INCIDENT NO. 324.

1. Date of Observation 11 May 1949 Date of Interview 17 June 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1545-1600

3. Place of Observation Watertown, N. Y. 75° 48' West 440 - O' North

4. Position of observer Ground in auto

5. What attracted attention to object

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 1 ft. long

8. Color of object : White

9. Shape Rectangular similar to a shoe box

10. Altitude

11. Direction from observer South

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Northeast

14. Time in sight 10-15 minutes

15. Speed Slowly

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Reflected light

19. Projections Smooth surfaced

20. Maneuvers Gained altitude for about 3 minutes then leveled off.

21. Manner of disappearance Slowly

22. Effect on Clouds No clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather Conditions No clouds

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Incident 324

Name and address of observer: Miss Watertown, N. Y.

Occupation and hobbies:

Student

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

On 17 June 1949, the writer interviewed Miss Route 2, Matortown, New York, a grammar school student, concerning her alleged observation of an object in the sky on 11 May 1949 from 1545 to 1600 hours, EST, along a rural route near Watertown, New York. The geographic location of this point of observation is the St. Lawrence River area, (263) Longitude 75 degrees 48', Latitude 14 degrees. This informant stated that while riding in a vehicle, heading northeast through a rural area, another passenger in this vehicle observed an object traveling through space and brought this observation to the attention of occupants of the car. The vehicle was stopped and closer observation was made again after getting out of the car. \_\_\_\_\_stated that this object appeared to be approximately a foot in length, rectangular in shape, similar to a shoe box, and white in color. She further stated that there seemed to be only one object, appearing from the south, gradually gaining altitude for about three minutes, leveling off, and moving to the northeast slowly, until it completely disappeared. The approximate time the object was visible was estimated at from ten to fifteen minutes by this informant. ... boted that the weather was excellent on this date, with no clouds affecting the visibility, making it possible for her to discorn that the object was smooth-surfaced, reflecting the sun's rays, similar to the surface of a conventional aircraft, that it neither made any sound nor left any apparent trail of smoke, or odor of any kind. The writer checked with the Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York and there was no information concerning this informant. The writer interviewed SUBJECT's mother and she advised that is twelve years of age, attends a local grammar xk school, and that concerning her daughter's accuracy of vision, she related that in a recent eye examination her vision had proven above normal.

		INCIDENT NO. 324A			
1.	Date of Observation 1	May 1949 Date of Interview 17 June 1949			
2.	Exact Time (local)				
3.	Place of Observation	Watertown, N. Y. 75° 48' West 44° - 0' North			
4.	Position of observer	Ground in auto			
5.	What attracted attention to object				
6.	Number of objects				
7.	Apparent size				
8.	Color of object				
9.	Shape	First like auto hub cap then like silver ball			
10.	Altitude				
ll.	Direction from observer Southeast				
12.	Distance from observer	1/2 Mile			
13.	Direction of flight of	object(s) SE to NE			
4.	Time in sight	10 - 15 minutes			
15.	Speed	Slowly			
16.	Sound and odor				
17.	Trail	40 foot gray smoke trail			
18.	Luminosity	Reflected light			
19.	Projections				
20.	Maneuvers	Gained altitude for 2 to 3 minutes then leveled off.			
21.	Manner of disappearance	appeared to dissolve gradually.			
20	refort on Clouds				

Excellent visibility, no clouds

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23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather Conditions

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Incident 324A

Name and address of observer: Mrs. Watercown, N. Y.

Occupation and hobbies:

Housewife

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

The writer also interviewed Mrs 2. Watertown, New York, a housewife living on a farm, concerning her alleged observation of an object seen while driving along a rural area near Watertown, New York. The geographic location of the point of observation is St. Lawrence River area, (263), Longitude 75 degrees 48', Latitude 44 degrees. Upon being interviewed by the writer, Mrs. Mrs. stated that while driving along a rural area near Watertown, New York on 11 May 1949, she observed an object soaring through the sky. She stated that at first she thought she was "seeing things" so she immediately called the attention of the other passengers, Misself and Mrs. her daughter, (Mrs. to the object. After alighting from the vehicle, image related further that she observed an object in the air resembling an automobile hub cap at a distance, and upon closer scrutiny it seemed to be a silver ball, similar to aircraft fuselage. She stated that the object seemed to appear over a nearby hill about one-half mile away to the southeast, was visible as it moved slowly for ten or fifteen minutes, gaining altitude for two three minutes, then leveling off, leaving a forty foot gray smoke trail which gradually diminished. She said that as the object moved from southeast to northeast the smoke gradually disappeared and the object seemed to dissolve gradually. She commented that the visibility that day was excellent as there were no clouds present to affect it whatsoever, therefore she could see the object was not illuminated by its own source but seemed to reflect the rays of the sun, rather like the fuselage of a conventional aircraft. The writer made checks at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York and they proved negative. It was disclosed to this writer that Mrs. sixty-five years of age and he found that she lives in a poor locality and does not seem to be very well educated. The writer asked this observer about her vision in order to determine its accuracy and she stated that she is far-sighted and wears glasses but that her vision was not obstructed in any way at the time of this observation.

19. Projections

Gained altitude 3 Minutes then level steady flight 20. Maneuvers

Dissolved from tail to front 21. Manner of disappearance

No olouds 22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

Clear, No olouds 24. Weather Conditions

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Name and address of observer:

Rt. 2, Watertown, N. Y.

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

atertown, New York was interviewed by the writer on 17 June 1949, concerning her alleged observation of an object seen in space at approximately 1615 to 1625 hours EST, 11 May 1949. Mrs. Was driving the vehicle traveling along a rural route near Watertown, New York, northeast of Watertown, New York she related. The geographic location of this point of observation is St. Lawrence River area, (263), Longitude 75 degrees, 48. Latitude 44 degrees. She stated that her attention was drawn to the object by her mother, a passenger in the vehicle she was driving, she first noticed this object by the reflection of the sun upon it. Upon disembarking from the vehicle in which they were riding, this informant stated that she saw an object in aerial flight, that it seemed to be approximately two feet in diameter, although the exact distance was undetermined. She continued that this object was disc-shaped, appeared to be smooth and shiny, similar to an automobile hub cap, that the object seemed to appear over a nearby hill and then moved slowly until it was over Black River, New York about five miles northeast of observation point. She added that the object appeared in the southeast, gained altitude for two to three minutes, moved slowly north maintaining a constant altitude, leaving a trail of light smoke the exact width of the aerial object, extending about one hundred and fifty feet to the rear. Then, she said, the object seemed to dissolve from the tail and work forward until it completely disappeared leaving a smoke trail, which also gradually thinned out and finally disappeared. She noted that there were no violent movements of the object and that the appearance and final disappearance described happened within a period of approximately fifteen minutes. Mrs. further related that the object did not seem to be illuminated by its own source of power but seemed to reflect the rays of the sun in a manner similar to a reflection on the surface of a conventional aircraft, also that the object seamed to produce neither sound nor odor. She remarked that this day, 11 May 1949, was clear and the weather excellent with no clouds present to restrict their visibility. A check of the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, Watertown, New York was made by the writer with negative results and due to the nature of the small community in which they all lived, neighborhood investigations were not made on any of these informants. This writer asked Mr. about her vision in order to determine its accuracy and she related that she is far-sighted but does not wear glasses, adding that her vision was not obstructed at the time of this observation.



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. USAF 5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

3 August 1949

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21Q

PROJECT "GRUDGE" SUBJECT:

Incident, Watertown, New York

11 May 1949 SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO:

Commanding General Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio MCIAXS ATTN:

- Reference is made to R & R, your office, dated 24 May 1949, requesting investigation of an unidentified aerial phenomenon at Watertown, New York on 11 May 1949.
- 2. Transmitted herewith two copies of report by Special Agent GORDON R. DALEY, District Office No. 22, Griffiss Air Force Base, New York.
- 3. Your attention is invited to Undeveloped Leads setforth for OSI District No. 11, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

4. Investigation is pending and upon receipt of Undeveloped Leads results will be forwarded your office.

R/I, DO #22, dtd 29 Jul 49
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Acting District Commander

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24 May 49

A. ATTN: Mr. J. B. Morrill

- 1. It is requested that your office initiate an investigation of the sighting of an unidentified aerial phenomenon reported by inclosed copy of newspaper clipping.
- 2. As an aid to the investigating officer in recording desired data, two copies of our Guide to Investigation are also inclosed.

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2. Guide to Inves. (2 Cys)

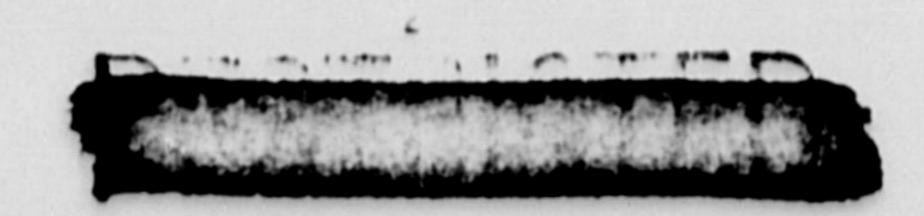
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From the Watertown Daily Times. Watertown, New York issue of May 12, 1949

#### SILVER-TIPPED OBJECT IS OBSERVED MOVING IN SKY

A silver-tipped object trailing smoke moved slowly across the northeast section of the sky Wednesday afternoon between 4:15 and 4:25 and then slowly disappeared, seeming to dissolve from the tail forward, according to Mrs. Water-town R. D. 2.

"We were looking to the northeast and this meteorlike thing rose in the east and went slowly across the horizon, disappearing in the north," Mrs. Said.
"It hung like a silver ball right in the north and then dissolved."

Two others who were riding with Mrs. Saw this phenomenon, her small son, who was fascinated by the sight and her mother, Mrs.

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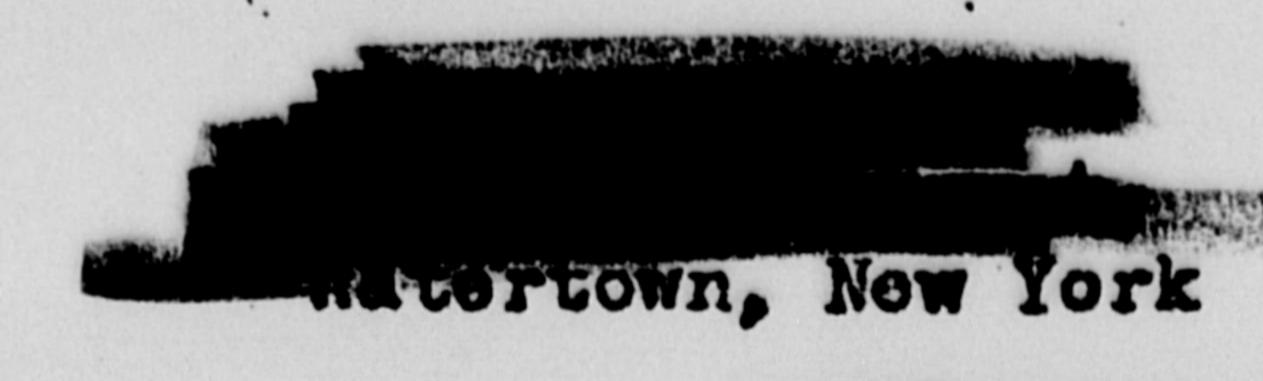
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Dear Mr.

Receipt of your communication, postmarked 17 May 1949, is acknowledged by this Headquarters.

Your contribution has been made a matter of record and will be incorporated into the present study of unidentified aerial phenomena.

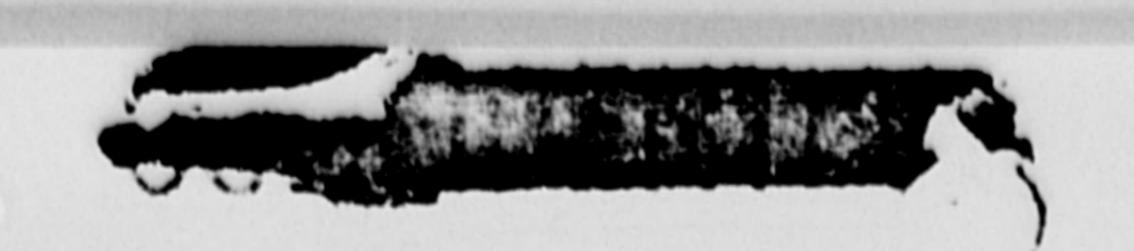
Your action in reporting this incident to the proper authorities is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. HEMSTREET, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Analysis Division
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# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
STH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO:

5D 24-21Q

7 September 1949

SUBJECT:

PROJECT "GRUDGE"

Incident, Watertown, New York

11 May 1949

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TO:

Commanding General

Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MCIAXS

- 1. Reference is made to Routing & Record Sheet, your office, dated 24 May 1949, requesting investigation of undentified aerial phenomenon in Watertown, New York on 11 May 1949, and to Report of Special Agent GORDON R. DALEY, District Office No. 22, Griffiss Air Force Base, New York, dated 29 July 1949.
- 2. Transmitted herewith are two (2) copies of Report by Special Agent DANIEL G. COWEN, District Office No. 11, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, dated 9 August 1949, and Report of Special Agent LOUIS H. COLEMAN, District Office No. 9, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, dated 30 August 1949.
- 3. As your office has available qualified personnel to interpret Winds Aloft Computation Sheets, it is requested any interpretation or comparison with longitude and latitude degrees, as set forth in interviews with eye witnesses in Report by Special Agent HARRY A. STINNETT, District Office No. 22, dated 29 July 1949, be made by your office.

4. With the submission of this report, all logical leads have been developed and no further investigative action will be taken by this office, unless requested to do so.

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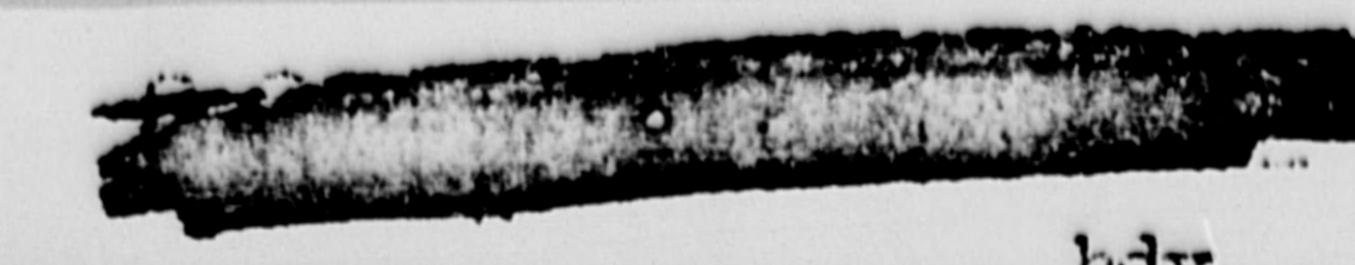
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REFERENCE Report of Special Agent GORDON R. DALEY, DO #22, Griffiss AFB, 29 July 1949 (File 24-4) SYNOPSIS

#### DETAILS:

## AT TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

On 8 August 1949, Captain Officer, A-3, 2059th Air Weather Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, stated in an interview that all records for the month of May pertaining to release of Rawinsonde Balloons in vicinity of Rome, New York are on file at the Data Control Unit, Air Weather Service, New Orleans, Louisiana Port of Embarkation.

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REFERENCE

Report of S/A DANIEL E. COWEN, DO #11, File 24-17, dtd 9 August 1949

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SYNOPSIS

Copies of the SC Form Number 425, Winds Aloft Computation Sheet, for the release of Rawinsonde balloons at 2200 hours, 10 May 1949; 0200, 1000, 1600, and 2200 hours 11 May 1949, at Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, New York, were obtained from the Air Weather Service Data Control Unit, New Orleans Port of Embarkation, New Orleans, Louisiana, and are attached hereto marked "Exhibit A".

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#### DETAILS:

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1. This investigation conducted upon receipt of RUC Report of Investigation from District Office No. 11, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, dated 9 August 1949, File 24-17, with undeveloped lead for District Office No. 9 at New Orleans, Louisiana, to examine records of the Data Control Unit, Air Weather Service, New Orleans Port of Embarkation, to determine the flight course of four (4) Rawinsonde balloons which were released from Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, New York, on 11 May 1949, one (1) each at 0400, 1000, 1600, and 2200 hours, Eastern Standard Time.

### AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

2. On 23 August 1949, Mr. Chief, Data Control Unit, Air Weather Service, New Orleans Port of Embarkation, was contacted and furnished photostatic copies of the SC Form, Number 425, Winds Aloft Computation Sheet, covering the release of Rawinsonde balloons at Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, New York, at 2200 hours on 10 May 1949, and 0200, 1000, 1600, and 2200 hours, 11 May 1949. The original of these sheets necessarily remain on file at the Air Weather Service, New Orleans Port of Embarkation. Mr. further advised that his Office could plot the course of the balloons from the data given on the computation sheets, however, he also explained that it was not proper for his Office to interpret such data and that any Air Weather Service Officer could be consulted and interpretation obtained to show the flight course of the balloons in question.

#### INCLOSURES:

## FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO:

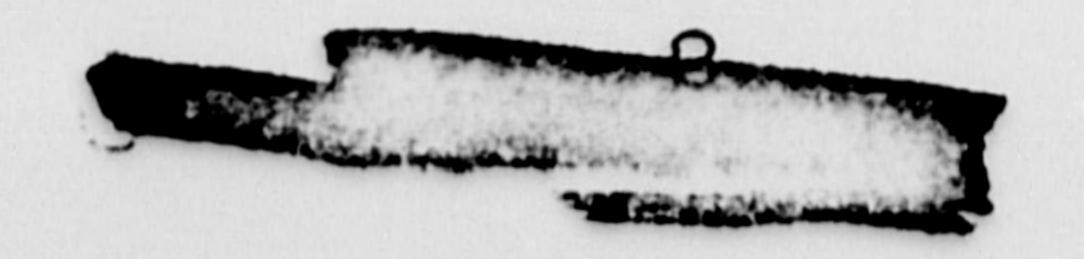
One (1) each photostatic copy of SC Form, Number 425, Winds Aloft Computation Sheet, on ASC Sheets 496, 497, 498, 499, and 500 marked "Exhibit A".

### FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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