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SUBJECT: "UFOB" - Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO:

Commander
Air Defense Command
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Colorado Springs, Colorado

- 1. Attached letter from (Lt. j.g., USNR) is forwarded in compliance with paragraph 7, AFR 200-2. The letter was written to the editor of the New York Times. The newspaper referred the letter to this office.
- 2. No further information on the reported sighting is available at this office.

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HUGH A. DAY Lt. Col., USAF Director

The New York Times 229 West 43/rd Street



Dear Sir:

The Editor

New York, N.Y.

I hereby report to you the sighting of a possible flying saucer over New York on the morning of 3 May, 1955. should like to say that I served in the Navy Air Coros during World War II, receiving considerable training in meteorology and celestial navigation. I presently hold the rank of Lieutenant (JG) in the United States Naval Reserve.

At 0525 daylight time on 3 May, 1955 I got up early to do some work. I live on the seventh floor of an apartment house on Street, Manhattan, where I have degrees of unobstructed view north. I stopped and looked out of the northern windows because this particular dawn was exceedingly beautiful. There was a dead bright calm at this time, and the sun had just risen. There was absolutely no turbulence. One half of the northwest quadrant was obscured by a black layer of stratiform clouds moving slowly eastward at an estimated altitude of eight to ten thousand feet. These were clouds typical of a warm front moving in at approximately ten miles per hour. This cloud layer formed an apex at 340 degrees north northwest which appeared to be four miles away.

Then I noticed a peculiar flattish black cloud phenomenon shaped exactly like an arrowhead (the size of a dime at this distance) and at least one-eighth of a mile ahead of the apex of the cloud layer. It was therefore completely separate and the same color of the cloud layer. This would place it well inside the area of the clear air mass of different temperature. The arrowhead had flages on the trailing edges, while the center was notched sharply inward as with some Inidian arrowheads. Its point was equally sharp and pointed eastward in the direction of LaGuardia Field, and it travelled for five minutes due east, keeping at all times the estimated one-eighth mile distance from the cloud layer apex. intriguing feature of the arrowhead was that the dense black clouds seemed to form so sharply around such a clearly defined figure in an area where perhaps clouds should not have formed at all. I got out some Mark 28 Navy binoculars for a closer look and tried to penetrate with no success the density of the cloud. No facet of interior construction, if there could be such a thing, was exposed to view.

Having examined it for one minute in this manner, I suddenly noticed a change beginning to take place. The arrowhead seemed to be receding laterally due north without changing its direction of point, and it began moving slightly upward as though

travelling away along my line of sight, for it grew smaller. As it diminished in size, it seemed to become less black: dimmer and hazier or perhaps more iridescent. While it did so, it grew smaller more swiftly as though rushing away at a progressively faster rate. Then it became indistinguishable from the blue sky and vanished. This entire transformation took place in the space of one minute.

I doubt that any ordinary cloud could vanish as quickly in such placid air. I repeat, there was absolutely no turbulence; and the cloud layer was stratiform, not turbulent cumuliform, and flattened out at the top. Indeed, the arrowhead had no business rising at all. It had even less business moving laterally away.

Sincerely yours,

