

180TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
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8 Feb 55
Platte City, Mo.

10 February 1955

SUBJECT: UFOB

TO: Commander,
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. [REDACTED]
telephoned Operations, 180th Bomb Sq (L) at 1350C, 9 February 1955 with the following info:

(1) Description of the objects.

- (a) Round
- (b) Compared to the size of an automobile headlight at slightly less than one-half mile, but non-directional in nature
- (c) White tinged with yellow.
- (d) Six changing to five.
- (e) String changing to V.
- (f) None
- (g) None
- (h) Sound more reciprocating than jet, but slightly strange for conventional aircraft they were familiar with.
- (i) None

(2) Description of course.

- (a) First noticed by children in car.

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- (b) Described as low on the horizon, but estimated four to five thousand feet.
- (c) Disappeared climbing at estimated 30 to 45° elevation.
- (d) First sighted in string formation, changed positions several times, one light faded away, others formed a V and climbed out. First sighted to the North East, moved South of observers and disappeared in a South Westerly direction.
- (e) Faded from sight in a climb.
- (f) Twenty minutes.
- (3) Manner of observation.
 - (a) Ground visual
 - (b) None
 - (c) N/A
- (4) Time and date of sighting.
 - (a) 080010 to 080050
 - (b) Night.
- (5) At new highway intersection north of Platte City, Missouri
LK 13.7 - 23.5
- (6) Identifying Information.
 - (a) Reverend Sandall - Assembly of God Church, Elwood,
Kansas, Phone - St. Joseph, Mo. 44108

Reverend J. Perry - Same Address
 - (b) None
- (7) Weather - Winds aloft.
 - (a) Clear, visibility unlimited, snow on ground.
 - (b) Not available this station.
 - (c) St. Joseph None, Kansas City None
 - (d) St. Joseph 10 Mi, Kansas City 7 Mi.

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- (e) St. Joseph None, Kansas City None
- (f) None reported.
- (8) None reported.
- (9) None
- (10) Unknown
- (11) Major Charles Enos, MoANG, Operations Officer
It is possible the lights were single engine jets from
Grandview or other nearby bases.
- (12) None

2. [REDACTED] states he is familiar with both conventional A/C and jet A/C from his work at [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED] location near Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas. [REDACTED] was formerly a B-17 gunner and apparently accompanies [REDACTED] on his trips.

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Lt Col MoANG
Commander

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