

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

DATE - TIME GROUP	2 LOCATION
20 August 50 20/2006Z	Oregon Astoria, Washington area
SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
One	Evaluated as a meteor observation.
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Not Reported	Object was like a ball of fire, bluish-gray tail. Three times or faster than jet a/c. Travelled from NE to SW.
TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Ground-Visual	
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Brilliant Meteor Seen By Many Here Saturday

A brilliant meteor seen in broad daylight was reported by a number of Tacomans who seemingly were amazed to see such a sight shortly after the noon hour Saturday.

Among the callers to The Tacoma News Tribune office was Frank A. Reda of 5019 So. L, who said he and four neighbors saw a "silver streak" that looked like a rocket going southwest and leaving a trail. As they watched, it turned downward toward the earth and disappeared.

E. J. Moran of 9804 American Ave. S. W., said he saw an oblong object shoot down behind some trees and he thought it to be a crashing jet plane.

Others described it in various terms, some thinking they had seen a flying saucer, but all here who saw it were unanimous that it was going at terrific speed and appeared luminous even in daylight.

Tacoma, however, was not the only point of vantage to see the celestial visitor as it was witnessed generally over the entire Pacific Northwest. Following is a report

of the occurrence by The Associated Press:

A "ball of fire," visible even in the bright noon sunshine, streaked across Pacific Northwest skies yesterday (Saturday). Apparently it was a meteor.

It was seen from Salem north to Seattle, from Ellensburg in central Washington to Astoria on the Oregon coast.

It flashed brilliantly. At Port Angeles a woman said it seemed brighter than the sun. Some observers said they even could see a blue tail. Others thought they detected silver and red colors on the fringe.

A science professor at Lewis and Clark college in Portland, Dr. A. A. Groening said it possibly was a straggler from the annual perseid shooting star display, which was at its height Aug. 11.

It was seen shortly after noon. A bar pilot at Astoria fixed the time at 12:06 p. m. there. He thought it descended toward the ocean northwest of Astoria.

A Seattle astronomer, Mrs. Bror Grondahl, thought it probably burned itself out before striking earth.

Russian Furs Carried Back

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 — *AP* — A shipment of \$138,000 worth of Russian furs which longshoremen here refused to unload was still aboard

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Chest Speakers Ready—With facts and figures, the speakers' bureau of the 1951 United Community Chest will start its schedule of activities this week with talks at patrol plants, civic clubs and luncheon meetings. Shown above are several members of the bureau who met last week to study material and plan their story to help the campaign committee raise the money needed to support the 21 Red Feather agencies. Left to right, standing, Capt. T. H. Baker, Sam Thornhill, William Leake, the Rev. Harold R. Long, Don W. Eastwood and Herb West. Seated, Russell Richmond, Mrs. H. N. Whitman, Robert M. Young (chairman) and Russell C. Harlow. Absent members not shown are: J. Dean Hartline, Mrs. Will Young, Miss Lola Emerson, Wayne A. Gardner, Bertil F. Johnson, L. Elvert Landon, J. Stanley Mullane, V. D. Patterson, Ralph Bernard D. Rosenberg, Judge Bartlett Russell and Gerrit Vander Ende.

Emily's Eyes Can Spot Elephants or Fireballs

By EMILY WALKER

When I was 5 years old, my mother took my sister and me to spend the summer in a little town in southern Iowa where she was born and raised. One incident of this visit has influenced my actions during the ensuing years. We were riding home from a picnic on a sunny afternoon, along a country road bordered by fields of ripening corn and luxuriant green meadows. As we rounded a curve I saw, in the distance, an elephant grazing beside a dilapidated barn. He wore a hound. I wasn't particularly surprised nor impressed and didn't mention it at the time. After we had arrived home, I was telling my great-grandmother, in the presence of those who had been along, about what we had done on the picnic, where we had eaten and what we had for lunch. As an added bit of interest I mentioned having seen the elephant.

My elders looked startled. "Now, honey, you mustn't say things like that. You know you didn't see an elephant. Of course you are joking." This from my mother who had been sitting beside me in the buggy. "Mother, I did too, didn't you see it by that old barn?" Of course she hadn't, she said, nor had any of the others who were along. "It couldn't have been an elephant, there is no circus within a hundred miles of here." I was crushed. No one believed me. I didn't care whether an elephant's presence in a field outside Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on a summer after-

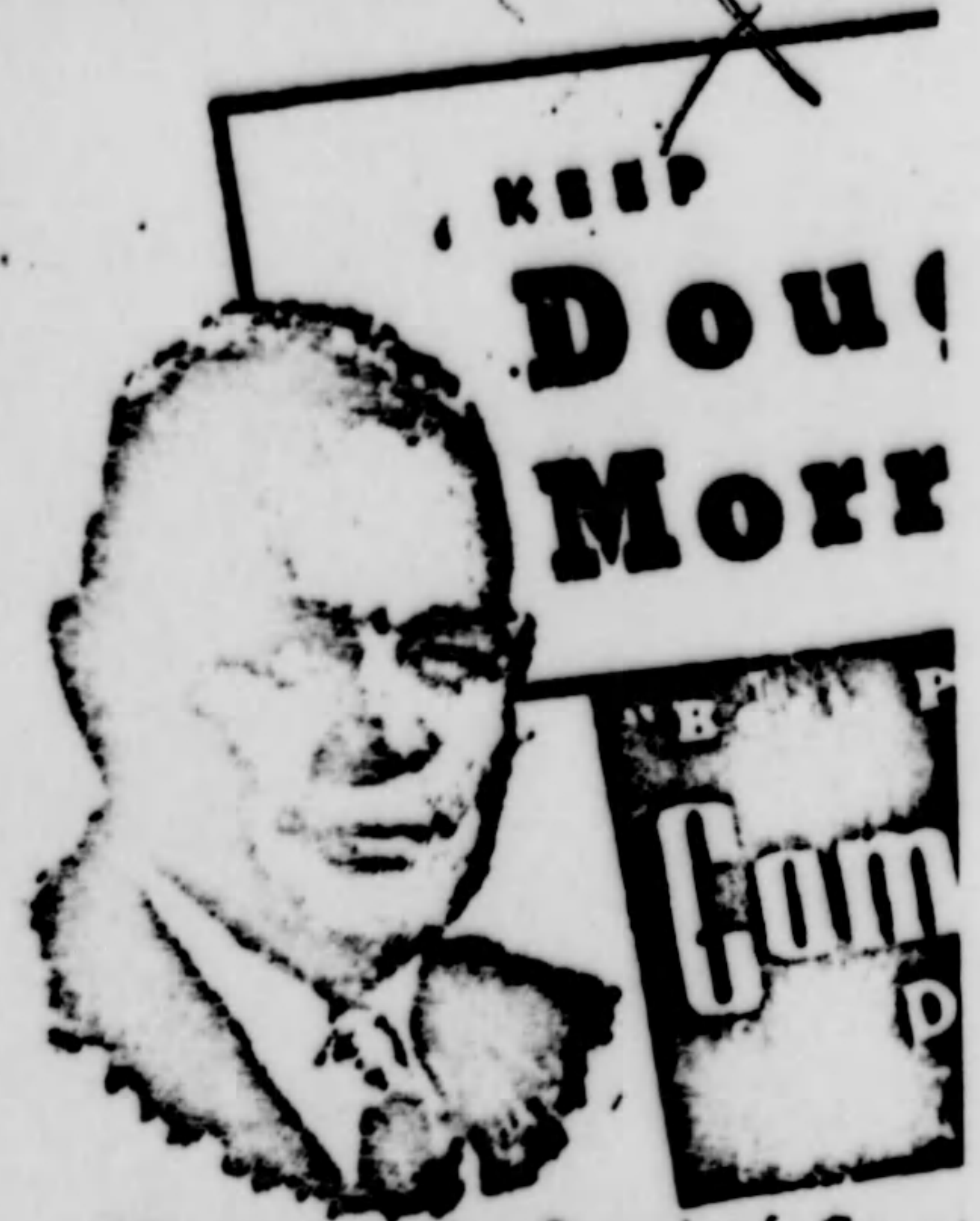
noon was an impossibility; that there was no such thing as a stray elephant, especially one adorned with the trappings of a circus. It had been there. I had seen it. Till this day, my family harks back to the elephant when my stories seem to skirt the realm of the preposterous. For this reason during the years that have followed, I have increasingly become cagey. Strange things have occurred before my eyes, like the budget admiral with a long beard whom I saw one night along the highway, madly pedaling a bicycle, but because of my family's lack of imagination and their fixation that I am probably bright enough to get by, but a little eccentric, I have kept most of the

strange sights I have seen since to myself. A week ago Saturday I saw something so strange I threw discretion to the winds for the first time in many years. I was sitting on a float, taking the sun preparatory to a swim at Lakebay where my sister and brother-in-law have a beach home. My niece and her father were on the other side of the float getting the canoe into the water. I was gazing vacuously into space toward shore where the trees reflected darkly into the water. It was about 12:15 p.m. Something flashed through the water with unbelievable speed. It appeared to be a fiery ball, about the size of a soft-ball, and streaming behind it was a luminous vaporous tail. For once I had seen something I couldn't believe myself. No one had ever reported, to my knowledge, a submarine flying saucer. However, in case the fact that I had seen it might be of some value to someone later I decided

to say something about it. When others came nearer me I said as casually as I could that I had seen a queer thing in the water. I believed it to be the reflection of a meteor or something. That I really had. My brother-in-law was courteous and immediately went into a song and dance about how fish looked odd at some angles, and maybe I had seen the head of a seal. My niece tried to act convinced, voicing no doubt to my words. She smiled and observed, "My, that is interesting." I dropped the subject. Later on shore I related the story to my husband. "Well, goodness," he said, "why don't you write a letter to the paper?" I gave up. It was the elephant all over again.

The Sunday Ledger didn't get out to us at the beach until Monday. So for two days I went about my affairs hugging my grievance that no one would believe me. Then the paper came. Boy! On the front page was the story of the meteor that hundreds of people had seen flashing across the sunlit skies on Saturday shortly after noon. I strode out into the kitchen where the family was picking at the Sunday roast, and triumphantly spread the paper on the table. "There," said I. "You can't see a meteor in the sun," said they. "Says who," said I. "All these people did." The family went back to the roast with no further comment, except for my niece. "Why, Aunt Emily, you did see something. Think of that. I wish I had seen it." Of all the peo-

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D. C.

July 21, 1958

Dr. A. Francis Arcier
Scientific Advisor
Air Technical Intelligencer Center
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio

Dear Dr. Arcier:

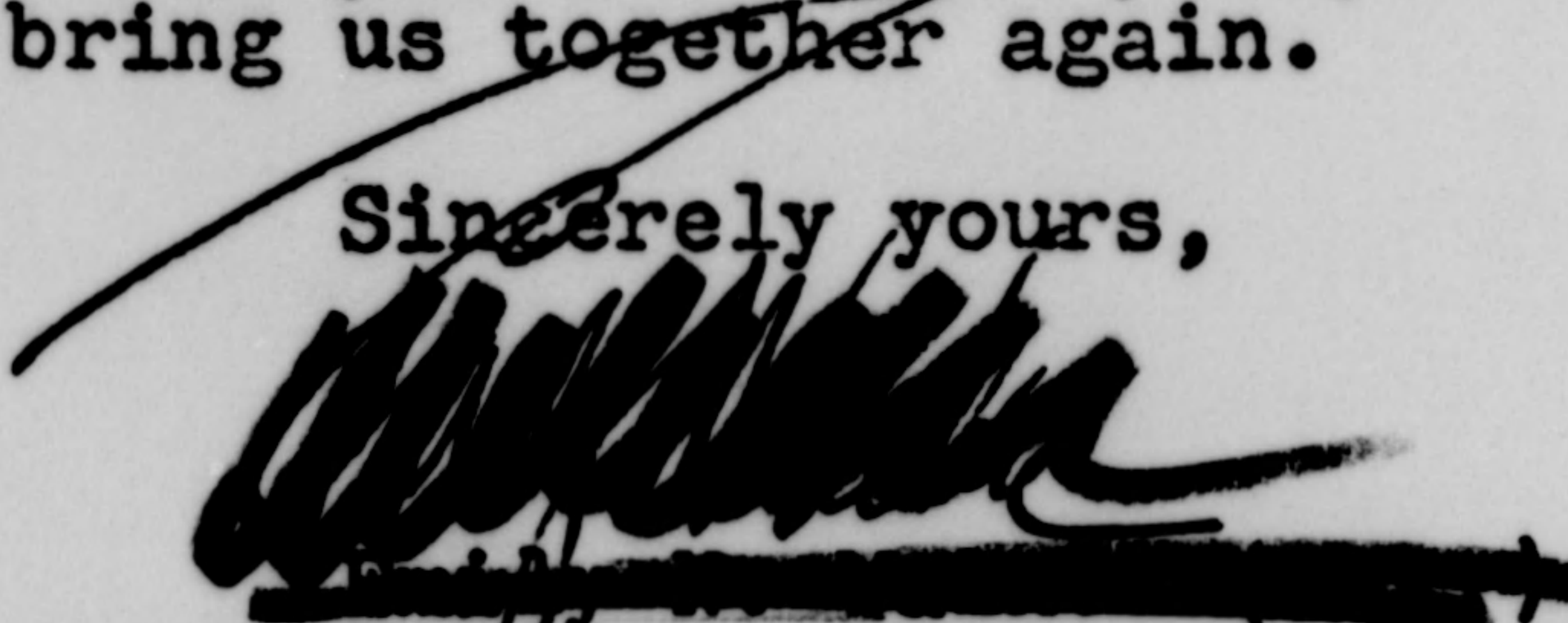
How very kind you have been to me in taking your very valuable time to investigate and report back to me so fully regarding what I really saw reflected in Puget Sound on that bright August day in 1950.

Never in my life had I heard of a fireball! Now I feel superior to my friends in that not only do I know what one is, but also I am among the few privileged to have seen one. In addition, I can, from now on, stand apart from my contemporaries, having elicited the cooperation of an eminent scientist.

With your permission, I shall use a substantial part of your letter in my weekly Sunday column to the Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune, probably next week. I shall send you a clipping.

Again, many thanks, Dr. Arcier. I feel it was a great privilege to have met you and I truly hope our paths may somehow bring us together again.

Sincerely yours,


Public Relations Assistant

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24 July 1958

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Public Relations Assistant
Office of The Honorable Thor C. Tollefson
6th District, Washington
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Walker:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 21 July.

The information given you is in no way classified, so there is no objection to your using it in your regular Sunday column.

I will be very glad indeed to receive a clipping.

Sincerely,

A. FRANCIS ARCIER
Scientific Advisor

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Public Relations Assistant
Office of the Honorable Thor C. Tollefson
6th District, Washington
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Walker:

Here is my reply to your letter of 27 June 1958 regarding an unusual sighting observed by you and a large number of people in the Tacoma area and other parts of Washington on the 20th of August 1950 at noon.

Our records indeed indicate that there was a UFO reported from Washington State, and at precisely this time on 20 August 1950. Our records of investigation and analysis indicate the following:

- a. The object was a seldom-seen phenomenon, a bolide, as it is referred to in scientific terminology. Bolides, more commonly known as "fireballs" are a form of meteorite.
- b. The earth was just passing through the Perseids, an annual meteoric shower, at that time.
- c. The identity of the object was confirmed by the independent reviews of private scientists.

A point of explanation is in order here, ~~Miss Walker~~ to clarify things. Fireballs, unlike smaller meteorites, generally do not burn up in the earth's upper atmosphere, but remain intact as a large, glowing mass until they disintegrate at lower levels or strike the earth. These bodies seem to appear more often during meteoric showers. Records indicate that the majority of people never see one in their lifetime, and an encounter with one can indeed be a startling experience.

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The subject of fireballs and meteors has been studied extensively by the University of Pennsylvania under Dr. ~~W. G. W.~~, Professor Emeritus of that institute. I am taking the liberty of sending you excerpts of certain portions of Dr. ~~W. G. W.~~ report on fireballs, which, I feel, you may find of interest. As may be seen from his 35-year survey, the largest number of meteors and fireballs appear in August.

The incident which you so kindly sent me is so similar to the "fireball" incident that happened a few months ago, that I am sending you two excerpts from our Case Files. If you recall, the "Great Western Fireball" incident of 1957 drew nation-wide notice from the press, radio and TV. The fireball was observed by hundreds of persons, including pilots in the air, simultaneously from six states.

I need hardly state that a large number of observers are still firmly unconvinced that the object was a "fireball."

May I again thank you for the courtesies extended the Air Force representatives, and for your sincere interest and understanding in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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1. Cys, Data frm
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2. Excerpt frm Tech
Journal, U. of Pa.,
on Fireballs &
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A. FRANCIS ARCIER
Scientific Advisor

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Public Relations Assistant
Office of the Honorable Thor C. Tollefson
6th District, Washington
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Walker:

I was very glad indeed to get your letter of the 27th of June.
As a matter of fact, I had been looking for it.

I have had the investigation of this particular case started,
and I will, as soon as possible, send you the findings.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation
for the very courteous treatment which we received from your
entire group.

Sincerely yours,

A. FRANCIS ARCIER
Scientific Advisor

THOR C. TOLLEFSON
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
June 27, 1958

Dr. Francis Arcier
ATIC
Wright Patterson Airforce Base
Ohio

Dear Dr. Arcier:

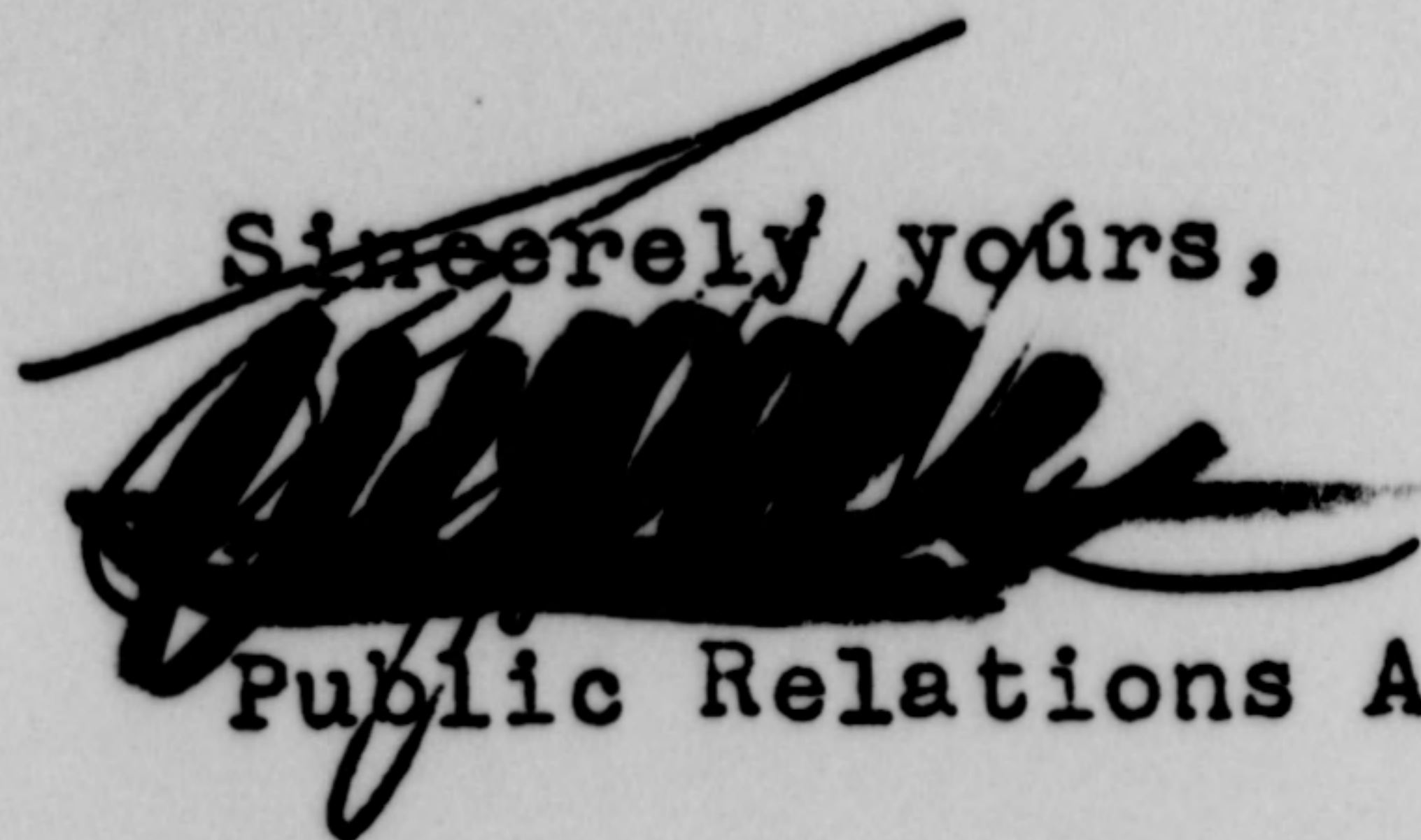
Perhaps you will remember me as being the only woman who was present at the briefing in which you participated on June 20, in the office of Congressman John E. Henderson of Ohio. I was there representing Congressman Tollefson who was out of town.

You will find enclosed photostatic copies of two articles which appeared in the Tacoma, Washington News Tribune & Sunday Ledger. These give the details in regard to the incident I related to you after the briefing session.

The Article which appeared August 20, 1950, was printed the day following the one ~~one~~ ~~on~~ when I wrote the article which appeared a week later.

You very kindly offered to look back in the files and try to determine for me what if any record and/or explanation the Airforce has on this incident. I shall be looking forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Public Relations Ass't

Return to Arcier-464

Telephone call from Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Astoria, Wash
re flaming object observed.

Brief details:

Time: About noon (1200?)

place: North of Astoria

shape: Like ball of fire - bluish-gray
tail

Direction: Appeared to move at high
speed from NE to SW - could
be wrong on this.

Speed: Three times or more faster than jet
airplane

Comment: Get full address and send questionnaire
for details.

Object has all appearance of typical "fireball"

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Dr. More and Dr. Byrd agree
object was fire or fireball. Seen
by many people in Wash &
Oregon.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

REPORT NO.

Intelligence Division, Hq MATS
Andrews AF Base, Washington, D.C.

IR-306-50

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1. The following report is of a theodolite sighting of an unidentified aerial object by a USAF airman of the 18th Weather Squadron, Detachment 18-32, Echterdingen AB, Stuttgart, Germany, on 21 August 1950, at 0958 local time.

"a. I, Cpl George P. Scarlett, was on 21 August 1950 engaged in observing the 0900L pilot balloon run at the theodolite stand in Echterdingen Army Airfield. The balloon was released at approximately 0930L. At about the 25th minute of the run, I noticed a small white object pass through the field of vision of the theodolite, but as birds, airplanes and other miscellaneous objects are not unusual I paid no attention and continued following the balloon.

"b. The run terminated at 0955L, when the balloon had reached a height of 36,000 feet, owing to the bursting of the balloon. As a 100 gram balloon had been used, the fragments were clearly visible after breaking, though at a considerable distance out. Out of curiosity I proceeded to follow the broken balloon fragment to see how long it would take to fall to earth. After 3 minutes, I again noticed a small white object pass through the field of vision. I discontinued following the broken balloon and proceeded to observe the object.

"c. The time of encounter was 0958L and the elevation angle of the theodolite was approximately 25 degrees, the horizontal angle being 080 degrees, or toward the east. The object was moving in a southerly direction, and I followed it with little difficulty for one minute. Then it made an abrupt change in direction towards the west-south-west and approached the sun at evidently a high rate of speed. That the speed was high was shown by the increase in size of the object. It increased from about 15 minutes to about 50 minutes in diameter, or about 20% of the field of vision of the theodolite which is two degrees. Becoming rapidly more difficult to follow, the object was finally lost in the sun field.

"d. When first seen, the object was small, oval, and white in color. As it became closer and larger, it seemed a grayish white color with several dark lines or shadows on its surface. The object, although clearly visible, seemed to have a rather indistinct outline. It could not be observed in its path through the sun because sun filters for the theodolite were not available.

"e. Weather conditions at 1000L, 21 August 1950, were: Sky clear, visibility 15 miles or better, and a very few high cirrus clouds.

"f. I then reported the phenomenon to my commanding officer, Major Leon P. Klaus."

2. A second airman scanning the same area at 1000L was unable to sight the object.

3. The report was submitted through the 2105th Air Weather Group, Wiesbaden, Germany.


PERCY E. SUTTON
Captain, USAF

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted During Pilot Balloon Run, Stuttgart, Germany
Intelligence Division, Hq MATS
Germany
Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

19 October 1950

21 August 1950

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Percy E. Sutton, Captain, USAF

USAF Airman, Air Force Weather Station,
Echterdingen AB, Stuttgart, Germany

Report contains information concerning the sighting, by a USAF airman, of an unidentified aerial object at 0900, local time, 21 August 1950, at Echterdingen AB, Stuttgart, Germany. The object was sighted through a theodolite following the observation of a Pilot Balloon run.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence
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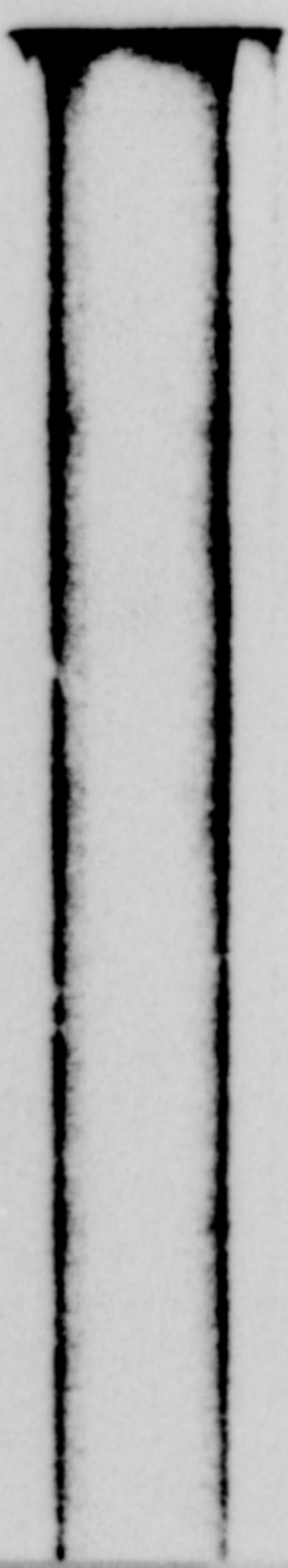
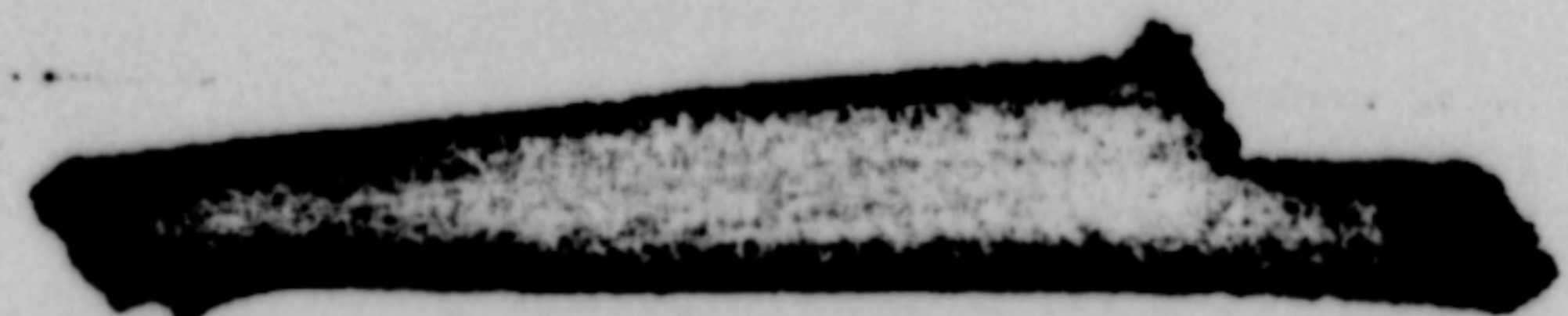
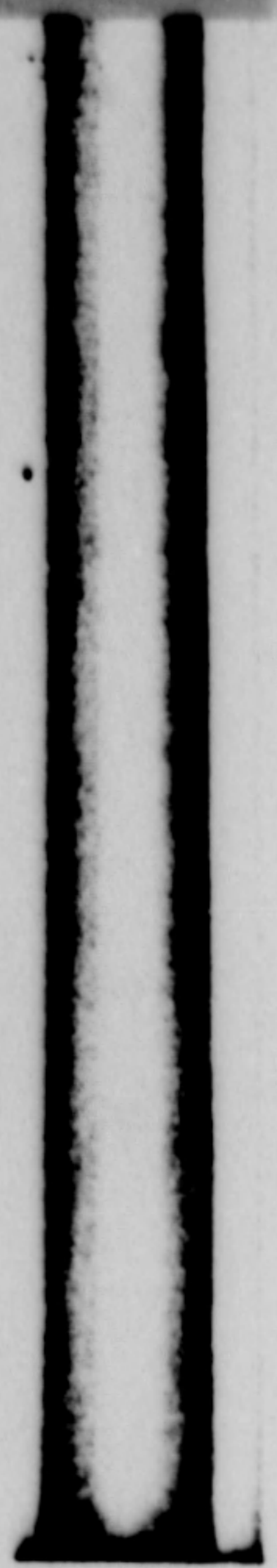
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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SUBJECT: (Confidential) Project 10073 - Analysis of Reported Incident

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

Copies of correspondence between the Director of Intelligence and Colonel D. Moreau Barringer, regarding an incident reported from the Philadelphia area, are inclosed for analysis by your Headquarters in accordance with responsibilities outlined for Project 10073.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

- 2 Incls:
1. Ltr fr Col Barringer
to Maj Gen Cabell,
dtd 30 Aug 50
2. Ltr fr Maj Gen Cabell
to Col. Barringer,
dtd 20 Sep 50

H. J. KIELING
Colonel, USAF
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20 Sep 50

Colonel ~~████████████████████~~
Barringer and Nelson
1528 Walnut Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Colonel Barringer:

I am pleased to hear from you again and appreciate your concern, as evidenced in your letter of 30 August 1950, for items which are of continuing interest to the Air Force.

It has been and still is our policy not to ignore any information which may have potential value to the defense of the United States. The information which you have submitted will be examined by our experts at Air Materiel Command for such action as may be indicated by the details.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Maj. General, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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August 30, 1950

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U.S.A.F. Room 4A-932
Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C.

My dear ~~REDACTED~~:

You may remember me from the last days of World War II, when I was Chief of Stat. Control under General Chauncy, and you were with General Arnold. My brother, Philip E. Barringer, of Secretary Johnson's office, has suggested that I write you and give you the details of an odd occurrence which I saw in the sky on Wednesday, August 23. I don't know whether you are interested in curious sightings, but if not, please consign this letter to the circular file under you desk.

On that evening (August 23, 1950) I was seated on the lawn of my place on the northeastern edge of the City of Philadelphia. My mother-in-law, Mrs. ~~REDACTED~~ was also there and witnessed the occurrence with me.

At 9:05 (Eastern Daylight Time) I became aware of a small point of light moving up from the horizon, about NWE from my location. It moved with about the angular velocity of a transport plane at medium altitude (say 6,000 or 8,000 feet). Many transport planes pass close to my house, so I paid it little heed, but watched it idly as it approached the zenith.

It got a little brighter as it approached. As it passed near a couple of bright stars I could compare its magnitude with them, and concluded it was about 0 magnitude. (The sky was clear, except for a few cirrus clouds at a distance from the light, and a 3/4 moon was low in the south.)

Then I suddenly realized it was making no noise at all. Aircraft visible from my house are invariably audible also - jet planes especially. I don't know what altitude an airplane would have to be to be inaudible, but I should think it would have to be no less than 25,000 or 30,000 feet. It so happened that there were no other airplanes in the sky at the time, and traffic noises were at a minimum, so that we could be absolutely sure of the fact that the moving light made no noise that we could hear.

It required about 30 or 40 seconds for the light to move from one horizon to the other (the horizon line is cut off by trees at my place). This gave plenty of time for discussion of the phenomenon between Mrs. ~~REDACTED~~ and myself. It passed only two or three degrees west of the zenith, and did not seem to alter course as long as we saw it.

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Major General C. P. Cabell

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August 30, 1950

When it was near the zenith, the area of the light became apparent. It was exceedingly small, and yet not a point of light like a star. At a guess, it might have been between 15 and 45 seconds of arc. My eyes are not as good as they used to be, but I thought that I could detect that its leading edge was clearly defined, whereas its trailing edge was a little vaguer and somewhat flickering - as if the light represented a short flame issuing from an exhaust pipe of some sort.

The inexplicable thing about it to me was the question of its speed. It seemed to hold a constant speed, which was comparable to that of a transport plane at medium altitude - say 300 mph at 6,000 feet. But if it was actually at 25,000 feet, at which the engine might have been inaudible, an angular velocity equivalent to 300 mph at 6,000 feet would be on the order of 1,500 mph at 25,000 feet.

Moreover, I haven't seen any kind of airplane that trailed a luminous flame big enough to be seen from the ground at such an altitude.

I forgot to mention that the color of the flame was distinctly yellowish. It made quite a contrast with the bluish star Vega, which was not far from its path.

That is the whole story. I have not found anybody else who saw it, though I have spoken to a few neighbors about it. I am positive that neither Mrs. [redacted] nor I could be mistaken in the major details of what we saw - and of what we didn't hear.

I hope the information is of some use in your office. If not, please just accept my kind regards anyway.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
(Formerly Colonel AC)

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cc: Lincoln LaPaz

Philip R. [redacted] (2)

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

Intelligence Division, Hq MATS
Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D.C.

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The following information in amplification of IR-244-50 (AF 218100), USA-MATS, which concerned a radar contact with an unidentified aerial object near Bermuda on 25 August 1950, was forwarded by the Intelligence Officer, 1604th Air Base Group, Bermuda.

- a. A B-29 of the 373rd Reconnaissance Squadron (VLR) Weather, Bermuda Base Command, piloted by 1st Lt Frank J. Stockton, departed Kindley Air Force Base, Bermuda, at 1306Z on 24 August 1950, on a special weather mission. Eleven hours later, while flying at a speed of 192 knots at 10,000 feet, on a heading of 27° and at a position of 29° 40' N and 67° 28' W, the radar operator, S/Sgt William M. Shaffer, turned on his APQ 13-A, which had been off for several minutes. Shortly after initiating a routine search procedure, a distinct and bright target appeared on the radar scope at 0004Z. The target appeared to be traveling on the same heading and at the same speed as the B-29, at approximately 1,000 feet below, 10° to the left of 12 o'clock, and 1½ miles in front. S/Sgt Shaffer immediately informed the pilot of the contact. The pilot in turn instructed all crew members to be alert for a possible visual observation of the object.
- b. While the B-29 was held at a constant speed and altitude, the object remained in the same relative position for several minutes before gradually seeming to reduce its speed until it was overtaken and passed by the B-29. The radar scope showed the object to be approximately 1/4 mile off the left wing when passed. Once passed, the unidentified object seemed to assume a position in-trail of the B-29 for an approximate 5-minute period.
- c. In the same gradual manner that the object had reduced speed and dropped behind, it then increased its speed sufficiently to overtake the B-29, passing to the right but keeping within a 1/4 mile radius. After drawing slightly ahead of the weather reconnaissance aircraft, the unidentified object seemed to begin a gradual turn to the right and then accelerated rapidly. At this time Lt Stockton made a 20° turn to his left to determine whether the target would follow. The target did not follow the weather aircraft but continued in its gradual turn to the right until it disappeared from the scope at 0024Z at a position of 30° 15' N and 67° 12' W. When last observed on the scope, the unidentified object was traveling at an estimated speed of 400 knots.
- d. No visual sighting was made during the period that the target remained in the scope. The visibility range was diminished by the oncoming dusk. Sky coverage at the time was 4/8, with towering cumulus with tops at about 13,000 feet.
- e. The target which was seen in the scope was confirmed by two officer members of the B-29's crew. All three persons observing the target in the scope stated that they were positive that what they observed was a true target and not an echo or false reading.
- f. At approximately 3 minutes after the target was last observed in the scope the left scanner of the weather aircraft reported that he observed a bluish streak flash past the left wing of the B-29 from a head-on direction and about 1,000 feet below. The flash was reported to be less brilliant than lightning, but similar in appearance to the light left by a meteor in its descent.
- g. Radio reception was normal at all times before, during, and after the appearance of the target on the scope.
- h. S/Sgt Shaffer stated that he had been having some difficulty with the APQ 13-A prior to the appearance of the unidentified target. He said, however, that at the time of the observation the set was apparently in perfect working condition.

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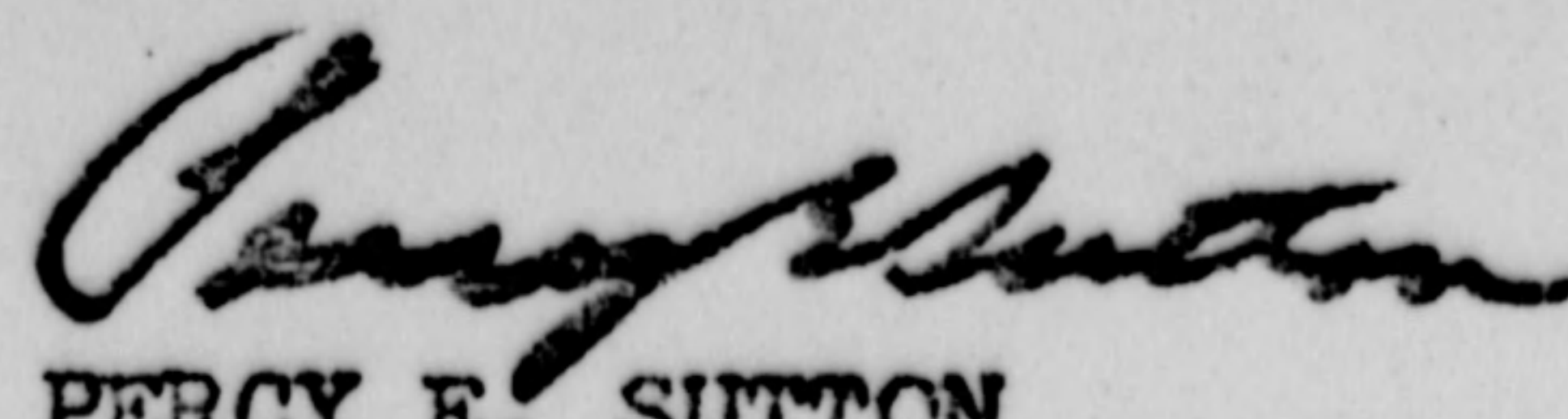
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Sgt Shaffer has been a radar operator for more than three years and is considered well qualified in the operation of the APQ 13-A type radar equipment.

1. It is interesting to note that on 22 August 1950, eight residents of Bermuda reported having seen a strange unidentified object in flight over the southwest end of Bermuda. An investigation is said to have revealed the flying object to have been a weather balloon released by the US weather station of the Bermuda Base Command.

HQ MATS COMMENT:

The foregoing report is based on an investigation by the Intelligence Officer, Bermuda Base Command, of the 25 August 1950 incident reported in IR-244-50 (AF 218100) USA-MATS. Whenever conflict occurs between the data in IR-244-50 (AF 218100), USA-MATS and this report, this report is to be deemed correct.



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