

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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ATIC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 8 Aug 1949 21
AP NO. _____ LOCATION Medford, Ore.
REPORT NO. _____ SOURCE Airmen and Tower Operators
DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC _____
TIME OF SIGHTING 1200P to 1230 P COLOR Shiny
SHAPE _____ SPEED Varying slow to Estimated
SIZE _____ very fast Measured
COURSE W ALTITUDE Very High Measured
NO. IN GROUP Varying 1-7 LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____
TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
SOUND _____ MANEUVERS Horizontal maneuvers only
PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____
When tower personnel observed object
through binoculars, wings were noted. The
objects would fly formation for a while,
break off and reform in a trail formation. They would disappear
for short periods but reappeared in the same general area.

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other (Balls of fire)

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INCIDENT NO. 419

1. Date of Observation 8 Aug 49 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1130P
3. Place of Observation
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 3
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object Silver
9. Shape
10. Altitude Presumed to have been about 17,000'
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed Very Fast greater than standard jet aircraft
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

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The following was taken from Info Doc 10-582, AF 98276:

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSLIN

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3. "No definite conclusions as to the identity or nature of the objects were reached by this Detachment, since accurate observations could not be made. Therefore, the foregoing information is essentially that furnished by Mr. [REDACTED]."

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Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, ATC

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HEADQUARTERS 1905TH AACS SQUADRON
McChord AF Base, Washington

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15 August 1949

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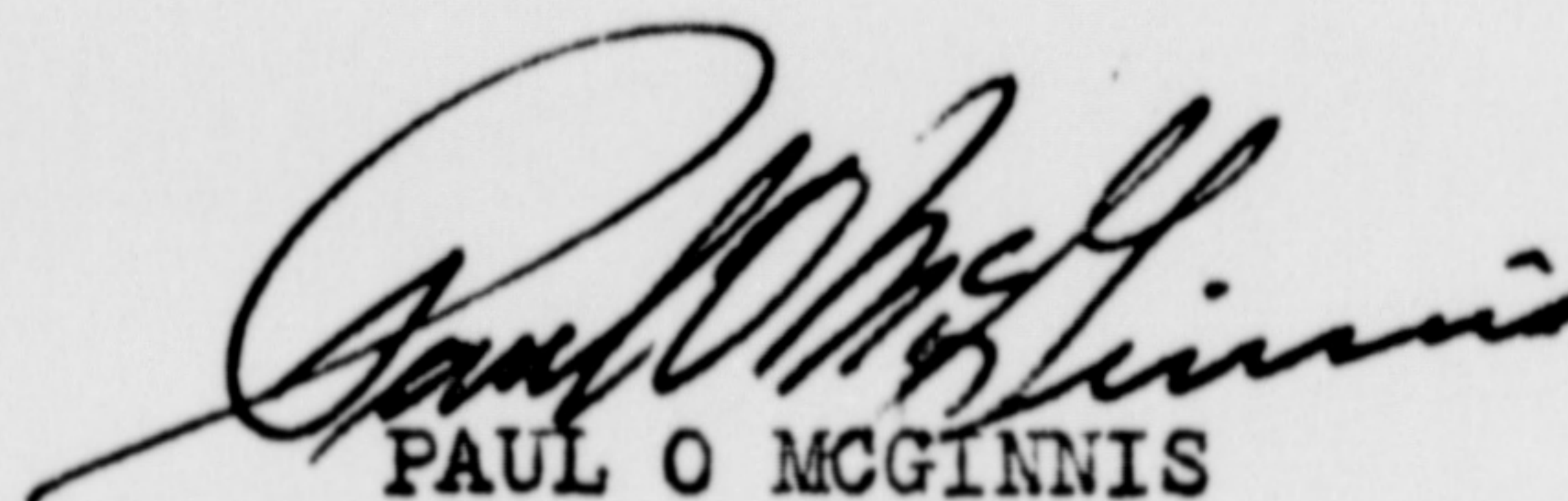
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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



PAUL O MCGINNIS
1st Lt, USAF
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cc: Hq USAF
Hq AACS
1800th AACS Wg
1801st AACS Gp

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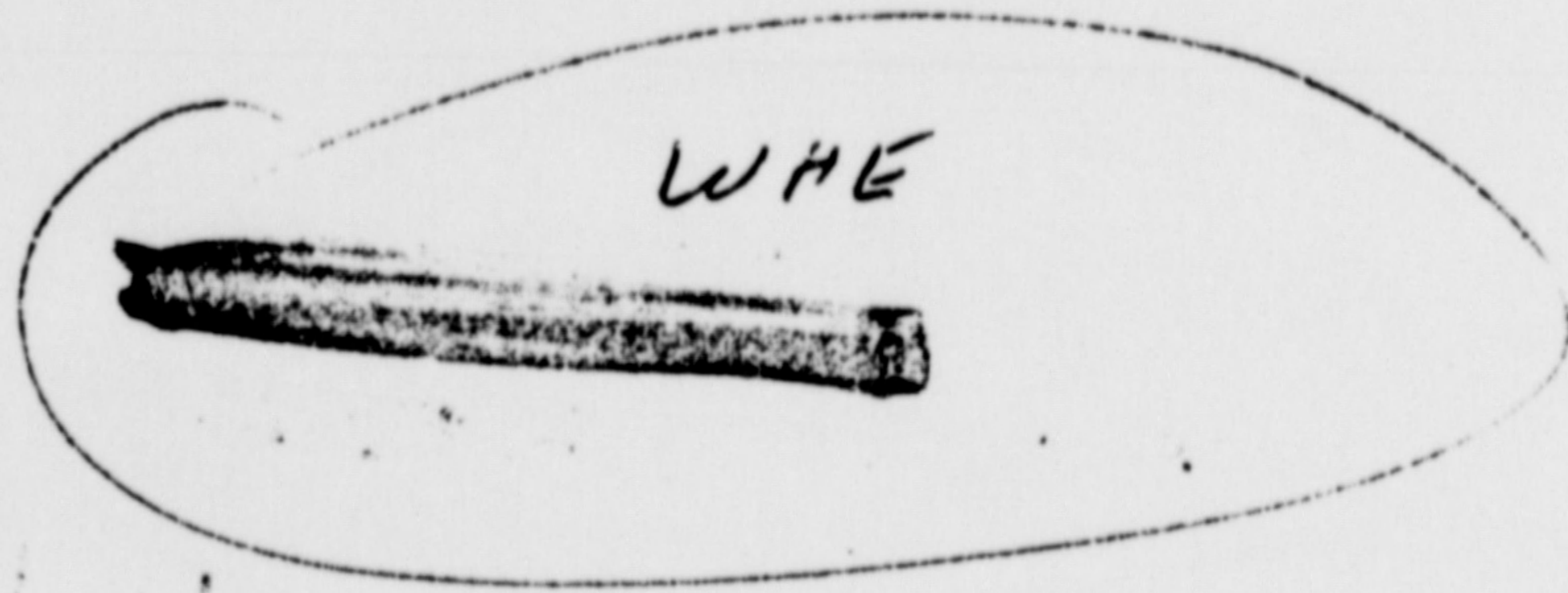
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TO CG ALC WFAF ATTN: [REDACTED]
CG COMAF WITCHEL AFB ATTN: DIA OF INTELL
CHIEF OF STAFF USAF WASH DC ATTN: DIA OF INTELL
US AFH AT HAMILTON AFB CALIF ATTN: DIA OF INTELL 25 AUGUST 49
AT 1205 PST 2 SILVER OBJECTS WERE NOTED OVER MEDFORD
OREGON BY THE MEDFORD AIRPORT TOWER OPERATOR. THE OBJECTS
THE OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED BY THE
OPERATOR THROUGH BINOCULARS AND WERE NOTED TO BE
SILVER OBJECTS WITH SHORT WINGS. THEIR SPEED VARIED AS THEY
AS THEY ORBITED. DCG AIRCRAFT WAS OVER MEDFORD AT THE TIME OF
SIGHTING AT 17000 FEET AND THE OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE MUCH
HIGHTER THAN THE AIRCRAFT. THE DCG WAS CONTACTED BY THE
OPERATOR FOR CONFIRMATION, BUT THE OBJECTS WERE NOT VISIBLE
TO THE PILOT, SCD [REDACTED]

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FROM FLIGHT SVC CENTER MCCORD AFB TACOMA WASH 0822197
TO W-P AFB ATTN MCIAXO-3

INFO FLIGHT SVC WASHINGTON DC

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RE FS REG 200-4 FOLLOWING REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS IS SUBMITTED: A. EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF MEDFORD
OREGON, 1120 TO 1230 P, 8 AUGUST 1949. B. CLEAR VISIBILITY
30 MILES. C. (1) CPL [REDACTED] (2) STAFF SGT [REDACTED]
(3) CPL [REDACTED]. OCCUPATIONS OF ABOVE PERSONNEL: AACS
[REDACTED] OPERATORS OF [REDACTED] AIRWAYS. ADDRESS AACS DETACH-
MENT 1905-1 MEDFORD OREGON. (4) [REDACTED]. (5) [REDACTED].
OCCUPATIONS, CAA [REDACTED] OPERATOR, MEDFORD AIRPORT MEDFORD
OREGON. ADDRESS P O [REDACTED] MEDFORD ORE. (6) [REDACTED] (7)
[REDACTED] OCCUPATIONS [REDACTED] CAA RANGE STATION
MEDFORD ORE. ADDRESS P O [REDACTED] MEDFORD ORE. D. NOT AVAILABLE.
E. NOT AVAILABLE. F. (1) VARYING FROM 127 (2) UNDETERMINED
(3) UNDETERMINED (4) SHINY (5) VARYING FROM SLOW TO VERY FAST.
(6) OBJECTS DID NOT HOLD ANY SPECIFIC HEADING AND WERE LAST SEEN
HEADING WEST. (7) OBJECTS MANEUVERED HORIZONTALLY BUT NOT
VERTICALLY (8) VERY HIGH (9) NONE. (10) NONE. G. PERS FM
[REDACTED] AIRWAYS FIRST SIGHTED THE OBJECTS AND NOTIFIED
MEDFORD TOWER AND MEDFORD RADIO. PERS FM MEDFORD RADIO USED
THE THEODALITE TO GET A BETTER LOOK AT THE OBJECTS. PERS FM
MEDFORD TOWER USED BINOCULARS AND WERE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH
WINGS ON THE OBJECTS BUT NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION COULD BE
DETECTED. THE OBJECTS WOULD FLY FORMATION FOR A WHILE AND THEN
BREAK OFF AND REFORM IN TRAIL FORMATION. THEY WOULD DISAPPEAR
FOR SHORT PERIODS AND THEN REAPPEAR IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA.

OBJECTS WERE VISIBLE TO THE UN-
AIDED EYE ONLY WHEN THEY REFLECTED THE SUNS RAYS. SIGNED
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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

TCM 452

10 August 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXC-3

1. The following report of sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: East and south-east of Medford, Oregon, 1120P to 1230P, 8 August 1949.

b. Weather at the time: Sky clear, visibility thirty (30) miles.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

- (1) Corporal [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Airways, address [REDACTED] Detachment [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (2) Staff Sergeant [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Airways, address [REDACTED] Detachment [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (3) Corporal [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Airways, address [REDACTED] Detachment [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (4) [REDACTED], CAA [REDACTED], Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (5) [REDACTED] CAA [REDACTED], Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.

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- (6) [REDACTED], C [REDACTED] Station,
Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED],
Medford, Oregon.
- (7) [REDACTED], O [REDACTED] Station,
Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED],
Medford, Oregon.

d. Photographs of objects if available: Photographs of objects are not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of object's configuration are not available.

f. Objects sighted:

- (1) Number: Varying from one (1) to seven (7).
- (2) Shape: Undetermined.
- (3) Size: Undetermined.
- (4) Color: Shiny.
- (5) Speed: Varying from slow to very fast.
- (6) Heading: Objects did not hold any specific heading and were last seen heading west.
- (7) Maneuverability: Objects maneuvered horizontally but not vertically.
- (8) Altitude: Very high.
- (9) Sound: None.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not: None.

g. General remarks: Personnel from Medford Airways first sighted the objects and notified Medford Tower and Medford Radio. Personnel from Medford Radio used the theodolite to get a better look at the objects. Personnel from Medford Tower used binoculars and were able to distinguish wings on

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TCM 452

10 August 1949

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the objects but no further identification could be detected. The objects would fly formation for a while and then break off and reform in a trail formation. They would disappear for short periods and then reappear in the same general area. Objects were visible to the unaided eye only when they reflected the sun's rays.

Earl J. Livesey
EARL J. LIVESAY
Lt. Col., USAF
Commanding

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