

1. DATE - TIME GROUP H 6 Jul 53 7/0500Z	2. LOCATION Stillwater, Oklahoma
3. SOURCE Civ & AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION Other: Prob Searchlight Additional information reveals that both observers of good experience level, thought objs might be searchlights on the base of clouds. Area was cloud to SE of Stillwater.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2½ mins, still in sight	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two objs, one above the other, traveled back and forth irregularly in an arc of 10 deg. Lights were at no time extra bright and seemed to be reflecting searchlight beam of a cloud. No radar contact, WX clear. Stars visible behind objs.
7. COURSE back & forth	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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P 070650Z ZNJ

FM COMDR OCAMA TINKER AFB OKLA

TO JEPHQ/DIR INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

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/ [REDACTED] OCEO-2T-7-8-E FLYOBRPT.

1. 2 ELIPTICAL SHAPED WHITE LIGHTS. SIZE UNKNOWN. OBSERVER ABLE TO COVER OBJECT WITH THUMB AT ARMS LENGTH. OBJECTS ONE ABOVE OTHER. TOP OBJECT DISAPPEARING AT TIMES AND THEN RETURNING. POSSIBLY A SHORT TRAIL TO THE REAR. PROPULSION SYSTEM UNKNOWN. SPEED UNKNOWN. NO SOUND. MANUEVERS-TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH IRREGULARLY IN AN ARC OF ABOUT 10DEGREES. STILL IN SIGHT WHEN OBSERVER LEFT SCENE. LIGHTS WERE AT NO TIME EXTRA BRIGHT. APPEARED TO BECOME DIM AND THEN BRIGHT AGAIN. APPEARED TO BE ABOUT LIKE A CEILING LIGHT FROM A LONG DISTANCE. NO VISIBLE LIGHT RAYS FROM THE GROUND. OBSERVER SAID IT WAS DEFINITELY

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NOT AN AIRCRAFT.

2. 070500Z. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 21/2 MINUTES.

3. VISUAL FROM THE SURFACE. RADAR ALERTED WITH NO RESULTS.

4. 36 DEGREES 7 MINS. 20 SECONDS NORTH 97 DEGREES 4 MINS. 00

SECONDS WEST. OKLA A&M CAMPUS. 120DEGREES TO 130DEGREES FROM

NORTH CENTRAL PART OF STILLWATER OKLA. DISTANCE, DIRECTION, & ALTITUDE

UNKNOWN. ANGULAR ELEVATION BETWEEN 15 AND 20DEGREES FROM OBSERVER.

5A. 1ST LT. [REDACTED] 47TH COMM. SQ. ENT AFB COLO.

NON RATED AIR FORCE OFFICER 3 YRS EXPERIENCE CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR.

PRIVATE PILOT 100 HOURS.

5B. MR [REDACTED] /CIVILIAN/ STUDENT OKLA A & M COLLEGE.

6. ENID 10,000 BROKEN 10 MILES VISABILITY. PONCA CITY 12,000

OVERCAST 12 MILES VISABILITY. TULSA 15,000 BROKEN 15 MILES VISABILITY.

OBSERVER STATED WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND COULD SEE STARS BEHIND OBJECTS.

7. THUNDER STORM ACTIVITY SOUTHEAST STILLWATER DISTANCE UNKNOWN.

8. NONE.

9. INTERCEPTION NONE. IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN. NOTIFIED 33RD

ADIV /HEAD MAN & TAIL BOARD/

10. NO KNOWN TRAFFIC.

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WINDS ALMOST TO 60,000 FT.

1) DIRECTION ?

2) LOOK AT THE THERMID ? CHECK 3000

3) REQUEST, ADDRESS OF NO ICA

4) SCHEMATIC L.T. 2. HARRIS LOCATION INFO. SHEET

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3 MAY 1949

OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MATERIEL AREA
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

9 July 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

THRU: Commander
Air Materiel Command
ATTN: MCEP
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

Unidentified Flying Objects Report is forwarded in accordance
with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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DAVID A. POWERS, JR
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Security Indoctrination Office
Inspector General's Office

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- Post Searchlight.
- are the Searchlight batteries
in the area?

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting		
AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency) Security Indoctrination Office Hq CCAMA, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	
DATE OF REPORT 9 July 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 6, 7, 8 and 9 July 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE 1st Lt, USAF (Civilian)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Message 0000-2T-7-8-E ELYODRPT		
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 118—Part II.)		
1. Inclosed statements of 1st Lt [redacted] and Mr [redacted] are self explanatory. 2. ADC radar received no sighting (pick up) in vicinity of observers. Radar showed storm echo 40 miles South of Tinker Air Force Base from line SE to NW. Weather at Tinker AF Base 20,000 feet thin scattered clouds, visibility 15 miles. According to weather officer the possibility of lights having been from "PIBALL" are very slight.		
2 INCL.		
1. Statement - 1st Lt [redacted]		
2. Statement - Civilian [redacted]		
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9 July 1953

The following information was obtained by long distance telephone from 1st Lt [REDACTED] 47th Communication Squadron (C), Fort Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado. At time of sighting Lt [REDACTED] was at Cordell Hall, Oklahoma A & M Campus, Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he will remain until 23 July 1953.

1. As close as I could say it was elliptical; a dim white light compared with a ceiling light or the light a search light would throw on the bottom of a cloud. It was moving. It is possible that it could have been a search light; however, it moved back and forth in a limited arc. As far as I could tell, there was no overcast. As far as I know, the only thing that would throw up a light like that is the airport at Tulsa, Okla., approximately 70 miles away. The most objects I saw were two (2), one of which was intermittent. One was directly above the other. There is a possibility of a trail. The uppermost light seemed to disappear occasionally. There was a very limited range of movement, I would say a 10° arc. I heard no noise. If these objects were at the distance I think they were, the movement would have been quite rapid, I would say somewhere between 5 and 750 mph. This is based on what I have observed from aircraft. I left the objects to make the call to report them; when I went back they were not there. From time to time I saw stars above the object. I have never seen anything like this before.

2. I saw this object at approximately 2300 (CST) on 6 July 1953. I observed this for approximately two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) minutes.

3. I observed it from the ground with the naked eye.

4. I was outside on the ground at Cordell Hall, Oklahoma A & M Campus, Stillwater, Oklahoma. The object was about 15° or 20° from the horizon. It was about 120° North. The A & M Campus is located in the North Central part of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

5. I have two (2) years experience as Control Tower Operator with the Air Force. I am a private pilot and have a CAA Certificate as a control tower operator. I have approximately one hundred (100) hours in the air.

6. Further around towards North from 120° from East on up to about Northeast (about 45° to 90°) there was some lightening. It was off down to the horizon.

7. Meteorological condition is unknown.

8. I did not take any pictures and did not obtain any fragments.

9. There was no interception to my knowledge.

10. There was no aircraft in the air to the best of my knowledge.

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9 July 1953

The following information was obtained by long distance telephone from Mr. [REDACTED], Woodwell, Oklahoma, [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] is temporarily residing at Cordell Hall, Oklahoma A & M Campus, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

1. What I saw looked like two (2) search light flashes that varied back and forth, one hitting right on top of the other. They would flash back and forth and then center on one. It looked like the beam came from the ground. You could see part of the beam at times and other times it would fade completely out. It was larger than a search light beam. I saw this two (2) or three (3) different nights. I just thought it was a search light. There are no search lights in this part of the country that I know of; however, I haven't spent much time here for the last five or six years. There was no sound. The color was the same as a search light beam. It looked like a search light beam reflecting off a cloud. I couldn't tell how many objects there were. When I saw these before, they were in the same locality. They looked like a search light crossing one another then all at once they would stop one on top of the other. I couldn't see any trail or exhaust. There was no propulsion that I know of. They moved rapidly. They moved a lot faster than an ordinary search light beam would have moved. They would start on one side of the horizon and move to the other. They would start just like a beam would and move across the sky until they reached the same place and stop on top of one another. I didn't see them disappear.

2. I saw this at approximately 2500 (CST) on 6 July 1953.

3. I observed these with the naked eye.

4. I was watching through the second (2d) story of the dormitory. There was a screen on the window and the window was open. The object was in the direction of Southeast of the dormitory, almost to a right angle - 85° to 90°.

5. I have had no experience observing aircraft. I was in the ground forces of the service for thirty-three (33) months.

6. On this particular night it was cloudy; the overcast was more or less in the background of the object I was watching. The cloudiness was Southeast of me.

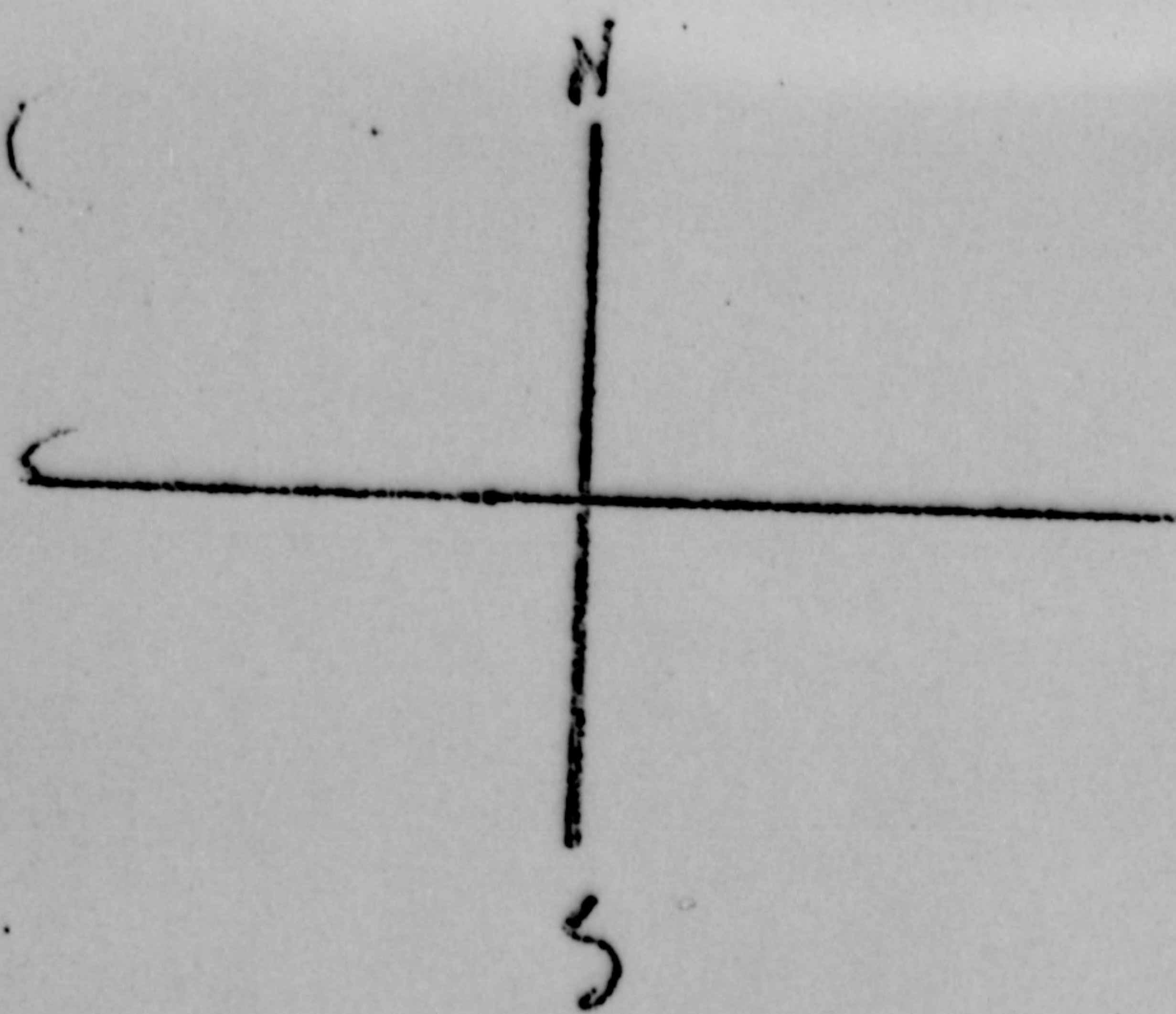
7. I don't know anything about meteorology.

8. I did not take any pictures.

10. I don't remember hearing or seeing any aircraft in the air on that particular night.

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Reference your FLYOBRPT OCEO-2T-7-8-E, ATIC requests full address of Mr. [REDACTED] at Okla A & M College so that questionnaire may be sent. [REDACTED] will receive USAF Tech Info Sheet for his completion. Additional information needed follows: 1) Direction of object from observers. 2) Winds aloft data up to 60,000 ft. 3) Local air traffic in area. Check 33rd Air Div on this last item. Reply by wire to ATIC, no AF Form 112 requested. In reply cite Project Blue Book. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVAL DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS DOD DIR 5200.10 COORDINATION: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">ATIAE-5</td> <td style="width: 30%;"><i>R.M. Olsson</i> Lt Olsson</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Date</td> <td style="width: 20%;"><i>8 July 53</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ATIAE</td> <td><i>W.R. [unclear]</i> Col Johnston</td> <td>Date</td> <td><i>9 July</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ATIA</td> <td><i>William K. [unclear]</i> Col McDuffee</td> <td>Date</td> <td><i>9 July 53</i></td> </tr> </table> OFFICE OF RECORD ATIAE-5 Official File Copy						ATIAE-5	<i>R.M. Olsson</i> Lt Olsson	Date	<i>8 July 53</i>	ATIAE	<i>W.R. [unclear]</i> Col Johnston	Date	<i>9 July</i>	ATIA	<i>William K. [unclear]</i> Col McDuffee	Date	<i>9 July 53</i>
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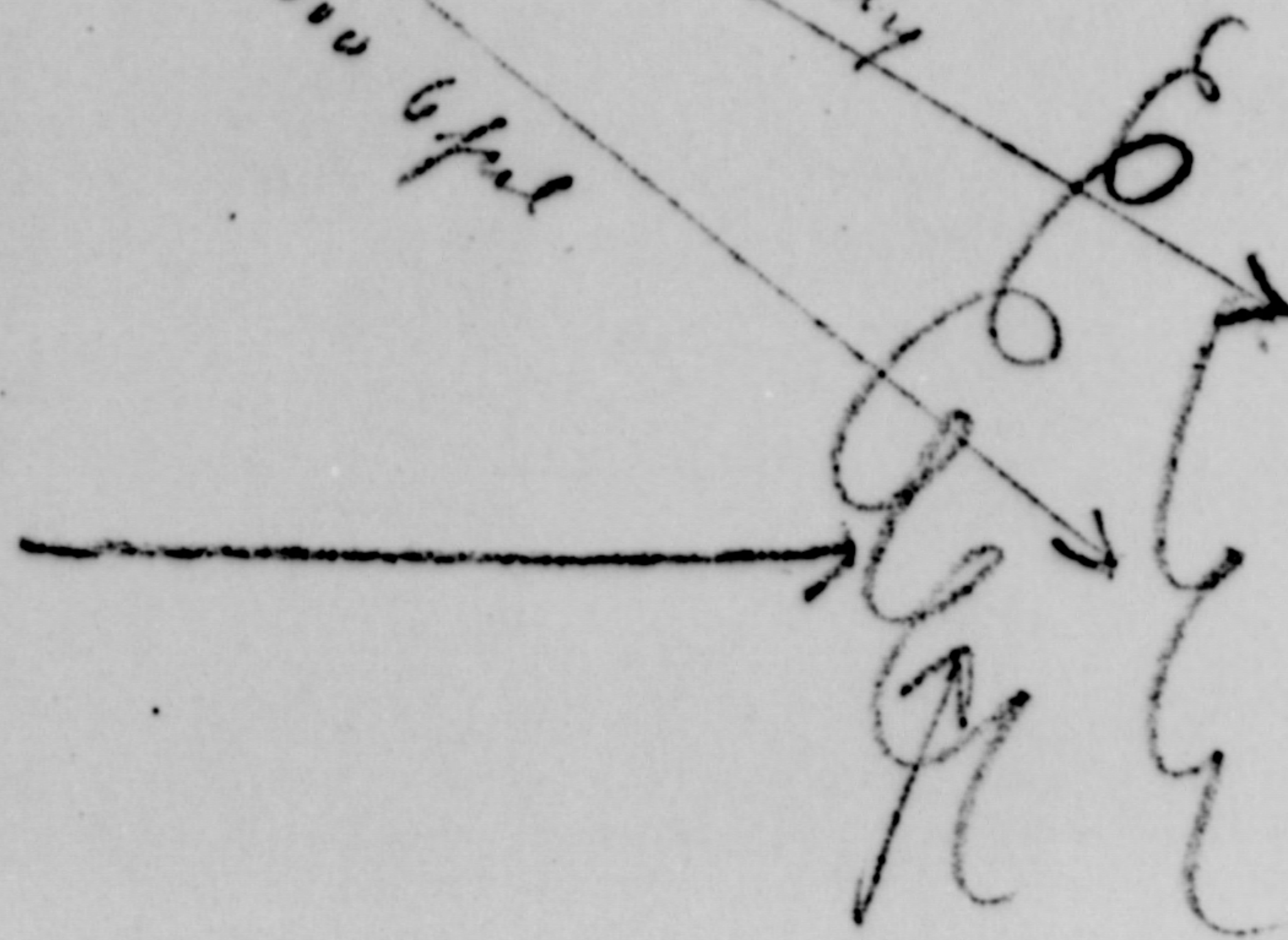
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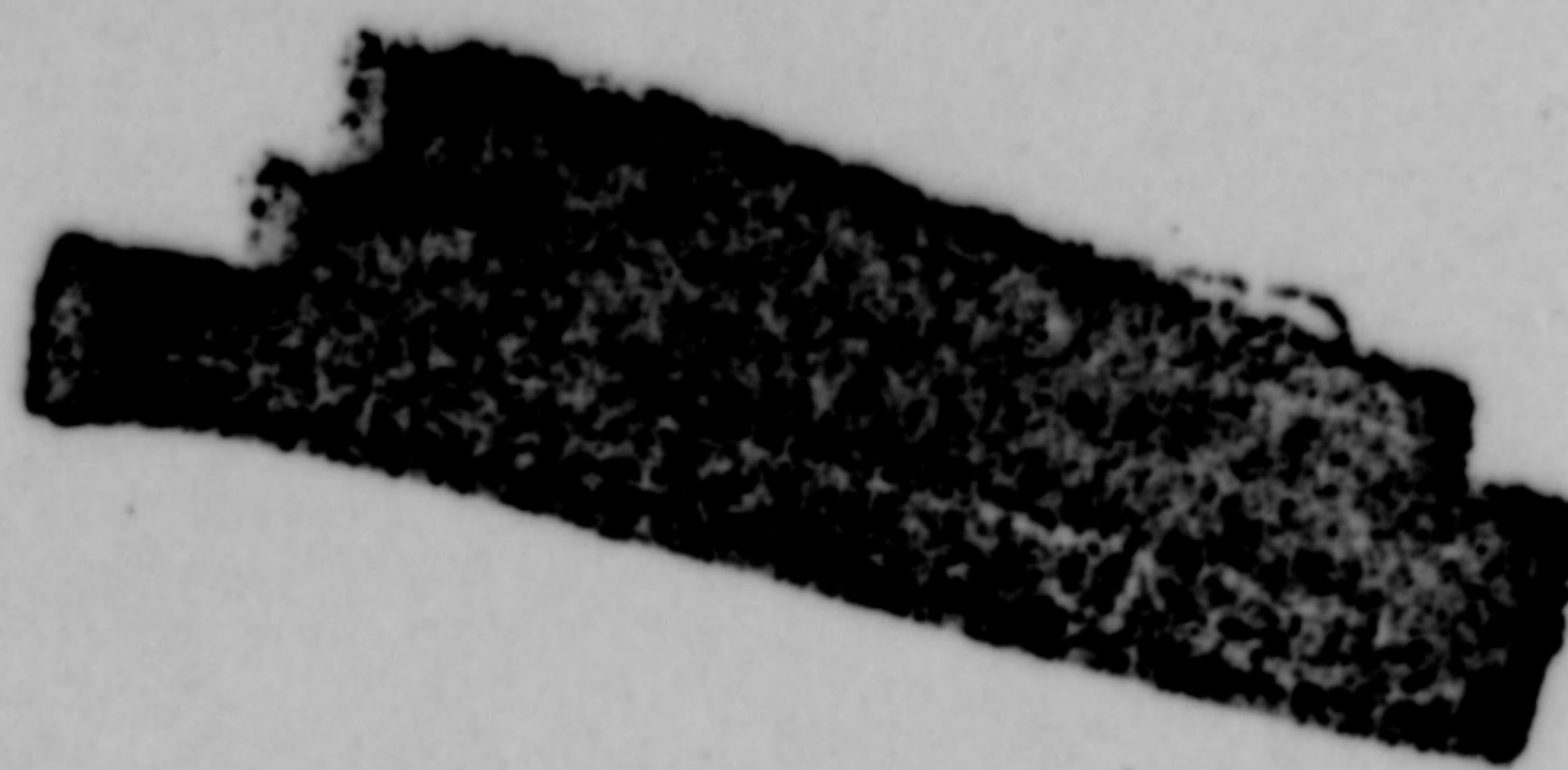
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BLUE BOOK. MR. [REDACTED] CORDELL HALL, A AND M CAMPUS, STILLWATER, *quest.*

OKLA. OBJ SE OF OBSR. WINDS ALOFT DATA EXP BY THOUSAND FEET, DIR FR N BY

DEGREES AND KNOTS RESPECTIVELY: SURF, 60, 12; 2, 80, 13; 3, 100,

11; 4, 140, 6; 5, 190, 8; 6, 200, 13; 7, 210, 14; 8, 220, 16;

9, 240, 18; 10, 260, 11; 12, 280, 12; 14, 340, 11; 16, 320, 11;

18, 340, 6; 22 320, 9; 25, 280, 6; 30, 290, 13; 35, 210, 12; 40,

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LOCAL AIR TRAFFIC. SR CONTROLLER ON DV REC INFO FR FLT OPR 2320

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/CST/. 2330/CST/ AN ACFT SIGHTED ON HEADING 360 DEGREES 15 MILES
N OF STILLWATER, GRD SPEED 240 KNOTS, ALT UNKNOWN, IDENTIFICATION

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FM CO 35TH ADIV (DEF) DAFB MARIETTA GA

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF WASHDC

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JEDEN/CO ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

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JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OS OSI HEADQUARTERS USAF WASHDC

ATTN: ATIAA-2C AT WRIGHT PATTERSON. INT 2444. THIS HEADQUARTERS NOTIFIED

BY OSI WHO HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY FBI WHO HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY ATLANTA

CONSTITUTION NEWSPAPER THAT A MR. [REDACTED] HAD REPORTED A FLYING

SAUCER AND LITTLE MEN. DETAILS ARE BEING CARRIED BY NEWS SERVICES.

SUBJECT WITH TWO COMPANIONS ENCOUNTERED OBJECT ON HIGHWAY NEAR ATLANTA.

THREE LIVING OBJECTS SEEN IN ROAD AND FLYING SAUCER ON HIGHWAY. SAUCER

WAS ROUND, WAIST HIGH AND BRIGHT RED. OBJECTS JUMPED FOR SAUCER, TWO

MADE IT, AND DISAPPEARED INTO IT, WATERS CAR HIT THIRD. SAUCER ROSE UP

DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF CAR, TURNED LIGHT BLUE AND THEN DISAPPEARED

UPWARD AT A FORTY-FIVE DEGREE ANGLE. IT WAS GONE BY THE TIME CAR WAS

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FULLY STOPPED. THE THIRD ANIMAL WAS TAKEN TO ATLANTA NEWSPAPER WITH RESULTING PUBLICITY. THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE THEIS DIVISION WAS CALLED BY OSI AND INTERROGATION OF MR. [REDACTED] A BARBER IN ATLANTA, WAS INITIATED. ALSO VIEWED ANIMAL WHICH IS NOW IN CUSTODY OF STATE OF GEORGIA AT CRIME LAB. CUSTODY WAS TAKEN WITHOUT WATERS APPROVAL AS HE INTENDED TO DISPLAY CREATURE. IT WAS ABOUT TWENTY-ONE INCHES LONG, WEIGHT ABOUT FOUR POUNDS AND HAS ALL CHARACTERISTICS OF A MONKEY EXCEPT THAT OF BEING HAIRLESS. TAIL HAS BEEN CUT OFF. HOWEVER NO AUTHORITIES HAVE AS YET IDENTIFIED IT DEFINITELY. DR. HERMAN JONES OF THE STATE OF GA. CRIME LAB. STATED INFORMALLY THAT HIS PRELIMINARY OPINION WAS THAT IT WAS A MONKEY FROM WHICH HAIR HAD BEEN REMOVED. DR. JONES WILL FORWARD COPY OF HIS OFFICIAL REPORT. ENTOMOLOGIST HAS BEEN CALLED BY DR. JONES. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY 35TH AIR DIVISION AND WILL BE FORWARDED WITH FORM 112. END MSG.

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- 1) Project Blue Book called Hq. 35th + spoke to Capt. Sanders, Intell. Off. He stated that the sighting was a hoax. A local pet shop had 3 monkeys, escaped recently and incidentally this was one of them. Moreover, about 2 or 3 days ago local Atlanta papers carried a story on "flying saucers" built around a local sighting. Hq. 35th wrote off the sighting as an obvious meteor. Waters being an opportunist, took advantage of the situation. He and another barber and a Christian reportedly saw the object. He didn't want to give up the monkey.

Life, News etc + T.V. stations all interested. Requested Sanders ask for O.S.I. check on sighting + water. 1- more info coming in.

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FM COMDR 35TH AD DEF DAFB GA

TO JEPHQ/ DI HQ USAF WASH D.C.

JEDWP/ ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO JEDEN/VAUDR ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

AL1/COMDR CADF KANSAS CITY MO

JEPHQ/DIR OF OSI HQ USAF WASH D.C.

UNCLASSIFIED/INT 2457 PD REF OUR MSG INT"2444 ANIMAL HAS DEFINITELY
BEEN IDENTIFIED BY ANATOMISTS OF EMORY UNIVERSITY AS A MONKEY WITH HAIR
REMOVED PD ALSO PET SHOP REPORTS ESCAPE OF MONKEYS NEAR WATERS HOME PD
NO FURTHER REPORTS WILL BE MADE ON THIS INCIDENT UNLESS PHOTO DESIRED
BY ATIC AS EXAMPLE OF TYPE OF HOAX PERPETRATED PD

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT HOAX FLYING SAUCER			
AREA REPORTED ON U.S.		FROM (Agency) DI, 35th AIR DIV. ADC	
DATE OF REPORT 10 JULY 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 10 JULY 1953		EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) CAPT. HENRY G. SANDERS		SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) INT 2444 AND INT 2459			

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FLYING SAUCER STORY WHICH RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY HERE HAS BEEN
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ARE ATTACHED.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

7 August 1953

SUBJECT: ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF UNKNOWN
FLYING OBJECT NEAR ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Attached for your information are two (2) copies of Closed report of investigation by Special Agent JAMES W. STUMS, 6th OSI District, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, file 24-161, dated 31 July 1953, subject as above.

2. Investigation was predicated upon information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta Field Office, Georgia, that three (3) men had seen an unknown flying object near Atlanta, Georgia on the night of 7-8 July 1953.

3. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in instant case.

4. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, dated 12 July 1951, which prohibit disclosure of classified information to unauthorized persons.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO.

24-161

DATE

31 July 1953

REPORT MADE BY

James W. Simms, S/A

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REPORT MADE AT

6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Ga.

PERIOD

8, 9 July 1953

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Ga.

STATUS

CLOSED

TITLE

ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF UNKNOWN
FLYING OBJECT NEAR ATLANTA, GEORGIA

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

AFCIS Letter Number 85 dated 7 January 1953

SYNOPSIS

On 8 July 1953, information was received from Special Agent AUBREY S. MURPHY, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Georgia, that three men, later identified as [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], had seen an unknown flying object near Atlanta, Georgia. The three men were in possession of a dead animal, resembling a member of the monkey family, which they alleged to have been similar to two other animals which escaped in the unknown flying object. The dead animal was later proved to be a monkey, and [REDACTED] confessed to Cobb County Police Chief JOHN LEE that the entire story was a hoax. [REDACTED] was fined \$40.00 on the charge of obstructing the highway and was released at that time.

ATTENTION: Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of such investigative information to persons mentioned in the report or to other persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, IG, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered to be a violation of AFM 235-1.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon information received telephonically from Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the effect that three men had seen an unknown flying object near Atlanta, Georgia, the night of 7-8 July 1953.

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

2. The following portion of the investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES W. WARD.

3. At 0855 hours on 8 July 1953, Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Detachment, 6th District OSI (IG), and advised Special Agent JAMES W. WARD of a telephone call received by the FBI night agent at 0345 hours, 8 July 1953. In this call, Mr. THOMAS McRAE of the Atlanta Constitution informed the FBI of the following information given McRAE by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] N. E., Atlanta. [REDACTED] had told McRAE that he (W[REDACTED]) and two (2) companions were driving on the Bankhead Highway (U. S. Highway 78) near Mableton, Georgia, when they saw three (3) animals on the highway. [REDACTED] said that two of the animals went to an object, which he described as a flying object, and took off in the object, which immediately disappeared. [REDACTED] further stated that his car hit the third animal, killing it. McRAE told the FBI that [REDACTED] brought the dead animal to the Atlanta Constitution (10 Forsyth Building, Atlanta, Georgia), where McRAE examined it. McRAE described the animal as resembling a member of the monkey family, approximately twenty-one (21) inches in length, with long ears, and pink coloring, but having neither hair nor tail. McRAE advised that a local veterinarian (unidentified) examined the animal and stated that he had never seen such an animal before. In his call to OSI, Special Agent BRENT (FBI) noted McRAE's emphatic statement that none of the Atlanta Constitution staff were drunk in making the claims. No further information had been given to the FBI, according to BRENT.

4. At 1000 hours on 8 July 1953, Special Agent JAMES W. WARD briefly interviewed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] N. E., concerning his allegation of seeing the flying object. [REDACTED] advised that he and his two companions had just driven over a hill on the Bankhead Highway when they saw a bright red glow moving in front of the car. [REDACTED] stated that they saw three (3) animals jump for the moving red object and that two got on the object and disappeared with it. [REDACTED] advised that their car hit the third animal, however, killing the animal. [REDACTED] identified his companions as a [REDACTED], "who works at the Big Apple Store, Brookhaven, Georgia, and a person [REDACTED] identified only as [REDACTED]". No further questions were asked [REDACTED] because of the intrusion of reporters from the Atlanta Journal who sought to interview [REDACTED] concerning the incident.

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DETAILS (contd)

5. At approximately 1100 hours, 8 July 1953, the following authorities at Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia, were telephonically advised of the incident: Captain J. P. BORDEN, Base Operations Officer, Dobbins Air Force Base, and A/IC HUGH SUMMER, Intelligence Section, 35th Air Division, Dobbins Air Force Base. (A/IC SUMMER took the information for Captain HENRY G. SANDERS, Director of Intelligence, 35th Air Division, who was temporarily out of the office.)

6. At 1615 hours, 8 July 1953, Captain SANDERS was telephonically contacted at the Intelligence Section, 35th Air Division, Dobbins AFB. SANDERS advised that he had interviewed [REDACTED] and had seen the animal in question. Captain SANDERS advised that the animal had been taken to the Emory University Hospital, where an Emory authority (name or position not given) identified it as a member of the monkey family and not an "animal from space." Captain SANDERS further advised that he was initiating a TWX message to Headquarters USAF and to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, advising that he (SANDERS) believed the entire incident was a hoax. SANDERS further advised that pictures of the animal were taken, and that a complete "Flying Object Report" would be submitted within two days. Captain SANDERS advised that an information copy of the aforementioned TWX would be furnished to the Directorate of Special Investigations, as well as an information copy of the completed report.

7. The Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 9 July 1953, page twelve (12), contained an article which identified the dead animal as a monkey which had been shaved and from which the tail had been removed. This conclusion was reached by Dr. HERMAN JONES of the State Crime Laboratory and Dr. MARION HINES, professor of experimental anatomy at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

8. The Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 9 July 1953, pages one (1) and four (4), contained an article which stated that [REDACTED] had confessed to Dobb County Police Chief JOHN LEE that the story was a hoax. [REDACTED] explained that the story was developed as a result of a \$10.00 bet with a friend that he ([REDACTED]) could not get his picture in the paper. [REDACTED] was fined \$40.00 for obstructing the highway and released at that time.

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and ONE (1) 8" x 10" print
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includes newspaper
clippings.