

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 June 53 21/1545Z	2. LOCATION Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Possibly high altitude balloon of unknown origin. Sighting characteristic of balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Still visible 1 Hour	One tiny silver-tan object hovered at 40,000 ft and did not seem to carry out any maneuvers.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Semi Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AF GRNC

PEP 18531 FLYOBRPT ONE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED GROUND
OBSERVED AT PEPPERRELL AFB UNKNOWN HOVERING UNKNOWN HOVERING EST
43000 FT SIGHTED BY BUSH MAJOR UNKNOWN MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS HEAD-
QUARTERS AT 212330Z CHECKED OPERATIONS FOR FLIGHT PLANS NO RADAR
CONTACT CAVU 64TH AIR DIV REPORTS NO RADAR CONTACT

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INFO: FROM: AFMID-ATIAE-6-17-E Reurmsg REF 18531 dated 211920Z. Request you forward AF Form 112 as prescribed in AF letter 200-5 giving more complete data regarding this sighting. In the future, please follow 200-5 and include more detailed information in your original message. In reply cite Project Blue Book. COORDINATION: ATIAE-5 _____ DATE _____ Lt Olson ATIAE _____ DATE _____ Lt Col Johnston ATIA _____ DATE _____ Col McDevitt																																					
DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required) Lt R. H. Olson/RHC/jos			RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE ROBERT C. BROOK, MAJ, USAF Air Adjutant General																																		
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JEXW/COMDR 6610TH ABG MCANDREW AFB NF

NEOCOC-I-00055 REFERENCE PEP 18531 DTG 211920Z JUNE 53. CHECK OF

FLIGHT PLANS REVEALED NEGATIVE RESULTS. D/I NEAC EVALUATES INCIDENT

AS AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

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FROM: (Originator) CO ENT AF BASE GOLD SPRINGS COLO TO: CO ENT AF BASE GOLD SPRINGS COLO INFO: FROM: AFMID-ATIAE-5-16-E FOR 3rd Wd Op, Hq (MATS) ATIC needs the following information regarding an unidentified aerial object reports: Was there a skyhook type balloon in the vicinity of Popperroll Air Force Base, New Foundland, at 212030Z June 1953? In reply cite Project Blue Book COORDINATION: ATIAE-5 _____ DATE _____ Lt Cleson ATIAE _____ DATE _____ Lt Col Johnston ATIA _____ DATE _____ Col McGuire DATE-TIME GROUP _____ SECURITY CLASSIFICATION _____ PRECEDENCE FOR: <u>ROUTING</u> <u>INFORMATION</u> ☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE ☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS ☐ YES ☐ NO REFERS TO MESSAGE: _____ IDENTIFICATION _____ CLASSIFICATION _____					
DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required) Lt R. H. Cleson/jos/RWC			RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE _____		
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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

3WG FC- 101 . URMSG AFOIN-ATIAE-6-16-E. PROJECT BLUE BOOK. REPTS AVAL

HERE INDICATE NO BALLON IN AREA AT TIME INDICATED.

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NEOCOC-I-00054 REFERENCE FLYOBRPT MESSAGE AFOPS 56F DATED 0220605Z

AND AFOPS 57F DATED 02207232Z GOOSE AB LABRADOR. CORRELATION OF FLIGHT

PLANS INDICATES NEGATIVE RESULTS. EVALUATED AS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

FOR SECRETARY DEFENSE, WASHINGTON ONLY, THIS REFERS TO CIRVIS ONFIRM

AFOPS 59F DATED 0221020Z, 107TH AC&W SQUADRON, GOOSE AB LABRADOR

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COUNTRY Canada	REPORT NO. IR-1-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOB RPT - Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Pepperrell Air Force Base	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer, 6600th Air Base Gp	
DATE OF REPORT 21 1920Z June 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 1800Z June 53	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) MILLARD F. HAMBLIN, JR, Capt, USAF	SOURCE Officer of the Day	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) Project Blue Book		
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. One unidentified aerial object was sighted by ground observers at Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland, 21 June 1953. Size was unknown. Object was hovering over Pepperrell Air Force Base at an estimated altitude of 40,000 feet. No GCA or GCI contact. Weather at time of sighting was CAVU. Object was in sight for a period of approximately one (1) hour. Initial evaluation: Unidentified flying object.		
<i>Millard F. Hamblin Jr.</i> MILLARD F. HAMBLIN, JR Captain, USAF Intelligence Off, 6600th ABG		
APPROVED: <i>Gerald Brown</i> GERALD BROWN Captain, USAF Adjutant		
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COUNTRY Canada	REPORT NO. IR-34-53	CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOBJECT)		
AREA REPORTED ON Newfoundland	FROM (Agency) Dir/Int, NEAC	EVALUATION A-2
DATE OF REPORT 27 June 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 June 1953	SOURCE Intelligence Officer, 6600th AB Gp, Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland
PREPARED BY (Officer) GREGORY ALEXANDER, 1st Lt., USAF		
REFERENCES (Control number, directory, 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. An unidentified aerial object was visually observed from the ground by a number of military personnel southwest of Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland, 21 June 1953, at 1545Z.

2. This information is of interest to Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

APPROVED:

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1949

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

Dir/Int, NEAC

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1. An unidentified aerial object was visually observed from the ground by a number of military personnel southwest of Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland, 21 June 1953, at 1545Z.
2. The object, described as a tiny silver-tan object, but not metallic silver, was at an estimated altitude of 30,000 feet. The object was semi-stationary and was not seen to carry out any maneuvers. Object did not emit an exhaust trail or sound.
3. The object was still visible at 1630Z, or a total period of observation of 45 minutes. The object was observed and first reported by Major [REDACTED] (Senior Pilot), commander of 6610th Air Base Sqdn., McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland, and six other personnel from the same location (baseball field).
4. No GCI or GCA contact was made with the object. Weather sequence was: 3000 broken, 15 miles visibility, surface winds NW, 22K plus to 34K, winds aloft 30,000 feet 330 degrees at 120K.

COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:

1. It was first believed that the object was a weather balloon. Checks were made with the various weather offices in Newfoundland, and it was learned that Ernest Harmon AFB released a balloon 45 minutes prior to the time of sighting. Winds over Harmon were: 28,000 feet, 320 degrees at 188K. Pepperrell AFB is approximately 230 miles ESE of Ernest Harmon AFB: these extremely high winds were traveling in the general direction Harmon to Pepperrell. However, the balloon was tracked for a period of 34 minutes at Harmon. Contact was lost with the balloon when it was 30 miles distant at 27,300 feet. Since the balloon was of the radiosonde type, a positive burst could not be determined, although analysis of returns indicated a probable burst. Moreover, the balloon, having consumed 34 minutes and gone only 30 miles, would have to travel the remaining 200 miles in 11 minutes, thus eliminating the possibility that the Harmon balloon accounted for the sighting.

2. A balloon was also released from McAndrew AFB, approximately 90 miles southwest of Pepperrell AFB. This balloon was released the night before the sighting, on 20 June 1953, and from an analysis of winds, it was determined that this balloon also could not account for the sighting.

3. It is considered very unlikely that the object was an aircraft because of the long duration of the sighting and the hovering nature of the object. The possibility of celestial or meteorological conditions causing the sighting does exist.

4. The Director of Intelligence, NEAC evaluates this incident as an unidentified aerial object.

Nathan J. Meyerson
NATHAN J. MEYERSON

Captain, USAF

Chief, Current Intelligence Division

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21 JUNE

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, President

COLUMBUS 10

EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

8 July 1953

Lt. Robert Olsson
ATIC - Wright-Patterson AFB

Dear Lt. Olsson,

Now that Jennie has her preliminary clearance, she can help me handle the reports and can type the letters to you and to your successor. This will improve the quality of the typing (!) I am sure. I cannot guarantee spelling. (Neither can I.)

With respect to the two wires you sent us on June 23, there is only one thing to say: The 21 June Pepperrell AFB case must be tossed out because of grossly insufficient data. Do you think there is a glimmer of anything interesting there which would justify sending a Form A? It seems to me that reports of this kind just clutter up the wires without accomplishing anything.

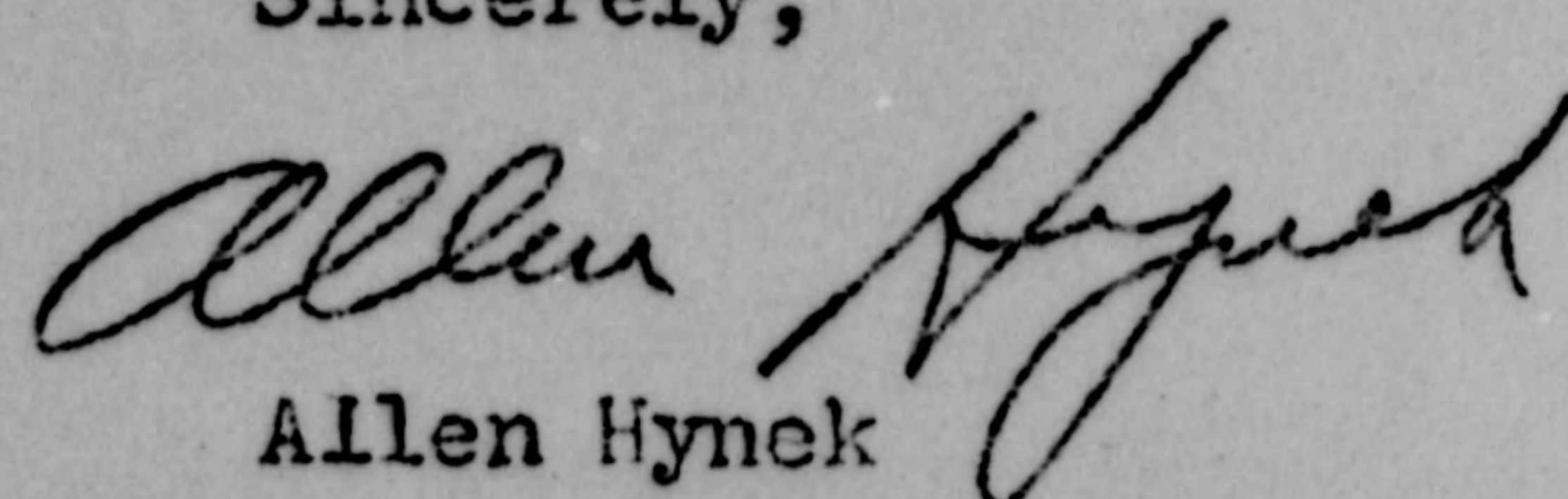
The San Antonio 16 June is clearly a meteorological phenomeon and one that would warm the heart of Menzel. This was undoubtedly as suggested, namely the light of the setting sun on a high cloud.

Referring to the follow-up statement on the 10 June Detroit case, both Jennie and I still think this was a landing light and agree it could not have been a meteor.

Business is a little slow. Jen is going ahead with requesting cooperation from the air control tower operators. Her usefulness has increased in view of her temporary clearance and I hope that her full clearance will not be too long in coming.

I hope we can see you soon and wish you a bon voyage into Law School.

Sincerely,


Allen Hynck

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