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ATIC NO. ----

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REPORT NO. ----

DATE OF REPORT ----

TIME OF SIGHTING ----

SHAPE ----

SIZE ----

COLOR ----

NO. IN GROUP one

SOUND ----

PHOTOS ---- SKETCHES ----

DATE OF INFO Late Aug 47

LOCATION Holloman AFB, N. Mex.

SOURCE Radar Technican

DATE IN TO ATIC ----

COLOR ----

SPEED motionless Estimated Measured

ALTITUDE 200 miles Estimated Measured

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ----

TYPE OF OBSERVATION radar

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TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

MCIA/ACL/amb

FROM: AMC

DATE: 30 Apr 48

W. R. CLINGERMAN, Col, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
~~XXXXX~~: ATTN: COL PAUL F. HELMICK

Subject: Interview Dr JW Peoples

MCIA-4-1

MR. ZABRISKI OF THIS HQ INDICATED THAT DR. [redacted] OF THE WATSON LABORATORIES HAS INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT. CONFERENCE WITH DR. PEOPLES REQUESTED ON 5 OR 6 MAY 1948. ADVISE IF CONVENIENT. INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES LT COL JAMES C. BEAM AND MR. A. C. LOEDDING WILL TRAVEL BY MILITARY AIR.

SIGNED, TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

12 May 1948

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MCREXD

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding Officer
Holloman Air Force Base
Alamogordo, New Mexico

1. On 5 May 1948, Lt Colonel James C. Bean and Mr. Alfred G. Loedding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. [redacted] of the Watson Laboratories.

2. It was learned that a Lt [redacted] has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL VANDENBERG:

R. B. GRANGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

MCREXD 1st Ind RDDRecf

HQ, Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 24 May 1948

TO: CO, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

Inclosed is statement of Lt [redacted] in response to basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. BEAN
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

1 Incl
Lt. [redacted] Statement

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE
ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
OPERATIONS & PROJECTS
AEROSPACE & ATMOSPHERIC DIVISION

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1. Reference is made to Par 2, basic communication. Apparently a misunderstanding exists in that I did not personally see unidentified objects moving at an excessive rate of speed on a radar scope. Rather, Mr. [redacted] of Watson Laboratories, very probably saw unidentified objects. However, Mr. [redacted] informed me that the objects seen were not moving at an excessive speed, but rather were motionless at an altitude somewhere in the vicinity of 200 miles. When these were seen on the Radar scope of the CPS-4 (Modified) the angle of elevation of the Radar antenna was approximately 70 degrees from horizontal.

2. During the latter part of August, 1947, this organization was carrying on several test runs with a modified SCR-270 at this base. I had released a corner reflector and two balloons and was watching them in the night as they drifted to the southeast from this base. While watching the balloons through a pair of ten power binoculars, a white object, appearing to be round, came into my field of vision. I followed the object as far as possible but lost it within seconds after picking it up. The object was traveling at an unprecedented rate of speed and appeared to be several thousand feet over the top of the Sacramento mountain range, traveling in horizontal flight south to north.

3. There have been other times when manning the M-2 Optical tracker that I have seen round or flat-round objects that were unidentifiable.

4. In view of Par 1, this indorsement, it is suggested that Mr. [redacted] of the Radar Laboratory, AMC Watson Laboratories, Red Bank, New Jersey be contacted.

[redacted]
Communications Officer

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11 May 1948

Report of Trip to Holloman Air Force Base, 5 - 6 May 1948

1. The primary purpose of this trip was to interview [redacted], representing the Watson Laboratories, who was temporarily on loan to Holloman Air Force Base. Upon arrival, it was learned that [redacted] had returned to the Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, N. J. A teletype sent from Holloman Air Force Base stating that [redacted] would not be available for interview did not reach Hq, AMC in sufficient time to postpone the visit. However, it was learned that [redacted] would be at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. on or about 11 May 1948 for an indefinite period of time.

2. A civilian, Mr. [redacted], who works in the same laboratory with [redacted] had also seen the unidentified flying object while in the presence of [redacted]s. Mr. [redacted] was interviewed with the following stated results:

a. The object definitely was not a balloon.

b. The object appeared round and white; was at a great altitude and moved at a high rate of speed.

3. Mr. [redacted] promised to send in a detailed report through channels, together with the report of another civilian who also witnessed the phenomenon.

4. It was also learned that a [redacted] who works in the Radar Laboratory at Holloman AF Base has, on several occasions in the past, witnessed on his scope unidentified flying objects at high altitudes, moving at a very high rate of speed. [redacted] was not available for interview; however, a request for a detailed report of these observations was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base.

5. Lt Colonel James C. Beam and Mr. Alfred C. Loedding proceeded to Phoenix, Ariz. to interview Mr. [redacted] and follow up on the report and photographs submitted by him some months ago. Although Mr. [redacted] is currently employed as a pianoplayerin a night club, his primary interest is in a small but quite complete laboratory behind his home. According to his business card, this laboratory is called "Panoramic Research - Laboratory and Observatory", and Mr. [redacted] is referred to as the "Chief of Staff". Mr. [redacted] appeared to be completely sincere and apparently is quite interested in scientific experiments. Mr. [redacted] stated he was an aircraft recognition instructor during the last war, and that in his opinion, the object sighted definitely was not a wind-blown object. He reiterated that the object was not less than 2000 ft. away and that it was not much more than 2000 ft. away unless he had greatly underestimated its size. Mr. [redacted] pointed out where he had stood when he took the pictures of this flying object and indicated the exact paths of approach and departure of the object. He added that when the object turned directly away from him, he observed what appeared to be one large opening or vent across the entire trailing edge. Mr. [redacted] promised to send in another more detailed report, incorporating this observation.

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6. All agreed on the following: the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon and apparently not manned judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

7. [redacted] stated that he placed great credence upon these observations because all three men are trained balloon observers. He suggested that an observation team equippedwith search apparatus both optical and radar be placed at Holloman Air Force Base in order that more definite information might be secured in the event of a recurrence of an incident of this type. He also suggested that the radio sonde stations in the U. S. be alerted for incidents of this type. He promised to alert the observers in his department to be on the watch for and to report any similar incidents.

8. Mr. [redacted] of the Radar Laboratory was interviewed on 4 June 1948. His statements do not check very closely with those contained in Lt Merkley's report to this office. Mr. [redacted] stated that Lt [redacted] was one of two observers on a modified GPS 4 Optical Tracking Device. The observations Lt [redacted] reported seeing on this equipment could not be confirmed at any time by the other tracker. Mr. [redacted] passed off the "ghost pip" he personally observed on the radar equipment as merely the illusion of the equipment. He explained that this "ghost" did not move, and was possibly the echo from a distant mountain on a side wave of the radar equipment. He also spoke of "crazing" which is the effect on radar by the white gypsum sand in the area directly west of the Air Base. He also mentioned another form of "ghost" called "Angels" which have been detected and which are believed to be causedby changes in air density. Such phenomena have been observed and reported from Camp Edwards.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN

1. In the light of Mr. [redacted] statements, the frequency of the sightings at Holloman Air Force Base does not warrant the placing of an observation team at that station. Should the sightings become more frequent and more substantial evidence be received from [redacted] alerted observers, further consideration will be given to the initiation of such a project.

2. The Weather Service Headquarters at Tinker Field will be questioned as to the feasibility of alerting their radio sonde stations to be on the lookout for unidentified aerial objects. A similar request will be made to the Signal Corps and Coast Artillery through Headquarters, Army Field Forces.

JAMES C. BEAM
Lt Col., USAF
Project Officer
Tech Intel Div.

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