

4602D AISS UFOB LCG

1 REPORT NO. AISS-UFOB-247-55	2 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 30/0600Z July 1955	3 RECD HQ 4602D 1 Aug 55
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4 LOCATION OF SIGHTING Shelby, Iowa
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5 MEANS RECD TT Msg	6 ACTION Investigation authorized	
7 INVES UNIT Det 2	8 DATE INVES ASSIGNED 1 Aug 55	9 ASSIGNING OFFICER Capt Bronstein

10 DATE IR RECD HQ	11 DATE IR APPROVED	12 DATE IR TO ATIC
13 AISOP FORM 5 2 August 1955		

14 COMMENTS Due to the nature of the sighting, the duration of the sighting and the proximaaty of Det 2, this sighting is being investigated by Det 2. The results of investigation as indicated below:
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15 CONCLUSIONS

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GKU N C L A S S I F I E D/ OIN 1855A PD UFOB PD(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE
OBJECT (AL UNKNOWN (BL ONE FOURTH PENNY AT ARMS LENGTH-10/15A 2 MI E
GOC POST (C) RED WHITE GREEN FLASHING (D) ONE (E) NO (F) NONE (G) NONE
(H) NONE (I) NON (2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT (A) FLASHING LIGHTS
B(B) 10/15A 2 MI EAST OF GOC POST (C) STILL UNDER OBSERVANCE (D)
MOTIONLESS (E) NONE (F) 29/2400C-30 /0024C-30/0230C- OBJECT STILL
UNDER SURV (3) MANNER OF OBSERVANCE (A) GROUND VISUAL (B) SEVEN
POWER (C) NONE (4) TIME AND DATE (A) 30/0600Z (B) NIGHT (5) FJMK
3531 SHELBY IOWA (6) IDENTIFYING INFO (A) MR TOM STOKER BANKERS FARMERS
SAVINGS AND TRUST SHELBY IOWA (B) NONE (7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT (AL
SCATTERED VIS GOOD NEG RAIN OR OTHER (B) SCATTERED 110 DEGREES AT

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USAF 30/0730 AB25 AF 8170 OFF TO MSP POSSED WITHIN FIVE MILES OF
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PERSONS WATHECING OBJECTS. (12) PHOTOGRAPHS W/B MAILED UPON RECEIPT
BY THIS HQ PD END MSG

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Comdr, 4602d AISS

Long Distance Telephone Call

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1 August 1955
Ronald DeRudder/4498
Tie-line Call
1455 hours

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between A/1C R.D. DeRudder, Headquarters, 4602d AISS and Captain H. Bischofs, Detachment 2, 4602d AISS.
2. The undersigned called Det 2 with respect to a follow-up UFOB investigation of an object sighted at Shelby, Iowa, 30 July 1955.
3. It was requested that Det 2 investigate the sighting telephonically if possible, but if the telephonic investigation was unsuccessful, to travel to the scene of the sighting.
4. It was suggested that Det 2 investigate the possibility of the sighting being generated by a fixed light such as a navigational light or beacon.

Ronald DeRudder, A/1C, USAF
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4. When the film was developed by the 514th Material Sqdn Photo Lab nothing showed. (See Part One, Incl 1)
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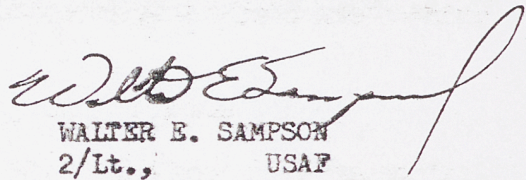
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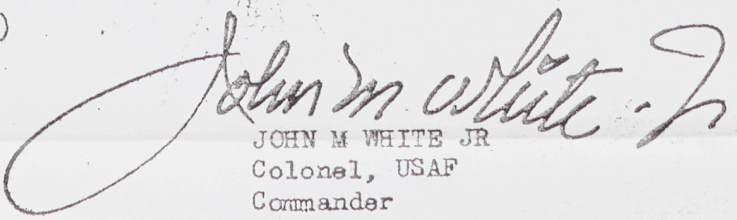
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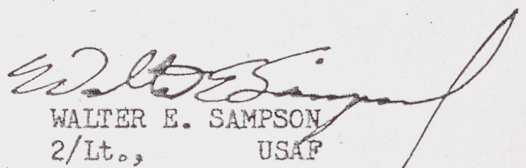
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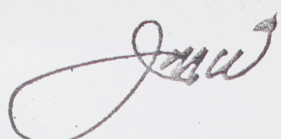
COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. This headquarters does not agree with the possibility of an aircraft generated sighting as set forth by the Preparing Officer for the following reasons:

- a. The duration of the sighting was too long for that of an aircraft sighting.
- b. The object appeared to remain motionless for more than two and one-half hours.

2. This headquarters offers the hypothesis that this sighting was possibly caused by a balloon for the following reasons:

- a. The object remained high and motionless for a long period of time.
- b. Viewing of ordinary white light through low power optical instruments such as the binoculars used can induce colors which the object does not actually possess.
- c. Balloons of the rawinsonde type, released from Air Force Weather Stations and detachments thereof daily, can be seen after dark up to an altitude of forty thousand feet without visual aids.
- d. The revolving of the balloon or oscillation of the suspension train (carrying the modulator unit), caused by wind currents, could account for the flashing lights and the beams of light which at times came from the object.



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