

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

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4 JUN 1959

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighted by WARREN W. COTTIE JR.

TO: Commander
1707th Air Transport Wing, Heavy (Tng)
Palm Beach AFB, Florida

1. This is in confirmation of oral referral by Special Agent JOHN F. SNYDER of our West Palm Beach Detachment office to the Wing Provost Marshal, your command, regarding the alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object, on 25 May 1959.

2. The following is furnished your office in accordance with AFR 200-2:

- a. Description of Object: A very, very bright, round light.
- b. Course of Object: Stationary.
- c. Manner of Observation: Ground Visual.
- d. Time and Date of Sighting: Between 2100 and 2130 hours, 25 May 1959.

e. Identity of Observer: Name: WARREN W. COTTIE, Jr.; Age: 40; Address: 431 South "M" Street, Lake Worth, Florida; Occupation: Sea Captain.

f. General Information: COTTIE advised that he had walked into his back yard, at the above address, for the purpose of viewing the stars and planets in the sky. He stated that as he was facing the west, he looked towards the north-northwest and noticed a very, very bright light, which he believed to be directly over, or approximately over, Palm Beach Air Force Base, which he first thought to be the planet Venus or possibly Jupiter. COTTIE advised he observed the light for approximately ten to fifteen seconds, during which time the light remained stationary. He advised that the light appeared to be at a forty-five degree angle between Venus and the horizon. COTTIE stated that at first he felt possibly the light was an UFO; however, discounted this thought since the light remained stationary. He advised that on 26 May 1959, at approximately the same time,

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he again returned to his back yard and immediately noticed that the light was not present in the vicinity he had observed it the previous night. COTTIE advised that he has been interested and has studied the stars and planets since childhood, and is cognizant of the fact that stars do not shift positions as rapidly from one night to the next, and this prompted him to make an official report of his observations. COTTIE advised that he is a private flyer and from his knowledge of flying would estimate the altitude of the light to be from 10,000 feet up, depending on the size of the light.

3. The above is furnished for your appropriate action. No additional information regarding this matter has been reported to this office during the period in question; however, you will be advised in the event pertinent information becomes available.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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26 MAY 1959

SUBJECT: (U) ^{nr}Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighted by STEVE ~~nr~~ GUITAR

TO: Commander
MacDill AFB, Florida
ATTN: Provost Marshal

1. This letter is in confirmation of an oral report to the Provost Marshal, on 22 May 1959, concerning the above.

2. As previously reported, an individual who identified himself as STEVE GUITAR telephonically contacted this office on 19 May 1959, and stated the following:

At 2330 hours, 18 May 1959, he turned off his television set and went into the bedroom, turned out the light, and when glancing out the window noticed a "ball of fire" suspended in the air, approximately tree level height, around 500 yards from the house. This object was approximately "one-half the size of a house" in circumference, and had four golden points protruding evenly from it, with each point being approximately the "size of a pine tree." He observed this object for approximately ten seconds but did not see any motion or hear any noise coming from it. The object gradually faded out and while doing so changed many colors. The points continued to show a golden color throughout until they too faded from sight. GUITAR stated he drew a picture, in color, of this object which he would make available to this office if so desired.

3. Subsequent efforts to contact GUITAR, on 19 May 1959, met with negative results; however, he was recontacted at 1405 hours on 20 May 1959, at which time he reiterated the above and furnished the following additional data regarding his sighting:

The object was in the south; the sky condition was described as cloudy; the moon was observed in the north; and wind conditions were estimated by GUITAR to be at the rate of 5 miles an hour from the west. The object was on an azimuth of 70 degrees.

4. On 22 May 1959, this office received a letter from STEVE GUITAR, postmarked 21 May 1959, Lutz, Florida, with return address: R.R. 1, Box 885, Lutz, Florida, in which he described the sighting and attached the

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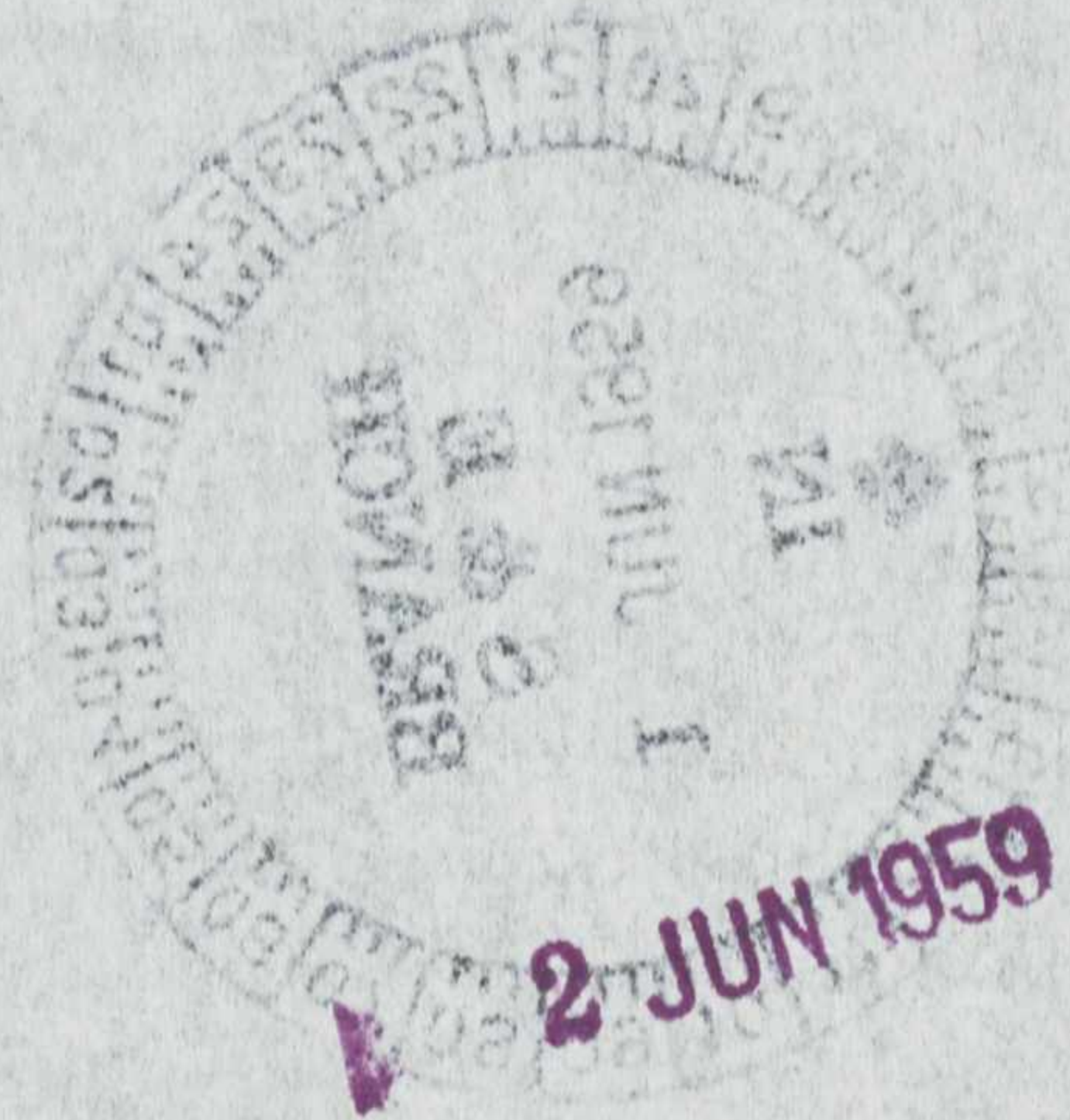
picture which he drew of the object, and referred to above. This correspondence is attached for your information.

5. During telephonic conversations with GUITAR, it was ascertained that this is not his correct name but one by which he is allegedly known throughout Florida in the field of music. GUITAR did not disclose his correct name or occupation but did advise that he was 17 years of age. This individual appeared sincere in all conversations. Files of this office fail to reflect any record of this person or similar sightings during the period indicated.

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Colonel, USAF
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picture which is face of the object, and referred to above. This contact
connection is attached for your information.

2. During telephone conversations with GLENN, it was ascertained
that this is not his correct name but one by which he is illegally known
throughout Florida in the field of music. GLENN had not discussed his
correct name or occupation but did advise that he was 17 years of age.
This individual appeared sincere in all conversations. None of this
office fail to reflect any record of this person or similar sightings
during the period indicated.

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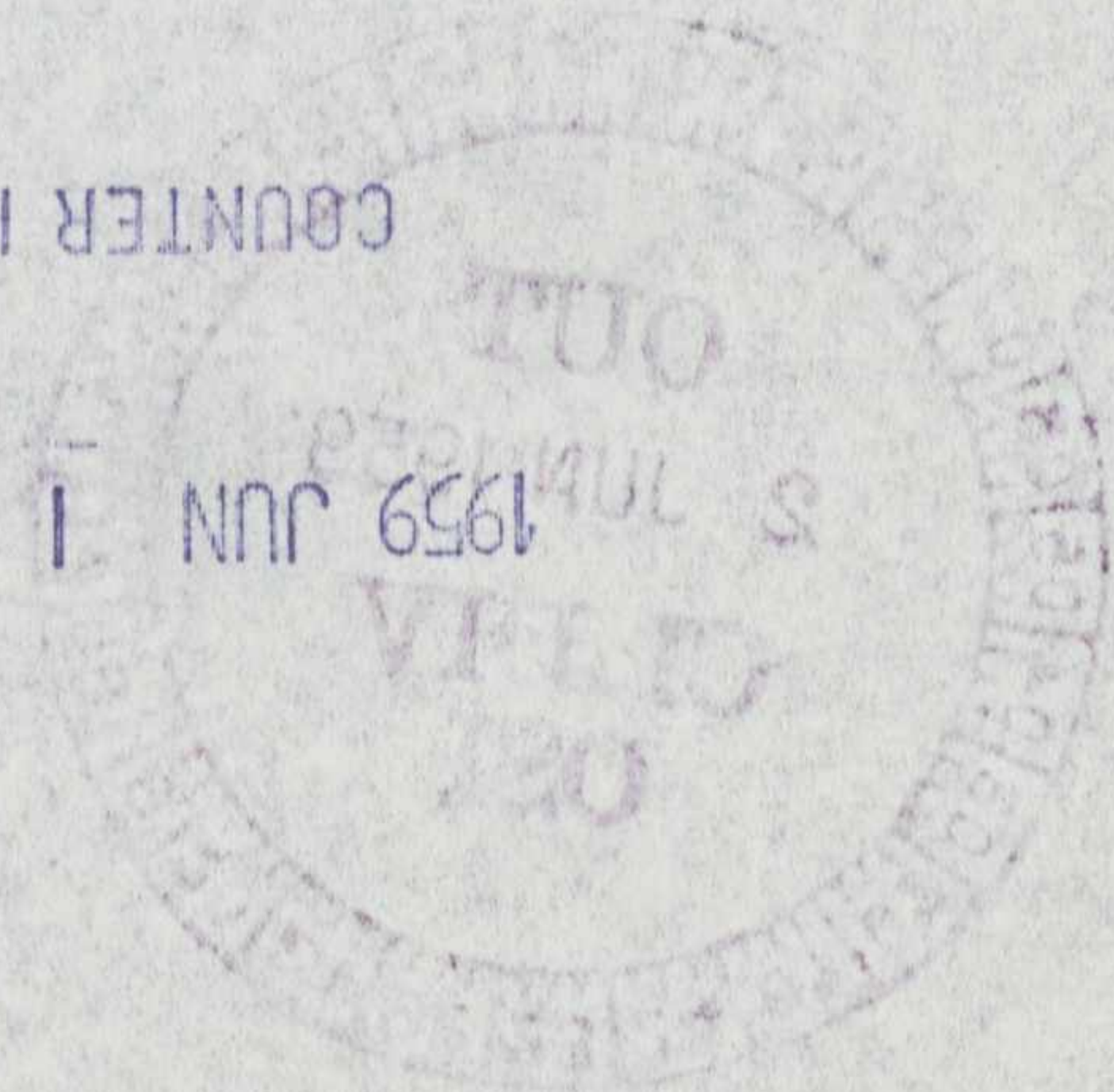
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Director, Command

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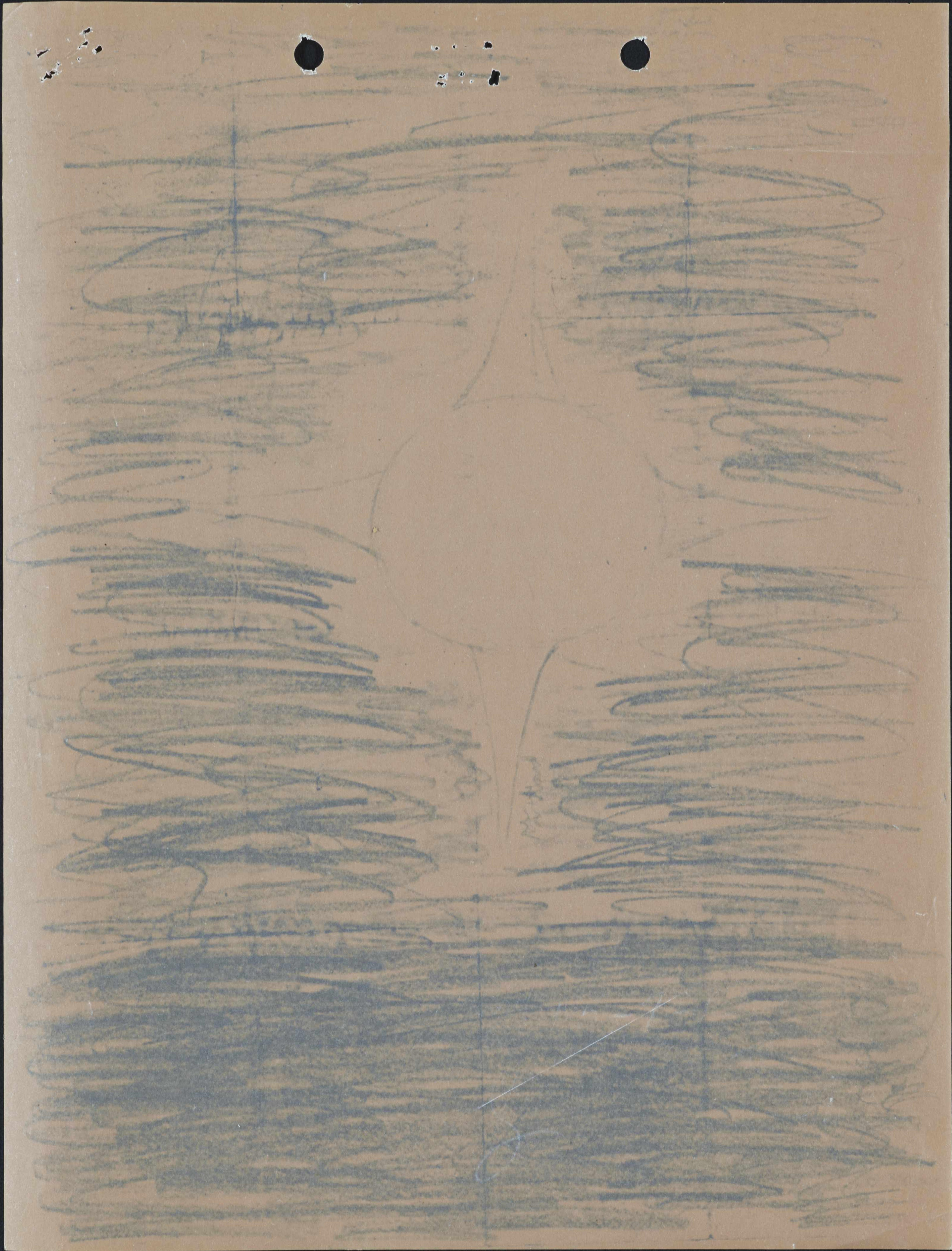
Mr. Pany;

Monday nite, 29 minutes until twelve I saw object toward south for 10 seconds. It was cloudy with a full moon towards the north. Wind was at a rate of five miles per hour from the west. The four points on the object were as long as a pine tree. The ball of fire was about as big as a half of a house, and colored in red, orange, & purple. The points were light yellow, & looked to be red hot. The object was about two lengths of of (sic) a pine tree from the ground. The object was real bright fading out inside of 10 seconds. Just as I looked out my bed-room window the object was there. My bed-room light was off. The object was in a 7 degree angle. The ball of fire seemed to be as hot as the sun - plus the four points. Exactly at one o'clock in the morning as I was standing outside in the back yard after the object had been gone, I saw five red lights flicker off and on - each one at a different split second & not far from where I saw the object. This was up in the sky not far from the ground. This was after the object was gone. These lights flickered for about three seconds - each one, about a half of a second - or a split second. These lights were in the same place up in the sky as the object was. I got a good look at the object. This picture is no phony. After I walked in my bed-room, turned on my light, slipped off my shoes, turned off the light, laid on the bed & looked out the window - thats when I saw the object. So I figure the object was there before I looked out the window and then it started fading away. I walked out of the house here at 11:30 P.M. Mr. Pany, all the timing is what I figure, because I do have a habit of looking at my watch all the time.

This is all I know about the object and the information you want.

Sihned (sic)

/s/ Steve Guitar



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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
7TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

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17 MAR 1959

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Observed
in Vicinity of Princeton, Florida, 24 February 1959

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

1. Your attention is invited to the inclosed.
2. The attached report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 904a, Change 51-2 to OSI Bulletin Nr. 51, even though such requirement may pertain to only the sighting of Soviet satellites or rockets and the re-entry and location of recoverable portions thereof.
3. While it is realized that the actions of the OSI Detachment Commander in this instance were possibly not in strict accordance with existing directives, it is felt in responding to information received from a member of his staff, OSI has performed a service to the Commander concerned. In the absence of specific instructions from your Directorate to the contrary, and in the interest of National security, I will, where appropriate, continue to use my best judgment on these matters. However, to insure that Special Agents of this District are judicious in expenditure of investigative effort in such matters, the provisions of applicable directives will again be brought to the attention of all concerned.

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Cy ltr to Comdr,
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dtd as above.

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EUGENE C. CROPPER
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Observed
in Vicinity of Ft. Belvoir, Florida, 24 February 1959

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

1. Your attention is invited to the enclosed.
2. The attached report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 906a, Change 51-2 to OSI Bulletin No. 51, even though such report may pertain to only the sighting of Soviet satellites or rockets and the re-entry and location of recoverable portions thereof.
3. While it is realized that the actions of the OSI Detachment Commander in this instance were possibly not in strict accordance with existing directives, it is felt in responding to information received from a member of his staff, OSI has performed a service to the Commander concerned. In the absence of specific instructions from your Director, set to the contrary, and in the interest of National security, I will, where appropriate, continue to use my best judgment on these matters. However, to insure that Special Agents of this District are judicious in expenditure of investigative effort in such matters, the provisions of applicable directives will again be brought to the attention of all concerned.

HUGHES C. CROSBY
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

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SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Observed in
Vicinity of Princeton, Florida, 24 February 1959

TO: Commander
823rd Combat Support Group
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Homestead AFB, Florida

1. This letter is in confirmation of an oral report rendered by our Detachment Commander, Homestead AFB, Florida, to your Provost Marshal, concerning a reported unidentified flying object.

On 25 February 1959, Major RICHARD E. KYLE, AO-565917, Base Information Services Officer, 823rd Combat Support Group, Homestead AFB, Florida, telephonically informed Special Agent WILLIAM C. WALKER, JR., of our Homestead AFB Detachment, that he had received a telephone call from a Mr. CHARLES N. COOK, 200 S.W. 242nd Street, Princeton, Florida, who reported observing what he believed to be an unidentified flying object west-southwest of Princeton, Florida. According to Major KYLE, COOK had been in the company of two other persons when the sighting occurred during the late afternoon of 24 February 1959.

On 25 February 1959, COOK was interviewed at his home, 200 S.W. 242nd Street, Princeton, Florida, by Special Agent WALKER, and related that prior to 1830 hours, 24 February 1959, while eating ice cream at a Tastee Freez Drive-in, located on South Dixie Highway, Princeton, Florida, he observed an object in the sky about 10 degrees above the horizon in a west-southwesterly direction. COOK described this object, which he observed for about five to six minutes, as being about 20 miles away, stationary, oblong in shape, with a flat bottom and a dome top. COOK further described this object as having a brilliant gold color. COOK said that there were a few clouds in the sky on either side of observed object, but that the object in no way resembled clouds because of the distinct difference in color or configuration of the object in comparison with the clouds. COOK said that observed object had smooth, clean lines, whereas the nearby clouds appeared to have ragged, uneven lines.

COOK stated that after observing this object for four to five minutes, he turned to the employees of the Tastee Freez establishment and

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jokingly asked if they wanted to see a "flying saucer". According to COOK, the employees were unable to observe the object from inside the building because of a low hanging outside canvas awning surrounding the front of the building. COOK stated that as the employees were leaving the building, he turned to again observe the object and noticed that three very small objects appeared to have just left the initially observed large object, and the small objects were close to, but moving away from the large object. COOK described these three small objects as being extremely white, or brilliant in color, and having the same general configuration as the large object, and each of the three smaller objects, which appeared to be in a triangular formation, were emitting from the rear a brilliant sparkler effect (such as a fireworks sparkler).

COOK stated that the three small objects moved in a southwesterly direction at a speed which he compared to conventional aircraft, and that they appeared to gain altitude very slightly. After observing the three objects for about three to five minutes, he noticed that one object to the right of the formation turned toward the west and gradually disappeared. The remaining two continued on a south-southwesterly course until they were out of sight.

COOK continued by stating that shortly after the three smaller objects seemingly left the large object, the latter began to move with increasing speed toward the west-northwest, diminishing to a very small oblong gold speck before entering a distant cloud. COOK added that when this object began to move, he noticed an orange glow at the aft end of the object which was slightly less than one-third in size to the observed object. COOK continued by stating that shortly after the departure of the object, he observed what he thought to be an Air Force aircraft arrive and seemingly search the area, in that the plane flew back and forth. At this time, COOK compared the color of the aircraft with the earlier observed three small objects, and stated that the plane, which had a dull silver color, was very dark compared with the brilliance of the three small objects.

COOK advised that he is 72 years of age, is a retired engineer, and is active in sports, specifically tennis. Further, that he did not originally intend to report this incident until he thought of the close proximity of Homestead AFB, and decided that he should report his sightings to military authorities.

On 25 February 1959, Mr. OLIVER L. and THELMA MARTIN, both age 50, and residing at 24255 South Dixie Highway, Princeton, Florida, were interviewed separately by Special Agent WALKER. Mr. MARTIN stated he was formerly a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, is semi-retired, presently having an interest in the Tastee Freez Corporation. Mrs. MARTIN is the owner and operator of the Tastee Freez Drive-in from where instant flying objects were

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observed. Both interviewees furnished substantially the same information as that furnished by Mr. COOK, with the exception that they believed there were two small objects instead of three, that one object was behind and to the left of the lead object, and that the last object pulled alongside, then ahead of the lead object. They believed that the large object, when departing, moved first in a west-northwest direction then changed course to a west-southwest direction.

On 25 February 1959, HOWARD P. BOWEN, M/Sgt, AF-6920639, NCOIC, Traffic Section, Base Operations, Homestead AFB, Florida, after reviewing traffic cards reflecting aircraft dispatches for the evening of 24 February 1959, informed Special Agent WALKER that no aircraft was sent aloft to or was indicated as being in the vicinity of observed objects. BOWEN contacted the Base Weather Station and learned that the weather radar scope was not in operation during the afternoon and evening of 24 February 1959. BOWEN stated that the weather radar scope is presently the only radar system presently in operation at Homestead AFB, Florida.

2. The above is furnished for your information and any action you feel appropriate, pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2, dated 15 February 1958, as amended by AFR 200-2a, dated 3 July 1958. No further action regarding this matter is contemplated by this office.

cc: Dir
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EUGENE C. CROPPER
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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

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SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Observed
in Vicinity of Hastings, Florida, 28 October 1958

TO: Commander, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida
Commander, AFMTC, Patrick AFB, Florida

ATTN: Provost Marshal

1. The following is furnished to confirm your oral advisement by Special Agent CHARLES T. HART -- Special Agent ROY C. TUCKER, on 31-30 October 1958, of the above cited matter.

2. At 1215 hours, 30 October 1958, Mr. THOMAS M. QUICK, Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service, on TDY with the Jacksonville Office of that agency, orally advised Special Agent CLARENCE N. KIRKLAND of our Jacksonville Office, that while traveling northeast on Highway 207, in the vicinity of Hastings, Florida, at 1330 hours, 28 October 1958, he observed an object of "white heat intensity," approximately the size of a basketball, cross approximately 200 yards in front of his automobile. According to Mr. QUICK, the object was falling at a 45 degree angle from his right to left, and appeared to be coming from the direction of Cape Canaveral. Mr. QUICK reportedly saw the object hit in an open field, approximately 100-150 feet directly to the left of his car, but did not stop to investigate or to report the matter to any other agency.

3. In connection with the above, Special Agent KIRKLAND further advised that during the course of other business in the Jacksonville area, he had heard an unconfirmed report from an unidentified source alleging that the tower operator at Mason Airport, Jacksonville, Florida, had observed an Unidentified Flying Object at 1250 hours, 28 October 1958, traveling in a northeasterly direction over the ocean, away from Jacksonville.

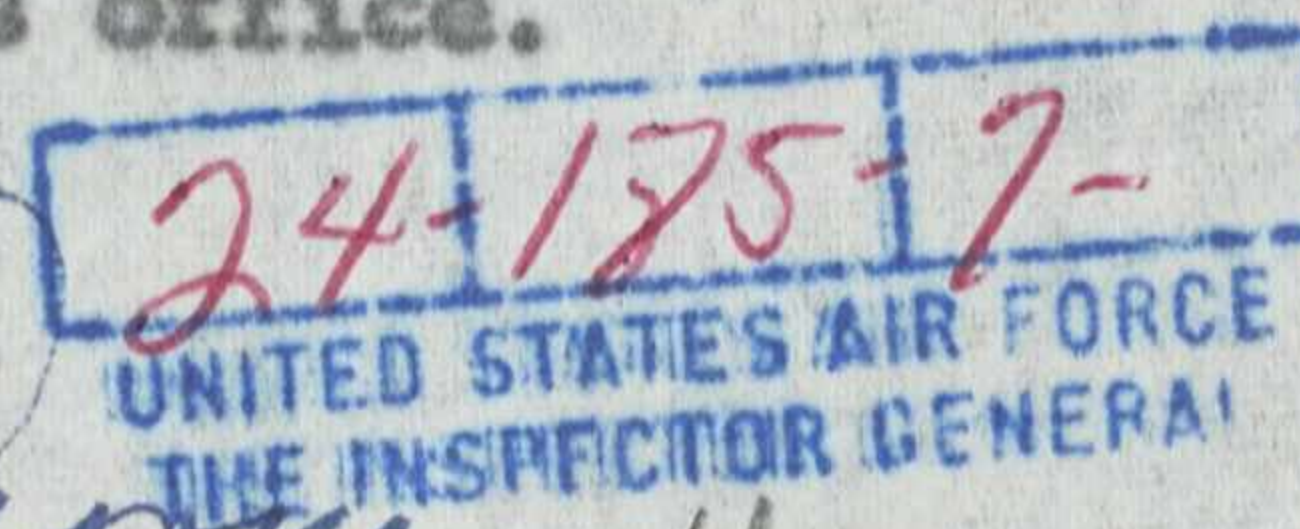
4. The above is furnished for your information and any action you feel appropriate, pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2, dated 15 February 1958, as amended by AFR 200-2a, dated 3 July 1958. No further action regarding the above is contemplated by this office.

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Colonel, USAF
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

9 August 1956

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object.

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified flying object sighted by Naval Officer in vicinity of Keystone Heights, Florida, on 4 August 1956 at approximately 2200 hours.

2. DETAILS: Lieutenant BERTRAM A. C. UDOVAN, USN, 476852, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, on 6 August 1956, telephonically advised Special Agent LEROY CROSLY of the Jacksonville OSI Detachment, that he had seen an unidentified flying object at approximately 2200 hours, 4 August 1956, in the vicinity of Keystone Heights, Florida. He noted a small ball of flame travelling horizontally with several small balls of flame behind it, similar to a rocket. Lt. UDOVAN stated that the object was visible for approximately two (2) seconds until it disappeared behind trees. The object was moving from East Northeast to West Southwest. Lt. UDOVAN was of the opinion that the object was some sort of rocket. No additional data available.

3. ACTION: Commander, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; Commander, Orlando AFB, Florida; Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio ATTN: ATIAA 2-C; Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado are being furnished copies of this report. Base Operations Officer, MacDill AFB, Florida notified.

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

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KURT N. KUNKE, CAPT, USAF
DATE 12-15-75

NOT INVESTIGATED REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of unidentified flying object.

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified flying object sighted by Naval Officer in vicinity of Keystone Heights, Florida, on 4 August 1956 at approximately 14200 hours.

2. DETAILS: Lieutenant BRITAIN A. C. UDOWA, USN, #4032, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, on 6 August 1956, telephonically advised Special Agent LEROY C. CROLEY of the Jacksonville G-2 Detachment, that he had seen an unidentified flying object at approximately 14200 hours, 4 August 1956, in the vicinity of Keystone Heights, Florida. He noted a small ball of flame travelling horizontally with several small balls of flame behind it, similar to a rocket. Lt. UDOWA stated that the object was visible for approximately two (2) seconds until it disappeared behind trees. The object was moving from East Northwest to West Southwest. Lt. UDOWA was of the opinion that the object was some sort of rocket. No additional data available.

3. ACTION: Commander, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; Commander, Orlando AFB, Florida; Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio AFB; AFSA 250; Commander, Air Defense Command, Hurler, Colorado Springs, Colorado are being furnished copies of this report. Base Operations Officer, MacDill AFB, Florida notified.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(c), WFR 205-1.

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BY WILLIAM K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 4 DEC 1975

19 January 1955

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SUBJECT: ~~UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT~~, *Bradenton, Fla.*
TO: ~~Commander~~
~~MacDill AFB, Florida~~
ATTN: Provost Marshal

"Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of the information in this report to persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.4"

1. The following information is in confirmation of information furnished verbally to your Command on 6 January 1955, and, also, to facilitate compliance by your Command with instructions outlined in paragraph 7, AFL 200-5.

2. At approximately 2045 hours, 6 January 1955, this office was telephonically informed by A/3C KEITH BRAKINS, of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, MacDill AFB, Florida, that he and two other airmen, A/3C DON ROBERTS and A/3C CLYDE THORPE, also of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, had observed an object in the air, south of Bradenton, Florida, which they were unable to identify. BRAKINS reported that, on 6 January 1955, at approximately 2000 hours, as he and the other two airmen were driving north on U.S. Highway #41, two to three miles south of Bradenton, Florida, one of the other airmen called his attention to a light emitted from a dark object which appeared to be at an altitude of 800 to 1000 feet, approximately 1500 feet west of the highway on which they were driving. BRAKINS added that during the ten seconds in which this dark object was visible, two other blinding flashes of light were emitted from it. He explained that the object itself was black and, in size, he estimated that a nickel held at arm's length would have covered the circular object. He further explained that the light emitted by this object was so intense as to illuminate the entire area, the automobile, and the highway, and that it reminded him of the illumination of a photoflash bulb or shortcircuiting high-tension lines. BRAKINS further stated that the atmosphere was clear, that the moon was bright, and that stars were also visible, but that this object was, in his opinion, no star and certainly was not the moon. BRAKINS also advised that he had made a similar report to the Florida Highway Patrol, near Bradenton, Florida, immediately following the sighting of the unidentified object.

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3. This information was furnished verbally to Lt Colonel WILLIAM H. DAMES, Adjutant, 809th Air Base Group, MacDill AFB, Florida, on 6 January 1955.

cc: Dir OSI

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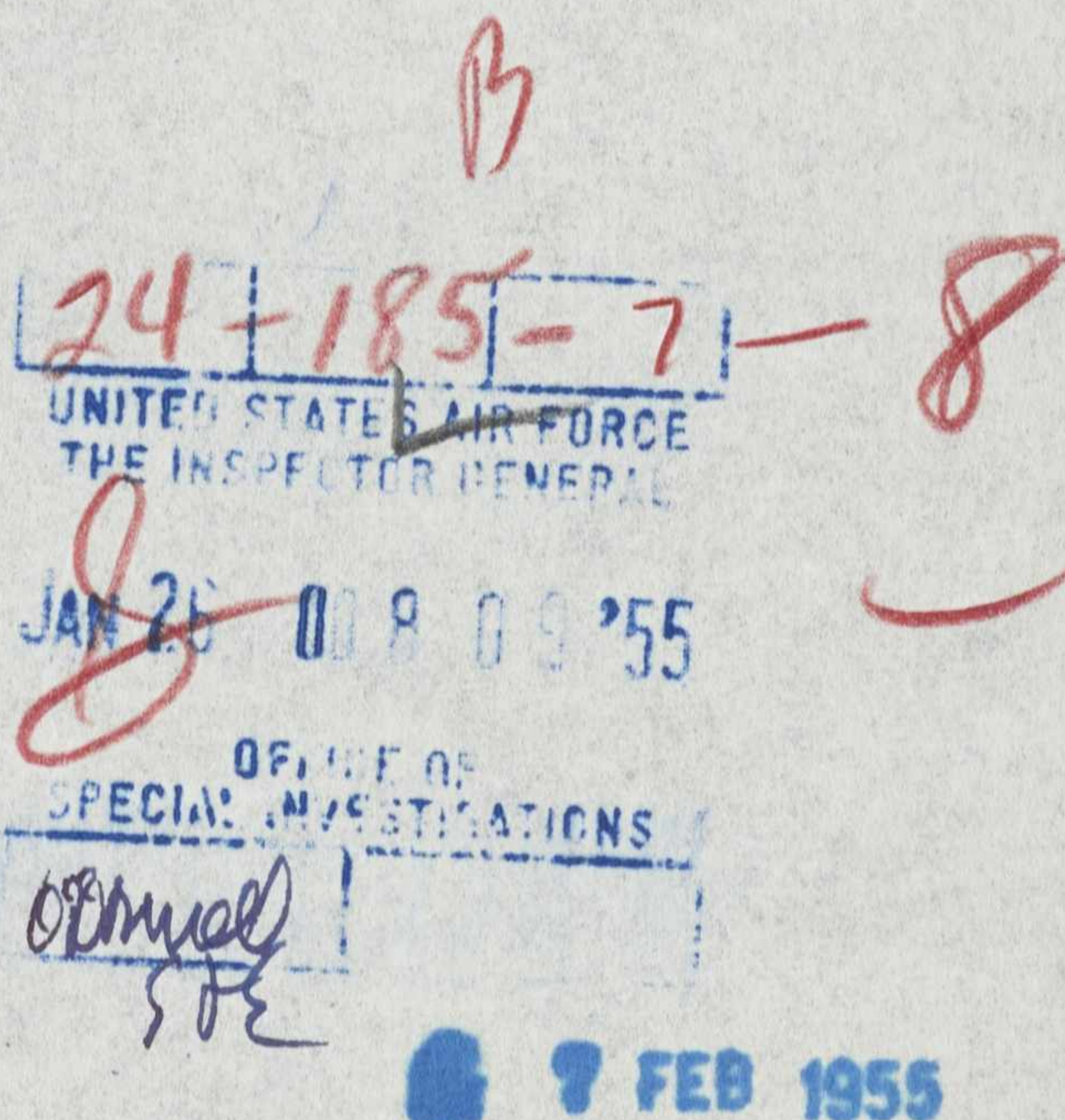
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BY W. K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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

1. The following information is in confirmation of information furnished verbally to your Command on 17 June 1954, and, also, to facilitate compliance by your Command in accordance with instructions outlined in Paragraph 7, AFL 200-5.
2. On 16 June 1954, at approximately 1030 hours, this office was requested by the Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, to contact the Air Force Missile Test Center Intelligence Officer, regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects near Indialantic, Florida.
3. On 16 June 1954, Major R. C. SMALLEY, Intelligence Branch, AFMTC, advised that on 11 June 1954, Mr. FRANK BROCKERMANN, Civilian, RCA Services, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, had reported that at 2130 hours, EST, 5 June 1954, BROCKERMANN was looking out over the Atlantic ocean, East of Neptune Hall, Indialantic, Florida. The weather was overcast, with intermittent showers. An intense white beam, brighter than a flashlight beam, but approximately the same size as a large flashlight beam, was noted shining from a point of approximately 100 yards offshore. The light flashes lasted for approximately four (4) seconds and rotated clockwise for approximately 10 cycles. After an approximate three (3) minute interval, the light began to cycle again for approximately 10 cycles. BROCKERMANN turned on the spotlight of his automobile and directed the spotlight at the area of the lights. At this time, the light quit cycling and nothing could be seen. The lights did not reoccur after the spotlight was turned off. A check of the local charts and tide tables indicate approximately forty (40) feet of water at the site of the above occurrence at the time it occurred.
4. On 16 June 1954, this office was requested to determine circumstances surrounding an entry in the Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object on 15 June 1954, by an Air Policeman on guard duty at Patrick Air Force Base. Entry #740, recorded at 2135 hours,

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15 June 1954, under Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, reflected that A/3C LEWIN R. MANLEY, AF-14479480, 6550th Air Police Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, saw a bright object flying approximately 100 feet high, to the Northwest of Post #26. The object turned from white to red, to green, and to blue. The control tower was notified. MANLEY was interviewed on 16 June 1954, and advised that approximately 2130 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, he noticed a glowing light in the sky, Northwest of Post #26, at approximately 200 feet altitude, over the edge of the flying field or the Banana River. The glow appeared nearly round in shape and resembled an aircraft landing light. The glow was first noticed as a bright white, dimming to red and disappearing without moving from original position sighted. The glow appeared almost immediately in the same position, red in color, changing to bright white; remained visible a short time and disappeared suddenly. The entire period of visibility was approximately five (5) minutes. MANLEY stated that he saw a small cloud drift behind object while visible. MANLEY stated that the moon was visible south of his post and was practically obscured by clouds. The object sighted was approximately one-fourth the size of the moon, which was nearly full. It is noted that MANLEY has previously completed most of the Air Force pilot's training course.

5. On 16 June 1954, S/Sgt EARL H. BENEDICT, AF-12317484, Weather Detachment, Patrick Air Force Base, advised that the following information is contained in the weather report for 15 June 1954:

Observation made - 2129 hours, EST
Scattered clouds at 4,000 feet
Overcast clouds at 12,000 feet
Visibility 15 miles
Wind SSW - 5 miles per hour
Altimeter - 29.950 inches
Surface temperature - 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit
Weather balloon released at 2200 hours
Wind at 1,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 10 miles per hour
Wind at 2,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 11 miles per hour

6. On 16 June, this office was requested to contact Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, concerning the sighting of an unidentified object at Vero Beach, Florida, 15 June 1954. Captain WILLIAM E. PERRY, Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, advised that the Airdrome Officer's report for 15 June 1954 contained information to the effect that Mr. J. W. KILMARTIN, Airways Operations Specialist, CAA, Vero Beach, Florida, reported an aerial object observed at 2124 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, located approximately 10 miles WNW of Vero Beach. The light changed from amber to bright white, to a green color. The aerial object was again observed at 2122 hours, EST, by KILMARTIN and Mr. STANLEY HARBOUR of Eastern Airlines. The

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object sighted at 2132 hours appeared to be at 1,000 ft. altitude, over the Vero Beach VOR transmitter, with no definite silhouette. The object appeared to descend below the trees and arose again. PERRY stated that the operations records reflect no aircraft known to be operating in the area of Patrick AFB at the time of the sighting. S/Sgt BENEDICT, previously referred to, Weather Detachment, Patrick AFB, advised the following information is contained in the weather observer's report for 15 June 1954:

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7. On 17 June 1954, this office was advised by Major WENDELL F. MOSELEY, 10590A, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, that at 2325 hours, EST, 16 June 1954, he sighted an unidentified aerial object from the aircraft parking ramp, adjacent to the southwest corner of Hangar 800, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. MOSELEY called to airmen from Base Operations to witness the object. These two (2) airmen were: BYRON D. TILLEY, A/3C, AF-12430040, and JIMMIE E. DUNCAN, A/3C, AF-14406280, both of 6550th Air Base Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. The object was first sighted SSW of MOSELEY, at a 20 degree angle of elevation, and as a bright light moving in a northerly direction. The object moved northward to a position directly west of observers, at an angle of elevation of 50-60 degrees. The object traveled a general northerly course during this movement and appeared to veer right and left at sharp angles while moving. The rate of speed was greater than that of an aircraft. The color of the object was a blue florescent, changing intermittently to white. No discernible features were visible, no sound was heard, and no trail or exhaust was discernible. The light blinked continually and at regular intervals. The object appeared to climb in a northwest direction after the stop directly west of Patrick AFB. The object appeared to continue to climb and was visible until obscured by cloud coverage at 0015 hours, EST, 17 June 1954. The object appeared to be several times larger than the brightest visible star. A full moon was visible in the sky also. Occasionally, when the light blinked and became brighter, it appeared that the object might be crescent shaped on the lower side. No air traffic was known to be in the area at the time. It was noted that Major MOSELEY is a Senior Pilot and also on duty as Airdrome Officer at the time of the sighting. Records of the Patrick Air Force Base Weather Detachment reflect the following information for 16 June 1954:

Observation made at 2330 hours, EST, 16 June 1954
Surface temperature - 79 degrees Fahrenheit
Surface wind - ESE at 12 miles per hour
Clouds - 3/10 cumulus at 1700 feet

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Clouds - 2/10 stratus at 2,500 feet
3/10 cirrus at 25,000 feet
Humidity - 81%
Visibility - 10 miles
Weather balloon released at 2200 hours.

8. All of the above information was furnished verbally to Lt. Colonel TYLER M. BIRCH, Staff Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, on 16 and 17 June 1954.

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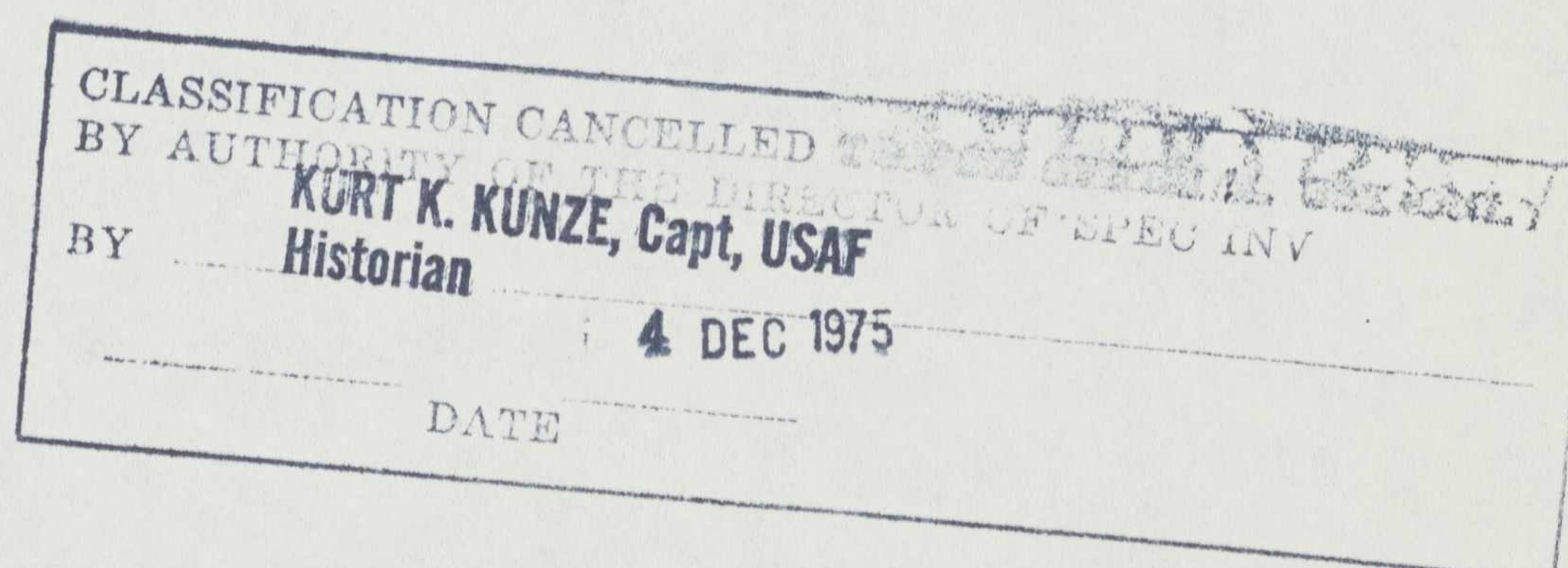
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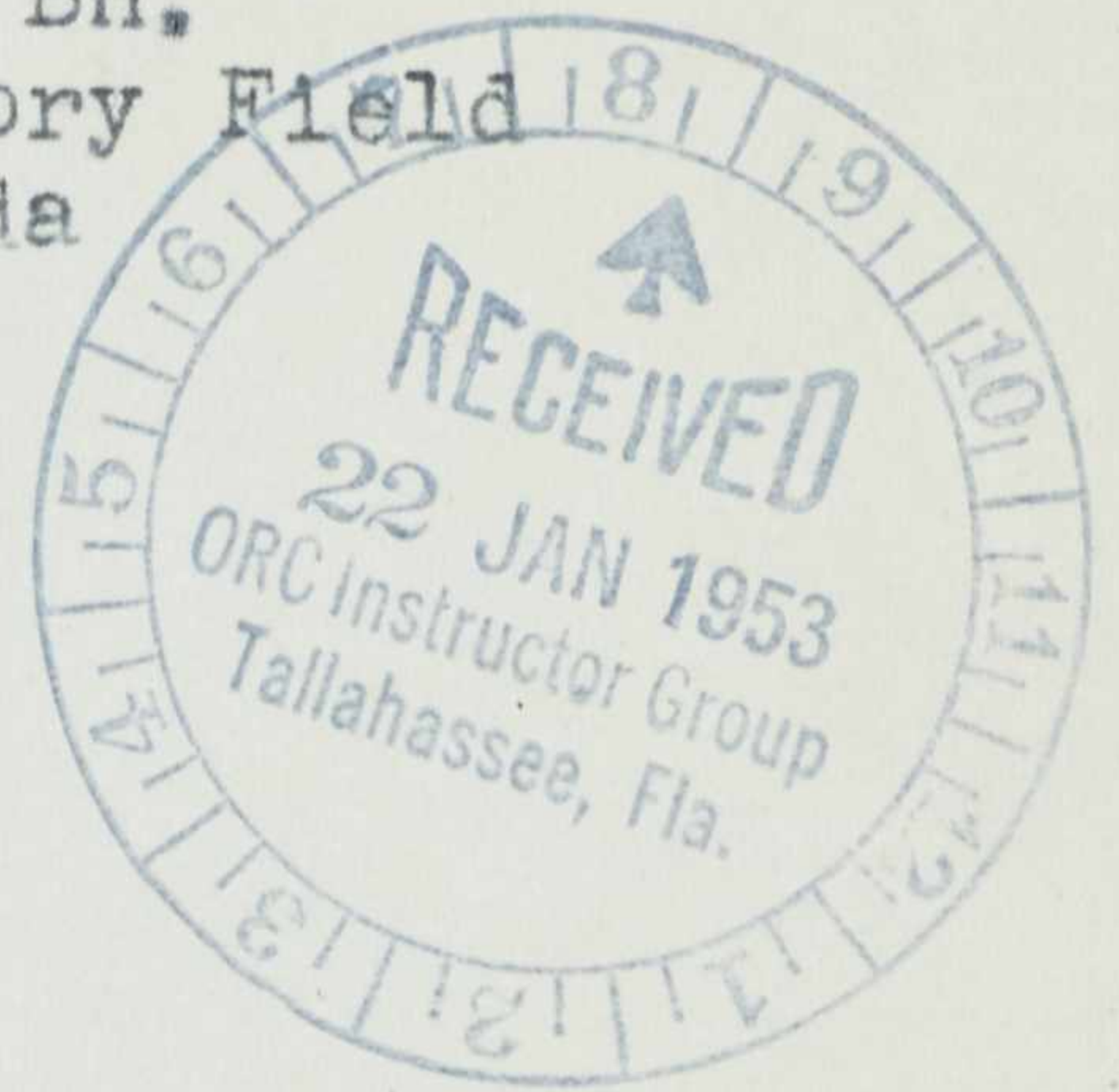


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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object

TO : G-2, Third Army
Fort McPherson
Atlanta, Georgia

1. On January 21, 1953, between 1440 and 1450 hours, an unidentified aerial object was sighted from the north side of Gadsden County High School in Quincy, Florida.

2. The sighters were: fifteen members of Mrs. Sarah L. Munroe's sixth grade, members of Mrs. Raymond Boyd's first grade, Mrs. Sarah L. Munroe and a high school junior, John Wilson.

3. An investigation revealed the following:
a. The object appeared to be round in shape, it was silvery in color, it reflected sun light, it made no sound, it left no vapor or exhaust trail, and although it followed a straight line course, it appeared to tumble in flight.
b. The object was sighted in the north-west at eleven o'clock high. Its course appears to have been due West. It was under observation for one to one and a half minutes. Its final disappearance was apparently due to distance.
c. When first sighted the object was reported to have had a relative size of about a four inch circle. When last sighted it appeared as a tiny speck reflecting sun light.
d. The weather was clear and cool. Temperature between 65 and 75 degrees. There were absolutely no clouds.

4. The undersigned officer has supporting evidence of the sightings in the form of eye witness written reports.

5. The undersigned officer wishes to point out that although he is the husband of the only adult sighter, he has done everything possible to prevent this relationship from biasing this report.

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TO: Chief, Florida Military District, P. O. Box 1170, Jacksonville, Florida

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WALTER V. MAKAREWICZ
Captain, Artillery
Senior Instructor

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HQ FLA MIL DIST, THIRD ARMY AREA, P.O. Box 1170, Jacksonville, Florida
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TO: Commanding General, Third Army, Ft McPherson, Ga, ATTN: AJACI

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2. There has been no mention made of this report on the state page of the two Jacksonville newspapers.

3. Eye-witness written reports will be obtained from Capt Munroe if desired by your headquarters.

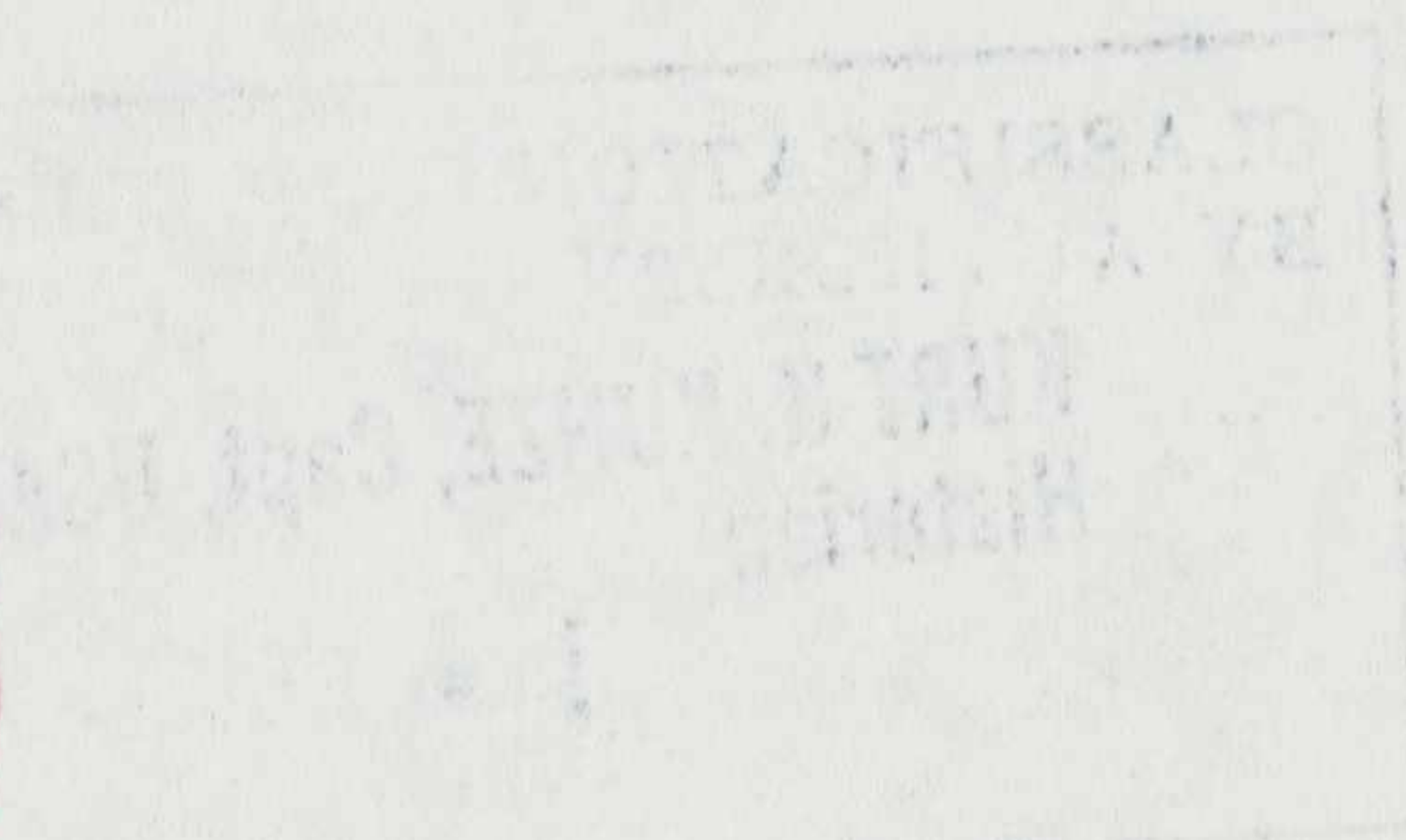
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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Allegedly Sighted by Mr. D. S. DESVERGERS, West Palm Beach, Florida - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy
Director for Estimates, Dir. of Intelligence, DCS/O
ATTN: Major Fournet

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

Lt. Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6
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With reference to previous memoranda between your Directorate and this office in regard to the above subject, there is attached herewith a copy of a laboratory report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 3 September 1952, pursuant to your request of 26 August 1952. Also attached is the cap which Mr. Desvergers was wearing at the time of the alleged incident.

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1. FBI Lab Rpt
No. PC-33720
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LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-78	DATE 17 July 1952
TITLE SIGHTING OF EIGHT (8) UNCONVENTIONAL TYPE AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY OF LANGLEY AFB, VIRGINIA, BY TWO (2) PILOTS, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS 2012 HOURS, 14 JULY 1952		REPORT MADE BY C. L. HAMILTON, S/A	ra
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY		REPORT MADE AT DO #7, MacDill AFB	
REFERENCE AFCSI ltr no. 85, dtd 23 Oct 1950.		PERIOD 15 July 1952	
SYNOPSIS Investigation initiated by District Commander, 7th OSI District (IG), USAF, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, upon receipt of information from Commanding Officer, 435th Troop Carrier Wing, Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, that two (2) pilots of Pan American World Airways had sighted eight (6) unconventional type aircraft. First Pilot WILLIAM BRENTON NASH, 400 Ridgewood Road, Biscayne Key, Florida, and Co-Pilot WILLIAM HOLLAND FORTENBERRY, 360 N. W. 130th Street, Miami 38, Florida, both employed by Pan American World Airways, in DC-4 number 88901, en route from New York City, New York, to Miami, Florida, observed one (1) formation of six (6) unconventional aircraft and two (2) unconventional type aircraft which joined original formation at 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952. Pan American Airways DC-4 at 8000 feet, 24 miles north of Norfolk, Virginia, flying true heading 200 degrees. Unconventional aircraft originally observed approximately ten (10) miles out at 2000 feet with sixty (60) degrees true heading. Continued course to approximately under DC-4; banked ninety (90) degrees then recovered and changed direction instantly by one-hundred-fifty (150) degrees with true heading two-hundred-seventy (270) degrees and were climbing when they disappeared. Approximate speed estimated 1000 plus miles per hour. Objects had a brilliant reddish amber glow, were circular in shape with estimated diameter of one-hundred (100) feet and thickness of ten (10) feet. Length of sighting time approximately fifteen (15) seconds.		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #7, MacDill AFB	
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1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, 7th OSI District (IG) USAF, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, upon receipt of information from Commanding Officer, 435th Troop Carrier Wing (M), Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, which reflected that two (2) pilots of Pan American World Airways had, during a flight from New York City, New York, to Miami, Florida, observed approximately eight (8) unconventional type aircraft at 2012 hours (EST) 14 July 1952 in the vicinity of Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

2. This is a joint investigation conducted by S/A LOUIS A. JOHNAGIN, S/A RUDOLPH MCCOLLOUGH and the writer.

AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FLORIDA

3. Interview with 1st Pilot WILLIAM BRENTON NASH, 400 Ridgewood Road, Biscayne Key, Florida, and Co-Pilot WILLIAM HOLLAND FORTENBERRY, 360 N. W. 130th Street, Miami 38, Florida, resulted in their following narrative experience of 14 July 1952 at 2012 hours (EST):

Mr. NASH was First Pilot and Mr. FORTENBERRY, Co-Pilot, on a Pan American World Airways DC-4 type aircraft No. 88901 on 14 July 1952 and were en route from New York City, New York, to Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida. The captain of the aircraft, FRANK KOEPKE, was not at the controls of the aircraft at the time of the sighting. At 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952, NASH and FORTENBERRY were flying in the DC-4 at 8000 feet, with a true heading of two-hundred (200) degrees and were approximately twenty-four (24) miles from Norfolk, Virginia, when NASH observed the six (6) unconventional type aircraft approximately ten (10) miles distant in echelon formation. Each object was emitting a brilliant reddish amber glow and all were progressing on a heading of sixty (60) degrees directly toward the PAA DC-4. The altitude of these unconventional aircraft appeared to be two-thousand (2000) feet. NASH called FORTENBERRY's attention to the objects and both observed the objects coming in their direction. Mr. NASH lost sight of the objects when they went below the glare shield on the right-hand side. NASH immediately released his safety belt and crossed over to the right side of the cockpit behind FORTENBERRY. FORTENBERRY was able to continuously observe these objects. He reflected that just prior to the time the unconventional aircraft were below his DC-4, the front echelon seemed to be decelerating because it appeared that the front three (3) craft failed to hold their position in relation to each other, whereas the rear echelon continued smoothly. Then the entire flight of six (6) unconventional aircraft rolled to the left in perfect union and then recovered to level flight. Instantly thereafter the entire flight of six (6) aircraft changed their direction by one-hundred-fifty (150) degrees to a true heading of two-hundred-seventy (270) degrees. No slip or arc was observed. The aircraft appeared to be weightless and changed a one-hundred-fifty (150) degree direction in defiance of gravity. Upon completion of the

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turn, the six (6) unconventional aircraft gave forth a very brilliant glow and FORTENBERRY observed two (2) other unconventional type aircraft coming in from the right of the original formation. Almost instantly thereafter all illumination disappeared instantaneously. A moment later the brilliant glow reappeared on the objects instantaneously and they appeared to be in a steep climb. Their glow was extinguished again, this time in sequence rather than simultaneously and they were lost to view. The objects were definitely not eliminated from view by cloud formation or distance.

4. In accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85 dated 23 October 1950 and letter Department of the Air Force, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C., entitled "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 September 1950, following information was obtained through interview and is set forth:

Shape: Definitely circular in shape and very flat.

Size: Estimate approximately 100 feet in diameter. Determined by use of pencil, diameter of objects approximately one and one-half inches on pencil at arm's length. Believe distance of objects at closest proximity to Pan American aircraft at 6000 feet. Also, estimated size of unconventional aircraft in relationship to city and surrounding area.

Color: Whole top surface appeared to be a hot coal, with steady glow of light, a little more amber than a cheap tail light. Far more brilliant glow than the lights of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia. Glow extinguished directly below DC-4 after turn. Glow reappeared approximately 6 miles out and was again extinguished a few seconds later.

Number: Six unconventional aircraft in original formation and two additional unconventional aircraft joined original flight. Original flight in echelon formation in 2 flights of 3 or a formation of 6, with the first 3 stacked up as if they were accelerating or decelerating. Entire flight appeared to fly like a group of fighters.

Aerodynamic Features: When observed on turn, appeared very thin in depth. No exhaust, flames or trails observed. No navigation lights or running lights observed. Only reddish amber brilliant glow from top surface.

Propulsion System: Objects appeared to have no weight, accelerated and then changed heading instantaneously. Made correction of 150 degrees instantaneously and no slip or skidding observed. Opinion of co-pilot -- Degree of glow from objects is directly proportionate to rate of acceleration. Also, side of glow controlled direction and speed of aircraft.

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Speed: Estimated at approximately 1000 plus miles per hour.

Sound: Non-discernible over 4 engines of DC-4.

Maneuvers: Original sighting true heading 60 degrees. Ten miles out. Directly under DC-4, unconventional aircraft formation, rolled 90 degrees to verticle position. Recovered. Instantly changed direction by 150 degrees with true heading 270 degrees. Climbing when disappeared.

Manner of Disappearance: Brilliant glow on objects, extinguished in sequence order. Definitely not eliminated by cloud formation or distance.

Time: 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952.

Length of Observation: Approximately 15 seconds.

Position: 24 miles from Norfolk, Virginia, 200 degrees true heading. On first sighting Norfolk, Virginia, straight heading. Could see Newport News on right.

Manner of Observation: Visual from air in DC-4, Pan American World Airways, 889 01, flying at 8000 feet, approximately 220 miles per hour. Estimated altitude of unconventional aircraft, 2000 feet, originally sighted objects approximately 10 miles out, utilized a Dalton Mark "VII" computer to determine direction of objects and pencil to estimate diameter. Also, an E6B compass was utilized to determine direction of DC-4.

Location of Observer During Sight: 8000 feet - 200 degrees heading, approximately 25 miles out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Acting First Pilot: William Brenton Nash; present residence - 400 Ridgewood Road, Biscayne Key, Florida. Aeronautical license (pilot's) reflects address as: 39 Santillane Avenue, Coral Gables 34, Florida; birth, 5-15-17; male; citizen of the U. S. Airline transport pilot license number 88195. Single and multi-engine pilot license originally issued 1945, reissued, 1951, by Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington 25, D. C. Also, Nash is U. S. Naval Reserve pilot (Lt. jg), has held private pilot license since 1940 and commercial airline rating since 1945. Pan American identification number is 63250.

Co-Pilot: William Holland Fortenberry, 360 N. W. 130th Street, Miami 33, Florida, commercial pilot license no. 455055, employed at Pan American World Airways as pilot for one year. Employed

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with Bureau of Research and Development Division during World War II for three and one-half years under Admiral DeFlores in Washington, D. C. No other members of crew or passengers aboard aircraft observed the unconventional aircraft.

Weather and Wind Conditions: Weather at Norfolk, Virginia, 1730 to 1830, 8 miles visibility, 5 miles haze, 12,000 feet scattered with wind southwest at 5 miles per hour. At Langley Air Force Base, 12 mile visibility, 1930 to 2030, 11,000 scattered, 5 miles haze, wind south southwest at 8 miles per hour.

Meteorological or Other Conditions: No meteorological or other conditions which might account for sighting.

Existence of Any Physical Evidence: No physical evidence obtainable.

Interception of Identification Action Taken: Crew members filed report with CAA Radio Station on VHF 126.7 immediately after sighting. Requesting that information be passed on to proper military personnel. A report was available at Miami International Airport upon arrival which reflected that there were five jet aircraft flying in the vicinity of Langley AFB, Virginia, at the time of the sighting of the unconventional aircraft.

5. The following impressions were received by NASH and FORTENBERRY during the course of the observation of the unconventional type aircraft:

- a. The saucers were in a controlled formation, and during deceleration prior to the change of direction, they did not hold perfect formation, but some almost overran the leader. After the turn they were again in good formation.
- b. The glow or light on the top surface was related to the power source, since in deceleration the light dimmed, and apparently brightened when power was again applied.
- c. Thickness of the objects was estimated at ten to fifteen feet by Nash and at not enough to accommodate a man standing erect, by Fortenberry.
- d. The objects did not respond to natural laws, and appeared weightless. They were not affected by gravity or momentum since they changed direction 150 degrees without turning or coming to a stop.
- e. No physical characteristics were noticeable except as already mentioned. The light on top of the saucers was internal and not projected, since it was not reflected off the DC-4.

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f. The light did not pulse but was steady, and the objects were sharply outlined. There was no corona or hazy periphery surrounding them. The dimming was as if by rheostat, or reduction of power. They also went completely off instantly and instantly reappeared.

g. The objects are definitely not of earthly origin.

6. One (1) copy only of overlay of WAC 357 concerning sighting location is attached to reports of Headquarters OSI, Commanding General, AMC, OSI District Office No. 21 and OSI District Office No. 7.

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Overlay of WAC 357 sighting location.

FOR DO #21, LANGLEY AFB:

Overlay of WAC 357 sighting location.

FOR HQ OSI:

Overlay of WAC 357 sighting location.

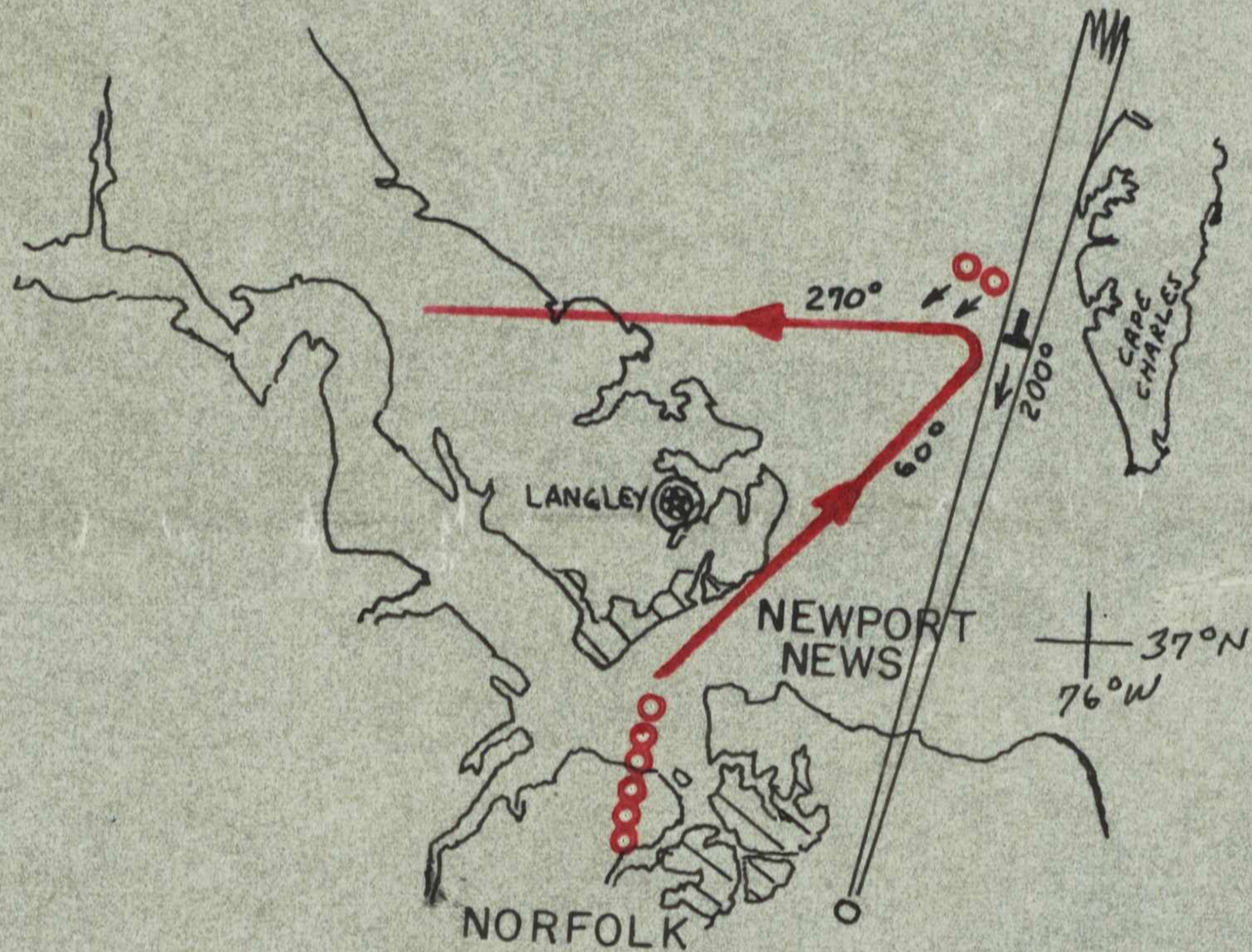
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7TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA
JWL/WTO:gf
17 July 1952

SUBJECT: SIGHTED UNCONVENTIONAL TYPE AIRCRAFT BY TWO PILOTS,
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, EN ROUTE BY AIR FROM
NEW YORK CITY TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

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

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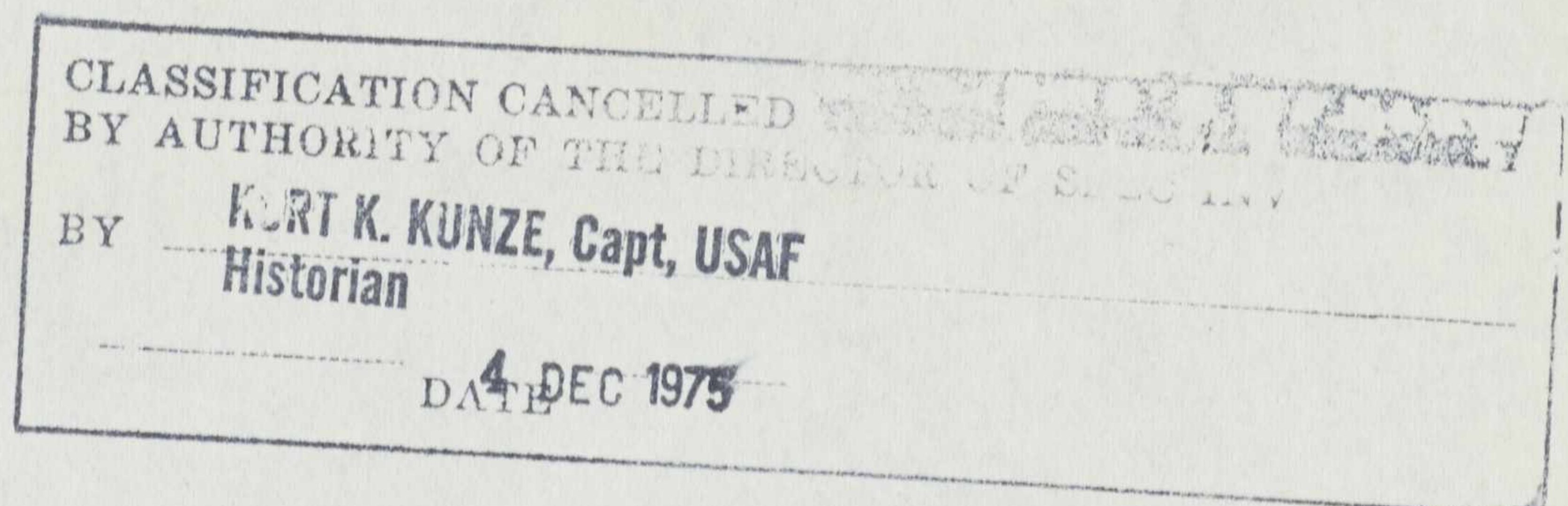
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Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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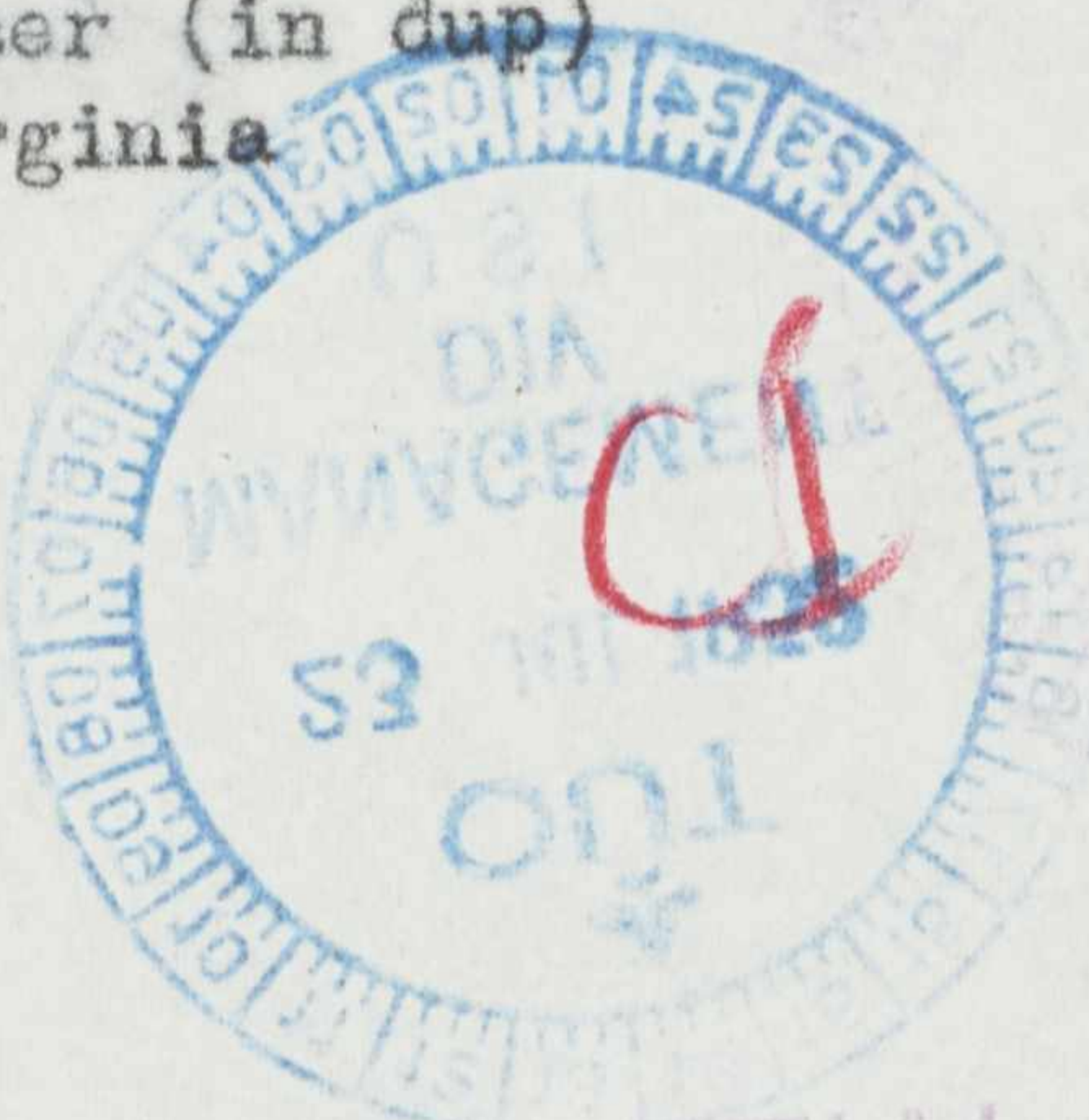
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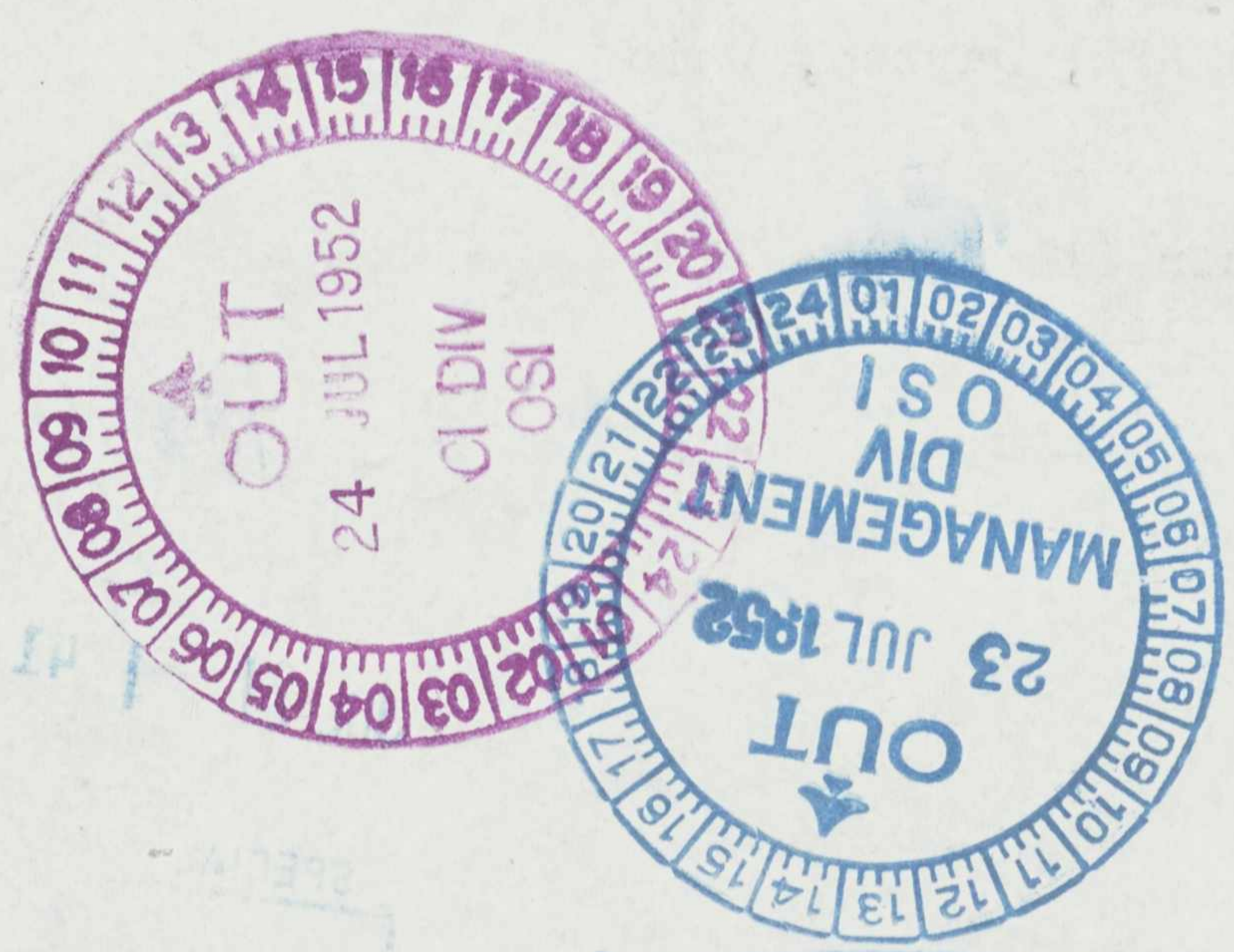


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7th OSI District Office of Special Investigations
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1. Reference is made to AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950 and letter Department of Air Force, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D. C., subject: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft, file number AFOIC-CC-1, dated 8 September 1950.

2. The following information is furnished as directed in above cited letters for most rapid means of communications to appropriate headquarters. Regular report on War Department Form DD O-208 is forthcoming.

Shape: Definitely circular in shape and very flat.

Size: Estimate approximately 100 feet in diameter. Determined by use of pencil, diameter of objects approximately one and one-half inches on pencil at arm's length. Believe distance of objects at closest proximity to Pan American aircraft at 6,000 feet. Also, estimated size of unconventional aircraft in relationship to city and surrounding area.

Color: Whole top surface appeared to be a hot coal, with steady glow of light, a little more amber than a cheap tail light. Far more brilliant glow than the lights of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia. Glow extinguished directly below DC-4 after turn. Glow reappeared approximately 6 miles out and was again extinguished a few seconds later.

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Number: Six unconventional aircraft in original formation and two additional unconventional aircraft joined original flight. Original flight in echelon formation in 2 flights of 3 or a formation of 6, with the first 3 stacked up as if they were accelerating or decelerating. Entire flight appeared to fly like a group of fighters.

Aerodynamic Features: When observed on turn, appeared very thin in depth. No exhaust, flames or trails observed.

Propulsion system: Objects appeared to have no weight, accelerated and then changed heading instantaneously. Made correction of 210 degrees instantaneously and no slip or skidding observed. Opinion of co-pilot -- Degree of glow from objects is directly proportionate to rate of acceleration. Also, side of glow controlled direction and speed of aircraft.

Speed: Estimated at approximately 1,000 plus miles per hour.

Sound: Non-discernible over 4 engines of DC-4.

Maneuvers: Original sighting true heading 60 degrees. Ten miles out. Directly under DC-4, unconventional aircraft formation, rolled 90 degrees to verticle position. Recovered. Instantly changed direction by 210 degrees with true heading 270 degrees. Climbing when disappeared.

Manner of Disappearance: Brilliant glow on objects, extinguished in sequence order. Definitely not eliminated by cloud formation or distance.

Time: 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952.

Length of Observation: Approximately 15 seconds.

Position: 24 miles from Norfolk, Virginia, 200 degrees true heading. On first sighting Norfolk, Virginia, straight heading. Could see Newport News on right.

Manner of Observation: Visual from air in DC-4, Pan American World Airways, 889 01, flying at 8,000 feet, approximately 220 miles per hour. Estimated altitude of unconventional aircraft, 2,000 feet, originally sighted objects approximately 10 miles out, utilized a Dalton Mark "VII" computer to determine direction of objects and pencil to estimate diameter. Also, an E6B compass was utilized to determine direction of DC-4.

Location of Observer During Sight: 8,000 feet - 200 degrees heading, approximately 25 miles out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Acting First Pilot: William Brenton Nash; present residence - 400 Ridgewood Road, Biscayne Key, Florida. Aeronautical license (pilot's) reflects address as: 39 Santillane Avenue, Coral Gables 34, Florida; birth, 5-15-17; male; citizen of the U. S. Airline transport pilot license number 88195. Single and multi-engine pilot license originally issued 1945, reissued, 1951, by Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington 25, D. C. Also, Nash is U. S. Naval Reserve pilot (Lt. jg), has held private pilot license since 1940 and commercial airline rating since 1945. Pan American identification number is 63250.

Co-pilot: William Holland Fortenberry, 360 N. W. 130th Street, Miami 38, Florida, commercial pilot license no. 455055, employed at Pan American World Airways as pilot for one year. Employed with Bureau of Reserve and Development Division during World War II for three and one-half years under Admiral DeFlores in Washington, D. C. No other members of crew or passengers aboard aircraft observed the unconventional aircraft.

Weather and Wind Conditions: Weather at Norfolk, Virginia, 1730 to 1830, 8 miles visibility, 5 miles haze, 12,000 feet scattered with wind southwest at 5 miles per hour. At Langley Air Force Base, 12 mile visibility, 1930 to 2030, 14,000 scattered, 5 miles haze, wind south southwest at 8 miles per hour.

Meteorological or Other Conditions: No meteorological or other conditions which might account for sighting.

Existence of Any Physical Evidence: No physical evidence obtainable.

Interception of Identification Action Taken: Crew members filed report with CAA Radio Station on VHF 126.7 immediately after sighting. Requesting that information be passed on to proper military personnel. A report was available at Miami International Airport upon arrival which reflected that there were five jet aircraft flying in the vicinity of Langley AFB, Virginia, at the time of the sighting of the unconventional aircraft.

C. L. Hamilton
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Detachment Commander

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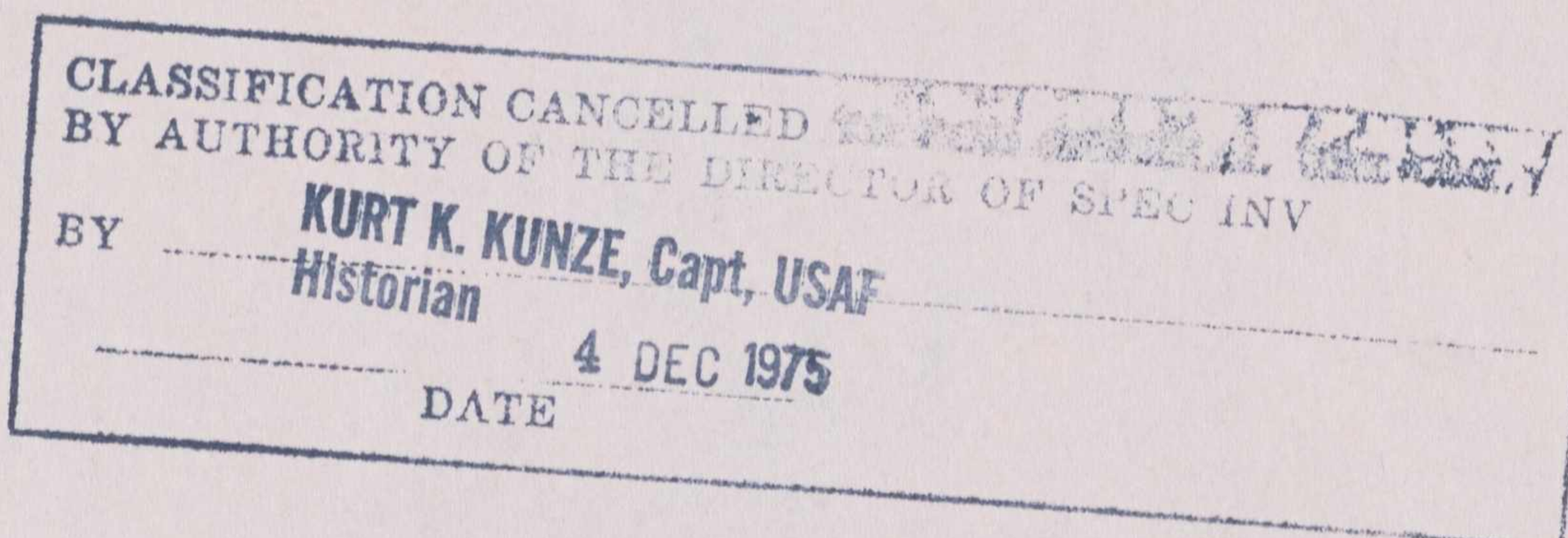
TO : CHIEF OF STAFF HQ USAF WASH DC ATTN: DIR OSI

NR : OSI 5068 9 May 52

Re our message 506 dated 8 May 1952.

Captain Clayton C. Gallagher was pilot of PAA Flight No. 203 who sighted rocket. Captain Gallagher can be reached at Scheduling Section, Pan American Airways, New York, N.Y.

No further action contemplated by this district.



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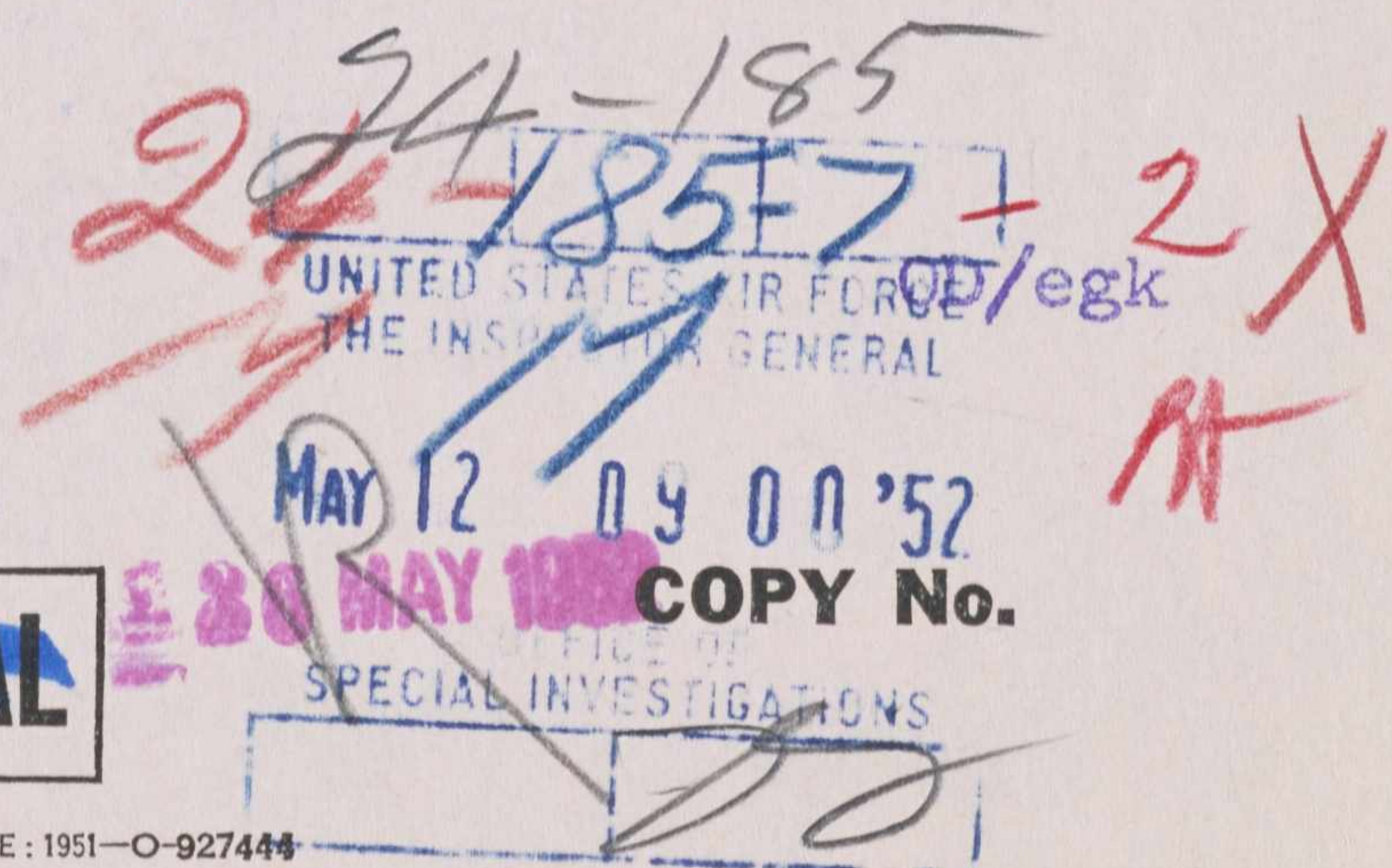
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Re our message dated 8 May 1952.
Captain [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] of PAA Flight 70
was sighted [REDACTED] Captain [REDACTED] can be reached at
[REDACTED] New York, N.Y.
No further action recommended by this office.

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TO : CHIEF OF STAFF HQUSAF WASH DC

ATTN: DIR OFFICE OF SPECIAL
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8 May 52

Following received telephonically from ONI, Miami, Fla this date. "080534Z May, just before 03 sighted rocket 1/4 mile off left wing, estimated speed, 600 to 700 miles per hour at 1500 feet proceeding in northerly direction. Observed orange and green flames underneath. FAA flight nr 203 proceeding from New York to San Juan. Arrived at San Juan 0510 Roger."

Check with Patrick AFB revealed no missile test this date.

Rocket sighted on flight from New York to ⁷Juan by Captain Clayton C. Gallagher pilot of PAA Flight No. 203, 8 May 1952

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

6 March 1950

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. Francis Geary, 806 E. Emily Street, Tampa, Florida, reported the sighting of an unknown flying object at 0730, 3 March 1950, approximately eight miles north of Tampa, Florida. Object was described as aluminum in color and oblong shaped. Object moved rapidly to various levels of altitude but became stationary between movements. It alternated bright then dull, giving the impression it was rotating in flight and reflecting light more brightly at times. Object was the approximate size of an Air Force B-29 and was visible for about two minutes.

Mrs. Geary's statement was verified by Larry Raggio, Henderson Junior High School student, Tampa, Florida.

2. DETAILS: Mrs. Francis Geary, 806 E. Emily Street, Tampa, Florida, driver of a Hillsborough County, Florida School Bus, reported that at approximately 0730, 3 March 1950, while driving the school bus in the vicinity of Lake Magdalene, eight miles north of Tampa, Florida, she observed an unknown flying object. Mrs. Geary stated that the object was aluminum in color and had the appearance of a balloon that was pressed into an oblong shape. It moved rapidly to different altitudes but would become stationary between movements. It would be very bright and then be dull, giving the impression it was rotating and reflecting light more brightly at times.

The object was first noticed while school bus was in motion, just before a stop was made to pick up school children. When bus was again put in motion, object was still in sight. Bus traveled past a group of trees bordering the road and when line of vision was again clear, the object was not in sight. Total time object was visible was approximately two minutes.

Mrs. Geary stated that she was unable to judge its altitude but that it was approximately two to three miles distant and was west of her position at the north tip of Lake Magdalene. She estimated its size as close to that of an Air Force B-29.

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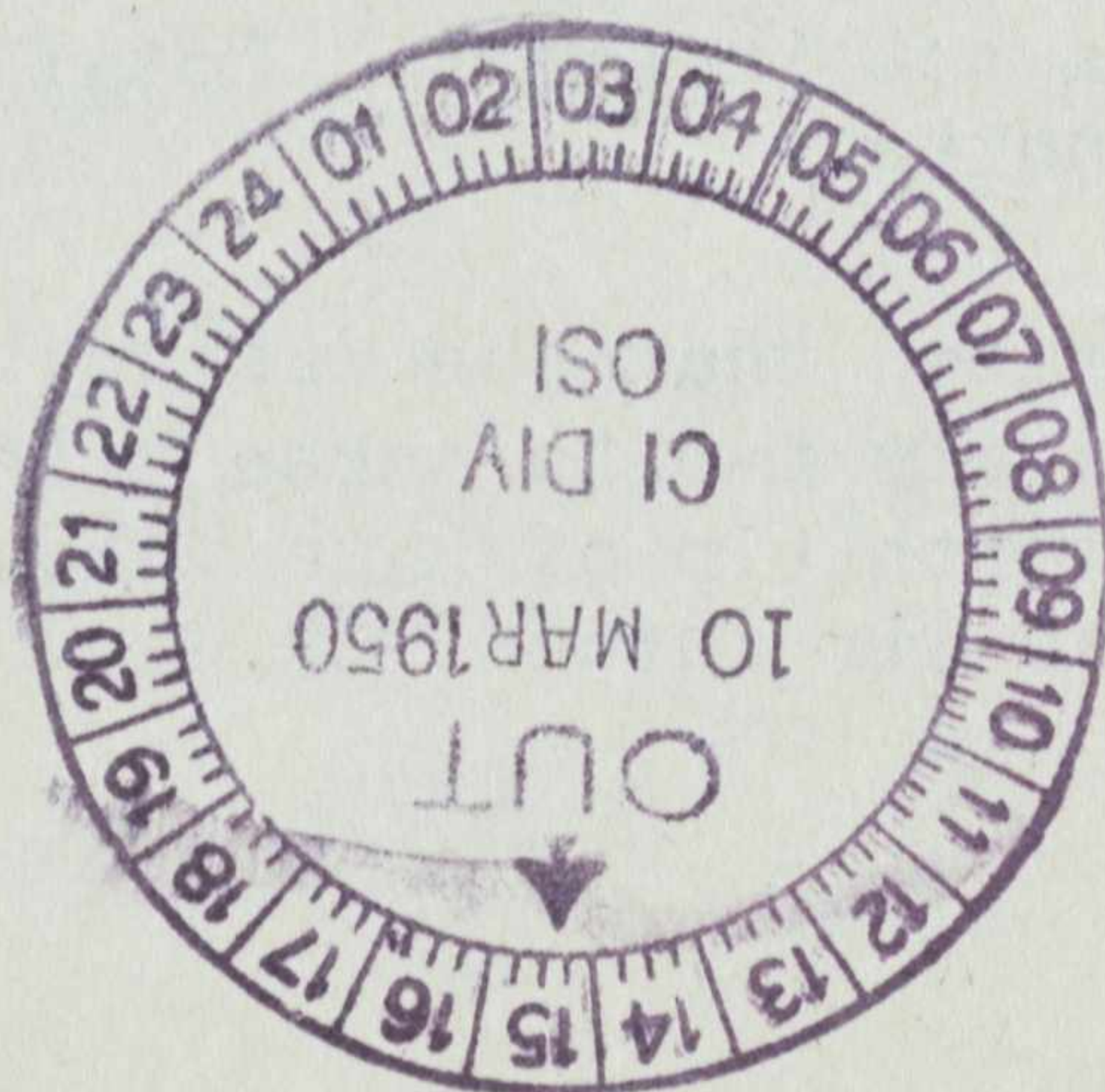
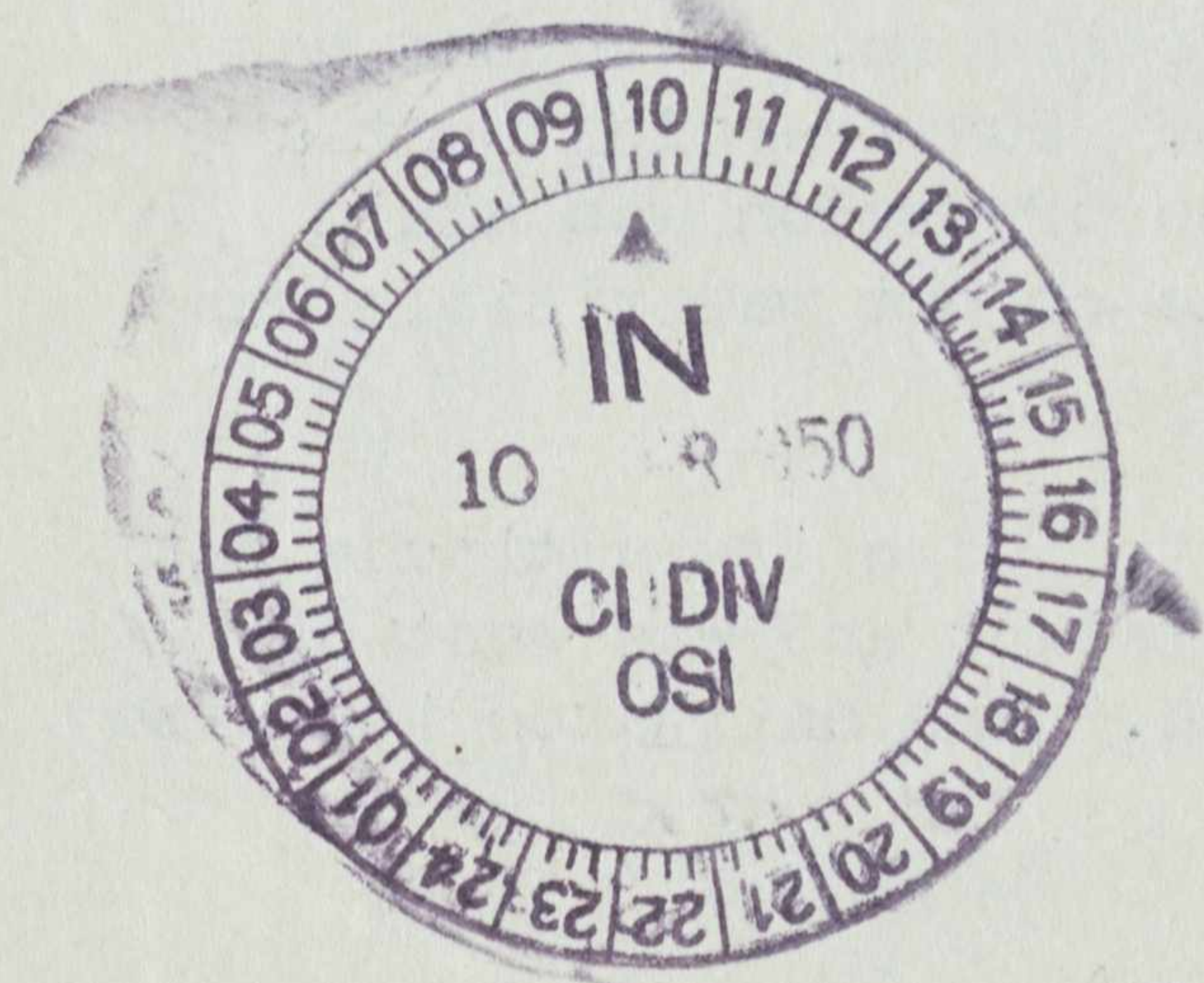
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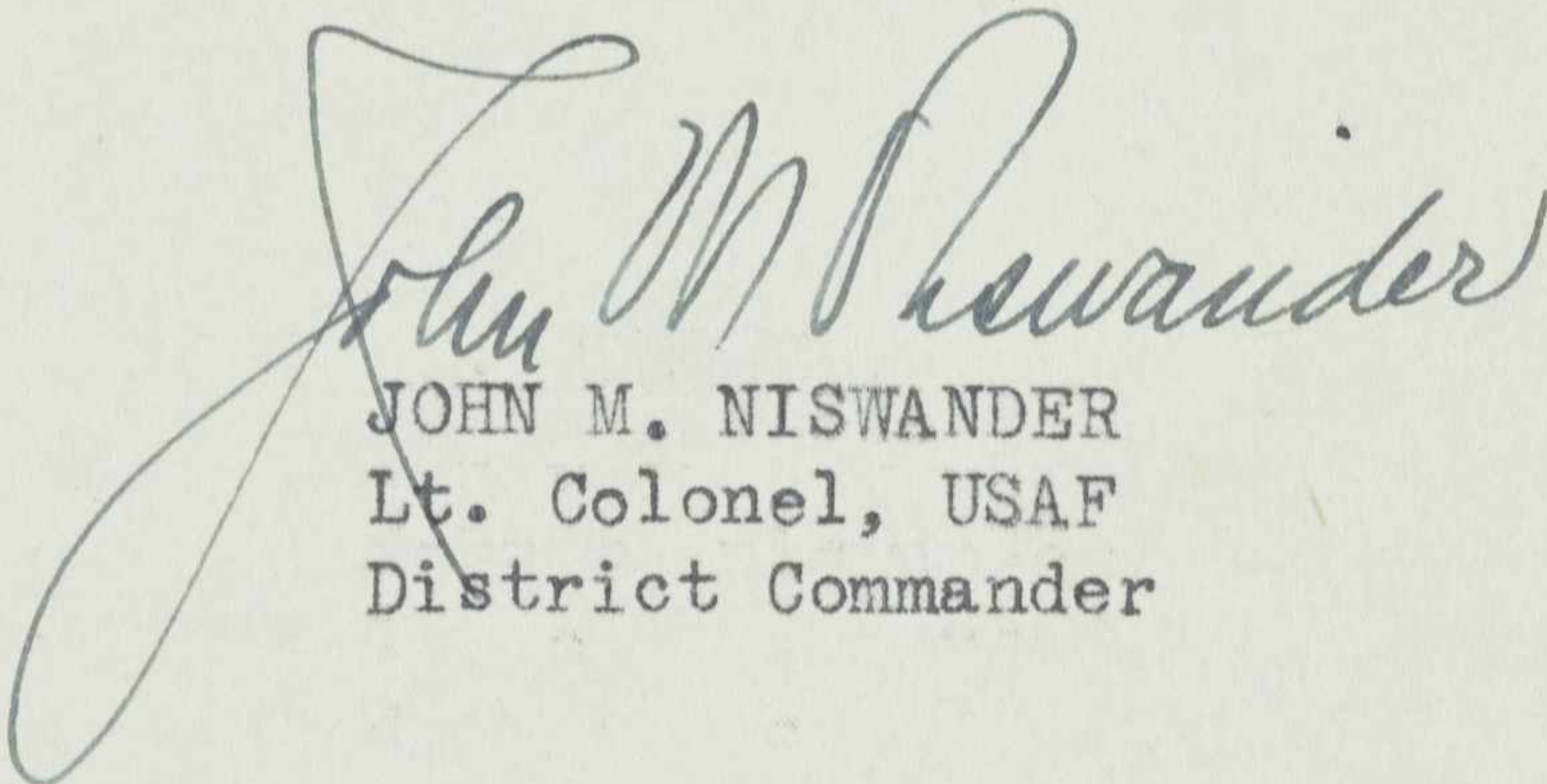
Mrs. Geary did not notice any smoke or any visible means of propulsion. The surface of the object appeared smooth and unmarred by any windows or ports.

Mrs. Geary named Larry Raggio and Perry Milloy, Henderson Junior High School, Henderson Avenue and Jefferson Avenue, Tampa, Florida as two of the older students on the bus who observed the object.

Larry Raggio, student, Henderson Junior High School, stated substantially the same as Mrs. Geary. Raggio estimated the altitude of the object as 5000 feet.

Perry Milloy, student, Henderson Junior High School, stated that he heard Raggio and Mrs. Geary and several of the grammar school students on the bus remark about seeing a "Flying Saucer" but that it was not visible from his position at the rear of the bus.

3. ACTION: No action contemplated by this office.


JOHN M. NISWANDER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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