

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Oct 1951		2. LOCATION Lenoir City, Tennessee		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____ NOT REPORTED		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Not Reported	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color: Smoke emitted. Sound Like/crashing, like straining motor, like machine gun.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data. Duration not reported. Time of day/night not reported. Movement/position not reported.	

~~Lenoir~~
City
Penn.

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Dear Sir:

I would like to report a strange object flying near here. It had a strange sound like a straining motor and then like a machine gun.

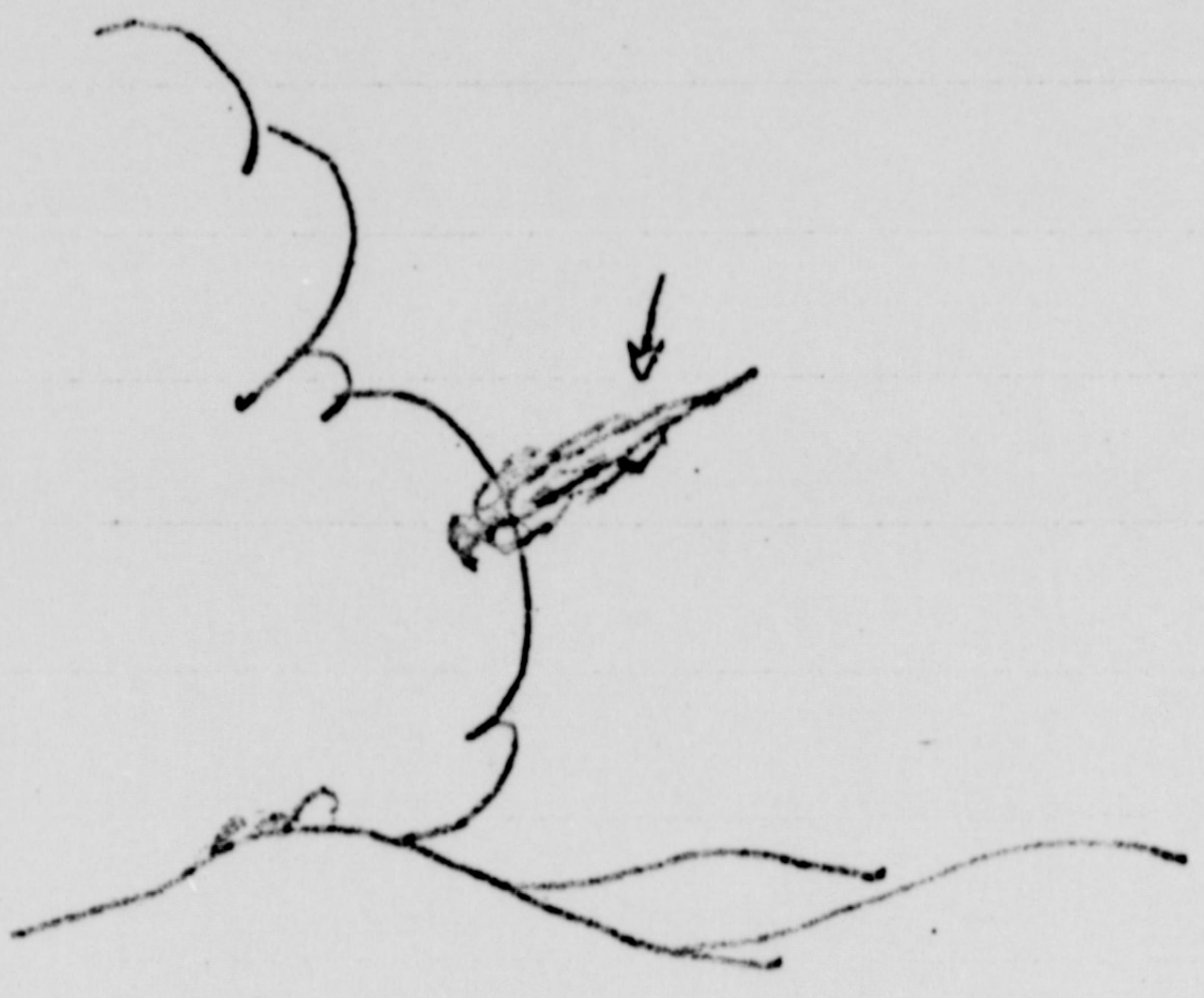
A shot trailed by smoke was shot from it.

It made a sound as if it had crashed then later it started again and moved West And that was all.

I never before I saw something strange here.
I have some sketches of both

Yours truly
~~D. D. [unclear]~~

Smoke trailed it thing



Sketch 1:

7-3712-39

DISPOSITION FORM

LMK/ef

SEC 7 C. JIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

AGAO-CSY

SUBJECT

Report of strange flying missile

TO

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Room 5C 945, Pentagon

FROM

TAG

DATE

30 Oct 51

COMMENT NO. 1

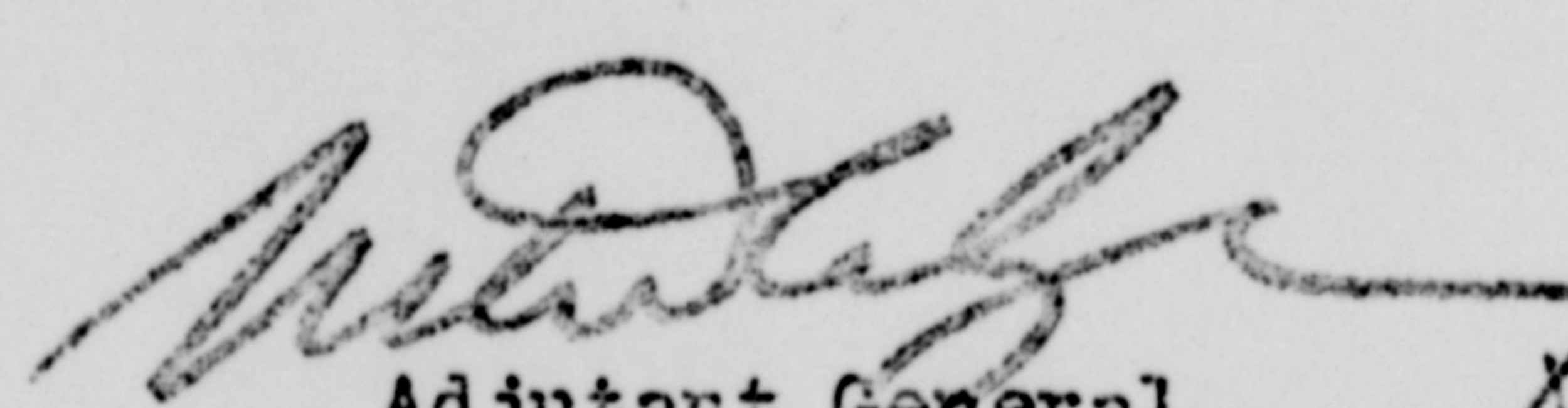
Mrs. Showers
52053

As a matter of primary interest to your headquarters. The writer of the attached letter has been advised of this referral.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

✓ 1 Incl

✓ Ltr undtd fr David Holland


Adjutant General

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CLASSIFICATION		PROJECT CO. COL RECORD	PROJECT NO. 11-2
SUBJECT Report of Strange Flying Missile			
DEADLINE 16 Nov 51		DATE RECEIVED 2 Nov 51	
ORIGINATED BY TAG			
ACTION BRANCH TC		BRANCH PROJECT OFFICER	
REQUIREMENT For preparation of non-military letter to [REDACTED]			
PROPOSED APPROACH Routine			
ACTION TAKEN Prepared ltr to Mr. [REDACTED] and Prepared DF Comment 2 to ATIC			
RECOMMENDED FURTHER ACTION None			
MAN HOURS REQUIRED 1 hr - Lt. Col. Willis 1 hr - Miss Overstreet			
DATE FORWARDED		APPROVED BY	

AFHQ FORM 0-553
28 JUN 51

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FORM ARE OBSOLETE.

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CLASSIFICATION

AFOIN-V/TC
Lt.Col.Willis/ro/55334
Wrtm 15 Nov 51

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To prepare reply to Mr. Holland's ltr, undated, subj: "Report of Strange Flying Missile," and to prepare Comment 2, DF, to ATIC, forwarding Mr. Holland's ltr and D/I reply to him.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. On 2 Nov 51, ltr was received by this headquarters from Mr. Holland reporting strange flying missile. A reply to Mr. Holland has been prepared by this headquarters stating that any future reports should be addressed to ATIC if of sufficient value to merit an investigation. A DF has been prepared forwarding Mr. Holland's letter and D/I reply thereto to ATIC.

3. Subject matter will not be submitted for inclusion in the Daily Staff Digest.

ACTION

4. Approval, signature, and forwarding.

COORDINATION

Col John G Eriksen - AFOIN-V/TC - Ext. 52466
CAPT L L Black, USN - AFOIN-V - Ext. 55909
- AFOIN-A -

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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15 Jan 50
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FILE NO.

SUBJECT (Unclassified) Report of Strange Flying Missile

TO	FROM	DATE	COMMENT NO. 2
Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio	Dept of the AF Hq USAF - AFOIN-V/TC		Lt.Col. Hundt/55894

1. Letter concerning an unusual flying object, from a Mr. Holland, is forwarded for your information and retention.

2. A copy of Directorate of Intelligence reply to Mr. Holland is attached as inclosure two.

William A. Adams

2 Incls

1. Ltr undated
fr David Holland.
Added 1 Incl.
2. Reply to David
Holland.

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief, Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

A. Ruffett

AFOIN-V/TC
Lt. Col. Hundt/ro/55894
Wrtm 15 Nov 51

20 NOV 1951

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Lenoir City
Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Your letter concerning unusual flying object has been received by Headquarters USAF, and your patriotism in promptly reporting this incident is greatly appreciated.

Any future reports of this nature may be addressed directly to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, if you consider them to warrant investigation.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief, Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

No M/R required

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COMEBACK COPY TO AFOIN-V/TC

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 19 Oct 51

TIME (Local): Unknown

LOCATION: Lenoir City, Tenn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Yes

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Letter from civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No investigation

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: "Strange object".

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 21 Oct 51

TIME (Local): 0500Z

LOCATION: 62°N 15°W

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Scientist

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Bright yellowish flash on the horizon.

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31 Oct 51

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Data

Initials

Division

COUNTRY

USA-MATS

REPORT NO.

IR-232-51

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Subject

Unusual Sighting in North Atlantic

AREA REPORTED ON

North Atlantic Ocean

FROM (Agency)

Intelligence Division, Hq MATS
Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

DATE OF REPORT

31 October 1951

DATE OF INFORMATION

21 October 1951

EVALUATION

A-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)

A. G. Love, Captain, USAF

SOURCE

Dr. Fletcher

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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.)

1. Dr. [redacted] a consultant to the Directorate of Scientific Services of Headquarters Air Weather Service, MATS, advises that while flying as a passenger on Pan American Airways Stratocruiser flight 123 from Frankfurt to New York via Iceland on 21 October 1951, he observed a bright yellowish flash on the horizon at approximately 0500Z.

2. The flash was in the direction of approximately 45° True, and at the time of observance the aircraft was at an altitude of 18,000 feet at the approximate location of 62° North, 15° West. The weather at the time was CAVU, with high scattered cirrus.

3. Dr. Fletcher estimated that the flash illuminated about 3° of the horizon for an instant. At the time of observation, Dr. Fletcher was seated on the starboard side of the aircraft and by chance happened to be looking out the window in the direction of the flash. He did not hear of any of the other passengers having seen the flash and he is inclined to doubt that they or any of the crew did in fact observe the incident. Dr. [redacted] states that he has not discussed the incident with anyone other than the interrogating officer.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

Dr. [redacted] could advance no hypothesis as to the cause of the unusual incident. He considered the sighting to be worthy of considerable scientific thought on his part, but he attached no great significance to it until he read of the President's Announcement that a third atomic explosion recently had occurred in the USSR. Dr. [redacted] then felt that he should relate his experience to an Intelligence Officer in the off-chance that the flash might have had some connection with the third, or a subsequent, Soviet atomic explosion. In this connection, Dr. [redacted] commented that the sighting was in the direction of the Soviet island of Novaya Zemlya.

Dr. [redacted] holds a responsible scientific position in the Air Weather Service, and the interrogating officer felt that Dr. [redacted] was a level-headed, mature observer. Dr. Fletcher enjoys an excellent reputation for sound judgment, integrity and reliability.

While Dr. [redacted] does not rule out any possible explanation for the flash, he does reiterate that it did occur beyond the horizon and that on such a day in the Far North, it would be possible for a flash of such magnitude to be seen a great distance away. He is positive that what he saw could not have been a reflection from a light within or on the aircraft. The time of sighting and the position of the aircraft are the best estimates which Dr. [redacted] can supply.

A. G. LOVE

Captain, USAF

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APPROVED:

WILLIAM L. TRAVIS

Lt Colonel, USAF

Chief, Intelligence Division

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