximately 2000 hours, 2 July 1952, Captain ROBERT E. METCALF, 1001 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts, reported the observation of one unidentified airborne object between 0730 and 0740 hours on 1 July 1952 to Special Agent LESLIE S. HUBBARD. On 3 July 1952, Captain METCALF was interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA, and furnished the following information:

a. Description of object: One (1) milky white object, shaped like an "elongated oval" but "fatter than a cigar", about 100 feet in length or slightly larger than a four-engine airliner, having indistinct outlines at the rear resembling either a very short exhaust or a blurred tail section, with a narrow ridge along the top side, but without wings or any clear aerodynamic features. Object produced no sound, and left no vapor trail or exhaust other than described above. Speed was estimated to be approximately that of jet aircraft, but observer believed the object "hung" in mid-air for a few seconds on two occasions and then proceeded.

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The course of the object was otherwise without variation in altitude or direction, proceeding at an estimated 40,000 feet toward the southwest.

b. Object was sighted by Captain METCALF at 0730 hours EDT, 1 July 1952, and was observed by him for ten (10) minutes.

c. Sighting was by visual observation through smoked glasses, with no optical or electronic aids.

d. Observer sighted object while standing in the vicinity of Hangar "B" at Laurence G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts.

e. Identifying information on observer: Captain ROBERT E. METCALF, AO 563825, Petroleum Officer, 6520th Supply Squadron, 6520th Test Support Wing, Laurence G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts, is 33 years of age, and has served six years of active duty and five years of reserve duty with the USAF. Captain METCALF is not rated, but appeared thoroughly familiar with all types of aircraft and advised that he has never seen a comparable object.

f. Weather conditions: METCALF advised that at the time of the sighting the sky was perfectly clear, and a slight northeast wind was blowing. Weather conditions at 0730 hours EDT 1 July 1952 were reported by the U. S. Weather Department, Logan International Airport, Boston, Massachusetts, for the Boston area as follows: "Thin scattered clouds at 26,000 feet, northwest wind at 6 miles per hour, visibility 12 miles, temperature 60 degrees."

g. No activity or condition is known that might account for the sightings. However, METCALF stated that his attention was first drawn to the object while he watched the vapor trails of what appeared to be two (2) jet aircraft proceeding in a southeast direction. The object described intersected the jet vapor trails and continued to the southwest.

h. No physical evidence exists, and no interception action was taken. METCALF advised however, that he proceeded to the base operations tower after having observed the object for a few minutes, and that attempts to locate the object with a pair of #750 Navy-type binoculars from that vantage point resulted negatively.

i. Manner of disappearance: METCALF advised that he again saw the object while on the way to the tower, but that its distance had increased considerably, and that from the tower it was no longer visible, with or without binoculars.

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METCALF further advised that upon sighting the object he called it to the attention of M Sgt JAMES STINER, AF 15120440, and M Sgt JOSEPH R. BOSN, AF 11031457, both of 6520th Air Police Squadron, Hanscom Field. On

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3 July 1952, STINER and BOSH were separately interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA. Time, location, method of sighting, weather conditions, direction of flight, and disappearance were identical to that reported by METCALF. Several differences will be noted, however, relative to the description of the object.

j. STINER described the object as resembling a small blimp, having a blunt front, cigar-shaped, and similar to an "airplane without wings or tail assembly." STINER noticed no exhaust or noise, and no changes of altitude or course. Length of the object was estimated as two to three hundred feet, and no tail features, wings, or aerodynamic features of any kind were observed. STINER estimated the altitude of the object to be about 20,000 feet. He described its forward motion to be irregular, first barely moving, and then proceeding at "about the speed of a C-47."

k. BOSH advised that he could not estimate the size of the object, but described it as oval-shaped, and believed that it was trailed by two distinct vapor trails, similar to that associated with conventional aircraft at very great altitudes. BOSH noticed no variation in the speed, altitude, or line of flight, and estimated the speed to be about 130 miles per hour and the altitude to be "over 30,000 feet." BOSH noticed no noise, and stated that he could distinguish no wing or tail surfaces. He added that while both STINER and METCALF used sun glasses while observing the objects, he did not, and that his vision was impaired by the brightness of the sky and the sun.

l. Identifying information on STINER and BOSH: M Sgt STINER is 50 years of age, and has served 19 years with the ground forces and 4 years with the Air Force. He has never been on an air crew, and claims no special knowledge pertaining to aircraft, but advised that he has never observed an airplane in flight, at any angle, resembling the object described, and was aware of no known object which might account for it. M Sgt BOSH is 32 years of age, and has served 11 years with the Air Force, primarily in inspection and investigation work. BOSH advised he has done considerable reading in relation to unconventional aircraft, but could not account for the object described in any way.

m. This sighting appears to be a verification and one and the same as sighting observed by ERWIN W. NELSON between 0731 and 0734 hours EDT on 1 July 1952 and reported in 1st District OSI file 24-0-256 on 3 July 1952.

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ACTION:

No further action is contemplated by this District Office. Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS.

ROBERT S. JONES
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on
Unconventional Aircraft
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 1 July 1952, ERWIN W. NELSON, 21 High Rock Terrace, Lynn, Massachusetts, reported that he, his wife, and a third person observed two (2) unidentified airborne objects between 0731 and 0734 hours EDT on 1 July 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

At 0850 hours, 1 July 1952, a telephone call was received from a person identifying himself as ERWIN NELSON, employee of General Electric Company, 150 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts, reporting the observation of two (2) unidentified airborne objects between 0731 and 0734 hours, this date. On 1 July 1952, ERWIN W. NELSON was interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA, and furnished the following information:

a. Description of objects: Two (2) cigar-shaped objects, white in color, about 200 to 300 feet in length, six times as long as thick, having no aerodynamic features, producing no sound, leaving no trail or exhaust, proceeding on a straight course in a southwesterly direction at an unvarying altitude, and at a speed estimated by the observer as 500 miles per hour, or "slightly faster than conventional aircraft." The second object consistently remained about one (1) mile to the rear and slightly higher than the first. NELSON could not judge the altitude of the objects but estimated the angle of sight to be approximately 40 degrees above the horizontal, and advised they were at a distance of three (3) or four (4) miles. Objects were lost from sight behind a tower structure on hill bordering the point of observation.

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b. Objects were sighted by ERWIN NEISON at 0731 hours EDT, 1 July 1952, and were observed by him for three (3) minutes.

c. Sighting was by visual observation only, with no optical or electronic aids.

d. Observer sighted objects from open porch of house located on a hillside at 21 High Rock Terrace, Lynn, Massachusetts. View to the east and south is unimpaired, but trees and buildings on the uphill side of house almost completely obstruct the view to the north and west.

e. Identifying information on observer: ERWIN W. NELSON, 37 years of age, served two years as an administrative clerk in the Air Force during the War, and is presently employed as Assistant Buyer of jet engine parts for General Electric Company, 150 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts. He claims no special technical knowledge or experience relative to the performance or identification of aircraft, but stated that he has often observed commercial airliners and jet-propelled military aircraft in the area, and believed the object described to be distinctly different. NELSON advised that he reported the incident "for what it is worth", and did not desire any "publicity or notoriety" because of it.

f. Weather conditions: NELSON described the sky to be clear toward the south and west with scattered clouds toward the northeast. He advised that he first noticed the objects described because they were moving in the opposite direction from that of clouds blowing out to sea. Weather conditions at 0730 hours EDT 1 July 1952 were reported by the U. S. Weather Department, Logan International Airport, Boston, Massachusetts, for the Boston area as follows: "Thin scattered clouds at 26,000 feet, northwest wind at 6 miles per hour, visibility 12 miles, temperature 60 degrees."

g. No activity or condition is known that might account for the sightings. It will be noted, however, that NELSON reported the appearance of what he believed to be two (2) jet aircraft shortly after the sighting of the unknown objects. NELSON said that he could not see these aircraft because of their high altitude, but noted that they left a clear vapor trail and were accompanied by the noise peculiar to jets. Their path was described as a southwesterly arc, above, behind, and moving toward the objects described. NELSON believes the jets were flying faster than the unidentified objects, but lost sight of both before they converged.

h. No physical evidence exists, and no interception or identification action was taken.

NELSON further advised that upon sighting the objects he called them to the attention of his wife, Mrs. ERWIN W. NELSON, and Miss CAROL PERKINS, who

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also resides at 21 High Rock Terrace, Lynn, Massachusetts. On 1 July 1952, these individuals were separately interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA. Descriptions offered by Mrs. NELSON and Miss PERKINS were identical to that given by ERWIN NELSON, relative to objects' number, shape, size, speed, color, absence of exhaust trail and sound, manner of flight, angle of elevation, and distance. Methods of observation and point of observation were also the same. However, the following differences were noted:

i. Formation: Mrs. NELSON described the objects as flying "parallel" or side by side and about one (1) mile apart. Miss PERKINS observed the objects to be very close together with the second slightly behind and just above the first.

j. Period of observation: Mrs. NELSON estimated the duration of the time during which she observed the objects to be approximately fifteen (15) minutes. Miss PERKINS stated that when her attention first was called to the objects by NELSON at 0730 hours, they were proceeding in a southwesterly direction. After two or three minutes, they were lost to her sight behind trees and buildings on the adjacent hill, but at approximately 0800 hours, after NELSON had left for work, she again sighted the two (2) objects proceeding in the opposite direction, or northeast. PERKINS stated she watched them for four or five minutes until they went out of sight in that direction. She did not see the objects change their direction or maneuver in any way. PERKINS advised that she called the attention of Mrs. NELSON to the objects again at 0800, but Mrs. NELSON did not verify this during the interview with her.

k. Identifying information on Mrs. NELSON and Miss PERKINS: Mrs. NELSON is a housewife, approximately 35 years of age, and advised that she has observed both jet and piston-driven aircraft in the area, but believed the objects sighted to be distinctly different. Miss PERKINS, 18 years of age, is a high-school graduate and presently employed as a salesgirl. She stated that her knowledge of, or interest in, aircraft is only "average", but that she knew of no aircraft to which the objects sighted could be compared.

l. Activity of other aircraft in the vicinity: Neither PERKINS nor Mrs. NELSON had the impression that the jet aircraft, also observed by them, had pursued the objects, but that they maneuvered in the area for approximately one (1) hour at a very great altitude.

ACTION

Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS. No further action taken by this District.

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1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a Spot Intelligence Report prepared by 1st District, Office of Special Investigations, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, concerning the above subject.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft (Great Blue Hill, Milton, Massachusetts, 24 April 1952)

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 28 April 1952, ALFRED P. FURNISH, HERBERT J. BRUN, and JOSEPH PAGE, USAF civilian employees assigned to Radar Systems Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, 230 Albany Street, Cambridge, Mass., reported to Captain JAMES R. LOCKE, Air Provost Marshal, that installation, that they had observed two unidentified airborne objects between 1430 and 1445 hours, 24 April 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

On 28 April 1952, ALFRED P. FURNISH, HERBERT J. BRUN, and JOSEPH PAGE, USAF civilian employees assigned to the Radar System Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, 230 Albany Street, Cambridge, Mass., reported to Captain JAMES R. LOCKE, Air Provost Marshal, that installation, that they had observed two unidentified airborne objects between 1430 and 1445 hours, 24 April 1952.

a. On 29 April 1952, JOSEPH PAGE was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES G. HINDES, and furnished the following information:

(1) Description of Objects: Two (2) flat, flexible, square-like objects with greatest dimension approximately ten (10) feet, and of undetermined thickness, white [illegible] in color, having no aerodynamic features, [illegible], leaving no trail or exhaust, traveled with a

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wobbly, undulating motion for about four (4) to six (6) miles in about one and one-half (1½) minutes. The course was at first a rapid ascent from approximately a 1500 to a 2000 foot elevation, then an unsteady horizontal plane for about four (4) to six (6) miles, and then another ascent at an undetermined angle. PAGE did not see the objects disappear and did not notice that there were two (2) objects until the first had nearly completed its initial ascent. No propulsion system noted.

(2) Objects were sighted at about 1430 hours in the afternoon of 24 April 1952, and were observed for approximately one and one-half to two minutes.

(3) Manner of observation: Visual observation followed by tracking through a "Telescope B. C. M 65" - a standard U. S. Army Battery Commander's telescope, which was mounted on a unit equipped with handwheels and other controls.

(4) Observer was standing on the top of the USAF observation platform at the summit of the Great Blue Hill, Milton, Mass. Observer's elevation above sea-level: 785 feet. Object first appeared in a northwest direction from the observer at a distance of about two (2) miles and was rising rapidly in a wobbly manner from altitude of approximately 1500 feet. After rising for about 400 feet, another object, identical in appearance with the first, was noticed. Both rose a few feet further in an easterly direction for from four (4) to six (6) miles with speed estimated at 150 miles per hour. The objects then started to rise again at an angle and were not observed at time of disappearance.

(5) Identifying information on observer: JOSEPH PAGE is an electronics scientist, assigned to the Radar Systems Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, and for a period of about one and one-half years has been regularly engaged in tracking aircraft by using a Battery Commander's telescope and/or radar devices. PAGE stated he was engaged in practice tracking of transient aircraft with ALFRED P. FURNISH and HERBERT J. BRUN, also employed at the Radar Systems Laboratory, when the objects were sighted, and that all three attempted, with negative results, to identify the objects with any known things. PAGE stated definitely the objects were not kites, birds, large pieces of paper, or resembled in any detail aircraft known to him. PAGE stated that the radar system on the tower was inoperative at the time of the incident. Interviewee stated that his description of the object was not influenced by any material which he has read on the subject of unknown objects, and that he reported the matter to the Air Provost Marshal for whatever intelligence value that might be derived.

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b. On 29 April 1952, ALFRED P. FURNISH was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES G. HINDES, and furnished the following information:

(1) Description of Objects: The objects were very thin, from ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet across at their widest point, had a lip around the outer edges, and were a dull reddish orange color. No corners were visible, and they looked like "ovals pulled in at the waist." Objects consistently undulated with a wobbling, swooping motion, first in a perpendicular course, then along a horizontal plane, and then, a second, but angular, rise of about fifteen (15) degrees at approximately 240 miles per hour. No trail or exhaust, no sound heard. Objects at about 2000 feet elevation when first observed, and at unestimated height when last seen. Objects grew smaller and smaller traveling away from observer and became invisible.

(2) Objects were sighted at about 1430 hours on the afternoon of 24 April 1952, and were observed from one and one-half (1½) to a two (2) minute maximum.

(3) Manner of observation: By use of Battery Commander's telescope only. Instrument is a 6-power type, nomenclature: "Telescope B. C. M65".

(4) Observer was standing on top of tower on the Great Blue Hill, Milton, Mass. Reference is made to paragraph a (4) of this report. Objects first appeared rising straight up in a northwest direction from observer, and had elevation of about 2000 feet when first noticed. Peak elevation not estimated. They then traveled in horizontal plane for six (6) miles, and started a second rise at angle of from 12 to 15 degrees. General course was from northwest to northeast, and they finally disappeared in the distance.

(5) Identifying information on observer: ALFRED P. FURNISH is an electronics technician, assigned to the Radar Systems Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, and since July 1951 has been regularly tracking aircraft with a Battery Commander's telescope and/or radar systems. FURNISH was in the company of JOSEPH PAGE and HERBERT J. BRUN, fellow employees, when the objects were sighted and tracked. FURNISH is well acquainted with civilian and military aircraft of the United States and cannot identify the objects seen with any aircraft known to him. He does not believe the undulating and swooping motion of the objects could cause their propulsion. FURNISH stated definitely that the objects were not birds, large pieces of paper, kites, nor did they resemble any object known to him.

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c. On 29 April 1952, HERBERT J. BRUN was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES G. HINDES, and furnished the following information:

(1) Description of objects: Two (2) objects having definite diamond to oval shape and flat surface. Objects appeared more diamond shaped when rising, and more oval shaped after changing their direction to travel on an azimuth. Color was brick orange, dull. Both identical with greatest dimension twenty (20) feet and not more than three (3) feet thick. Objects continuously undulated like conventional portrayal of flying carpet, traveled with no particular relation to each other in a perpendicular ascent. Estimated speed 200 miles per hour. No trail or exhaust, no sound heard. When first seen had elevation of about 1000 feet, and when disappearing in the distance, about 2000 feet. Traversed an angle of about 62 to 65 degrees along horizontal path. No propulsion system was evident.

(2) Objects were sighted at about 1445 hours in the afternoon of 24 April 1952, and were observed for not more than two minutes.

(3) Manner of observation: Through 6-power elbow type telescope mounted on movable base.

(4) Observer was standing on top of tower on the Great Blue Hill, Milton, Mass. Objects were first seen undulating side by side for about twenty (20) seconds, and then began rapid perpendicular rise estimated at 500 feet. Objects leveled off and traversed angle of from 62 to 65 degrees, or 8 miles, and then went into angular climb to about 2000 feet. Just before observer last saw objects, they stopped and undulated without progressing. General movement was from northwest by north to east.

(5) Identifying information on observer: HERBERT J. BRUN is a cooperative employee at AF Cambridge Research Center and a senior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., majoring in Electrical Engineering. He has been assigned to the Radar Systems Laboratory as an aircraft observer since 4 February 1952, and has used the Battery Commander's and elbow type telescopes and radar equipment in tracking aircraft. He has made a study of United States commercial and military aircraft silhouettes. BRUN was in the company of JOSEPH PAGE and ALFRED P. FURNISH, fellow employees, when the objects were sighted and tracked. BRUN stated positively that the objects were not birds, large pieces of paper, kites, nor did they resemble any object known to him.

d. Weather clear, visibility estimated at 70 miles in quadrant where objects were sighted. Sun hidden behind high overcast in opposite quadrant of sky from that in which objects were sighted. Blue Hills weather station reported wind was from random directions at four (4) miles per hour at time of sighting.

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e. Any activity or condition that might account for the sighting: none known.

f. There is no physical evidence, no interception was made, no identification action was taken.

ACTION:

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 17 April 1952, SHELDON B. BROOKS, 132 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., and JOHN A. EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., reported that they had observed one (1) unconventional aircraft at approximately 2030 hours on 17 April 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

At 2100 hours, 17 April 1952, SHELDON B. BROOKS, 132 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., and JOHN A. EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., reported to Base Operations, Westover Air Force Base, that they had sighted one (1) unconventional object. BROOKS was interviewed on 22 April 1952, by Special Agents PAUL A. DE FORREST and GEORGE F. THURBER, and EATON was interviewed on 24 April 1952 by Special Agent GEORGE F. THURBER, and they furnished the following information:

a. Description of Object: Both BROOKS and EATON described the object as round and deep orange in color. BROOKS described the object as occasionally emitting a shaft of light to the rear and to the underpart of the object, and traveling at a speed estimated at well over 600 miles an hour. EATON did not estimate the size, but described it in brilliance as approximately four (4) times greater than any known star; it traveled in an erratic course at a speed of well over 1000 miles per hour. Each man stated there was no exhaust and no sound was heard. BROOKS stated the object continually maneuvered during the observation and described

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the movement as rapid climbs and descents. EATON stated that at times the object became elongated, but commented that he did not believe elongation was an exhaust, but opined that the object was evidently coming toward the observer, and when executing a turn and traveling at right angle of the observer, the true length of the object was seen. EATON, also, described the movement as erratic, with ascent and descent at a very rapid speed. EATON definitely stated that the object was not a star or a meteor, and was in continual motion throughout the observation. EATON also said that he had never observed an object similar to this in the heavens.

b. Object was sighted at approximately 2030 hours on the night of 17 April 1952, by JOHN A. EATON, who in turn called his neighbor, SHELDON B. BROOKS, to observe the object. Object was observed for approximately forty (40) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation: Visual observation, with no type of optical or electronic equipment employed.

d. BROOKS stated he was standing in front of his home on Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., facing toward the east at the time of sighting. Object continued to maneuver in the area east of Longmeadow, at a height estimated to be 15 to 20 thousand feet. BROOKS could not estimate the size of object, but commented that it must be larger than any known conventional aircraft, and it was in brilliance three to four times greater than any known star. EATON stated that he was standing in front of his home on Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., facing toward the east throughout the observation. He could not estimate the altitude of the object, but stated that the azimuth from point of observation was approximately 200; he further estimated the object to be in the vicinity of Boston.

e. Identifying information on observers:

(1) Mr. JOHN A. EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., age 33, graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with a degree in Chemical Engineering, is employed as a Materiel Handling Engineer, American Bosch Corporation, Springfield, Mass. He has had no flying experience, nor does he possess any technical training in aerodynamics or astronomy. EATON first observed the object at approximately 2030 hours and called a neighbor, one Mr. SHELDON B. BROOKS, to verify his observation. EATON stated that he had recently read an article on unconventional aircraft in Life Magazine, but stated that this in no way affected his observation.

(2) Mr. SHELDON B. BROOKS, 132 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., Executive, United States Envelope Company, Springfield, Mass., has had no flight experience and stated he is not versed in technical knowledge

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in regard to aircraft or astronomy. BROOKS stated the object was originally sighted by a neighbor, Mr. JOHN EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., who in turn, called BROOKS to observe the object. Both men continued observation of the object for approximately forty (40) minutes, and during that time, BROOKS notified Base Operations, Westover Air Force Base, of their observations. The object was still in the sky at the time they both discontinued observation. BROOKS commented that he has recently read an article in Life Magazine in regard to unconventional aircraft, and stated that he had always been somewhat skeptical as to the existence of any such objects. BROOKS further added that his observation was not affected in any way by the material which he had read earlier in Life Magazine.

f. Weather was clear in cloudless sky at time of sighting, with very moderate wind.

g. Any activity or condition that might account for this sighting: None known.

h. There is no existence of any physical evidence.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Material Command, Attention: MCIS. No further action taken by this District.

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ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 19 April 1952, JAMES I. FIELD, JR., 54 Hancock Street, Medford, Mass., reported he had observed one unconventional aircraft between 2323 and 2325 hours, 9 April 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

At 1255 hours, 19 April 1952, JAMES I. FIELD, JR., 54 Hancock Street, Medford, Mass., reported he had sighted an unconventional aircraft on 9 April 1952. On 19 April 1952, FIELD was interviewed by Special Agent EDWARD A. BRAY, and furnished the following information:

a. Description of Object: One (1) cigar-shaped object, bluish-white in color, 150 to 200 feet in length, appeared to be no more than 10 feet wide, traveled in a straight course at a speed upwards of 1,000 miles per hour. No trail or exhaust, no sound heard. Object had a blunt nose and slightly defused end. Object white at front becoming bluish-white towards the back end. Disappeared over the horizon. Object did not waver in flight or appear to accelerate in speed.

b. Object was sighted at between 2323 and 2325 hours on the night of 9 April 1952, and was observed for one and one-half to two minutes.

c. Manner of observation: Visual observation with no type of optical or electronic equipment employed.

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d. Observer was standing on the roof of the Chemistry Building, Tufts College, Medford, Mass., at the time of sighting. Object appeared on the horizon in the east and traveled straight up toward Zenith and crossed the sky, disappearing on the horizon in the southwest. Object estimated at altitude of about 30,000 feet.

e. Identifying information on observer: Mr. JAMES I. FIELD, JR., 54 Hancock Street, Medford, Mass., born 1 September 1932, at Boston, Mass. Observer is part-time employee of the Maintenance Department of Tufts College, Medford, Mass. He has had no flight experience, and this is the first sighting of this type he has made. Interviewee states his hobby is astronomy, and that on the night of the sighting, he was observing stars (Mars) from the roof of the Chemistry Building, which also houses the Tufts College Observatory equipment. FIELD stated that his description of the object relative to height and speed are only guesses, and that he has had no experience in judging height, distance, or speed of objects. He definitely stated that the object he saw was not a meteor or comet, because he has observed upwards of twenty of these objects while engaged in his hobby. No other persons were with FIELD at the time of sighting. FIELD advised he has an interest in these unknown objects, and has read most all material written regarding flying saucers. Interviewee stated that his description of the unknown object sighted on 9 April 1952 was not affected by any matter he has read on the subject, and he explained that he did not report the matter earlier, as he did not know to whom he should report the incident, and further he became ill with German measles, which caused additional delay in reporting.

f. Weather was clear in cloudless sky at time of sighting, with very moderate wind.

g. Any activity or condition that might account for the sighting: none known.

h. There is no existence of any physical evidence, and no interception or identification action was taken.

ACTION:

1. Two (2) copies of this report forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS.

2. This report is submitted for the information of your Headquarters, and no further action is contemplated by this District Office.

Robert N. Wray Jr.
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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

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

SYNOPSIS:

On 18 April 1952, GEORGE TURNBULL, 45 Sargent Street, Winthrop, Mass., advised he had seen an unconventional aircraft at approximately 1600 hours, 16 April 1952. TURNBULL described the aircraft as a silvery ball traveling at about 600 miles per hour, which disappeared into cirrus clouds. Inquiry at Logan International Airport, Boston, Mass., located approximately one mile southeast of TURNBULL's place of sighting, revealed that at 1600 hours, 16 April 1952, a weather balloon was released. It appears that the weather balloon may have been the unconventional aircraft sighted by TURNBULL.

DETAILS:

1. At 1400 hours, 17 April 1952, Mrs. LORETTA NEAL, Secretary to Chief of Staff, New England Sub-Area, U. S. Army, Boston Army Base, Boston, Mass., telephonically reported that a Mrs. VIRGINIA ROBERTS, of the Winthrop Transcript, Winthrop, Mass., a weekly newspaper, had reported that a man told her he had seen an unconventional aircraft. The man was identified by Mrs. VIRGINIA ROBERTS as Mr. GEORGE TURNBULL, 45 Sargent Street, Winthrop, Mass.

2. On 18 April 1952, TURNBULL was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH D. CLANCY, and furnished the following information:

a. Description of Object: One silvery ball-like object, traveling true north, at an altitude of approximately 8 miles and a speed of 600 miles per hour. TURNBULL stated the object had all of the indications of being guided, in that its course was positive and direct, unlike a balloon, although

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he could not ascertain the means of propulsion. Because of the extreme altitude of the object when sighted, he could give no estimate of its size, other than his belief that it must have been very large to be observed at that altitude. TURNBULL emphasized that his estimate of altitude was based on his belief that cirrus clouds form at an altitude of 10 miles, and he used the clouds to determine the altitude of the object. His statement that the object was traveling true north was based on his knowledge of the location of the North Star in relation to his house.

b. Object was sighted at approximately 1600 hours, 16 April 1952, and was observed for not more than three seconds.

c. Manner of observation: Visual observation with no type of optical or electronic equipment employed, other than eyeglasses normally worn by TURNBULL.

d. Location of observer during sighting: Standing in his backyard with two neighbors (Mr. and Mrs. FRED HAYMAN, 41 Sargent Street, Winthrop, Mass.). Object was north of observer.

e. Identifying information on observer: 70 years of age, and an engineer, retired since 1932, because of ill health, namely, severe headaches. TURNBULL stated his eyes were 20/20 with glasses, and that he was wearing glasses at time of sighting. TURNBULL does not possess technical knowledge of aircraft and their means of propulsion. Mr. and Mrs. FRED HAYMAN stated that at the time Mr. TURNBULL claimed to have sighted the object, they were all standing in his backyard, and although TURNBULL called their attention to the object, they failed to observe it. Both stated that Mr. TURNBULL was a reliable, stable person, well thought of in the neighborhood.

f. Weather and flying conditions at time of sighting were, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau, Logan International Airport, Boston, Mass., clear with cirrus clouds formed at an altitude of 25,000 feet and winds 10 - 15 miles per hour from the south.

g. ALFRED SPATOLA, Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau, Logan International Airport, Boston, Mass., stated that at 1600 hours, 16 April 1952, his station released a white weather balloon, 4 feet in diameter, which rose to an altitude of 35,000 feet, at a rate of 1,000 feet per minute, and remained in the air 39 minutes.

AGENT's NOTE: TURNBULL's house is north of the airport, and winds from the south would carry the balloon past and north of TURNBULL's observation point. The weather balloon may account for the sighting by TURNBULL.

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h. There is no existence of any physical evidence of the sighting, and no interception or identification action was taken.

ACTION:

1. Two (2) copies of this report forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS.

2. This report is submitted for the information of your Headquarters, and no further action is contemplated by this District Office.

for ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC (dup)

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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24 August 1951

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED
AT PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
24 July 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent EDWARD A. ERAY, 1st OSI District, file 24-119, dated 21 August 1951.

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED
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REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon reported sighting of unusual unconventional aircraft over area of Portsmouth, N. H., by Captain CHARLES COBB, USAF, Hanscom AFB. COBB presently preparing standard AF Form 112 for AMC regarding the sighting. Investigation closed.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon verbal report of CHARLES L. COBB, Captain, AO-430786, 4675th Air Base Squadron, Hanscom AF Base, Bedford, Mass., who advised that on 24 July 1951 he had observed an unconventional aircraft in flight over the area of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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2. On 14 August 1951, the writer interviewed Captain COBB, Base Operations Officer, Hanscom AF Base. It was disclosed that on 24 July 1951, COBB was driving north on main U. S. Highway No. 1 towards the toll bridge at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was accompanied by Cpl SHERMAN FEIN, also of Hanscom AF Base. At approximately 1910 hours, EST, he observed an object pass over the toll bridge leading into Portsmouth. The object was traveling from east to west at an estimated elevation of 1,000 to 2,000 feet, and at a speed of 800 to 1,000 mph. The description given by COBB is as follows:

> A long tube with a fin construction on one end, 100 to 200 feet long, with a thickness of 1/5 the length. The object resembled fused glass, being grayish to invisible in color. The entire surface was covered with black polka dotted spots. There was no exhaust or vapor trail, excepting a swath resembling a very weak rainbow. There was no sound emanating from the object. The sighted object was in view for approximately 20 seconds, at which point it disappeared very quickly, as though it had gone into a cloud bank.

COBB advised that he is familiar with the contents of AFOIC-CC-1 Letter, dated 8 September 1950, dealing with the reporting of sighting of unconventional aircraft through military channels through Air Materiel Command. Steps have been taken to procure a teletyped sequence of weather conditions over Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at the time of the alleged sighting, and COBB will prepare the standard AF Form 112, in accordance with cited AFOIC Letter.

3. Cpl SHERMAN FEIN, AF-22860354, 4675th Air Base Squadron, Hanscom AF Base, was interviewed with regard to his observations surrounding SUBJECT aircraft. Informant stated that he was with Capt COBB on the evening of 24 July 1951 and that he saw a long tubelike object such as the one described by Capt COBB. FEIN further stated that he could supply no more information than the Captain and that he was relying on COBB's judgment as to the height and speed of the object in question. Informant's knowledge and experience with military aircraft is negligible and there is nothing in his background that would lend credence to his ability to estimate height and speed of an exceptionally fast moving object.

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4. In view of COBB's statement declaring his intention to prepare a standard Form AF 112 regarding this matter, the case is considered CLOSED in the files of this office.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
1ST DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

1D-OSI 24-0-193 8 January 1951

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. Information was received by 1st District, OSI, from Headquarters, New England SUBAREA, Army Base, Boston 10, Massachusetts, on 5 January 1951, that an unconventional aircraft had been sighted on or about 13 December 1950 over Lake Champlain, Vermont.

2. Information obtained is set forth as follows:

a. Description: Cigar-shaped object, possibly a rocket, 4 to 5 yards in length. Object emitted a large fiery trail. No sound was heard. During sighting object executed a very sharp "L" pattern over Lake Champlain.

b. Time: Object was sighted at 2100 hours about 13 December 1950. Length of time of sighting not indicated.

c. Sighting of object was by visual means.

d. Observers apparently were in city of Winooski, Vermont, at time of sighting and noticed the unconventional object come into view in a southward course from Canada thence turn west over Lake Champlain opposite Burlington to a westerly direction toward White Face Mountain. Altitude estimated at 5,000 feet. Distance of object from observers not indicated.

e. Witnesses listed are as follows:

Mr. PAUL SHIRNHAUS, Mrs. HILDA SHIRNHAUS, Miss JACKIE SHIRNHAUS, Miss MARLENE SHIRNHAUS, all of West Spring Street, Winooski, Vermont, telephone Burlington 1678JK and Mr. MAURICE BOUFFARD, Hickock Station, Vermont.

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Reliability of witnesses is unknown. Information regarding the unconventional object was related by these witnesses to M/Sgt JOSEPH W. FLYNN, Vermont National Guard, Fort Ethan Allen, Winooski, Vermont.

f. Weather - Light haze, stars and moon could be seen clearly.

g. No unusual meteorological activity reported.

h. No photographs available.

3. This report submitted in compliance with AFCSI Letter #85 dated 23 October 1950. Above information transmitted in letter form. More expeditious means deemed unnecessary in view of time elapse since sighting was first reported.

R. S. BOWER
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: AMC, ATTN: MCIS
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WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

1D-OSI 24-0-178

12 October 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Strange appearing objects have been reported in newspaper article as having been seen in the sky in the area of Barre, Vermont on 9 October 1950. (Evaluation F-6).

2. DETAILS: The Burlington Free Press, Burlington, Vermont, carried an article in the 10 October edition in which it was reported that strange appearing objects were sighted in the sky between 1915 and 2145 hours, 9 October 1950 by residents of six (6) towns in Barre, Vermont area. Description of the objects varied. A Mrs. JOSEPH HATSTAD of Graniteville, described one of the objects as "green and surrounded by a ring - it looked like a picture of a planet you see in a child's book." The object, according to Mrs. HATSTAD and several other individuals present, then changed to cylindrical form, hovering about the horizon, disappearing and re-appearing. Another individual in a nearby area reported two (2) cylindrical objects, hazy and bluish in color, and disappearing in a vertical ascent while he watched. The newspaper article indicated that no noises were heard by the individuals.

3. ACTION: In accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950, no investigative action has been initiated by this District Office.

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WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

1D-OSI 24-0-175

5 October 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unconventional aircraft reported sighted by Mass. Institute of Technology radar observer on 21 September 1950 between Provincetown, Mass., and The Isle of Shoals. (Evaluation F-2)

2. DETAILS: On 29 September 1950, Mr. MYRON HERBERT LIGDA, Research Associate, "Weather Radar Project" (U.S. Signal Corps Contract), Mass. Institute of Technology, advised this District that while tracking F-86 aircraft by means of radar, that an unidentified object was also tracked on the radar screen at approximately 0945 hours, 21 September 1950. In view of the apparent qualifications of LIGDA as an observer, it was deemed advisable to interview LIGDA and two other witnesses to obtain firsthand information as to the sighting. Report of interview conducted on 3 October 1950 by S/A THOMAS R. YANDOH is attached as inclosure #1. Inclosure #2 was provided by LIGDA to S/A YANDOH. It was delivered to YANDOH by JOSEPH V. CONNELLY by whom written. In view of technical detail contained in inclosures #1 and #2, it is not considered necessary to summarize such information in this paragraph.

3. ACTION: In accordance with AFCSI Letter #85, dated 8 Feb 50, no further investigation is being conducted by this District Office.

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1ST DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

1D-OSI 24-0-174

25 September 1950

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Civilian pilot reported seing an unconventional aircraft in area of Brockton, Mass., on 27 August 1950.

2. DETAILS: On 22 September 1950, the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, New England area, Boston Army Base, furnished 1st District Office with a copy of a letter dated 13 September 1950, from one JOHN T. EARLY, 555906, (it is not known what this number signifies), Wilbur Road, Lime Rock, RFD Saylesville, Rhode Island. EARLY is employed as a radio mechanic at Quonset Naval Air Station, Rhode Island. Letter from EARLY contained a report of unconventional aircraft sighted by EARLY near Brockton, Mass. At 1830 hours, 27 August 1950, EARLY, a private-licensed pilot (since 1947), was flying at 1300 feet in the Brockton area and spotted a shiny white spherical object which he estimated was approximately twenty (20) feet in diameter, proceeding at a high rate of speed in an easterly direction at least one thousand (1,000) feet beneath EARLY's aircraft. EARLY stated that he could see no projections or irregularities on the surface of the object and could not estimate the speed of the object although he believes it was going as fast as jet planes he has seen at low altitude at Quonset Naval Air Station. As to propulsion of the object, EARLY stated that the object could not have been windblown inasmuch as it was proceeding in an easterly direction on a steady course and the wind direction was south, yet no exhaust smoke could be seen and no unusual noise was heard by EARLY. EARLY had as a passenger at the time he reportedly sighted the object, one RUSSELL DES-JARDINS, a youngster of approximately twelve (12) years from Berkley, Rhode Island. EARLY stated that he pointed out the object to the boy at the time of sighting and after the object had disappeared from sight, asked DES-JARDINS to describe it. Description by DES-JARDINS, according to EARLY, tallied with his own.

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3. ACTION: In accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950, no investigative action has been initiated by this District Office.

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WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

5 May 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: "Flying Saucers" reported seen in Rocky Hill, Connecticut 25 April 1950.

2. DETAILS: The Hartford Times carried an article on 26 April 1950 in which it was reported that a Mrs. ARTHUR E. FANCY and son ARTHUR, JR., age 8, of 20 Riverview Road, Rocky Hill, Connecticut, at 1945 hours, 25 April 1950, saw a flying saucer described as oval in shape, having what seemed to be lighted windows around the outside. It was flying at a low altitude erratically at a high rate of speed.

3. ACTION: No investigative action has been initiated by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950.

L. L. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
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5 May 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unconventional aircraft reported seen by policemen in Ansonia, Connecticut, on 24 and 25 April 1950.

2. DETAILS: The "Hartford Times", Hartford, Conn., carried an article on 25 April 1950, in which it was reported that an odd-shaped luminous amber object was seen moving through the sky at 00:30 hours, 24 April, by three (3) policemen: Patrolmen JOHN FOLEY, JOHN CONNORS, and WILLIAM O'BRIEN, and again at 0130 hours, 25 April, by Patrolman FOLEY and DOMENIC CEREMANO, proprietor of the Taxi Lunch, Ansonia. The object was further described as being similar in shape to a half moon, but square on one end, and much larger than an airplane. Patrolman CONNORS stated that it appeared to him to be more pointed than crescent in shape. CEREMANO described the object as resembling a gravy boat. The object was seen in the western horizon, travelling in a northerly direction, and was visible from two (2) to four (4) minutes.

3. ACTION: No investigative action has been initiated by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft, Vicinity Westover AFB

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

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SYNOPSIS:

On 17 April 1952, SHELDON B. BROOKS, 132 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., and JOHN A. EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., reported that they had observed one (1) unconventional aircraft at approximately 2030 hours on 17 April 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

At 2100 hours, 17 April 1952, SHELDON B. BROOKS, 132 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., and JOHN A. EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., reported to Base Operations, Westover Air Force Base, that they had sighted one (1) unconventional object. BROOKS was interviewed on 22 April 1952, by Special Agents PAUL A. DE FORREST and GEORGE F. THURBER, and EATON was interviewed on 24 April 1952 by Special Agent GEORGE F. THURBER, and they furnished the following information:

a. Description of Object: Both BROOKS and EATON described the object as round and deep orange in color. BROOKS described the object as occasionally emitting a shaft of light to the rear and to the underpart of the object, and traveling at a speed estimated at well over 600 miles an hour. EATON did not estimate the size, but described it in brilliance as approximately four (4) times greater than any known star; it traveled in an erratic course at a speed of well over 1000 miles per hour. Each man stated there was no exhaust and no sound was heard. BROOKS stated the object continually maneuvered during the observation and described

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the movement as rapid climbs and descents. EATON stated that at times the object became elongated, but commented that he did not believe elongation was an exhaust, but opined that the object was evidently coming toward the observer, and when executing a turn and traveling at right angle of the observer, the true length of the object was seen. EATON, also, described the movement as erratic, with ascent and descent at a very rapid speed. EATON definitely stated that the object was not a star or a meteor, and was in continual motion throughout the observation. EATON also said that he had never observed an object similar to this in the heavens.

b. Object was sighted at approximately 2030 hours on the night of 17 April 1952, by JOHN A. EATON, who in turn called his neighbor, SHELDON B. BROOKS, to observe the object. Object was observed for approximately forty (40) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation: Visual observation, with no type of optical or electronic equipment employed.

d. BROOKS stated he was standing in front of his home on Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., facing toward the east at the time of sighting. Object continued to maneuver in the area east of Longmeadow, at a height estimated to be 15 to 20 thousand feet. BROOKS could not estimate the size of object, but commented that it must be larger than any known conventional aircraft, and it was in brilliance three to four times greater than any known star. EATON stated that he was standing in front of his home on Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., facing toward the east throughout the observation. He could not estimate the altitude of the object, but stated that the azimuth from point of observation was approximately 200; he further estimated the object to be in the vicinity of Boston.

e. Identifying information on observers:

(1) Mr. JOHN A. EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., age 33, graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with a degree in Chemical Engineering, is employed as a Materiel Handling Engineer, American Bosch Corporation, Springfield, Mass. He has had no flying experience, nor does he possess any technical training in aerodynamics or astronomy. EATON first observed the object at approximately 2030 hours and called a neighbor, one Mr. SHELDON B. BROOKS, to verify his observation. EATON stated that he had recently read an article on unconventional aircraft in Life Magazine, but stated that this in no way affected his observation.

(2) Mr. SHELDON B. BROOKS, 132 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., Executive, United States Envelope Company, Springfield, Mass., has had no flight experience and stated he is not versed in technical knowledge

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in regard to aircraft or astronomy. BROOKS stated the object was originally sighted by a neighbor, Mr. JOHN EATON, 127 Nevins Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., who in turn, called BROOKS to observe the object. Both men continued observation of the object for approximately forty (40) minutes, and during that time, BROOKS notified Base Operations, Westover Air Force Base, of their observations. The object was still in the sky at the time they both discontinued observation. BROOKS commented that he has recently read an article in Life Magazine in regard to unconventional aircraft, and stated that he had always been somewhat skeptical as to the existence of any such objects. BROOKS further added that his observation was not affected in any way by the material which he had read earlier in Life Magazine.

f. Weather was clear in cloudless sky at time of sighting, with very moderate wind.

g. Any activity or condition that might account for this sighting: None known.

h. There is no existence of any physical evidence.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS. No further action taken by this District.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Attached for your information is a copy of spot intelligence report, subject as above, dated 2 May 1950.

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JOSEPH J. CAPPUCCI
Major, USAF
Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
1ST DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

2 May 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. Synopsis: 2nd Lt. FREDERICK A. BEEBE, AF-1908876, 60th Ftr-Intcp. Sq., Otis AFB, Falmouth, Mass., reported sighting unconventional aircraft flying at approximately 17,000 feet, 10-12 miles north of Plymouth, Mass., at approximately 0930, 27 April 1950. Object not detected by radar scopes. No radio interference noted from 0800 - 1200, 27 April. (Evaluation C-3).

2. Details: At 1100 hrs., 27 April 1950, Lt. BEEBE reported following information to Special Agent RAYMOND I. MAC KINNON, Det. "G" 1st District OSI: On 27 April 1950, at approximately 0900 hours EST, BEEBE, flying an F-86 Sabre Aircraft solo on a routine 1-1/2 hour GCI mission out of OAFB, Falmouth, Mass., at approximately 21,000 feet altitude, was heading approximately 345 degrees over Plymouth, Mass., when he sighted a light brown object, altitude approximately 17,000 feet heading of approximately 80 degrees, flying at a terrific speed about ten (10) miles ahead at 10:00 o'clock, to left of his ship. The object flew laterally eastward until it reached a position of 2 o'clock from BEEBE, then climbed at an angle of 50 degrees until attaining an altitude of approximately 28,000 feet, then turned to an approximate heading of 0 degrees and disappeared approximately 15 seconds after BEEBE first sighted it over land. BEEBE's approximate indicated air speed was around 500 MPH at the time and he did not attempt pursuit because of the terrific speed of the object. BEEBE described the object's shape as a flat oval, no signs of support or propulsion, contrails or exhaust and he did not get close enough to observe any other particular details. Weather conditions at the time were CAVU (contrails were produced by other F-86 aircraft at altitudes of 35,000 feet or above).

a. Captain RAY E. CLARK, 16166A, Detach. CO, 654th AC & W Squadron and Controller on Duty advised S/A MAC KINNON: No indications

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were received on Ground Radar scopes from 0430 - 1200 hours, 27 April 1950, of any unusual aircraft or excessive speeds in any area within the range of their apparatus. No unusual incidents were noted in the AC & W Squadron during these hours.

b. Major JACK C. WEST, 4859A, Mobile Control Tower Officer on duty from 0800 - 1200 hours advised S/A MAC KINNON: No radio interference was noted during his tour of duty and he was not aware of the reported unconventional aircraft until interrogated about radio reception. He did remember some radio squeals of 5 - 10 seconds duration at approximately 1000 hours which he concluded were repairmen testing equipment and thought no more of this common interference.

c. BEEBE, who presently resides at Cleveland Way, Indian Mound Beach, Buzzards Bay, Mass. graduated from Advanced Flying School in Class 49B, June 1949; was assigned to the 60th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 31 December 1949, and has an excellent efficiency index; his total flying time is approximately 450 hours of which approximately 200 hours is Jet time. Lt. Col. GLENN T. EAGLESTON, Commanding Officer of the 60th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron advised that he has every confidence in BEEBE's reliability, honesty and integrity, and believes that BEEBE is being completely sincere and honest in the reporting of this incident.

3. Action: No investigative action has been taken by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950.

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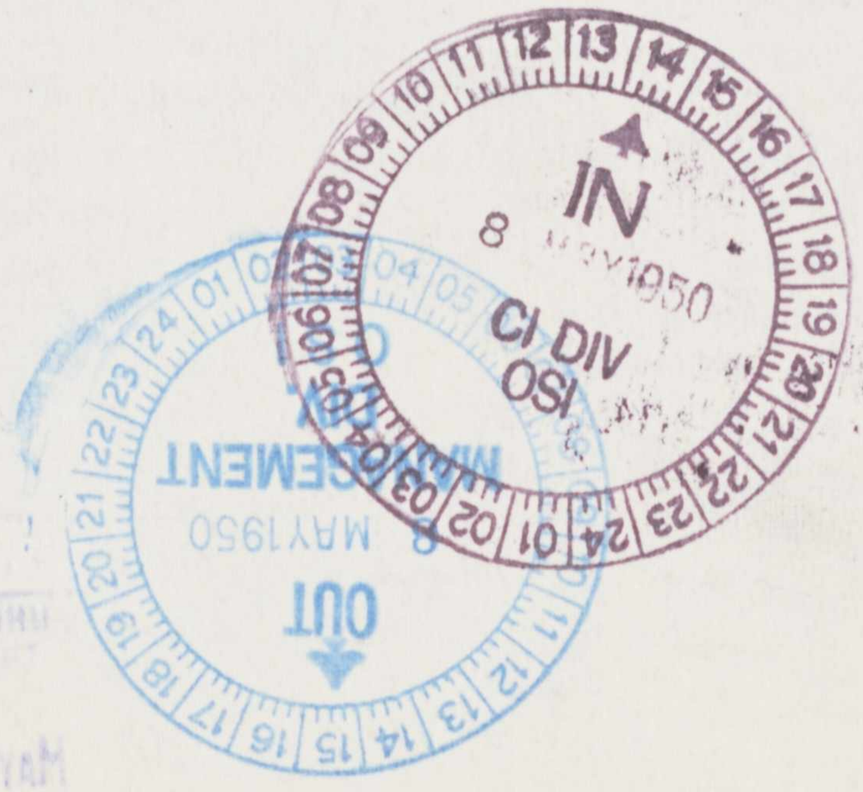

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WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

20 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: "Flying Saucer" reported seen by residents of Ware, Massachusetts, on 19 April 1950. (Evaluation F-6)

2. DETAILS: The Springfield Union carried an article on 20 April 1950 in which it was reported that two residents of Ware, Massachusetts, Mr. JOSEPH SEPANEK, a farmer of Ware Center, and Miss RUTH BOSS, stated that they saw a "fast travelling" object described as "round at the bottom and with no tail" travelling at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet.

3. ACTION: No investigative action has been initiated by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950.

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18 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: "Flying Saucers" reported seen by two high school students in Springfield, Massachusetts, on 17 April 1950. (Evaluation F-6)

2. DETAILS: The Springfield Union carried an article on 18 April 1950 in which it was reported that two Springfield, Massachusetts, Technical High School students, JOSEPH DUMAS of 803 Armory St., Springfield, and EDWARD BROGAN of 52 Colonial Avenue, Springfield, saw a "Flying Saucer" above Breckwood Blvd., at approximately 2015 hours on 17 April 1950. DUMAS described the incident to the Springfield Union as follows:

"DUMAS and BROGAN were travelling on Breckwood Blvd., in the former's car when they spotted a red object approaching it. The object appeared to be two discs not visibly connected but with a reddish hue between them. It appeared that one disc was following the other. The discs were described as having a bottom section 'the shape of a slice of baloney', approximately six feet in diameter and a convex top approximately four feet in diameter. The object was moving up and down through a distance of approximately twenty feet, and although not aflame appeared to be aglow. DUMAS stated that it was emitting what he thought to be sparks and was making a weird whistling noise. He stated that he pulled his car to the side of the road to avoid a collision. DUMAS stated that the object approached to within one hundred feet of his car. After several 'hops' in the air, the object ascended rapidly, vertically, and disappeared."

3. ACTION: No investigative action has been initiated by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950.

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WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

17 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: "Flying Disk" reported seen by State Fire Observer at Ludlow, Massachusetts, on 16 April 1950.

2. DETAILS: The Springfield Union carried an article on 17 April 1950 in which it was reported that one Earl Grant of Miller St., Ludlow, Mass., advised that while on duty at the State Fire Observation Tower atop Minnechaug Mountain, in Ludlow, at 1030 hours, 16 April, he saw a large silvery disk with a gaseous tail, flying very slowly about eight to ten thousand feet above him, pursuing an easterly course. Mr. Grant stated that he watched the object for seven minutes before it disappeared from view and that it was definitely not an airplane, balloon, helicopter, or anything that he had ever seen before. He said that it appeared to be comparable in size to a large airplane, perfectly round and was emitting a long tail of burning gases which made it look like a meteor. It started to climb before it disappeared from his view, but did not appear to be climbing at an exceptionally rapid rate.

3. ACTION: No investigative action has been initiated by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950.

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WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: "Flying Saucers" reported seen in Springfield, Mass. on 6 April, 1950 by two individuals. (Evaluation F-6)

2. DETAILS: The Springfield Union carried an article in the 14 April edition, in which it was reported that a "Flying Saucer" was reported seen over Springfield, Mass. between 1645 and 1700 hours on 6 April by EDWARD KRYGOWSKI of 35 Ley Street Agawam, Mass. and JOHN J. SEVILA of Mystic Street Springfield, who is a fighter pilot in the 131st Mass. Air National Guard. The aircraft, silver in color, was reported to be at a high altitude and was estimated by Lt. SEVILA to be travelling due west at a slow rate of speed, between fifty and one hundred miles per hour. KRYGOWSKI stated that he watched the object for five or six minutes.

3. ACTION: No investigative action has been initiated by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February, 1950.

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1D-OSI 24-0-126 3 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified object, apparently motionless, reported seen in sky over Bar Mills, Maine by Mr. CHARLES SEWARD. Sighted at approximately 1150 hours, 22 March 1950. (F-6)

2. DETAILS: Mr. CHARLES SEWARD, Bar Mills, Maine, reported to Captain ISRAIL D. SIEGEL, Commanding Officer, 654th AC & W Detachment, Ft. Williams, South Portland, Maine, to the effect that he had seen an unidentified object apparently standing motionless in the sky. It was so high, the size and shape could not be determined. Occasionally, a silver glint would reflect from the object. After remaining motionless approximately ten (10) minutes, the object proceeded in a southwesterly direction leaving a long vapor trail behind. Captain SIEGEL, in reporting incident to OSI Agent, stated his radar equipment was in full operation and did not register any unidentified objects at time of alleged sighting. Special Agent ROGER E. MACDONALD, Detachment "D", 1st District OSI, reported that he saw a vapor trail approximately ten (10) miles long proceeding in a westerly direction over Grenier AFB, Manchester, N.H. at 1430 hrs., 22 March 1950. No object could be seen or heard due to high altitude. S/A MACDONALD believed vapor trail made by B-36 type aircraft flying at great altitude and was the same object as seen by Mr. SEWARD.

3. ACTION: None.

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15 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: "Flying Saucers" reported seen in South Windsor, Connecticut on 10 March 1950. (Evaluation F-6)

2. DETAILS: The Hartford Courant carried an article, on 12 March 1950, in which it was reported that one HAROLD DELBERT of Rye Street, South Windsor, Conn. stated he saw several strange-looking discs in the sky on the afternoon of 10 March. DELBERT estimated the discs to be at an altitude of several thousand feet inasmuch as they appeared to be above a passing airplane. According to DELBERT, the discs were visible for only a few minutes and suddenly disappeared.

3. ACTION: No investigative action has been initiated by this office, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950.

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TO : HQ, USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

INFO: CG CONAC MITCHEL AFB, N.Y.
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The following story which appeared in the Cape Cod Standard Hyphen Times, 6 Feb 50, is forwarded for your information: "2 airmen with thousands of hours of aerial background and experience yesterday afternoon intently watched the western sky from the Falmouth airport in Teaticket and observed what they described as 2 illuminated cylindrical objects in the sky that neither of them could identify from their knowledge of conventional aircraft. Marvin R Odom, owner of the Falmouth Airport and former Navy fighter pilot and Lt Philip Foushee of Otis AFB were among the group of 4 at the airport at 5:10. Yesterday when Mr. Odom glanced through the office picture window and saw 2 odd-looking bright lights about 25 degrees above the western horizon. Others in the group were John R Augusta, Jr., brother-in-law of Mr. Odom, and Raymond Wood of Falmouth, an employee of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and a student pilot at the airport. At just about 5:10 I glanced through the window of the airport office and saw 2 lights in the sky, far away and very, bright, Mr. Odom said. I could make out long cylindrical bodies that weren't attached, but were apparently maneuvering. We went outside the office to get a better view and as we watched we saw a sort of fireball drop from the body of the left light. The western sky was clear at the time with clouds directly overhead.

The 2 lights at times converged then drifted apart. At 5:15 P.M. They climbed high in the western sky at great speed then lost to out view. We called Mrs. Odom and Mrs. Foushee who were in our home. They came out the door and saw the same queer lights.

I've never seen anything like these things, Lt Foushee told a Cape Cod Standard-Times reporter. I've flown regular aircraft and jets, and I'm familiar with weather ballons and that sort of thing but I've never seen anything like these objects. They appeared to me to be cigar-shaped and although the operated as a pair.

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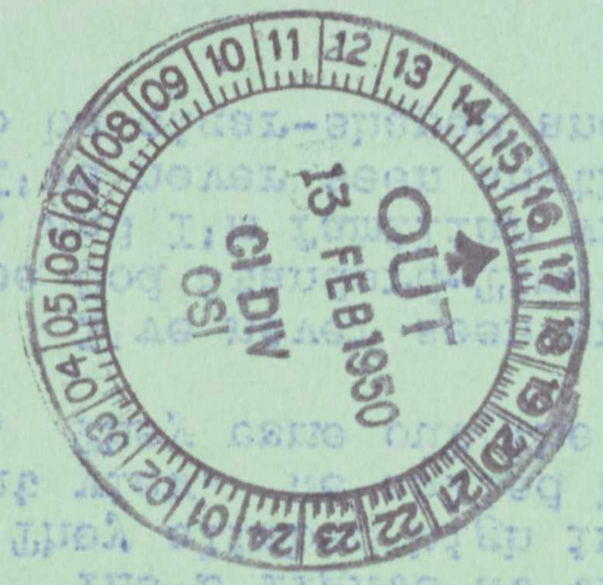

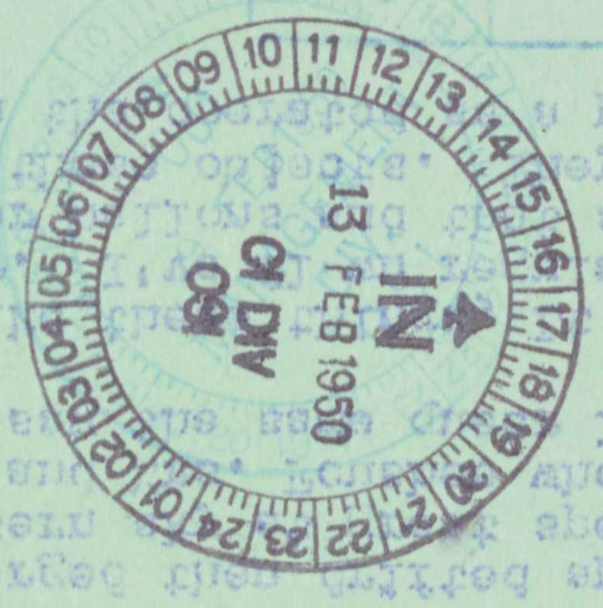

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weren't attached in any way as they differed in their distance apart. Something dropped from the body of the left object as we looked at it was dropped was ablaze-a sort of fireball with no smoke. There were no clouds in the westerly horizon at the time and after a while they climbed rapidly and just disappeared.

Mr. Wood, contacted at his home last night, corroborated th e stroies of Mr Odom and Lt Foushee.

Whatever they were, they appeared to me to be a long way off, he said. They were entirely different from any type of air-craft I've ever seen or heard of. They just don't resemble anything The lights were so bright at first that we saw reflections inside the airport ready room. Then we went out to investigate. For years I've pooh-poohed this flying saucer stuff, Mr Odom said. Now I've seen something that's beginning to make me wonder.

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1D-OSI 24-0-104

3 February 1950

SUBJECT: ROBERT BREEN
Hazardville, Conn.
Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. Forwarded for your information and possible future reference is a newspaper article pertaining to the intended construction, by BREEN, of a model "flying saucer" which would fly on the helicopter principle.

2. This article appeared in the Springfield Daily News, Springfield, Mass., on Thursday, 2 February 1950.

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Springfield Daily News
Springfield, Mass.
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Flying Saucers May Become The Real Article After All

Hazardville Man, Intrigued by Aerial Disc Stories, Is Trying to Build One Himself

Taking exception to a claim by a leading scientist that the so-called "flying saucers" are nothing but fragments of rockets exploded in the stratosphere by the Air Force, Robert Breen, Hazardville (Conn.) saucer "expert," disclosed today that he is working on a model saucer, which will fly "on the helicopter principle."

Breen, who recently declared that the flying discs are probably visitors from other planets or Russian spies, said today the rocket fragment theory was "silly."

"It is about time," he declared, "that the government or leading scientists of the country tell the American public the truth about the saucers. If they are not from Russia or outer space, why are the government officials and scientists always trying to cover up by offering silly explanations for their existence?"

If the rocket fragments were in the atmosphere, they would burn up, and anyway, would be too small to be seen, according to the Hazardville man. If they are above the atmosphere, he pointed out, they would be even less visible, since they would circle the earth at a height of over 200 miles.

"Why doesn't the government close its office, known as 'project saucer,' if the solution is so simple?" Breen demanded. "Why does the government keep its saucer files secret?"

The Hazardville man said that if the discs are sent here by the Soviets, as he suspects, the theory is born out by the fact that saucers have been reported over "secret air fields" and at one time "near Fort Knox."

"A saucer from another planet," he added thoughtfully, "would not know of our gold reserve there. The Russians, however, would be interested in our gold which is the basis of our capitalistic system."

Returning to his previously-expressed belief that the saucers may be visitors from another plant, the Hazardville man said that if this is so, they may have been attracted to earth by radar signals sent to the moon and going on from there to Venus or Mars (whence come the visitors). Or it may be, he said, that battleship radar, used during the war, and headed upward, traveled through interstellar space and excited the curiosity of Wellesian creatures on one of the other planets.

Anyway, Breen says, he's building a saucer himself, having already had "limited success" in that direction.

Maybe Breen, who makes hand cream, will be peddling the stuff on Mars, next.

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severity of the remaining part of the winter.

Weather experts frown on the groundhog theory, just as they do most legends concerned with the weather.

A year ago a meteorologist announced he was determined to look into the records and see how many times the groundhog had failed in his prognostication.

He renewed his promise this year, claiming he hadn't found time during the year.

Fortunately the groundhog legend bothers the weather bureau staff only once a year, so there is little possibility the research will ever be completed to upset the myth.

ELMS COLLEGE

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the college had attained unusually high standards in the academic field.

Sister Assumpta was known throughout the Springfield diocese and beyond and maintained contacts with hundreds of alumnae.

Sister Assumpta had been ill at the college for some time, but it was not until recently that her condition took a turn for the worse.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 at St. Joseph's Convent chapel here. Burial will be in the Sisters' Plot at St. Michael's Cemetery.

PERRY PLEADS

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eral glasses of beer at the Dry Bridge Cafe and then driving about the streets in search of a place to break

near Columbus Ave., and another man reported two large boxes of food were stolen from his auto which was parked in front of Kodimoh Synagogue on Oakland St.

TV 'VIEWERS'

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set owner is vital if the purpose of the group is to be accomplished.

Currently Springfield is not recognized as a television area despite the exceptionally fine reception received during periods when there is no interference. Action will be sought, through the attorney, for the FCC to rescind its classification of the area.

Future action inciudes pressure on the FCC to permit the licensing of a Springfield station or the increase of power of WNHC in New Haven.

The New Haven station, corporators were told last night, is ready to increase its power at a moment's notice. Such action would make it possible for television reception in the area to equal that in communities that have TV stations.

The tests last night at the home of one set owner showed that FM interference is one of the main causes of program interruption and blackout. Using telephone contact with other set owners the FM set was switched on and off with the results on the viewing screen of the distant sets recorded.

In all instances this single set operation affected reception.

There is indignation here among those who have invested considerable money in television receivers only to have programs interrupted.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
1ST DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

1D-OSI 24-0-97 23 January 1950

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. Inclosed for your information and any action deemed appropriate is a personal letter addressed to Captain FRANK J. BUSH, Provost Marshal, 3160th Electronics Station, Cambridge, Mass., dated 23 December 1949. On 9 January 1950, BUSH turned the letter over to OSI for appropriate disposition.

2. Attention is invited to fact that Captain BUSH advised that he did not know the writer of the letter, but that his home was approximately 20 or 30 miles from the home of the sender.

L. L. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT MADE BY GERALD R. MARSHALL

REPORT MADE AT DO #1, Westover AFB

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TITLE

SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
2 November 1949
West Unity, New Hampshire, by
BESSIE A. PIERCE

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

At 1945 hours, 2 November 1949, BESSIE A. PIERCE, BRYCE PIERCE and MYRTLE F. MCEACHERN, West Unity, New Hampshire, observed an object in the sky to the west. It was similar to a star in shape, yellow becoming more reddish as it neared the horizon, the color being more intense at the periphery. The object was seen at an elevation angle of 2 to 10 degrees, and it was observed to disappear and reappear on the night of 2 Nov 49. It was reported to have moved through one (1) degree of azimuth during a 15 minute period in a slow, steady, arcing motion. No exhaust or flame was seen, and the means of control, lift, construction, and propulsion were indescernible. No sound was heard. No other reports have been received from surrounding towns; no other witnesses could be located. No radar information available. Information given by GEORGE DIMITROFF, Professor of Astronomy, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., indicated that the object may have been two large, bright stars, the normal appearance was distorted by atmospheric conditions.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, 1st OSI District.

AT MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2. On 2 November 1949, at 2330 hours, telephonic notice was received by the writer from Agent ROBERT S. MCLEOD, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Concord, New Hampshire, that an unidentified, airborne object had been sighted at 1945 hours and again at 2110 hours, 2 November 1949, at West Unity, N. H., by Mrs. BESSIE A. PIERCE, West Unity, New Hampshire.

3. On 3 November 1949, an interview was conducted with Mrs. PIERCE, who gave the following information: Her attention was directed to the object by a telephone call from her neighbor, Mrs. MYRTLE F. MCEACHERN, West Unity, N. H., who had observed it several times in the last three (3) weeks. Mrs. PIERCE first saw the object at 1945 hours on 2 November 1949 for a period of about 15 minutes, and again at 2110 hourse, same date, for a period of 10 minutes. Her point of observation was her home in West Unity (elevation of house, 1140 feet mean sea level) and it appeared to be at an altitude of about 1200 feet in a west-southwesterly direction at an elevation of approximately two to five degrees. On the second sighting it was at about ten degrees elevation and farther to the North. Mrs. PIERCE described the object as being the same general shape as a star, and it appeared to pulse or fluctuate in outline. When examined through binoculars (inexpensive, low power), the object looked to be about twice the size of a full moon when viewed with the naked eye. Its color was more brilliant and intense toward the periphery, with the center appearing almost shadowy. Around the perimeter, several (estimated at 6 to 10) points of bright, evenly spaced, white light were seen. These were not visible on the later sighting. Motion of the object was stated to be very slow, steady, and in a southerly direction, its speed being estimated at 25 miles per hour or less (movement was reported by the witness as being through one (1) degree of azimuth measured by a compass during the 15 minute period of observation). Witness further stated that there were no visible exhaust or trailing flame, and that the means of lift and directional control, the method of propulsion, and the construction and material were not perceivable. She heard no sound attributable to the object, and was able to observe no ducts or openings on its surface. Mrs. PIERCE last saw it when it disappeared behind a mountain to the south of the point where it had first been seen. On the second sighting the object descended steeply to the ground just at the time an aircraft was heard overhead. Attached as Exhibit I is Mrs. PIERCE'S statement.

4. Mrs. PIERCE is a housewife and mother. Her age is estimated at 60 years; she was noted to be wearing bi-focal glasses. She appeared to the writer to be intelligent, well spoken, and moderately well educated. However, a definite impression was formed that Mrs. PIERCE is excitable and impetuous. She avowed an interest in astronomy and natural life forms. Attached as Exhibit IV is Mrs. PIERCE'S impression of the object.

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5. The information in paragraph 3, above was confirmed by Mrs. PIERCE'S son, BRYCE PIERCE, RFD #1, Claremont, New Hampshire, (See Exhibit II), who was with Mrs. PIERCE at the time she observed the object. Attached as Exhibit V is BRYCE PIERCE'S sketch of his impression of the object.

6. BRYCE PIERCE is presently employed by the Claremont Eagle as Assistant Circulation Manager. His age is estimated to be 38 years. PIERCE was formerly employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corporation, Hartford, Connecticut, as a stock clerk and inspector, and later by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, as a salvage superintendent. He was described by the Chief of Police, Claremont, as being an honest man but inclined to verbosity. PIERCE impressed the writer as being of average intelligence, moderately broad in experience, and anxious to furnish information.

7. The weather in the area of Claremont, N. H., was determined to have been clear on the night of 2 November 1949.

8. An interview was conducted with Mrs. MYRTLE F. MCEACHERN, West Unity, N. H. Mrs. MCEACHERN reported that she had seen a star-like object several times in the last three (3) weeks. Until recently she had paid it little attention, because of its strong resemblance to a star. On the night of 2 November 1949, it seemed to disappear and then reappear in a manner not normally associated with the orbit of a star. On all occasions, she saw the object at dusk or in the early evening dark. It appeared to be about twice the size of a large star, was yellow when it was higher in the sky and became more reddish as it approached the horizon. Usually, Mrs. MCEACHERN was able to observe the object for about 30 minutes, having first seen it at an elevation angle of 10 to 15 degrees at an undetermined altitude and distance. On each sighting, it was seen in the west. Its motion was very slow and steady, and sometimes it seemed to hover; its path described as a gradually curving arc to the horizon. Mrs. MCEACHERN further stated: that no flame, exhaust, wings, control surfaces, or attached lights were discernable; and that no sound was audible. She could not recall whether she has seen the object on a cloudy night. Mrs. MCEACHERN'S statement is attached as Exhibit III.

9. Mrs. MCEACHERN is a housewife, married to a retired physician. She made frequent flights in her husband's personal aircraft, and has a long-standing, amateur interest in astronomy. She impressed the writer as being a stable, well adjusted individual. Several times Mrs. MCEACHERN stated to the writer that she was not certain the object was not a star, that only its large size and disappearance and reappearance in the same evening seemed to refute the possibility that it was a star.

10. Inquiries were made of HENRY VOLPE, Airport Manager, Claremont Municipal Airport, and of SUMNER E. ATHERTON JR, Airport Manager, Lebanon Municipal Airport, Lebanon, N. H., and of the Flight Clerk, Northeast Airlines, Lebanon Municipal Airport, Lebanon, N. H. No information was obtained leading to additional witnesses.

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11. A watch was maintained by the writer, accompanied by New Hampshire State Trooper KENNETH SMITH, in the vicinity of the residences of PIERCE and MCEACHERN, during the period of the previous sightings. The object was not observed. The sky condition was overcast, thin stratus clouds with bases at 5000 feet, estimated.

12. Inquiries were made at the Police Departments of Charlestown, New Hampshire and Springfield, Vermont. No similar reports had been received.

13. The Search and Early Warning Radar set of the 647th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Grenier Air Force Base, New Hampshire, was inoperative at the time of the sightings. No radar information is available.

14. An interview was conducted with GEORGE Z. DIMITROFF, Professor of Astronomy, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. DIMITROFF stated that no record exists of meteors or comets on 1 or 2 November 1949, and that the possibility does exist that the object observed by the witness could have been a star (or stars). He advanced the following explanation:

a. The object was described as resembling a star in shape and appearance.

b. The stars Arcturus and Antares are in the Southwest and Northwest, respectively; they will first appear quite near the horizon at this time of the year and will proceed to disappear beyond the horizon. (See Exhibit VI, Constellation Chart, cylindrical projection).

c. The stars will appear to be a pale yellow, becoming red as they approach the horizon. This is due to an increasing concentration of haze nearer the earth.

d. When viewed through haze, the stars will seem much larger since the light that reaches the observer's eye is not directly from the star, but is the refracted light from the star penetrating the haze layer. Thus, the observer actually sees a patch of illuminated haze rather than the star itself.

e. A variation in the velocity of the winds aloft will cause a relative shifting of the haze layers, resulting in an apparent pulsing or undulating motion.

f. The two stars Arcturus and Antares will "set" approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours apart.

g. That PIERCE observed the object further to the North on the second sighting (2110)hours) could indicate that she was looking at Antares, which will appear in the West-northwest.

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h. That the object was seen to "hover" and move in a steady, arcing path would further indicate that a star had been observed.

Professor DIMITROFF stated that should additional reports of this nature be received, he would recommend that Dartmouth approve a continuous, photographic patrol to be conducted by the college observatory.

DIMITROFF added that a similar report had been received by him from one of his personal friends. He positively identified the object as a star, the normal appearance of which had been altered by atmospheric conditions.

15. Actual sight lines of the witnesses were drawn on a topographical map of the Claremont area (See Exhibit VII). It is to be noted that the two sight lines do not intersect.

NOTE: It is the opinion of the writer that the witnesses did, in fact, observe two stars. This conclusion is based upon:

a. The information furnished by Professor DIMITROFF.

b. The half crystalized belief of one of the witnesses (MCEACHERN, the one considered to be the more reliable) that the object was a star.

c. The absence of additional witnesses, which could indicate that the reports of PIERCE and MCEACHERN were based on false impressions.

d. The lines of sight of the witnesses do not intersect but point to the location of the two stars mentioned by Professor DIMITROFF. It is to be noted that DIMITROFF volunteered the information relative to this case without knowing the details of the witnesses observations. It is therefore believed that DIMITROFF'S explanation was not intended to lessen the importance of this situation by explaining away the reported airborne object as a star.

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Exhibit I, one (1) signed statement of BESSIE A. PIERCE, dated at West Unity, N. H., 3 November 1949.

Exhibit II, one (1) signed statement of BRYCE PIERCE, dated at West Unity, N. H., 3 November 1949. (Erroneously dated on statement 3 October 1949.

Exhibit III, one (1) signed statement of MYRTLE F. MCEACHERN, dated at Claremont, N. H., 4 November 1949.

Exhibit IV, sketch of Mrs. PIERCE'S impression of the object.

Exhibit V, sketch of BRYCE PIERCE'S impression of the object.

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Exhibit VI, Constellation Chart, cylindrical projection.

Exhibit VII, Topographical Map of the Claremont area.

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TITLE

Sighting Airborne Object
Winchendon, Mass., 26 Sep 49
by Mrs. THELMA PECKHAM
Mrs. WALTER CLEMENTS

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unconventional Aircraft)

REFERENCE
None. This is an original report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation in accordance with AFCSI Letter #85. At approximately 1015, 26 September 1949, a box-like object, without appendages, rectangular, metallic and silver in appearance, and the size of an airplane fuselage, was observed falling or diving slowly from considerable altitude over Winchendon, Mass. Decent was vertical, arcing to horizontal. Travel was from approximately Northwest to Southeast. Grey smoke trailed behind in rapid puffs. Object reportedly disappeared just above horizon in large puff of smoke, approximately ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes after it was first observed in vicinity of Ashburnham, Mass., six (6) miles distant. No report or evidence of contact with earth obtained.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is in accordance with the requirements of AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949, subject:"Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY." Report was made to Acting District Commander personally by Mrs. WALTER CLEMENTS and Mrs. CHARLES PECKHAM, both of Winchendon, Massachusetts on 23 October 1949.

AT WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

2. This is an investigation by Special Agent HARRY J. JENKINS.

3. Above-named agent interviewed Mrs. WALTER CLEMENTS and Mrs. CHARLES PECKHAM at 108 Hale Street, Winchendon, Mass. at 1600, 23 October 1949, as a result of information volunteered by Mrs. CLEMENTS. Mrs. CLEMENTS stated that at approximately 1015, Monday, 26 September 1949, while standing on the sidewalk on Central Street, Winchendon, Mass., her attention was attracted to some smoke in the sky. On looking, she observed an object in the sky which appeared to be diving or falling slowly, emitting puffs of grey smoke in rapid succession. No celestial phenomenon or planets, other than the sun were discernable. The day was bright with approximately 3/10 broken clouds. CLEMENTS could not positively state the distance of the object from her position vertically, but stated that at first it was directly overhead. The object remained in sight for approximately fifteen (15) minutes, traveling from Northwest to Southeast and changed course from vertical descent gradually to that of horizontal flight. No sound was noticeable, nor was there any effect on the few clouds in the sky. The object did not have any wings or other appendages. It was described by CLEMENTS as: " A silver, shiny airplane body, yet more box-like in appearance." Object disappeared approximately six (6) miles distant from the observer after a big puff of smoke had emitted.

4. The observer, Mrs. WALTER CLEMENTS, 108 Hale Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts, is a housewife and store-clerk, employed at Howard's Gift Shop, Central St., Winchendon, Mass., has flown as a passenger in aircraft occasionally, is interested slightly in aviation, and has knowledge of aircraft types, including lighter-than-air. Attention was drawn to the object upon glancing at the sky and observing the gray smoke trail. Observer has average intelligence, is of good character and is usually reliable. Observer known to this agent for sixteen (16) years.

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5. Mrs. CHARLES PECKHAM, when interviewed by this agent, made substantially the same statement, but differed on two (2) points. PECKHAM stated that the gray smoke was trailing behind the object in a steady stream and that when the object disappeared, no large puff of smoke was observed. PECKHAM stated: "When the object reached the horizon, it seemed to disappear. It just disappeared strangely." PECKHAM stated that the smoke trail remained in the sky for some time after the object disappeared. The observer is positive that what she observed was not sky-writing, by conventional aircraft, as she has witnessed this procedure before.

6. MRS. CHARLES PECKHAM, 146 Main St., Winchendon, Mass., is a middle-aged housewife, slightly cognizant of aircraft types and able to determine unusual appearance of aircraft. Her attention was drawn to the object by Mrs. WALTER CLEMENTS. Observer is of average intelligence, has been known to this agent for sixteen (16) years and is usually reliable.

7. On 29 October 1949, this agent interrogated Mr. HOWARD JUNIOR, proprietor of Howard's Gift Shop, Central St., Winchendon, Mass. JUNIOR stated that he had observed the object, knew it was not an aircraft of the usual type; but could not recall anything of its appearance. JUNIOR positively stated that the object was unusual and definitely not a conventional aircraft. This observer has knowledge of aircraft types. His attention was first drawn to the sky by others looking up at the sky. JUNIOR is of above average intelligence and is deemed a reputable businessman of usual reliability.

AT WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

8. The weather sequence for 26 October 1949 was obtained from Westover Air Force Base Weather Station and is as follows:

Date: 26 October 1949
Time: 1025 EST
Ceiling: Estimated 3,000 ft.
Sky Conditions: Broken, Broken
Visibility: 8 miles
Sea Level Pressure: 1014.2 MBS
Temperature: 55 deg. F.
Dew Point: 52 deg. F.
Wind Direction: WSW
Wind Speed: 13 MPH
Altimeter: 29.95 inches
Remarks: second broken layer of clouds is Estimated 21.000 ft.

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9. Military aircraft schedules from Westover Air Force Base were checked and no scheduled flights would have passed in the vicinity of Winchendon on the date and hour of the sighting of unknown object.

AT BARNES AIRPORT, WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

10. On 9 November 1949, Commercial Airlines and Air National Guard flight schedules were checked and no scheduled flights were reported to have been in the vicinity of Winchendon, Mass. at the hour and date of the sighting of unknown object.

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

11. On 4 November 1949, Cosmic Ray research at the Mass. Institute of Technology was checked for information on flights of high altitude balloons, on 26 September 1949, in their research, with negative results.

12. A check with Air National Guard, Bedford, Mass. and Commercial Airlines in this vicinity relative to scheduled flights in the vicinity of Winchendon, Mass. on 26 September 1949 resulted negatively.

AT FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

13. A check of the Fitchburg-Leominster Airport revealed no scheduled flights from that field in the vicinity of Winchendon, Massachusetts on 26 September 1949.

AT ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

14. On 30 October 1949, Special Agent JENKINS made a ground reconnaissance of back-woods roads between Ashburnham, Gardner and Winchendon, Massachusetts for possible additional witnesses, living in farms in this area. Results were negative. Contact with the ground by object was not established.

AT WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

15. All possible leads have been followed. No additional information, which might aid in identification of the object sighted, could be obtained.

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SUBJECT: Sightings of Unconventional Aircraft
20 October 1949, Hooksett, New Hampshire
Special Inquiry (Confidential)

HQ., FIRST DISTRICT OSI (IG), USAF, Westover AF Base, Mass., 3 January 1950.

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

1. Reference is made to Paragraph 2, basic communication. S/A H. H. Egbert, the offender in this matter, was recently transferred to the 4th District, OSI, and is believed to be attending the current class at the OSI Training School. The poor operational technique, employed in this instance, has been previously called to Egbert's attention. It is believed that inexperience was primarily responsible for the displayed poor judgment.

2. Pursuant to the instructions contained in Paragraph 3., basic communication, all agent personnel of 1st District OSI have been advised of the proper procedures to be hereafter employed in the taking of statements (See Inclosure #1).

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SPECIAL INQUIRY (Confidential)

TO: District Commander, 1st OSI District, IG
Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

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WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS

1D-OSI 1-1-00-1D

28 December 1949

SUBJECT: Statements - Standard Operational Practice

TO: All Special Agents
1st OSI District (IG)

1. Recent correspondence from Hq OSI indicates that previous instructions concerning written statements have not been followed. In view of this fact, the following instructions are to be followed, in the future, by all personnel of 1st District in obtaining signed or sworn statements.

A. Written statements are needed only:

(1) When testimony of the witness is vital to the issue and is of such nature that to exclude it from the report would render the report incomplete.

(2) When information received is in the nature of an allegation, or of such nature that it may be changed or denied at a subsequent time because of fear, coercion, influence, etc.

(3) When availability of a potential witness at a subsequent trial is impossible or uncertain.

(4) When a confession is made.

2. When the situation requires that a written statement be obtained, the statement should be sworn whenever possible. Statements made under oath are more readily admissible into evidence and are generally more effective than unsworn statements.

3. Written statements must be set forth verbatim in reports, if they are not too lengthy. If the statement is very long, it should be summarized in the DETAILS of Report and copies of the statement attached as an "Inclosure." Statements received from SUBJECTS of an investigation must always be included in the "DETAILS" regardless of their length.

4. Ordinarily, statements should not be handwritten by the Agent receiving same. They should be either typewritten, or handwritten by the person making the statement. (Portable typewriters are available for use of all agent personnel.)

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5. All corrections and erasures must bear the handwritten initials of the person making the statement or corrections.

6. Military personnel and civilians need be advised of their rights under the 24th Article of War and/or Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, respectively, prior to making a statement only when the individual concerned is, or may become, an accused or a suspect, or is, or may become, an accessory before or after the fact.

7. Proper evaluation of the situation and the exercise of sound judgment and technique are prerequisites to the desired standard of conduct and reporting of investigations.

8. Each Agent, 1st District OSI, will receive a copy of this letter. After careful study, explanation by Detachment Commander, and complete understanding of letter contents, each Agent will execute attached certificate which will be returned to this District Headquarters where it will become part of the Agent's personal file.

9. Each Detachment Commander will include his copy of this letter in his policy guide for future reference.

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L.L. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
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Date_____

This is to certify that on this date, I have read, have had explained to me by my Detachment Commander, and do fully understand the contents of letter, Hq. 1st District OSI, Westover AFB, Subject: Statements - Standard Operational Practice, dated 28 December 1949.

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SUBJECT: Sightings of Unconventional Aircraft
20 October 1949, Hooksett, New Hampshire
SPECIAL INQUIRY (Confidential)

TO: District Commander, 1st OSI District, IG
Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24- 49

DATE 9 November 1949

REPORT MADE BY
HAROLD H. EGBERT

REPORT MADE AT
DO #1, Westover AFB

PERIOD
21,22,24,25 Oct; 1,2,3,7,8 Nov 49

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DO #1, Westover AFB

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TITLE

SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
20 October 1949
Hooksett, New Hampshire by
REED T. FLANDERS, RFD #1, Box 93,
Manchester, New Hampshire

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Unidentified object sighted by REED T. FLANDERS, RFD #1, Box 93, Manchester, N.H., at 1750 hours, 20 Oct 49, over an area approximately fifteen (15) miles west of Hooksett, N. H. Object first sighted when it had burst into flames. Color of flames was white, and it seemed to fall straight down. Object estimated to be about 3500 to 4000 feet when it exploded and was in sight about 15 or 20 seconds. FLANDERS could not tell what shape the object had as it was about 15 to 20 miles distance from him, but he believed it to be falling at a speed equal to or exceeding a jet aircraft. FLANDERS is a normal, intelligent person, who was a radar technician during the war in the Air Force.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, 1st OSI District.

AT MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent ROGER E. MACDONALD and the writer.

3. On 20 October 1949, at approximately 1750 hours, an unidentified, unconventional aircraft was sighted by REED T. FLANDERS, RFD #1, Box 93, Manchester, N. H., while sitting in an automobile at the intersection of Taggert Street and Goffstown Road, Manchester, N. H. Only one unidentified object was observed, and no celestial phenomena were known to have taken place at that time. Object was sighted over an area about 15 miles west of Hooksett, New Hampshire according to FLANDERS. His attention was first drawn to the object by an apparent explosion and a visible ball of flame.

4. FLANDERS stated that the object was approximately 15 to 20 miles northwest from his point of observation. At the time he noticed it, the missile had just burst into flames of a white color and was at an altitude of about 3500 to 4000 feet. The object seemed to be diving straight down and was in FLANDERS' sight for about 15 or 20 seconds.

5. FLANDERS could not describe the shape or color of the object since it was in flames when he first saw it. There were no identifiable protrusions, and nothing else was visible except the above mentioned flames.

6. FLANDERS stated that he would estimate the speed of the diving object to be equal or in excess of that of a jet aircraft.

7. FLANDERS could give no information as to sound, stating that because of his distance from the object he did not believe he could have heard it. The object disappeared out of view behind a hill, but a bright red glow could be seen from the approximate location where the object landed. The red glow seemed to come from a localized area and expanded upward into a large vee.

8. REED T. FLANDERS, RFD #1, Box 93, Manchester, New Hampshire, is at present employed as an electric motor winder, working for his father at Flanders Electric, 179 South Main Street, Manchester, N. H. FLANDERS likes to work on scientific problems. During the war FLANDERS was assigned to a radar outfit in the Pacific as a radar technician.

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9. JOHN C. FLANDERS, RFD #1, Box 93, Manchester, New Hampshire, REED FLANDERS' father, who was inside a house when the object fell but came out when called, noticed a bright red glow about 15 or 20 miles in a northwest direction from where he was standing.

10. The search and early warning radar set of the 647th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Grenier Air Force Base, N. H., was inoperative at the time the object was sighted. No radar information was available on 20 October 1949.

11. Captain RUSSELL S. BROWN, 14466A, Base Operations Officer, Grenier Air Force Base, was contacted by FLANDERS and advised of the incident. BROWN informed the New Hampshire State Police and then led a crash crew to the area in an effort to locate the scene where the object had fallen but the search was unsuccessful.

12. Captain AMOS L. SAULSBURY JR, AO-761625, Grenier Air Force Base, N. H., was alerted and he searched in a C-47 aircraft the area where the object was sighted. He did locate something burning on the ground, but it was later found that he had spotted a burning refuse dump.

13. Extensive inquiry has been made among the residents in the area where the object was last observed in an effort to locate other witnesses, but to date none have been found nor has evidence or remains of the object been located.

14. Interviews were conducted with representatives of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the New Hampshire State Aeronautics Commission, both of Concord, New Hampshire Airport. The following airports and flying services were also contacted:

Martin's Flying Service and Fern's Flying Service, both of Concord, N. H. Airport; and Bayside Flying Service, Hooksett, N. H.

None of these interviewees had seen or received reports of any unconventional aircraft in the vicinity. There were no flights of scheduled airlines, private or military aircraft in the air at the time of the incident.

15. Upon request of this office, Captain J. E. WILLIAMSON, AO-667619, 6th Rescue Squadron, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, made a reconnaissance of the vicinity but was unable to locate any evidence of a burned out area.

16. It will be noted that the area over which the object was believed to have exploded is in the same general area of the incident reported by Special Agent GERALD R. MARSHALL, File No. 24-42, dated 7 October 1949. It will also be noted that in both cases these objects were sighted on the twentieth day of the month by persons not connected in any way.

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FOR HQ OSI

Signed statement of REED T. FLANDERS dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949.

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC

Signed statement of REED T. FLANDERS dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949

FOR COMMANDING OFFICER, GREMIER AIR FORCE BASE

Signed statement of REED T. FLANDERS dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 1

Signed statement of REED T. FLANDERS dated at Manchester, New Hampshire, 2 November 1949.

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I, REED T. FLANDERS, RFD #1, Box 93, Manchester, N. H., prior to making the statement contained in the following paragraphs have been told by HAROLD H. EGBERT, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, USAF, that I do not have to make any statement, and that any statement I may make may be used against me in a court of law. I have also been informed of my right to have an attorney. With such understanding, I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, without threat or fear of punishment and without inducement or promises of immunity or reward.

On 20 October 1949, at approximately 1750 hours, while sitting in an automobile at the intersection of Taggert Street and Goffstown Road, Manchester, New Hampshire, I happened to look in a Northwest direction and saw an object explode in flames. The color of the flames was white. I did not know what direction the object had been going in until I saw this ball of flame. It then appeared to be falling straight down, although at the distance that I was from it, which was about 15 to 20 miles, it could have been falling at an angle. I have seen jet aircraft from time to time and this object seemed to be falling at about the same speed or a little faster than a jet plane would go. I could not distinguish any smoke or exhaust about the object when it was falling. When the object hit the ground, which was out of my vision, I noticed a bright red flame come from the area where it had fallen. This flame burned for about 20 to 25 minutes. I did not notice any protrusions on the object nor did I see any lights or smell any odor or hear any noise from it.

I had been working about eight hours on this day but was not tired or felt any undue fatigue. I had a full night's sleep the night before and I do not drink intoxicating liquors.

My father, JOHN C. FLANDERS, RFD #1, Box 93, Manchester, N. H., did not see the object burst into flames but when I called him out of the house he did see the bright red glow of the object burning on the ground.

I have read this statement consisting of one page and it has been read to me. I have signed and initialled all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief and I have given it freely and voluntarily."

Reed T. Flanders

Witnessed by:

Herold H. Egbert
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-42

DATE 7 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY
GERALD R. MARSHALL

REPORT MADE AT
DO #1, Westover AFB

PERIOD
29-30 September, 1 October 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #1, Westover AFB

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TITLE
Aerial Phenomena
SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
20 Sep 49
Hocksett, New Hampshire, by
WILLIAM E. ARCHBOLD, 1st Lt, USAF 16020A

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

SYNOPSIS

Unidentified object sighted by WILLIAM E. ARCHBOLD, 1st Lt., 16020A, 82d Air Base Group, Grenier AFB at 1000 hrs., 20 September 1949 in area twenty (20) miles west of Hocksett, (Hocksett located 9 miles North Manchester, N.H.) New Hampshire. Object appeared to be in a forty five (45) to sixty (60) degree dive; was sighted at approximately 3500 feet; object viewed for approximately one second; shiny metallic appearance, conformed to approximate size and shape of fighter aircraft fuselage, orange flame trailed object; speed appeared to exceed that of jet aircraft; observer is pilot and reputed to be reliable.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, 1st OSI District.

AT MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent ROGER E. MACDONALD and the writer.

3. On 20 September 1949, at approximately 1000 hours, an unidentified unconventional aircraft was sighted by WILLIAM E. ARCHBOLD, 1st Lt., 16020A, while flying a C-47 Aircraft (Serial No. 43-49255), based at Grenier Air Force Base, New Hampshire. Only one unconventional aircraft was observed; no celestial phenomena or planets were known to be in the area at that time. Object was sighted in area 20 miles west of Hooksett, New Hampshire.

4. ARCHBOLD estimated 10 miles as the point to point distance from his point of observation to the object. The missile was observed to be in a 45 to 60 degree dive, at an altitude of 3500 feet (at the time of initial sighting). ARCHBOLD was able to observe object for duration of approximntely one second.

5. ARCHBOLD described the object as being similar in size and shape to a fighter aircraft fuselage, silver in color, of an undetermined material. He believes there was no propellor; he observed no identifiable protrusions on the body. A steady orange flame was seen trailing from the tail of the object for a distance approximately the same length as the body. No smoke or exhaust, other than above-mentioned flame, was visible.

NOTE: Lt. ARCHBOLD stated that duration of observation was so brief that a sketch is impossible.

6. The aircraft was observed by ARCHBOLD to be coming from the north and heading in a southerly direction. Its flight appeared to be steady and smooth. The dive path was along a straight line angle with no evidence of change of course or attitude. ARCHBOLD observed no lights, heard no sound and detected no odor. He saw no lift or control surfaces on the body of the missile. It could not be determined whether its velocity resulted from the propulsion of the trailing flame or from a free gravitational fall. ARCHBOLD hesitated to estimate its speed in

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miles per hour, but stated that it exceeded the speed of any jet aircraft he has observed. (This comparison is made to the 650 mile speed of an F-86 type jet aircraft). The object disappeared from ARCHBOLD's vision as the result of its entering shadows cast on the ground by clouds.

7. WILLIAM E. ARCHBOLD, 1st Lt., 16020A, is currently assigned as Adjutant, 82d Air Base Group, Grenier Air Force Base, N.H. ARCHBOLD has been a rated pilot in USAF for over five years and has approximately 1600 hours flying time. Although ARCHBOLD was recently assigned to this base from the Alaskan Air Command, he is regarded by his fellow workers, and the writer, as being matured, stable, discriminating, intelligent and reliable. Lt. ARCHBOLD had been airborne approximately 55 minutes at the time of the sighting, when his attention was attracted to the missile by the light of the flame issuing from the tail. He stated that he was not fatigued, had rested well the night before, and had done no drinking within a 36 hour period prior to the sighting.

8. Captain DEANE C. TASKER, AO-439672, the other pilot on the C-47 which ARCHBOLD was flying, did not observe the object because at the time he was engaged in the adjustment of radio controls, and his attention was directed to lower rear section of the pilot's compartment. The flight engineer, T/Sgt THOMAS J. STEELE, AF-18006113, was in the rear of the aircraft at that time and did not observe the object.

9. The search and early warning radar set of the 647th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, was out of commission for repairs during the morning hours 20 September 1949. No radar data available on unidentified aircraft in Hooksett area on that date.

10. Extensive inquiry has been made amont the residents in the area where the object was last observed in an effort to locate other witnesses. To date none have been found, nor has the point of contact, if any, of the object with the earth, been located.

11. Interviews were conducted with representatives of the following airports and flying services in the vicinity of Manchester, New Hampshire: W.E. Martin Flying Service, Concord, New Hampshire; Airport Manager, Concord Municipal Airport, Concord, New Hampshire; Bayside Flying Service, Suncook, New Hampshire. None of these interviewees had seen or received reports of unconventional aircraft in Concord, Hooksett, Manchester area.

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One (1) copy signed statement, 1st Lt. WILLIAM E. ARCHBOLD dated 4 October 1949 at Grenier AFB, N.H.

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One (1) copy statement, as above, and map of area in question west of Hooksett, N.H.

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"I, WILLIAM E. ARCHBOLD, 1st Lt, 16020A, Adjutant, 82d Air Base Group, Grenier Air Force Base, New Hampshire, prior to making the statement contained in the following paragraphs have had explained to me the 24th Article of War by GERALD R. MARSHALL, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, USAF. I understand that I cannot be compelled to incriminate myself or to answer any question, the answer to which may tend to incriminate me, or to answer any question not material to the issue when such answer may tend to degrade me. With such understanding, I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, without threat or fear of punishment and without inducement or promise of immunity or reward.

On 20 September 1949, at approximately 1000 hours, while flying a C-47 Aircraft (Serial No. 43-49255), at an altitude of 3500 feet, I observed an unidentifiable object which appeared to be in a 45 to 60 degree dive. I observed the object for a duration of approximately one second. It appeared similar in size and shape to a fighter aircraft fuselage, silver in color, and of an undetermined material. There was no propellor or other identifiable protrusions on the body. A steady orange flame was trailing from the tail of the object for a distance approximately equal to the length of the body. No smoke or exhaust, other than the above mentioned flame, was visible. The duration of observation was so brief that a sketch is impossible. Only one object was observed. It was coming from the north, relative to my position, on a southerly heading. Its flight appeared to be steady and smooth. The dive appeared to be on a straight line angle with no evidence of change of course or attitude. I observed no lights, heard no sound, and detected no odor. I saw no lift or control surfaces on the body of the missile. I couldn't determine whether its velocity resulted from the propulsion of the trailing flame or from a free gravitational fall. It is difficult to estimate its speed in miles per hour, but it exceeded the speed of any jet aircraft I have seen. The object disappeared from my vision as the result of its entering shadows cast on the ground by clouds. This probably occurred because my eye could not follow the missile.

I had been airborne approximately 55 minutes when my attention was attracted to the missile by the light of the flame issuing from the tail. I was not fatigued; I had rested sufficiently and well the night before, and had done no drinking within a 36 hour period.

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Captain DEANE C. TASKER, the other pilot, did not observe the object because, at the time, he was engaged in adjusting the radio controls and his gaze was directed to the lower rear section of the pilot's compartment. The flight engineer, T/Sgt STEELE, was in the rear of the aircraft at the time, and did not observe the object.

I have read this statement consisting of two pages and it has been read to me. I have signed and initialled all preceding pages and all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief and I have given it freely and voluntarily.

William E. Archibald

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