PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 June 49 04/1615Z	2. LOCATION Ginger Hill, Pennsylvania 396
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer saw an oval and very thin object flying at a 45 degree tilt while in his automobile. The size of the object was comparable to the wingspread of a 2-engine plane. Straight and level flight, disappeared behind trees.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW to SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-23

DATE 26 JUL 1949

REPORT MADE BY
JOSEPH J. PASTOR

REPORT MADE AT
DO #3, 1612 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, Pa

PERIOD
15 Jun 49

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #3, 1612 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, Pa

STATUS
CLOSED

TITLE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted at Approximately 1015
Hours 4 Jun 49 in vicinity of
Brownsville Road, Route 88,
Allegheny Co, Pa

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commanding Officer, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa. Mr. [redacted], Chief Engineer, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., reported that at approximately 1015 hours 4 Jun 49 on Old Brownsville Road, about 1-1/2 miles southeast of Ginger Hill, Pa., he sighted an object oval in shape and very thin with respect to its diameter, flying parallel to Old Brownsville Road, from northwest to southeast, at about twice the speed of conventional aircraft and at an altitute of approximately 4,000 feet. 1-1/2 miles to the southwest of Old Brownsville Road. The object, in sight for approximately 30 seconds, made no sound, was highly polished with no evidence of any projections, lights, exhaust, or vaporization, maintained a straight and level flight until obscured from view by trees along the road. [redacted] is respected by his neighbors and employer, is regarded as well educated, level-headed and of good character; has no police record. Weather report in vicinity at time object was sighted indicates ceiling was approximately 2500 feet, visibility from 3 to 6 miles with haze. Allegheny County Airport and Greater Pittsburgh Airport reported no flight's in the vicinity at that time.

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Captain, USAF
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Commanding Officer, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pa., who on 10 June 1949, telephonically advised the Detachment Commander, 3d CSI District Detachment, Coraopolis, Pa., that Mr. [redacted], Chief Engineer, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., Ambridge, Pa., reported that at approximately 1015 hours 4 June 1949 on Old Brownsville Road, about 1-1/2 miles southeast of Ginger Hill, Pa., he sighted an object, oval in shape and very thin with respect to its diameter flying parallel to Old Brownsville Road from northwest to southeast at an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet.

AT AMBRIDGE, PA.

2. Mr. [redacted], Chief Engineer, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co, (residence [redacted], Avalon, Pa.), was interviewed at his place of employment on 15 June 1949 and stated that on 4 June 1949 at 1015 hours EDST, while enroute to Centerville Boro, Washington Co., Pa., accompanied by his brother, [redacted], he was proceeding in a southernly direction on the Old Brownsville Road, approximately 1-1/2 miles southeast of Ginger Hill, Pa., when he first saw what he thought was an airplane. Upon glancing at the object again it appeared to be very thin in respect to its diameter and traveling at least twice the speed of an ordinary aircraft. He described the object as flying parallel to the road on which he was traveling, at approximately 4,000 feet and 1-1/2 miles to the right of Old Brownsville Road. [redacted] further stated the object tilted approximately 45° and he noted that it was oval in shape and appeared to be highly polished, similar to highly polished aluminum. [redacted] advised that the object did not maneuver in any way and there was no apparent evidence of exhaust or vaporization. The object appeared to be clean in its oval shape and there was no evidence of lights or projections. It made no sound. Mr. [redacted] stated that the thickness of the object in relation to diameter at thickest point was approximately ten percent (10%) and the diameter was comparable to the wing spread of a two-engine aircraft. The object was flying in straight and level flight, approximately twice the speed of conventional aircraft, and was in line of sight for approximately thirty (30) seconds. The object, according to [redacted], was lost from sight when trees along the road obscured the view. According to [redacted], his brother, who resides at 380 Jefferson Drive, Mt Lebanon, Pa., and was a passenger in the automobile at the time did not see the object. Mr. [redacted] advised he has been Chief Engineer for the Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co. for the past thirty-eight (38) years and has been interested, to a limited extent, in aviation. His chief hobby is his work which is engineering and drafting. [redacted] stated his ability to distinguish colors, speed of objects and distances is a result of his everyday work requiring such knowledge.

3. Mr. [redacted], President, Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., was interviewed an 15 June 1949 in his office and advised that [redacted] has been employed by the Company for the past thirty-eight (38) years and is a respected and trusted employee. He knew of no derogatory information concerning [redacted]

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AT AVALON, PA

4. On 15 June 1949, Mr. [redacted], 1015 Jackman Ave, was interviewed and described [redacted] as a man about 65-70 years old, respected in the neighborhood, seemed to be well education and level-headed and who is employed by the Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co., Ambridge, Pa. Mr [redacted] stated he has never heard anything derogatory concerning [redacted] character or habits.

5. On 15 June 1949, a check was made of the records of the Avalon, Pa. Police Department with negative results concerni[redacted]

AT CORAOPOLIS, PA.

6. On 15 June 1949 a check at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, disclosed the weather report of 0930 EST 4 June 1949, as furnished by the Weather Section, Greater Pittsburgh Airport was as follows: Greater Pittsburgh estimated ceiling 2500 thin broken; visibility 3 miles with haze; temperature 76°; dew point 54; winds west at 11 knots; altimeter 30.33: Morgantown, W. Va., estimate ceiling 2500 feet, thin scattered clouds; visibility 5 Miles with haze; temperature74° dew point 52; winds calm; altimeter, 30.37.

7. On 15 June 1949 a check was made at Operations Section, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, and revealed that no aircraft was reported in vicinity of Old Brownsville Road, near Ginger Hill, Pa., during the morning of 4 June 1949.

8. A check was made at the Allegheny County Municipal Airport disclosed weather reports for 4 June 1949, furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau were as follows:

0908 reading (EST) - Ceiling 2,500, thin scattered; visibility 5 miles with smoke; wind north-west, 10 miles per hour.

0928 reading (EST) - Ceiling 2,500, thin scattered; visibility 6 miles with smoke; wind north-north-west, 7 miles per hour, sea level pressure-196; temperature 73°; dew point, 51; altimeter setting, 013.

9. On 15 June 1949 Mr. MILTON BARLOW, meterologist, in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau, advised that there were no weather ballons aloft during this period of time, 4 June 1949.

10. Mr. DAVID R. ARBUHLE, Senior Airport Traffic Control Operator, Allegheny County Municipal Airport, advised 15 June 1949, that he had no flights in the vicinity of the Old Brownsville Road, near Ginger Hill, Pa., for this period of time on 4 June 1949.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

28 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. The inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent JOSEPH J. PASTOR, DO #3, dated 26 July 1949, is forwarded for your information and file.

2. This investigation was not requested by this office, and no investigative action concerning subject incident is being conducted by this District.

John E. Moscrip
WO3G, USAF
By JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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INCIDENT NO. 396

1. Date of Observation 4 June 1949 Date of Interview 15 June 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1015 EDST

3. Place of Observation 1 1/2 Miles SE Ginger Hill, Pa.

4. Position of observer Ground in auto

5. What attracted attention to object.

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size Comparable to wingspread of 2-engine plane, thickness 10% of dia.

8. Color of object Aluminum

9. Shape Oval and very thin flying at a 45° tilt

10. Altitude 4000 ft

11. Direction from observer

12. Distance from observer 1 1/2 Miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) NW to SE

14. Time in sight 30 Seconds

15. Speed Twice speed of conventional a/c

16. Sound and odor No sound

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity highly polished

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Straight and level flight

21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared behind trees

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions. 2500' ceiling, 3-6 miles visibility with haze.

(over)

A/C

Incident 396

Name and address of observer: Mr. C[redacted]
2[redacted]t., Avalon, Pa.

Occupation and hobbies:

Chief Engr., Pittsburgh Coal Washer Co.

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

Well educated, level-headed, and of good character.

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