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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is summary of information re citings of
unidentified objects in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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for JOHN MEADE *Major, WAC*
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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30 March 1950

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CIC FIELD AREA OFFICE #2, Nashville, Tennessee

SUBJECT

Observance of Unidentified
Objects in Sky, Vicinity of
Nashville, Tenn.

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
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PROBABLY TRUE 2
POSSIBLY TRUE 3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
IMPROBABLE 5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Unidentified objects were reported to have been observed in the sky at Marrowbone Lake at approximately 0700 hrs, 29 Mar 1950. Observers, Mr. D. C. Whiteside and Mr. H. T. Williams, Nashville Real Estate Salesmen, were fishing on the lake (located approximately 18 miles from Nashville on highway 41-A, in the direction of Clarksville, Tenn.) when the following incident occurred: Between six and twelve dark objects, at an altitude of 200 to 300 ft, flew into the opening above the lake through a break in the hills at the southeast end and circled behind the hills on the west side, all the while losing altitude steadily. The objects were black, round, heavy in appearance, about five feet long, looked like a 300 lb bomb, and made a noise like wind blowing through the trees. No motors were visible. They were fairly close together and turned together, traveling at least 500 miles per hr. The newspaper (attached clipping), relates that a spokesman at Sewart Air Force Base, Smyrna, Tenn., said that the objects could not have been jet propelled planes because of the description of the objects and weather conditions at that time. The OSI, Sewart AFB, was contacted at 1200 hrs, 30 Mar 1950 and they had accomplished nothing regarding investigation of the incident. (F-6)

2 Marrowbone Fishermen See 'Saucers' Fly by--Noise, Speed Cause Scare

An other baffling chapter of the "flying saucer" mystery was inscribed on the slate-grey sky above Marrowbone lake before the eyes of two startled fishermen yesterday morning.

D. C. Whiteside, 2212 Lindell ave., and Howard T. Williams, 312 E. Thompson lane, both real estate salesmen, told of seeing "between six and 12 dark objects about five feet long" fly overhead and pass behind a hill about 7 a.m.

Heard Them First

"I heard them first," Whiteside said. "The noise was like the wind blowing through the trees."

"I was baiting my hook," Williams declared. "When I looked up they were splitting the air open right above my head. They were 200 to 300 feet high and traveling at least 500 miles an hour. They were black, and round, and heavy."

The fishermen said the "saucers" appeared from the Southeast,

turned into the West and disappeared in a matter of seconds behind the hills enclosing the lake, all the while losing altitude steadily.

Had Speed--No Motor

"They were about the size of a 300-pound bomb," Whiteside said. "They had no motor but they were traveling faster than any airplane I ever saw. They were fairly close together, and they all turned together."

"I don't know what to think," Williams said, "If I'd been by myself I'd have said I was seeing things. But Whiteside was there, and he saw the same thing."

"It's strange, but a man knows what he sees."

The fishermen left the lake at once and reported their experience to James W. Davis, lake superintendent. "They were scared," he said. "One of them told me it made his hair stand on end."

Spokesmen at Sewart air force base said the objects could not have been jet propelled planes. Jets are larger than the objects de-

scribed, and never fly that low over this part of the country, especially under an overcast sky such as that yesterday morning.

Whiteside and Williams said the "saucers" flew into the opening above the lake through a break in the hills at the southeast end and circled behind the hills on the west side.

R. J. Powell, chief communicator of the Civil Aeronautics administration, said most jet planes that fly over Nashville are very high.

"I don't know what to say about it," Powell declared. "The air force has been attempting to disprove reports of 'saucers' but they are keeping their fingers crossed."

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