

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 August 49 20/0100Z	2. LOCATION Langley AFB, Virginia
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS While operating a General Electric Antiaircraft searchlight for publicity purposes an object was picked up in the light beam. The object appeared to change color in the light from a sort of phosphorescent to a bluish color.
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

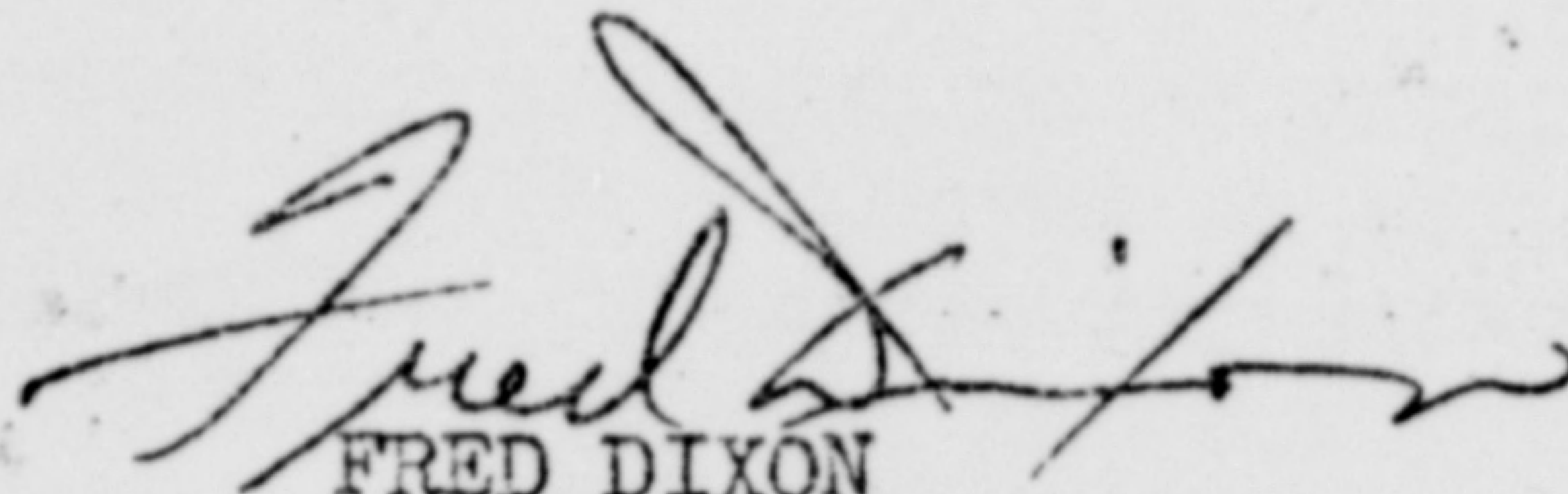
DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
CINCINNATI 21, OHIO

22 August 1949

SUBJECT: Report of unidentified Airborne object:

TO: Commanding General
Ninth Air Force
Langley Air Force Base, Va.

1. On Friday night, 19 August 1949, Sgt. Donald R. Berger, RA 6718406, a member of this organization was operating a standard Army General Electric antiaircraft searchlight on a volunteer basis for a local group who were using the light for publicity purposes. Between the hours of 2000 and 2300 he picked up an object in the light beam in the sky which presented an unusual appearance and was not readily identifiable.
2. This subject appeared to change color in the light beam from a sort of phosphorescent appearance to a bluish color if held in the light and when the beam was removed the object remained visible with what has been described as a luminous appearance.
3. The object was North but slightly East of Cincinnati at an elevation of 1585 mils or approximately directly overhead. Judging from the atmospheric conditions and the range of the light, the object appeared to be at an altitude of 4 to 5 miles and at about the same range. It did not seem to move but remained as far as could be determined approximately stationary for the entire period of the three and one-half hours Sgt. Berger observed it.
4. This phenomenon, whatever it was, was seen by several hundred people in this city, a number of whom called it to the attention of Sgt. Berger while he was operating the searchlight. A notice of this incident although not released by military personnel appeared in at least one daily newspaper of this city.


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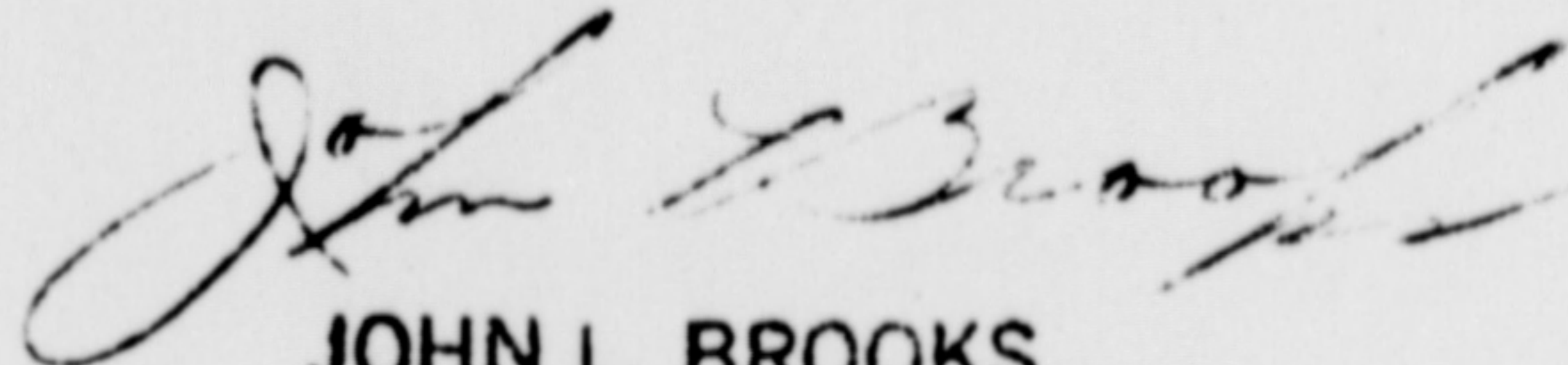
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TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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