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SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object sighted two (2) miles north of Wilmer, Texas, 4 February 1959

TO: Commander
2596th Air Base Squadron
U. S. Naval Air Station
Dallas, Texas

1. Reference is made to Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, concerning unidentified flying objects, and oral conversation between Lt Colonel JOHN E. LITTLE, Executive Officer, 2596th Air Base Squadron, and Special Agent SALVADOR DEL VALLE, this District, on 4 February 1959.

2. On 4 February 1959, Mr. ORLAND W. COTTINGTON, 112th CIC Detachment, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised that Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD A. FERRIS, JR., residents of 325 East Johnson Street, Wilmer, Texas, had reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object approximately two (2) miles north of Wilmer, Texas. FERRIS stated that while he and his wife were driving in a northerly direction on U. S. Highway 75, at the outskirts of Wilmer, Texas, they observed a bright fiery red round object, which was traveling in a vertical direction, at an undetermined speed, at an approximate angle of ten (10) degrees to the right of the road. The time of this observation was between 0645 and 0650, according to FERRIS, who added that this object had gone out of his view at an angle and elevation not specified.

18 FEB 1959

ROBERT S. RATLIFF
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

26 May 1958

5D-24-21-187

SUBJECT: (U) Report on Unidentified Object by
L. L. SWINDELL, 1500 Sanger Avenue,
Dallas, Texas

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
ATTN: Chief, Sabotage & Espionage
Branch of the CI Division
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, subject and file as above, dated 21 April 1958.

2. Attached hereto as of possible additional interest, is a copy of Disposition Form comment from ATIC at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, to AFCIN-4E, Headquarters USAF. This memorandum was apparently forwarded to provide information upon which to base a reply to Senator JOHNSON and possibly Congressman VINSON. This inclosure should serve to complete the file of your Directorate in connection with captioned matter.

1 Incl
a/s

Paul M. Nold

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TEKU: AFCIN-X1, Major Byrne TO: SAFIS, Major Tacker 19 May 58

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AFCIN-4E4/Capt Gregory/kmm/69816

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Major Tacker, SAFIS, and Captain Gregory, this Center regarding subject investigation, including a related matter of interest to Congressman Vinson, on Friday afternoon, 18 Apr 58.

2. Attached is a copy of the investigator's report (Incl #1) which Senator Johnson expressed a personal interest, together with a request for prompt reply (Incl #2). These are submitted for material upon which to base a reply.

3. It is recommended that the following points be considered for inclusion in Senator Johnson's letter:

a. Although source's report was somewhat incomplete and lacking in detail, particularly as to exact locations, four major Air Force agencies immediately went into action to investigate and resolve the alleged sighting: OSI, Wheeler AFB, Carswell AFB, and the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

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b. This case will serve to illustrate to Senator Johnson the painstaking efforts and thoroughness with which the Air Force undertakes to resolve UFO sightings, even such as this, where numerous efforts are made to locate the source and obtain the facts because the original report was incomplete.

c. In brief, after all the furor created by the source in demanding Congressional and FBI intervention, investigators found that he was of questionable reliability, contradicted much of his original statements, and in general, his report viewed with skepticism.

4 Incls:
1. Cy Report on L. L. Swindell, Dallas, Texas (TS8-9338-A, cy #3) (TS8-9338, cy #3)
2. Cy Ltr frm Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
3. Cy UFO Report frm L.L. Swindell
4. Cy Request for Investigation to Kessler AFB and Cresswell

If inclosure #4 is withdrawn (or not attached), the classification of this correspondence will be downgraded to UNCLAS in accordance with AFR 205-1.

R. K. GILLESPIE
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

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WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

5D-24-21-187

21 April 1958

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Object by L. L. SWINDELL, 1500 Sanger Avenue, Dallas, Texas

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TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
ATTN: Chief, Sabotage & Espionage
Branch of the CI Division
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Files of your Directorate will reflect an inquiry by Senator LYNDON JOHNSON concerning a report made by captioned civilian, which matter was referred to Air Technical Intelligence Center here at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

2. As of possible interest, attached hereto is the result of interview of Mr. SWINDELL by an officer assigned to Carswell AFB, Texas. Upon receipt of the results of that interview, Air Technical Intelligence Center requested the Commander, Keesler AFB, Mississippi, to discontinue their portion of the inquiry. Air Technical Intelligence Center advised in this regard, that inasmuch as the interview of Mr. SWINDELL raised considerable question as to his reliability, it was decided that any further effort to identify and locate the object in question would be unnecessary.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL as it contains information which requires protection against unauthorized disclosure.

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

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Lt Colonel, USAF
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18 APR 1958

REMARKS

1. Attached are the results of Air Force investigation of alleged incident report by a Mr. L.L. Swindell, and which case Senator Lyndon Johnson request a "prompt reply"

2. Original action was initiated by Lt. Col. Moore, AFOSI-6D, Wash. D.C., who subsequently turned the matter over to AFOC.

3. Would like to extend our appreciation for the assistance rendered by yourself and Mr. Folino in certain aspects of this case.

4. At your discretion, whether AFOSI-6D be informed of the results.

FROM NAME OR TITLE Capt. Gregory	DATE 16 Apr 1958
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION OFO Prof Ofc AFOIN-4E	TELEPHONE 69214

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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United States Air Force
Carswell Air Force Base, Texas

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SUBJECT: Report of Interview

TO: Commander
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

1. This is in reference to a sighting of an unidentified object reported by Mr. L. L. Swindell of Dallas, Texas, on 6 January 1958. On that date, the report was made to a special agent of the 23rd District OSI at Carswell AFB, Texas.

2. As forwarded by the OSI, this report stated that Mr. Swindell and two nephews were enroute from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on U.S. Highway 11, about 1950 hours, 2 January 1958, when they spotted a glowing object falling towards the earth at approximately 1000 feet, one to one and one-half miles ahead of them. The report went on to describe the location of the sighting and other pertinent data, and was forwarded by the 23rd District OSI to the Director of Special Investigations, Washington, D.C. ? No Record

3. Mr. Swindell then wrote to Senator Lyndon B. Johnson stating that what he saw was "definitely Sputnik I", that he was positive the object was the satellite, and asking Senator Johnson's aid in pushing an investigation. Due to this Congressional interest, this base was requested to contact Mr. Swindell for the purpose of determining the object's exact point of impact with the earth's surface. Inclosure No. 1 is a report of the requested interview with Mr. Swindell and his nephew, Mr. Frank Hayes.

4. This report is considered necessary in view of the facts uncovered by this interview with Mr. Swindell.

5. Upon withdrawal of Inclosure, this correspondence may be downgraded to unclassified in accordance with Paragraph 37-h, AFR 205-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

EDWARD J. RENTH, JR.
Major, USAF
Dir Admin Svcs

1 Incl
Report of Interview (C:2 cys)
Copy furnished:
ATIC, W-P AFB, Ohio (C:1 cy)

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REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. L. L. SWINDELL

The purpose of this report is to describe the results and impressions obtained by the undersigned during an interview on 26 March 1958 with Mr. L. L. Swindell of Dallas, Texas, and his nephew, Mr. Frank Hayes, also of Dallas. The interview was conducted to determine the point of impact of an unidentified flying object reported by these two gentlemen on 6 January 1958. Much difficulty was encountered in making initial contact with the two sources as neither of them was listed in Dallas directories. It should also be stated at the outset that Mr. Swindell recently suffered a nervous breakdown and may not have been at peak mental efficiency during the interview. However, Mr. Hayes appeared perfectly sound in every respect. (C)

The general impression obtained from the interview was that the reliability of the initial sighting should be reconsidered in the light of the facts that will be stated in this report. (U)

At the time of the initial report, both men stated that they had "seen Sputnik I fall". They seemed very sure of this. However, when asked at this interview what they had seen they replied that they could not be sure, "it may have been an airplane light, a falling star, or a reflection of some kind." Though they reported initially the the object had fallen "straight down", during this interview they seemed to agree that it fell across their line of vision at an angle of approximately 60 to 75 degrees with the earth's surface. As to the size of the object, which was initially reported as being "24 inches in diameter", they stated that it was impossible to estimate the size with any accuracy, saying that it could have been "as big as a television set, or as big as a house." Mr. Swindell described the object as being perfectly round and glowing on all sides, but Mr. Hayes stated that it appeared to be more irregular in shape and that it was glowing only on the underside. Both agreed that the object was soundless and that the glow appeared to have stopped when the object passed from their line of vision behind some trees, and apparently struck the earth. (U)

It seemed that the reason both men were initially so sure that what they had seen was Sputnik I was the fact that they had been hearing on the radio news all day that the Soviet satellite was expected to fall at any time. It was also noted that they had gone through a great change in attitude on this matter. Originally they had delayed reporting the object for four days and then had waited six more days to request Congressional assistance. But in this interview they repeated several times that as far as they were concerned the matter was a thing of the past, that they were not particularly concerned about it either way, and that they were not particularly interested in the disposition of their report. (U)

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REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. L. L. SWINDELL (CONT'D)

Later, in a private interview with Mr. Hayes, it was learned that Mr. Swindell had been unemployed for quite some time. During this period he had been doing a good deal of reading about the earth satellites and apparently became quite obsessed with the idea in general. After reporting that he had seen Sputnik I fall, Mr. Swindell became convinced that his telephone was being tapped and did not use it for several weeks for fear of releasing some important information. (C)

With the above interview in mind, and with the impression I received of the two men, it is my opinion that this UFOB report should be viewed with more skepticism. (U)

This report is classified Confidential because it indicates impressions obtained by the interviewing officer. (U)

GERRY F. GOSSENS
1/Lt, USAF

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Office of the Democratic Leader

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1958

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a communication which I have received from one of my constituents. I will appreciate your giving serious consideration to this problem, based on its merits.

Please let me have as prompt a reply as possible, returning the enclosure, in order that I can inform the writer. Vito!

Sincerely,

(Signed) Lyndon B. Johnson

Lyndon B. Johnson

P. S. Please address reply to Lyndon B. Johnson, U.S. Senate, Washington, D. C. If additional information is required, please telephone Arthur Perry at OA 4-3121, extension 3141.

Action: Department of the Air Force
Attention: Liaison Division
Washington 25, D. C.

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COPY - HANDWRITTEN LETTER

Sun. Jan 12, 64

Dear Lyndon,

We saw what definitely was Sputnik No. 1 fall Jan 2nd at 7:50 PM (Thursday) just north of New Orleans. This is a desolate locality with swamps etc. This object fell about one mile in front of us, straight down and we were able to view it for 10 or 15 seconds. It was a perfect sphere with a glow around it and the circle itself was white. Having worked in an aluminum heat treating dept. during the war I am familiar with heated metal. I reported this sighting in detail to the Dallas FBI who in turn referred it to the Air Force here in Dallas and then I also gave details to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass.

They all expressed doubt that they would search for this.

My two nephews and myself are life-long residents of Dallas and certainly know there is no reward connected with finding this satellite. We know that finding the satellite intact would be of immense scientific value as well as historical. We have withheld this information from the press thinking maybe the government wanted to keep it a secret for awhile.

We haven't been shown the courtesy of advising us whether they are looking for this or not and we don't want the report pigeon-holed some place.

Being supporters of yours we will leave the decision up to you, that after you've seen the full report of this (Dallas OSI) report, maybe they sent it on to Wash., you may advise us accordingly. If you want to release this to the press you have our permission or if you want to keep it a secret we will do likewise.

I am 48 years old and have seen comets, meteors, falling stars, and they all have tails and this didn't. You may be sure that we are positive this was the satellite. Please advise.

Yours Sincerely

L. L. SWINDELL
1500 Sanger Ave
Dallas, Texas

(*) This source does not give either the exact location of the object in part or the specific location. The location could be any place N. of New Orleans.

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AFCIN-4E4g/Capt. Gregory/kmc
Ext. 6-9216/Retyped 18 Mar 58

SUBJECT: Request for Investigation - Based on Congressional Inquiry on UFO Incident

Commander
Keesler Air Force Base
Biloxi, Mississippi

1. In accordance with paragraphs 4b and 6c, AFR 200-2, "Intelligence - UFO", dated 5 February 1958, it is requested that investigative action be taken to ascertain the exact location of an unidentified aerial object which was reported to have fallen in an area North of New Orleans on the night of 2 January 1958; and an attempt be made to recover the object, or establish the probability of its impact or existence.

2. This action is requested on the basis of an inquiry by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson. Reference is made to Inclosures 4 and 5.

3. As the source is located in Dallas, Texas, this Center has requested that the Commander of the nearest Air Force Base contact and interview Mr. Swindell for the express purpose of determining the location of the alleged impact. It was further requested that the information be immediately forwarded to your attention, in order that necessary action be initiated. (Copy of letter to Commander, Carswell AFB, Texas, is attached).

4. A preliminary analysis has been made by this Center. However, because of the Congressional interest, this case cannot be considered closed until subject investigation has been completed.

5. Copies of correspondence reflecting previous actions are attached for your guidance and assistance.

FOR THE COMMANDER

6 Incls:
1. Cy AFCIN Rpt dtd 28 Feb 58
2. Cy OSI-6D Ltr dtd 14 Feb 58
3. Cy DD Fm 95 frm USAF Liaison Unit
4. Cy Ltr frm Sen Johnson dtd 6 Feb 58
5. Cy Ltr frm Mr. Swindell dtd 22 Jan 58
6. Cy Ltr to CO, Carswell AFB, Tex.

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District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

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23D 24-0-246

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Vicinity of Levelland, Texas, night of 2-3 November 1957.

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

1. Reference TWX from the Detachment Commander, OSI Detachment 2303, Reese AFB, Texas, subject as above, dated 4 November 1957.

2 At approximately 2300 hours, 2 November 1957, the Provost Marshal's Office, Reese AFB, Texas, advised they had received a report that an airplane had crashed and was burning in the vicinity of Levelland, Texas. Additional reports filtered in to the Provost Marshal's Office by means of civil police radio indicating that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was reported rather than a burning aircraft. Major DANIEL R. KESTER, Reese AFB, Provost Marshal, conducted a preliminary investigation and obtained sufficient information for a TWX report in accordance with AFR 200-2. Such report was transmitted on 3 November 1957 by Captain SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN, Acting Counterintelligence Officer, Reese AFB, Texas.

Information obtained from both the Provost Marshal's Office and the Wing Intelligence Office on 4 November 1957, reflected that the names of some of the witnesses as contained in the original TWX were misspelled. Identifying data which was not available at the time the TWX was transmitted was made available. A corrected list of witnesses who reportedly observed the citing is as follows:

Sheriff WEIR CLEM, Levelland, Texas
PEDRO SAUCEDO, farm hand and part-time barber, Levelland, Texas
RONALD MARTIN, truck driver, Levelland, Texas

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Hq, 23d Dist OSI (IG) USAF, Carswell AFB, Texas, file 23D 24-0-246, Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Vicinity of Levelland, Texas, night of 2-3 November 1957

LEE HARGROVE, Texas Highway Patrolman, Littlefield, Texas
FLOYD CAVIN, Texas Highway Patrolman, Littlefield, Texas
JIM WHEELER, Levelland, Texas
JOSE ALVAREZ, Levelland, Texas
FRANK WILLIAMS, Kermit, Texas
JAMES D. LONG, Waco, Texas
NEWELL WRIGHT, college student, Levelland, Texas

On 4 November 1957, S/Sgt NORMAN P. BARTH, UFO Investigator, ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado, arrived in Lubbock, Texas, by commercial airline and immediately initiated an investigation for ATIC. BARTH completed his investigation on 6 November 1957 and returned to his home station to complete and disseminate a report of his findings.

3. Inasmuch as no request was received, this office did not initiate an investigation into the report of citing. The investigator from ADC advised that in the event it was determined that additional investigation was deemed warranted, this office would be contacted for assistance.

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JOHN W. FARRELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Detco, Reese

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UNCLAS FROM Q021L. :ATTN CHIEF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIV: OSI SPOT REPORT
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S), REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT VICINITY OF LEVELLAND, TEXAS, NIGHT OF 2-3 NOV 1957.
DETAILS: INFORMATION COPIED VERBATIM BELOW IS A REPORT TRANSMITTED BY THE REESE AFB INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN AFR 200-2. THIS INFORMATION WAS COLLECTED BY THE REESE AFB PM. THIS REPORT WAS TRANSMITTED WITH A PRECEDENCE OF OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE PURSUANT TO TELEPHONIC DIRECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF 1006TH AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQ, ENT AFB, COLORADO. UFOB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED CLN 1. /A/ EGG SHAPED.

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/B/ 200 FEET LONG. /C/ UNKNOWN. /D/ ONE. /E/ N/A. /F/ UNKNOWN. /G/ OBJECT SEEM TO LEAVE A FIREY TRAIL, DESCRIPTION AND LENGTH UNKNOWN. /H/ SOUNDED LIKE THUNDER. /I/ RESEMBLED FLASHING NEON LIGHT. 2. /A/ SOUND AND SIGHT. /B/ UNKNOWN. /C/ UNKNOW. /D/ UNKNOWN. /E/ LANDED IN OPEN FIELD. /F/ OBSERVER JIM WHEELER REPORTED SWING OBJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MINUTES. 3. /A/ GROUND VISUAL. /B/ NONE. /C/ N/A. 4. /A/ FIRST SIGHTED PRIOR TO 0500 HOURS ZULU TIME, 3 NOV 1957 EXACT HOUR UNKNOWN. /B/ NIGHT. 5. INA AND AROUND LEVELLAND, TEXAS. 6. /A/ CIVILIANS-SHERIFF WIN CLEM, PADRO SOCIDO, JOSE ALASARY, FRANDK D. WILLIAMS, JIM WHEELER, JAMES P. LONG, ALL FROM LEVELLAND, TEXAS. AND THE LITTLEFIELD HIGHWAY PAZROL (UNNAMED). AGES, MAILING ADDRESSES AND OCCUPATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL UNKNOW. /B/ N/A. 7(5A/ UNKNOW. /B/ 6,000 - 160/18; 10,000 - 170/25; 16,000 -230/35; 20,000- 240/35; 30,000 - 250/65;50,000 - 245/65; 80,000- UNKNOWN. /C/ 12,000 FEET. /D/ 15 MILES.; /E/ 7/10. /F/ NONE. 8. NONE. 9. REESE AFB TEXAS, PROVOST MARSHAL MAJOR DANIEL R KESTER VISITED THE ALLEGED SCENE WITHLOCVAL CIVIL AUTHORITIES. NEGATIVE RESULTS. 10 UNKNOL. 11, SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN, CAPTAIN, USAF, ASSIST

NT WI G OPERATIONS OFFICER

NO IDEA OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING.

12. NONE.

ACTION: NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AT THIS TIEME.

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District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

23D 24-0-229

6 NOV 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFOB)

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

1. Reference letter, this District Office, to the Commander, Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Texas, subject and file as above, dated 23 August 1956, copy of which was furnished your Directorate.

2. Forwarded herewith as an inclosure is a newspaper clipping from the Fort Worth Star Telegram, 5 November 1957, concerning the object sighted in the sky near Amarillo, Texas in August 1956 by J.G. KIRBY of Dallas, Texas.

A. E. Sternberg Jr.
MAJOR, USAF
for and in the absence of
JOHN W. FARRELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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OVER WEST TEXAS

Photo of Odd Light Revealed

DALLAS, Nov. 5 (AP).—A picture of a strange light a former bomber pilot said he took over West Texas a year ago was revealed Tuesday.

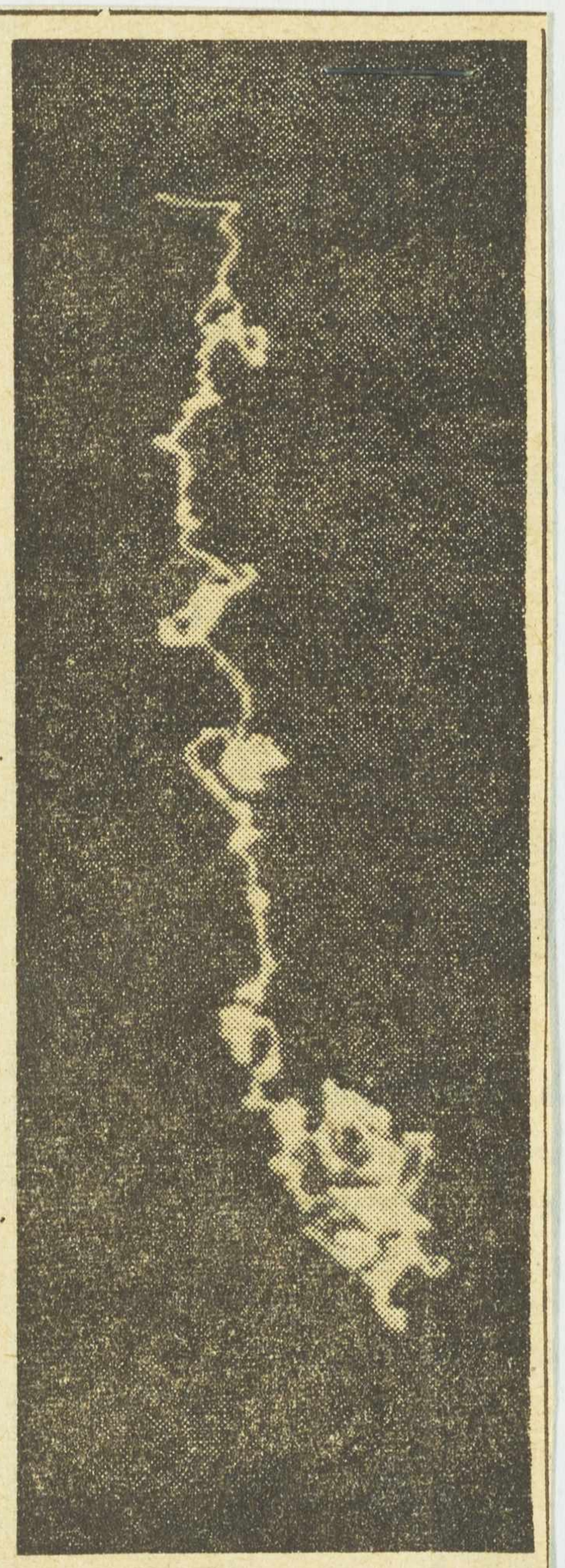
J. G. Kirby, a Dallas rare rocks and gem expert, said he took the picture near Amarillo at 4 a. m. Aug. 2, 1956. He said the picture and story were held up by the FBI and Air Force authorities until a few days ago.

Kirby, a B-17 pilot in World War II, said he and his wife and two children spotted the light while on a rock hunting expedition.

He said he snapped the picture with a small camera and called the FBI on his return to Dallas.

He said he had a visit from an agent who studied the picture and conferred with authorities at nearby Hensley Field.

He said authorities told him only recently he no longer had to keep the photo and story quiet. Kirby said the Air Force theorized the glow was radiation vapor.



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

RARE LIGHT
. . . Radiation Vapor.

Fort Worth Evening Star Telegram, 5 November 1957

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~~Doz~~ens in Texas See ~~—~~ Huge 'Phantom' Object

LEVELLAND, Tex., Nov. 3 (AP)—A huge phantom object, described variously as ablaze and as a "big light," was spotted by dozens of persons in this West Texas area last night and early today.

Sheriff Weir Clem said he saw it about 1:30 a. m.

He said a truck driver, James D. Long of Waco, drove up on the object while it was "sitting" in the road about four miles west of here.

Long reported the object, 200 feet long and shaped like an egg, "cut off the engine and lights on his truck." When the object took off again, Long told the sheriff, his engine and lights came back on.

Sheriff Clem said he had two such reports of car lights and engines failing temporarily.

According to the sheriff, the object was first reported at 10:50 p. m. on Highway 116 about four miles west of here; the second time, at 12:15 a. m., on Highway 51 about 8 miles north of here; the third time, it was on a farm road three miles northwest of town.

The sheriff said he and Deputy Sheriff Pat McCulloch saw the phenomenon. Clem also said the object was seen by two highway patrolmen and Constable Lloyd Bollen of Anton, Tex.

Sheriff Clem said:

"I just can't figure what it was. We had three eyewitnesses who saw it come right down on the road. On two separate occasions this object—whatever it was—killed engines of motor vehicles, but when it took off, the engines would start up again."

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Historian
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23 AUG 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFOB)

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TO: Commander
2596th Air Reserve Flying Center
Hensley Field
Grand Prairie, Texas

1. At 1330 hours, 5 August 1956, Mr. J. G. KIRBY, 2327 Norwood Drive, Dallas, Texas, Telephone, Davis 7-3591, reported the following information to the OSI Detachment Office, Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Texas, concerning the sighting of unconventional type aircraft:

KIRBY advised that on 1 August 1956 as he was returning to Dallas, Texas from Colorado Springs, Colorado, via Amarillo, Texas, he had departed Amarillo at approximately 0400 hours on Route US 287. He averred that approximately ten (10) miles outside of Amarillo, he noted a bright green trajectory in the sky at about 10 o'clock, from an object which appeared to have landed just east of Amarillo, Texas and north of Highway 287. Shortly thereafter, he observed another trajectory, similar to the first, which emanated from a bright light in the sky, observed approximately 30 minutes earlier. KIRBY advised that this light appeared in a cloud formation, the height of which he estimated to be approximately 10,000 to 20,000 feet. Further, that this cloud formation was approximately 50 miles in length from north to south and a lesser distance in width running east to west. Never did the phenomenon appear to descend below the level of the cloud base and moved intermittently within the cloud formation and on various occasions would move outside the extreme ends of the cloud running north to south. No sound was audible at any time during either the trajectory or the movement of the object itself.

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The phenomenon appeared to be the size of a grapefruit and appeared in brilliance equal to the ignition of phosphorus, giving a brilliant beam of light both above and below the phenomenon itself, but never both beams simultaneously. At various times, a faint trace of red, varying its position on the phenomenon, was observed. The object appeared to be extremely navigable, inasmuch as it appeared in various places in the cloud formation. The object was observed intermittently by KIRBY and his wife between Amarillo and Memphis, Texas. KIRBY related that they departed Amarillo at 0400 hours and arrived in Memphis at 0615 hours. KIRBY further related the second trajectory appeared 10 to 20 feet from the first trajectory. According to KIRBY, the cloud formation was moving rapidly and upon his arrival at Memphis, Texas, the formation had begun to disintegrate. As daylight approached, the phenomenon appeared to be ascending into the heavens, where it was the approximate size of a star and no longer visible through the clouds, but visible outside the cloud formation. During the two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes that the phenomenon was observed, KIRBY advised that as it moved to the open spaces within the cloud formation, its brilliance would illuminate these portions within the cloud structure. As it proceeded through the clouds to the opposite outer extremities, no illumination was visible within the cloud structure. KIRBY, a World War II Bomber Pilot, who flew B-17 type aircraft, with the Eighth Air Force, advised that in his experience with aircraft, weather conditions, etc, he had never observed anything comparable with this phenomenon.

A photograph of instant phenomenon taken by KIRBY with a Kodak 620 Camera is attached as an inclosure. KIRBY advised that he would retain the negative of the photograph taken. Further, that he would cooperate with the USAF authorities in any way possible.

2. The above information was furnished the Dallas Field Office, FBI, by KIRBY on 2 August 1956.

3. This information is forwarded for your appropriate action in accordance with paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

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4. On 20 August 1956, the files of the FBI, Dallas, Texas, were reviewed with the assistance of EDWIN KUYKENDALL, Special Agent, FBI, and failed to reflect any record of J. G. KIRBY.

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

JOHN W. FARRELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

24-0-163

30 APR 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
824th Air Base Group
Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

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1. At about 2205 hours, 28 April 1954, A/1C O'DONNELL E. GALLAGHER, AF 18120747, 824th Operations Squadron, assigned duty: Flight Dispatcher, Base Operations, Carswell Air Force Base, telephonically notified Special Agent PAUL A. WILES, OSI District No. 23, about an unidentified object over the TCU Airport, hovering at about 4,000 feet. The object was cited and reported to GALLAGHER by Mr. CHARLES C. HERRON, 3645 Westcliff Road, South, Fort Worth, Texas, telephone WA-1517, at about 2140 hours. The description of the object, according to GALLAGHER, as related by HERRON, was "T-Shaped," with the varied colors of blue, green and white. GALLAGHER further advised that the object was, at the time of the telephone conversation, reflecting on the Carswell AFB Weather Station Radar Storm Detector at about 110 degrees true heading, 4,000 feet and about 4 1/4 miles from Carswell AFB. GALLAGHER stated that Air Traffic Control had also alerted him reference the object; and that the Meacham Field tower operators had visually observed the object. In addition, GALLAGHER stated that Utah Radar Site had picked up the object on their radar, positioned as reported by the Carswell AFB Weather Station.

2. Mr. CHARLES C. HERRON, student at Texas Christian University, telephonically stated at 2220 hours, 28 April 1954, that he and his girl friend first observed the object at about 2055 hours; that it changed color from red to white to blue, and had a green tail of some kind. HERRON stated he drove to the TCU Airport and talked to two of his flight instructors, that the instructors also had observed the object; and that the three of them watched the object for a short period of time. HERRON advised that during this period, the object seemed to be hovering over the TCU Airport between 3,000 and 6,000

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feet. Upon questioning, HERRON stated his flight instructors did not comment on the size of the object, but that he would estimate it to have been about the same size as a Twin Beechcraft. Upon his return to his girl friend's house, 3912 Weyburn Drive, HERRON stated he telephoned Carswell, and while talking to an officer of Carswell AFB, the object moved west and disappeared. HERRON stated that subsequently another object appeared and remained stationary for a short period and it, too, disappeared. During the telephone conversation with HERRON by Special Agent WILES, HERRON stated another object of the same description was at that time, 2225 hours, again visible, hovering about one mile north of the TCU Airport.

3. At 2240 hours, Airman GALLAGHER was again telephonically contacted for any additional occurrences, and he stated that the WAF tower operator, Carswell AFB, EDITH CRAWFORD, had observed a red flashing object over Meacham Airport. However, upon request, GALLAGHER obtained information from Meacham tower through the Carswell AFB tower that a DC-3 aircraft had landed to the south at Meacham Field, just after (approximately three minutes) the reported sighting by CRAWFORD. GALLAGHER also advised that all radar trained on the unidentified object as previously described had, at intervals, lost and regained the blip on their scopes. Upon questioning, GALLAGHER stated Utah Sight had vectored two jets (type and station unknown) to the area; and that Air Traffic Control had requested a T-6 on local flight out of Hensley Field to check the area for the object. At this point of the phone call, GALLAGHER stated that the Meacham tower operators reported observing another object over Meacham Field. GALLAGHER concluded by stating that Major WINSTON P. RICE, AO 671769, 436th Bomb Squadron, the Airdrome Officer, and Captain STINSON (NFI), Flight Service, Carswell AFB, had knowledge of the objects; and were at that time checking same. GALLAGHER was at this time requested to advise the OSI of any serious developments.

4. At about 0815 hours, 29 April 1954, Major RICE advised Special Agent WILES the object which had been visible on the Storm Detector Radar in the Base Weather Station the previous evening had again been visible at about 0700 hours, 29 April 1954. Upon recheck at about 0815 hours by Major RICE and Special Agent WILES, the object was visible, positioned as previously described. Special Agent WILES requested Major RICE, upon notification of 7th Bomb Wing Intelligence Office, in accordance with Base Operations SOP, to advise that office that the information obtained by OSI would be made available upon request. In this respect, RICE was advised that investigations of unidentified

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flying objects are now conducted by Air Intelligence, in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-5.

5. In accordance with paragraph 4, no further investigation is contemplated by this office at this time.

GEORGE G. SPENCE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report, dated 5 November 1952, concerning the above subject.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
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SUBJECT: ~~Unconventional Type Aircraft Sighted~~ 5 DEC 1952
18.8 miles Northwest of Jacksboro, Texas,
on US Highway 281, 1811 hours, 29 Oct 1952.

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

In compliance with paragraph 2, letter, Department of Air Force, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C., AFOIC-CC-1, dated 8 September 1950, subject: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft, forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of Spot Intelligence Report, this District Office, dated 5 November 1952, subject as above.

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Lt Col, USAF
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

5 NOV 1952

File: 1-9

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type Aircraft Sighted 18.8 miles Northwest of Jacksboro, Texas, on US Highway 281, 1811 hours, 29 October 1952.

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

1. SYNOPSIS Mr Roy P. Northern, Jr., 6420 Garland Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, of unknown reliability, voluntarily reported seeing an object in the sky while enroute via automobile to Fort Worth, Texas, at a point 18.8 miles northwest of Jacksboro, Texas, on US Highway 281, at 1811 hours, CST, 29 October 1952. Object appeared from the northeast, flying a straight course of approximately 245 to 250 degrees, at an estimated speed of 750 to 800 miles an hour, at an altitude of approximately 1500 to 2000 feet. NORTHERN was first attracted to the object by an exhaust flash, bright orange color, lasting approximately one (1) second, followed by two (2) other exhaust flashes lasting approximately the same length of time. The second exhaust flash illuminated the object, for approximately one (1) second, and was estimated to be 1/8th of a mile directly in the path of his car. NORTHERN described the object as being similar to a discus, circular in shape, or two (2) table plates laid inverted, one upon the other, approximately forty (40) to fifty (50) feet in diameter and five (5) or six (6) feet thick at its center, tapering from the center to a thin-like leading edge. The object appeared to be gray, or dull aluminum, in color with black trimmed leading edges. The exhaust left no smoke trail and disappeared into the twilight, continuing in its course. No visible identifying markings were observed on the object, and the weather was clear. The time of day was at dusk, and headlights of his automobile were not on. At the time, no traffic, in either direction, was observed, and no activity near that would cause a reflection in the sky. No visible evidence of object's flight, and object flew swiftly away, with no seeming resistance from the elements. The object made no sound audible above the sound of NORTHERN's automobile.

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2. DETAILS

a. Mr. Roy P. Northern, Jr., 6420 Garland Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, telephonically advised Special Agent Charles J. Eck, this office, that he had sighted an object in the sky while returning to Fort Worth via automobile approximately 18.8 miles northwest of Jacksboro, Texas on U.S. Highway 281, at 1811 hours, 29 October 1952. NORTHERN requested this agent contact him at his office, located in Room 514, Fort Worth National Bank Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas, for more detailed information.

b. Mr. Northern was contacted by Special Agent Eck and voluntarily gave a statement concerning the incident and a drawing showing the approximate size and description of the object, copies of which are attached as inclosures to this report.

c. Mr Northern also made a drawing giving approximate description and size of this object. This drawing is being retained in the files of the 23rd OSI District, IG, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

3. ACTION

No action taken or contemplated by the undersigned. Two (2) copies of this report forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS, in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85 dated 23 October 1950.

JAMES C. SCHOFIELD
Lt Colonel, USAF
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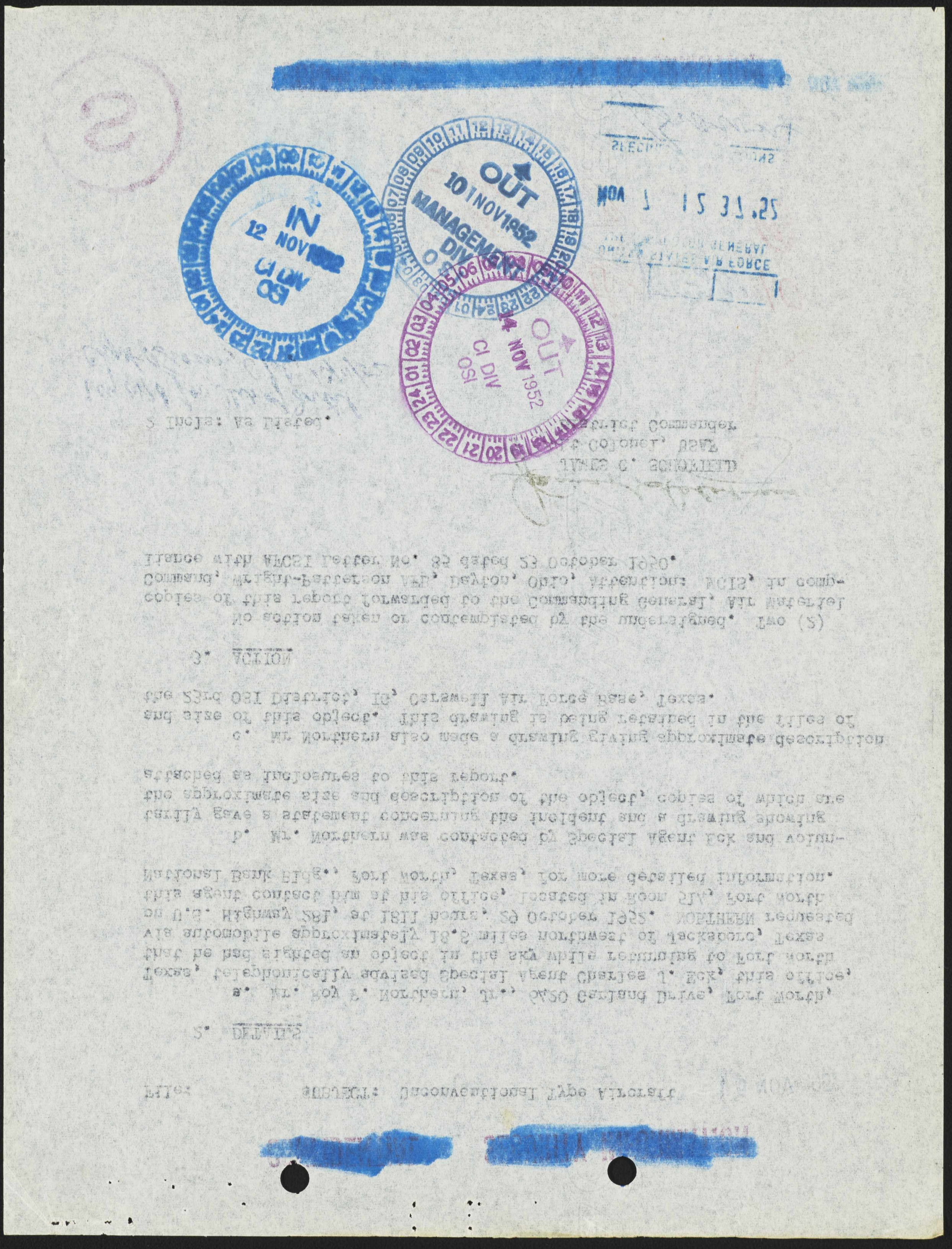
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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Ft. Worth, Texas
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10-29-52
(Date)

I, Roy P. Northern, Jr, hereby state that Charles J. Eck, Jr. has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement, and without any promise of reward, benefit, or any immunity having been made to me:

THAT I AM A CAPTAIN IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVE, SERIAL NO A0-726062 AND THAT MY FILE IS NOW WITH THE RESERVE UNIT AT AUSTIN, TEXAS. (3RD).

THAT I SERVED FOR OVER 5 YEARS WITH THE AAF IN THE WESTERN TRAINING COMMAND, THE 2ND AF AND THE 20TH AF; AND; THAT IN ADDITION TO THIS TIME I HAVE DONE SOME PRIVATE FLYING. I HAVE ABOUT 1000 HOURS AS AN AIR FORCE OBSERVER (1035).

THAT I AM A COLLEGE GRADUATE AND LICENCED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATES OF TENNESSEE & WYOMING.

THAT I HAVE NEVER THOUGHT VERY SERIOUSLY OF "FLYING SAUCER ~~STORIES~~" UNTIL — THE FOLLOWING OCCURRENCE HAPPENED TO ME YESTERDAY:

WHEN ENROUTE TO FT WORTH VIA AUTOMOBILE A FLASH OF ORANGE LIGHT (IN FRONT AND TO MY LEFT) CALLED MY ATTENTION TO A FLYING OBJECT, ANOTHER FLASH AN INSTANT LATER OUTLINED THE OBJECT AS IT CROSSED IN FRONT OF ME AND A THIRD FLASH WAS SEEN

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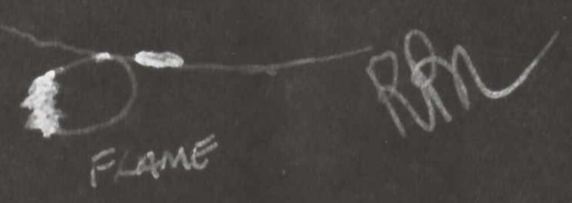
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COLOR THE LEADING EDGE, OR, OUTSIDE RING WAS BLACK
AND THE SURFACE OF THE OBJECT WAS GRAY OR A
DULL ALUMINUM.
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EDGE AND THE OBJECT AS A WHOLE, WHICH WAS NO
MORE THAN 5 OR 6 FEET THICK AT IS CENTER. IT
SEEMED TO CREATE ABSOLUTELY NO WIND RESISTANCE.

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3 DISTICT FLASHES OF LIGHT WITHIN MY VISION
AND ALL OF THESE FOLLOWED A SET PATTERN, - THEY
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LASTED ABOUT THAT LENGTH OF TIME. THE
SIZE + SHAPE OF THE FLAME WAS THE SAME
IN EACH INSTANCE. IT APPEARED TO BE CONTINIOUS
ROCKET EXPLOSIONS, ARTHO, IT MAY HAVE BEEN SEPARATE
JET FLASHES. I SAW NO EXHAUST OR SMOKE
TRAILS BUT A BRIGHT ORANGE FLAME SHAPED
AS FOLLOWS:



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I WOULD ESTIMATE THE SPEED AT 750 TO 800 MILES PER HOUR FROM WHAT I KNOW OF AIR CRAFT ~~SPEEDS~~ FROM EXPERIENCE & OBSERVATION.

THERE WAS NO SOUND AUDIBLE ABOVE THE SOUND OF MY AUTOMOBILE.

THE OBJECT RPTN FLEW A STRAIGHT COURSE TOWARD 245°-250° ACROSS MY PATH. WHICH WOULD MAKE IT CROSS HIWAY 281 (U.S.) 18.8 hiway MILES FROM THE NW CITY LIMITS OF JACKSBORO, TEXAS AND CAUSE IT ~~TO~~ BE FLYING IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF LOVING, TEXAS (HIWAY 199-~~STATE~~) OR, SLIGHTY N. OF THAT POINT.

I WOULD ESTIMATE THE ALTITUDE AT 1500' TO 2000'

I LOOKED AT MY AUTO CLOCK AND SPEEDOMETER AND THE TIME WAS APPROX 18:11 ON OCTOBER 28, 1952. THE SPEEDOMETER SHOWED IT TO BE 18.8 RPTN ~~XXX~~ ROAD MILES NW OF JACKS BORO, AS MENTIONED ABOVE. I SAW THE OBJECT WITH NAKED EYE THRU MY WINDSHIELD AS OUTLINED BY BLAST FLAME.

I WAS APPROX 1/8 OF A MILE FROM THE OBJECT.

I SAW NO IDENTIFYING MARKINGS.

WEATHER WAS CLEAR BUT TIME WAS AT DUSK OR DARK

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4 TWILIGHT. I DID NOT HAVE HEADLIGHTS TURNED ON.
THERE WAS NO TRAFFIC IN EITHER DIRECTION ANYWHERE
NEAR ME AT THE TIME. NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED WHICH
WOULD CAUSE A REFLECTION IN THE SKY.

THE OBJECT LEFT NO EVIDENCE OF ITS FLIGHT
TO MY KNOWLEDGE, BUT FLEW STRAIGHT AWAY, SWIFTLY
AND WITH NO SEEMING RESISTANCE FROM THE ELEMENTS.
IT SEEMED TO CUT THRU SPACE BECAUSE OF ITS
THIN FLAT BODY.

I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all pages and corrections, and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

Roy P. Hartwell
(Signature)

6420 GARLAND Dr. Ft. Worth Texas
(Address)

Witnesses:

Lavert Cole
Sp, 3/c USAF Det.
Carswell AFB, Texas.
(Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 19___ at _____, a person authorized by law to administer oaths.

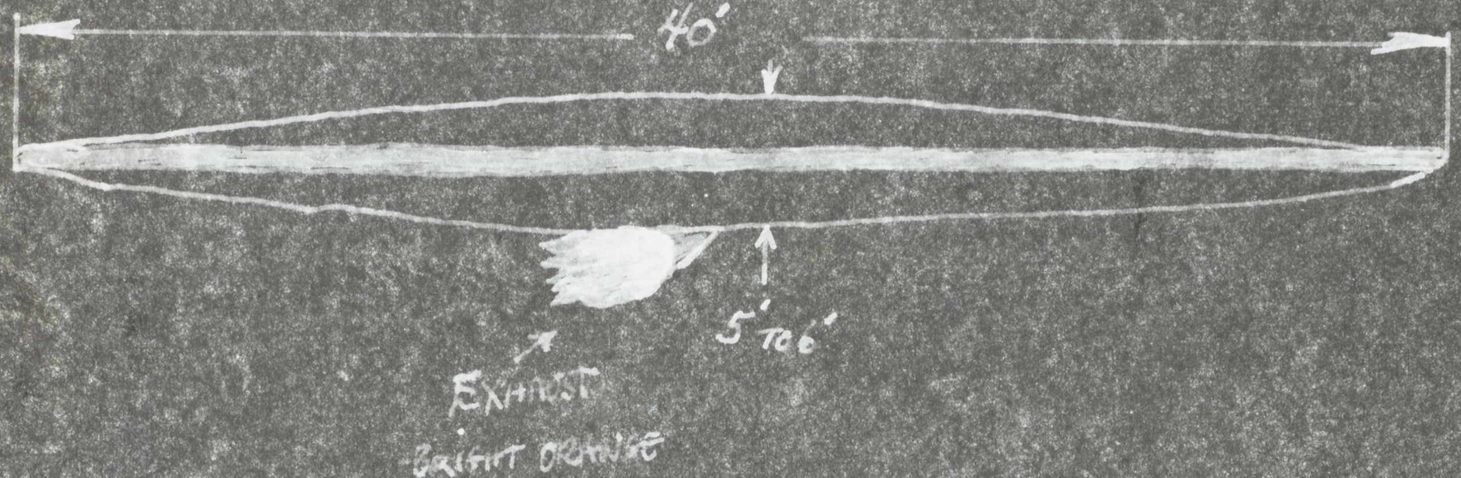
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The above drawing is approximately what the object looked like to me on 10-28-52. Statement attached. Dimensions appeared to be approximately as shown above.

Roy P. Northern Jr

witnessed by:
Charles Lee
S/A. OSI.

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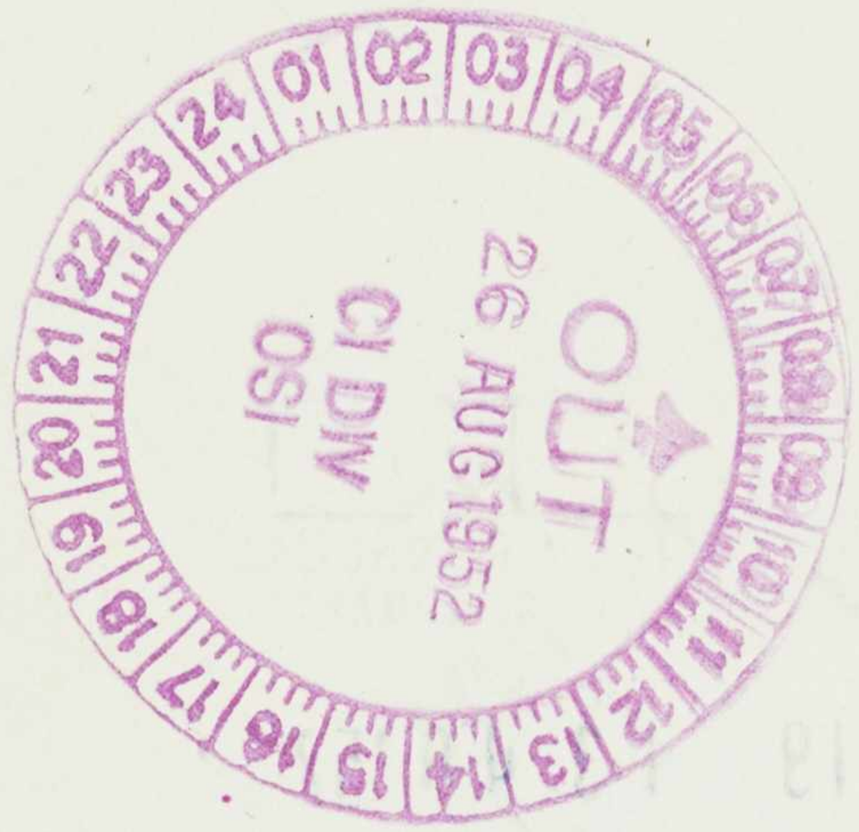
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Army Intelligence Corps
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Friday, August 8, 1952

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Dear Sir:

On the night of Thursday, August 7, 1952 around 9:30 P.M. (C.S.T.) I saw a light going across the sky a little faster than a full speed B-36. It was very bright and shaped something like a saucer. It made no noise at all.

It came out of the east and headed straight west, then about halfway it turned ship and headed direct south.

It may have been a plane or something else, I am not sure what it was but I am interested in this sort of thing.

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Yours Sincerely,
John Robinson

(Address on back of letter.)

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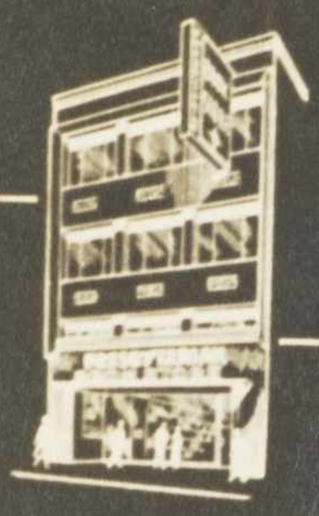
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O. G. HENRY, Manager

DALLAS 1, TEXAS

April 26, 1952
4009 Amherst
Dallas, Texas

Major Steed
Hensley Field
Grand Prairie, Texas

Dear Major Steed:

As per our telephone conversation of yesterday, I shall put on paper my observations in the heavens on the night of April 24, 1952.

At 10:21 P. M. my children sighted the first one. It was the red ball, with a dull red glow. It was sighted in the Eastern sky proceeding West. As it came even with our house it turned sharply to the left and continued South.

The next one sighted, a few minutes later, was high overhead in the Western section of the sky. It appeared as a small white star and was streaking South at a tremendous speed.

The next one observed was the red ball type, coming in form the East. Unfortunately for us it was much higher than the ones sighted previously but following the same identical course that the previous ones had followed. It came on in from the East and when it was even with the house it turned sharply and proceeded South. It was directly over us when it turned and as it made the sharp turn to the South it seemed to flop over on its side and we saw a BRIGHT RED SPOT OF LIGHT, similar to the red lights we observe on our own planes. Also, there seemed to be another dimension. It reminded me of the wind-up musical tops which youngsters play with. This light appeared to be at the top of the ball.

Two other objects were observed very high in the Eastern portion of the sky, going South at the same teriffic speed as the first bright one we had seen in the Western portion of the sky some twenty minutes before. The first one of these was the bright-star type; the second one was a bright green and it seemed a little elongated appearing like a bright green easter egg rushing to the South. The bright green color would not be too different to the green lights on a plane should one suddenly detach itself from the plane and go streaking across the sky.

Sincerely,

Mrs. N. B. Read

Spot of Light

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Mrs. N. B. Read.

P. S. Since I began this letter I have been doing some other work in the store and just got back up to my of office this morning. (May 3) I learned something else relative to this subject which might be of interest to you. On the night of April 26 two boys in Nat's Scout Troop, Ronald Kinnamon and Jerry Peterman, were sleeping out in Rondld's back yard at 3824 Bryn Mawr and they sighted the red ball which I discribed in paragraph 4 of the above letter. They saw the bright spot of light as the ball flopped over on its side and turned to the South. They called newspapers and practically everyone in Dallas to report what they had seen.

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Mrs. N. B. R.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

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AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
N/A	Intelligence Officer, 2596th AFRTC, HensleyFld

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
7 May 1952	24 April 1952	N/A

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
WORTH M. SPEED, USAF, Major, Intelligence Off	See Below

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

Ltr, Hq USAF, AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 51, and Report No. 1 fr this Hq 21 Apr 52 in letter form

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

1. In compliance with letter, Headquarters, USAF, AFOIN-C/CC-2, Subject: (Unclassified) Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, 19 December 1951, the following information, as reported to this headquarters by Mrs. N. B. Read, Dallas, Texas, is forwarded.

2. On 25 April 1952, Mrs. N. B. Read, 4009 Amherst, Dallas, Texas, contacted the undersigned and reported sighting of unidentified flying objects similar to ones she had previously reported. Information was received from Mrs. Read over the telephone and she was requested to forward a written report to this headquarters at her earliest convenience. No report was transmitted electrically. Written report from Mrs. Read was received this headquarters 4 May 1952.

3. Mrs. Read was contacted when she reported a previous observation, and it was determined that she was of above normal intelligence.

4. It is believed that reports of this nature are not of much value or importance as intelligence in that no observations were made by other citizens, and reported to this headquarters.

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Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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1 INCLS.
Written Statement by Mrs. N. B. Read.

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FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
Intelligence Officer, 2596th AFRTC Hensley Field, Dallas, Texas	#2	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

1. Description: Spherical in shape; size undetermined, appeared to be small like a small star. Five objects were sighted in all; two were red, ball type, two were white star type, and one was green and appeared to be elongated. Observed singly, with aerodynamic features, no trail or exhaust, propulsion system speed, sound, etc. was reported. Objects were flying a straight course. They made one sharp right angle turn. No other maneuver was reported. Objects disappeared out of the horizon.

2. Time Sighted: 2221C - 2241C, 24 April 1952.

3. Manner of Observation: Objects were observed from ground with no visual aid.

4. Location of Observer: W Long. 96°44', N Lat. 32°50'. Objects were observed at an undetermined altitude in the Eastern Sky proceeding West, made sharp 90° turn to the left and proceeded South.

5. Identifying Information on Observers: Observer was Mrs. N. B. Read. She was previously questioned regarding a similar incident and appeared to be of above average intelligence. Reliability could not be ascertained in that the observer had no other mature witnesses.

6. Weather: 2230C 60 ◑ 15 193/58/50 ↓ 12/010.

7. Other Activity: No unusual activity was reported to this headquarters in this area by any other source.

8. Physical Evidence: No physical evidence or photographs were taken.

9. Interception or Identification: No interception or identification action was taken.

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Historian STRATEGIC SUPPORT SQ, BIGGS AFB, TEXAS
DATE

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

AREA REPORTED ON: CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Photographs of unidentified objects as printed from exposed film along with the negative are submitted herewith.

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AFOIN-ATI Comment:
Images caused by burned spots on negative.

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

L. L. SHAW, JR.
Lt. Col., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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4 January 1952

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Unidentified Objects in
Flight over Lubbock, Texas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

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

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 15 November 1951, file 24-21, subject as above.

2. Attached hereto for your additional information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent H. N. BOSSERT, 23d OSI District (IG), file 24-84, dated 5 December 1951, subject as above.

3. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in instant case.

4. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #23, dtd 5 Dec 51

JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Colonel, USAF
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27 DEC 1951

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

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BY KURT K. KONZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 5 DEC 1975

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

1. Reference is made to letter from this Headquarters, dated 22 October 1951, with attached reports of investigation by Special Agent Howard N. Bossert, District No. 23, dated 8 October 1951, caption as above.

2. Attached in triplicate is an additional report from District Office No. 23, dated 5 December 1951. This information was requested in a telephone call on 15 November 1951, to District No. 23, by Lieutenant Edward J. Ruppelt, Air Technical Intelligence Center.

3. You are requested to furnish two (2) copies of this report to the Commanding General, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Rpt DO 23 dtd 5 Dec 51 (in trip)

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

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District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

24-84

13 DEC 1951

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT - Unidentified Objects in Flight Over Lubbock, Texas - SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Report of Investigation of S/A HOWARD N. BOSSERT, DO #23, subject and file as above, 8 October 1951.

2. Transmitted herewith are six (6) copies of Report of Investigation of S/A H. N. BOSSERT, DO #23, subject and file as above, 5 December 1951. This case was reopened, in compliance with telephonic request from a representative of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, on 15 November 1951.

3. Request that Headquarters, OSI transmit action copies of this report to Commanding General, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

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JAMES C. SCHOFIELD
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-84

DATE 5 December 1951

REPORT MADE BY S/A H. N. BOSSERT CGK

REPORT MADE AT DO #23, Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas

PERIOD 17, 24 Nov; 2 Dec 51

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Unidentified Objects in Flight Over
Lubbock, Texas

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

ROI S/A H.N. BOSSERT, DO #23, Carswell AFB, Texas, 8 Oct 51, file 24-84

SYNOPSIS

CARL HART, JR., 1332 - 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, re-interviewed at the telephonic request of Lt EDWARD J. RUPPELT, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Interview with HART provided no additional pertinent information. HART executed a short, hand-written statement as to taking the pictures in question on 30 August 1951, and denying the possession of the lost negative.

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DETAILS:

1. This case was reopened in compliance with the verbal request of Lieutenant EDWARD J. RUPPELT, Office of Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, In telephonic conversation on 15 November 1951 requesting reinterview of CARL HART, JR., in an effort to procure more definite technical information and the possibility of locating missing negative.

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

2. CARL HART, JR., 1332 - 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, was out of the city visiting the Boy Scouts Executive Camp at Raton, New Mexico. On 2 December 1951, HART was interviewed in private. The rights of a private citizen under the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States was explained to HART and he acknowledged his understanding of such rights.

3. During this interview HART did not deviate from the information obtained in the first interview by the writer or on the subsequent interview by the writer when accompanied by Lieutenant EDWARD J. RUPPELT, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, with the possible exception of the tracking and exposures of the unidentified objects on 30 August 1951.

4. HART had explained to the writer and RUPPELT, through enactment, how he had obtained the pictures by tracking across the sky in the backyard of his residence. HART explained in detail that allowing for the loss of thirty (30) degrees of vision to the north due to a line of trees and a duplicating loss of thirty (30) degrees of vision to the south due to the contour of the residence that he had used half of the remaining arc of vision in attempting to center objects in his range finder and then as they had passed the center arc he had pivoted and taken three (3) pictures while tracking. HART was very positive of this particular phase. Questioned as to the missing negative, HART stated that it had never been located, was still missing and was not in his possession.

5. HART was requested to make a statement in his own handwriting covering the incidents described above. He was reluctant to make any statement, stating that he had told the whole truth of the incidents and that he could not see where a statement from him would have any effect on the investigation. However, he agreed, if permissible, to talk it over with his father, Mr. CARL HART, SR., 1332 - 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, upon his return later in the day. This request was granted.

6. At 1730 hours, 2 December 1951, the writer received a telephone call from CARL HART, SR., stating that his son had talked over the possibility of making a written statement with him and that CARL, JR., had made a short written statement which was available.

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7. At 1745 hours, 2 December 1951, the statement was obtained from CARL HART, SR., which is set forth verbatim:

"On Aug 50, 1951 at about 11:30 PM took pictures of strange objects passing overhead from North to South. I saw three separate groups of objects. Two pictures are of the second group. Three are of the third group. The last negative has not been found and is not in my possession.

/s/ Carl Hart Jr."

8. On 30 November 1951, WILLIAM "BILL" HAMS, Photographer for the Avalanche-Journal Newspaper, Lubbock, Texas, was interviewed as to his knowledge of the type of work, the authenticity of the pictures turned in by CARL HART, JR., during a period covering approximately one (1) year. Mr. HAMS stated that he believed HART to be the best amateur photographer in Lubbock and vicinity and that HART had never given them any occasion to doubt his work. In referring to the pictures taken by HART on 30 August 1951, HAM stated that the newspaper had also been doubtful as to the authenticity of the negatives and had run exhaustive tests on the negatives before they were published in the newspaper. HAM further stated that these tests were very thorough and that they had used the technical knowledge of other photog-- grapher in the city and none could find any evidence of the negatives having been tampered with in any way. HAM did not believe that HART would attempt to perpetrate a "hoax" as the young man had turned in several times very remarkable pictures which work had been authentic.

9. All investigation as requested having been completed and there being no further undeveloped leads, this case is closed.

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FOR DO #23 FILES
1. Original statement made by CARL HART, JR.

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Unidentified Objects in
Flight Over Lubbock, Texas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent DELZON L. DURHAM, 11th OSI District, file 24-79, dated 23 October 1951, subject as above.

2. This investigation is continuing and subsequent reports will be furnished your headquarters upon receipt of same in this office.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS

Mrs. EUGENIA T. BETHARD advised she observed a pear shaped object flying one hundred twenty-five yards (125) in front of her automobile north of Matador, Texas at approximately 1245 hours 31 August 1951. Mrs. BETHARD stated the object moved with smaller end forward with no sign of exhaust or noise heard. This object ascended rapidly and moved toward the east in a circular pattern. Object appeared to be landing or taking off from an area used by aircraft engaged in crop dusting. Local inquiry at Lawton, Oklahoma revealed Mrs. BETHARD considered a reputable citizen in community.

ATTENTION
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DETAILS:

AT LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

1. At 1615 hours on 16 October 1951, Mrs. EUGENIA TILSON BETHARD, 2511 Cornell Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, was interviewed and stated in substance that on 31 August 1951 at approximately 1245 hours, while driving on the highway from White Flatt to Matador, Texas, she observed an object entering her line of vision from the left rear. The object was between 125 and 150 yards from the automobile and looked to be about the same size as a B-29 aircraft without wings. The object appeared to be taking off or landing in an area to her left which was used by aircraft engaged in crop dusting as a landing area.

2. Mrs. BETHARD stated that when she first sighted the object it appeared to be floating at a speed less than the speed required for take-off in a Cub aircraft. Suddenly the object ascended very rapidly, moving in an easterly direction and disappeared from sight. There was no noise nor sign of exhaust or smoke. No wings or visible means of propulsion were observed. The object appeared to be floating at approximately the same height as the derrick at Bob's oil well, Matador, Texas. (Described in referenced report as 120' overall height.)

3. In describing the object, Mrs. BETHARD stated that the only object which resembled the shape of the object was that of a pear. She further stated that there appeared to be a door or window located on the tapered end of the object; that the object was flying with the tapered end forward. The bulbous part of the object reflected the rays of the sun and made accurate description of the large part of the object impossible. It was believed by Mrs. BETHARD that members of a highway repair gang saw the same or a similar object later the same day, following the course of a small creek in the area, because of a conversation members of the highway crew held with her father.

AGENT'S NOTE: Mrs. BETHARD appeared sincere and honest in her description of this incident and impressed this agent as an intelligent and serious individual.

4. Discreet inquiry in the vicinity of 2511 Cornell Street, Lawton, Oklahoma disclosed that Mrs. EUGENIA BETHARD is considered a reputable citizen with excellent character and credit reputation in the community.

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FROM: Counter Intelligence Div, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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1. There is attached for your information a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report dated 7 September 1951 concerning the above subject.

2. As will be noted the information has been furnished AMC.

3. Request that the newspaper clippings inclosed with the report be returned to this Directorate for file after having served their purpose.

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Strange Objects Seen Over City

MYSTERIOUS objects—two groups of them appearing "as a string of beads" and moving "at an incredible speed"— were sighted in the night sky over Lubbock again Saturday.

But this time instead of being watched by a casual observer, the objects were watched by three cool, calculating persons trained in scientific fields—three Texas Tech faculty members.

The first group of objects flying in a rough semi-circle, or crescent formation was sighted at 9:10 p. m. by W. L. Ducker, Tech professor and head of the Petroleum Engineering department, Dr. A. G. Oberg, professor of chemical engineering at Tech, and Dr. W. I. Robinson, professor of geology at Tech, while the group was holding an informal backyard meeting at Dr. Robinson's home, 2612 Twenty-fourth.

Move At High Speed

Ducker, speaking for the group, said the objects appeared as a 'string of beads" racing in the crescent formation from the northeast to the southwest at in "incredible speed."

The individual objects which made up the formation were indistinct, Ducker said, but gave off a glow, apparently reflected light, possibly from the city below.

The three Tech professors were unable to give the size or exact shape of the objects, but Ducker said, each calculated that the formation covered the arc across the sky in three seconds.

Other calculation showed that if the formation was traveling at a mile altitude its speed was approximately 4,800 miles an hour, or if at

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50,000 feet altitude, the speed would be nearer 18,000 miles an hour.

Felt No Shock Waves

They also estimated from the apparent size of the objects, that if they were flying a mile high, each object was approximately 1,000 feet in diameter.

"We felt no shock waves such as an object traveling at such a high speed in the lower atmosphere would give off," Ducker said, "and the absence of such shock waves would indicate that the formation was flying in the stratosphere, 50,000 feet or higher.

Dr. Oberg pointed out that the group was seated in chairs scanning the skies for meteors following a discussion of stars and planets, when Ducker happened to spot the approaching objects.

Dr. Oberg estimated there were 50 objects in each formation, but because of the speed of flight it was "extremely difficult to get an accurate estimate."

Spot Second Group

Ducker said the second group, containing about the same number of individual objects, and moving in the same semi-circular formation, with the bulge toward the line of flight, sped overhead about three minutes later giving the three men an opportunity to check their first observations.

"Frankly, we were astonished. And if I had not had confirming witnesses at the time I feel sure I should have said nothing about what I saw," Ducker said, "for it is incredible to believe they are of terrestrial origin and even more incredible to believe they are from beyond the earth."

Ducker pointed out that while the three professors met frequently for discussions at "no time was anything stronger than ice tea" served, and on this particular occasion "Dr. Robinson forgot to provide iced tea."

The Civil Aeronautics administration office at Municipal airport said that no jet planes, or other flights were passing over Lubbock at the time Ducker and his companions sighter the two formations. RAFB also said no flights were in the area.

J. Russell Heitman, head of the Tech journalism department, several nights ago also reported seeing a flight of objects flying over Lubbock, and described them in a manner similar to those seen Saturday night.

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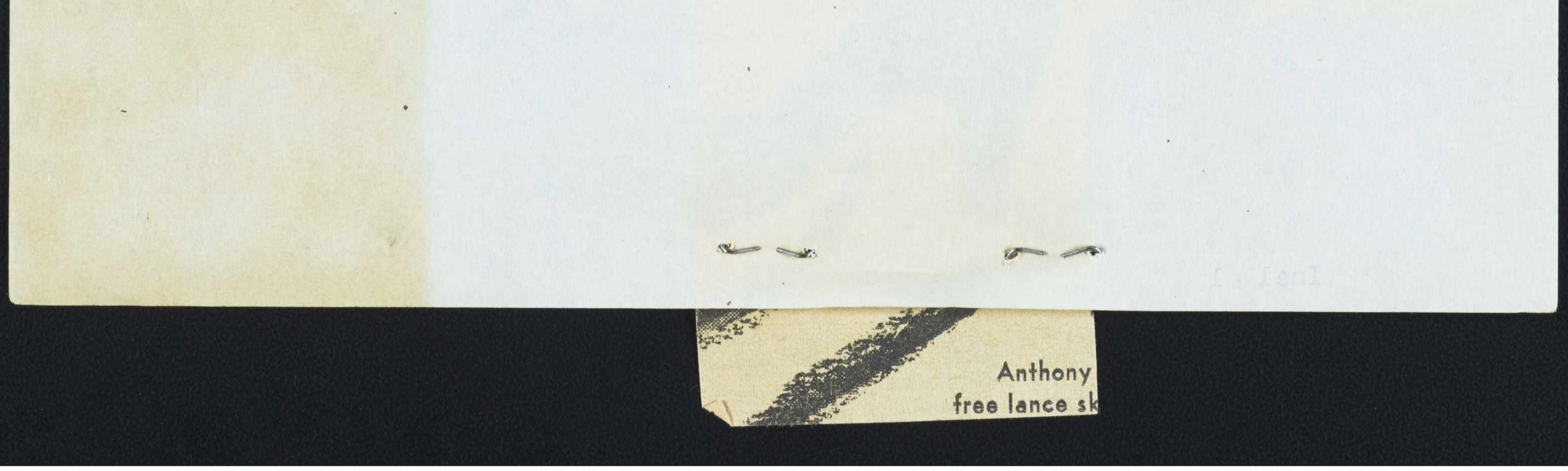
Four Others Here See Sky Objects

"Operations Beads" was confirmed Monday by four additional persons who say they saw the same mysterious flight racing through Lubbock skies Saturday night that was witnessed and previously reported by three members of the Texas Tech faculty.

The Techsans said they saw what appeared to be a group of objects in a semi-circular formation "like a string of beads" flying overhead at "incredible speed."

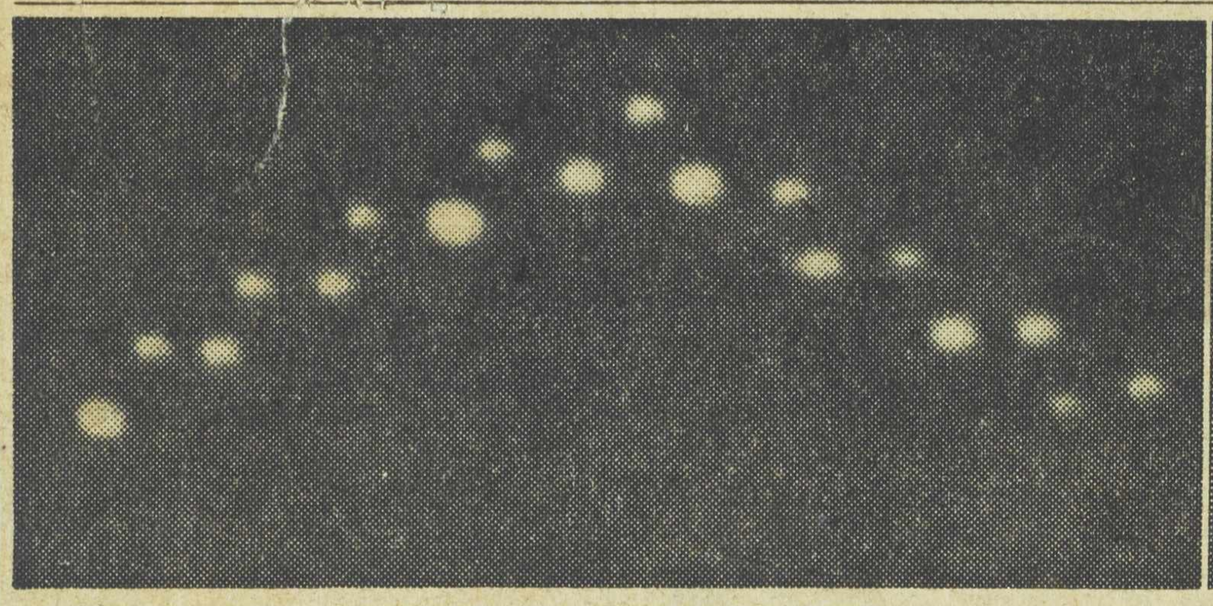
Monday, four new witnesses said they saw the same thing at the same time—9:10 p. m. Saturday. They were Mrs. Earl Medlock of 1912 Ave. N, Mrs. R. A. Rogers of 1910 Ave. N and Mrs. F. A. Rogers of the same address, and Prof. Carl Henninger, 2311 Eighth, associate professor of German at Texas Tech. The three women were visiting in the Rogers backyard.

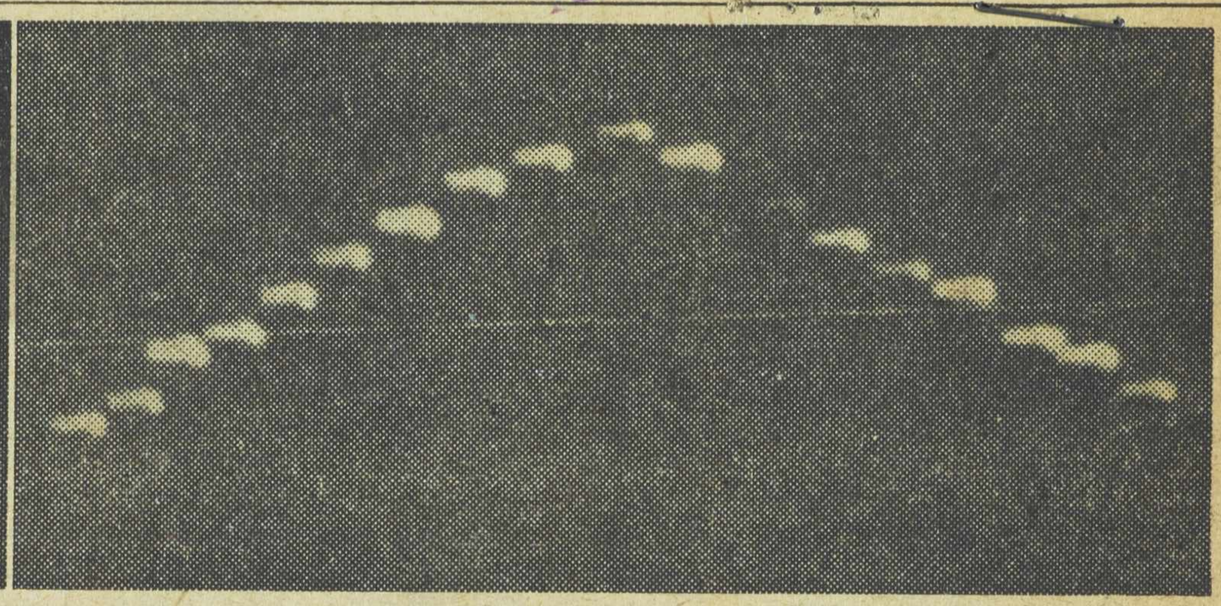
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MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS IN LUBBOCK SKY—It's anybody's guess what they are, but the mysterious objects in the photos above are believed to be the "things" which Lubbockites have been seeing in the sky during recent nights. The highly unusual photos, snapped by Carl Hart, jr., of 2332 Nineteenth street, Thursday night, show what Hart said was the unidentified glowing objects as they passed over the city from north to south. In the photo at left, the dots are in a two-row V-formation, while the photo at right shows them shifted into a single-file formation. Several Lubbock residents reported seeing the objects over the city last night. Hart said he shot the two photos above with a 35mm camera.

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FOWL OR SAUCERS -- STRANGE OBJECTS REPORTED IN AREA

Flying 'Whatsits' Seen Again

By KENNETH MAY
Avalanche Staff Writer

THE "flying whatsits" continued to zoom through Lubbock skies Friday night as numerous residents reported seeing flashes of light flying at "unbelievable speeds"—and at least one person showed up with photographs of what he said he saw in the sky.

Identity of the strange objects continued to baffle all who claimed to have seen them and three Texas Tech professors who examined photographs taken by Carl Hart, jr., 18-year-old amateur photographer of 2332 Nineteenth street, could offer no explanation.

The objects—whatever they are—were reportedly seen over Lubbock at at least three distinct times, from 8:40 p. m. to 10:37 p. m. Friday. Morning Avalanche editorial offices received numerous calls from persons who said they had seen the light formations.

All those reporting the objects described them as flying in V-shaped or U-shaped formations and passing through the sky almost directly overhead within from 3 to 7 seconds. The number of "dots" reported in the formations ranged from eight or nine to "20 or 30."

Dr. J. C. Cross, head of Tech's department of biology, examined photographs taken by Hart and said he could offer no explanation as to their identity. In answer to the theory of some that the dots may have been birds leaving a phosphorescent glow, he asserted, "It definitely wasn't caused by birds."

A Lubbock county farmer, T. E. Snider, jr., of Lubbock, Route 3, reported later in the night that "I saw something like people have been seeing and it definitely was ducks." Although not accounting for the unbelievable speed reported by others, Snider said that a reflection form the Westerner drive-in theater where he was about 9 p. m. caught some ducks in flight and caused them to be illuminated.

Another observer offered the suggestion the objects were sea gulls.

Claimed Faster Than Jet

Everyone else seeing the objects agreed "they" were flying too fast a speed to have been birds, however Hart, who took the pictures at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, said "they were flying faster than any jet plane I ever saw."

Officials located at Reese Air Force base west of Lubbock reported late last night that "to our knowledge" there were no jet planes flying in the area last night.

Persons seeing the objects — and there were dozens who claimed to have glimpsed them — said they crossed the Lubbock sky from north to south and were visible for only a matter of seconds. Some said the color of the lights was "about like the stars, only brighter", while others said they had either a blue or a slight yellow tinge to them.

Possible Noise Reported

Roger Dods, a Texas Tech student living in the 3200-block First place, was the only one to say he "might have" heard a noise accompanying the objects. He said he may have detected a slight russling or whooshing sound as the objects passed overhead. He reported seeing them at 10:37 p.m. Friday after deliberately watching for them.

(In Matador, meanwhile, two women reported seeing a "noiseless aircraft flying at a low altitude without aid of propellors or wings" about noon Friday. They said the machine was slow-moving and was different from any aircraft they had ever seen.)

Another person reporting the objects over Lubbock was Mrs. Dean

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The Sloan-Crandall wedding will
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nother of the bride-elect, and
Misses Frances Marken of Phillips,
Betty Busch of Big Spring, Edna
McDonald of Houston, Rev. and
Mrs. Canterbury, Messrs. and
Mesdames Elton Plowman, A. C.
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Son of 2411-B Eighth street, who said the lights were a little to the west of her flying southward about 10:20 p. m. S. E. West of Lubbock, route 7, said he and his wife were at the Circle drive-in theater when he saw two U-shaped formations pass above the screen in a southerly direction about 9 p. m. A call from the J. F. Woolsey residence in northeast Lubbock reported the objects at about 8:40 p. m. Other calls also were received.

Northern Lights Suggested

Dods said he could offer no explanation of the phenomenon, although "I wouldn't rule out the possibility it was a brief reflection from the northern lights." He said he had seen the northern lights on numerous occasions in Massachusetts and that Friday night's objects here "had a suggestion of them, except they didn't fade away like the northern lights do."

The photographs taken by Hart were snapped before last night, however—at 11:30 p. m. Thursday. The youth said he was lying in bed "looking at the stars" when the first of three V-shaped formations passed overhead. Forgetting about a knee operation which had put him on crutches, Hart grabbed his 35 mm. Kodak camera and rushed outside in time to snap pictures of the second group.

Saw Two Different Groups

Hart said he took about five exposures with the automatic type camera as the second group and a third which followed it by about a minute and a half passed overhead slightly to the eastward and flying south. The pictures showed 18 separate dots, first in a two-row V-formation and then a single-file V-shape. Hart said he was conscious of the moment the "things" shifted the formation.

W. L. Ducker, head of Tech's petroleum engineering department, and Dr. A. G. Oberg, professor of chemical engineering at the college, both of whom saw the objects themselves last Saturday night, examined Hart's photos and agreed the formations they saw were in more of a U-shape—as other Lubbock residents said last night. All who have seen the objects have said they were in one or the other of those shapes.

The two men said they have been swamped with letters and telephone calls from throughout the nation since they reported seeing the objects last week. Ducker said he received a long distance telephone call from ~~Laredo~~ All of the persons either had seen "flying saucers" objects or doubted the authenticity of the Lubbock reports.

Reports of the "objects" had many Lubbockites in their yards last night attempting to catch a glimpse of the mysterious phenomenon, but no one has yet come up with a plausible explanation of the unusual occurrence.

Whatever "it" is, it has people guessing.

'Strange Aircraft' Seen At Matador

MATADOR, Aug. 31. (Special)—A "noiseless aircraft, flying at a low altitude without aid of propellors or wings," was reported seen early this afternoon by two Matador district women and a 5-year-old child.

Mrs. Tom Tilsom, her daughter Mrs. M. G. Bethard and little Noilene Bethard said they were driving on State Highway 70, one and one-half miles north of here about 12:45 p. m. when the wingless craft passed 150 feet in front of the car.

The slow-moving machine, "shaped somewhat like a helicopter," began circling as Mrs. Bethard stopped the car. As the craft rose it "gained speed and was out of sight within a few minutes."

The women were near enough to spot one door, or porthole, in the side of the gleaming metal, they said. When first seen, it was moving at the rate of a commercial airliner taking off, they said. It had no exhaust showing.

Mrs. Bethard, whose husband sailed for Korea recently, has lived near several Air Force bases, and reported the machine she saw today was different from any she had seen before.

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Opinion Divided Over Reports Of Objects Seen In Lubbock Skies

By KENNETH MAY
Avalanche-Journal Staff Writer

FOWL OR flying saucers—they're certainly causing a lot of comment.

Folks around Lubbock just keep seeing those ducks or planes or "strings of pearls" or "whatsits" or flying saucers or whatever-they-are, but the people who haven't seen anything of the kind apparently have just as good an idea as anyone what they really are.

Skeptics made Lubbock look like a huge picnic ground Saturday night as hundreds of persons sat outside to look skyward for the strange illuminated objects which have puzzled all who have seen them during the past week or so. The funny thing, many of th skeptics saw the objects, too.

Some Flights Were Birds

A lot of folks who have seen the V-formation flying objects are convinced they saw birds of some sort—and actually they did—but there are just as many who are certain what they saw was not birds.

Darkness had barely settled over the city Saturday before Avalanche-Journal telephones began to ring as calls came in from

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"FLYING WHATSITS" ZOOM OVER LUBBOCK—In speeds that take them across the horizon in a matter of seconds, the objects in the photo above have reportedly been seen by numerous Lubbock residents during the last few nights. This photo, enlarged at least 30 magnitudes from 35mm. film, was snapped late Thursday night and shows the "dots" with an apparent V-shape flying in a a V-formation. Other photos, snapped by Carl Hart, jr., of 2332 Nineteenth, had from 18 to 20 of the "dots" and in each one, one object was flying off to one side (note upper right corner of picture above. Consensus last night seemed to be that most of the flights were of migratory fowl. However, Tech observers who first sighted the objects a week ago maintained that what they sighted "definitely was not birds."

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persons who claimed to have seen the mysterious lights in the sky.

Quite possibly, some of the persons who think they have seen the strange objects have seen something different from what others have seen. Some persons may have seen birds; others may have seen a light reflection—and others may have seen an altogether strange phenomenon that may never be explained.

"Too Fast For Aircraft"

Take Mack Forrester of 3220 Thirty-fifth. He saw two flights of the objects about 11:45 p. m. Saturday and said, "They weren't birds. They were too fast for aircraft. It looked like a light reflection, only there were distinctive little dots, not one single flash."

On the other hand, W. S. Bledsoe, KFYO chief engineer, said he saw "a group of things going over at 9:30 p.m. They were southbound birds of some sort. I could see the wings flapping."

Mrs. Stephen Matyi of the Plainview highway said she and several others saw "some kind of strange objects" about 10:35 p.m. Saturday—and even those in that group couldn't agree. One said it was birds, another said it wasn't and another frankly admitted she didn't have the slightest idea what it was. Mrs. Matyi said they heard a slight whooshing sound as the objects passed overhead, making her only the second or third to report hearing any noise whatsoever.

W. L. Ducker, head of the petroleum engineering department at Texas Tech, who saw the objects a week ago, remained convinced, however, that what he saw "definitely was not birds." He and other Tech professors trained in scientific observation watched the flights at that time.

"Anyone trained in scientific observation won't go off half cocked on anything like that," Ducker said. "We discussed whether what we saw might be birds, but we ruled that out because it is improbable so much as to be outside the realm of consideration that two flights of birds would be in precisely the same formation—a formation peculiar to birds in the first place."

The objects observed by Ducker, he said, were in a semi-circular formation, not in the V-shape in which migratory fowl are seen.

"I don't doubt that some folks have seen some sort of bird formation and thought it to be the same thing we saw," he added, however.

The unidentified objects—which at least have taken folks' minds partly off the explosive world situation—have been reported by literally hundreds of Lubbock and area residents during the last few nights. All flights have been reported as flying from north to south or northeast to southwest in either U-shaped or V-shaped formations. Only from two to seven seconds are required for the bright objects to pass out of view.

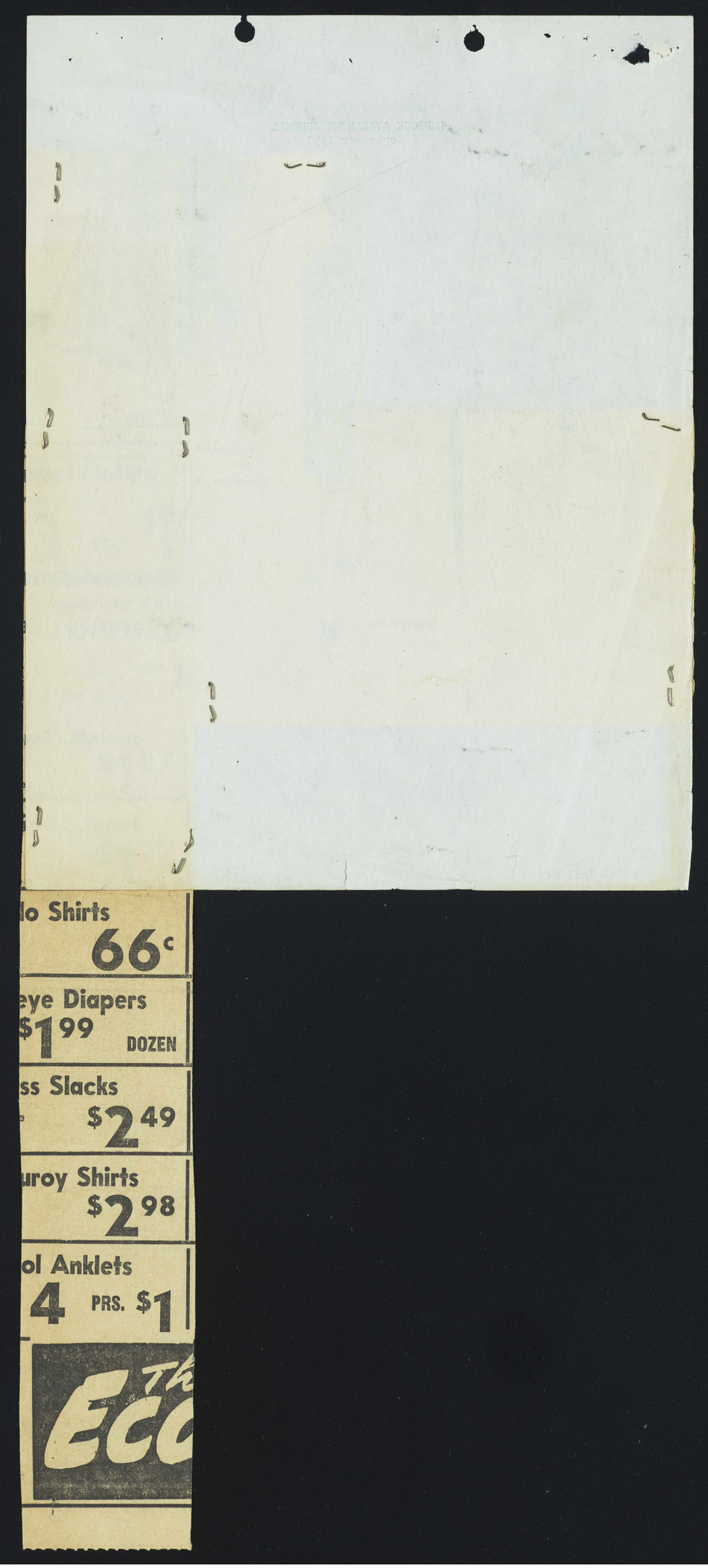
James Son of 2512 Amherst called in to say he's convinced the "things" are flying completely around the world about every hour and 20 minutes. He said he watched them Friday night and that's how often he saw them. He couldn't say what they might be.

Reports of the phenomenon have caused interest over the nation, but no reports of similar objects have been received from other parts of the country other than in the Panhandle, near Amarillo. Dr. J. C. Cross, head of Tech's biology department, examined photographs of what was said to be the strange objects, and said the dots in the picture "definitely were not caused by birds."

So, that's how things stood shortly after midnight today. Birds or beasts or ballyhoo, it's better than a comic book.

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Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Mysterious objects appearing to be "strings of beads" traveling at high speeds have allegedly been observed over Lubbock, Texas. Subject phenomenon were allegedly observed by three faculty members from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, on 25 August 1951. These objects appeared to be V-shaped formations giving off a distinct glow, which may have been reflections from lights on the ground. The observations by the three college professors were later vouched for by four other witnesses. Similar phenomenon was observed by one CARL HART, JR., of Lubbock, Texas, who is alleged to have taken photographs of the objects. Numerous other witnesses to similar occurrences have reported varied accounts to reporters of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, on 1 and 2 September 1951. At Matador, Texas, on 31 August 1951, at 12:45 P. M. CST, two women reported a "strange wingless" aircraft passed within 150 feet of their automobile and disappeared a short time later.

2. DETAILS: Numerous reports have been received by news sources at Lubbock, Texas of strange unidentified objects in flight over Lubbock, Texas and vicinity since 25 August 1951. First observation of such flying phenomenon was reported by three faculty members of Texas Technological College, at Lubbock, Texas. These professors were: W. L. DUCKER, Professor and head of the Petroleum Engineering Department; Dr. A. G. OBERG, Professor of Chemical Engineering; and Dr. W. I. ROBINSON, Professor of Geology. These individuals stated that on Saturday evening at 2110 hours, a group of objects flying in a rough semi-circle or crescent formation was sighted flying from the northeast to the southwest at an "incredible speed". These three professors were unable to give any complete description of the objects; however, they

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stated that they gave off a glow which could have been created from the lights of the city below. The formation of objects allegedly crossed the sky from horizon to horizon in three seconds. Calculations made by these professors were to the effect that had the formation of objects been flying at an altitude of one mile from earth, their speed would have been 1800 miles an hour, or at 50,000 feet of altitude, their speed would have been nearer 18,000 miles per hour. No shock waves were felt, according to Mr. DUCKER, who stated that the absence of shock waves would indicate that the formation was flying in the stratosphere, above 50,000 feet. Dr. OBERG estimated that there were 50 of the strange objects. A second group of such objects allegedly passed over the sky approximately three minutes later. One J. RUSSELL HEITMAN, head of the Journalism Department at Texas Technological College, also reported that several nights prior to the observations of Professors DUCKER, OBERG and ROBINSON, he had observed a similar flight of objects over Lubbock, Texas, and described them in a similar manner as did the three professors. On Monday, 27 August 1951, according to news sources, four additional witnesses verified the reports of the three professors from the college at Lubbock. These persons were: Mrs. EARL MEDLOCK, 1912 Avenue N; Mrs. R. A. ROGERS, 1910 Avenue N; Mrs. F. A. ROGERS, 1910 Avenue N; and Professor CARL HENNINGER, 2311 Eighth Street, associate professor of German at Texas Technological College. These four witnesses allegedly verified the time of the reported incident as being 2110 hours CST.

On 30 August 1951, one CARL HART, JR., 2332 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, snapped photographs of what was purported to be the unidentified objects in flight over Lubbock, Texas. These photographs showed the unidentified objects as a double row of dots in a rough V-formation. A second photograph made by Mr. HART shows the objects having shifted into a single line formation, maintaining however the original V-shape. HART advised that he had shot the two photographs with a 35 mm. camera. No other information was available as to exposure, type of film, or other technical data. Between 2040 and 2237 hours CST, 31 August 1951, similar objects were reportedly seen over Lubbock on three separate occasions. Numerous calls were received by the editorial office of the Lubbock Morning Avalanche, in which various persons alleged sightings of the strange objects. All reports, according to the news source, describe the objects as flying in V-shaped or U-shaped formation passing directly overhead through the sky within three to seven seconds. The number of such objects ranged from eight or nine to "20 or 30". The course of flight of the objects on 30 and 31 August 1951, was allegedly a general direction from north to south. The objects were variously described as being the color of stars, or shades of blue or yellow.

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At Matador, Texas, two women, Mrs. TOM TILSOM and her daughter, Mrs. M. G. BETHARD, were alleged to have observed a "wingless" type aircraft traveling at a low altitude and at a low speed. This craft allegedly passed within 150 feet of Mrs. TILSOM's automobile, then rose rapidly and was out of sight within a few minutes. Mrs. TILSOM and Mrs. BETHARD were alleged to have reported being near enough to the unidentified object to observe one door or porthole in the metal side of the aircraft. Since the initial sighting of the alleged objects, many reports similar in nature have been received by the editorial offices of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, and according to this news source, speculation as to the nature of the phenomenon apparently is causing numerous other reported sightings.

3. ACTION: Attached for information of your Headquarters are newspaper clippings concerning this phenomenon, and no further action is being taken at this time. In accordance with provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, copies of this report are being forwarded directly to Headquarters Air Materiel Command.

James C. Schofield

JAMES C. SCHOFIELD
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1-4 News clippings fr
Lubbock Avalanche Journal
& Morning Avalanche, Lubbock

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DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Unidentified Objects in Flight over Lubock, Texas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

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

1. There are attached three (3) reports by Special Agent Howard N. Bossert, District No. 23, dated 8 October 1951, concerning the above subject.

2. You are requested to furnish two (2) copies of this report to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, referring to request contained in TWX, AT7309, from the Commanding Officer, ATIC, to the Commanding Officer, Carswell AFB, Texas.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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R/I DO #23,
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(in trip)

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

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District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
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11 OCT 1951

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Unidentified Objects in Flight over Lubbock, Texas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 5 DEC 1975

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

1. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, this Headquarters, file 24-0, Subject: Unidentified Objects in Flight over Lubbock, Texas, dated 7 September 1951.

2. Inclosed is Report of Investigation of Special Agent HOWARD N. BOSSERT, this district office, subject and file as above, dated 8 October 1951.

3. It is believed that all logical investigative activity in this case has been accomplished in this district; however, an interview with Mrs. M. G. BETHARD was specifically requested by Headquarters Air Materiel Command in TWX, Cite AT7309, directed to Commanding Officer, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, dated 7 September 1951. For this reason, an undeveloped lead is set forth for District Office No. 11 for interview with Mrs. M. G. BETHARD, and District Office No. 11 is requested to transmit its report of investigation to your Headquarters for subsequent transmittal to Headquarters Air Materiel Command.

4. There is inclosed for your information a copy of the TWX received at this Base from Air Materiel Command, Cite AT7309, dated 7 September 1951.

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James C. Schofield

JAMES C. SCHOFIELD
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-84

DATE 8 October 1951

REPORT MADE BY S/A HOWARD N. BOSSERT VS

REPORT MADE AT DO #23, Carswell AFB

PERIOD 17, 18, 20, 21 September 1951

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #23, Carswell AFB

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Unidentified Objects in Flight Over Lubbock, Texas

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Spot Intelligence Report, DO #23, File 24-0, dated 7 September 1951.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon verbal request of Air Provost Marshal and Base Intelligence Officer, Reese Air Force Base, Texas, 17 September 1951, based upon classified TWX from Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, passed to the Commanding Officer, Reese AFB, Texas, through 23rd OSI District Office, Carswell AFB, Texas. TWX requested A-2 accomplish investigation concerning reported unidentified objects sighted over Lubbock, Texas during latter part of August 1951, and reported to Headquarters OSI by 23rd OSI District via Spot Intelligence Report, file 24-0, dated 7 September 1951, copies of which were furnished to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command. Mrs. TOM TILSON, Matador, Texas reported a pear shaped object flying at approximately 200 feet in front of her automobile, five miles north of Matador, Texas, at 1245 hours, 31 August 1951. This object rapidly ascended following her observation and moved away to the east in a circular pattern. Mrs. TILSON advised the unidentified object moved with the smaller end forward. No sign of exhaust or noise heard according to TILSON. Weather report, Reese AFB for 1230 hours, 31 August 1951, showed ceiling 6000 feet, with broken clouds, visibility 15 miles, temperature 87 degrees, and wind from the east northeast at three knots per hour. This object also observed by Mrs. TILSON's daughter, Mrs. M. G. BETHARD, Lawton, Oklahoma. Mrs. BETHARD not available for interview. Local inquiry at Matador revealed Mrs. TILSON to be reputable citizen in community. CARL HART, JR., Lubbock, Texas, interviewed at 1945 hours, 20 September 1951, and advised that on 30 August 1951, at 2330 hours, he observed a formation of lighted objects passing overhead at great speed. Two more formations passed over HART's residence and photographs were obtained by HART. Formations appeared in a loose V or U shape, and the objects gave forth a glow rather than a direct light. Negatives of

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APPROVED BY Historian
JAMES C. SCHOFIELD
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander.

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Synopsis (Continued)

photographs taken by HART obtained by Reese AFB Intelligence Officer and forwarded in his report to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command. HART averred he heard no noise and saw no exhaust from the objects. Weather observation, Lubbock, Texas, reflected that at 2330 hours, 30 August 1951, a high line of clouds at 28,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, temperature 78 degrees, and wind south southeast at eight MPH. HART stated he observed two more formations pass over Lubbock at approximately 2332 hours, 1 September 1951. Technical data pertaining to HART's photographs obtained and set forth in details.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon verbal request from Air Provost Marshal and Base Intelligence Officer, Reese Air Force Base, Texas, 17 September 1951, based upon receipt of classified TWX from Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright- Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, relayed to Commanding Officer, Reese AFB, by District Commander, 23rd OSI District, Carswell AFB, Texas, requesting that the A-2 Section, Reese AFB, Texas accomplish investigation and submit report direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command as prescribed in AF Regulation 200-15, pertaining to the sighting of Unidentified Objects in Flight over Lubbock, Texas. These incidents were previously reported to Headquarters OSI by District Office No. 23, Carswell AFB, Texas, in Spot Intelligence Report, dated 7 September 1951, Subject: Unidentified Objects in Flight over Lubbock, Texas.

AT REESE AFB, TEXAS

2. 1st Lt JOHN A. FARLEY, Assistant Wing Intelligence Officer, Reese AFB, was designated to accomplish the report desired by the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command and requested any possible assistance from the Office of Special Investigations in the furtherance of the mission.

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

3. On 17 September 1951, the writer accompanied by FARLEY met with the editor of the Avalanche Journal newspaper of Lubbock, Texas, Mr. CHARLES GUY, who, without any questions, assisted in obtaining available copies of the paper containing the necessary information to thoroughly acquaint FARLEY with the scope of the required investigation. Those copies of the newspaper not available were photographed in privacy.

AT REESE AFB, TEXAS

4. Due to the classification of SECRET imposed by the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, on mentioned TWX and the same classification held by AF Regulation 200-15, for the preparation of the A-2 report all of the newspaper items were photographed, developed and printed in five (5) copies only, using one (1) negative for each reproduction. These reproductions are marked in dated order of publishing, as Inclosures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and are attached as part of this report.

AT MATADOR, TEXAS

5. The sighting of an unknown aerial object over U. S. Highway 70, approximately two and one-half miles north of the town of Matador, Texas was reported to the local Matador newspaper on 31 August 1951,

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by a Mrs. TOM TILSON who resides on a small ranch five miles north of Matador, Texas on U. S. Highway 70. This incident was reprinted in the Lubbock Morning Avalanche, 1 September 1951, under the Matador heading of 31 August 1951. (See Inclosure No. 4)

6. At 1245 hours, 18 September 1951, accompanied by Lt FARLEY, the writer interviewed Mr. TOM TILSON, who stated that at approximately 1245 hours (CST) 31 August 1951, as she and her daughter, Mrs. M. G. BETHARD of Lawton, Oklahoma, who was visiting at home, were driving to the TILSON ranch, located about five miles north of Matador, Texas, on U. S. Highway 70, their attention was attracted by a strange aerial object drifting across U. S. Highway 70. Mrs. BETHARD, who was driving, first noticed the object and it was apparently a few seconds before she drew Mrs. TILSON's attention to it. TILSON stated that when she saw the object, it was drifting slowly in an easterly direction about 150 feet above the terrain and approximately 200 feet in front of their car. About the time TILSON saw the object, it began a rapid ascent and moved away in a few seconds to the east in a circular ascent.

The object was described by TILSON as being pear shaped in appearance, (to quote "like a yellow pear shaped tomato") aluminum or silver in color, and that the object readily reflected the sunlight. The object had a port, window, door or a similar aperture, located at a point where the object began to taper toward the smaller end. One object only was seen, and it moved through the air with the small end forward. She stated the sun was shining brightly with little or no wind.

Mrs. BETHARD stopped the car and got out and both then realized there was no noise, no sign of exhaust, no smoke, no wings were visible, nor was any visible means of propulsion observed. TILSON stated she could not estimate the speed of the object except that it went up rapidly in a curving angle east and in a few seconds was out of her sight. TILSON did not get out of the car and lost sight of the object as it ascended due to her limited vision inside the car. TILSON was certain the object was not a balloon. She compared the size of the object, to the best of her knowledge, as comparable to the Matador railway freight shed or perhaps larger. The Matador freight shed was examined and measure approximately 48 feet by 18 feet.

Mrs. TILSON then stated she had judged the height of the object above ground to have been approximately 150 feet by comparison with "Bob's Oil Well", a well known landmark, which is an oil derrick combined with a gasoline filling station located in the city limits of Matador, on U. S. Highway 70. To her knowledge, no other persons observed the object.

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Mrs. TILSON stated her daughter has since returned to Lawton, Oklahoma and furnished the full name and address as follows:

Mrs. M. G. (EUGENE) BETHARD
2511 Cornell Street
Lawton, Oklahoma

Mrs. TILSON furnished the following information concerning herself:

Name: STELLA BUTTERFIELD TILSON
Born: 1895 at Old Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Age: 56 years
Residence: Tilson Ranch - (5 miles north of Matador, Texas on U. S. Highway 70) Has lived for 34 years at Matador, Texas
Marital Status: Married
Husband: TOM TILSON, rancher.

7. An examination of the location described by TILSON was made, and it was observed that the terrain to the west of U. S. Highway 70 is rolling land for about 10 to 12 miles (est) to a line of foothills. The land is sparsely to moderately heavily wooded by mesquite with the first 300 yards open flat terrain. The land to the east is fairly flat for approximately 20 to 30 miles, sparsely wooded and the first 1000 to 1200 yards is open terrain. Inquiry was made at "Bob's Oil Well" gas station and disclosed that the derrick is 98 feet in height with an advertising sign on top of approximately 22 feet, or a total overall height of 120 feet.

8. Discreet inquiry of Mr. RICHARDS, Vice-President and Cashier for a number of years of the Matador State Bank, disclosed that both TOM and STELLA TILSON are reputable citizens and have an excellent character and credit reputation in the community.

9. Observation of Mrs. TILSON shows a mature white female in her middle fifties, educated and courteous. She is in full possession of all her mental faculties and was straight forward in all her answers and explanations.

10. Reese AFB, Texas weather observation for 1230 hours, 31 August 1951, was as follows:

Estimated ceiling 6000 feet, broken clouds, thin broken clouds at 25,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, temperature 87 degrees, dew point 60 degrees, wind from the east northeast at 3 knots per hour.

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The 1230 hours observation at Childress, Texas shows:

Estimated ceiling 25,000 feet, overcase, visibility 15 miles plus, temperature 90 degrees, dew point 66 degrees, wind from the north northeast at 7 knots per hour, towering cumulus in the southeast quadrant.

AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS

11. The sighting of unidentified objects and the subsequent pictures taken of these objects in formation at Lubbock, Texas by CARL HART, JR., 2332 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, a college freshman, appeared in the Morning Avalanche newspaper of 1 September 1951. (See Inclosure No. 3)

12. At 1945 hours, 20 September 1951, CARL HART, JR., 2332 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, was interviewed at his residence by the writer and Lt. FARLEY. HART stated that on the night of 30 August 1951, about 2330 hours (CST) he was lying in bed watching the stars and noticed a formation of unidentified aerial objects pass over the house. Being a camera "bug", he secured his camera, a 35 MM Kodak equipped with a range finder and went into the back yard. At about 2332 hours he saw a second formation of the same type objects passing overhead and took two (2) pictures, inclosed as Inclosures No. 7 and 8. Almost at once, at about 2334 hours, the third formation passed over and HART obtained three (3) more pictures, two (2) are inclosed as Inclosures No. 9 and 10. HART was unable to locate the other negative but stated it was almost identical to Inclosure No. 9. HART stated that the aerial objects looked to be at a great height and passed from sight within a space of from three (3) to four (4) seconds.

AGENT'S NOTE: The view in the back yard is restricted, a line of trees obscuring vision to the north and the house preventing vision to the south.

13. HART could not estimate the altitude but stated that all formations looked as if they were approximately the same high altitude. The objects had a brilliance like reflected light but did not glitter. Each object looked like a white stick or a rapidly moving light, white in color, did not twinkle like a star but rather had a glow comparable to the moon. HART estimated that each formation contained 18 or 20 objects and traveled in a U or rough V formation. HART stated that the first group looked like a single line formation, the second and third groups same as the first.

AGENT'S NOTE: Development of the negatives obtained from HART shows (Negative #4, see Inclosure No. 7) a double line formation as doeInclosures No. 8 and No. 9 (Negatives #5 and #7); however, inclosure No. 10

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(Negative #8) shows a single line. The 35 MM negatives furnished by HART were badly scratched and extreme care was taken in the enlarging process. The negatives were turned over to the Reese AFB Assistant Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt JOHN FARLEY for inclusion in his report as requested by the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

14. According to HART, the objects in the formations kept shifting position but he was not too certain of that fact. HART was emphatic in his assertion that there was no noise, no exhaust reflections, or any visual means of propulsion within his scope of sight or hearing. He could make no approximation of the size of the objects due to the great altitude.

15. HART stated that the weather was clear with very little wind. The Lubbock, Texas weather observation at 2330 hours for 30 August 1951, was listed as: Thin scattered clouds at 28,000 feet, visibility 15 miles plus, temperature 78 degrees, dew point 56 degrees, with wind from the south southeast at eight MPH.

16. HART stated that on 1 September 1951, he saw two more formations pass over Lubbock, approximate time 2320 hours, with about a two minute interval between the formations. HART did not get any photographs of these formations, but said the passage was identical, except that the objects seemed to be at a much greater altitude and although the formations passed over Lubbock in about the same position as before, the course seemed to be from the northwest to the southeast. Each group looked to be a single line formation.

17. The Lubbock, Texas weather observation at 2330 hours, 1 September 1951 was: Clear, visibility 15 miles plus, temperature 77 degrees, dew point 61 degrees, wind from the southeast at six MPH.

18. HART's photographic equipment was checked by the writer, and information was obtained relative to the photographs taken on 30 August 1951.

Date: Thursday, 30 August 1951
Time: 11:30 PM (CST) 2330 and 2332 hours
Camera: Kodak, 35 MM with range finder (Model number not shown)
Film: Type PLUS X
Lens: Kodak Anastor F3.5 50 MM ES 553198L
Esposure: F3.5 at 1/10 of a second
Developing Solution: Panthermic 777
Tank: Roll Film, Hard Rubber, Clean
Developing Time: 15 minutes
Washing Solution: Speed S
Dryer: Electric Flat Plate
Printer: Federal Enlarger #269 35 MM to 4 X 5
Paper: Bromide F-1 Single Edge

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19. Description of CARL HART, JR.

Full Name: CARL HART, JR.
Address: 2332 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas
Nationality: United States
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 18 years
Birth: 24 March 1933, at Lubbock, Texas
Father: CARL HART, SR.
Mother: RUTH HART, nee SMITH
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Student - Freshman at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blond - Cut short - Crew cut style
Complexion: Fair
Build: Medium slender
Marks or Scars: None visible

20. Two photographs were taken of HART at his residence using an Argoflex 75, fixed focus, with flash, lens Argus Lumar, 75 MM, inclosed as inclosures No. 11 and No. 12.

21. HART was observed by the writer to be a very intelligent young man, very interested in photography, which is a hobby. He seemed sincere in his efforts to relate all incidents to the best of his ability.

22. Information obtained in this investigation was reported direct to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, based upon concurrent investigation conducted by 1st Lt JOHN A. FARLEY, Assistant Wing Intelligence Officer, Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-15. This case is continuing in pending status for development of lead by 11th OSI District at Lawton, Oklahoma.

Inclosures:

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Avalanche Journal, 26 August 1951 (trip)

2. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Avalanche Journal, 28 August 1951 (trip)

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3. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Morning Avalanche, 1 September 1951 (trip)

4. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Morning Avalanche, 1 September 1951 (trip)

5. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Avalanche Journal, Sunday, 2 September 1951 (trip)

6. Photostat, news article on unidentified objects, Lubbock, Texas Morning Avalanche, 6 September 1951 (trip)

7. Print of photograph taken by CARL HART, JR. (trip)

8. Print of photograph taken by CARL HART, JR. (trip)

9. Print of photograph taken by CARL HART, JR. (trip)

10. Print of photograph taken by CARL HART, JR. (trip)

11. Photograph of CARL HART, JR. (trip)

12. Photograph of CARL HART, JR. (trip)

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

12 inclosures as listed above, one copy each.

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 23, CARSWELL AFB

Inclosures 1 through 10 as listed above.

11. Negative of photograph of CARL HART, JR.

12. Negative of photograph of CARL HART, JR.

13. Seven negatives of newpaper items. (Reference inclosures 1 through 6 as listed above).

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 11, TINKER AFB

AT LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

1. Will interview Mrs. M. G. BETHARD, 2511 Cornell Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, concerning her knowledge of all occurrences relating to the sighting of the unidentified object approximately five miles north of Matador, Texas, on 31 August 1951.

2. Will forward action reports direct to Headquarters OSI for subsequent transmittal to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, through 5th OSI District.

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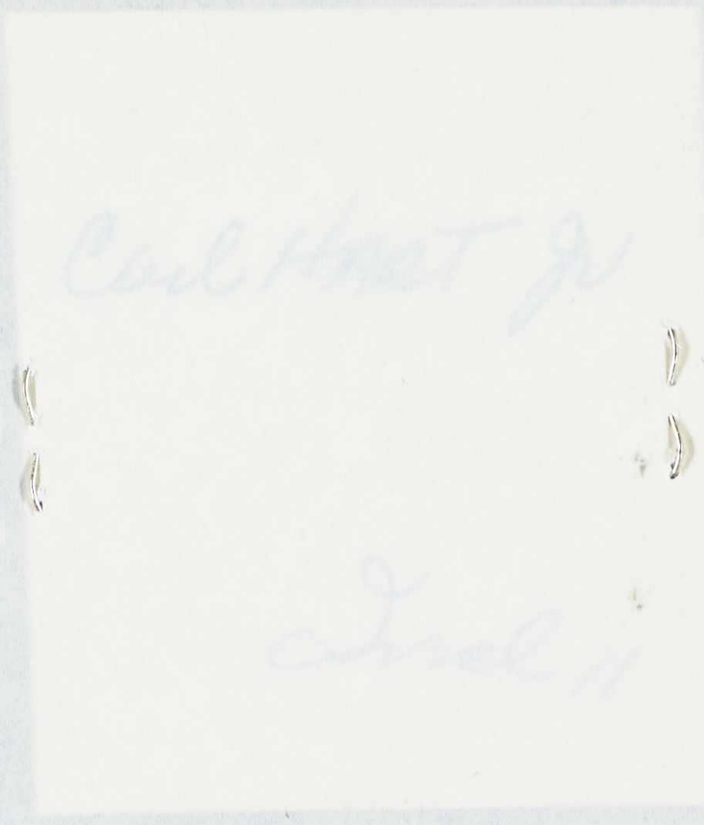
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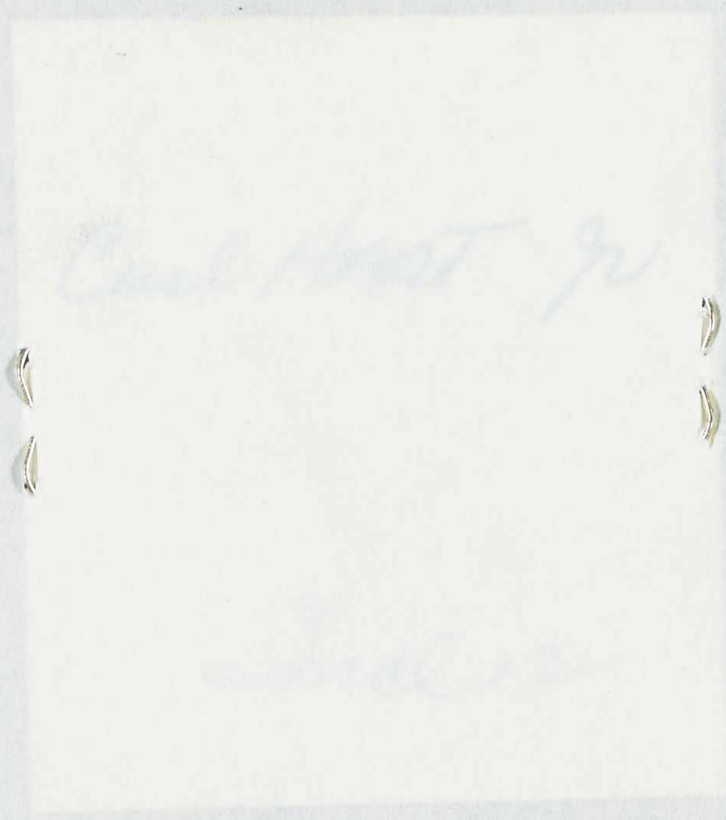
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

22 OCT 1951

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

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TO: District Commander
23d OSI District (IG)
Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

1. Reference is made to letter, your District, file number 24-84, dated 11 October 1951, which inclosed reports of investigation concerning the above subject for further transmittal to Headquarters Air Materiel Command, via District No. 5.

2. In order to avoid delay and unnecessary administrative procedure you are requested to submit future reports in which Air Materiel Command has an interest directly to District No. 5 for further transmittal, with information copies of the report designated for this Headquarters.

3. District Office No. 11, for which a copy of this letter is designated, is instructed to transmit the Air Materiel Command copies of their report in this matter directly to District No. 5 in accordance with established procedure.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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26 October 1951

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

Auth: CG USAF
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Date 26 OCT 1951

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

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1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent HOWARD N. BOSSERT, 23d OSI District, file 24-84, dated 8 October 1951, subject as above.

2. This investigation is continuing, and subsequent reports will be furnished your headquarters upon receipt of same in this office.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #23, dtd 8 Oct 51

REAGAN A. SCURLOCK
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting District Commander

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Counter Intelligence Div, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/df/53623
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1. There is attached for your information a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report dated 7 September 1951 concerning the above subject.

2. As will be noted the information has been furnished AMC.

3. Request that the newspaper clippings inclosed with the report be returned to this Directorate for file after having served their purpose.

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District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

24-0 **SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT** 7 September 1951

SUBJECT: Unidentified Objects in Flight over Lubbock, Texas

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

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1. SYNOPSIS: Mysterious objects appearing to be "strings of beads" traveling at high speeds have allegedly been observed over Lubbock, Texas. Subject phenomenon were allegedly observed by three faculty members from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, on 25 August 1951. These objects appeared to be V-shaped formations giving off a distinct glow, which may have been reflections from lights on the ground. The observations by the three college professors were later vouched for by four other witnesses. Similar phenomenon was observed by one CARL HART, JR., of Lubbock, Texas, who is alleged to have taken photographs of the objects. Numerous other witnesses to similar occurrences have reported varied accounts to reporters of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, on 1 and 2 September 1951. At Matador, Texas, on 31 August 1951, at 12:45 P. M. CST, two women reported a "strange wingless" aircraft passed within 150 feet of their automobile and disappeared a short time later.

2. DETAILS: Numerous reports have been received by news sources at Lubbock, Texas of strange unidentified objects in flight over Lubbock, Texas and vicinity since 25 August 1951. First observation of such flying phenomenon was reported by three faculty members of Texas Technological College, at Lubbock, Texas. These professors were: W. L. DUCKER, Professor and head of the Petroleum Engineering Department; Dr. A. G. OBERG, Professor of Chemical Engineering; and Dr. W. I. ROBINSON, Professor of Geology. These individuals stated that on Saturday evening at 2110 hours, a group of objects flying in a rough semi-circle or crescent formation was sighted flying from the northeast to the southwest at an "incredible speed". These three professors were unable to give any complete description of the objects; however, they

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stated that they gave off a glow which could have been created from the lights of the city below. The formation of objects allegedly crossed the sky from horizon to horizon in three seconds. Calculations made by these professors were to the effect that had the formation of objects been flying at an altitude of one mile from earth, their speed would have been 1800 miles an hour, or at 50,000 feet of altitude, their speed would have been nearer 18,000 miles per hour. No shock waves were felt, according to Mr. DUCKER, who stated that the absence of shock waves would indicate that the formation was flying in the stratosphere, above 50,000 feet. Dr. OBERG estimated that there were 50 of the strange objects. A second group of such objects allegedly passed over the sky approximately three minutes later. One J. RUSSELL HEITMAN, head of the Journalism Department at Texas Technological College, also reported that several nights prior to the observations of Professors DUCKER, OBERG and ROBINSON, he had observed a similar flight of objects over Lubbock, Texas, and described them in a similar manner as did the three professors. On Monday, 27 August 1951, according to news sources, four additional witnesses verified the reports of the three professors from the college at Lubbock. These persons were: Mrs. EARL MEDLOCK, 1912 Avenue N; Mrs. R. A. ROGERS, 1910 Avenue N; Mrs. F. A. ROGERS, 1910 Avenue N; and Professor CARL HENNINGER, 2311 Eighth Street, associate professor of German at Texas Technological College. These four witnesses allegedly verified the time of the reported incident as being 2110 hours CST.

On 30 August 1951, one CARL HART, JR., 2332 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, snapped photographs of what was purported to be the unidentified objects in flight over Lubbock, Texas. These photographs showed the unidentified objects as a double row of dots in a rough V-formation. A second photograph made by Mr. HART shows the objects having shifted into a single line formation, maintaining however the original V-shape. HART advised that he had shot the two photographs with a 35 mm. camera. No other information was available as to exposure, type of film, or other technical data. Between 2040 and 2237 hours CST, 31 August 1951, similar objects were reportedly seen over Lubbock on three separate occasions. Numerous calls were received by the editorial office of the Lubbock Morning Avalanche, in which various persons alleged sightings of the strange objects. All reports, according to the news source, describe the objects as flying in V-shaped or U-shaped formation passing directly overhead through the sky within three to seven seconds. The number of such objects ranged from eight or nine to "20 or 30". The course of flight of the objects on 30 and 31 August 1951, was allegedly a general direction from north to south. The objects were variously described as being the color of stars, or shades of blue or yellow.

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At Matador, Texas, two women, Mrs. TOM TILSOM and her daughter, Mrs. M. G. BETHARD, were alleged to have observed a "wingless" type aircraft traveling at a low altitude and at a low speed. This craft allegedly passed within 150 feet of Mrs. TILSOM's automobile, then rose rapidly and was out of sight within a few minutes. Mrs. TILSOM and Mrs. BETHARD were alleged to have reported being near enough to the unidentified object to observe one door or porthole in the metal side of the aircraft. Since the initial sighting of the alleged objects, many reports similar in nature have been received by the editorial offices of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, and according to this news source, speculation as to the nature of the phenomenon apparently is causing numerous other reported sightings.

3. ACTION: Attached for information of your Headquarters are newspaper clippings concerning this phenomenon, and no further action is being taken at this time. In accordance with provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, copies of this report are being forwarded directly to Headquarters Air Materiel Command.

JAMES C. SCHOFIELD
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

19 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flat Circular Objects over Sherman, Texas, Reported 18 April 1950.

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Two witnesses, housewives of military personnel who reside in the North Section of Sherman, Texas, reported that at 1045 on 18 April 1950, they had observed from their residence eighteen (18) to twenty (20) flat circular objects with polished silver surface in the air.

2. DETAILS: Two witnesses, housewives of military personnel who reside in the North Section of Sherman, Texas, reported that at 1045 on 18 April 1950, they had observed from their residence eighteen (18) to twenty(20) flat circular objects with polished silver surface in the air. These objects were quite some distance away - from thirty to forty degrees above the horizon and were first seen in the West going in a general direction East by Northeast. The objects appeared to have sort of a hooking circular motion and appeared to rotate in a counter-clockwise motion. They made no noise. Objects remained in view four to five minutes.

3. ACTION: Pursuant to AFCSI Letter 85 no action is being taken on this matter.

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19 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Half Circular Objects over Fort Worth, Texas, on 16 April 1950.

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

1. SYNOPSIS: IRA MAXEY, 916 5th Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, a veteran Radar Bombardier, was reported by the Fort Worth Star Telegram of 18 April 1950, as having seen flying objects over Fort Worth, Texas. MAXEY reported these objects were not moving fast and appeared to be six or seven miles away.

2. DETAILS: The only available details on this matter are set out in the attached clipping from the Fort Worth Star Telegram of 18 April 1950.

3. ACTION: Pursuant to AFCSI Letter 85 no action is being taken on this matter.

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FLYING SAUCERS?—Ira Maxey of 916 5th Ave., a veteran radar bombardier with 3,600 hours in the air during World War II, took these pictures Sunday of flying objects he thought might be some relation to flying saucers. The half circular objects left vapor trails.

Pictures Offer Proof

Vet Sees Flying Objects in Sky and Photographs Them

A former radar bombardier on a B-24 in the Pacific reported Monday that he saw flying objects in the air late Sunday afternoon in two groups, coming out of the west and traveling northeast, and photographed some of them.

Ira Maxey of 916 5th Ave., a veteran of 3,600 hours of flying in the U. S. Air Force, called to his wife at about 5:30 p. m. Sunday and asked her to bring his camera out to him.

Maxey set the camera at infinity and began snapping objects he said definitely were some sort of aircraft, a type which he had never seen before.

"They weren't moving fast and they appeared to be six or seven miles away," he said.

He described the objects as tailless craft and noiseless. Not like a saucer but more like a banana.

Pictures showed that the objects left a vapor trail.

"They were moving in and out of a thunderhead. After I saw the first group of three I called to my wife for the camera, and then took pictures of another group of three that appeared," he said.

Maxey is employed at the Worth Food Market at Hemphill and Berry.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Silvery Object Flying at 60,000 Feet over Memphis, Texas.

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified silvery object is reported by the Fort Worth Star Telegram of 19 April 1950 as hovering for hours above the Texas Panhandle at an estimated 60,000 feet on Tuesday 18 April 1950.

2. DETAILS: The clipping which is attached hereto is the only available information on this subject at this time.

3. ACTION: Pursuant to AFCSI Letter 85 no action is being taken on this matter.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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

1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified silvery object is reported by the Pilot of Delta Tango Tango Eleven of 25 April 1950 as hovering for three more Delta Tango Tango Eleven at an estimated 60,000 feet on Tuesday 25 April 1950.

2. DETAILS: The object was observed directly over the only available information on this subject at this time.

3. ACTION: Pursuant to AFOSI Letter 35 no action is being taken on this matter.

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Unidentified Silvery Object Seen Hovering for Hours Over Panhandle

An unidentified silvery something hovered for hours above the Texas Panhandle at an estimated 60,000 feet Tuesday.

Variously reported as cigar shaped and spherical, the seemingly stationary object was seen by CAA observers, Air Force and civilian pilots, and ground watchers.

A CAA official here said CAA stations at Wichita Falls, Childress and Clarendon plotted the location and altitude at 60,000 feet directly above Memphis.

The object first became visible about 9:30 a. m., disappeared in early afternoon, and reappeared about 3 p. m.

A spokesman at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, told the Star-Telegram by telephone that a special Air Force storm weather unit from Oklahoma City began operating at Sheppard several days ago and released two rawinsonde balloons Tuesday.

These balloons are 12 feet in diameter on the ground but inflate as they rise. One was released at 9 a. m., the other at 1 p. m.

Carried Instruments.

Radio instruments carried by the balloons indicated to the ground station that the first, by mid-afternoon, was still traveling at a velocity of 55 miles an hour, west of Wichita Falls, and the second was moving at 49 miles an hour, at a height of 25,000 feet.

Flying saucers—moving at the "customary" swift speed—were reported, meantime, at Austin and Sherman. And a Star-Telegram reporter said he saw a cylindrical object, stationary and at a high altitude, in the eastern sky here.

The Panhandle object first became visible about 9:30 a. m. when it was spotted by W. J. Hightower, CAA communicator at Clarendon. He said it was southeasterly, in the direction of Childress.

Seen at Childress.

From Childress, another CAA communicator, Jack Cox, spotted a bright object in the sky in the direction of Clarendon about 12:45 p. m. It soon disappeared behind clouds.

Hightower said a pilot flying at 8,500 feet, en route from Amarillo to Fort Sill, was heard to report by radio that he had seen the unusual object at an estimated height of 30,000 feet.

Hightower said the pilot reported it as cigar-shaped and

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flying vertically at a very slow speed.

Hightower himself said it appeared about the size and shape of a basketball. Hightower, to whom it was visible until about 2 p. m., said: "We have seen it for so long and it has moved so slowly that I couldn't say what it could be."

He discounted the possibility of usual weather balloons.

Climbed to 29,000 Feet.

The pilot of a F-61 "Black Widow," who gave the last three digits of his plane number as 357 but failed to give his name, reported to CAA that he climbed to 29,000 feet and the strange object still was high above him.

Too, the mysterious craft reportedly was sighted by a Braniff Airlines pilot. Capt. Carl G Gray, who saw it in the vicinity of Memphis as he flew from Wichita Falls to Amarillo

From Denver, Gray told the Star-Telegram:

"We were asked by CAA to be on the outlook north of Memphis. They thought it was around 60,000 feet. We started climbing as soon as we left Wichita Falls and had reached 12,000 feet due north of Childress when we sighted it.

"There were high cirrus clouds at 30,000 to 35,000 feet which blocked out the object every once in a while. There was no telling how high it was.

"When I first sighted it at a 45 degree angle through my windshield, it looked more like a ball. As I came up under it, it looked more like a plate or a disc. It sort of bobbled. It was not stationary but it was not moving in any one direction.

"It was silvery or white and when I was directly underneath, what looked like a real bright streak went right through the center of it.

"From the time we sighted it until we were directly underneath took seven minutes. We were doing 180 miles per hour, so we traveled in the vicinity of 20 miles to get under it. The object was pretty good size.

"I've never seen anything like it before. It looked like it could have been a balloon but I don't think it was."

Gray said the object also was sighted by his co-pilot, Roy Phillips, who said there was a "very strong reflection" from the thing, and by Hostess Marjory McMahan. Gray, Phillips and Miss McMahan live in Dallas.

Again at 3 p. m., the object became visible at Childress. W. W. Flippen, chief aircraft communicator, said it must be huge if it could also be seen from Clarendon. Managing Editor W. S. Warren of the Childress Index said it looked like a balloon.

Sunday, Ira Maxey of 916 5th Ave., a former B-24 bombardier, saw some strange flying objects above Fort Worth, called to his wife to bring his camera, and took a photograph which showed three crescent shaped objects with vapor trails against a thunderhead.

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