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DATE OF REPORT 15 Feb 55	DATE OF INFORMATION 15 Feb 55	EVALUATION C-2
PREPARED BY (Name) CONRAD H SEIBEL, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED]
SYNOPSIS (Concise summary of report, previous reports, etc. as applicable) ADGR 200-7 dtd 29 Jan 55; AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; COMEASTSEA FROM DTG 15/1215/Z FEB 55; ATIC Form A		
SUMMARY (Concise summary of report. Give significance to final conclusions, paragraphs. List inclusions or exclusions. Highlight of report on AF Form 112-Part II)		

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PART ONE: Description of conditions relative to resultant photograph taken by [REDACTED] Photographer.

PART TWO: Investigators Summary

II. SUMMARY: At 15/1800/Z FEB 55, Det 3 was directed by Headquarters, 4602d AISS to conduct a follow up investigation of a UFOB "sighting" at 15/0745/Z FEB 55 in Central Park, New York, (GROPER RPT 0247). This report was originally made to the Coast Guard and to the 25th Air Division by [REDACTED] a reporter of the [REDACTED] who was not with the photographer at the time of the "sighting" and who on his own initiative (after seeing the resultant photograph) deemed it his duty to alert the above military agencies. Brief discussions with other members of the papers staff indicated that all unanimously agreed that [REDACTED] was continually enlarging upon minor incidents of which he had no knowledge in an effort to enhance his position on the staff.

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1st Lt Conrad H. Seibel, AO 951 256
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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED] (Civilian)

Address: [REDACTED]

Age: 35

Present Position: Photographer, [REDACTED]

Education: High School

Qualifications: Former Air Force Navigator and Staff Photographer.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a serious minded individual in his middle thirties with a keen sense of responsibility and very much interested in his work. SOURCE was a former Air Force Navigator, and well versed in astrological phenomena. He was very cooperative and sorry that he could not render any additional information, since he had been totally unaware of the presence of the "spot" until after the picture was developed. He continually expressed his convictions that this "sighting" was a result of a combination of weather, and optical equipment. It is believed that the information received from SOURCE may be considered fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF "SIGHTING":

1. At 15/0715/Z FEB 55 SOURCE, alone, set up his camera in Central Park at the 72d street Crossover Road near the Mall on assignment to photograph some snow scenes.
2. Using a 4x5 speed graphic camera, with Ansco Superpan Press film, ASA-80, Tungsten, SOURCE exposed for about two minutes at f-11. To fill in the foreground, 4 press 40 bulbs were shot away from the lens during the exposure.
3. At no time during his assignment did SOURCE see, hear, or otherwise sense anything unusual. While focusing and composing subject photograph SOURCE stated that he keenly scanned the picture area and saw nothing which would result in a glow of this intensity.
4. The sky at this time was overcast with low clouds and it had stopped snowing momentarily. The weather was estimated at about 18 degrees fahrenheit, and there was a no wind condition.
5. Upon his return to the [REDACTED] Film Studio, SOURCE, as usual, handed the film packs to the darkroom crew for processing. Upon projecting the negative for an enlargement the "speck" was thought to be on the enlarger lens, but after cleaning, it was determined to be on the negative. Enlargements of the print were then analyzed by the photographers on the shift without anyone being able to arrive at a sound solution.

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6. Minutes later one of the [REDACTED] reporters, a [REDACTED] entered the room and immediately voiced his conclusions. He then called the Waldorf Astoria, whose twin towers are located just left of the "spot", to check if any of the guests had seen anything strange in the area. Another call was made to Teeterboro Airport in New Jersey, (GEORGE HJFK 5551) to see if the field ceiling light was on. It was reported that it was. [REDACTED] then called Headquarters, 3d District, Coast Guard and Headquarters 26th Air Division for a possible explanation of this alleged phenomena. None could be given.
7. In SOURCE's opinion, the "spot" was caused by a reflection from a lighted object or objects on nearby roof tops that were strong enough to register during the course of a prolonged exposure but not of sufficient intensity to be discernable to the naked eye.

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1. Photograph (dup)
2. Negative of Photograph

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INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY

1. A check with the Ground Observer Corps Filter Center at White Plains, New York (GOCNFB EBN 1401) revealed there had been an unconfirmed report of a fireball in the area at 15/0100/Z FEB 55, however nothing was reported during the time of the subject "sighting" at 15/0745/Z FEB 55.

2. A check was made with several of the toll collectors at the George Washington Bridge (GOCNFB EBN 0351) since the relative position of the "spot" on the negative placed it in this general area, and since this vantage point afforded an unrestricted view of the entire surrounding area. None of the men on duty during this time recalled seeing anything unusual in the area.

3. Contact was made with the Hayden Planetarium in an effort to establish scientific explanation for the appearance of the "spot" on the negative. Mr. Nicholson, associate astronomer, was shown the photograph and made the following conclusions:

a. A bright star in the sky will sometimes appear on a time exposure similar to the "spot" on the subject photograph. However, since at this time there was an overcast condition, this possibility was ruled out.

b. Mr. Nicholson noted that there was another "spot" on the picture on the roof-top, about 220 degrees from the primary "spot". He pointed out that this second "spot" was superimposed on the water tower on the roof since there was a definite variation in the shadow gradient of the tower.

c. The two street lamps in the foreground of the picture are in the same relative position as the two "spots" on the horizon, by virtue of distance and direction.

d. It was therefore concluded that these factors may have produced an optical phenomena in the camera.

e. This conclusion was supported by Mr. Bolton, the Hayden chief photographic and optical advisor.

4. Mr. Forrester, chief observer for the Hayden Planetarium concurred with the conclusions of paragraph 3 above, and rendered the following additional information in its support:

a. A check with the weather bureau revealed that there was a 1000' overcast and the visibility was about three miles. It had stopped snowing at about 15/0740/Z FEB 55 and there were light winds from the south veering to south-west. There were no cloud reflections at this time. A check with the weather bureau for entries on the special phenomena sheet produced no results.

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Conclusion: In conclusion that objects in the picture were probably produced by

