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FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

JOHN J. STAHL, JR. 21/2/67
Chief, Special Activities Branch
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24-205

SUBJECT: Missile Sighting by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

GRUMBLES, HOMER (NFI)

TO: Commander
Air Force Missile Test Center
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Patrick AFB, Florida

1. Reference is made to letter from this office, Subject and file as above, dated 2 June 1958.

2. Attached are reports of investigation made by Special Agents JOHN C. CARR, DO #2, file 24-613, dated 3 June 1958; and DONALD E. RIELLY, DO #9, file 24-230, dated 5 June 1958, concerning above captioned Subject.

3. With the submission of referenced reports, all investigative leads have been accomplished and this case is considered closed in the files of this office.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-613

DATE JUN 3 1958 lrk

REPORT MADE BY
JOHN C. CARR, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #2, 111 E. 16th St., New York, N.Y.

PERIOD
27-28 May 1958

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #7, MacDill AFB, Florida

STATUS
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TITLE
Rocket Landing Near SS KEY TRADER, May, 1958.

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Telecon from DO #7 to DO #2, 27 May 1958

SYNOPSIS

Investigation at Sewaren, New Jersey, reflects that the SS KEY TRADER departed Sewaren on 27 May 1958, enroute to New Orleans, Louisiana, and is due to arrive there on 1 June 1958.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon telephone call from Mr. FERRIS, Acting District Commander, District Office Nr 7, to Colonel WILLIAM W. ROBERTS, District Commander, District Office Nr 2, at 1700 hours on 27 May 1958. Mr. FERRIS requested that personnel aboard the SS KEY TRADER which, he stated, was then at Sewaren, New Jersey, be interviewed to furnish all information available to them concerning a missile which fell into the sea near this vessel in May 1958 (exact date unknown). Directorate had instructed District Office Nr 7 that the information secured be furnished immediately to the Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center.

AT SEWAREN, NEW JERSEY

2. Special Agents DONALD P. CHRISTIE and FREDERICK H. DURELS interviewed J. CUMMINGS, a guard for the Shell Oil Company on 27 May 1958 at their terminal, and was advised that the SS KEY TRADER, after discharging its cargo at the Shell facilities had departed at 1305 hours on 27 May 1958. CUMMINGS stated that Kurz Brothers, 29 Broadway, New York City, were the local agents for such vessel.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

3. On 28 May 1958, Special Agent JOHN E. McROBERTS telephonically contacted Kurz Brothers and was advised that the SS KEY TRADER was enroute to New Orleans, Louisiana, due to arrive there on 1 June 1958. This information was immediately furnished by telephone to Mr. FERRIS at District Office Nr 7, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1, because it contains investigative information which requires protection against unauthorized disclosure.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE NR 9, BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

1. Will interview personnel of the SS KEY TRADER upon its arrival in New Orleans on 1 June 1958. All possible information should be secured of any nature relating to the rocket which landed in close proximity to this vessel. The ship's log should be examined and the time and exact place of the missile's sighting should be secured. The exact position of the ship, the position of the missile in relation to the ship, and any other information available should be secured. (District Office Nr 9 telephoned District Office Nr 2 on 28 May 1958 on another matter, and consequently DO Nr 2 was able to advise DO Nr 9 of this case, as to when the SS KEY TRADER would arrive in New Orleans and as to the investigation requested by DO Nr 7. Likewise, DO Nr 7 is aware of the telephone conversation between DO Nr 2 and DO Nr 9. The information was supplied to Lt Colonel Weber at DO Nr 9.)

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
JUN 5 1958

SUBJECT: Reported Sighting of Rocket While at Sea by Personnel of SS Key Trader

23 Apr 58

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

1. Reference attached report of Special Agent DONALD E. RIELLY, this office, subject, file and date as above.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 7 of attached report in which it is reflected that the results of our investigation were telephonically furnished District Office 7. On 28 May 1958, Mr. JOHN C. CARR of DO 2, at approximately 0830 hours, advised that DO 7 had telephoned the District Commander at DO 2 and requested certain information be obtained from the Captain of the SS Key Trader, supposedly docked at Sewaren, New Jersey. Mr. CARR advised that this ship had left New Jersey on 27 May 1958 and was scheduled to arrive in New Orleans on 1 June 1958. CARR requested the interview be conducted and that DO 7 be telephonically advised of the information received, in accordance with DO 7's instructions to him.

3. This district is not aware of the security classification DO 7 has placed on this information, however, in consonance with their request the information was telephonically relayed to them and that information is being forwarded to that district under security classification of CONFIDENTIAL.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL inasmuch as it transmits results of OSI investigation which require protection against unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.) When inclosure hereto is withdrawn or not attached, the classification hereon will be downgraded to FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY in accordance with AFR 205-1 and AFR 190-16.

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Rept of S/A RIELLY (dup)

cc: DO 7 (ZI)
w/Incl (in quad)

DWIGHT J. SCOVEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-230

DATE JUN 5 1958

REPORT MADE BY
DONALD E. RIELLY, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #9(ZI), Barksdale AFB, La.

PERIOD
1 June 58

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #7(ZI), MacDill AFB, Florida

STATUS
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TITLE

Reported Sighting of Rocket While at Sea by Personnel of SS Key Trader

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Telephonic Request by S/A JOHN C. CARR, DO #2(ZI) on 28 May 58

SYNOPSIS

Captain of Merchant Vessel, SS Key Trader, furnished details of sighting what appeared to be a rocket in flight, while at sea on 23 April 1958. States missile exploded and portions dropped off as the missile continued to ascend.

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DETAILS:

1. Special Agent ALFRED T. KEITH assisted the writer in this investigation.

AT NORCO, LOUISIANA

2. On 1 June 1958, Captain WILLIAM M. TAYLOR was interviewed by S/A KEITH and the writer aboard the SS Key Trader, a tanker owned by the C. J. Phibodeaux Ship Lines, which is commanded by TAYLOR. TAYLOR related the following circumstances concerning the sighting of a rocket by the Chief Mate and him while aboard his ship at sea several weeks past.

3. TAYLOR stated that he had made no log entry concerning this incident therefore the exact time and date was not recorded. He referred to his navigational records and through comparison of recorded weather data and weather conditions he recalled during the incident, he was able to establish the date of the sighting as 23 April 1958, a few moments after sunset or at approximately 1815 hours, EST. At this time TAYLOR and his Chief Mate, TERRANCE W. DUNROE, were on deck and observed what appeared to be the white exhaust trail of a rocket far out on the horizon at an inestimatable range. Approximately 10 seconds following their first observation of this object, it appeared to explode into a bright orange light and from this explosion two or three balls of light appeared to fall off from the object and the remainder continued to ascend to a height of approximately thirty thousand (30,000) feet before it disappeared.

4. According to the ship's records their position at the time of the sighting was 31.40 degrees latitude by 76.26 degrees longitude. They were steering at a course of 208 degrees. TAYLOR related that the Cape Canaveral Light House was situated at a bearing of 228 degrees. The object was sighted two (2) points off the starboard bow and appeared to be traveling at a right angle to their course.

5. TAYLOR furnished the following additional information in reply to questions concerning items listed in paragraph 7d, Air Force Regulation 200-2:

(1) Description of the object:

a. Observed the exhaust and/or vapor trail only, not the object.

b. Unable to determine size in relation to a known object.

c. The color was bright orange and yellow as it appeared to explode.

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d. One (1) object only was observed.

e. Not applicable.

f. No discernible features or details.

g. A white exhaust trail extended behind the object for several thousand feet.

h. No sound was heard before, during, or after the explosion.

(2) Description of course of object:

a. TAYLOR happened to be looking in the general direction of the object with his Chief Mate who was on watch.

b. The object was first observed at horizon level, ascending at an angle of approximately 35 degrees.

c. Continued on its course until it disappeared.

d. Flight path described as similar to the trajectory of an artillery projectile.

e. Appeared to disappear into the atmosphere.

f. Observed for approximately 10 seconds before the explosion and for 10 minutes after the explosion.

(3) Manner of observation:

a. Ground-visual.

b. Observed through 750 binoculars but still unable to discern the missile itself.

c. Not applicable.

(4) Time and date of sighting:

a. 2415Z, 23 April 58.

b. At sunset (dusk).

(5) Location of observers:

Latitude - 31.40 degrees
Longitude - 76.26 degrees

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(6) Identifying information of observers:

a. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR
30 Foster Avenue, Ocean Bluff, Mass.
Ship Captain (Merchant Marine)

b. TERRANCE W. DUNROE, Age 30
73 Green St., Woodbridge, N. J.
Chief Mate (Merchant Marine)

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

a. Clear sky, clouds on distant horizon

b. Weather Bureau data not available.

c. Ceiling unlimited.

d. Visibility was excellent.

e. No cloud cover.

f. No thunderstorms in area.

(8) There was no unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(9) Not applicable.

(10) No air traffic was observed in the area at the time of sighting.

(11) Not applicable.

(12) No physical evidence (photographs) available.

6. The Chief Mate, DUNROE, was not interviewed as Captain TAYLOR stated he would be busy supervising the taking on of cargo while the ship was in port. TAYLOR agreed to notify the writer if DUNROE had any additional information concerning the sighting.

7. On 1 June 1958, the writer telephonically advised ALBERT W. FARRIS, Acting District Commander, District Office Nr. 7, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, of the results of this investigation.

8. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because it contains the results of an OSI investigation which must be protected from unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1).

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7th OSI DISTRICT (IG) USAF
MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

2 June 1958

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF CI DIVISION

1. On 1 June 1958, DONALD E. RIELLY, Detachment Commander, New Orleans Detachment, 9th District OSI, telephonically advised the following information concerning the alleged missile sighting by members of the crew of the SS Key Trader.

2. Capt WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, Master, USS Key Trader, advised that there is no log entry of the missile sighting. He advised the time, however, as sunset, which occurred at 1815 EST, 23 April 1958. The ship was at 31° and 40 minutes longitude and 76° and 26 minutes latitude. At the time the missile was sighted, the ship was steering a course of 208°. The missile was sighted 2 points off the starboard bow at an azimuth elevation of 35° . Capt TAYLOR advised that he did not see anything go into the water but the missile was at right angles to the ship. It was observed from the horizon level to approximately 30,000 ft. He observed a white trail and an explosion which appeared to him as being one stage of the rocket burning out, while the rocket continued its upward flight.

3. Special Agent RIELLY advised that a report covering this matter, in great detail, would be furnished this office for further referral to Commander, AFMTC.

4. This memorandum is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect investigative information against unauthorized disclosure.

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~~JOHN W. GAFFNEY~~
~~Colonel, USAF~~
~~District Commander~~
Edward W. Francis
Special Agent, OSI

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2 JUN 1958

SUBJECT: Missile Sighting by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

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

PERSONAL ATTENTION CHIEF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Colonel HOMER L. MOORE, Counterintelligence Division of the Directorate, and Special Agent ELBERT W. FARRIS of this office on 27 May 1958, relative to the airmail TWX from DO #10 dated 23 May 1958.

2. Colonel MOORE requested that Commander, AFMTC, be advised immediately of the contents of the TWX and determine whether any additional information was desired. Colonel MOORE further advised that if additional information was desired, that DO #2 should be requested telephonically to conduct the necessary investigation and that the Counterintelligence Division, Directorate, be advised accordingly.

3. General Yates, Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick AFB, Florida, was briefed by Special Agent ROY C. TUCKER of our Patrick AFB Detachment, on 27 May 1958, at which time General Yates indicated that he was most interested and expressed desire for certain information. This verbal request was confirmed by letter of this date and a copy of which is attached as an inclosure hereto.

4. On 27 May 1958, Colonel WILLIAM W. ROBERTS, DO #2, was telephonically advised by Special Agent FARRIS of the contents of DO #10's airmail message, and General Yates' desires as set forth in paragraph 2 of the inclosed letter to Commander, AFMTC, Patrick AFB.

5. On 28 May 1958, Mr. ELDRIDGE, Counterintelligence Division, Directorate, was telephonically advised by Special Agent FRED G. TEMPLIN of this District, as previously requested by Colonel MOORE, of the desire of General Yates. Mr. ELDRIDGE suggested that in the event the desired information could not be developed, DO #10 should be requested to furnish additional details, such as, GRUMBLES' complete identity and connection with the matter, and any additional information available.

6. On 28 May 1958, Mr. JOHN CARR, Counterintelligence Chief, DO #2, telephonically advised Special Agent FARRIS that the SS Key Trader departed

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New Jersey at 1305 hours, 27 May 1958, and is scheduled to arrive at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 1 June 1958, with cargo for Shell Oil. CARR stated that he telephonically advised Lt Colonel HARRY G. WEBER, DO #9, and requested that DO #9 conduct the necessary investigation.

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JOHN W. GAFFNEY
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District Commander

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SUBJECT: Missile Sighting by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

TO: Commander
Air Force Missile Test Center
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Patrick AFB, Florida

1. This will confirm verbal referral to General Donald N. Yates, Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center, by Special Agent ROY C. TUCKER, on 27 May 1958, of the following information received from our 10th District Office:

"Information received from Houston Field Office FBI that HOMER GRUMBLES, 2917 Crawford, Houston, Texas, telephonically advised that approximately 3 or 4 weeks ago while the SS Key Trader was at sea the First Mate, name unknown, and an Able Bodied Seaman, name unknown, had observed a rocket land in the water next to the ship. This incident and its location were duly recorded in the ship's log. However, incident was not immediately reported to proper officials. This incident reportedly occurred on the same evening that a rocket reported to have been carrying a mouse was fired from Cape Canaveral in which the tracking device did not function properly. GRUMBLES further advised that the Air Force and the Navy had been searching for this rocket in the wrong location if the preceding information is true. Query at Houston reflected that the SS Key Trader departed Houston 21 May 58 and is scheduled to arrive Seawaren, New Jersey in 5 days. This ship is owned by C. J. THIBEAUX Ship Lines."

2. General Yates expressed desire of obtaining the following information:

a. Time of observation.
b. Exact position of ship at the time of observation.
c. Position of missile in relation to ship.
d. Any additional pertinent information.

3. Your Headquarters will be advised of any information relative to this matter promptly upon receipt.

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TO: DISTRICT COMMANDER
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TO:

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Houston 21 May 58 and is scheduled to arrive Seawaren, New Jersey in 5 days. This ship is owned by C. J. THIBEAUX Ship Lines. This information forwarded to your District for such action as is considered appropriate. No further action is being taken by this office.

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28 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

24-205

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Missile Sighting
by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

1. Colonel Homer L. Moore, CI Division of the Directorate, called this office regarding DO #10's TWX of 23 May 1958 relative to captioned subject.

2. Colonel MOORE requested that the Patrick Detachment be contacted by telephone and that they immediately contact General YATES or a duly authorized representative of General YATES to determine whether AFMTC is interested in this information. If the Commander is interested, Colonel MOORE requested that the 2nd OSI District be telephonically contacted and that they be requested to obtain the exact location of the ship, SS Key Trader, such information having previously been reported in the ship's log at the time a rocket was allegedly sighted. If General YATES is not interested in this matter, Colonel MOORE suggested that a memorandum for file be prepared and that a copy of the memorandum reflecting the results of the discussion between General YATES and Patrick OSI Detachment Commander be furnished the Directorate.

3. At 1530 hours this information was furnished to Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, stenographer, Patrick OSI Detachment, who stated that the Detachment Commander, together with the District Commander, was at the office of General YATES and she would get the information to his office without delay.

4. This memorandum is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect investigative information against unauthorized disclosure.

Elbert W. Farris

ELBERT W. FARRIS
Chief, GI Division

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Dtd 1 June 58

Capt Zetterwall

was no log entry

Sunset 1815 E.S.T.

23 April 58

{ 30° 40' Long. -
  76° 26' Lat. - }

208° Steering Course

Steer 2 pts off

Starboard Bow

Azimuth Elev 35°

Did not see go in

water Rt angles to ship

heard from horizon level

to 30,000 ft -

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• white trail + explosion } . . .
while rocket burning

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DO 10 received information from Houston Division, FBI, that three or four weeks ago, while ship SST KEY TRADER was at sea, the first mate and an able-bodied seaman, not further identified, observed a rocket land in the water next to the ship. The incident and its location are recorded in the ship's log. Incident reportedly occurred same evening that a rocket supposedly carrying a mouse was fired from Cape Canaveral. This ship departed Houston, 21 May 1958. It is scheduled to arrive Seawaren, New Jersey in 5 days (which would be 26 May 1958).

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Time of observation
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Position of missile relative to ship

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-185

DATE 14 September 1949

REPORT MADE BY
Palmer S. McClellan, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
6th District OSI (IG), Turner Det.

PERIOD
19, 28 July, 14 September 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
6th District OSI (IG)

STATUS
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TITLE

SIGHTING OF FLYING DISCS ON 19 JULY 1949, AT VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, BY MR. EDGAR E. HOPKINS

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unconventional Aircraft)

REFERENCE
None, this is the initial report.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon information received from the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia.

Mr. E. E. HOPKINS quoted to the Valdosta Times that he and his wife had observed on 19 July 1949, a bright, yellow object about the size of an evening star rising from the horizon, traveling at a fast rate of speed in a Northeasterly direction. Mr. HOPKINS observed this object through a pair of 6 x 30 power field glasses until it passed out of view.

Weather conditions in the vicinity of Valdosta, Georgia, for the period of time of observation were favorable.

Residence check of Mr. HOPKINS revealed that he is of excellent reputation.

Mr. JOSEPH BRADWELL stated that he received a call at approximately 0003 hours, 19 July 1949, from an unknown person advising him to observe the yellow object that could be seen at that time. Mr. BRADWELL stated that he did not see the object.

Rumors in Valdosta, Georgia, are that a Government Experimental Laboratory is located on the Florida coast.

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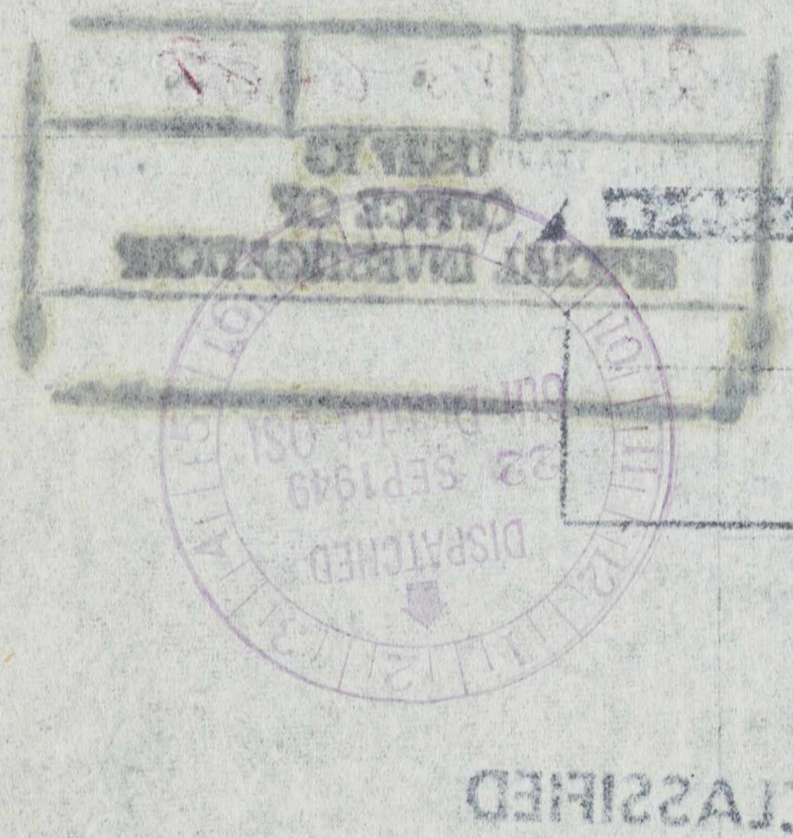
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-DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon information received from the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia.

AT VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

2. On 19 July 1949, Mr. JOSEPH BRADWELL,(w,m,civ), reporter for the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia, was interviewed by this agent and stated in substance that Mr. EDGAR W. HOPKINS, (w,m,civ), professional photographer, Valdosta, Georgia, employed by the Valdosta Times, Valdosta, Georgia, had reported to Mr. BRADWELL that at approximately 0003 hours, 19 July 1949, that he and his wife observed a yellow object, about the size of a large evening star, rising from the horizon and traveling at a fast rate of speed in a Northeasterly direction. Mr. BRADWELL also stated that at 0003 hours he received a phone call from an unknown party advising him to look outside at a yellow object that was rising from the Southwest section of Valdosta, Georgia. Mr. BRADWELL stated that by the time he arrived outside of his residence, he could not see any signs of an object that met this description.

3. On 19 July 1949, Mr. EDGAR W. HOPKINS was interviewed by this agent in regard to his observations during the early morning hours of 19 July 1949, and Mr. HOPKINS stated that he and his wife were in bed at their residence, which is located at 107 West Force Street, Valdosta, Georgia, and upon looking out of the southern window of the bedroom they observed a bright, yellow object about the size of a large evening star rising from the horizon and traveling at a fast rate of speed, hurtling upward towards the Northeast. Mr. HOPKINS stated that he obtained his field glasses, 6 x 50 power, and immediately went outside and observed this object through the field glasses. The object rose upward continuing in the Northeasterly direction until it disappeared from view of the field glasses. Mr. HOPKINS further stated that he was stationed in Germany during the war and observed several German V-2 type rockets in action. Mr. HOPKINS compared the size, speed and color of the object that he saw on 19 July 1949 to that of a German V-2 rocket. Upon questioning, Mr. HOPKINS stated that the object traveled in a straight path, was brighter than any other star in the sky, and remained in view of his field glasses for approximately seven (7) minutes. He also stated that the direction of flight of the object was from the Southwest to the Northeast, climbing upwards. Further questioning revealed that with Mr. HOPKINS' knowledge of a German V-2 rocket that he did not see the object itself, but that the yellow object that he saw was a flare from an unknown object.

4. The official weather forecast taken from the records of the US Weather Observer, Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, are as follows: scattered clouds at 1000 feet; visibility 12 miles, wind ESE 4 miles per hour. No winds aloft report at this time.

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DETAILS: Cont'd.

5. A check of the local flight schedule of commercial and private flying, Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, revealed that no aircraft were scheduled from the Municipal Airport at Valdosta, Georgia, at this time. Schedules of transient lines passing over Valdosta, Georgia, were unknown.

6. A complete residence check of Mr. HOPKINS revealed that he is of an excellent reputation, scientific minded, very precise in his work, trustworthy, and a non-drinker.

7. The general opinion of residents of Valdosta, Georgia, is that there is a Government Experimental Laboratory dealing with guided missiles located on the Florida coast, south of Valdosta, Georgia.

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Bsc Ltr fr 6th Dist OSI Hq, Robins AFB, Ga, Subj: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, dtd 4 Nov 1949

1st Ind. HFC

SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, Marietta Air Force Base, Marietta, Georgia, 16 November 1949

TO: District Commander, Hq, Sixth Dist OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Georgia.

1. In compliance with paragraph #5, basic communication, please be advised that complete explanation was made to District Commander during the course of his personal visit to the Marietta OSI Detachment on 15 November 1949.

2. Please note that basic and 1st Ind. have been classified in conformance with existing security regulations, inasmuch as it appears that basic was inadvertently forwarded to this Detachment without proper classification.

Herbert F. Corson

HERBERT F. CORSON
Detachment Commander
Marietta AFB, Georgia

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
On 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Alabama
by Mr. WILLIAM H. PERRY, Jr.

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Marietta Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

1. Reference is made to letter this office, File 24-185 dated 21 October 1949, wherein information was requested as to probable date of lead in this case may be expected to reach this office.

2. It is to be noted that number of this case has been changed from 24-185 to 24-40.

3. To date case has not been received by this office despite information from the Detachment Commander, Marietta, on 13 October 1949, to the effect that case was assembled and ready for submission.

4. This office is cognizant of work-load at your detachment; however, delays of this nature cannot be tolerated. It is accordingly directed that this report be completed and forwarded to reach this office not later than 9 November 1949.

5. Request that Detachment Commander indicate by indorsement hereon reasons for delay of this case.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 333.5 (24-40C)

DATE 10 February, 1950

REPORT MADE BY Thomas M Farrell Jr.

REPORT MADE AT 6th Dist. Robins

PERIOD 7 & 9 February, 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN 6th Dist. Robins AFB, Robins Field Ga.

STATUS Closed

TITLE

SIGHTING OF UNCONVETIONAL AIR* CRAFT OVER THE CAROLINAS

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Letter Lead , 6th Dist. OSI dated 17 January, 1950

SYNOPSIS

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This investigation was intiated by District Commander, 6th Dist. OSI(IG) Robins AFB, Robins Field, Ga., on 17 January, 1950. Investigation revealed that approx. 1700 hours, 29 December, 1949, an OBJECT, gray in color, approx. 12 ft. in length was viewed over Greenwood, South Carolina. Interviews with Mr Joe POOLE, Wm ASHELY, Lucile CAREY and Luther JOHNSON all of Greenwood revealed that the OBJECT was the downward section of the letter "P" and was there belief that it was done by a sky-writer. However Mr WOODLE, also of Greenwood stated it was his belief that the OBJECT was a vaper trail left by a high flying aircraft. All persons interviewed advised that it was a clear day, no wind, and was warm. They added there was no visable aircraft or sound and the OBJECT was from 6,000 to 30,000ft moving from east to west. POOLE and ASHELY took aloft in a Trainer Cub but could not over take the OBJECT. Informants advised the OBJECT did not resemble any type of aircraft, no wings, portholes, exhaust pipes, etc were visible. This is the initial and closing report

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1. Investigation initiated upon receipt of letter from 6th District Office of Special Investigations, Robins Air Force Base, Robins Field, Georgia, dated 17 January 1950, wherein request was made to conduct investigation concerning a Mysterious Object that was seen flying over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949.

AT GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA

2. Investigation was conducted by S/A THOMAS L. DICKSON and the writer.

3. On 7 February 1950, Mayor A. W. Woodle, Woodle's Jewelry Store, N. Main St., Greenwood, S. C. was interviewed and stated that an unknown person entered his office around 1700 hours and requested that he view an object over the city. Woodle stated that he viewed the object and his first thought was that the object was a vaper trail left by an aircraft. He continued that several pther people entered his office and requested that he view the object. Woodle stated that he watched the object, which seemed to be moving from east to west, and it appeared to be silver in color as it moved towards the setting sun. He stated that he went back into his office and returned around 1715 hours and saw the object again, at which time, it appeared to be grey in color. According to Mr. Woodle, there were no aircraft visible in the sky and no sound was heard. He stated that it was a clear day, no clouds in the sky and the weather was warm. Woodle's opinion was that the object was cone shaped. He added that he possessed a private pilots license and his hobby was fishing and that he was sure that the object was a vaper trail, which he believed to be about 30,000 feet high. The object did not resemble any type of flying craft, no wings, portholes, exhaust pipes, etc, were visible. Due to numerous persons calling his attention to the object, Mr. Woodle placed a telephone call to Mr. Luther Johnson, Johnson Flying Service, located approximately 3 miles west of Greenwood, S. C., and requested that he send a plane up to investigate the object. Mr. Woodle added that a representative of True Magazine had interviewed him regarding the object. In conclusion, Mr. Woodle stated that the object apparently was a vapor trail left by a single engine plane was there was only one trail in the sky.

Interrogators of Mr. Woodle formed the opinion that he is fairly intelligent, however, he seemed to place very little significance to the mysterious object.

4. Mr. Joe Poole, flying instructor, Johnson Flying Service, 3 miles west of Greenwood, S. C., stated in an interview on 7 February 1950 that Mr. Johnson informed him of a strange object in the sky over the airport around 1710 hours on 29 December 1949. Mr. Johnson requested that he take aloft an airplane to try and determine the identify of the object. Mr. Poole and Mr. William Asheley, student, took off in a Trainer Cub around 1715 hours in an attempt to overtake the object. Poole stated they stayed in the air and chased the object for about twenty(20) minutes,

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however, due to darkness and the cruising speed of the training plane, they did not get close enough to the object to identify it. Mr. Poole stated that in his opinion the object was smoke used by sky writing planes and the object appeared to be about 6,000 feet high, from the ground, about six (6) inches long and about as large around as a pencil. He stated the color of the object was gray and that the object seemed to keep approximately the same distance from his airplane while he was chasing it. He stated the object moved direct toward the sun. No wings, smoke, portholes, exhaust pipes, etcs., were visible and he added that the object did not appear to be a vapor trail left by an airplane. Mr. Poole stated the object looked like a sky-writer had started the downward straight side of a letter "P" as if in writing "Pepsi-Cola". He added in conclusion that he graduated from aviation cadet school during the war and flew B-25's in the United States.

Interrogators are of the opinion that Mr. Pool is fairly intelligent and should be considered as capable of identifying standard type aircraft due to his position as an instructor in flying and his graduation from aviation cadet school in the military service.

5. Mr. William C. Ashley, employee of the Index Journal, Greenwood, SC - student pilot, who chased the mysterious object with Mr. Poole, stated in an interview on 7 February 1950 that he was driving to the Johnson Flying Field around 1700 hours on 29 December 1950 when he sighted the object over the field. Upon arriving at the field, he and Mr. Poole took off in a training cub and tried to overtake the object. Ashley stated they chased the object approximately 45 minutes but failed to overtake it. He stated that on the ground the object appeared to be silver in color but when he got in the air and started chasing the object it appeared to be gray in color, approximately 12 feet long and cigar shaped. He stated that the object moved direct toward the sun and they gave up the chase when the sun had set due to having no lights on the training plane. Ashley estimated the object to be about 6,000 feet up and moving toward the west. He did not observe any portholes, exhaust pipes, wings, etc., while viewing the object. In Mr. Ashley's opinion, the object was not a vapor trail. He added that the weather was warm, and no clouds were visible in the sky. He concluded that he served in the Navy during World War II and that his hobby was baseball. He added that the object appeared to be crescent shaped at one time.

Interrogators are of the opinion that Mr. Ashley showed a tendency to exagerate the incident and seemed to place a great amount of signaficance upon the object.

6. On 7 February 1950, Mr. Edward Shaven, editor, Index Journal, Greenwood, S. C. was interviewed regarding the mysterious object and he stated that he was not present when the object moved over the Greenwood locality. He stated that he had written three (3) articles concerning the object which was based on information that he had received from various sources. The three (3) articles written by Mr. Shawen are attached to this report as EXHIBIT "A".

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7. Miss Lucile Carey, stenographer, Johnson Flying Service, 3 miles West of Greenwood, S. C., stated in an interview on 7 February 1950 that she became conscious of the mysterious object in the sky by receiving telephone calls from residents of the Greenwood locality, who called notifying the airport concerning the object. Miss Carey stated that the object appeared to be about 6,000 feet in the air and gray in color. In her opinion, the object appeared to be the downward section of the letter "P" as printed in the sky by sky-writers. She did not observe any wings, portholes, exhausts, smoke trails, etc. She noticed the object around 1715 hours and that she watched it until the sun set, at which time, the object appeared to break in half. Miss Carey added that the object appeared to be about six inches long and about a large around as a pencil. She informed that the weather was warm, there were no clouds in the xxxx sky and she did not observe any aircraft off the ground. Miss Carey was a ferry pilot during the recent world war.

Interrogaters are of the opinion that Miss Carey is of average intelligence, has better than average ability to observe things in their true form and should be considered as capable of identifying standard type aircraft due to her pilot's rating and the fact that her main interest is in flying.

XAT GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

8. Attempts were made to obtain weather conditions, wind velocity, etc., from the local airport in Greenwood, S. C. on 7 February 1950, however, the records were not available in that office.

AT GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

9. Records of the Xxxxxxx U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Greenville, S. C. were checked on 8 February 1950 for the record of the weather conditions in the Greenwood, S. C. locality for the period 29 December 1949. Records show that weather conditions between 0815 hours and 2215 hours, 29 December 1950 were as follows: Visibility better than ten (10) miles, temperature from 33 to 63 degrees (F), with the wind blowing at an estimated 2 to 3 miles per hour in a south west direction.

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AT GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA

10. Mr Luther Johnson, Johnson Flying Service, Greenwood, S.C. stated in an interview on 9 February, 1950 that Mr Woodle informed him of a strange object in the sky over the airport around 1715 hours 29 December 1949. Mr Woodle requested that he send a plane to try and dertermine the identify of the object. Johnson continued that after observing the object for serveral minutes he estimated it to be approx. 8 to 10,000 ft. in the air and gray in color. In his opinion, the object appeared to be the downward section of the letter "P" as printed in the sky by sky-writers. Johnson did not observe any wings portholes, exhausts, smoke trails, etc. He added there were no aircraft in the sky. Mr Johnson stated that he photograph the object however due the camera was not suitable the film was blurred. Johnson concluded that he was placing an advertisment in the Grenwood paper in hopes some one else had taken a photograph of the object. Johnson stated that if one was secured he would notify this office. Mr Johnson hold a commerical and instructors pilot license.

Interrogators are of the opinion that Mr Johnson is of average intelligence, has better then average ability to observe things in their true form and should be considered as capable of identifying standard type aircraft due to his number of year of flying..

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WEATHER BUREAU

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SURFACE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

STATION Greenwood, S.C. DATE 12-29-49

TYPE 1	TIME (LST) 2	CEILING (Hundreds of Feet) 3	SKY 4	VISIBILITY (Miles) 5	WEATHER and OBSTRUCTIONS TO VISION 6	SEA LEVEL PRESS. (mbs.) 7	TEMP. (°F) 8	DEW PT. (°F) 9	WIND DIRECTION 10	WIND SPEED (m.p.h.) 11	WIND CHARACTER AND SHIFTS 12	ALTIMETER SET. (ins.) 13	REMARKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL CODED DATA 14	14A	14B	OBSERVERS INITIALS 15
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

24-40C

JAN 17 1950

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft Over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Greenville Air Force Base
Greenville, South Carolina

1. The ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 30 December 1949, carried an article entitled "Mystery 'Object' Sails over Carolinas", photostatic copy of which is attached as Inclosure No. 1.

2. It is requested that your office obtain statements, as outlined by AFCSI Letter No. 85, 12 August 1949, from all persons listed in subject newspaper article and from any other person who might have witnessed this Aerial Phenomenon.

3. The statements obtained from the aforementioned persons will be as complete as possible and are to be used by this headquarters to determine the necessity for a complete investigation.

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Greenwood is about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville.

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At Hamlet, Phillips Gibbons, a former Air Force pilot, took out after it in another light plane. Gibbons said it quickly disappeared when he drew near. It definitely was not saucer-shaped, he asserted.

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By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Yippee! This country has found its all-around, all-time, all-American here—the hard-ridin', sharp-shootin', rootin'-tootin' cowboy.

That's the folksy word from the American Folklore Society, which is holding its annual meeting here.

Mody C. Boatright, of the University of Texas, an old cowhand himself, said in a speech, "The Cowboy as folk Hero," that there's no roping that cowboy now. During 1945 to 1948, he said, the sale of western magazines zoomed up another 28,000,000 copies.

"The cowboy meets the test of any folk hero," said Boatright. "He must have prowess—brave, strong, unconquerable. And he must have cleverness, the defense of the weak against the strong. The cowboy has both prowess and cleverness."

The whole nation now is cowboy conscious. "They're even wearing levis and jeans to schools in New York," said Boatright.

Listening to the inevitable jukebox git-tar, it's hard to realize that for many years the cowboy went unsung.

Americans adopted the cowboy techniques from the Mexicans,



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ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia

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Basic: Ltr Hq 6th District OSI, Subject, "Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft Over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949

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GREENVILLE DET., 6TH DISTRICT OSI (IG), 19 E. North Street, Greenville, South Carolina, 6 February 1950

TO: Detachment Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Charlotte QM Depot, Charlotte, North Carolina

1. Request your Detachment interview Phillips Gibbons, Hamlet, North Carolina, as requested in basic communication.

2. Further request that priority be given this matter and report be forwarded to Hq 6th District OSI as soon as possible.

John H. Cantrell

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JOHN H. CANTRELL
Captain, USAF
Detachment Commander

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft Over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Greenville Air Force Base
Greenville, South Carolina

1. The ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 30 December 1949, carried an article entitled "Mystery 'Object' Sails over Carolinas", photostatic copy of which is attached as Inclosure No. 1.

2. It is requested that your office obtain statements, as outlined by AFCSI Letter No. 85, 12 August 1949, from all persons listed in subject newspaper article and from any other person who might have witnessed this Aerial Phenomenon.

3. The statements obtained from the aforementioned persons will be as complete as possible and are to be used by this headquarters to determine the necessity for a complete investigation.

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ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: 30 DECEMBER 1949

Dec 30, Constitution

'NOT SAUCER-SHAPED'

Mystery 'Object' Sails Over Carolinas

HAMLET, N. C.—(AP)—A mysterious object moving southwestward through the sky had scores of Carolinians agog yesterday.

The object, on which descriptions varied, was first spotted at Fayetteville, about 50 miles northeast of Hamlet at about 4:30 p. m. Wednesday.

It was sighted again over Hamlet at about 4:45 p. m. and reports came from Greenwood, S. C., yesterday that the mysterious object passed westward over that city shortly after 5 p. m.

Greenwood is about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville.

Scores of residents in all three cities reported sighting the object. And at Hamlet and Greenwood, it was chased for several minutes by four pilots.

Hamlet observers said it resembled a balloon or blimp, and appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter. At Fayetteville, one observer said it looked more like a vertical neon lighting tube.

At Greenwood, two pilots said it appeared to be a streak of smoke about 15 or 20 feet long coming from an unseen plane. But the object, pilots said, retained its shape during the 10 or 15 minutes that they followed it.

Ground observers all said that it drifted into the direction of the setting sun. But the four pilots who chased it at Hamlet and Greenwood said they were unable to gain on it in their light planes.

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Major Cofield

8 May 1950
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Colonel Cropper

Classification of Documents

1. This is to advise you that your 1st and 3rd indorsements to basic letter, this office, subject: "Unconventional Type Aircraft", dated 6 April 1950, was not stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" conforming with classification of basic letter.

2. For security reasons it is suggested that in the future letters and indorsements transmitting classified material from your office be stamped as such.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO: 24-40c

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type Aircraft

APR 6 1950

TO: Detachment Commander
Chatham OSI Detachment
Chatham AFB, Savannah, Georgia

1. Approximately a week ago there was a report from Brunswick, Georgia that an unconventional type aircraft (flying "Saucer") had been sighted over that city.

2. Request your office conduct a preliminary investigation and submit information concerning this "Saucer" on a spot intelligence report.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1st Ind.

Chatham Detachment, 6th District OSI (IG), Chatham AFB, Ga., 13 April 1950.

TO: District Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Georgia.

1. Mr. L. J. Leavy, Editor of The Brunswick News, Brunswick, Ga., was interviewed by the undersigned on 12 April 1950 and furnished copies of the 27 and 28 March 1950 issues of The Brunswick News containing news items with reference to the Unconventional Type Aircraft, (Flying Saucer), reportedly seen over that city on 26 March 1950.

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2. No further information, other than that appearing in these news items, was available.

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3. Attached hereto as inclosures, two newspaper clippings referred to above.

Gene Cofield

GENE COFIELD
Major, USAF
Detachment Commander

2 Incls:
News clippings

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HQ, SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (IG), Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

APR 24 1950

TO: Detachment Commander, Chatham OSI Detachment, Chatham Air Force Base, Savannah, Georgia.

1. Paragraph 2 of basic communication requested a spot intelligence report be submitted concerning the unconventional type aircraft sighted over Brunswick, Georgia.

2. Request you submit this spot report in accordance with AFCSI Letter 106.

Eugene C. Cropper

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Chatham Detachment, 6th District OSI (IG), Chatham Air Force Base, Ga., 1 May 50.

TO: District Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Georgia.

Paragraph 2, basic communication, and 2nd indorsement thereto complied with.

Gene Cofield

GENE COFIELD
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HQS, SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION, Robins Air Force Base, Robins Field, Georgia

TO: Detachment Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia

1. Returned herewith for preparation of report in accordance with provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, subject "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry," is form "Guide to Investigation Unidentified Aerial Objects." It is noted that copy of this AFCSI Letter was forwarded to your office on 23 August 1949.

2. You are advised that the form sent to you was originally, as the title shows, a guide to investigation and it does not necessarily follow that the completion of the information outlined on that guide is all that is necessary in these matters. This guide is used so that complete data will be gathered and then this information is presented in report form.

BY ORDER OF LT. COLONEL CROPPER:

JAMES C. BORDEN
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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Turner Detachment, Sixth District OSI (IG) Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia.

Forwarded herewith completed forms "Unidentified Aerial Objects" except for statement of Mr. HOPKINS who is absent from the vicinity of Valdosta Georgia from 8 August, 1949 to 28 August, 1949. His statement will be forwarded to your office as soon as he can be contacted.

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JOHN H. PULLEN
1st Lt. USAF
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FILE NO: 24-30

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28 JUL 1949

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Turner Air Force Base
Albany, Georgia

1. Returned herewith your letter of 20 July 1949 containing information concerning observations on aerial phenomenon in the neighborhood of Valdosta, Georgia.

2. This information will be re-written on the attached form and forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

James C. Borden
JAMES C. BORDEN, Major, USAF
Deputy for

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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31 January 1951

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

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

1. Submitted herewith are reports of interview held by this office with Messrs. Guy F. Farmer, Malvin A. Rhodes, and Dock L. Barry, who sighted an unidentified flying object at Warner Robins, Georgia, on 25 January 1951, together with a drawing made by Mr. Guy F. Farmer. Mr. Farmer identified the time of sighting at 1824 hours EST.

2. Check with Major Robert C. Higgins, Station Weather Officer at Robins Air Force Base, resulted in information that a weather balloon was released from the Base Weather Station on 25 January 1951 at 1600 hours EST. This balloon was not illuminated by candle or other means. Major Higgins expressed the opinion that the balloon released at 1600 hours could not have been aloft at 1824 hours. No record of time of breakage of referenced balloon was available. However, Major Higgins stated that such balloons are normally down within an hour-and-a-half.

3. Check with Base Control Tower indicated the following air activity at Robins Air Force Base on 25 January 1951 between 1800 and 1900 hours:

Type	Take-Off	Arrival
C-46	1822 hrs.	
T-6	1823 hrs.	
C-47		1828 hrs.
C-45	1829 hrs.	
C-47	1850 hrs.	
C-47	1857 hrs.	
C-47	1858 hrs.	

B-25 in flight from 1540 to 1907 hrs.
C-47 in flight from 1545 to 1604 hrs.

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Ltr WRAMA, 31 Jan 51, Subject: Unidentified Flying Object

4. Contact was made with Mr. John Busbee of the Communications Station at Cochran Field (Macon Municipal Airport), who reported the following aircraft in flight in the vicinity of Warner Robins, Georgia, on 25 January 1950 between the hours of 1800 and 1900:

AF 6176 at 1801, at 30,000 feet
AF 6178 at 1813, at 28,000 feet
Navy 17289 at 1834, altitude not determined
Delta Air Lines Flight 446 at 1800 - Jacksonville to Atlanta
Delta Air Lines Flight 648 at 1810 - Miami to Atlanta
Delta Air Lines Flight 645 at 1845 - Chicago to Miami

Altitude of referenced Delta Air Lines aircraft was not available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

P. KUBALA
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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1. Spot Report - Farmer
2. Drawing of Mr. Farmer
3. Spot Report - Rhodes
4. Spot Report - Barry

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1. a. Observer:

Mr. Guy F. Farmer
388-C Zeigler Apartments
Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Zeigler Apartments area, Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 25 January 1951 at 1824 hours EST.

d. Weather C A V U: Clear: visibility 10 miles on 25 Jan 51 at 1828 hours. (Official report of Base Weather Station)

2. Mr. Guy F. Farmer, Inspector in Instrument Branch, Robins AFB, was interviewed by the Intelligence Office on 29 January 1951. He stated that in the late afternoon of 25 January 1951 he was lying on the couch in his apartment when his young son came into the house and shouted, "Daddy, there's an airplane on fire!" Mr. Farmer rushed outdoors and looked up at the sky, where he observed the phenomenon as hereinafter related. He identified the time as 1824 hours EST.

3. Mr. Farmer thought at first that the object in the sky was a jet plane on fire and that the pilot had pulled up, trying to get out of a stall. The object did not appear to be moving but just sat there. He then realized that it was not a burning aircraft because "an enormous fire or light from the top of the object went to a point several feet above the object". There was no smoke, and the light did not flicker but maintained a steady glow. In color it was "between a blue-white and a red", unlike anything Mr. Farmer had ever seen before.

4. The object as first sighted by Mr. Farmer was in the South and at an altitude of 4,000 to 6,000 feet. It was oblong in shape and appeared to be of uniform thickness throughout, rather "like a flattened orange, but not round". Mr. Farmer estimated the length of the object as approximately 150 feet. In color it was dull, perhaps black, without any gloss.

5. Mr. Farmer detected no odor, saw no smoke, and heard no noise.

6. The light seemed to be projected from the entire unit, not just the center. The thing which most impressed Mr. Farmer was the way in which the light "pointed" the movement of the object. The point of light would move, then the object would move, as though the object were attached to the point with strings. The point of the light would lean over, then the object would move until it was directly centered under the point, then both point and object would rise. Mr. Farmer compared the action to "climbing steps". This happened approximately four times. Attached is a drawing made by Mr. Farmer in an attempt to present in pictorial form the movement of the object.

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7. During the period of Mr. Farmer's observation, the object moved from South to North West. In its steplike progress, the object reached an altitude of approximately 8,000 to 10,000 feet. It required about three minutes for this climb. The light seemed even brighter at the higher altitude. It hovered at that altitude for perhaps thirty seconds. The point of light was directly above the object at that time. Then the point leaned at an angle of about 70 degrees and point and object moved upward at that angle at tremendous speed and went out of sight. Mr. Farmer stated that he would not even try to estimate the speed. Before disappearing, the object itself became a black blob.

8. When leaning, the point changed position too fast for the eye to detect the actual motion of the changing point, but the whole operation seemed to be accomplished at a relatively slow speed, since Mr. Farmer was able to see the object move into position under the point in each of the "stairstep" progressions. After each completed movement, the whole unit seemed to stop and hover before proceeding to the next progression. Each progression appeared to effect a gain in altitude.

9. When first observed by Mr. Farmer, the point of light was leaning South, but its subsequent progression was from South to North West. The lower lefthand portion of Mr. Farmer's drawing, attached, omits the steplike progressions and shows the starting-point, indicates the gain in altitude achieved by the steplike progressions, and indicates the final "hovering" of the unit before it rose and disappeared from view in the direction he labelled "Finish".

10. Mr. Farmer is a pilot, holding Pilot's Ticket 440244. For two-and-a-half years he crop-dusted in Texas, Mississippi, and Florida. He discontinued crop-dusting sometime in 1950. He has more than 2000 hours flying time. He has 20/20 vision without glasses. He stated that he has consumed no intoxicating beverages in a year.

11. Mr. Farmer reported that at the time he observed the object the sun was setting, but the red ball of the sun was visible about halfway above the horizon. The sky was still blue, and there were no clouds except for a few small, scattered clouds in the east. The sky had that particular brightness which precedes the coming of twilight. There was no strong wind blowing, and there were no noticeable noises emanating from Robins AFB.

12. On 28 January 1951 Mr. Farmer went to the airport at Cochran Field (Macon Municipal Airport). There he asked "James", a colored employee of the airport, if he had seen anything unusual in the sky on Thursday evening. James told Mr. Farmer that he had seen a streak of fire without any smoke, going West just before sundown, and that he had heard no noise.

13. The Intelligence Office did not consider it necessary to interview "James" since his description of the phenomenon, as related to Mr. Farmer, was of such vague nature.

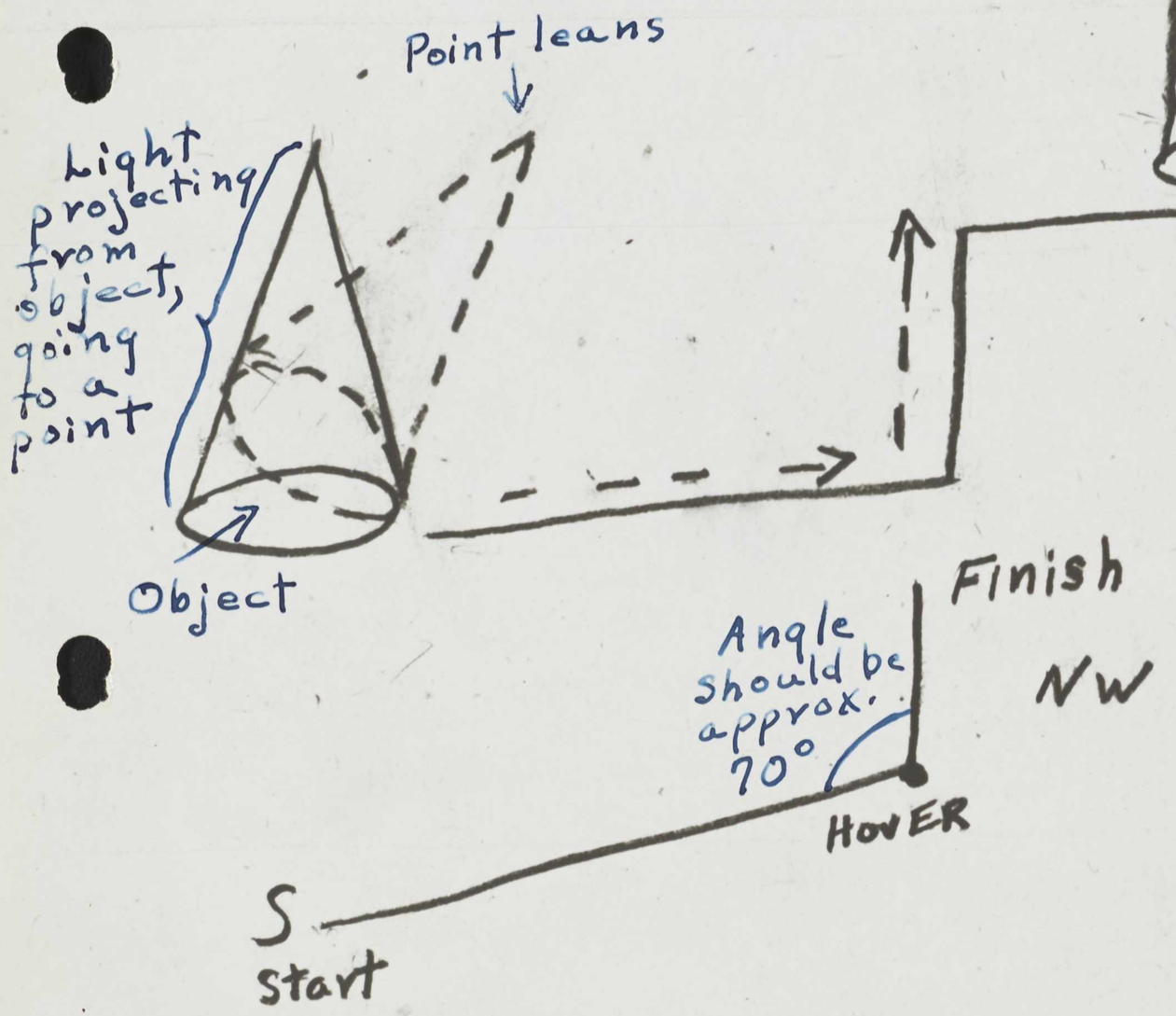
14. Mr. Farmer has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers. He stated that he has seen Donald Keyhoe's book on that subject but has not read it.

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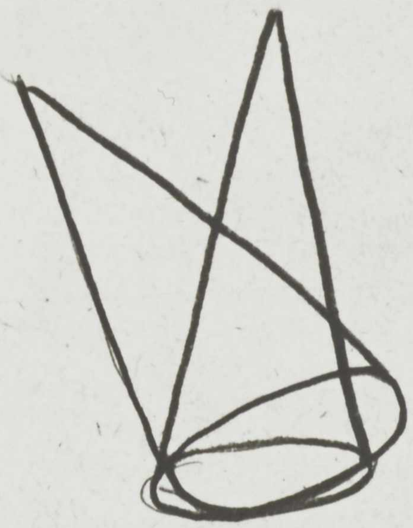
Drawing made by
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NOTE: RATIO BETWEEN SIZE OF OBJECT AND SIZE OF LIGHT IS NOT CORRECT. OBJECT SHOULD APPEAR MUCH LARGER.



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1. a. Observer:

Mr. Malvin A. Rhodes
388-E Zeigler Apartments
Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Zeigler Apartments area, Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and time: 25 January 1951 at "around 1800 hours"

d. Weather C A V U: Clear: visibility 10 miles on 25 January 1951 at 1828 hours. (Official report of Base Weather Station)

2. Mr. Malvin A. Rhodes, Radio Electronics Repairman at Robins AFB, was interviewed by the Intelligence Office on 29 January 1951. He stated that on 25 January 1951 he was in his apartment when his little daughter ran in and told him a plane was on fire. Mr. Rhodes went outside and looked up at the sky, where he observed the phenomenon as hereinafter related. He identified the time at around 1800 hours.

3. Upon first sighting the object, Mr. Rhodes thought it was a jet plane on fire. He concluded it was not a burning plane because the fire did not blow back of the object but seemed to be going up from it, and no smoke was visible. He noticed no noise, vibration, or odor.

4. The object appeared to be dark and "kind of oblong" in shape. The object itself did not shine; all illumination seemed to come from the light or fire which went up from the object for a distance of about 3 or 4 feet. Mr. Rhodes could not estimate the altitude of the object but stated that it was "a long way off". It seemed to be no more than 5 or 6 feet in length when sighted by Mr. Rhodes. It did not look like any aircraft he had ever seen. The illumination was "almost red" in color and was a continuous, steady glow without any blinking or flickering.

5. When first sighted by Mr. Rhodes, the object appeared to be standing still. It then began to move and disappeared in a due westerly direction, as well as he could judge. Prior to its disappearance, the object seemed to be climbing, possibly at a 45 degree angle. When it disappeared, it seemed to be moving from "some tremendous force". Mr. Rhodes compared the suddenness of its departure to "slapping something off a table".

6. Mr. Rhodes does not wear glasses and stated that he had not consumed any intoxicating beverage on 25 January 1951.

7. Mr. Rhodes did not notice any clouds in the sky. He stated that it was still bright outdoors when he saw the object.

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8. Mr. Rhodes has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers. His reading along that line has been confined to occasional newspaper stories regarding unidentified serial objects.

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1. a. Observer:

Mr. Dock L. Barry
388-B Zeigler Apartments
Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Zeigler Apartments area, Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 25 January 1951, "around sunset"

d. Weather C A V U: Clear: visibility 10 miles on 25 Jan 51 at 1828 hours. (Official report of Base Weather Station.)

2. Mr. Dock L. Barry, Aircraft Mechanic at Robins AFB, was interviewed by the Intelligence Office on 29 January 1951. He stated that on 25 January 1951 he was in his apartment when his son ran in and told him that a plane was on fire. Mr. Barry went outside and looked up at the sky, where he observed the phenomenon as hereinafter related. He identified the time as "around sunset".

3. At first glance, Mr. Barry thought the object he saw was a plane on fire. He concluded that it was not an aircraft, but he had no idea what it might be. He could not identify the size or shape of the object, which he saw in the West, "a long way off".

4. Mr. Barry stated that he saw a reddish light, quite bright, and that he heard no noise, saw no smoke and smelled nothing.

5. During the short time he watched the object it was always moving and did not seem to be going faster than an airplane. When first sighted, the light seemed to be moving at about a 45 degree angle, then it "changed and levelled off".

6. Mr. Barry stated that he felt cold and returned to his aprtment without waiting to watch the object go out of sight.

7. Mr. Barry does not wear glasses and stated that he had consumed no intoxicating beverage on 25 January 1951.

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

10 July 1950 RHB/mo

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO : District Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. SYNOPSIS:
Third Army CIC Officers telephonically advised sighting of an unidentified flying object at 1025 hours, 10 July 1950. The object was visible for fifteen (15) minutes and appeared to be flying at 35,000 - 50,000 feet altitude. Observers perceived no sound or vapor trail. Object not mistaken for weather balloon.

2. DETAILS:
At 1140 hours, this date, S. S. DEERING, Major, Operations Officer, 111th CIC Detachment, Fort McPherson, Georgia, telephonically advised that he and FRANCIS RILEY, WOJG, 111th CIC Detachment, observed, at 1025 hours, 10 July 1950, a round object south of Fort McPherson, Georgia, traveling in a northernly direction at an altitude between 35,000 and 50,000 feet. Major DEERING advised that the object was quite distinct and was visible for approximately fifteen (15) minutes except for periods when the object passed behind low hanging clouds. Major DEERING advised that he heard no sound from the object and that it was the opinion of himself and RILEY that they had not mistaken the object for a weather balloon. Major DEERING further advised that RILEY is a former Air Force officer and is accustom to observing objects in flight.

3. ACTION TAKEN:
None.

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Reports of 'Unidentified Objects' Over Secret Center Prove Embarrassing

LOS ALAMOS, N. M.—(INS)—Reports of pancake-shaped "unidentified objects" over the government's atomic research center at Los Alamos may pose an embarrassing problem for the military.

The government has officially denied that "flying saucers" exist. But unidentified aircraft are not permitted in the air over the super-secret New Mexico installation.

So "if" observers were correct, and "if" the "saucers" reappear close to Los Alamos, security officials may have to send up planes to chase away the objects they say don't exist.

An unidentified spokesman at the atomic headquarters confessed Tuesday:

"I can't think of anything funny to say."

He was commenting on reports of nearly a score of persons who reported three "saucers" Tuesday flitting about at altitudes estimated at between 40 and 60 thousand feet.

John K. Herzog, employe of the personnel division, said they appeared to be moving "with sense," traveling in one direction, stopping, then reversing direction.

Willard E. Buck said he watched one of the disc-like objects through a telescope and "it seemed to be very thin. It did not turn on its axis but like a pancake."

FORT WORTH — (INS) — Photographs of unidentified objects, high in the air and apparently travelling at high speed revived interest in flying saucers in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Ira Maxey, a veteran radar B-24 bombardier said he saw a group of the strange objects late Sunday evening as he stood in his yard. The first group was followed by a second and he had his wife bring out his camera.

"I just started shooting," he said. "When I printed them they look more like flying bananas than saucers." He said to the eye the objects appeared tailless. No noise was heard. He estimated the objects were six or seven miles high.

Inspection of the pitcures shows objects looking something like a new moon, or a shallow mushroom.

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House Appropriations committee Chairman Cannon of Miss

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Impact Here Minor, Postmaster Believes

Proposed cuts in postal service, rodered Tuesday by Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson, will have "only slight" effect on Amarillo, Postmaster Gordon Jordan said Wednesday.

Reluctant to discuss the cuts until he receives the official bulletin, Postmaster Jordan said he could not say definitely what the effect on Amarillo would be.

"The Amarillo postoffice is expanding so rapidly," he said, "that we have effected previously ordered economies by absorbing some of the growing business within our regular staff.

The Amarillo postoffice employs 242 people, of whom 88 ar carriers.

Jordan indicated that, based o newspaper reports of Postmaste General Donaldson's directive, th carriers would be the employee group most affected.

Of the 88 carriers working i Amarillo now, 14 are "substitutes." Jordan would not guess as t whether the new cuts would involve discharge of these substitutes.

With the rapidly growing busi ness in Amarillo, Jordan said sev eral new carriers and clerks ha

Taft Says H Hunter to

WASHINGTON — (INS went to the defense of Sen. Mc but denied that he had ever attack on the State depart ment.

The Ohio Republican sai McCarthy "never accused any one in public until he wa forced to do so" by Majority Leader Lucas of Illinois, an the Tydings subcommittee.

The loyalty investigating grou Thursday will hear McCarthy' "key" witness—Louis Budenz, for mer Communist editor—tell what h knows about Owen Lattimore, Chin expert accused by McCarthy.

In addition, the young Republica gave the subcommittee but did no reveal publicly, the names of tw

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Amateur Mathematicians Place Altitude Of 'Flying Object' at 70,452 Feet

Amateur mathematicians on The Times staff had a picnic Wednesday morning attempting to determine the altitude of an object seen flying over Memphis, Clarendon and Childress Tuesday.

Start of the activity came when B. L. Hurst of the CAA office in Clarendon told a reporter the angles of elevation which CAA offices in Childress and Clarendon measured on the object.

From Clarendon the angle of elevation had been 44 degrees and at the exact minute the angle of elevation at Childress was 20 degrees.

According to the CAA in Amarillo, the number of air miles from Clarendon to Childress is 55 miles.

So, using the 55 miles as the base, a triangle was drawn starting one side from the base at an angle of 44 degrees and the other at an angle of 20 degrees.

Extending the lines until they met to form the vertex of the triangle, the mathematicians attempted to calculate the altitude.

The CAA had estimated the height of the object at "better than 60,000 feet."

The Times "experts" set the altitude at 13.4 miles or 70,452 feet.

When it came to figuring the size of the objects, however, the mathematicians balked.

They were told it appeared about 12 inches wide at Memphis. Only estimate made on the size of the object was one which placed the size at about the same as "two battleships side-by-side."

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Mystery 'Object' No Balloon, CAA Says

An object sighted in the air over the Clarendon, Childress and Memphis area Tuesday has been identified by some observers as nothing more than a balloon.

But Civil Aeronautics authorities discounted the theory as did two personnel in two Air Force planes.

Cause of the guessing game was first sighted over Clarendon at about 8:30 a. m. Tuesday. It was later sighted at Memphis and Childress.

Hundreds gathered in the streets at Childress and others filled the sidewalks at Memphis and Clarendon to look.

At Childress the object was in sight from noon until 5:30 when it became obscured by clouds.

Estimates of the altitude of the objects vary also but all agree it was "mighty high."

Air Force personnel in a B-36 said the object looked no larger to them when they were flying at 46,000 feet than it did on the ground.

T. Z. Alexander, salesman for an auto parts store in Memphis, used binoculars to watch the flight of a private plane from the Memphis airfield. At 14,200 feet the plane leveled off and Alexander said at that height the plane, a Swift, looked about one-third the size of the object.

B. L. Hurst, of the CAA station at Clarendon, estimated the height of the object at better than 60,000 feet.

In answer to the theory that the object was a balloon of some sort, Hurst had two replies:

1. At the altitude at which the object was apparently flying, winds were blowing at about 100 miles per hour and should have moved it faster (estimated speed of the object was five miles per hour, it moving from four miles southwest of Clarendon at 8:30 to 10 miles northwest of Memphis at 3 p. m.);

2. It would have had to have been an "awfully large balloon" for people on the ground to see it in Memphis, Clarendon and Childress, at the same time.

Hurst said the object had no visible vapor trails or flames. He said it seemed to have a constant altitude and seemed to have a definite course, due east.

Jack Cox of the CAA at Childress said the object seemed to have no motion other than forward. He said it did no rolling, rocking or jumping as far as he could tell.

Two Air Force planes investigated the reports, one a B-36 and another an F-61 jet fighter, but both had to stop investigating. The big bomber called it off because of a shortage of fuel. The fighter had to stop climbing when its ogygen supply ran short.

Results of the Air Force investigation had not been ma[illegible]ublic Wednesday noon.

Eddie Foxall was in the plane over Memp[illegible] Told me the object must have been 20 m high. It didn't look like the one that hit the field. was much larger.

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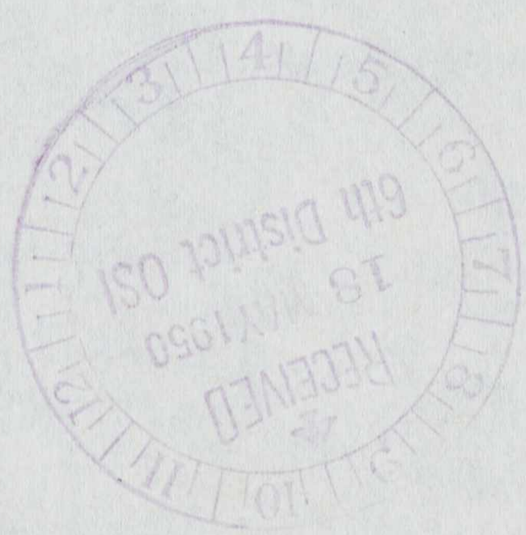
A letter was received by persons in Savannah, Georgia from W. W. WIGGINS of Hadley, Texas (between Amarilla and Memphis). This letter was given to Mrs.DEAN, stenographer at Chatham Detachment Office of Special Investigations (IG) and turned over to the Office of Special Investigations by her.

Persons knowing WIGGINS state that he is of good mind and has an excellent reputation in his community - that since sending this letter he has refused to talk about it due to the fact that people think him to be telling an untruth.

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The following letter was received by persons at Savannah, Georgia from W. W. WIGGINS, Amarilla, Texas (Hadley, Texas which is between Amarilla and Memphis). This was turned over to the OSI through Mrs. DEAN, the Secretary at Chatham OSI Detachment, Chatham Air Force Base, Georgia.

"This is a peculiar story I am trying to write, I am writing it as it exactly happened, but even yet it seams unreal. If you disbelieve it, and put it down as the rambling of a half cracked mind, well, mabe you are right, I for one sure wont argue with you,

So here goes the story, I was plowing this after noon, on my east 120, useing a heavy tractor , and plowing unusualy deep, which required all the power posible in the tractor, evry once in a while the tractor would miss fire and nearly stop, causing me much concern as I was in a hurry and could not imagine what could be the trouble. I had noticed a shadders pass over, similar to the size a large hawk or buzzard would make, I begain to notice the tractor acted up about the time of the shadow, and I began to try to locale the object.

Can you imagine my supprize. When I saw a circular object apperantly floating in the air, nearly over me,

The rows I was plowing are nearly 1/2 mile long as I watched the, object followed me, just gliding, along, making no noise, and onely a fiew hundred feet up. I stoped to get a better look, and the object stoped too, Then it began cercling over, The tractor coughed a fiew times then stoped, after a fiew more circles the object came to a landing about 100 feet from me. landing easy, with no reboumd,

I sat my tractor and looked, not moving. After a fiew minutes a lid poped up, and two of the quearest looking people or things. came out.

Their heads were inclosed in a glass or plastic helmet, any way it was clear enough I could see their faces, if a face you could call it. I would call their color, a shad of blue Their clothes were white and they had two legs and two arms, They moved their arms as they guestered to one another, but they glided over the ground, with out taking steps, They came up to the tractor and looked it over, Then I could see they had onely one large eye, but two enormous ears, and were about two feet tall, very muscular build,

When I made the least movement, they would glid away,

They guestered quied a bit but I heard no soud of voices.

After what seamed to me a long period of time whict they spent looking at my plowing and examing the engine. I lit a cigarette, with out thinking,

As I blew the first puff, They turned skimed over the ground at unbelievable speed, climed in the quear looking object, they came in, and zip it went up like a rocket, and was soon out of sight."

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The attached newspaper appeared in the Atlanta Constitution on Monday 14 November 1950,

Major KUBALA informed as Base Intelligence Officer WRAMA

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SAUCERS AGAIN

Five Rome Residents See 'Flying Discs'

ROME, Ga., Nov. 13—(AP)—The first "flying saucers" to be sighted in the Rome area came Monday when reports to the News-Tribune revealed that five persons saw two of the strange discs about 2:30 p. m.

All five, including the Russell Field Airport manager and a U. S. weather observer said they plainly saw the discs.

They said they spotted the strange objects about 2:30 when an Air Force AT-6 training plane "buzzed" the Russell Field runway. Attracted by the plane, the observers looked up apparently at what the plane's pilot was trying to make them see.

They watched the discs for several minutes before they disappeared, one to the north and one to the northeast. One dropped toward the field and then climbed away, the group said.

Their altitude and size was impossible to estimate, they said.

Eastern Air Lines planes were alerted to watch for the saucers.

The group seeing the saucers included weather observer John Neuman, Russell Field Manager Bill Swart, Barry Woods, John Garrard and Elton King, all flyers.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Charlotte, North Carolina

21 February 1950

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft Over the Carolinas on 28 December 1949

TO: District Commander
Headquarters, 6th District OSI
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. This investigation was conducted as requested by letter, your Headquarters, subject as above, dated 17 January 1950. Correspondence and inclosures received on this case are returned herewith as Inclosure #1.

2. The following investigation was conducted by S/A ROBERT B. McCOLLOUGH in Hamlet, North Carolina:

3. On 10 February 1950, Mr. A. D. WAYE, Editor, The Hamlet News, Hamlet, N. C., was interviewed. Mr. WAYE stated that he did not observe the unusual Object, however, he did interview all persons in Hamlet that claimed they observed it. At this time, Mr. WAYE made available a copy of The Hamlet News, dated 30 December 1949, inclosed as Inclosure #2.

4. On 10 February 1950, HOWARD JAMES, Colored, employee of MARBY & WABBERSON Drug Store, Hamlet, N. C., stated he observed the unusual Object from the rear of the Drug Store. JAMES said that he saw the Object at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949. The day was clear, only a few clouds, and the sun was shining. The Object looked to be about 20 or 30 feet long, silver in color, and appeared to be floating. JAMES described it "like a big piece of silk hanging in the air". From JAMES' position, the Object was west of Hamlet and about 30 degrees above the horizon. The Object slowly floated to the west and disappeared from sight about 30 minutes after he first saw it. JAMES said he heard no noise or saw any lights or projections on the Object. The Object did no tactics, but did seem to waiver once in awhile before it went out of sight. JAMES was unable to guess the height of the Object or its distance from him. He just said that it looked far away to him. In regard to JAMES' reliability, he appeared to this Agent to be intelligent and observing. He does not have thorough knowledge of aeronautics, but seems to have normal ability to determine. It is the opinion of this Agent that JAMES expressed his observations of the Object accurately and without exaggeration.

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5. Mr. A. C. WABBERSON and Mr. C. P. MARBY, both owners and operators of the WABBERSON and MARBY Drug Store, Hamlet, N. C., were interviewed together. Both men stated substantially the same, that they saw the Object at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949, when it was pointed out to them by HOWARD JAMES, one (1) of their employees. They stated the Object was in the west, almost seemed to be in the setting sun, and appeared to be at about 30 degrees to the horizon. They agreed with HOWARD JAMES in that the Object seemed to be about 20 or 30 feet in length and was of silver color. They said that the color was not bright like metal, but duller in color like a cloud. They said the Object seemed to be long and thin, but was wider at the top than the bottom. Mr. WABBERSON drew a sketch of how the Object appeared to him. This sketch is inclosed as Inclosure #3. Mr. MARBY and HOWARD JAMES, upon viewing the sketch made by Mr. WABBERSON, both stated the Object appeared to them exactly as the sketch. Both men said the Object remained in view for about 30 minutes and then disappeared beneath the horizon. Neither of them heard any noise made by the Object, nor did they see any projections or lights on the Object. They said the day was clear, almost cloudless, and the sun was shining. Mr. WABBERSON said he thought at first the Object was sky writing, but he could not see any plane, and the Object did not dissipate as regular sky writing. Both men said the Object looked to be over the Airport which is about eight (8) miles west of Hamlet. They were unable to judge its altitude, but did not think the Object was higher than five (5) or six (6) thousand feet. Both men appeared to be of average intelligence and not prone to exaggerate. They appeared to be expressing their opinions as to what they observed as honestly as possible. They both said they felt a little foolish in describing the incident, but with the assurance that the investigation was confidential, they set forth their observations as truthfully as possible. Neither of the men had any degree of aeronautical knowledge, but seemed to have average ability to determine.

6. On 10 February 1950, Dr. WILLIAM D. JAMES, Head Surgeon, Hamlet Hospital, Hamlet, N. C., upon being interviewed, stated he was in front of the Hamlet Fire Station talking to the Fire Chief at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949, when his attention was drawn to the Object by several persons who were observing it from the other side of the street. Dr. JAMES said he saw a long, thin, silver Object about 30 degrees above the horizon in the west. Dr. JAMES said the Object appeared to be sky writing at first, and he thought someone at the Airport was putting on a show. Inviting Fire Chief WORLEY to accompany him, Dr. JAMES said they drove very rapidly to the Airport, but when they arrived there, the Object seemed to be further away. It seemed to be drifting into the setting sun, and Dr. JAMES thought at this time that it might be a weather ballon. Dr. JAMES seemed very reluctant to discuss his first observations of the Object since he said he was quite sure it was the vapor trail of a B-36. Dr. JAMES said that on 30 December 1949 a B-36 flew over Hamlet at a great altitude, and he again observed the same sight. He said he had discussed the matter with friends at Ft. Bragg, and they advised that a B-36 did pass over Hamlet at a great altitude on both 28 and 30 December 1949. Dr. JAMES said the Charlotte

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Observer Newspaper carried an article on the appearance of the Object and attributed it to vapor trails from B-36's. During the interview, Dr. JAMES' figures on the Object's length and degree of height from the horizon agreed with those given by other witnesses. Dr. JAMES said though that he believed the Object was at least 40,000 feet in the sky, and while the Object looked about 20 or 30 feet long, it probably was miles long. It appeared to this Agent that Dr. JAMES was far above average in intelligence and ability to determine. Dr. JAMES also had some knowledge of aeronautics. Reliability of Dr. JAMES' above statements were unquestioned by this Agent.

7. Upon being interviewed, Mr. BEVERLY BALL, Solicitor, Hamlet District Recorders Court, Hamlet, N. C., stated he observed the Object over Hamlet, N. C., at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949, while standing on Main St. Mr. BALL said that when he first observed the Object it was in the west, silver in color, looked to be smoke trailing from an airplane, and was about 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon. After watching it for a few minutes, the Object seemed to change its shape from a long, thin Object to that of a cigar or a dirigible. The Object seemed to be about 20 or 30 feet in length and seemed to waver or had a turning motion. Believing the Object was over the Airport about eight (8) miles west of town, Mr. BALL said he drove in his car in that direction. When he arrived at the Airport, he then realized that the Object was a great distance from Hamlet and moving in the direction of the west. The Object then appeared to Mr. BALL to be round like a ball. Mr. BALL said the Object was in sight about 40 minutes and seemed to just be floating away. Mr. BALL said that he observed the high flying B-36 on 30 December 1949, but the vapor trails left by the B-36 did not appear to be like the Object he saw on 28 December 1949. In regard to reliability of Mr. BALL, this agent noted Mr. BALL's vision was impaired by a stilted eye, and he wore glasses. Mr. BALL holds a responsible position in Hamlet, N. C., and it is believed that his description of the Object was a trueful account as to what he saw, however, since no other witness saw the Object as round, it is believed that Mr. BALL's poor eyesight may have accounted for this. Mr. BALL had no knowledge of aeronautics, but is a man of above average intelligence. Mr. BALL drew a sketch of how the Object appeared to him, and this sketch is inclosed as Inclosure #4. Mr. BALL included in this one (1) sketch the three (3) shapes the Object took on during his observation. The small dotted lines running from one object to another were Mr. BALL's method of indicating the turning of the Object from one shape to another.

8. Upon being interviewed, Mr. J. C. WORLEY, Fire Chief, Hamlet, N.C., stated the story as did Dr. JAMES except that Chief WORLEY did not offer the explanations that the Object was the vapor trail of a B-36. Chief WORLEY was unable to add to the description of the Object as given by Mr. WABBERSON, HOWARD JAMES, Mr. MARBY, or Dr. JAMES. Chief WORLEY appeared to this agent to be a man of integrity and of average intelligence. Chief WORLEY had no knowledge of aeronautics. It is believed that Chief WORLEY described the Object exactly as he saw it.

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9. In your letter request for this investigation, you set forth the lead of interview of Mr. PHILLIP GIBBONS, Hamlet, N. C. All persons interviewed advised that Mr. GIBBONS was not in Hamlet, N. C., and they did not know his present whereabouts. They all stated he traveled a lot and visited his father in Hamlet a few times a year. All persons advised that Mr. PHILLIP GIBBONS was prone to exaggerate and would not be a reliable witness. Dr. JAMES said that he was present at the Airport when Mr. PHILLIP GIBBONS and GIBBON's wife took off in the airplane to catch the Object and was present when they returned. After returning, Mrs. PHILLIP GIBBONS said they lost sight of the Object shortly after taking off and did not observe it again. Dr. JAMES lead this Agent to believe that Mr. PHILLIP GIBBONS told a different story than did his wife, but Dr. JAMES would not state directly that Mr. GIBBONS had falsified his story. Upon being contacted, Mr. J. P. GIBBONS, SR., Hamlet, N. C., father of PHILLIP GIBBONS, stated his son was not presently in Hamlet, N. C., and he did not know his son's exact address. Mr. J. P. GIBBONS said his son could only be contacted by writing to BLACKWELL and BLACKWELL, Attorneys, R. J. REYNOLDS Building, Winston-Salem, N. C. Mr. J. P. GIBBONS said his son kept his attorneys advised of his whereabouts. Due to the information received above, considering the time required to contact Mr. PHILLIP GIBBONS for interview, and taking into account that this is a preliminary investigation to be used by your Headquarters to determine the necessity for a complete investigation, this investigation is being forwarded to your office without testimony of Mr. PHILLIP GIBBONS.

10. During interview with Mr. A. D. WAYE and Dr. JAMES, both men mentioned that the Charlotte Observer Newspaper, Charlotte, N. C., had carried articles concerning the Object and had described the Object as a B-36 vapor trail. On 11 February 1950, the files of the Charlotte Observer revealed that articles were carried on the Object on 30 and 31 December 1949. Copies of these articles were secured and are inclosed as Inclosures #5 and #6. These articles appear to identify the Object as vapor trails from B-36 and descriptions of the Objects seen in Charlotte seem to compare favorably with those seen in Hamlet, N. C.

11. This detachment is conducting no further investigation on this inquiry until further instructions are received from your Headquarters.

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6 Incls:
1. Ltr, dtd. 17 Jan 50
2. Hamlet News, dtd. 30 Dec 49
3. Sketch drawn by WABBERSON
4. Sketch drawn by BALL
5. Charlotte Observer, dtd. 30 Dec 49
6. Charlotte Observer, dtd. 31 Dec 49

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Ga.

20 July 1949.

SUBJECT: Information concerning Flying Disks.

TO: District Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Robins Air Force Base,
Robins Field, Georgia.

1. The Valdosta Times, Daily Newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia carried an item on 14 July 1949 that a Mrs. Eliza Taylor, 602 Cypress St., Valdosta, Ga., had witnessed an object in the sky, at 0300 hours on 7 July 1949, which she thought to be a flying disk.

2. Mrs. Eliza Taylor was interviewed by this Agent and she stated in substance that the object she saw was in the shape of an electric light bulb, with the spall stem up, brick red in color, hanging in the sky at about a 45 degree angle from the horizon. Mrs. Taylor stated that she was asleep and was awakened by the brilliant red light given off by this object. She also stated that the object did not seem to be to far away from her and that it slowly disappeared into the southwest. The object was visible for about Ten (10) minutes and the light given off by the object lit up the neighborhood inwhich Mrs. Taylor lived. No one else in the neighborhood witnessed this object. Residence check of Mrs. Taylor revealed that she was approximately 65 or 70 years old, very nervous, and sickly. She resides with her daughter and takes care of her daughter's home. She is believed to be trustworthy, though excitable.

3. The official weather conditions for the vicinity of Valdosta, Ga. for the night of 7 July 1949 and early morning of [illegible] 1949 is as follows: Wind - calm; scattered clouds at 25000 feet, visibility: 8 miles.

4. On 19 July 1949, Mr. Edgar W. Hopkins, professional photographer, Valdosta, Ga., employed by the Valdosta Times, advised this Agent that at 2400 hours 18 July 1949 he and his wife were looking out of their bedroom window towards the Southwest and that he saw a bright yellow object, about the size of a large evening star, rising from the horizon traveling at a fast rate of speed hurling upward in a northeast direction. Mr. Hopkins observed this object from his back yard with a pair of 6X50 power field glasses until it passed out of view of the glasses straight above his head.

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Mr. Hopkins stated that the size, color, and shape of this object was the same as the German V-2 Rocket, of which he had seen several while overseas in Germany during World War II. Mr. Hopkins also stated that the speed of this object seemed to be approximately the same as that of the German V-2 Rocket.

5. The official weather conditions for the vicinity of Valdosta, Ga. for the night of 18 July 1949 and morning of 19 July 1949 is as follows: Scattered clouds at 1000 feet; visibility: 12 miles, Wind - 4 miles east - southeast.

6. Residence check of Mr. Hopkins revealed that he is of excellent reputation, scientific minded, very precise in his work, trustworthy, and a non-drinker.

7. Mr. Joseph Bradwell, Valdosta Times Reporter, Valdosta, Ga., stated to this Agent that he received a call, at 0003 on 19 July 1949, from an unknown party, telling him to go outside and look at the yellow ball of fire flying through the air. Mr. Bradwell arrived outside at 0006, 19 July 1949, and was unable to lsee any object. This time conincides with the time that Mr. Hopkins stated that the yellow object disappeared.

8. There is a rumor in Valdosta, Ga. that the Government has an experimental laboratory located on the Florida Coast, south of Valdosta, Ga.

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6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MARIETTA AIR FORCE BASE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA

6 January 1950 WCF/mo

SUBJECT: "Strange Object" in Sky over Atlanta, Georgia

TO : District Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. Reference is made to the attached clippings from the Atlanta Constitution dated 30 December 1949 and 3 January 1950. The article written by Miss ESTHER H. COX, 432 Boulevard, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number WAlnut 7705, described the object as being long, white and cylindrical. No motion was observed, yet when Miss COX observed it a short time later it had shifted its position in the sky.

2. Miss COX was interviewed on 4 and 5 January 1950 by this writer. She observed the object at about 1640 hours on 30 December 1949. Her article to the Constitution appeared in the morning edition of the 3 January issue which received distribution in the evening of 2 January. On 3 January, she received a call from a man who desired to remain anonymous, but who was later determined by this writer to be GEORGE L. DENNY, 808 Erin Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number RAymond 6159, and employed with the Air Route Traffic Control, CAA, Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. DENNY attempted to explain the object to Miss COX, telling her he had reason to believe that what she saw was a B-36 Air Force plane flying at 40,000 feet and leaving vapor trails which, due to an optical illusion, appeared to be a vertical column of smoke. DENNY further stated he knew that a B-36 was in the Atlanta area at that time due to the fact that it radioed its position to Macon, Georgia at this time. During this writer's interview with Miss COX, she appeared to accept DENNY's explanation, but still maintained that what she saw appeared to be a milky white, vertical column of smoke without motion. She described it as having the shape of an ordinary cylindrical fountain pen in an upright position with the pointed top bobbed off square. She was unable to even attempt to estimate its altitude, but stated its size in the sky was relative to the size of a fountain pen in an ordinary room. DENNY has not been contacted by this writer, neither was his identity made known to Miss COX since he had told her that publicity for him might endanger his job.

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SUBJECT: "Strange Object" in Sky over Atlanta, Georgia (Continued)

3. Miss COX was not sure her object could be placed in the same category as the one sighted over Hamlet, North Carolina, on 28 December 1949, newspaper article of which is attached to this correspondence. Miss COX maintained that her object definitely appeared to be smoke and was not a metallic object; whereas, the one over North Carolina was reported both as smoke and as an object other than smoke. The one over North Carolina seemed to be in continuous motion while the one over Atlanta did not appear to move.

William C. Franklin

WILLIAM C. FRANKLIN
Special Agent, OSI

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RALPH McGILL

Are the Flying Saucers Real?

A short time ago a pilot in North Carolina and various amateur astronomers in various parts of the Southeast claimed that they saw something bright and fast-moving sail across the arches of the sky one evening as they watched, and they insisted that it was not the planet Venus, which attained an extraordinary brightness that night.

They are merely new additions to a growing number of persons who have stifled their credulity with logic and who believe the flying saucers, about which so much has been written, are real.

They are stiff-necked about scoffers.

Sure, they know that at the year 1,000 there were said to be portents in the sky and that for centuries persons have believed in ghosts, spirits, witches and specially designed comets and the like.

But, they say, the "saucers" are different.

Facts These persons who have come to believe in the saucers claim to have facts. They do have a certain logic, but logic is not, of course, an exact science.

True Magazine, displaying a bit of enterprise which will not harm its circulation one whit, is out with a pro-flying saucer article —a seriously written one. It asks this pertinent question about the Army Air Force project of investigation into the reports of flying saucers: "If all the flying saucers are bunk, what is 'Project Saucer' doing? Why wasn't this costly unit closed long ago?" (This project was abandoned last week, with the Air Force reporting it could find no evidence to substantiate flying saucer tales.)

Article In the January issue, Donald E. Keyhoe makes these conclusions:

1. For at least 175 years, beings of superior intelligence from another planet have conducted a systematic, close-range examination of the planet Earth.

2. The vehicles used for this study have been seen and loosely labeled as flying saucers. Actually, they can be classified as follows:

Type 1—A small, non-pilot-carrying, disk-shaped aircraft equipped with some form of television or impulse transmitter. Type 2—A very large (up to 250 feet in diameter), metallic, disk-shaped aircraft operating on the helicopter principle. Type 3—A dirigible-shaped, wingless aircraft which, in the Earth's atmosphere, operates in conformance with the Prandtl theory of lift.

3. The frequency with which these observations within the Earth's atmosphere have been made has increased noticeably in the last two years.

4. The known pattern of observation by "flying disks" varies in no important particular from well-developed American plans for the exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years.

Keyhoe takes this general plan of United States scientists to explore the outer spaces as a basis of what probably has happened on another planet. Ours have been saying they expect to be ready with a space ship in about 50 years. Therefore, Keyhoe argues, the flying saucers of today are either from some country on Earth, or from another planet. He more or less rejects the first theory since it would mean some other nation was incredibly ahead of the most advanced industrial and scientific nation on earth. He points out our space-thinking scientists plan for their beginning a craft which would circle the Earth about 500 miles out. After such tests the scientists would be ready to produce other ships, improved by experiments with the first, which would be able to fly close to, or even land, on other planets, although a third or fourth development might be necessary for an actual landing.

Also He argues further, that before such a landing could be made it would be necessary for us to spend a long period of time flying close to the other planet, taking pictures and sending back myriad photographs and maps by television. That, he thinks, is what "they" have been doing to us for many years, with a speed-up in the last few seasons.

Many decades might be required to examine a planet and to prepare for a landing. He points out that Columbus discovered America in 1492, but that 116 years passed before Jamestown was established.

Keyhoe takes the many reports and produces a number of them which record sighted discs or saucers which reports, he says,, have not been denied or upset.

Slight Some involve pilots who sighted these objects and sought to follow them, particularly Capt. Thomas F. Mantell, Jr., who on Jan. 7, 1948, sighted, along with others, a flying disc near Fort Knox. It was hovering over the field and giving off, reports said, a reddish glow. Col. Guy F. Hix, commanding officer, made radio contact with a flight of three F-51s in the neighborhood. Captain Mantell, leader of the group, radioed shortly afterward they had made contact. He said, "I am closing in now to have a good look. It's directly ahead of me and moving at about half my speed. The thing looks metallic and it's tremendous in size."

Death However, the thing apparently speeded up, as if testing the maximum speed of Earth-built craft. The other two pilots lost Mantell and the strange disc in broken clouds and landed. Mantell reported once more. He said he could not gain and planned to break off the chase at 20,000 feet. His body and wrecked plane were found later near Fort Knox. Keyhoe says it could have been no Earth-made aircraft nor could it have been a star, since no trained experienced pilot, as was Mantell and the others, could confuse, for long, at least, a star with another object. He builds up his case with great skill. In conclusion, Keyhoe takes our own United States scientific plans for space craft and reverses them in terms of another planet, to explain what he thinks the flying saucers to be and why, as follows:

1. World-wide exploration, followed by concentration on the United States as the most advanced nation.

2. The numerous small disks sighted at first are believed to have been remote-control observers.

3. These were followed by larger discs after the first outran our planes.

In closing he asks, as aforementioned, if the reports are bunk why did the Air Force keep "Project Saucer" going for two years, failing to give out a detailed report of its findings when the project finally was abandoned?

And—it was only a short while ago atomic bombs were confined to the comic books and were laughed at as impossible.

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ll Over Tarheels, In Cotton Bowl

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

und power slapped North Carolina, 27-13, in the Cotton Bowl
ived too late with an offense that was sweeping the Texans

STATISTICS

	North Carolina	Rice
First downs	16	18
Net yards gained rushing	174	226
Forward passes attempted	22	19
Forward passes completed	8	11
Yards forward passing	80	152
Forwards intercepted by	1	1
Yards gained runback of interceptions	0	27
Punting average	38.0	43.0
Total yards all kicks returned	88	73
Opponent fumbles recovered	1	1
Yards lost by penalties	30	26

Sports writers covering the game voted James (Froggy) Williams, Rice's all-America end, the top linesman of the game. Williams caught four passes for 55 yards, one for a touchdown.

Rice got two touchdowns so quick in the second period it made the Tar Heels' heads swim. The first was on a 58-yard drive in which Burkhalter, Gordon Wyatt and Bobby Lantrip hammered and gouged the North Carolina line to the Tar Heel 40. Rote passed to Wyatt on the 27 but a penalty for illegal use of the hands set Rice back. However, Rote calmly passed to Burkhalter on the 39 and he ran to the touchdown behind three Rice blockers. Williams planted the ball between the goal posts.

get to the Rice goal line in the first half was the Owl 38 with Justice and Hayes spearing the drive. Rice whammed 77 yards in a relentless and brutish surge midway of the third period for its next touchdown. Burkhalter and Lantrip battered the Tar Heel line and Rote tossed two passes, the last one going to Williams on the North Carolina 12. The All-America wingman twisted and scooted like a halfback as he slashed over for the score. Then he kicked his third extra point of the day.

Proctor bobbed up to intercept a long Hayes pass on the North Carolina 40-yard line to set up the final Rice touchdown. Seeing he was tackled and would go down, Proctor lateraled to Harold Riley and the speedy Rice back raced to the Tar Hell 15. Wyatt got three at the line, then Burkhalter took a pitch-out from Vernon Glass and circled left end for the score. Williams missed the conversion on this one.

North Carolina then came to life with a bang, raking the Rice line with the runs of Hayes, Justice and Paul Ricco. The latter made both of the Tar Hell touchdowns, climaxing a 65-yard drive by tak-

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Atlanta Constitution

Was It a Space Ship?

Editor Constitution: I'd like to put my two cents' worth concerning the strange object in the sky late Friday afternoon.

I left my office on Peachtree Street a little before 4:30 and went to my father's garage at Memorial Drive and Capitol Avenue. This should have taken me about 15 minutes so I estimate the time at about 4:40.

I had put my car on the grease rack and, having absolutely nothing else to do, I aimlessly glanced toward the sky. My attention was at once caught by a long white streak of smoke appearing much like a figure 1, which a sky-writer might make. It was a bright white object, long and cylindrical, and I observed no motion. There were some feathery clouds about so I remarked, "If it were not a cloudy day I would swear that there is a sky-writer practicing up there."

I forgot about it for several minutes—perhaps a matter of seconds—and I again observed it. It had moved from my left, halfway between the horizon and overhead, to a spot at my right and more to the horizon. It now appeared larger and dazzling white but still looked like a figure 1. It seemed to be moving across the sky standing upright going from northeast to southwest. (I looked back for the first one but could no longer see it.)

I tried to discern an airplane at the bottom end of it, but there was none. I had let it pass for a freak cloud or a sky-writer until I saw the other reports of it.

ESTHER H. COX.

Atlanta.

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Rice got two touchdowns in the second quarter, one on a 58-yard drive with a 42-yard pass play from Rote to Burkhalter being the payoff. The other was on a 50-yard surge with Bobby Lantrip climaxing it by going over from the three.

A 77-yard march in the third quarter paid off with another Rice touchdown, this being made on a 17-yard pass from Rote to Williams. An intercepted pass set up the other Rice touchdown in the fourth period. Rex Proctor gathered in a Hayes toss on the North Carolina 40 and lateralled to Hale Riley who scooted to the Tarheel 15. Gordon Wyatt made three at the line and Burkhalter circled left end for a touchdown.

Williams kicked three Rice extra points.

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Rice took the kick-off on its 17 and paraded down to the North Carolina 15 on the passing and running of Rote. The Tar Heel line braced when Rote was thrown for a long loss attempting to pass. North Carolina took over on its 28.

Justice and Hayes spearheaded a North Carolina surge that roared to the Rice 38 before Rice could rally and throw the Tar Heels back. Justice kicked over the goal line.

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6D File Nr. 24-0-423 1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 6TH DISTRICT OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia, 5 December 1958

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

1. In accordance with paragraph 904, OSI Bulletin 51 (Change 51-2, 10 Sep 58), the attached report from the District Intelligence Office, Sixth Naval District, U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina, dated 31 October 1958, is forwarded for your information.

2. This indorsement is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ in accordance with paragraph 30, AFR 205-1, to protect official Air Force interest in the recovery of reentered Soviet Sputniks, or their rockets, from unauthorized disclosure.

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WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
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6th District Office of Special Investigations
Charleston Air Force Base
South Carolina

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DETACHMENT 602, CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE
SOUTH CAROLINA
5 NOV 1958

FILE NR: 6D INV 24-0

SUBJECT: Reported Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object, 1746Z, 28 Oct 58, Charleston, South Carolina

TO: Commander
Charleston Air Force Base
ATTN: 1608th Air Base Group Operations
and Training
Charleston Air Force Base
South Carolina

1. Transmitted herewith is a report from the District Intelligence Office, SIXTH Naval District, U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina, dated 31 October 1958, concerning the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object, on 28 October 1958. This report is submitted for your information, and no action is contemplated by this office.

2. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with paragraph 30, AFR 205-1, to protect official Air Force interest in the recovery of reentered Soviet Sputniks, or their rockets, from unauthorized disclosure.

VINCENT NOBILE
Detachment Commander

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Code: 0010S-6
Serial: 3359

From: District Intelligence Officer, SIXTH Naval District
To: Office of Special Investigations, Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston, South Carolina

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, reporting of

Ref.: (a) OPNAV Instruction 3820.9

Encl: (1) Memo to DIO-6ND files dtd 31 Oct 58, Same Subj

1. Enclosure (1), self-explanatory in nature, is forwarded for information in accordance with reference (a).

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MEMORANDUM TO DIO-6ND FILES

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, reporting of 31 October 1958

An unidentified flying object, spherical in shape with long "tail" was sighted at 1746Z on 28 October 1958 by one observer aboard the ARD-12 docked at Pier G, U.S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina. This information was furnished the District Intelligence Office, SIXTH Naval District, 30 October 1958 by telephone and later, by personal interview.

The object was observed by Mr. Julius W. ROUMILLAT, Jr., 2041 Stono Shores Road, Charleston, S.C., a shipyard worker, apparently reliable.

The object was first sighted about 30 degrees above the horizon traveling downward at an angle of about 60 degrees with the horizon at a very high rate of speed. The object appeared to be about the size of a basketball, glowing red in color, and had a blue streak "tail" estimated to be 30 feet long. The observer stated that the leading edge of the object appeared to be uniform and smooth while the trailing edge was rough and irregular. Visual contact with the object was maintained only momentarily.

Observer stated he moved from his position forward of amidships to the stern of the vessel when the object disappeared behind ships docked nearby. Observer was not able to regain visual contact with object. The observer estimated the position of unidentified object to be ESE of his position at a range of approximately two miles.

Several other workers with observer noted a multi-engine U.S. Air Force aircraft circling the vicinity of the sighting for about ten minutes after original sighting.

The weather was clear and sunny, the day of the reported sighting, 28 October 1958. The observer stated that the object was very bright although the weather was clear and sunny.

Mr. ROUMILLAT also reported that he and his wife had sighted the "missile part" reported to be "tumbling" through space in July 1958 while driving his automobile on a local highway. (This "missile" part" is thought to be USSR Satellite reported to re-entering earth's atmosphere.)

The observer, Mr. Julius W. ROUMILLAT, Jr., 2041 Stono Shores Road, Charleston, S.C. is employed as a leadingman shipfitter at the U.S. Naval Shipyard, Charleston, S.C. and presently working aboard the ARD-12, a floating drydock moored at Pier G., U.S. Naval Base, Charleston, S.C.

The observer does not wish his name connected with this sighting in the event it is made public information.

There was no further evidence concerning this sighting of an unidentified flying object.

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

FILE NR: 24-0-423

30 October 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Falling in Vicinity of Hunter AFB, Georgia, 28 Oct 58 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to paragraph 904, OSI Bulletin 51 (Change 51-2, 10 Sep 58) concerning the reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) and Soviet Satellites.

2. In accordance with the provisions of referenced bulletin, the following information is furnished:

On 28 October 1958, at 1355, Captain J. S. WYSOCKI, Airdrome Officer, Base Operations, Hunter AFB, Georgia, advised that Flight Services had observed an unidentified flying object fall approximately 10 miles east of Hunter AFB at 1300, EST. According to WYSOCKI, the object fell at a 45 degree angle, was orange or flame-like in color and no explosion was seen. Tower personnel on duty at Hunter AFB also observed the object, and Flight Services received calls from Columbia, South Carolina and Jacksonville, Florida relative to the sighting of this object. Approximate bearings of the sighting were 100 degrees from Hunter AFB and 90 degrees from Jacksonville, Florida with Columbia, South Carolina not obtaining a bearing. WYSOCKI had no further information as to size, shape or other pertinent data required by AFR 200-2, as amended.

3. WYSOCKI was advised that the local Commander should report all information to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for evaluation.

4. It is to be noted that the bearing on the object as submitted by Jacksonville, Florida (90 degrees), if correct, would tend to refute the observations of personnel at Hunter AFB who advised that the object fell to earth 10 miles east of Hunter AFB, Georgia.

5. This letter is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ to protect official Air Force interest in the recovery of UFO's from unauthorized disclosure.

John G Hans Lt Col USAF
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WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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19 MAR 1957

FILE NO: 6D 24-282

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Report of Unidentified Flying Object over Brunswick, Georgia, on 9 March 1957 at 0645 hours (Z Time)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
38th Air Division
Hunter AFB, Georgia

1. Furnished herewith, pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2, is our confirmatory report concerning the above SUBJECT which was furnished the Staff Duty Officer, Hunter AFB, Major JAMES TRAMMELL, on 9 March 1957 by Special Agent CHARLES W. LEAVITT, JR.

2. The source of this information as furnished telephonically to Special Agent LEAVITT was Special Agent JOHN LAIRD of the Office of Naval Intelligence, who stated that the following information was furnished to him by a Mr. ALBERT FENDIG, identified by LAIRD as an attorney and former ONI agent. LAIRD stated that FENDIG had advised him that this information has been furnished to him by MARVIN BLUESTEIN, GERALD ZELL and SONNY MILLER of Brunswick, Georgia.

a. Description of object.

(1) Arc shaped.

(2) Size described as being a large light.

(3) White in color, with overtones of blue.

(4) Initial sighting of one object then split into two separate units.

(5) No discernible features.

(6) No trail or visible exhaust.

(7) No sound.

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b. According to LAIRD, FENDIG was advised by BLUESTEIN, ZELL and MILLER that while the three (3) of them were riding in an automobile on Albermarle Street in Brunswick, Georgia, when BLUESTEIN spotted the object high in the sky at an unknown height. Reportedly when first seen the light appeared to be over the new portion of Highway 17 a few miles south of Brunswick traveling from south to north at what appeared to be the speed of a fast jet. Further, when the object reached a point approximately over the Brunswick - St. Simons Island causeway between Fredericka and Back Rivers, the light separated into two (2) units and went out leaving the observers to believe the object may have fallen into the swamp in that vicinity.

c. LAIRD opined that FENDIG is a reliable person and that FENDIG had advised him (LAIRD) that he (FENDIG) is of the opinion that BLUESTEIN and ZELL are also reliable persons and that BLUESTEIN and ZELL are both approximately 27 years of age and are graduates of Georgia Tech.

3. No further action is contemplated by this office and this matter is considered closed.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c (2) (a), AFR 205-1.

WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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FILE NO: 6D 24-277

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) ~~Report~~ Flash only
Report of Unidentified Flying Object
Over Macon, Georgia, on 22 February
1957 at 1925 hours (Z Time)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Robins Air Force Base
Georgia

1. Furnished herewith pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2 is our confirmatory report concerning the above SUBJECT which was furnished the Robins AFB Officer of the Day, Captain JOHN L. BETTINGER, on 22 February 1957 by Special Agent RALPH D. CRUMAL.

2. The source of this information as furnished telephonically to Special Agent CRUMAL was a civilian identified as Mr. DAVID S. CRANDALL, Age 56, 589 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia. Mr. CRANDALL advised as follows concerning this SUBJECT.

a. Description of object.

(1) Disc or globe shape.

(2) Approximately the size of a pea.

(3) Brilliant silver color.

(4) One (1) sighted.

(5) No discernible features.

(6) No trail or visible exhaust.

(7) No sound.

(8) Mr. CRANDALL stated that the object appeared to travel at approximately the same speed as that of a B-47 or B-52 at an altitude between 7,000 and 10,000 feet and further that after a few moments of his observation the object seemed to rapidly accelerate and double its speed.

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b. As to the manner of observation Mr. CRANDALL stated that he had sighted the object from the ground with his naked eye during the daylight hours on 22 February 1957 at 1925 hours, Z time, over downtown Macon, Georgia.

(1) Mr. CRANDALL stated that the weather appeared to him to be calm and clear with visibility unlimited.

c. Mr. CRANDALL advised Special Agent CRUMAL that he was 56 years old, resided at 589 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, and was the Director of the Macon Placement Service in Macon, Georgia. Mr. CRANDALL further advised that he desired to notify GARY MOORE of the "I've Got A Secret" TV Program of this matter, thereby possibly getting a free trip to New York, New York.

d. On 22 February 1957, Special Agent CRUMAL was advised by Mr. HERBERT DeGROOT, U. S. Weather Bureau, Cochran Field, Georgia, as follows concerning weather and winds-aloft condition at time and place of sighting.

(1) Surface wind East-Northeast at 16 knots.

(2) Temperature 63, dew point 30.

(3) Forecast winds for that date at levels indicated as follows.

(a) 6,000 feet - light and variable.

(b) 10,000 feet - 340 degrees at 12 knots.

(c) 15,000 feet - 290 degrees at 20 knots.

(d) 20,000 feet - 290 degrees at 30 knots.

(4) Mr. DeGROOT advised that his office had no information concerning winds-aloft for above the 20,000 foot level.

(5) Ground visibility - 10 miles.

(6) Concerning cloud coverage DeGROOT stated at the time of the sighting there were high thin cirrus clouds 20,000 to 25,000 feet covering one-tenth of the sky with contrails overhead.

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e. Special Agent CRUMAL was advised by Mr. GAMBLE, civilian, Robins AFB Operations Office, there was active transiet air traffic at Robins AFB at the time of the sighting.

f. Attempts to contact the 729th AC&W Squadron, Robins AFB, Georgia, to ascertain if there had been reported radar contact with this SUBJECT met with negative results.

g. Mr. CHARLES L. TIRRY, CAA, Cochran Field, Georgia, telephonically advised Special Agent CRUMAL on 22 February 1957 that his office had also received a report from Mr. CRANDALL concerning this same SUBJECT. TIRRY advised that his office was not taking any action relative to the report by CRANDALL.

h. No physical evidence concerning SUBJECT was obtained.

3. No further action is contemplated by this office and this matter is considered closed.

4. Your attention is invited to the provisions of paragraph 7, AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

5. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c (2) (a), AFR 205-1.

WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

10 September 1954

5D 24-21-154

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted at Savannah, Georgia, on 21 June 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is a letter from the 6th OSI District Office, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, dated 26 July 1954, with inclosure, concerning SUBJECT.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Ltr fr DO #6, dtd 26 Jul 54
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cc: Dir OSI, w/o incl

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AFCSI-6D 24-1856

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object

24 AUG 1954

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

Attached for your information and dissemination to the Air Technical Intelligence Center is a copy of a letter from DO #6, with inclosure, concerning the above subject.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

E. P. Moritz Maj. USAF

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Ltr fr DO #6, 24-01,
dtd 26 Jul 54 w/incl

for GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
Dir of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

26 JUL 1954

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object

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

1. In compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953, the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. R. S. PARRISH, 1003 E. 40th Street, Savannah, Georgia, is forwarded.

2. As indicated by Mr. Parrish's letter, the sighting occurred at 1047 P. M., 21 June 1954, from his home in Savannah, Georgia. Since cited letter appeared to be answers to a printed form, Mrs. PARRISH was contacted to determine what format had been used in filing the unidentified flying object report. Mrs. PARRISH advised that a form found in a book which belonged to Major DONALD E. KEYHOE (USMC Ret), entitled "Flying Saucers from Outer Space", had been followed. Interviewee further advised that she had also seen the object on 21 June 1954 and that her husband, Mr. PARRISH, had sighted the same object on 21 and 23 June 1954. According to Mrs. PARRISH, the object appeared to be similar to an airplane with a glass bottom with orange lights shining through the object. Mrs. PARRISH added that no sound emanated from the object and it moved at an extremely high speed.

3. An extract of the KEYHOE book concerning the reporting of unidentified flying objects was obtained and a copy is attached for your information and assistance in evaluating Mr. PARRISH's report.

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4. This information was previously reported to the Commander, Hunter AFB, Georgia, by the Detachment Commander, Hunter AFB, Georgia.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER: 26 09 03 '54

JOHN W. BARTON
Major, USAF
Chief, Counter Intelligence

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and willbe regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object? Day, Month, Year 21/6/54

2. Time of day: Hour Minutes 1047
(Circle one): A.M. (P.M.)

3. Time zone:
(Circle One): (a. Eastern) b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other
(Circle One): Daylight Saving (Standard)

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest postal address City or Town State or Country

Additional Remarks: 1003 E 40TH ST.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object: Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
(b. Fairly certain)
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle one): a. Bright daylight
night b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked or the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember
n/a

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8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1. STARS (Circle one):

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2. MOON (Circle one):

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight - pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): a. Yes b. No c. Don't remember

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:
(Circle one): a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away?
e. Other

Like a star 2 magnitude

11. Did the object: (Circle one for each question):

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	"	"	"
c. Break up into parts or explode?	"	"	"
d. Give off smoke?	"	"	"
e. Change brightness?	"	"	"
f. Change shape?	"	"	"
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	"	"	"

12. Did the object move behind something at antyime, particularly a cloud?
(Circle one):
Yes No Don't know IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?
(Circle one):
Yes No Don't know IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of:

14. Did the object appear: (Circle one): a. Solid? b. Transparent?
c. Don't know. faint & bright

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	"	"	f. Telescope	"	"
c. Windshield	"	"	g. Theodolite	"	"
d. Window glass	"	"	h. Other		

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16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound
b. Color

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:
(Circle one):

a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember
e. Other

19. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?
Draw a picture of how theyy were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects, held in the hand and at about arm's length?
(Circle one):

a. Head of a pin.
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other

22.1. Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what t pe material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

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25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle one):

a. Inside of building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other

26. Were you (Circle one):

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1. What direction were you moving? (Circle one):

a.	North	c.	East	e.	South	g.	West
b.	Northeast	d.	Southeast	f.	Southwest	h.	Northwest

28.2. How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3. Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object? (Circle one): Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle one):

a.	North	c.	East	e.	South	g.	West
b.	Northeast	d.	Southeast	f.	Southwest	h.	Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle one):

a.	North	c.	East	e.	South	g.	West
b.	Northeast	d.	Southeast	f.	Southwest	h.	Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate th number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizone (elevation).

31.1. When it first appeared:
a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2. When it disappeared:
a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on thecurved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (Skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it.

33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle one):
- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One):
- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle one):
- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (circle One:)
- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen this object?

Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?
(Circle one): Yes No.

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?
(Circle one): Yes No
36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?
(Circle one): Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

39. Do you think you can estimate the spped of the object?
(Circle one): Yes NO
If you answered YES, then what spped would you estimate? mph

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?
(Circle one): Yes No
If you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? feet.

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41. Please give the following information about yourself:

Name - Last Name, first name, middle name

Address - Street, City, Zone, State

Telephone number

What is your present job?

Age Sex

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school
b. High Shcool
c. College
d. Post graduate
e. Technical school
(Type)
f. Other special training

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: Day Month Year

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6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

24-01

Report of
SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

2 - MAY 1954

TO: Commander
Dobbins Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

1. This is in confirmation of a conversation between the Base Commander, Dobbins AFB and Mr. E. D. WALKER, Detachment Commander, Atlanta Detachment, Office of Special Investigations, concerning a report of an unidentified flying object:

2. On 10 May 1954 Mr. BRANT, ASIC, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, telephonically advised S/A EMBERT D. WALKER, that ROY H. TALTON, 4830 Midvale Road, Tucker, Georgia, had reported to Mr. BRANT the sighting of three objects that, in his estimation, were not conventional type aircraft.

3. On 11 May 1954, Mr. ROY H. TALTON, was interviewed on Harwood Drive, East Point, Georgia., the location from which TALTON viewed the objects. TALTON gave the following information which is set forth in the sequence outlined in AFL 200-5:

SHAPE: Round; flying in horizontal position in relation to earth.
SIZE: Estimated 20' diameter; thick in center, tapering to thinner edges.
COLOR: Shiny appearance.
FORMATION: Three objects, flying in a V formation.
AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: None recognized.
VAPOR TRAIL OR EXHAUST TRAIL: None.
PROPULSION SYSTEM: Unknown
SPEED: Estimated 500 - 600 MPH.
SOUND: None.
MANEUVERS: None; straight flight.

CC: DIRECTOR

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MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE: Flew out of vision

TIME OF SIGHT: 1030 hours.

MANNER OF OBSERVATION: Visual - unaided eye.

EQUIPMENT USED IN SIGHT: None

LOCATION OF OBSERVER IN RELATION TO OBJECTS: Objects viewed overhead at approximately 45° angle from perpendicular extended above viewer. Sun position to right and rear of viewer.

LOCATION OF OBJECTS: Latitude 33' - 51"; Longitude 85' - 33"

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL OF OBJECT: Viewer observed objects traveling from approximately NE to SW in a straight line of flight, at approximately 4,000 ft. altitude.

RELIABILITY OF SIGHTER: DeWITT T. WEAVER, Chief Inspector for Alcohol Tax Unit, Midvale Road, Tucker, Ga., advises he has known TALTON for 13 years and, to the best of his knowledge, TALTON is very reliable and not given to seeing things.

WEATHER: Bright, clear day; small wind.

METEOROLOGICAL: No known conditions existing that might cause sighting.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: None

INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION: None

AIR TRAFFIC: Cargo type aircraft taking off in a NW direction passed under objects as they passed over Atlanta Municipal Airport.

4. TALTON advised that he had sufficient time to call the objects to the attention of EDDIE H. REDD, Stone Mountain, Route 2, and L. O. TALTON, Midvale Road, Tucker, Ga., before they passed out of the range of vision. TALTON further advised that he was formerly a gunner on a B-36 and also a weather observer, and that he had never seen anything like this in his military service. REDD and L. O. TALTON admitted seeing the same objects as TALTON, and they too stated they had never seen any aircraft that looked like these.

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5. All efforts to develop other sources that might have received reports of said objects, failed. AF radar installations in the Atlanta Area had no record of objects. CAA had no information pertaining to the objects.

6. This information is furnished your Command for action deemed appropriate under AFL 200-5.

cc: Dir OSI

JOHN W. BARTON
Major, USAF
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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified ~~Flying~~ Object Furnished By Mr. JOSEPH J. McGOWAN, Route 1, Sumter, S. C. 26 April 1954

1 MAY 1954

TO: Commander
Shaw Air Force Base
Sumter, South Carolina

1. This will confirm the details of a report made to Major RUFFIN W. GRAY, Director of Operations, 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Shaw AFB, S. C., by Special Agent KARL SCHWARTZ, III, 6th District OSI Detachment Commander, Shaw AFB, S. C., on 26 April 1954.

2. At 1100 hours, 26 April 1954, a Mr. JOSEPH J. McGOWAN appeared at the Shaw Detachment Office and furnished the following information:

At approximately 2015 hours, 24 April 1954, McGOWAN and his brother-in-law, W. C. MATTIS, Route #1, Box 47-M, Sumter, S. C., were standing in the yard of the McGOWAN residence, approximately 3½ miles south of Sumter, S. C., on Highway 521, when McGOWAN and MATTIS observed an "elongated greenish white light" which McGOWAN estimates was two (2) to three (3) miles away at an altitude of thirty (30) degrees from horizontal, and which was proceeding along a steady flight path from Southeast to Northwest at a speed estimated at two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) miles per hour. McGOWAN stated that the object was larger than any convential aircraft with which he was familiar and he estimated that its length was approximately that of a B-36 aircraft. McGOWAN stated that the sighting lasted almost one (1) minute and he lost sight of the object while attempting to move to a spot where he could better observe it.

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3. This information is furnished your Command for action in accordance with paragraph 7, AFL 200-5.

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24-161

4 AUG 1953

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Alleged Observation of Unknown Flying Object Near Atlanta, Georgia, SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to the inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent James W. Simms, subject and file as above, this headquarters, dated 31 July 1953.

2. In view of the fact that the entire incident was a hoax, this report was deferred in favor of more pressing and serious matters.

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Rept of S/A Simms
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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	DATE
24-161	31 July 1953

REPORT MADE BY
James W. Simms, S/A /cwp

REPORT MADE AT
6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Ga.

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8, 9 July 1953

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6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Ga.

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ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF UNKNOWN FLYING OBJECT NEAR ATLANTA, GEORGIA

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter Number 85 dated 7 January 1953

SYNOPSIS

On 8 July 1953, information was received from Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Georgia, that three men, later identified as EDWARD E. WATTERS, THOMAS WILSON, and ARNOLD (BUDDY) PAYNE, had seen an unknown flying object near Atlanta, Georgia. The three men were in possession of a dead animal, resembling a member of the monkey family, which they alleged to have been similar to two other animals which escaped in the unknown flying object. The dead animal was later proved to be a monkey, and EDWARD E. WATTERS confessed to Cobb County Police Chief JOHN LEE that the entire story was a hoax. WATTERS was fined $40.00 on the charge of obstructing the highway and was released at that time.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon information received telephonically from Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the effect that three men had seen an unknown flying object near Atlanta, Georgia, the night of 7-8 July 1953.

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

2. The following portion of the investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES W. WARD.

3. At 0855 hours on 8 July 1953, Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Detachment, 6th District OSI (IG), and advised Special Agent JAMES W. WARD of a telephone call received by the FBI night agent at 0345 hours, 8 July 1953. In this call, Mr. THOMAS McRAE of the Atlanta Constitution informed the FBI of the following information given McRAE by EDWARD E. WATTERS of 1855 Peachtree Road, N. E., Atlanta. WATTERS had told McRAE that he (WATTERS) and two (2) companions were driving on the Bankhead Highway (U. S. Highway 78) near Mableton, Georgia, when they saw three (3) animals on the highway. WATTERS said that two of the animals went to an object, which he described as a flying object, and took off in the object, which immediately disappeared. WATTERS further stated that his car hit the third animal, killing it. McRAE told the FBI that WATTERS brought the dead animal to the Atlanta Constitution (10 Forsyth Building, Atlanta, Georgia), where McRAE examined it. McRAE described the animal as resembling a member of the monkey family, approximately twenty-one (21) inches in length, with long ears, and pink coloring, but having neither hair nor tail. McRAE advised that a local veterinarian (unidentified) examined the animal and stated that he had never seen such an animal before. In his call to OSI, Special Agent BRENT (FBI) noted McRAE's emphatic statement that none of the Atlanta Constitution staff were drunk in making the claims. No further information had been given to the FBI, according to BRENT.

4. At 1000 hours on 8 July 1953, Special Agent JAMES W. WARD briefly interviewed EDWARD E. WATTERS at 1855 Peachtree Road, N. E., concerning his allegation of seeing the flying object. WATTERS advised that he and his two companions had just driven over a hill on the Bankhead Highway when they saw a bright red glow moving in front of the car. WATTERS stated that they saw three (3) animals jump for the moving red object and that two got on the object and disappeared with it. WATTERS advised that their car hit the third animal, however, killing the animal. WATTERS identified his companions as a "BUDDY PAYNE," who works at the Big Apple Store, Brookhaven, Georgia, and a person WATTERS identified only as "TOM." No further questions were asked WATTERS because of the intrusion of reporters from the Atlanta Journal who sought to interview WATTERS concerning the incident.

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5. At approximately 1100 hours, 8 July 1953, the following authorities at Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia, were telephonically advised of the incident: Captain J. P. BORDEN, Base Operations Officer, Dobbins Air Force Base, and A/1C HUGH SUMMER, Intelligence Section, 35th Air Division, Dobbins Air Force Base. (A/1C SUMMER took the information for Captain HENRY G. SANDERS, Director of Intelligence, 35th Air Division, who was temporarily out of the office.)

6. At 1615 hours, 8 July 1953, Captain SANDERS was telephonically contacted at the Intelligence Section, 35th Air Division, Dobbins AFB. SANDERS advised that he had interviewed WATTERS and had seen the animal in question. Captain SANDERS advised that the animal had been taken to the Emory University Hospital, where an Emory authority (name or position not given) identified it as a member of the monkey family and not an "animal from space." Captain SANDERS further advised that he was initiating a TWX message to Headquarters USAF and to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, advising that he (SANDERS) believed the entire incident was a hoax. SANDERS further advised that pictures of the animal were taken, and that a complete "Flying Object Report" would be submitted within two days. Captain SANDERS advised that an information copy of the aforementioned TWX would be furnished to the Directorate of Special Investigations, as well as an information copy of the completed report.

7. The Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 9 July 1953, page twelve (12), contained an article which identified the dead animal as a monkey which had been shaved and from which the tail had been removed. This conclusion was reached by Dr. HERMAN JONES of the State Crime Laboratory and Dr. MARION HINES, professor of experimental anatomy at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

8. The Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 9 July 1953, pages one (1) and four (4), contained an article which stated that WATTERS had confessed to Dobb County Police Chief JOHN LEE that the story was a hoax. WATTERS explained that the story was developed as a result of a $10.00 bet with a friend that he (WATTERS) could not get his picture in the paper. WATTERS was fined $40.00 for obstructing the highway and released at that time.

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ATTN: ATIAA-2C AT WRIGHT PATTERSON. INT 2444. THIS HEADQUARTERS NOTIFIED BY OSI WHO HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY FBI WHO HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY ATLANTA CONSTITUTION NEWSPAPER THAT A MR. E. E. WATERS HAD REPORTED A FLYING SAUCER AND LITTLE MEN. DETAILS ARE BEING CARRIED BY NEWS SERVICES. SUBJECT WITH TWO COMPANIONS ENCOUNTERED OBJECT ON HIGHWAY NEAR ATLANTA. THREE LIVING OBJECTS SEEN IN ROAD AND FLYING SAUCER ON HIGHWAY. SAUCER WAS ROUND, WAIST HIGH AND BRIGHT RED. OBJECTS JUMPED FOR SAUCER, TWO MADE IT, AND DISAPPEARED INTO IT, WATERS CAR HIT THIRD. SAUCER ROSE UP DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF CAR, TURNED LIGHT BLUE AND THEN DISAPPEARED UPWARD AT A FORTY-FIVE DEGREE ANGLE. IT WAS GONE BY THE TIME CAR WAS

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Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report by the 6th OSI District, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, concerning the alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted over Brinson, Georgia

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified aerial object was sighted near Brinson, Georgia, on 8 November 1952.

2. DETAILS: On 8 November 1952, a strange aerial object was spotted hovering over the woods approximately two (2) miles north of Brinson, Georgia, by a farm worker. When the object was first observed, it was hovering above the trees making a peculiar noise, immediately after which it went straight up and out of seeing distance. The object was described as being shaped like a lamp shade.

3. ACTION: No action was taken by this office.

cc: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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1. Attached herewith as being of primary interest to your Directorate is a copy of a letter from Mr. John E. O'Brien, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 29 July 1952, concerning the above subject, which was referred to this office by the Department of Army.

2. No acknowledgment of the attached has been made.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Br.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted Over Atlanta General Depot
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TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
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1. The following information was received from the 6th OSI District (IG), Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, in a Spot Intelligence Report, dated 11 August 1952:

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"At 0900 hours, 4 August 1952, personnel of the Intelligence Office, Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Georgia, were called to investigate the report that an unidentified aerial object had been sighted by three (3) employees of the depot. Sworn statements executed by these employees, EARL C. O'NEAL, JAMES R. WALLER, and RALPH A. PAYNE, revealed that this unidentified object was sighted at approximately 0845 hours, 4 August 1952, by PAYNE, who called same to the attention of O'NEAL and WALLER. The object was travelling southwest over the depot at a high rate of speed and at an altitude of approximately 2,000 or 3,000 feet. It was described as a round, glossy object which was approximately six (6) feet in diameter and two (2) feet deep."

2. No further investigation is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in this matter, and the foregoing is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

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

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

14 AUG 1952

24-0 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted Over Atlanta General Depot

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

1. SYNOPSIS: At 0845 hours, 4 August 1952, an unidentified aerial object was sighted over Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Georgia, by three (3) employees of same.

2. DETAILS: At 0900 hours, 4 August 1952, personnel of the Intelligence Office, Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Georgia, were called to investigate the report that an unidentified aerial object had been sighted by three (3) employees of the depot. Sworn statements executed by these employees, EARL C. O'NEAL, JAMES R. WALLER, and RALPH A. PAYNE, revealed that this unidentified object was sighted at approximately 0845 hours, 4 August 1952, by PAYNE, who called same to the attention of O'NEAL and WALLER. The object was travelling southwest over the depot at a high rate of speed and at an altitude of approximately 2,000 or 3,000 feet. It was described as a round, glossy object which was approximately six (6) feet in diameter and two (2) feet deep.

3. ACTION: No action is contemplated by this district.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Captain EUGENE E. McMANUS, Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia, upon returning to this station from a trip to Lockbourne Air Force Base, reported that while awaiting clearance at Lockbourne, he, along with numerous people from Lockbourne Air Force Base, witnessed four (4) objects hovering in the vicinity of Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio. These objects were observed by approximately 90 per cent of the personnel at Lockbourne Air Force Base, and were reportedly observed through an Observatory in Columbus, Ohio. According to Captain McMANUS, two (2) F-84 type aircraft were dispatched from Lockbourne in an attempt to overtake and identify these objects with negative results.

2. DETAILS: Captain EUGENE E. McMANUS, AO 668608, 811th Operations Squadron, 811th Air Base Group, Turner Air Force Base, Georgia, reported to this office on 24 July 1952 that on 23 July 1952, while resting and awaiting clearance from Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio to Turner Air Force Base, Georgia, his attention was directed by members of the Operations Office, Lockbourne Air Force Base, to aerial objects located in the vicinity of Lockbourne Air Force Base and Columbus, Ohio. Captain McMANUS stated that these objects were easily visible to him, and that there were four (4) in number. Captain McMANUS further stated that one of the objects seemed to hover above the other three objects and was not visible at all times, being hidden by the other three objects. Captain McMANUS stated that he observed these objects for approximately 45 minutes and described them as being round in shape and almost fluorescent white in color. Captain McMANUS added that he arranged himself so that he could sight along the top of a telephone pole

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at the objects, and that the objects did not seem to have any forward motion, but seemed to be hovering in one particular area. Captain McMANUS further stated that two (2) F-84 aircraft were dispatched from Lockbourne Air Force Base to try to observe and identify these objects, and that upon the pilots' return to Operations, they reported that they had obtained an altitude of 43,000 feet and were still unable to identify or approach these unidentified objects. Captain McMANUS further added that weather personnel from Lockbourne Air Force Base set up an observer telescope, the type used in reading weather balloons, and that he, personally, observed these objects through this telescope. Captain McMANUS continued that with the assistance of this telescope the objects still appeared round in shape and white in color. The only assistance the telescope gave was that the objects seemed to be much larger. Captain McMANUS further stated that it was reported to Lockbourne Operations while he was there, that an Observatory in Columbus, Ohio, through means of triangulation, had placed the height of these objects at 75,000 feet. Captain McMANUS stated that he did not see any vapor trails or any glow around the objects. When asked what he believed the objects to be, Captain McMANUS stated, "I do not know. All I know is that they were round, white in color, and approximately six inches in diameter."

Captain McMANUS is a senior pilot in the United States Air Force, having approximately 2,200 hours flying time, and having served on active duty as a pilot for approximately ten (10) years. Captain McMANUS is described by his fellow officers as being quiet, very conscientious, and most reliable.

3. ACTION: In view of the fact that these aerial objects were sighted over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, no action is contemplated at this station.

LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
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1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report from OSI District No. 6, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, dated 28 May 1952, concerning the above subject.

2. You will be kept advised of future developments in this matter.

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FILE NO: 24-O

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED IN GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA AREA - 13 MAY 1952 SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

I. SYNOPSIS: 1st Lt ARTHUR S. PALMER, 375th Troop Carrier Wing Intelligence Officer, Donaldson AFB, South Carolina, received information from the Officer of the Day, 13 May 1952, that unidentified objects had been sighted by members of a group of amateur astronomers at approximately 2233 hours, EST, 13 May 1952.

II. DETAILS: (1) Mr. JAMES RICHARDSON, 2A Boyce Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of whom I was one gathered on the Campus of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, for an evening of observing. As we were preparing to leave, I noticed four (4) objects, modified cylinder or obloid in shape, flying at an unknown altitude on a heading of about 300 degrees. These objects were brownish orange in color and rather dull glowing in appearance.

"These objects were in a diamond formation, almost directly overhead, going on a straight course, oscillating slightly, first one side would tip up then the other. They were in sight for about five (5) seconds."

(2) Mr. C. T. WYCHE, University Ridge Apartments, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

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"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST., a group of amateur astronomers of which I was one, were preparing to return home after an evening of observing from the Furman Campus located in Greenville, South Carolina. At this time, James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to what I would say were four objects, each the shape of the goose without neck or tail. They were a luminous brown or orange color, possibly translucent and flying in a diamond formation. Distance between each object was about five (5) times the width of each object.

"They were flying about ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees from directly overhead, on a level course heading about 330 degrees. Altitude I would say was below 1000 feet if they were about the size of geese. They were visible for about ten (D) seconds."

"Their flight was oscillating in nature, first five (5) degrees up on one side and at the same time down on the other."

(3) Mr. H. B. MOONEY, 112 Atwood, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers, of which I was one, gathered on the campus of Furman University located in Greenville, South Carolina. We were getting ready to call it an evening when James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to four (4) obloid, self-illuminated, brownish yellow objects traveling in a diamond formation. These objects were in sight for about three (3) seconds traveling on a level course slightly arced to the left on a heading of about 300 degrees.

"I was unable to estimate the altitude or speed of these objects. They traveled directly overhead, making no sound, and rather wobbling in flight. Motion was similar to heavy winged birds in flight. It was a clear, quiet night, excellent for astronomy. There was a slight ground haze over the city, however, this did not extend to the Furman campus where it was perfectly clear.

"By way of further description, I would say the objects were similar to the 'Lubbock Lights' as reported in Life magazine. Approximate size would be that of a half dollar held at arms length and slightly turned."

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III. ACTION: No action is contemplated at present by 6th District OSI (IG) in reference to this matter. Lt. PALMER has advised that Air Intelligence Information Report, Form 112, Part I, concerning this incident was forwarded Headquarters USAF on 16 May 1952.

LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

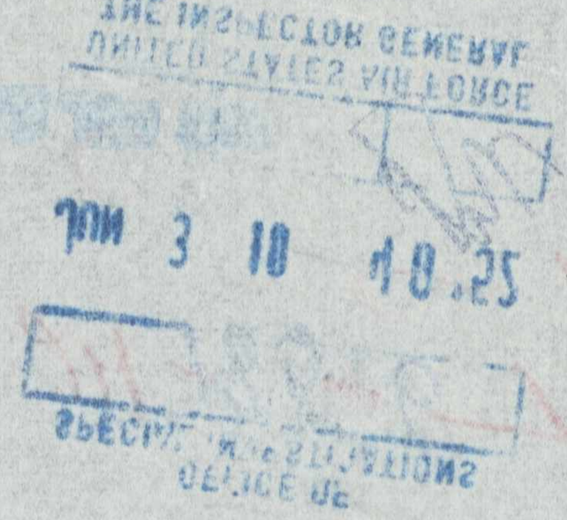
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On Wednesday, May 14, 1952, at 11:15 A. M., Mr. Sanders of the FBI called and furnished the following information:

At approximately 10:45 P. M., May 10 last, four (4) employees of the DuPont Company, employed at Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, S. C. saw four disc shaped objects approach the 400 area from the south, disappearing in a northernly direction.

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At approximately 11:05 P. M., the same employees saw two similar objects approach from the south and disappear in a northernly direction.

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At approximately 11:10 P. M., one similar object approached from the northeast and disappeared in a southwesternly direction. One more object sighted about 11:15 P. M. traveling from south to north. Employees described objects as being about fifteen inches in diameter, having yellow to gold color. All of these objects were traveling at a high rate of speed and at high altitude without any noise.

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Eighth object approached the 400 area from northeast; was traveling at altitude so low it had to rise to pass over some tall tanks in 400 area. This object was also flying at high rate of speed and was noiseless.

Witnesses stated that they observed objects weaving from left to right but seemed to hold general course; also stated that due to speed and altitude they were only visible for few seconds.

AEC in Washington was advised.

No further investigation being conducted by FBI.

Maj. J. Roswurm

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(Restricted - Security Information) Unidentified Objects Sighted by Four Employees of the DuPont Company, Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, S. C., at 2245 Hours

Documents and Dissemination Branch, Collection Division, Dir. of Intelligence, DCS/O

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

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

1. On 14 May 1952, the Federal Bureau of Investigation telephonically furnished the following information in regard to the above subject:

"At approximately 2245 hours, May 10, 1952, four (4) employees of the DuPont Company, employed at the Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, South Carolina, saw four disc shaped objects approach the 400 area from the south, disappearing in a northernly direction.

"At approximately 2305 hours, the same employees saw two similar objects approach from the south and disappear in a northernly direction.

"At approximately 2310 hours, one similar object approached from the northeast and disappeared in a southwesternly direction. One more object sighted about 2315 hours traveling from south to north. Employees described objects as being about fifteen inches in diameter, having yellow to gold color. All of these objects were traveling at a high rate of speed and at high altitude without any noise.

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"Witnesses stated that they observed objects weaving from left to right but seemed to hold general course; also stated that due to speed and altitude they were only visible for a few seconds."

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2. The Atomic Energy Commission was furnished the foregoing information by the FBI. The FBI advised that no further investigation into the matter was contemplated by that Bureau.

3. The foregoing information was telephonically furnished to Major Roswurm of your Directorate on 15 May 1952.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEVY:

SUBJECT: (Restricted - Security Information) Unidentified Objects Sighted by Four Employees of the DuPont Company, Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, S. C., at 2245 Hours

1. On 14 May 1952, the Federal Bureau of Investigation telephonically furnished the following information in regard to the above subject:

"At approximately 2245 hours, May 10, 1952, four (4) employees of the DuPont Company, employed at the Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, South Carolina, saw four disc shaped objects approach the 400 area from the south, disappearing in a northernly direction.

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"Witnesses stated that they observed objects weaving from left to right but seemed to hold general course; also stated that due to speed and altitude they were only visible for few seconds.

"The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington was advised.

"No further investigation being conducted by FBI."

2. The names of the individuals who sighted the alleged objects were not identified.

3. I have furnished the foregoing information telephonically to Major Roswurm, Collection Control Branch, AFOIN, who requested that we report the information in the form of an R&R to the Documents and Dissemination Branch, Collection Division, AFOIN.

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4. Major Roswurm advised at this time he saw no need for further investigative action by OSI in the matter, but that he would check the report and advise us if any additional inquiry was desired.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
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FILE NO: 24-126

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES SOUTH OF McDONOUGH, GA. - 17 DEC 1951 SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding Officer
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Marietta, Georgia

1. Reference is made to previous reports and correspondence concerning above subject.

2. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of report of investigation by Special Agent ERNEST R. HANSEN, DO#24, file 24-92, SUBJECT as above, dated 4 March 1952.

3. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been covered and developed and case is CLOSED in the files of this Office.

LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-92

DATE MAR 5 1952

REPORT MADE BY
Ernest R. Hansen, S/A fg

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DO #24, Chicago, Illinois

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UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES SOUTH OF McDONOUGH, GA. - 17 December 1951

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
R/I, DO #13, Lowry AFB, Colo., dtd 15 Feb 52, File: 24-84

SYNOPSIS

Mr. RAYMOND M. DUNGAN identified balloon section as type used in General Mills Research Projects and same type as balloon released on 16 December 1951 from Almagordo, New Mexico, on flight 709.

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DETAILS:

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Mr. RAYMOND M. DUNGAN, project man, Aeronautical Research Laboratory, General Mills, Inc., 2010 E. Hennepin Avenue, revealed that a balloon was released by the company research project group, of which he was a member, on 16 December 1951, from Almagerdo, New Mexico, flight 709. Mr. DUNGAN described this balloon as a plastic type 37 feet in diameter with nylon shroud lines and cord, and identified the sections of plastic balloon furnished by the writer as of the same type as released on flight 709, and used in the other research projects conducted by the firm. Mr. DUNGAN added that the instruments which had been attached to the forementioned balloon were found about five (5) miles southeast of McDonough, Georgia, and were returned to General Mills, Inc.

INCLOSURE

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 6, ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA

Two sections of plastic balloon described in this report, representing either the top or bottom of same, along with shroud lines, received by DO#24 from DO#14, with R/I dtd 15 Feb 52, File: 24-84.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-84

DATE 15 FEB 1952

REPORT MADE BY
Frederick F. Hansen S/A hk

REPORT MADE AT
DO #14, Lowry AFB, Colorado

PERIOD
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DO #6, Robins AFB, Ga.

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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES SOUTH OF McDONOUGH, GA. - 17 December 1951

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Rpt of S/A Morris A. Strickland, DO #6, file 24-126, dtd 6 Feb 52.

SYNOPSIS

Interviews with Colonel WRIGHT J. SHERRARD and staff members disclosed ADC not releasing balloons for radar tracking training but that ADC requested releasing agencies to furnish ADC with such information. Lt Col GEORGE W. MOXON, 2103rd Weather Squadron ADC, advised his records reflect a balloon release 0123Z, 17 Dec 1951 by General Mills Inc. flight 709, with estimated impact area in vicinity where instant balloon was found.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO: 24-84

DATE: 25 FEB 1952

REPORT MADE BY: Frederick P. Hansen S/A

REPORT MADE AT: DO #24, Lowry AFB, Colorado

PERIOD: 12 February 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #6, Robins AFB, Ga.

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TITLE: UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES SOUTH OF McDONOUGH, GA. - 17 December 1951

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: Rpt of S/A Morris A. Strickland, DO #6, File 24-126, dtd 6 Feb 52.

SYNOPSIS: Interviews with Colonel WRIGHT J. SHERRARD and staff members disclosed ADC not releasing balloons for radar tracking training but that ADC requested releasing agencies to furnish ADC with such information. It Col GEORGE W. MOXON, 2103rd Weather Squadron ADC, advised his records reflect a balloon release 0132Z, 17 Dec 1951 by General Mills Inc. Flight 709, with estimated impact area in vicinity where instant balloon was found.

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DETAILS:

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

1. Interviews conducted with Colonel WRIGHT J. SHERRARD, 5249A; Lt Colonel JAY T. ROBBINS, 5029A; and Major RICHARD F. DUTCHER, 6073A, all of the Directorate of Operations and Training, Headquarters Air Defense Command, disclosed that Air Defense Command activities were not releasing balloons for the purpose of radar tracking, but had requested that all experimental and research agencies who were releasing balloons advise Headquarters Air Defense Command of such releases to facilitate co-ordination with radar tracking activities of ADC units. Colonel SHERRARD, Lt Colonel ROBBINS, and Major DUTCHER, when shown the samples of the balloon and shroud lines for identification purposes, all advised that the material was not recognized by them as anything being used by Air Defense Command, or its subordinate activities. Colonel SHERRARD suggested that due to the proximity of Ft Benning to the area where the balloon was found, that the balloon may have been target material or other experimental material being utilized by army authorities at Ft Benning. He further suggested that Air Weather Central, Air Defense Command, be contacted for any information that organization may have to offer.

2. Lt Colonel GEORGE W. MOXON, AO 420 108, 2103rd Weather Squadron, was interviewed. Colonel MOXON advised that one of the functions of his office was to receive all information regarding balloon releases of experimental and research projects being conducted by both military and civilian activities. Colonel MOXON stated that included in the reports received by his office, were those relative to projects "Sky Hook" and "Moby Dick". In a review of Colonel MOXON's files it was ascertained that under project "Sky Hook" sponsored by General Mills Inc., a balloon had been released on 17 December 1951, 0123Z, and that it had an estimated impact zone approximately in the area where instant balloon was found. Colonel MOXON's file did not reflect any descriptive information of this balloon released by General Mills Inc., but did indicate that it was released under flight 709, and was designed to float at an altitude of 49,000 feet. Colonel MOXON suggested that Mr. DUNGAN, project man for General Mills Aeronautical Research, with headquarters at 2010 E. Henepin Ave., Minneapolis 13, Minnesota, be contacted for detailed information regarding flight 709.

3. Colonel SHERRARD, Directorate of Operations and Training, and Lt Colonel MOXON, 2103rd Weather Squadron, both advised that further investigation of this matter was not desired by Air Defense Command.

4. The following resume is furnished for the information of District Office #24, not indicated as having received previous distribution of report of DO #6:

Investigation was initiated at the request of the Commanding Officer, Dobbins Air Force Base, for the purpose of establishing the identity of an object found near McDonough, Georgia, on 17

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DETAILS: (Cont'd).

December 1951. The object found was a plastic type balloon approximately 30 to 40 feet in diameter with 14 seams, nylon shroud lines and cord. The object was found approximately 300 yards from the home of WILLIS JORDAN, RFD #3, McDonough, Georgia, on 17 December 1951, and it was reported by JORDAN that the object had not been there on 16 December 1951. No other equipment which could have been suspended from the balloon was found in the area.

INCLOSURE

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 24, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, Illinois

Two sections of plastic balloon described in this report, representing either the top or bottom of same, along with shroud lines, are being forwarded under separate cover by registered mail.

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FOR DISTRICT OFFICE #24, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, Illinois

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

1. Will, upon receipt of samples of balloon, contact Mr. DUNGAN, project man, General Mills Inc. Aeronautical Research, 2010 E. Henepin Ave. Will interview Mr. DUNGAN relative to establishing identity of the balloon launched by them in flight 709 on 17 December 1951, and ascertain whether the sample balloon is of the type being launched by the General Mills Research Program.

2. Will permit Mr. DUNGAN to examine samples of balloon for the purpose of making positive identification.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-126

DATE 6 February 1952

REPORT MADE BY
Morris A. Strickland, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #6, Robins AFB, Ga.

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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES SOUTH OF McDONOUGH, GA. - 17 Dec. 1951

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

ATTENTION
In accordance with par 11, AFR 205-6, it is unauthorized disclosure of the nature, sources, or use of the personnel information in this report to any person not officially connected with the report or to other persons not normally [illegible] information will constitute a violation of AFR 2

This investigation was conducted at the request of C.O., Dobbins AFB, Georgia, for establishing identity of SUBJECT. Army and AF in area could furnish no information for positive identification. Navy authorities furnished information that object was probably a balloon used by ADC for training purposes. Persons who found object described it as a plastic balloon, 30 feet in diameter, with three nylon shroud lines, and a simple cord and snap device for load suspension. Load suspension cord found cut in manner indicating blasting. Search failed to disclose an object possibly carried by a balloon. Positive identification not made.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted at the request of CLAUDE P. SPENCE, Captain, USAF, Executive Officer, Dobbins AFB, for the Commanding Officer, Dobbins AFB, for the purpose of establishing the identity of an object found near McDonough, Georgia, on 17 December 1951. The object was received from Captain SPENCE and is presently in custody of OSI District Office No. 6, Robins AFB, Georgia.

AT McDONOUGH, GEORGIA

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent FRANK H. TIGNER, JR. and the writer.

3. Information was received from Mrs. E. Q. OWEN, wife of Sheriff OWEN, McDonough, Georgia, that Mr. T. O. ASHBY, RFD #3, McDonough, Georgia, had reported that a large object had been found by one of his tenants.

4. ASHBY was interviewed on 19 December 1951 and information was received that the object had been found by WILLIS JORDAN, RFD #3, McDonough, Georgia, and that HOMER MITCHELL, RFD #3, McDonough, Georgia, had inspected the object previous to ASHBY's reporting the matter to Sheriff OWEN, Sheriff of Henry County.

5. JORDAN said that, on the evening of 16 December 1951, the object was not where he had found it on 17 December 1951. At 0800 hours, JORDAN related, he had observed a large, white object in his cotton field approximately 300 yards from his house. JORDAN said he did not examine the object which was spread over "about a half acre", but reported the matter to his employers, ASHBY and MITCHELL.

6. MITCHELL said he had examined the object on 17 December 1951 and found it to be a plastic balloon with three shroud lines which were fastened to a common metal ring in which a harness snap was fastened. The snap, according to MITCHELL, had a nylon cord attached to it. MITCHELL said he found the "mouth" of the balloon tied shut and covered with wax. MITCHELL said that the balloon, when lying on the ground as he had found it, indicated that when inflated, it would be about 30 feet in diameter. A thorough search of the area in which the object had been found revealed nothing which could have been suspended from a balloon. MITCHELL, JORDAN and ASHBY all stated that they had not found any object which had apparently been carried by a balloon.

7. Examination of the object revealed rips and missing sections. MITCHELL and JORDAN said the missing sections had been removed by persons for souvenirs prior to release to military authorities. The cord which

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MITCHELL said had apparently been attached to some object which the balloon had carried, bore black marks similar to those made by blasting of such cords by explosives. No identifying marks were found on the object.

AT DOBBINS AFB, GEORGIA

8. H. E. MENICK, Captain, Weather Station, Dobbins AFB, and A. K. MONDIGO, Captain, Weather Station, Dobbins AFB, advised that the object was not one with which they were familiar. However, information was received that the Air Defense Command has initiated a program for release of plastic balloons for training in radar tracking.

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

9. Information was received from LESTER ROBERTS, CPO, Leading Chief Weatherman, and C. B. McCURDY, Chief Air Controlman, Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Georgia, that this station had been alerted by USAF ADC that release of balloons of the type and size described by MITCHELL was contemplated for training purposes. McCURDY further advised, after contacting USAF operators at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, via radio and furnishing information of the description of the object, that personnel at Maxwell AFB said the object was in all probability an expendable balloon used by ADC.

10. Information was received from Major ROBERT W. BUFFINGTON, Provost Marshal, and CID Agent STEEL, Fort McPherson, Georgia, that they had no information to establish the identity of the object.

AT ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA

11. Further examination of the object revealed same to be apparently tear-shaped, approximately 30 feet to 40 feet in diameter, of plastic material, with 14 seams. There is approximately 10 feet separating the seams in what appears to be the middle or center of the balloon. Samples of the balloon were taken from either the top or bottom and are being forwarded to DO#14 along with shroud lines for identification purposes.

INCLOSURE

FOR DO#14, LOWRY AFB, COLORADO

Two sections of the plastic balloon described in this report representing either the top or bottom of same, along with shroud lines. (Being forwarded under separate cover by Registered Mail, 6 February 1952).

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

FOR DO#14, LOWRY AFB, COLORADO

AT ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

1. Will, upon receipt of samples of balloon described in details of this report, conduct such inquiry as to determine if same can be identified as that type of balloon used by the Air Defense Command for training purposes.

2. Will determine from Air Defense Command whether or not further investigation concerning this case is desired.

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BY FOR: KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

FROM: OSI ROBINS AFB MACON GA

TO : CS, USAF, WASH DC

INFO: CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
LAWSON AFB COLUMBUS GA
WRAMA ROBINS AFB MACON GA

NR : AFR 236

10 Jul 51

Object sighted by 1/Lt George H Kinmon Jr, AO-565857, 160 Tac Recon Sq Lawson AFB, Ga at 1340, 9 Jul 51 until about 1350, same date. Object described as flat on top and bottom and appearing from a front view to have rounded edges and slightly beveled. From view as object dived from top of plane was completely round and spinning in a clockwise direction. From front view as object dived observer noted small spots on the object which he described as being similar to craters observed on the moon through a high powered telescope. Object did not appear to be aluminum. Only 1 object observed. Color white. No vapor trails or exhaust or visible system of propulsion. Described as traveling tremendous speed. Object appeared near Dearing, Ga, 25 miles West of Augusta, Ga, while pilot was on a rout tng flt from Lawson AFB, Ga. Pilot had leveled off at 8,500 feet altitude on a course of 247 degrees. As he leveled off, object dived from the sun in front and under the plane and continued to barrel-roll around the plane for a period of ten minutes, when it disappeared under the plane. Pilot states object was 300 to 400 feet from plane and appeared to be 10 to 15 feet in diameter. He compares its speed to that of a jet plane. Pilot states he felt disturbance in the air described as "bump" when object passed under plane. Object left the plane a few miles South of Milledgeville, Ga, and 15 to 20 miles from Macon, Ga. Pilot was flying F-51 at 270 miles per hour when object was sighted. Weather conditions .6 to .8 broken clouds. Wind 2 to 7 miles per hour. Pilot states he was in good physical condition, has 1,500 hours flying time and has been flying since 1942. Pilot flew in combat in Europe for 12 months 1944-45. Pilot considered by associates to be highly reliable, of mature judgement and a creditable observer. Pilot notified tower, Robins AFB by radio and contacted Flt Svc at Maxwell AFB. Above info obtained from Int Off, WRAMA, and from pilot at Lawson AFB. Pilot unable to take photos due to camera

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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

FILE NO: 24-40C

APR 25 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR
BY [illegible] K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

1. SYNOPSIS:

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Robins Air Force Base, Georgia at approximately 0400 hours on 10 April 1950 by S/Sgt LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR., AF 14015031, and Captain CHARLES H. McMAHON, both of Station Hospital, Robins AFB, Georgia.

Sgt. HARRELL first sighted the object, which, according to his statement, attached as Exhibit #1, appeared to be connected with a flash of light from an explosion in the vicinity of the Post Laundry. After the explosion an object with two red colored lights came towards where he was standing. On coming close to him, he stated that the object appeared to resemble a top (childrens' toy). He further stated that the object had a distinct ring around the middle and that a red light burned constantly around the outer edge; a white light was visible inside the red ring. The object made a right bank over the Hospital and disappeared over the swamp area on the Base.

After Sgt. HARRELL had seen the object he asked Captain McMAHON if he had seen the object. Captain McMAHON states in spot report of Base Intelligence Officer, attached as Exhibit #2, that the Sergeant asked him if he could "see the flying saucer in the sky". He states that he looked up and saw a moving object in the sky and glowing red.

A check of the records of the Base Control Tower, Robins AFB, Georgia indicates that no aircraft was in the air at that time.

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Checks at surrounding civilian airfields in the vicinity of Macon, Georgia indicate no aircraft in the air in their vicinity at that time. Check of Base Weather Station indicates that a weather balloon released at about 0400 hours dropped the paper lantern attached to it with lighted candle inside shortly after taking off and that this lighted lantern floated over the Hospital and the swamp area on the Base. Upon being shown this lighted lantern, Sgt. HARRELL stated that it might be the object he had seen.

2. DETAILS:

On 10 April 1950, the undersigned was advised by the Base Intelligence Officer, Major PAUL KUBALA, USAF, that he had received a report of an unidentified aerial object reported as a "flying saucer", which had been observed by two persons assigned to the Station Hospital, at about 0400 hours that morning. An Agent from this office was assigned as an observer with Major KUBALA in his interviews on this case. After the interview had progressed to a certain point, the undersigned was advised that the matter might be of interest to this office and was present during part of the interrogation conducted by Major KUBALA and assisted in the questioning.

As a result of this questioning, Major KUBALA made two spot reports on unidentified flying objects, copies of which are attached as Inclosures #2 and #3, which he addressed to the Commanding General, Hqs, AMC. Subsequently, this office obtained a statement from Sgt. HARRELL, which is attached as Exhibit #1. At the time of making this statement, Sgt. HARRELL made a drawing of what he believed he had seen, which is attached as Exhibit #4. Sgt. HARRELL persisted in his description of the object he had seen and appeared to sincerely believe that he had seen an object such as he described in his statement.

Interrogation of Captain McMAHON indicated that he was not too much impressed with what he had seen and could not identify it further than he had in his interview with Major KUBALA.

Records of the Base Control Tower were examined and photostatic copies of same are attached as Exhibit #5. These records indicate that the only plane to land on the Base at about this time was the plane in which Captain McMAHON had returned from Washington at about 0330 hours. Master log of Control Tower indicates no unusual occurrences during this period. Control Tower Weather Sequence Log indicates visibility of ten (10) miles, sky clear, wind calm, at this time.

Checks at the Macon civilian airport (Cochran Field) and Herbert Smart Airport, Macon, Ga., made by Mr. BUSBEE of the Communications Station at Cochran Field indicated that no aircraft landed or was in the vicinity of these airfields between 0100 and 0500 hours, Monday, 10 April 1950.

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Check with the Control Tower Operators at Robins AFB, Ga. on duty at 0400 hours, 10 April 1950, indicated that they had seen nothing of an unusual nature at that time.

Further check with the Weather Station, Robins AFB, Ga. indicated that they had released a weather balloon at about 0400, 10 April 1950, and that this balloon had dropped the paper lantern containing a lighted candle attached to it shortly after take-off. This lantern had floated over the Hospital and into the swamp. A similar lantern was obtained from the Weather Section and after being lit was shown to Sgt. HARRELL, who stated that this object might be similar to what he had seen, but that he still believed he had seen an object such as he described in his statement. (A weather device with a similar attachment is shown on the first page of the Air Force Times issue of 15 April 1950, which had also been described as a "flying saucer".) A picture of this object lighted is attached as Exhibit #6.

3. ACTION TAKEN:

In compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950, no action was taken on this matter.

Copies of this report have been submitted to the Commanding General, WRAMA, Robins AFB, Georgia.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

6 Incls:
1. Statement of S/Sgt HARRELL
2. Spot Rpt, Base I.O., dtd 11 Apr 50
3. Spot Rpt, Base I.O., dtd 11 Apr 50
4. Drawing of S/Sgt HARRELL
5. Photostatic cys of Base Control Tower Reports
6. Photos of lighted paper lantern

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AF 14015031
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STATEMENT

STATEMENT TAKEN BY: .....

STATION: Robins AFB, Georgia

DATE: 12 April 1950

STATEMENT OF LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR. (S/Sgt) AF-14015031
(NAME AND RANK) (SERIAL NUMBER)

2795th Medical Group, Robins AFB, Ga.
(ORGANIZATION)

MY NAME IS LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR. . I WAS BORN ON THE

.....DAY OF.....19...AT.....
(CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE)

I WAS INDUCTED ENLISTED COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ON THE

.....DAY OF.....19.....AT.....

I, LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR. S/Sgt. AF-14015031,
(NAME) (RANK) (SERIAL NUMBER)

(ORGANIZATION), 2795th Medical Group, Robins AFB, Ga, PRIOR TO MAKING THE STATEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS, HAVE HAD EXPLAINED TO ME THE 24TH ARTICLE OF WAR BY Lt. Col Eugene C. Cropper, WHO HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO ME AS A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. I UNDERSTAND THAT I CANNOT BE COMPELLED TO INCRIMINATE MYSELF OR TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE ANSWER TO WHICH MAY TEND TO INCRIMINATE ME, OR TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS NOT MATERIAL TO THE ISSUE WHEN SUCH ANSWER MAY TEND TO DEGRADE ME; 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 OR COUNSEL. WITH THIS 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:

I left my home, 354 A Mulberry at approximately 0330 hours 10 April 1950 to go over to Base Hospital, Robins AFB, Ga. to work.

After arriving at hospital I paid cab driver while in the cab and got out to enter the hospital. I noticed a V-shaped flash of light which seemed to be an explosion in vicinity of the Post Laundry.

Then I noticed two red colored lights coming which I figured was an airplane. As the object neared it became more distinct. I could not hear any motors or noise of any kind. The night was perfectly clear, no wind blowing, stars out. The object came on overhead where it resembled a top that kids have that spins from the handle being pushed down. The bottom of the object was sloped and a distinct ring around the middle. There was a red light which burned constantly around outer edge and a white light, sort

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of a reflection was visible inside the red ring. The object seemed to come to a complete standstill and wobbled in doing so. After gaining speed the object righted itself. It made a sharp right bank over the hospital and gradually banked back to the left where it reached the swamp area and disappeared out of sight by gaining altitude. Capt. McMann, Dental Officer from hospital arrived in front a few minutes after I did. I asked the Captain if he could see anything in the sky. He said, "Yes there it goes whatever it is."

I estimate the height of the object as 500 or 700 feet. The speed of the object seemed to be slow until it made the right bank. I would not even attempt to estimate the speed of the bank.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 2 pages, and it has been read to me. Before executing oath I have been given the opportunity to make any modifications, additions, or corrections that I desire. I have signed all preceding pages and initialed all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I have given it freely and voluntarily.

Further deponent sayeth not.
Sworn and subscribed to before me
this .....day of .....19.....

/s/ Lovett C. Harrell
LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR.
S/Sgt., AF-14015031
2795th Medical Group

A TRUE COPY:
Daniel J. Hoyle, Jr.
DANIEL J. HOYLE, JR.
1st Lt., USAF

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11 April 1950

SUBJECT: Spot Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: Chief of Intelligence

1. a. Observer:

S/Sgt. Lovett C. Harrell, Jr., AF 14015031
Station Hospital

b. Location: Station Hospital, Robins Air Force Base,
Robins Field, Georgia

c. Date and time: 10 April 1950 at approximately 0400

d. Weather C A V U: Visibility Approximately 10 miles
Wind negligible

2. Sgt. Harrell stated that on 9 April 1950 he had retired early and had had a good night's sleep. He had not consumed any intoxicating liquor within 48 hours preceding this incident. His vision is 20/20 without glasses. He further states that he had not been listening to Henry J. Taylor's or any other commentator's radio broadcasts, nor had he read any news articles recently pertaining to flying saucers.

3. At about 0330 on the morning of 10 April 1950, S/Sgt. Harrell left his home in a taxi cab and arrived at the Base Hospital, Robins Air Force Base, at about 0345. He was reporting for duty early in order to prepare a special report which had to be submitted immediately after the commencement of business that day. As the taxi drove away and Sgt. Harrell was about to enter the building, his attention was attracted to a red flash in the South in the direction of the Base laundry. The flash was similar to that of an explosion and appeared in the form of a "V". It appeared above the horizon at an angle of about 10 degrees. There was no noise which would indicate that an explosion had occurred. Nothing was observed falling from the sky in that direction.

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4. Looking at the point where the flash had occurred, Sgt. Harrell saw a light approaching. At first he believed it was a plane which was on fire. He estimated the altitude to be about 500 to 700 feet. When first seen, from an oblique angle, the object had the same general appearance as a child's toy spinning top. No part of the object appeared to be spinning, turning, or revolving.

5. The object had a red glowing rim around the widest part. Behind that was a white shiny rim, and the interior portion seemed to be illuminated by a reflected white light. The red glow was constant, and appeared to have about the same brilliance as a red neon tube used in advertising signs. The color was a bright red and had no element of orange in it. It did not appear to be a burning flame. It was a steady glow. There were no sparks emitting from the object at any point. It was definitely not a flare.

6. The object approached from the South and came directly over the hospital. As it approached, it wobbled and occasionally came to a standstill. When it passed immediately overhead, Sgt. Harrell noticed that the bottom part appeared to be about the size of a flour barrel head or about 24 inches in diameter. The overall diameter he estimated to be about 25 feet.

7. Just as it passed overhead, it hesitated momentarily, and then made a very sharp right turn toward the East. After travelling in that direction for about 100 feet, it banked again to the left and went toward the swamp (Northward). It did not tilt or heel over when it banked for turns, and acceleration was almost instantaneous. Sgt. Harrell compared the speed and acceleration with the throwing of a baseball. Over the swamp, the object gained altitude very rapidly and disappeared.

8. At no time were there any ordors or sounds from the object. At that early hour of the morning, there were no other sounds which would have drowned out sounds coming from the object.

9. Only one (1) object was sighted. It was in view for about 4 or 5 minutes. Sgt. Harrell stated that his impression was that the object was undoubtedly controlled by someone, and that the movement was deliberate.

10. Immediately after the object passed overhead, Captain Charles H. McMahon came up and Sgt. Harrell asked him if he could see anything in the sky. Captain McMahon pointed to the object and said that he saw it.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

P. KUBALA
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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11 April 1950

SUBJECT: Spot Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: Chief of Intelligence

1. a. Observer:

Captain Charles H. McMahon, Station Hospital

b. Location: Station Hospital, Robins Air Force Base, Robins Field, Georgia

c. Date and time: 10 April 1950 at approximately 0400

d. Weather C A V U: Wind negligible; Visibility - good

2. Captain Charles H. McMahon had returned to the base a few minutes before 0400 hours from a three hour airplane trip. He states that he had slept for about one or one and a half hours on the plane. He wears glasses for nearsightedness, but states his vision is corrected to 20/20. He states that he had had three (3) highballs in the evening of 9 April prior to 2200. He said he did not believe that either the drinks or fatigue were sufficient to impair his vision.

3. Captain McMahon stated that he had not listened to Henry J. Taylor's broadcasts or read recent articles on flying saucers. He said that he had read an article in the Air Force Times several months ago relative to that subject, but that he had no particular interest in aircraft or flying discs.

4. After his plane landed, Captain McMahon had some friends drive him over to the hospital. Time of his arrival at the hospital was approximately 0400. He planned to get some rest before reporting for duty for

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the day. His friends had driven away when he started into the building. He saw S/Sgt. Harrell standing in front of the building. He asked if it would be all right for him (Captain McMahon) to go in to rest for a few hours on one of the cots before reporting for duty. The Sgt. asked him if he could see the flying saucer in the sky. He looked up and saw a moving object in the sky. It was small - about the size of a star but was glowing red. The red light seemed to change in intensity. It did not blink, but faded bright and then dim, etc. It did not reflect any of its own light.

5. Captain McMahon estimated the altitude to be about 12,00 to 15,000 feet. It appeared to be eliptical in shape or resembling a child's elongated toy ballon, but did not resemble an advertising blimp. He could not estimate the speed, but said that it travelled with speed comparable to that of a slow moving aircraft. It would move, hesitate momentarily, then move again. It seemed to maintain a fairly stable course with the exception of the occasional hesitation. He did not observe it change direction, nor did it gain altitude or appear to climb. No part of the object seemed to be rotating or spinning. No exhaust was visible, and there was no odor nor was there any noise. He had not observed any flash. He stated that he did not watch the object until it went out of sight, but that after observing it for about three minutes he went into the building because he was eager to get as much rest as possible before duty hours.

6. Captain McMahon stated that if Sgt. Harrell had not mentioned "flying saucers" he would not have noticed the object, but that when he did see it, he realized that it was not an ordinary aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

P. KUBALA
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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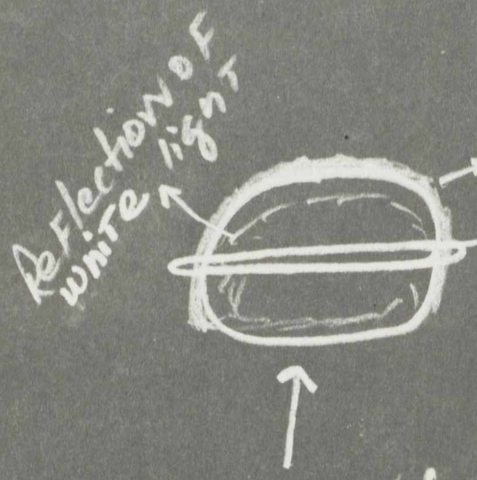
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CONSTANT Red light

BOTTOM estimated AS SIZE OF WOODEN BARREL

Bottom View



SIDE VIEW

DRAWING MADE BY S/SGT. LORETT C. HARRELL JR.
OF OBJECT SEEN BY HIM AT ABOUT 0345-0400
10 APRIL 1950 FROM AREA IN FRONT OF BASE
HOSPITAL, ROBINS AFB, GA.

DRAWING MADE 1500 12 APR. 1950.
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RANK: Capt
REMARKS:

0043 — DEPARTED
2+40 — ETE
0323 — ETA

BJ — RECD FROM
RECD BY
0126 — TIME
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DAILY CONTROL TOWER OPERATIONS LOG

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LOCATION: WARNER ROBINS GA.
TOWER CALL: ROBINS TOWER

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
CONTROL TOWER
MASTER LOG

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ENTER ALL INFORMATION OUTLINED IN PAR 3a
GROUP MEMORANDUM 55-13

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

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FILE NO: 24-40C

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft over South Carolina on 9 March 1950.

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

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1. SYNOPSIS:

a. An unidentified aerial object, concerning which descriptions varied, was sighted on 9 March 1950, moving west through the sky over Orangeburg, South Carolina. First sighted at 1820 hours, the object was visible until 1835 hours; traversing about 45 degrees across the sky in this time.

b. At least five persons in Orangeburg viewed the slowly moving object.

c. At approximately the same time, four persons en route to Orangeburg in an automobile viewed the object while they were some fifteen miles to the north of Orangeburg.

d. Near Florence, South Carolina, approximately eighty (80) air miles northeast of Orangeburg, South Carolina, a farmer reported seeing an unidentified aerial object floating overhead at 1830 hours, 9 March 1950.

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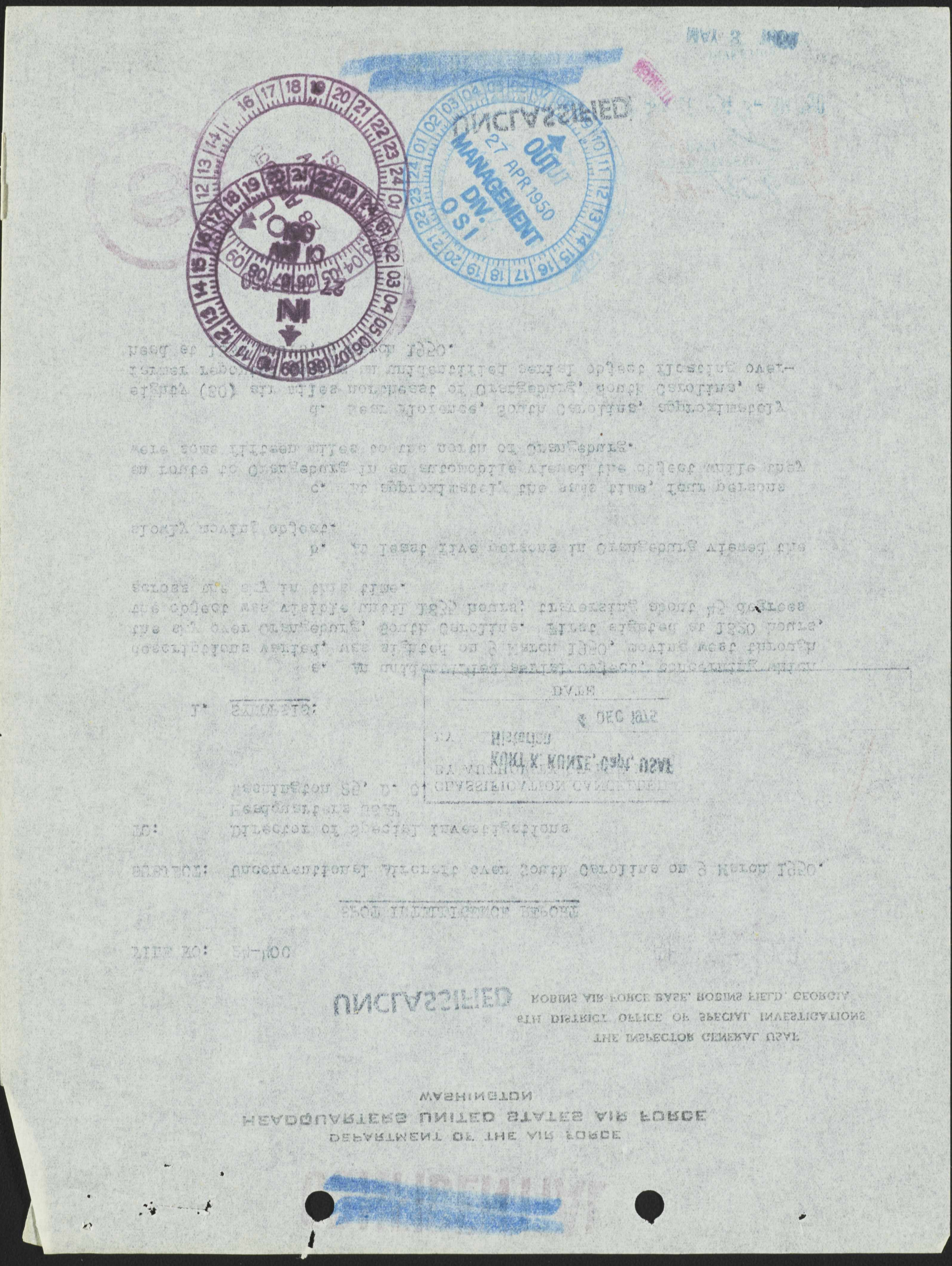
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2. DETAILS:

a. On 9 March 1950, an unidentified object was observed over Orangeburg, South Carolina, moving west through the sky.

(1) Mrs. DONALD M. LAW, wife of the editor of the Orangeburg, South Carolina TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, was apparently the first person in Orangeburg to sight the object. At the time Mrs. LAW first saw the object, it was almost directly overhead, had a vapor trail attached to it, and seemed disk-shaped, rolling and tumbling in the sky. She ran to the newspaper office to notify others.

(2) THOMAS M. ROGERS, advertising salesman for the TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, a veteran with flying experience in B-29's during the war, stated that he noticed the object at approximately 1820 hours. At this time, the sky was blue, there were no clouds, and the sun was setting. The object appeared to have broken from a vapor trail and was moving very slowly, like an object floating in a glass of water. Mr. ROGERS estimated the altitude of the object to be 15,000 to 20,000 feet. To him, it appeared yellow in color, changing in shape from that of a flat saucer to an oval-shaped object. The object appeared to have come from the north and was going southwest, down or toward the horizon.

(3) DONALD M. LAW, editor of the Orangeburg, South Carolina TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, a navigator in B-17's during the war, stated that he saw the object several minutes after his wife first sighted it. At this time, the object had broken clear of its vapor trail. His description of the object agreed with that of his wife.

b. Mr. and Mrs. HARRY PLAYER, Mrs. F. E. SHERLOCK, and Mr. E. J. PHILLIPS, all of 96 Road, Route #3, Orangeburg, South Carolina, reported seeing an object in the sky at approximately 1825 hours, 9 March 1950. At this time, all were in an automobile, enroute to Orangeburg from Columbia, South Carolina, and were approximately

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fifteen (15) miles north of Orangeburg. The object appeared to the right (west) of their automobile, turning slowly, moving erratically down and toward the horizon and the setting sun. The sky was blue and very clear. Mrs. SHERLOCK saw the object before it broke away from a vapor trail; this vapor trail appearing red in color to her. All of the occupants of the automobile agreed the vapor trail seemed to stand still, but the object turned left and right, seeming to pass through the vapor trail at times. The object appeared to them to be the size of a large dinner plate. All of these individuals stated the object was very bright, shining like the sun shining on a mirror.

c. J. W. WALLACE, who was farming near Florence, South Carolina, reported sighting an aerial object in the sky overhead at 1830 hours, 9 March 1950. The object appeared tremendous in size to him, much larger than any airplane. Moving slowly in a southerly direction, the object resembled an airplane and was followed by a long tail. Mr. WALLACE watched the object for about fifteen (15) minutes and called some helpers to watch also.

3. ACTION:

a. In accordance with AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950, a preliminary investigation was made by this office only for the purpose of obtaining information for the submission of this spot report.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Fifteen (15) miles north of Orangeburg. The object appeared to the right (west) of their automobile, traveling slowly, moving erratically down and toward the horizon and the setting sun. The sky was clear and very clear. Mrs. SIMMONS saw the object before it broke away from a vapor trail; this vapor trail appearing red in color to her. All of the occupants of the automobile agreed the vapor trail seemed to stand still, but the object turned left and right, seeming to pass through the vapor trail at times. The object appeared to them to be the size of a large dinner plate. All of these individuals stated the object was very bright, shining like the sun striking on a mirror.

C. J. W. MALLARD, who was farming near Florence, South Carolina, reported sighting an aerial object in the sky overhead at 1930 hours, 9 March 1950. The object appeared tremendous in size to him, much larger than any airplane. Moving slowly in a northerly direction, the object resembled an airplane and was followed by a long trail. Mr. MALLARD watched the object for about fifteen (15) minutes and called some helpers to watch also.

3. ACTION:

a. In accordance with AFOOI letter 95, dated 8 February 1950, a preliminary investigation was made by this office only for the purpose of obtaining information for the submission of this spot report.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
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MORNING PAPER - CHARLESTON, S. C.
10 March 1950

Florence Man Sees Flying Object Resembling Plane

FLORENCE, March 9. (AP): A man farming near Florence said he saw a "tremendous object" resembling an airplane and followed by a "long tail" floating overhead at 6:30 tonight.

Florence officials of the civil aeronautics authority said they had received no reports on the object. They speculated that it might have been a blimp towing an advertising trailer.

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ROME. (AP): Photo - engraving shops here, unhampered by U. S. Treasury regulations, prominently display expert black and white reproductions of American dollar bills as evidence of their skill. One shop has a display of $10 bills in various sizes, ranging from "life size" to three-inch-long specimens which can be used as bookmarks.

Crescent-Like Disk Seen In Orangeburg

ORANGEBURG, March 9. (AP): Six members of The Orangeburg Times and Democrat staff were among persons who saw a "flying saucer" disappear in the western sky late today.

They described it as appearing about the size of a new moon and the same color "except brighter". It was visible for about 15 minutes, they said, and left a vapor trail.

The first person known to have seen it was Mrs. Donald Law, wife of the city editor of the newspaper. She hurried to his office and notified Law, who was joined by other members of the staff.

Publisher J. L. Sims, one of the group, said it appeared to turn slowly in the air, from vertical to parallel with the horizon, and then vertical again.

Harry Player, a composing room employe, and four other persons saw it while driving on a highway 15 miles out of Orangeburg and gave similar descriptions.

Dennis Powers, another staff member, saw a vapor trail while on his way home but did not see the object that left it.

All the witnesses considered it doubtful that they saw an airplane or other common occupant of the skies.

Morning Paper - Charleston, S.C.
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THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Friday, 10 March 1950

'Flying Saucer' Seen Here; Witnesses Say Real McCoy

A "flying saucer" made its way slowly across the Orangeburg sky yesterday and sank with the setting sun.

The strange object was viewed by at least five persons who stood on Memorial Plaza and saw the bright-shining disk leaving a vapor trail high in the sky.

Observers who saw the apparition could offer no explanation for it. It was hardly possible that it could be confused with a cloud, the moon, a weather balloon or conventional or jet aircraft, they said.

and Mrs. Law saw it as it seemed to break away from the bapor trail and continue its way westward.

Vapor trails are created by conventional aircraft only at certain levels of the atmosphere, usually at 20,000 feet and above.

With Mr. Player also were his wife and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Phillips. Viewing the object in Orangeburg were Mr. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Law, T. M. Rogers and Turner Carlton.

As the disk moved slowly into the west after first appearing in the north, it was tilted at about 30 degrees from vertical. However, the degree of tilt changed and at times it seemed to be almost vertical.

First seen in Orangeburg at about 6:20, the disk was visible until 6:35, when it sank out of sight. During that time, it traversed about 45 degrees across the sky.

AT FLORENCE TOO

FLORENCE, March 9 — — A man farming near Florence said he saw a "tremendous object" resembling an airplane and followed by a "long tail" floating overhead at 6:30 tonight.

J. W. Wallace said the craft was much larger than an airplane and moved slowly in a southerly direction. He watched it for about 15 minutes.

"It was the foolest - looking thing I ever saw in my life," Wallace told a reporter. "I called some of the helpers to watch so no one would think I'm crazy."

Florence officials of the Civil Aeronautics Authority said they had received no reports on the object. They speculated it might have been a blimp towing an advertising trailer.

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THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Friday, 10 March 1950

Confessions of An Admitted Flying Saucer Witness

By DONALD M. LAW

"You'll be all right in the morning," my co-workers said.

"Sure, sure, you saw a flying saucer. Just get a good night's sleep and you'll forget all about it," said a voice from the sports department. There were veiled references to nice rest homes where I could go quietly.

Nevertheless, I saw a flying saucer yesterday.

It wasn't a weather balloon. It wasn't a B-36 at 40,000. It wasn't a cloud.

I don't believe in flying saucers. They're something folks see because they read about other people who saw them, I always figured.

This one was shown to me by my wife, who ran a good two blocks with our two-year-old in her arms, to tell me. As an ex-newspaperwoman, she knew a flying saucer when she saw it.

I don't know anything about men from Mars, Russian weapons and midget pilots — two-headed or otherwise.

But this disk was just about the shape of a saucer. It glowed brightly and it was tilted in the air. It moved slowly, but swiftly enough for me to see it moving.

There was a long vapor trail. I've seen vapor trails from underneath and from above and this was similar to those made by highflying planes. But I never saw a plane shaped like a saucer.

My fellow newspapermen have been very considerate of me since I saw the flying saucer. One even offered me a cigarette. I couldn't even eat without my restauranteur Jack Nolen, making a crack about cups and saucers.

And unless somebody finds out what the contraptions are, I may go through life marked as the fellow that saw a flying saucer.

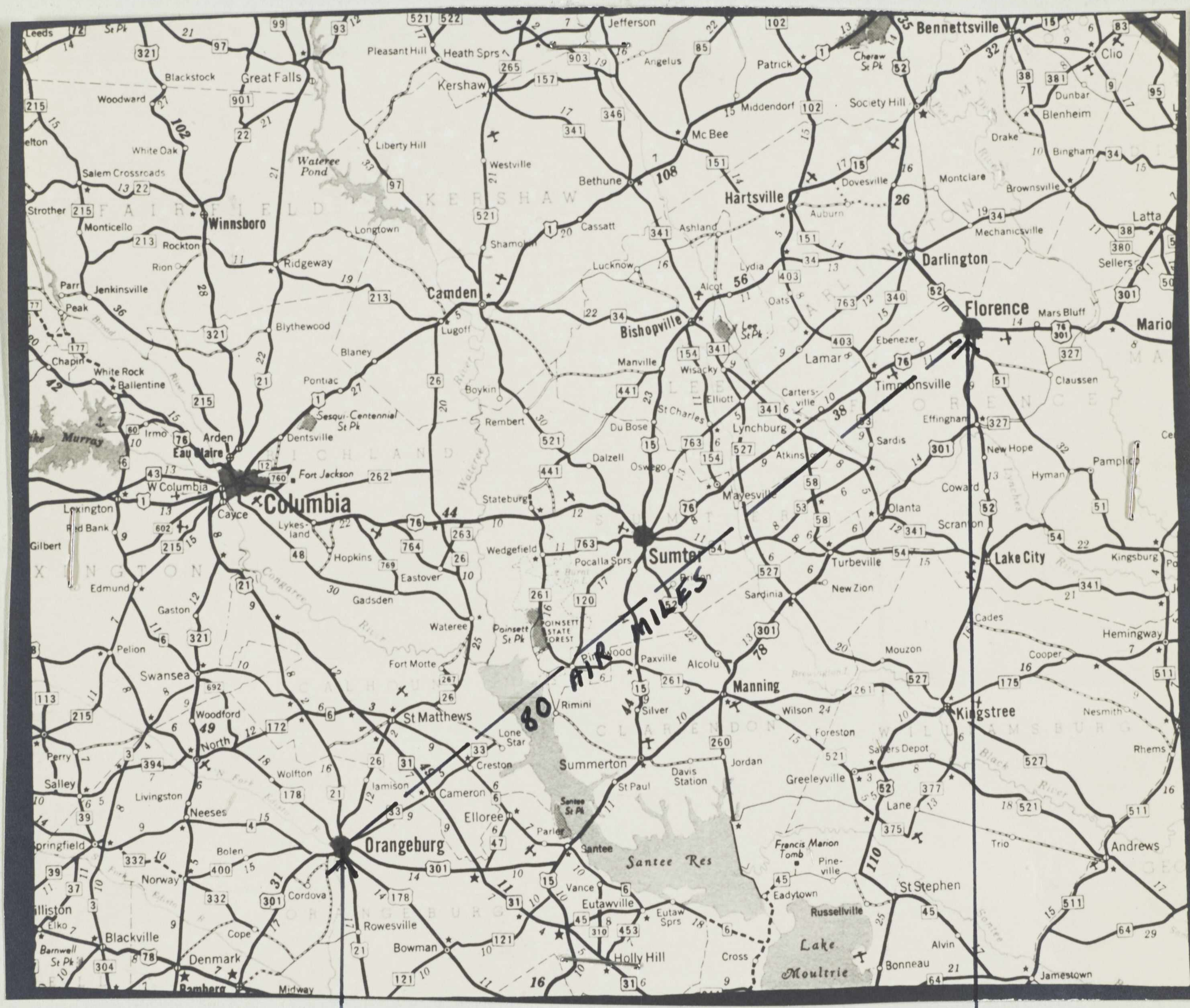
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO: 24-40C

APR 4 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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1. SYNOPSIS:

An unidentified flying object was ~~sighted over~~ the Atlanta, Ga. Municipal Airport at approximately 1130 hours on 18 March 1950. Among the observers were three experienced pilots who stated that the object was round, oval or spherical, had no wings, left no smoke or vapor trail, traveled and climbed at a tremendous rate of speed and glinted in the sun like metal or aluminum. The weather report for that date showed light cirrus clouds, scattered to broken at 30,000 feet, with a wind from the West at 20 to 35 knots above 6,000 feet. The object disappeared in a westerly, upward direction, having been in sight less than one minute.

2. DETAILS:

On 19 March 1950, the Atlanta Constitution, an Atlanta, Ga. newspaper, reported that a flying disc scouted Atlanta, Georgia on the previous morning. This unidentified object was said to have been sighted over the Atlanta Municipal Airport at 1130 hours by S. S. CIARY and the following named pilots:

E. C. DANIEL
H. C. HEYWARD
JACK WEIR
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Mr. YATES

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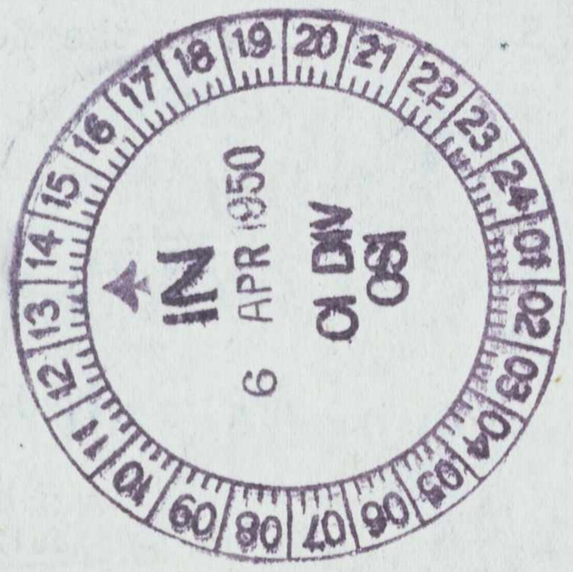
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Mr. CLARY reported that the object was in sight less than one minute and climbed faster than any jet plane he ever saw. He described it as having no wings, being round and shiny like aluminum, and flying at 20,000 to 25,000 feet. The field was busy at the time with a couple of planes "revving up" so that CLARY did not hear any noise from the object, which appeared out of the northeast, heading southwest.

On 22 March 1950, the Atlanta Constitution reported that a flying saucer had been sighted over Arkansas on the night of 19 March 1950 by Capt. JACK ADAMS, pilot of a Chicago and Southern Airplanes plane, enroute from Memphis, Tennessee to Houston, Texas. He stated the object was flying at a tremendous rate of speed on a northerly course at about 3,000 feet altitude with conventional running lights and left no vapor trail. He described the object as circular and about the size of a DC-3. ADAMS was flying a DC-3 at about 2,000 feet at the time.

On 22 March 1950, the following pilots were interviewed at the Atlanta Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia, by this Agent regarding their sighting an unidentified object over the airport at approximately 1130 hours on 18 March 1950:

E. C. DANIEL, Southern Charter Co., Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia
CARL YATES, Southern Charter Co., Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia
M. S. HEYWARD, Mooney Aircraft Distributor, Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia

The above men are experienced pilots, each with over six years flying experience. DANIEL and HEYWARD are former combat bomber pilots of World War II. All the above pilots stated substantially that on 18 March 1950, at approximately 1130 hours, they sighted an object in the sky over the airport, but were unable to identify the object, which first was sighted traveling at a very slow rate of speed out of the northeast and appeared milky white in color. As it changed its position in relation to the sun it glinted in the sunlight and appeared to be metallic, probably resembling aluminum. Its shape was variously described as oval, round or spherical. HEYWARD drew a rough sketch of the object which appeared oval. All agreed that it was in sight less than one minute; maintained its slow speed and southwesterly course from 12 to 15 seconds, then suddenly disappeared upward and toward the West at a rate of speed faster than any the observers had ever before witnessed. All observers are familiar with modern jet type aircraft and stated the speed of a jet plane could not compare with the speed of this object. After starting to climb, the object disappeared in a clear sky in less than 5 seconds. Due to the short period of observation and the fact that the size of the object was not known in relation to other objects or aircraft,

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the observers were hesitant about estimating its size or altitude. DANIEL stated that if the altitude of the object was about 15,000 feet then he would estimate the diameter of the object as being about the same as the wing span on a C-47 airplane. Due to noise of airplane engines on the field, the observers were unable to hear any sound that might have been made by the object. They observed no smoke or vapor trails from the object, neither could they tell whether it had any windows, exhaust, engines, etc. The outside surface appeared to be smooth. There were a few scattered clouds, but for the most part the sky was clear and there was a light ground wind. At no time did the object pass through or behind a cloud, and at no time was it obscured by clouds. Its motion was smooth and rapid.

The 1000 hour weather report and winds aloft report at the Municipal Airport for 18 March 1950 indicated that there were thin cirrus clouds with a thirty percent coverage at 30,000 feet at 1100 hours, increasing to sixty percent coverage at 1200 hours. The wind at 1000 hours was 20 knots at 270 degrees, or from the west, at 6000 feet; 35 knots, 270 degrees at 11,000; constant at 35 knots, 270 degrees above 11,000. A weather balloon was released at 1000 hours, and no second release was made.

The weather report indicates that the object sighted by the observers probably was not a weather balloon. Since the object disappeared heading into the wind and upwards, its speed and motion could not have been caused by a 35 knot wind.

3. ACTION:

In compliance with AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950, no action has been taken.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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

FEB 21 1950

FILE NO: 24-40C

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949

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

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KENT K. KOHLL, Capt, USAF
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1. SYNOPSIS:

a. An ~~unidentified aerial~~ object, concerning which descriptions varied, was sighted on 29 December 1949, moving southwesterly through the sky over North and South Carolina. This object was first seen over Fayetteville, N. C. at about 1630 hours; over Hamlet, N. C. at about 1645 hours; and later at 1700 hours over Greenwood, S. C. A course drawn from Fayetteville, N. C. passing through Hamlet, N. C., Newberry, S. C., Greenwood, S. C. and Abbeville, S. C. is approximately a straight line. The distance covered from 1630 hours to 1700 hours by the object on this course is approximately 200 miles, giving the object a speed of approximately 400 miles per hour.

b. No information except the time that the object was spotted is available from Fayetteville, N. C.

c. Hamlet, N. C. observers stated the object resembled a balloon or blimp and appeared to be twenty (20) or thirty (30) feet in diameter.

d. Newberry, S. C. observers stated that the object appeared there shortly before 1700 hours; was traveling at a slow rate of speed; flying irratically; apparently without any set direction or purpose, though it moved away from Newberry toward Greenwood, S. C.

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e. Several Greenwood, S. C. observers stated the object resembled a streak of smoke, fifteen (15) or twenty (20) feet long similar to a portion of a letter written by a skywriter aircraft, though no air-craft was visible or was heard at that time. Three observers, however, stated that the object was round, shiny, and had a black spot under it.

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It was traveling at a slow rate of speed in a southwesterly direction.

f. At Charlotte, N. C. it was reported that a B-36 type bomber passed over Charlotte at 40,000 feet enroute to Eglin AFB, Florida at approximately the same time of the appearance of the unidentified object over the other cities. Charlotte is forty (40) miles north of the course of the unidentified object. A true course from Charlotte, N.C. to Eglin AFB, Florida would cross the course of the unknown object at approximately 35°, about ten (10) miles northeast of Greenwood and about 130 miles southwest of Hamlet.

g. All observers stated that the object did not resemble any type of aircraft, i.e., there were no wings, portholes, exhaust or smoke trails visible.

h. The weather condition for this vicinity was as follows:

Visibility - Better than ten (10) miles.
Temperature - 33° to 63° F.
Wind - Southwest, two (2) to three (3) miles per hour.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 29 December 1949 an unknown object was observed over Fayetteville, N. C. moving in a southwesterly direction toward Hamlet, N. C.

b. On 29 December 1949, Hamlet, N. C. observers stated that an object resembling a balloon or blimp passed over that city at approximately 1645 hours.

(1) PHILLIP GIBBONS, former Air Force pilot, took out after the object in a light airplane. He was unable to overtake it, but from a distance it appeared to be a large metal ball. GIBBONS stated that it did not appear to be going fast but disappeared from his view as he drew near it.

(2) Other observers stated that the object, witnessed by them at the same time as by GIBBONS, appeared to be a balloon or blimp, approximately twenty (20) or thirty (30) feet in diameter and definitely was not saucer-shaped.

c. Observers at Newberry, S.C. stated that a strange object appeared over that city shortly before 1700 hours. It was traveling at a slow rate of speed, flying irratically, and did not appear to have any set direction or purpose, though it disappeared from Newberry toward Greenwood, S.C.

d. At Greenwood, S. C., Mr. JOE POOLE, Ex-Air Force pilot,

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now instructing at Johnson's Flying Service, took off in a piper cub type aircraft with student pilot, WILLIAM C. ASHELY, also of Greenwood, S.C., and observed the object from an altitude of 3,000 feet. They chased the object almost directly west, passing near Abbeville, S. C. and continuing to the Georgia line, giving up the chase due to darkness. Mr. POOLE estimated the elevation of the object at about 6,000 feet and stated that he could not gain any speed on the object, although, it seemed to be drifting. His description of the object was that of "smoke used in sky writing but the object never drifted apart, although the shape varied somewhat. It seemed almost like a long ribbon of paper fluttering." Several other residents of Greenwood, S.C. agreed with Mr. POOLE in his description of the object.

e. Mr. A. W. WOODLE, Mayor of Greenwood, S. C., stated that he sighted the object over that city at approximately 1700 hours and estimated the altitude at approximately 30,000 feet. Mr. WOODLE believed that the object was a vapor trail left by a high flying aircraft, although, he did not see or hear any aircraft at that time. Mr. WOODLE described the object as being cone-shaped and grey or silver in color; and added that True Magazine had interviewed him in regard to this object.

f. Mr. WILLIAM C. ASHELY, who observed the object from the same plane as Mr. POOLE, stated that the object took many shapes and at one time took the shape of a crescent. Mr. ASHELY added that he had seen many vapor trails but he had never observed one that stayed together as this object did.

g. Mr. LUTHER JOHNSON, Owner of the Johnson's Flying Service, Greenwood, S.C., described the object as did Mr. POOLE and Mr. ASHELY, and added that the altitude of the object could not have been more than eight thousand (8,000) or ten thousand (10,000) feet high.

h. Mr. RALPH McDANIEL and Mr. COURTLAND LEWIS, of near Greenwood, S. C., stated that they saw an object at approximately 1630 hours that was round, shiny with a black spot under it. It was "quite a ways" from them and was traveling at a slow rate of speed.

i. Mr. WILLIAM SHIELDS, Columbia, S.C., who was hunting near Greenwood, S.C., stated that he saw an object as described by McDANIEL and LEWIS and observed it for at least thirty (30) minutes while it hovered over one spot and then shot off through the sky at a terrific rate of speed. Mr. SHIELDS added, "I thought I was seeing things until I heard that other people had seen the object too."

j. Mr. JIMMIE HODGES and Mr. I. W. DIXON, both of Greenwood, S.C., were returning from Charlotte, N. C. by aircraft and stated that they saw an object similar to a vapor trail but lost it over Lake Greenwood. It was headed toward Abbeville, S. C.

k. A report from the control tower at Charlotte, N. C. indicated that a B-36 type bomber passed over Charlotte, N. C. at 40,000 feet enroute to Eglin AFB, Florida at approximately the same time of the

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appearance of the unknown object over the other cities. Many observers indicated that the vapor trails seen from this B-36 type aircraft were believed to be the unknown object that was witnessed at Fayetteville and Hamlet, N. C. and Greenwood, S. C., but a true course from Charlotte, N.C. to Eglin AFB, Florida would cross the course of the unidentified object, ten (10) miles northeast of Greenwood and approximately 130 miles southwest of Hamlet at approximately 35°. When observers in Greenwood, S. C. were informed of the B-36 type aircraft in their vicinity at the same time as they had witnessed this unknown object, those that commented stated that they may have seen vapor trails but they were not at 40,000 feet. (see attached map.)

l. All observers stated that the object did not resemble any type of aircraft, i.e., there were no wings, portholes, exhaust or smoke trails visible, nor did they see any type of aircraft in the vicinity of the unknown object.

m. The official weather forecast from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Greenville, S. C., for the vicinity in which the object was cited is as follows:

Visibility - Better than ten (10) miles.
Temperature - 33° to 63° F.
Wind - Southwest two (2) to three (3) mph.

3. ACTION:

a. A preliminary investigation was made by this office in accordance with existing directives but was discontinued upon receipt of AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950.

b. In view of the statements made by the observers, as indicated above, and newspaper accounts attached, it is believed that more than one object was witnessed, and due to the fact that some of the observers were well qualified to evaluate what they saw, it is believed that this incident warrants further investigation. Request that this office be authorized to make further investigation.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

4 Incls:
1. Photostatic cy of newspaper clipping (Atlanta Journal)
2. Photostatic cy of newspaper clipping (Index Journal)
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5. Photostatic cy of Map of Area

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ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia

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'NOT SAUCER-SHAPED'

Mystery 'Object' Sails Over Carolinas

HAMLET, N. C.—(AP)—A mysterious object moving southwestward through the sky had scores of Carolinians agog yesterday.

The object, on which descriptions varied, was first spotted at Fayetteville, about 50 miles northeast of Hamlet at about 4:30 p. m. Wednesday.

It was sighted again over Hamlet at about 4:45 p. m. and reports came from Greenwood, S. C., yesterday that the mysterious object passed westward over that city shortly after 5 p. m.

Greenwood is about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville.

Scores of residents in all three cities reported sighting the object. And at Hamlet and Greenwood, it was chased for several minutes by four pilots.

Hamlet observers said it resembled a balloon or blimp, and appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter. At Fayetteville, one observer said it looked more like a vertical neon lighting tube.

At Greenwood, two pilots said it appeared to be a streak of smoke about 15 or 20 feet long coming from an unseen plane. But the object, pilots said, retained its shape during the 10 or 15 minutes that they followed it.

Ground observers all said that it drifted into the direction of the setting sun. But the four pilots who chased it at Hamlet and Greenwood said they were unable to gain on it in their light planes.

At Greenwood, Joe Poole, one of the pilots, reported that the thing appeared to be flying at about 6,000 feet. He and W. C. Ashley rose to about 3,000 feet in their light plane in trying to overtake it. Their attention to it was directed by Mayor A. H. Woodle, of Greenwood, who viewed it over the city.

The Weather Bureau at Charlotte said that the object apparently was not a weather balloon. But Pop Field Airbase officials at Fayetteville said that it very likely could have been such a balloon.

At Hamlet, Phillips Gibbons, a former Air Force pilot, took out after it in another light plane. Gibbons said it quickly disappeared when he drew near. It definitely was not saucer-shaped, he asserted.

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GREENWOOD, So. CAR.

No Explanation Yet For Object Seen In Skies Wednesday Afternoon

There was still no explanation today for the flying object that marked a mystery-streaked trail for 200 miles across the Carolinas Wednesday afternoon.

Observers attached significance to the fact that its path was straight for 200 miles. They noted also that after its 4:30 p. m. appearance in Fayetteville it was seen at Hamlet, 45 miles away, a few minutes later, and at Greenwood, more than 150 miles away, shortly after 5 o'clock.

In addition to these towns residents of Newberry and Chesterfield spotted the object.

Ralph McDaniel of the Mt. Moriah section telephoned in about 4:30 yesterday afternoon that he and Courtland Lewis had seen something in the skies immediately before, but no other report was heard on this object. He said that it was a round, shining object with a black spot under it, a good ways off and traveling slow.

S. M. Wall spotted the other object Wednesday while traveling the Johnston road.

William Shields, director of the city tree department in Columbia, reported seeing it while hunting near Greenwood Wednesday afternoon about 5:30. He said that he watched it for at least 30 minutes while it hovered in one spot and then shot off through the sky at a terrific rate of speed.

"I thought I was seeing things until I heard that other people had seen the object too," Shields said.

Newberry observers reported that it was flying erratically and apparently without any set course or purpose.

"When seen the object was flying along at a very slow speed on a course parallel to the ground, then it veered off in another direction and seemed to be descending slightly," Newberrians said.

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Enclosure 3.

Other Cities Saw Mysterious Object That Greenwood Spotted In The Skies

The mysterious object seen in the Greenwood skies yesterday afternoon had scores of North and South Carolinians wondering today.

Fayetteville and Hamlet, N. C., and Greenwood all made reports on the mystifying visitor that apparently passed through the Carolinas in a southwesterly direction.

Fayetteville spotted the object about 4:30. It came into view at Hamlet, about 50 miles southwest of Fayetteville, 15 minutes later. Greenwood, about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville, was disturbed by its appearance around 5 o'clock.

Scores of residents in all three cities reported sighting it, and at Hamlet and Greenwood it was chased by airmen.

Mayor A. H. Woodle asked Johnson's Flying Service to see if they could determine what it was. Joe Poole, instructor, and W. C. Ashley, took off in a Piper Cub, rising to about 3,000 feet. They chased it almost directly west, passing over Abbeville and almost to the Georgia line. They sighted it all the way, but seemed to make no headway against it at all, although it had seemed to be traveling slowly—almost drifting—over the airport before they took off.

From their 3,000-foot perch the object appeared to be on their level, or somewhat above it. Mr. Poole had estimated the elevation at about 6,000 feet as it passed over the airport.

He said it looked like smoke used in skywriting, but it never drifted apart, although the shape varied. It seemed almost like a long ribbon of paper fluttering at times, he said.

Mr. Ashley said that it took various shapes, and appeared at one time to be a crescent. Others this morning said they first thought it was the moon when they spotted it.

Mr. Ashley said that the object was traveling in the same direction as the prevailing wind.

Nobody in Greenwood reported it as being saucer-shaped, and the same holds true for residents of other towns.

At Hamlet, Phillips Gibbons, a former air force pilot, took out after it in a light plane. He was unable to overtake it, but from a distance it appeared to be a large metal ball. Observers on the ground there said that it did not appear to be going fast, but Gibbons said that it quickly disappeared when he drew near. It definitely was not saucer-shaped, he added.

Hamlet observers said it resembled a balloon or blimp, and appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter. At Fayetteville, one observer said it looked more like a neon lighting tube floating vertically through the sky.

The Index-Journal received a number of calls, one minister volunteering the information that it "means the Lord is returning."

Johnsonn's Flying Service reported today their telephone was buzzing with calls for about an hour.

The weather bureau at Charlotte said that the object apparently was not a weather balloon. But Pope Field airbase officials at Fayetteville said that it very likely could have been such a balloon.

Except for its shape and the scores who witnessed it, the reports were reminiscent of the myriad tales of flying saucers current since the war.

Just this week the magazine "True" reported it learned "a rocket authority stationed at Wright Field has told 'project saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is reachable."

The Air Force countered by announcing there aren't any "flying saucers" and that it has ended its special two-year-old investigation after checking up on 375 rumors of weird and wonderous sights in the sky.

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INDEX JOURNAL, Dated 31 DECEMBER 1949
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Charlotte Says Strange "Object" Seen Wednesday Was Vapor Trail

The Charlotte airport says we can all forget about the strange object that drifted across the Carolina skies Wednesday, variously described and widely observed over the two states.

It was a vapor trail left by a high flying air plane, the control tower and the Air National Guard there says. The same thing was observed there yesterday, the Associated Press reports.

The control tower, with the aid of glasses, identified the plane as a B-36 bomber. First Lieut. E. C. Griffith of the Air National Guard, who was flying at the time, picked up the plane's position report by radio, which placed it at an altitude of 40,000 feet en route to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

The vapor trail, a silvery streak etched against a clear blue sky, seemed to drift lasily across Charlotte, disappearing eventually to the southwest.

Reports from many sections of the two states described the vapor trail as the same airborne "object" sighted last Wednesday.

Luther Johnson, at Johnson's Flying Service here, says the object seen here Wednesday could have been a vapor trail, but it was not 40,000 feet high.

Mr. Johnson says that Jimmie Hodges and I. W. Dixon were returning from Charlotte yesterday when the object was sighted. They followed it all the way to Greenwood, but lost it some place over Lake Greenwood. It was headed to the right of Abbeville, he said, whereas the object Wednesday went slgihtly to the left of Abbeville.

Mr. Hodges and Mr. Dixon went up to 6,000 feet yesterday to observe the object.

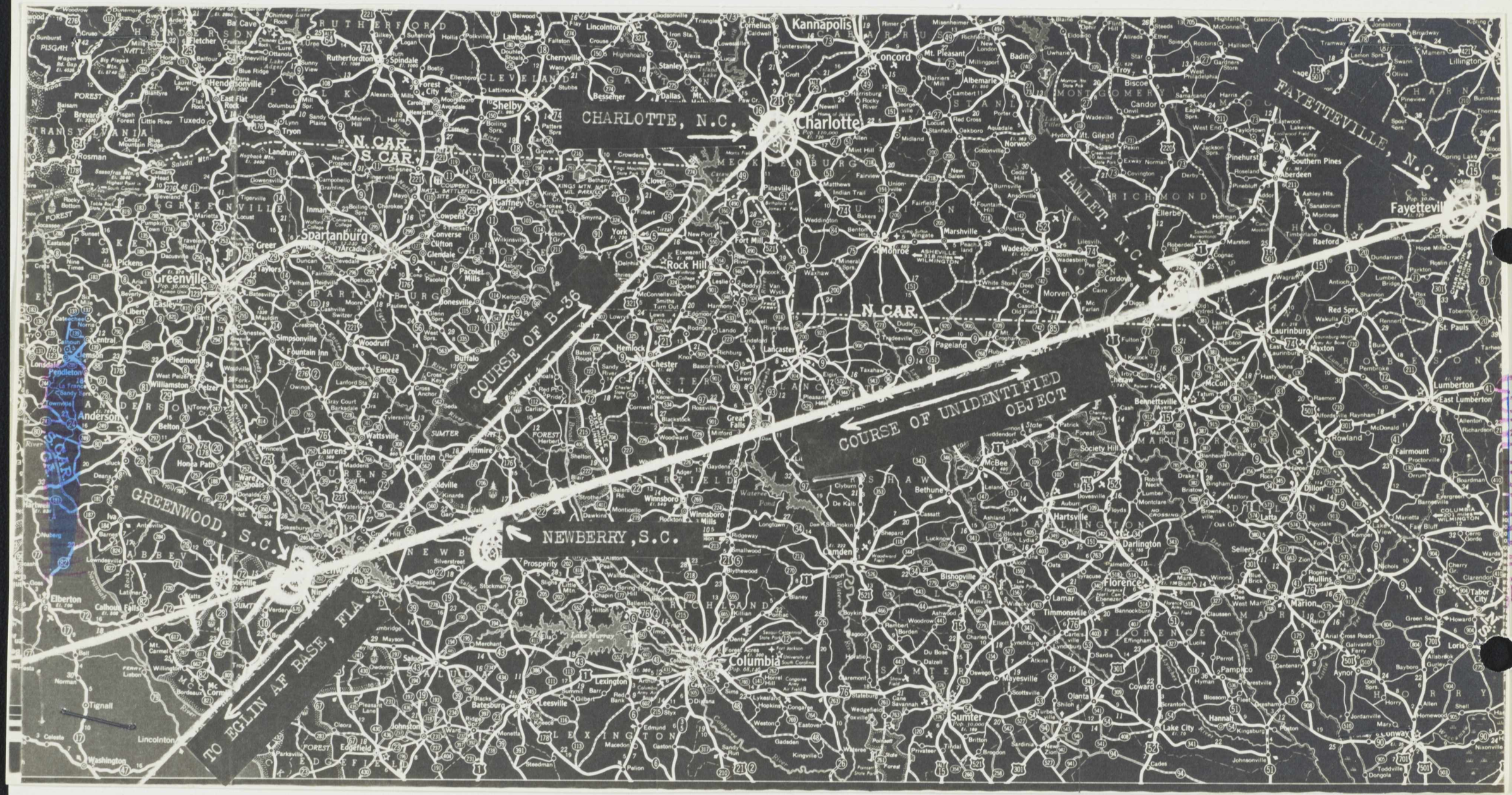
W. C. Ashley, one of the occupants of the plane that went aloft Wednesday to get a closer view, says that he remembers vapors from planes resembling this object while in naval service. They held together for a good while, he says, but he never saw any change shape as this one did.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 MAR 1950

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unconventional Aircraft over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander, 6th OSI District (IG)
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report from your district office, dated 21 February 1950, concerning above subject.

2. In view of the fact that the unidentified aerial object was sighted approximately two (2) months ago and your report referred to above furnishes adequate general information, no further OSI investigation appears to be warranted.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg. Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
OSI, IG, USAF

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