

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

ATIC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 28 Oct 49
AP NO. _____ LOCATION Atlantic, Iowa
REPORT NO. _____ SOURCE Male Civilians
DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC _____
TIME OF STARTING 1000 COLOR Ebony
SHAPE Circular SPEED _____ Estimated
SIZE 8" - 12" thick 6' Diameter ALTITUDE _____ Measured
COURSE _____ LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION _____
SOUND _____ MANEUVERS Rotated while in descent
PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES 1 (60 RPM) emitting gaseous
like substance.

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

RESTRICTED

Atlantic, Iowa.
December 30, 1949.

Air Material Command
Wright Base
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Being another observer of the much talked of "Flying Disc", I am enclosing a "crude" drawing of our observation of this disc which we observed, over Atlantic, Iowa. at 1000 October 28, 1949. This object was seen by two men.

Would you please send me some of the data which led your base to discontinue "Project Flying Saucer", as stated by Associated Press in the Omaha World-Herald on December 28, 1949. We are very much interested in hearing from you as we still believe our eyes although our failure to locate this disc made us wonder if "seeing is believing".

I write you this information, and hope that it will be useful to you. I do not wish any publicity nor does the other party who observed it with me. We will be glad to give you any other information you may ask for, although it is all contained in the enclosed drawing.

Hoping that your division will be able to furnish us with information compiled to convince us that we didn't see anything, we remain until then,

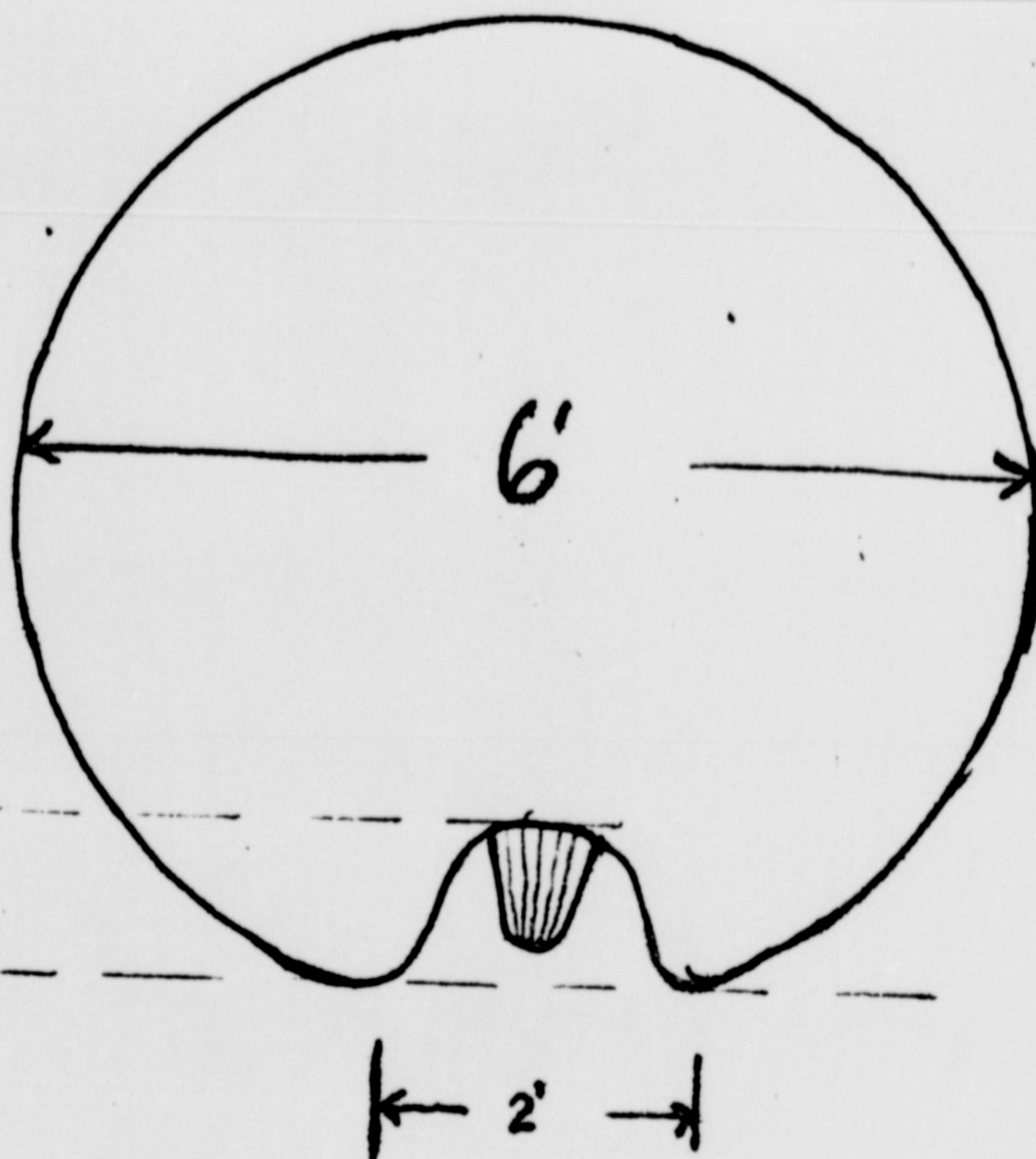
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Flying discfully yours,

100 Laurel St.,
Atlantic, Iowa.

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DIMENSIONS

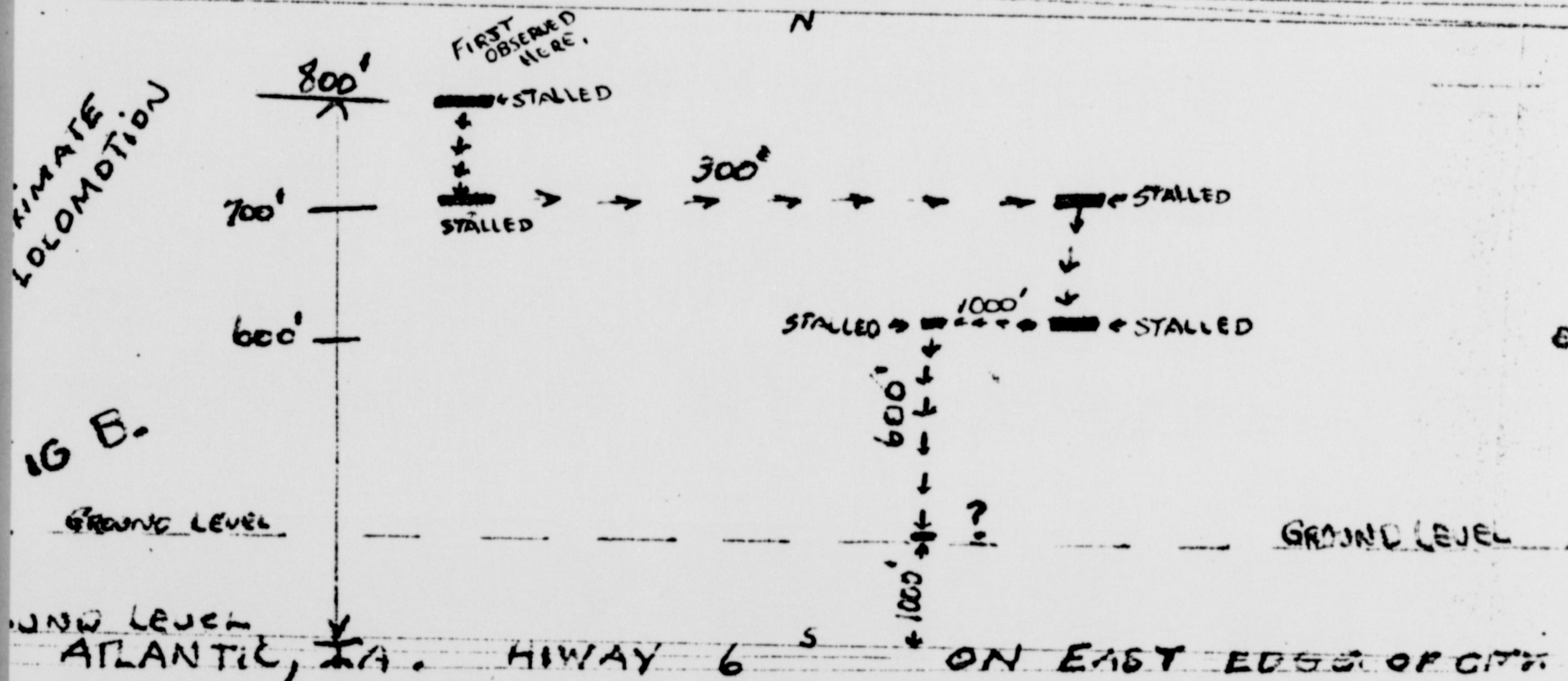


8-12" Thick

FIG A.

APPROXIMATE
LOCOMOTION

FIG B.



THE DISC APPROXIMATELY AS SHOWN IN FIGURE A.

THE DISC' APPROXIMATE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.

THE DISC - COLOR, EBONY.

" " APPARENTLY METAL.

" " EMITTED GASEOUS LIKE SUBSTANCE, (HARD TO OBSERVE)

" " ROTATED CONTINUOUSLY, WHILE IN DESCENT, IN A
COUNTER CLOCKWISE MANNER, APPROX 60 R.P.M.

" " DESCENDED TO GROUND, 1000' FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION
BUT NEVER FOUND, 1 1/2 HOUR SEARCH FAILED TO LOCATE IT.

" " WITNESSED BY 2 MEN, @ 1000, OCT 28, 1949, ON THE EAST

COORDINATION
CG OR DEP CG

ATSC Form No. 10-508
(Rev. 22 Oct 45)

(PRINT SYMBOL AND
INITIALS IN APPRO-
PRIATE BLOCK)

ADJUTANT GENERAL

MCIAA-1
CHIEF OF ADMIN.

AIR INSPECTOR

PUBLIC RELATIONS

JUDGE ADVOCATE

PERSONNEL (T-1)

INTELLIGENCE (T-2)

*Smith AKA 65376 @
Helmstreet - MCIAA*

ENGINEERING (T-3)

SUPPLY (T-4)

PLANS (T-5)

BASE C. O.

OTHER

HWS/ed

10 JAN 1950

Atlantic, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter dated 30 December 1949 is acknowledged.

In reply to your request it may be stated that exhaustive investigation of reports on unusual objects led to the revelation that they were various conventional objects.

Thank you for the information you provided. It will be accorded the same consideration as other similar reports.

Sincerely yours,

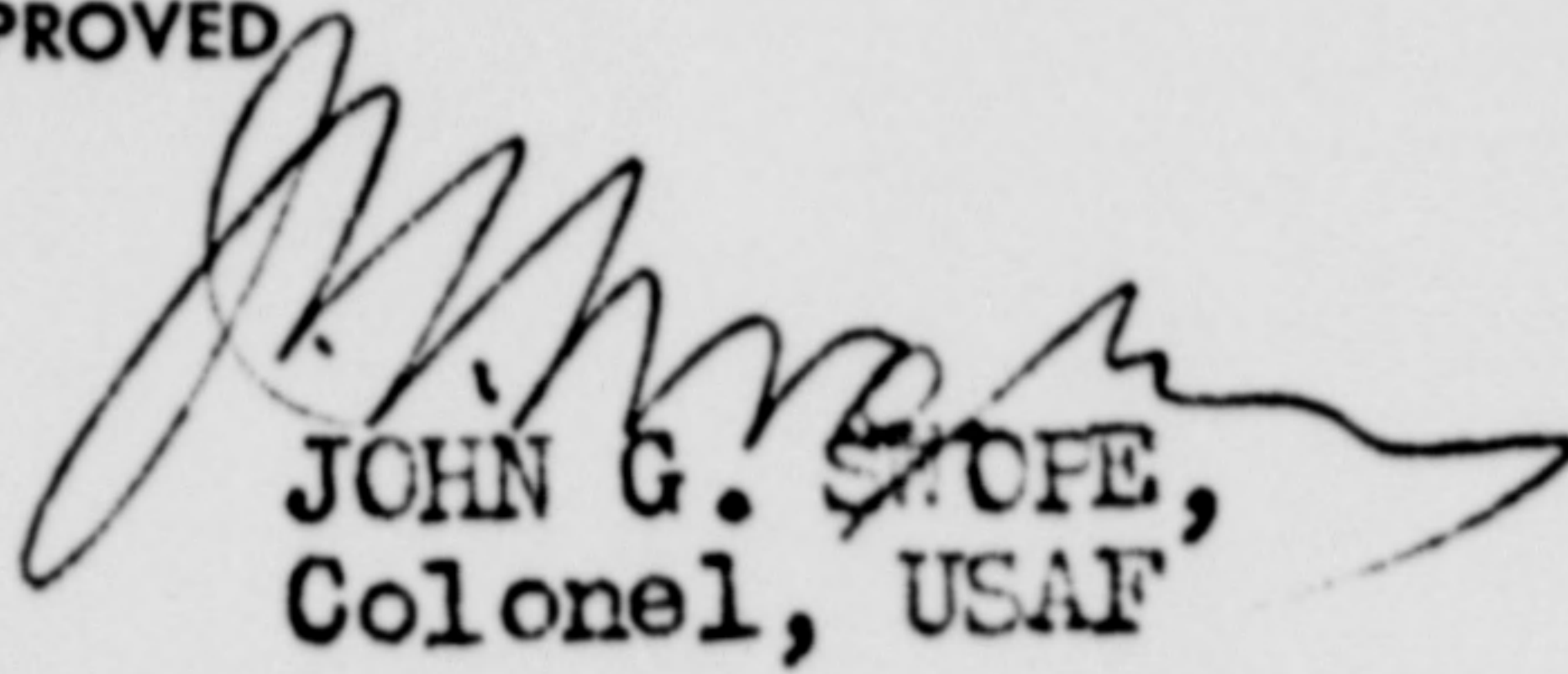
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BRUNO W. FEILING
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

ANALYSIS DIVISION FILE

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24/40-11	DATE 9 February 1950
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT Unusual Aerial Phenomena at Napa, California		REPORT MADE BY CHARLES A. STARRATT	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		PERIOD 6 February 1950	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE Report of Special Agent FRANK D. DEAN, DO#19, dtd 8 Nov 1949			
SYNOPSIS			
The Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA), San Francisco, California, stated it is not possible for that organization to provide a schedule of all flights in the area of Napa, California, on 28 October 1949, at 1230 - 1300 hours, since there are one hundred sixty-one (161) carriers in the Bay Area and only approximately ten percent (10%) of these have regularly scheduled flights and less than one percent (1%) of the remaining file any kind of clearance for their flights. Colonel LEO J. DILLON, Executive Officer, Ordnance Section, Sixth Army, stated that he did not know of any testing devices or guided missiles released in the area of Napa, California, on 28 October 1949. Lt. Colonel ROBERT JOHNSON, Executive Officer, Signal Section, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, stated that to the best of his knowledge there were no ground radar contacts made with unidentified objects in the vicinity of Napa, California, on 28 October 1949. Records of Headquarters, Twelfth Naval District, Treasure Island, were examined and failed to disclose any naval operations in the vicinity of Napa, California, on 28 October 1949. - CLOSED - DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10			
DISTRIBUTION		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO	FILE STAMP
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		APPROVED	
		 JOHN G. SCOFÉ, Colonel, USAF DISTRICT COMMANDER	
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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. On 6 February 1950, the Civil Aeronautics Authority, San Francisco, California, stated it was not possible to provide a schedule of all flights in the vicinity of Napa, California, on 28 October 1949, at 1230 - 1300 hours since there are one hundred sixty-one (161) carriers in the Bay Area and only approximately ten percent (10%) file plans and clearances for regularly scheduled flights and less than one percent (1%) of the remaining file any kind of plan or clearance.

2. On 6 February 1950, Colonel LEO J. DILLON, Executive Officer, Ordnance Section, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, stated that to the best of his knowledge there were no testing devices or guided missiles released in the area of Napa, California, on 28 October 1949. Colonel DILLON stated this would be handled by the Proving Ground Command at White Sands, New Mexico, and that his office would have been notified concerning any such activity in the area of Napa, California.

3. On 6 February 1950, Lt. Colonel ROBERT JOHNSON, Executive Officer, Signal Section, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, stated that to the best of his knowledge there were no ground forces radar contact with any unidentified object on 28 October 1949. Colonel JOHNSON stated it is possible that such a contact might have been made accidentally and not reported but he stated that the radar now in use by the Ground Forces in this area are primarily used for scanning the sea approaches to the Bay Area and consequently could only have picked up an object closer to the ground than four thousand (4,000) feet or considerably higher than four thousand (4,000) feet, such as a height of fifteen thousand (15,000) feet.

4. On 6 February 1950, the records of Headquarters, Twelfth Naval District, Treasure Island, were examined and failed to disclose any naval operations in the vicinity of Napa, California, on 28 October 1950.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-37	DATE NOV 8 - 1949
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT Unusual Aerial Phenomena at Napa, California		REPORT MADE BY FRANK D DEAN	21
		REPORT MADE AT DO#19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		PERIOD 31 October, 1-2 November 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO#19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER	SPECIAL INQUIRY		
REFERENCE	None. This is an initial report.		
SYNOPSIS			
This investigation requested by Lt Col KENNETH W KING, Acting District Commander, DO#19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California upon receipt of information that Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both of Napa, California, sighted an unknown circular object flying north over the town of Napa, California at approximately 1250 on 28 October 1949. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviewed and revealed following information regarding unidentified object: estimated altitude 4-5 thousand feet; object in sight approximately thirty (30) seconds; speed of object unknown; size appeared to be five (5) feet in diameter, actual size estimated thirty (30) to thirty-five (35) feet in diameter; apparent metal construction with appearance of aluminum; no exhaust or vapor trail; no sound; no projections visible. LARGENT and SHANKS diverted attention and object disappeared during this period. No witnesses. Interview with local residents indicated [REDACTED] considered truthful and dependable, not addicted to alcohol. [REDACTED] not known. Record and agency check reveals no derogatory information regarding [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Interview with manager of local airport, Napa, California revealed observation of two (2) or three (3) Jet Fighter Aircraft in vicinity and one B-29 or C-54 type aircraft in vicinity on 28 October between 1230 and 1300.			
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Fairfield-Suisun FB (Incl) -1			
[REDACTED] (Incl) -2		APPROVED Kenneth W King Lt Colonel, USAF Acting DISTRICT COMMANDER	

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1. This investigation requested by Lt Col KENNETH W KING, Acting District Commander, DO#19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California on 31 October 1949 upon receipt of information that Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both of Napa, California had seen an unknown circular object flying over the town of Napa, California on 28 October 1949 at approximately 1250.

AT NAPA, CALIFORNIA

2. On 31 October 1949 Mr [REDACTED], Napa, California was interviewed and advised that on 28 October 1949 at 1230-1300 hours, he and his assistant Mr [REDACTED] were hanging a canvas curtain in the west end of the grease rack of his service station, located at [REDACTED], Napa, California. [REDACTED] further advised that, while handing one end of the canvas to [REDACTED] (standing on a ladder) he noticed a round silver object in the sky immediately overhead and called [REDACTED] attention to this object. Both stood looking at it for about thirty (30) seconds and then glanced away to call a Mrs [REDACTED] attention to the object. When [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] again looked up to point out this unknown object to Mrs [REDACTED] could not be seen. [REDACTED] stated this circular object was headed due north and was, in his opinion, between four thousand (4000) and five thousand (5000) feet altitude. SHANKS further stated this object appeared to be rotating, was silver in color, appeared to be aluminum, moved very quickly, was about the size of a fighter plane, perfectly round, flew straight and level, left no exhaust trail, had no visible means of support, and had no apparent projection. [REDACTED] stated this object made no sound as it passed through the air and that, if it had, he would have noticed as it was very quiet in the neighborhood at the time. [REDACTED] advised that the only other person who had seen this object was Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] volunteered the signed statement set forth verbatim below:

"On Oct 29 at approximately 12:30 to 1:PM I saw a circular object which looked to be four or five feet in diameter going north it was west of Jefferson St. and we lost it at about six or seven miles north from where I first saw it, it was silver in color and appeared to be rotating, it did not seem to go as fast as a jet however the way it disappeared it was probably going very fast, it was in sight for about 45 seconds and compared to a fighter plane about 4 or 5 thousand feet. I called it to [REDACTED]'s attention and we watch it together."

The original of this statement is on file at DO#19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California.

3. On 31 October 1949 Mr [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] e., Napa, California was interviewed and stated that on 28 October 1949, at approximately 1250, while he and Mr [REDACTED] were hanging a canvas curtain in the west end of the grease rack of [REDACTED] service station, located at [REDACTED] Napa, California, Mr [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] attention to a round silver object, directly overhead. [REDACTED] stated that he was standing on a step ladder and, when he looked up, he saw a single object about the size of a single seater fighter type aircraft moving due North and travelling at a high rate of speed. [REDACTED] stated this object was perfectly round, appeared to be manufactured of aluminum, flew straight and level, left no exhaust trail, and had no visible means of support. [REDACTED] judged the height of this object to be about four thousand (4000) to five thousand (5000) feet in altitude and stated that it was in sight for about thirty (30) seconds. [REDACTED] advised that this object made no sound as it passed through the air and that, if it had made any sound, he would have noticed as it was very quiet in the neighborhood at that time. [REDACTED] stated that he looked down at the ground for a second and when he again looked up, the object had disappeared. [REDACTED] advised that there were no clouds in the sky on this particular day and that this object could not have disappeared behind a cloud or cloud formation for this reason. [REDACTED] advised that the only other person who had seen this object was Mr. [REDACTED] his employer. [REDACTED] volunteered the signed statement set forth verbatim below:

"On October 28, 1949 at 12:50 P.M I sighted a perfectly round, aluminum colored disc, traveling at a speed far greater than any airplane I have ever seen. At the time I sighted the object it was directly over Napa, and was traveling due North. I would estimate the height at about 4,000 feet. At the time I sighted the object I was at Mels Richfield service station, [REDACTED] Napa, California where I am employed. This object was called to my attention by Mr. [REDACTED] This object left no vapor trail and I could not distinguish on this object any conventional parts of a regular airplane, such as, wings, tail, propeller, or engine. This object was in my sight approximately 30 seconds, and I lost sight of this object by looking down and back up again."

The original of the above statement is on file at DO#19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California.

4. On 2 November 1949 Mr. E. C. CONNORS, Napa Union High School and Reverend CLYDE WOLFE, 1701 Lincoln Ave, both of Napa, California advised they have known [REDACTED] for two (2)

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years and would vouch for his honesty, trustworthiness and dependability. Both advised that SUBJECT is a very quiet, unassuming type of boy who would not be inclined to exaggerate or distort the truth under any circumstances.

NOTE: Mr. [REDACTED] has resided in Napa, California for a period of only eight (8) weeks, consequently character references for [REDACTED] could not be obtained thru interviews with local residents.

5. A check of the records maintained by the Napa Police Department, Napa, California revealed no record of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

6. Mr. HERBERT E THOMAS, 2216 Adrian Street, Napa, California, Manager of Napa Sky Ranch located at 1320 Trancas Road, Napa, California was interviewed and stated that on 28 October 1949 no local or cross-country flights were made from his airport. THOMAS further stated that on this date, between the hours of 1200-1300 he observed two (2) or three (3) jet type aircraft over Napa, California, flying at approximately 10,000 feet altitude, and a B-29 or C-54 flying north at approximately 15,000 feet.

AT FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB, CALIFORNIA

7. The only weather reporting station in the vicinity of Napa, California is Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California. Weather charts maintained at the Base Weather Station, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California list the following weather conditions for the area of Napa, California at 1230-1300 hours, 28 October 1949:

General: Clear with no wind.

Sky Conditions: Cirrus clouds to East- no other cloud formation.

Visibility: Four (4) miles with ground haze.

Winds Aloft: No surface wind

5000 ft 10 mi per hour fr 180°, temp 16°C
10000 ft 10 mi per hr fr 320°, temp 7°C

INCLOSURES

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO (4 cys);
CO, AIR MATERIAL COMMAND, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO; CG,
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB, CALIF; DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 18, MAYWOOD,
CALIFORNIA; FILE

1. Sketch of unknown flying object as described by [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED].

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB, CALIFORNIA

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will contact Civil Aeronautics Authority, San Francisco, California for schedule of all flights in the area of Napa, California on 28 October 1949 at 1230-1300 hours.

2. Will contact the Intelligence Division, 6th Army Area, Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, California to ascertain if any testing devices or missiles were released in the area of Napa, California on 28 October 1949 at 1230-1300 hours.

3. Will contact the Intelligence Division, 6th Army Area, Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, California to ascertain if any radar (ground) contacts were made with unidentified objects in the area of Napa, California on 28 October 1949 at 1230-1300 hours.

4. Will contact Commander, Air Force Pacific Fleet, to ascertain if any Naval Operations were conducted in the area of Napa, California on 28 October 1949.

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 18, MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

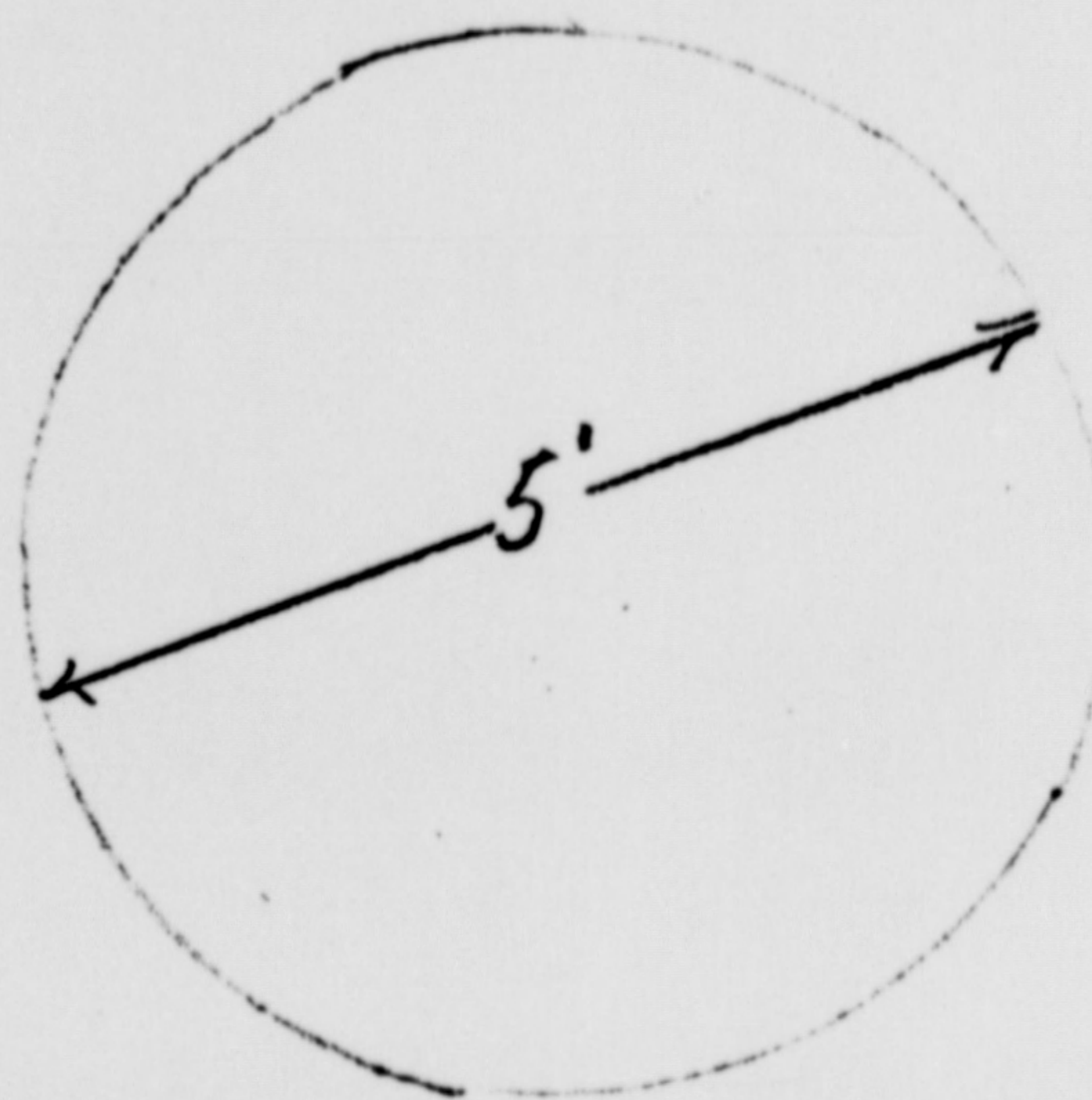
AT INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will conduct discreet inquiry regarding the honesty, and reliability of Mr. [REDACTED], former resident of [REDACTED], Inglewood, California.

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Apparent Size



Direction of
Flight North

Altitude - Estimated, 4,000 to 5,000 feet.

Speed - Unknown

Color - Aluminium

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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, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

10 January 1950

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Unusual Aerial
Phenomena at Napa, California
SPECIAL INQUIRY

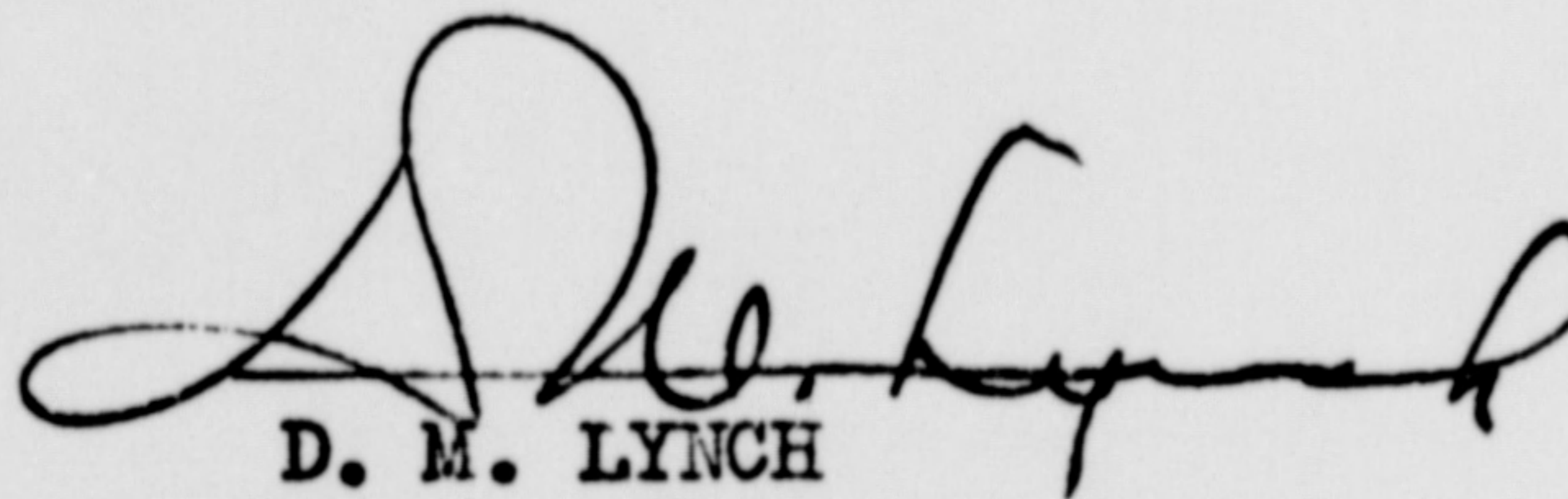
TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MICAXS

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1. The inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent LEON LEVIN, 18th OSI District, Maywood, California, dated 4 January 1950, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

2. This investigation was not requested by nor through this District Office.

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R/I dtd 4 Jan 50


D. M. LYNCH
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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AT INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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FLAHERTY, 709 - 104th Place, Los Angeles, and as a business reference, the Manchester and Vermont Branch of the Bank of America. He claimed also that he had no debts of any kind.

6. The ~~REDACTED~~ on the basis of an independent investigation, loaned the \$5,500 to Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ and up to the date of 11 August 1949 Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ had made prompt monthly payments and had reduced his indebtedness to \$3,942. On the date mentioned, this loan was discharged and the amount of the loan was transferred to Mr. WILLIAM L. JENKINS, present owner of the former ~~REDACTED~~ home.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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Ltr., Hq 78th Fighter Wing, Sub: Reporting of Information on "Flying
Dsics", dtd 31 Oct 49 (Continued)

- (e) Speed: Five hundred (500) miles per hour.
- (f) Heading: 270 degrees T.
- (g) Maneuverability: None observed; it was moving on a straight and direct course.
- (h) Altitude: Approximately 5,000 feet.
- (i) Sound: None
- (j) Exhaust trail: None.

Remarks: Sgt Peterson and Major Wright were standing in the yard of the residence of Sgt Peterson at 1230 hours on 30 October 1949 when the observations were made. Major Wright is stationed at San Bernardino Air Force Base, California and is not available for comment.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

[Signature]
R. M. KOLBENSCHLAG
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

AFOIR-CO-5

1st Ind.

8 NOV 1949

Department of the Air Force, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI *C.D.G.*

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[REDACTED]

HEADQUARTERS
78TH FIGHTER WING
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California

OI 373.5

31 October 1949

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Under the provisions of Par 4, ConAC Letter 200-1, dated 10 October 1949, the following report of information on "Flying Discs" is submitted:

(1) Location and time of sighting: Two (2) miles north of Novato, California (38 07 - 122 35) at 1230 hours PST 30 October 1949.

(2) Weather: CAVU

(3) Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

Major Lee W. Wright, Serial No. and organization unknown,
San Bernardino Air Force Base, California

M/Sgt Cayus P. Peterson, AF-6444205, Hq & Hq Squadron,
78th Fighter Wing, Hamilton Air Force Base, California.

(4) Photographs of Object: None available.

(5) Sketch of objects' configuration:

(6) Objects sighted:

- (a) Number: One (1).
- (b) Shape: Round solid disc.
- (c) Size: Fifty (50) feet in diameter.
- (d) Color: White (Not silver or bright).

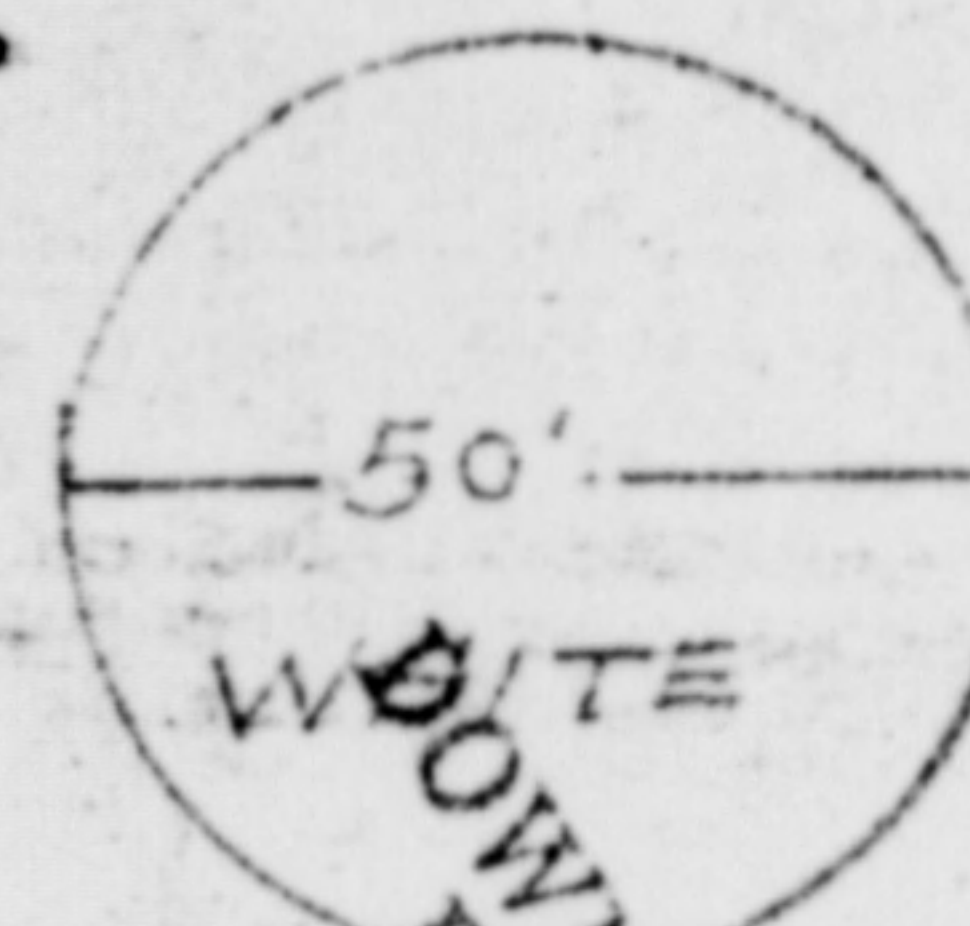
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HEADQUARTERS
78TH FIGHTER WING
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California

IO 373.5

31 October 1949

SUBJECT: Reporting Of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attention: TSDIN

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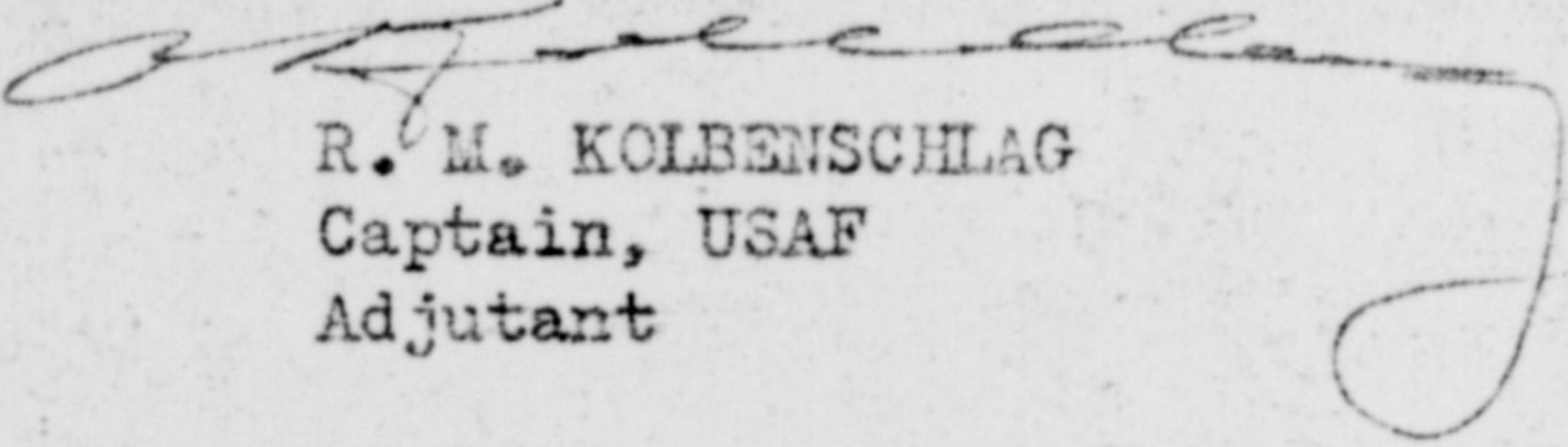
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Ltr., Hq 78th Ftr Wing, Sub: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs",
dtd 31 Oct 49 (Continued)

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- (h) Altitude: Approximately 5,000 feet.
- (i) Sound: None
- (j) Exhaust trail or not: None

Remarks: Sgt Peterson and Major Wright were standing in the yard of the residence of Sgt Peterson at 1230 hours 30 Oct 1949 when the observations were made. Major Wright is stationed at San Bernardino, Air Force Base, California and is not available for comment.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


R. M. KOLBENSCHLAG
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
USAF SPECIALIZED DEPOT, BOX 310, MAYWOOD, CALIF.
EMN/lei/mr
12 January 1950

18D 24-0

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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Attached hereto and forwarded in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85 are two (2) copies of report, dated 30 December 1949, prepared by an Intelligence Office of the 11th Naval District, subject: "Unidentified Flying Object."

1 Incl:
Rpt fr 11th Naval Dist (in dup)

Keefe O'Keefe
KEEFE O'KEEFE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Hq OSI

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San Diego

30 December 1949

(a) CNO conf ser 04422P32 dtd 4 Nov 48, subj: Flying Discs - Report of
See below

Unidentified Flying Object; report of

BRIEF: While flying from Burbank to Palmdale, California, [redacted] of Long Beach, California, saw an object in the sky which left a trail of blue flame extending an estimated one fourth of a mile. The object was sighted about 0015, 31 October 1949, over Mint Canyon. Mr. [redacted] is an experienced aviator and has flown the area where he saw this flying object, hundreds of times. He has seen many meteors or shooting stars and is quite familiar with that phenomena. He believes with certainty that what he saw was not a meteor or meteorite. One reason for his certainty is that the object definitely made a turn in direction.

Note: This information is as of 31 October 1949

SOURCE: [redacted], Long Beach, California (telephone - Long Beach 902964). Born 6 May 1909, Dade County, Florida. Profession: Aircraft engineer and pilot. Education: Eight years Parochial School; Four years High School; Four years University; Three years of miscellaneous aviation training. Employment: Don Lee Broadcasting Corporation; Amphibian Air Transport Corporation; Universal Airlines; Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation; Vultee Aircraft Company; Stearman Airplane Corporation; Seversky Export Corporation; Bellanca Aircraft Company; Seversky Aircraft Company. Military Record: Served as Technical Advisor and Test Pilot to the U. S. Army Air Forces Material Command on special duty in SWP area on loan to the Australian Air Forces.

Statement concerning delay in reporting: Reference (a) directs that sightings of "Flying Discs" and similar phenomena be investigated and reported as quickly as possible. The below sighting of a strange flying object was very briefly reported in local newspapers 1 November 1949. Repeated efforts to contact source have failed until this date, when a letter was received from him in answer to a questionnaire sent to him when personal contact failed. He gave a reasonable explanation of his delay which was occasioned by his being out of Southern California and out of reach by mail until now.

REPORT: Unidentified Flying Object; Report of:

The above brief is the gist of the newspaper accounts of [redacted]'s observation of the flying object. In the questionnaire returned this date, he verified the above statement as being correct.

The questionnaire brought out the following additional information: When the object was first sighted, it flew in a southeasterly direction; later it flew in a northerly direction. The arc of turn was about 1000 yards, in which the object appeared to slow up before making a turn, and after completing the turn, increased speed in ascension.

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The estimated speed of the object was approximately 1500 miles per hour.

The object when sighted was an estimated 30,000 feet above terrain. When last seen it was perhaps somewhat lower than at first.

Visibility was 60 miles plus. There were no clouds and there was no moon.

Mr. [REDACTED] was flying a Grumman Mallard plane, which has a cruising speed of 170 mph; however, at the time the object was sighted, the plane was in a climb position and the speed was approximately 140 mph. The elevation of [REDACTED]'s plane was 1500 feet over terrain and 4500 feet over sea level. The direction of flight of [REDACTED]'s plane was 350 degrees true.

The length of time that the object was observed was approximately 35 seconds. The color of the exhaust of the object was blue-gray, which got deeper in color as the object descended, probably caused by the object coming closer. There appeared to be a bluish vapor behind the object. A trail of smoke would not leave enough evidence to identify it even though the visibility was unusual and above average.

Mr. [REDACTED]'s opinion as to what the object was: He believed it to be a rocket from Muroc or a guided missile from Inyokern.

Note: The office of Naval Research of Los Angeles is very strongly of the opinion that neither Inyokern or Muroc had any missiles or test aircraft in the air at that time and/or location of [REDACTED]'s sighting of the unidentified object.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that it was impossible to hear any sound of the object from his position, and it was impossible to discern the color, but it appeared to be dark or black. The object appeared to be box-like and it was thus discernible when it appeared to be checking its descent with a large flash forward of its descending movement.

Besides Mr. [REDACTED], the other observers who saw the object are Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] was sitting in the rear of the aircraft and after it was decided not to be a star or meteorite, Mr. [REDACTED] called her forward to witness the spectacle. All agreed that the witnessed object was not a star or meteorite.

The course of the object was definitely steady and directional. Mr. [REDACTED] was unable to tell whether the object revolved.

The object when first sighted was about 50 miles away, and later about 20 miles.

Mr. [REDACTED] judged the estimate of height from the angle of his aircraft in climb and from having been in that approximate angle on other occasions during daylight hours while witnessing jet or rocket craft over the desert areas.

Mr. [REDACTED] estimated the speed of the object by mentally computing the approximate distance travelled and from watching previous expositions in the desert area.

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Mr. [REDACTED] did not estimate the size of the object, nor was he certain that the object was not much closer or further away than what he had previously estimated, explaining that at the time of observation and even now, nothing was or is certain. Complete unconcern then, and as of now, has not changed or improved Mr. [REDACTED]'s opinion.

The object was sighted by the observers as follows: Mr. [REDACTED] called Mr. [REDACTED] attention to what he believed to be a star. Mr. [REDACTED] watched it for a few seconds and excitedly remarked that it wasn't a star so must be a ship from Muroc. Mr. [REDACTED] turned his Transmitter (3105mgc) and after a wait of five seconds relayed a running description to the Burbank Airfield Tower. This was done just as a friendly gesture, not as an exhibition.

REPORTING OFFICERS COMMENT: Mr. [REDACTED] is believed to be sincere and a competent observer. There appears to be no reasonable explanation for the phenomena.

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Eleventh Naval District

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1949
1 - 30 NOVEMBER SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
2	Unity, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
16	Oxford, Mississippi (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
17	Augusta, Georgia (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
18	Raceland, Louisiana	[REDACTED]	
18	Biloxi, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	
21	Chattanooga, Tennessee (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
21	Akita, Honshu, Japan (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
22	Dover, Delaware (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
23	Santa Rosa Island, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
24	New Mexico (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
25	Mt. Palomar, California	[REDACTED] (GROUND RADAR)	Other (EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION)
27	McIntosh, New Mexico (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	Probable Astro (GREEN FIREBALLS)
27	Kirtland, New Mexico	Military	

1 - 31 DECEMBER SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
3	Holloman, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	
4	Albuquerque, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Astro (GREEN FIREBALLS)
4	Campo, Colorado (NO CARDS)		
4	Cimarron County, Oklahoma (NO CARDS)	Military	
4	Between Covington & Hammond, La (NO CARDS)	Military	Possible Astro (STARS/ PLANETS)
5	Holloman AFB, New Mexico (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
13	Holloman AFB, New Mexico (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
16	Farmington, New Mexico (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
20	118.45W - 49.30N (Carmi Radio Range Station, Canada)	Military	
26	500 Mi. SE of Newfoundland (NO CARDS)	Military	
27	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Gigilians	
28	Ithaca, New York	[REDACTED]	Probable (AIRCRAFT)
28	Hamlet, North Carolina (NO CARDS)	[REDACTED]	
30	Langley Field, Virginia	Military	
31	Andrews AFB, Washington (NO CARDS)	Military	
31	Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona (NO CARDS)	Military	

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCES</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>
NOV	HOLLYWOOD CA (INFO)	[REDACTED]	