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10 April 50

New Orleans, La

BROOKLYN AFB, ALABAMA
Civilians

7 April 50

2005

Fiery greenish purple

10-15 sec

24' Diameter

W to E

10-15 seconds

Ground

Buzzing like exhaust of large engine

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Office of the AC of S, G-2
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4 May 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCI

The following report(s) re unidentified aerial phenomena observed at New Orleans, Louisiana, on date and time indicated, forwarded for your information:

<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] New Orleans, La.	10 Apr 50	2005
Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana	10 Apr 50	2000 and 2015
Mr. [redacted] [redacted] New Orleans, La.	10 Apr 50	2002
Mr. [redacted] [redacted] New Orleans, La.	10 Apr 50	2330

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for GEORGE A. A. JONES
Colonel, GSC
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17 April 1950

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112th CIC Detachment, Headquarters Fourth Army

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
MR. AND MRS. [REDACTED]
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
USUALLY RELIABLE B
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OF INFORMATION:

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

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 11 April 1950, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, were interviewed after stating they had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of Interview: 11 April 1950.
2. Exact time of observation (local): 2005 hours by radio time. (Observer checked time by radio).
3. Place of observation: [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana
4. Position of observer: Sitting in chair, on front porch of residence.
5. What attracted attention to object. Happened to be gazing at sky. Approximately thirty (30) minutes before object appeared stars dimmed, and observers remarked to each other that it looked as though it might cloud up and rain.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (Sketch attached).
7. Apparent size: Approximately twenty-four (24) inches in diameter. Approximately twice the size of a basket ball.
8. Color of object: Firey, greenish purple.
9. Shape: Egg shape.
10. Altitude: Eighty (80) degree.
11. Direction from observer: North.
12. Distance from observer: Altitude appeared to be approximately 2,000 feet and appeared to be approximately three (3) city blocks away, moving in line with Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
13. Direction of flight of object: West to east. First saw at 360 degrees north, last saw at 60 degrees northeast, moving in straight line horizontally across the sky.
14. Time in sight: Ten (10) to twelve (12) seconds.

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15. Speed: Between 600 and 800 miles per hour.

16. Sound and odor: Buzzing sound that resembled that of an exhaust of a large engine. No odor.

17. Trail: Trail was gold, silvered, and firey red that resembled the trail of a toy rocket used for celebrations. Width was same as object and tapered away from object to almost a point. Trail was in straight line with object and appeared to be approximately 100 feet in length.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Judged to have disappeared into the clouds. Disappeared suddenly like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observers, approximately thirty (30) minutes before object was sighted, the stars were not as bright as usual; the weather was fair but dark, no moon was observed.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observers: Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: [REDACTED] is a former United States Deputy Marshal (retired). [REDACTED] was wearing ordinary reading glasses. Mrs. [REDACTED] was not wearing glasses. Their age is judged to be approximately seventy (70). Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] were in the open on sighting the object and there was nothing to impair their vision, with the exception of the glasses worn by Mr. [REDACTED]. The hearing of both Mr. and Mrs. Shea is thought to be slightly impaired.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 12 April 1950, Mrs. [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that she had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of Interview: 12 April 1950.
2. Exact time of observation (local): Between 2000 and 2015 hours.
3. Place of observation: [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. Walking northeast on sidewalk.
5. What attracted attention to object: Was looking at the sky when object appeared.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (See sketch of object).
7. Apparent size: Approximately the size of a salad bowl. (Observer is near-sighted; therefore, may not have observed object size as it appeared to other persons. She indicated that she did not usually observe objects, concerning their size, as other persons would, as objects in the sky usually appeared smaller to her than their actual appearance).
8. Color of object: Firey yellow, almost white.
9. Shape: Completely round. Appeared to be in shape of ball.
10. Altitude: Between sixty (60) degrees and seventy (70) degrees. Approximately 2,000 feet high.
11. Direction from observer: North.
12. Distance from observer: Altitude appeared to be approximately 2,000 feet, and the object appeared to be approximately three (3) blocks away, moving in line with Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
13. Direction of flight of object: West to east, in a straight line horizontally across the sky. First saw object at approximately 360 degrees north, and last saw object at approximately twenty-five (25) degrees northeast.

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14. Time in sight: Approximately twenty (20) seconds.

15. Speed: Faster than any plane she has ever seen in the sky. (She has never observed a jet plane in flight).

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Trail was approximately twenty-five (25) times longer than object. The trail appeared to be a dotted line spaced evenly. Trail was in a direct line with object and appeared to be approximately one-fourth (1/4) as wide. Color of trail was bright yellow, the same color as object but not as bright.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared suddenly, like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; clear; observed no moon, stars or clouds.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. [REDACTED], principal, [REDACTED] school for boys, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies: [REDACTED] school for boys, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Did observer wear glasses: Mrs. [REDACTED] was wearing ordinary reading glasses. She was with her young son at the time of observation, and both she and her son observed the object at the same time. There was nothing between observers and object that would have impaired their visions.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 11 April 1950, Mr. [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of interview: 11 April 1950.
2. Exact time of observation (local): Approximately 2002 hours.
3. Place of observation: [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. Position of observer: Standing on balcony of residence, on second floor.
5. What attracted attention to object: Bright spot in sky.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (Sketch of object attached).
7. Apparent size: Approximately size of fist.
8. Color of object: White, resembling a white flare, or white egg-shaped ball of fire.
9. Shape: Egg shape.
10. Altitude: Approximately eighty (80) degrees. The North Star appeared to be over its center.
11. Direction from observer: North.
12. Distance from observer: Appeared to be a great distance. (Actual distance could not be judged).
13. Direction of flight of object: Moving from west to east in a straight line horizontally across the sky. First saw object 315 degrees northwest, and last saw it thirty (30) degrees northeast.
14. Time in sight: Approximately seven (7) seconds.
15. Speed: Approximately that of a jet plane.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Vivid red sparks; could not judge length but noted it to be tremendously long. The width of the trail appeared to be that of the object. Looked like trail left by toy rocket used for celebrations.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Got very bright, then changed to normal brightness and disappeared like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; stars in sky; no clouds observed; and no moon observed, making it a dark night.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

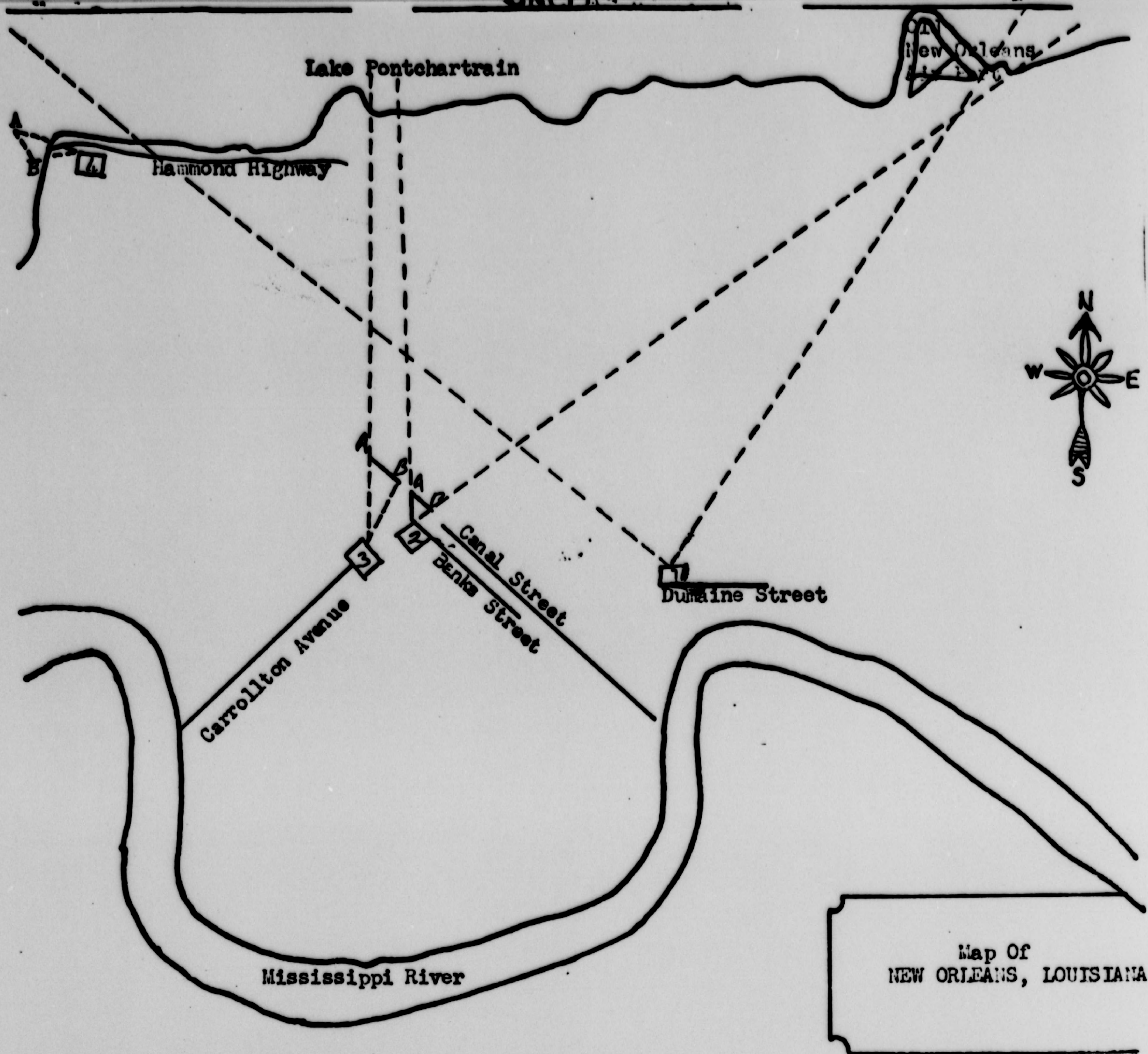
25. Mr. [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Photographer. (Has photography business at [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana.

Did observer wear glasses: The observer is a person approximately thirty-five (35) years of age, wore no glasses and viewed the object in the open. There was nothing between observer and object that would have impaired his vision.

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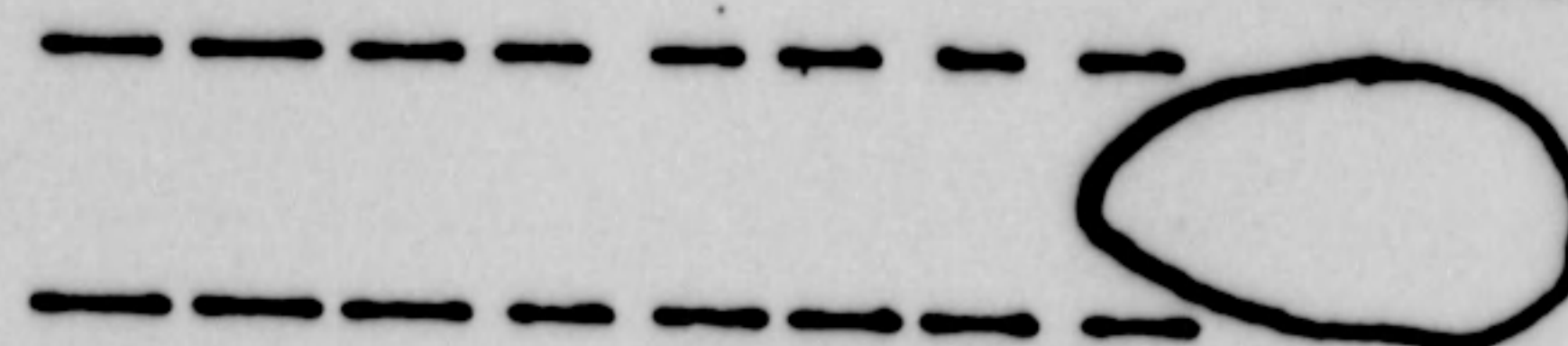


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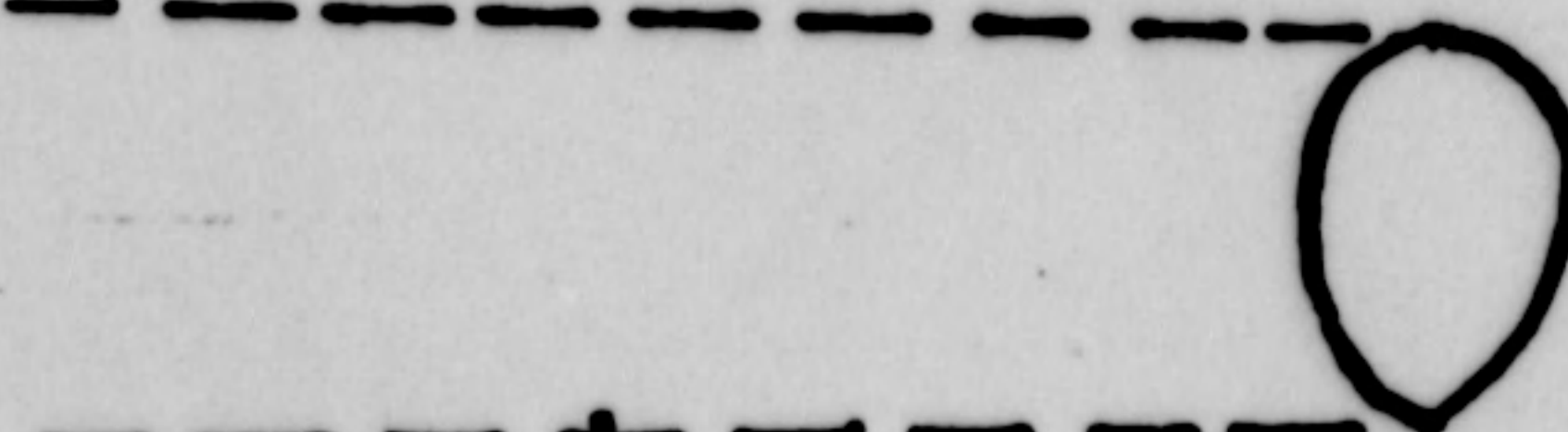
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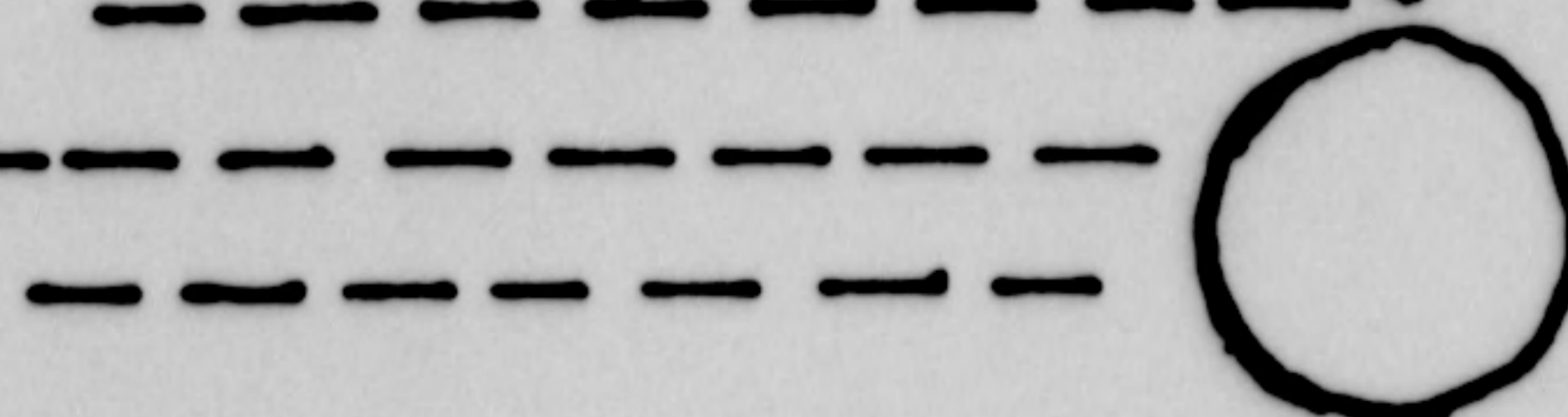
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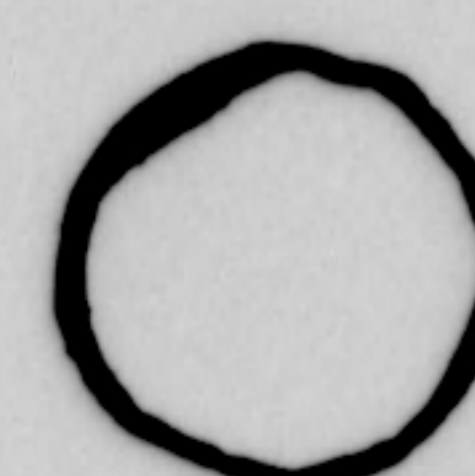
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COUNTRY USA-MATS		REPORT NO. IR-129-50	UNCLASSIFIED 183868 56
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects in USA			
AREA REPORTED ON United States (Alabama; California; Texas)		FROM (Library) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 18 May 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 March - 17 April 1950	EVALUATION C-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) A. G. Love, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE See below	
REFERENCE (Central number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-116-50, IR-88-50, USA-MATS			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112 - Part II.) Report contains information on five alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects submitted by various MATS units. The sightings were all in the US and occurred during the period 29 March and 17 April 1950.			
APPROVED: <i>W. S. Harris</i> W. S. HARRIS Lt Colonel, USAF Chief, Intelligence Division			
3. The 1919th AACS Squadron at Brookley AF Base, Alabama, reported an unidentified object flying to the northeast or east over the base at 2000Z, 10 April 1950. [REDACTED] a control tower operator on duty at the time saw a steady light in the northeast at a 45 degree angle from the tower. This light appeared to be moving very fast across his line of sight and was only visible for about three seconds. Two planes in the air over the field at the time also reported seeing the light. One pilot said he saw the light for 30 seconds at an altitude of 3500 feet. The control tower, Bates Municipal Airport, Alabama, called on the field line and confirmed seeing the object.			
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