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SUBJECT: (Confidential) Unconventional Aircraft
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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Transmitted herewith as a matter of interest to your command is
spot report, dated 26 December 1950, relative to subject.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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26 December 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

THRU: Commander
Military Air Transport Service
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Inspector General (OSI)

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

1. **SYNOPSIS:** Unidentified airborne object observed in sky over Hickam AF Base, T. H., at 2232 hours 24 December 1950.

2. **DETAILS:** At 2310 hours 24 December 1950, T/Sgt [REDACTED], 1500th Air Police Squadron, Hickam AF Base, on duty with Hawaiian Armed Services Police (HASP) reported:

At about 2232 hours at Hickam AF Base, 24 December 1950, he observed in the sky off shore from Hickam AF Base, a bright object, traveling at a high rate of speed from the direction of Barber's Point, Oahu, past Hickam AF Base, in the direction of Lanikai, Oahu, disappearing in low clouds covering the Koolaw mountains. The forward section of this object appeared to be of the white brightness similar to that of fluorescent light in of; was circular in shape; was traveling at a height of approximately 6000 feet; and from the point of view of observer was approximately 18 inches in diameter. Observer described that the object had an orange flame-type tail, about as long as the fluorescent section, this tail tapering to a point. An overall description given was "like that of a squid going through water". Observer stated that no

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deviation in course was noted; that object maintained consistent attitude and speed, and traveled a course parallel to the ground. Observer states he kept object in sight for approximately 30 to 45 seconds. No noise was heard. [REDACTED] indicated he has 19 years service, had not been drinking at time of sighting, as he was enroute to Christmas midnight church services.

- b. Sketch map of island of Oahu, over which has been set out in red colored pencil, the path and approximate course of object, is attached to action copy of this report.
- c. The Honolulu Star Bulletin, a daily English language newspaper of general circulation throughout the Territory of Hawaii, in its Home Edition of 25 December 1950, carried the following news story on page 1:

MYSTERY LIGHT FLASHES ACROSS SKY; CALLS FLOOD SWITCHBOARDS

Many Honoluluans Christmas Eve called the police, the newspapers and radio stations to ask about a mysterious light seen briefly in the sky about 10:30 P. M.

This morning, with no official confirmation of the phenomenon, The Star-Bulletin was still receiving calls from persons who said they saw what has been described variously as a rocket, a meteor or possibly a low flying airplane.

Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St., called the police department at 10:43 p.m. to report seeing a "streak of light flashing through the clouds from Diamond Head to Wilhelmina Rise."

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Others who telephoned the police were identified as Theodore Rhea of Aiea Heights and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St.

Other callers to the police did not leave their names.

But all reported seeing the same light in the sky, at about the same time.

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Host described the light as being brilliant orange in color and lasting for only four or five seconds.

The police called the coast guard after several reports on the light or falling star had been received. The coast guard didn't know what might have caused it.

~~Mr. [redacted]~~, Jr., Honolulu's astronomical expert and a scientist for the Bishop museum, said this morning he had not seen the phenomenon and was unable to account for it from the descriptions given.

DEFINITE COURSE

A patron of the Drive In theater said the object was traveling at a great speed and was going from the Koko Head direction toward town.

"It seemed to be on a definite course," he said "and was traveling parallel with the ground. It was a brilliant orange flame and the biggest part of it appeared about the size of a four engine plane."

~~Mr. [redacted]~~, of Aiea, said: "I walked out to my garage about 10:30 when I saw a brilliant flame traveling from Koko Head direction and headed almost due north.

"It was traveling parallel with the ground and seemed to be on a course. I saw it only about 3 or 4 seconds before it disappeared into a cloud bank.

"My first thought was that it was a meteor, but it seemed to be traveling on a definite course. Then I thought it might have been a jet aircraft."

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~~Mr. [redacted]~~ in Kahala, said the object was traveling from Diamond Head toward Koko Head and "at a terrific rate of speed.

"It was traveling parallel with the ground and was visible for about five seconds," Mr. Richmond said. "There was no noise and I would judge it to be not over 5,000 feet in altitude.

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"It was a brilliant orange color." Like the rest Mr. Richmond said he lost track of it when it disappeared into a cloud bank.

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3. ACTION TAKEN: Office of Intelligence Officer, Pacific Division, MATS, Hickam AF Base, telephonically advised at 2316 hours 24 December 1950. The Intelligence Officer, Hickam AF Base, telephonically advised at 2326 hours 24 December 1950.

4. DISTRIBUTION: In addition to addressees, copies of this report are furnished:

Intelligence Officer, Pacific Division, MATS, Hickam AFB,
Intelligence Officer, Hickam AF Base, T. H.

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Sketch Map of
Island of Oahu

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TO : COMATS ANDREWS AFB MD

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INFO: COFS HQ USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

NR : PL 12116

26 December 1950

Unidentified luminous white circular flying object visually observed from Hickam AFB about 250830Z coming from vic Barbours Point has over John Rogers Airport disappearing into local clouds over mountains east of Honolulu object followed straight level course at constant speed greater than jet a/c. Total time on observed course estimate 45 to 6 seconds. Altitude estimated at 8000. Diameter proportionate to one foot object ten feet from observer orange flame extended twice diameter of object majority of flight observed with no visibility limitations. When object entered local clouds over mountains east Honolulu clouds were illuminated. Above preliminary report obtained from two observers who indicate that there are at least ten other witnesses. CINCPAC fleet has received similar reports from other observers, one of whom believes the object was a meteorite. He bases his belief on previous observations of meteorites. Investigations being conducted full rpt will be rendered soonest.

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FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D.C.	REPORT NO. IR-376-50	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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1. The following priority message, which concerns the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of a USAF plane, was forwarded by the Intelligence Officer, 1500th Air Transport Wing, MATS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii:

SECRET ATW Intelligence 8857. DTG 260001Z Dec 50. Under the provisions of MATS Regulation 200-3, the following information pertaining to an unidentified flying object is hereby reported. This Rapid Report is in exact quotations from the report of the pilot, Captain **REDACTED**, who was evacuating patients between Johnston AFB and Hickam AFB: 'At the South Port Allen intersection at 250833Z a large bright light approached our aircraft SB-17, 3768, from about three o'clock. We were cruising at 7,000 feet on a heading of 53° magnetic. The subject aircraft of some sort approached from the right and cut in front of us and climbed straight ahead of us out of sight. I couldn't distinguish any particular characteristics because the light was so bright. There was full moon and no clouds at the time. When the thing had passed ahead we went through its "prop wash". It trailed an orange flame and sparks, noticeable only when it pulled away and up from us. I would guess its speed to be over 300 MPH and it maneuvered like a fighter type aircraft. My first impression was that it was shining a bright floodlight at our aircraft, therefore we couldn't see too well its exact size and shape, which we could have otherwise seen in the bright moonlight. I did not change heading or altitude because it was about 1,000 feet above my flight path, or seemed to be. My navigator, copilot and engineer also witnessed the strange flying machine. I had plenty of time to call the navigator on interphone and asked him what he thought it was and he had time to look out and call me back. I flashed my landing lights but got no response from the other ship and it had no navigational lights. This object had no resemblance to a falling star or meteor. I would judge it came within 200 yards of us before turning. Another aircraft was on 2870 kc. Honolulu Overseas Radio called in and asked if there were other aircraft in the Honolulu South Port Allen area. I called at 250835Z and gave my position as at South Port Allen at 7,000 feet. After landing I discovered other people had seen the same thing as I and had the identical description.'

2. Confirmation of the sighting is indicated in the following message received from the Commander, Pacific Division, MATS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii:

SECRET PL 12116. DTG 260145Z Dec 50. Unidentified luminous white circular flying object visually observed from Hickam AFB about 250830Z coming from the vicinity of Barbers Point NAS, passing over John Rogers Airport, and disappearing into local clouds over the mountains east of Honolulu. The object followed a straight, level course at a constant speed greater than that of a jet aircraft. The total time on the observed course was estimated at 45 to 46 seconds. The altitude was estimated at 8,000 feet. Diameter was proportionate to a one-foot object ten feet from the observer. An orange flame extended twice the diameter of object. The majority of the flight was observed with no visibility limitations. When the object entered local clouds over the mountains east of Honolulu, the clouds were illuminated. The above preliminary report was obtained from two observers who indicate that there are at least ten other witnesses. The Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, has received similar reports from other observers, one of whom believes the object was a meteorite. He bases his belief on previous observations of meteorites. An investigation is being conducted. A full report will be rendered as soon as possible."

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Captain, USAF

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object, Hawaii		
AREA REPORTED ON Hawaiian Islands		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.
DATE OF REPORT 27 December 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 December 1950	EVALUATION C-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) A. G. Love, Captain, USAF		SOURCE USAF Pilot
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Report contains information on the sighting of an unidentified aerial object near a USAF plane on the night of 25 December 1950 near the Hawaiian Islands.

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NOW that the excitement of almost daily flying, and of studying the subject, it is possible to look at the situation objectively, before there is another wave of excitement.

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BRADFORD, ILLINOIS 27 Dec 1950

AIR BAGS

still didn't fully grasp the idea I planned at the airport and houses. It was with their mouths were open too. You really mean it? You actually saw a flying saucer? When I took a big swallow and gulped down most of my surprise.

Between Bradford Illinois and Burlington Iowa he answered.

Well, yes. I rather shrewdly admitted. I never have put much stock in such tales. I'm about the same as Skeptor a heart. I suppose I'll actually have to convince myself to believe there is such a thing as a flying saucer.

Of course, it can't be really seen. I saw one. He explained nothing to me as he walked on the right plan which was a shot on. We followed these flying saucer stories closely. They're interested in it. I guess I would like to believe in them. And I've kept my eyes peeled and that I particularly expected to spot one of some length. But just to be sure I didn't miss anything.

Do you really believe all that stuff that has been published? I interrupted saying to keep the doubting out of my voice.

It took a long way, he answered. A lot of people have seen things that were undoubtedly optical illusions or plain arguments of the imagination. But there are lots

been a convincing array of facts amassed to support the theory that there are definitely objects zooming around the sky which are outside the realm of aircraft as you and I know them. Who can say just what they are? But dependable witnesses have seen objects, or believe they have, that defy any explanation.

By now I had completely forgotten my magazine. I finally was realizing that he wasn't pulling my leg. You are serious. It's knowledge. For Pete's sake, what did the whatever it was look like?

He paused thoughtfully and glanced around the nearby houses for a group consisting of two captains, two hostesses, a radio operator and myself. It was about that. At first I thought the object was an airplane landing light. You know how you usually turn on of your lights in when you sight a plane coming toward you and you don't see the other pilot see you. It flipped out one light on in reply, but inside two of three minutes it was evident the light didn't want approaching.

Was it a saucer? I jumped in. Don't you imagine it was a bright one?

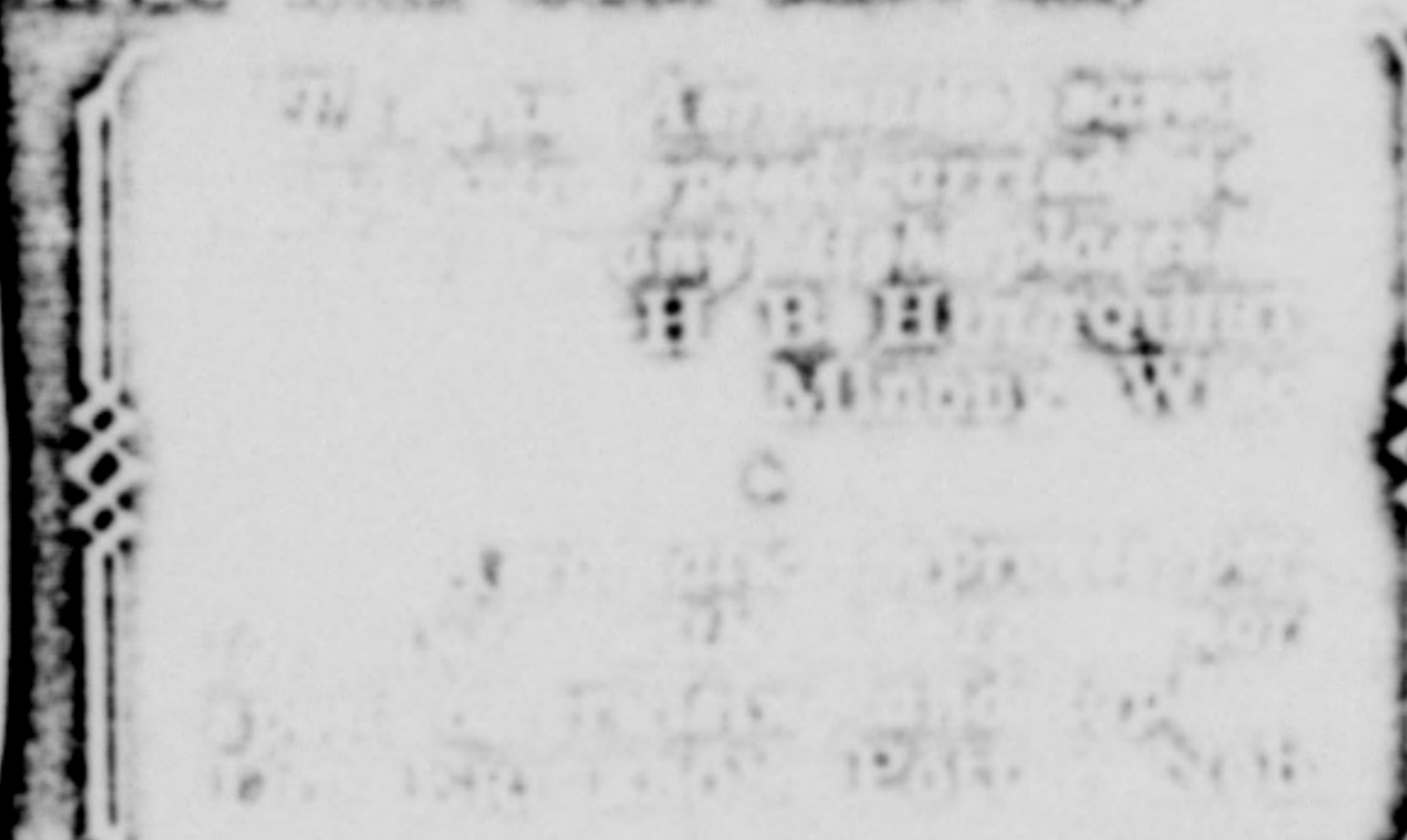
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noticed the intense light apparently headed toward me, which as I remarked before, I thought was another plane. I could see nothing but the light, a hard shiny white. But instead of rushing on past it kept its distance. Then surprisingly it started dissolving from brilliant diamond to phosphorescent green to blue, red. The sun had just set and the western sky was a spectacular splash of orange, pink and soft red. The air was crystal clear and twilight was illuminating the overhead and eastern sky. In spite of the luminous background the weird ball of light stood out with awesome prominence. It was suspended in space just above the horizon. As I rough guess I would venture it was a hundred miles away. Of course there was no doubt to it it might have been much closer or some other farther away.

At last I started to wonder to what the thing was. Then I thought: However, it would still have its massed mass and since atmosphere we could account for the other vast areas. Although the shadow of the sun and the light of the sun, the thing suddenly the object grew enormous. I began to wonder. It was the first time I had seen it. It appeared suddenly like a person with the many shades under the

ball.

I broke in. You mean you actually could see the thing move.

And then some! he gestured vigorously. It began to unaccountably streak back and forth from north to south through anywhere from 10 to 30 degrees on a level plane. There was no definite regular synchrony to the motion. The object would mostly just take off as though I were fastened to the end of a string and someone were jerking it. The speed was terrific an acceleration no normal mortal could withstand I'm sure. But then it would hover for a while, oscillate slowly, then speed up like a rocket still in a north-south orbit. I watched it from Bradford to almost Burlington. We were making good ground speed of 200 we had 25 mph headwind so it took about 25 minutes to cover that distance. During the last five or six minutes the object dimmed to a pinpoint and was barely visible as a function above the horizon.

You haven't heard the thing as yet, he warned me in a grooved cadence. A mass the same horizon parallel to the quantity of the object would appear to collapse. It is difficult to describe. There is a good word as my it was as though the other

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Bob had turned his eyes away when the peculiar thing happened. The most amazing fact of all.

"What was that?" he exclaimed. The incident was so momentous while he regarded his comrades and wondered what he had witnessed.

It yawned at Bob, saying, "It took a short time to get the light on the eyes to where it pointed but couldn't adjust the vision to the actual distance in time. What happened was this. After the light had vanished to a pinpoint of brightness, it slowly began to move in a straight line toward the south. Suddenly it lurched with a tremendous bang of speed zoomed upward at a 45 degree angle and described a sort of square top half of a loop and plunged down behind the horizon on a northerly heading. That has violent manner was it? A rational explanation? I saw it with my own two eyes and it is well-nigh impossible to believe it was simply an illusion or hallucination."

Picking up a pencil he drew on a piece of the flight path.

As Shute had no reason to dream up a strange story upon which he told me. He talked to Captain Keaton and he verified that he saw the object but only for a short period. The confusion that although he couldn't picture a picture of the

first inexplicable nature of the object and tried to point out its position. The Keaton saw the action only fleetingly. Since the object was practically dead ahead of the airplane at all times none of the passengers had occasion to see it.

They were flying a Martin 200, a twin-engine 36-passenger transport. (Keaton lived was 6000 feet high. As amended that night when flight plan with no radio control and ascended to 8000 feet to see if he could get a better view. He was dead. It was slightly after 10:00. Keaton started time when the light was first spotted. The flight had departed Chicago at 8:00 as mentioned earlier. The route was over Joliet, then direct toward Burlington or away Red it.

There is what I consider a strange coincidence concerning the story.

After heading to Pittsburgh, Pa. on Shute flight December 31 and right after leaving the tail. It flew on to Chicago later that afternoon. A first officer on a DC-3 with Captain Olin Bas who also had returned to Air Corps in Philadelphia. Some 60 miles east of the Wayne Indiana and 20 miles north of Elmhurst, Ohio. Flying a route was a straight line from Keaton. It seemed amazing to Bas.

