PROJECT 10073 RECORD

	PROJECT 10073 RECORD		
1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION		
7 Jul 49 U8/0	Alemandria, Louisiana		
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION		
Civilian	AIRCRAFT		
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS			
Cae			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS		
	Object appeared as a round light in the sky approx		
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Ground-Vinual	distance then move from North to West for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, and then reversed its course and flew back in a Northerly direction for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes when it disappeared from view by gradually moving out of sight.		
G. PHOTOS			
C. No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE			
C Yes			

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	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	FILE NO. 32-12	DATE 29 July 1949		
	REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	TROY R. SHERMAN	, S/A		
TITLE	#	DO #9, Barksdal	e AFB, La.		
	"PROJECT SIGN" UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON	15 July 1949			
		DO #9, Barksdal	a AFB, La.		
		CLOSED			
CHARACTER	SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY				
REFERENCE	None. This is an initial r	eport.			
	This investigation was District Commander, 9th OSI tion that an unidentified a over the City of Alexandria Investigation revealed way, Alexandria, Louisiana, described as being round, a and having no visible means	District, upon rece erial phenomenon had Louisiana. that on 7 July 1949 i Mrs. No.	been sighted Mrs. which they		
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DETAILS:

- l. This investigation was conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information that five (5) persons had sighted a flying saucer over Alexandria, Louisiana, on 7 July 1949.
- 2. The following is an item which appeared in the Shreveport Times, Shreveport, Louisiana, issue of 8 July 1949: "Five
 More See Flying Saucer at Alexandria. Alexandria, La. Five
 persons today reported seeing another flying saucer over
 Alexandria at 9 o'clock last night. Mrs. descript, who
 made the discovery called it to the attention of neighbors. She
 said they watched it drift in the sky almost five minutes before it disappeared in the east. 'It was all lit up,' she said.
 'We thought it was a star at first as it made no noise but decided differently when it changed its direction several times.
 I have no idea how big it was'."

AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA:

- 3. On 15 July 1949, an interview with Mrs. 450000 1414 Jefferson Highway, revealed that on 7 July 1949, at approximately 2100 hours, Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Wrs. were sitting on the front porch at 1821 Warshauer Street, when Mrs. In the sky. The object seemed to be coming straight down and had the appearance and speed of a falling star with no evidence of exhaust and no sound. The object seemed to fall a certain distance and then move from north to west, parallel with the ground. The object went in a westerly direction for approximately two and one-half (23) minutes, and then, reversed its path and flew back in a northerly direction for approximately two and one-half (22) minutes. The object then began to increase altitude, slightly to the north, and gradually faded from sight. The object had the appearance of being round and about six (6) inches in diameter with no visible support or means of propulsion. The object maintained a very smooth, constant speed and did not vary. The object had the appearance of being a little like an ordinary household light bulb.
- 4. Information given by Mrs. was corroborated by Mrs.
- 5. The Writer contacted a local airport and talked with the Civil Aeronautics Administrator and the Delta Airlines, 15 July 1949, in an attempt to determine if any aircraft were flying in the vicinity of Alexandria, Louisiana, at approximately 2100 hours, 7 July 1949. It was learned that only one (1) Piper Cub airplane, with no landing lights, was shooting landings at approximately 2100 hours. There was no other reported aircraft in the vicinity at the time and the CAA weather station did not send a balloon into the sky.

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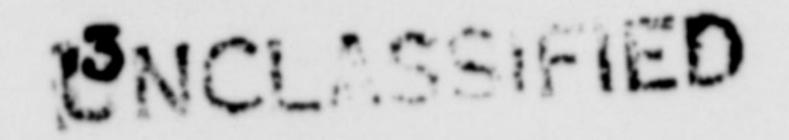
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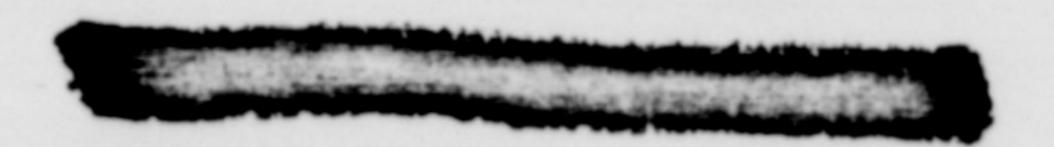
(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial
Object (s)

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- 1. Date of sighting 7 July 1949
- 2. Time of sighting Approximately 2100 hours (Sonal by 24 hr clock)
- 3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town At Alexandria, Louisiana.
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town, North and west road, intersections, etc. from town.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. Sitting on porch at ...
 - (4) Map coordinates (if re-sible) showing latitute and longitude
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
 - (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark
 - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
 - (4) Latitude and longitude
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude
 - (2) Proximity to land (Name city, country, etc.)
- 4. Number of objects One
 - a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)
- 5. Distance of object from observer Can't estimate
 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon Approximately 45°
 - c. Altitude Pretty far up

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- 6. Time in sight Approximately 5 minutes
- 7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color Just exactly the color of a light bulb when turned on.
 - b. Shape (sketch if possible) Round about 6 in. in diameter.
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent) None.
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view About size of an (Compared to known object) ordinary household saucer.
- J. Direction of flight North to west.
- 9. Tactics or maneuvers
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.
- 10. Evidence of exhaust None
 - a. Color of smoke
 - b. Length and width
 - c. Odor (if any)
 - d. Rate of evaporation
 - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)
- 11. Effect on clouds
 - a. Opened path thru clouds No clouds
 - b. Formed cloud or mists
 - c. Reflected on cloud
 - d. Shown thru cloud
- 12. Lights
 - a. Reflected or attached Attached
 - b. Luminous
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

Remained constant



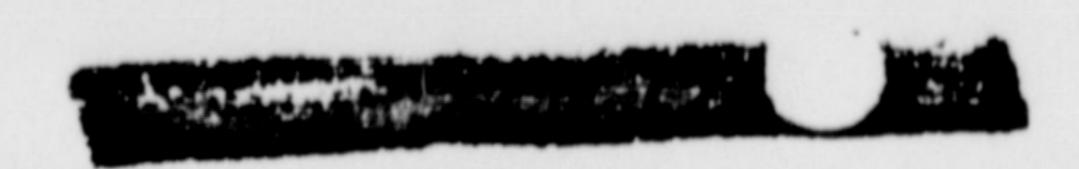
13. Support None visible

- a. Wings
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
- c. Vertical jet
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

11:0 Propulsion

- a. Propeller or jet None
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
 (KatzMayer effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings
- 15. Control and stability Smooth
 - a. Fine
 - b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location
- 16. Air ducts None
 - a. Slots
 - b. Duct openings
- 17. Speed M.P.H. Can't estimate.
- 18. Sound None.
 - a. Continuous whine or buzz
 - b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
 - c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

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- a. Explode Faded out gradually as though going out of sight.
 - (1) Possibility of fragments
 - (2) Other physical evidence
- b. Faded from view
- c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

- l. Name of observer
- 2. Address
- La.
- 3. Occupation
- Housewife and practical nurse.
- 4. Place of business
 - a. Employer or employee
- 5. Hobbies

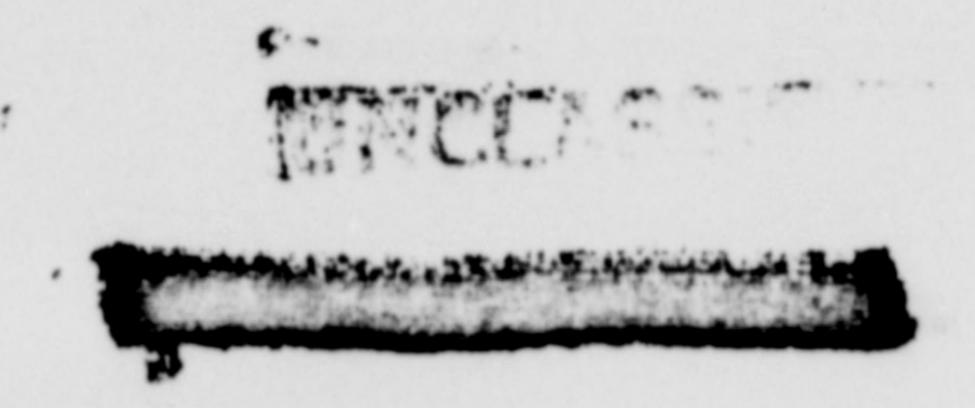
Flowers (working).

- a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)

 Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?
- 6. Ability to determine
 - a. Color

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- b. Epeed of moving objects
- c. Size at distance
- 7. Reliability of observer
 - a. Sources
 - (1) Neighbor
 - (2) Police Dept
 - (3) FBI records
 - (4) Employer





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- 8. Notes relative to observor on
 - a. Sightings in general Can't see without glasses.
 - b. How attention was drawn to object (s) Just happened to look up into the sky.
 - (1) Sound
 - (2) Motion
 - (3) Glint of light
- 9. Witnesses
 - a. Addresses
 - b. Occupation
 - c. Reliability
- 10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated 8th Grade education, average intelligence, 56 years of age.

 Relative to Radar Sightings
- 1. Re radars now operating on ground
 - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
 - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (150°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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- 1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions Temp. 81°, Est. ceiling 30,000°, thin broken cirrus clouds; dewpoint 76; wind from SE 2. Winds aloft report 9 M.P.H.; altimeter setting 2989.
- 3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to thet border.)
- i. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air: Force, Army, Weather Units, Rosearch Organizations or any other
- 5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils
- 6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, otc.
- 7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
 - a. Object
 - b. Surrounding terrain there observed
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
 - d. Maneuvers
 - e. Formation if objects were more than two
- 8. Socura signed statement
- 9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible
- 10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such) None evident

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS	REPORT MADE BY			
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Alexandria, Louisiana,	OFFICE OF ORIGIN			
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	STATUS			
CHARACTER				
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REFERENCE

This is an initial report. none.

SYNOPSIS

on 7 July 1949, at approximately 2100 hours, Mrs. who was sitting on the porch or her home at 1823 warchauer Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, saw a round light in the sky which appeared to be about the size of a household saucer and was sighted at approximately a thirty-five degree (550) angle from the ground. Mrs. r Pineville, Louisiana, were with Louisiana, and H at the time this object was sighted. Ers. the object as being orange in color with no visible means of support, and romained in sight for approximately five (5) minutes and disappeared by gradually moving out of sight.

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFLUMATION UNCLASSIFIED

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

- 1. Date of sighting 7 July 1949
- 2. Time of sighting 2100 hours (Sonal by 24 hr clock)
- 3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town Alexandria, Louisiana
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town, Northeast from town. road, intersection, etc.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. Sitting on front porch.
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
 - (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark
 - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
 - (4) Latitude and longitude
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude
 - (2) Proximity to land

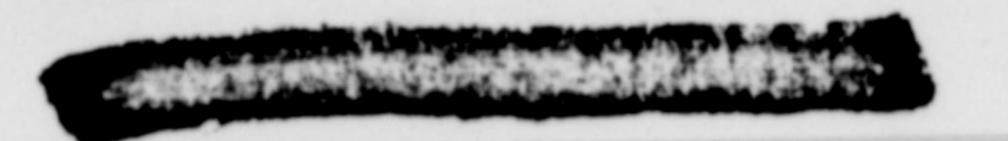
(Name city, country, etc.)

- 4. Number of objects ONE (1)
 - a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)
- 5. Distance of object from observer Can't estimate.
 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon 350
 - c. Altitude Can't estimate



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- 6. Time in sight 2100 hours
- 7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color Orange
 - b. Shape (sketch if possible)
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent) Appeared to be light
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size Can't estimate.
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view About size of a house(Compared to known object) hold saucer.
- 8. Direction of flight From north traveling west (when object was first sighted, went down slightly from north to west and then straight over).
- 9. Tactics or maneuvers Went from north to west and then went from west back to north.
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.
- 10. Evidence of exhaust None
 - a. Color of smoke
 - b. Length and width
 - c. Odor (if any)
 - d. Rate of evaporation
 - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)
- 11. Effect on clouds Believes no clouds were present.
 - a. Opened path thru clouds
 - b. Formed cloud or mists
 - c. Reflected on cloud
 - d. Shown thru cloud
- 12. Lights
 - a. Reflected or attached Attached.
 - b. Luminous
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed Remained constant.





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- 12. Support Didn't appear to rotate No supports
 - a. Wings
 - b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
 - d. Vertical jet
 - d. Rotating cylinder or cone
 - e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)
- 14. Propulsion No visible propulsion
 - a. Propellor or jet
 - b. Rotor
 - C. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
 (Katz Mayer effect)
 - d. Visible exhaust or jet openings
- 15. Control and stability Appeared to glide.
 - a. Fine
 - b. Stabilizers (herizontal or vertical)
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location
- 16. Air ducts None visible
 - a. Slots
 - b. Duct openings
- 17. Speed M.P.H. Can't estimate.
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 - a. Continuous whine or buzz
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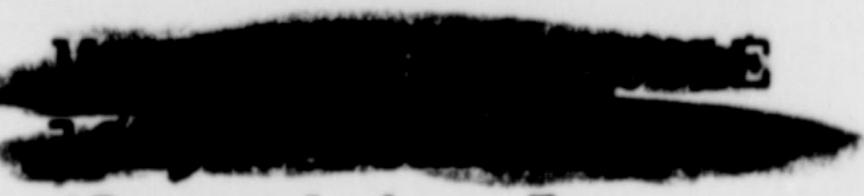
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- 19. Manner of disappearance Seemed to move out of sight gradually. Light seemed to remain constant, but moved farther away and finally from sight.

 a. Explode
 - (1) Possibility of fragments
 - (2) Other physical evidence
 - b. Faded from view
 - c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer



2. Address

Alexandria, La.

3. Occupation

Housewife (Nurse for ten (10) years)

- 4. Place of business
 - a. Employer or employee
- 5. Hobbies

None

- a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
 Is observer emateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?
- 6. Ability to determine
 - a. Color
 - b. Speed of moving objects
 - c. Size at distance
- 7. Reliability of observer
 - a. Sources
 - (1) Neighbor
 - (2) Police Dept
 - (3) FBI records
 - (4) Employer

Informant's right eye is almost blind. Left eye perfect.

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- 8. Notes relative to observer on
 - a. Sightings in general
 - b. How attention was drawn to object (x) Object called to informant's attention by Mrs. Who was sitting on the porch.
 - (1) Sound
 - (2) Motion
 - (3) Glint of light
- 9. Witnesses
 - a. Addresses
 - b. Occupation
 - c. Reliability
- 10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

- 1. Re radars how operating on ground
 - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
 - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (1800), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

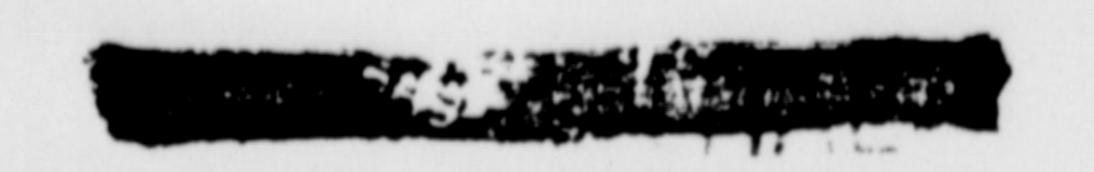


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GENERAL

- 1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions
- 2. Winds aloft report; Temp; 81°; Est. Ceil: 30,000'; Wind: SE, 9 Mi. per hr, Alt. Setting: 2989, Dewpoint: 76.
- 3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Janadian activity if close to that border.)

 None scheduled.
- 4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other
- 5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils
- 6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
- 7. Obtain photographs (or original . negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
 - a. Object
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 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this pappened)
 - d. Maneuvers
 - e. Formation if objects were more than two
- 8. Secure a signed statement
- 9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.
- lo. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).



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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
15 September 1949

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-26

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC

On 7 July 1949, At Alexandria, Louisiana,

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO:

Commanding General Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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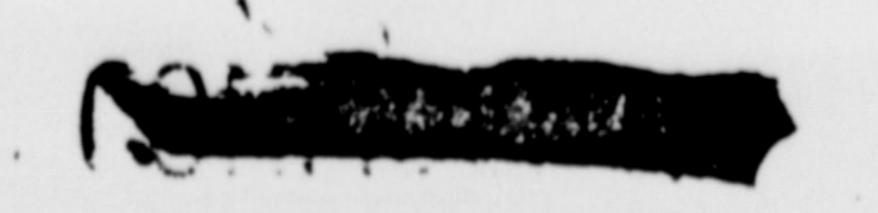
1. Transmitted herewith is Closed Report of Investigation regarding above Subject.

2. 9th District OSI does not contemplate any further action in this case.

l Incl: Rpt of Invest (2) EDWARD R. FORD

Major, USAF

District Commander



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WASHINGTON

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

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9 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO:

Commanding General Air Wateriel Command

Fright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MCIAXS

- 1. The inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent TROY R. SHERMAN, DO 79, dated 29 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.

1 Incl Rpt of Inv dtd 29 Jul 49 (dup)

Acting District Commander

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