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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
25TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

31 JUL 1958

25D 24-108

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted Detroit, Michigan
2150 hours, 18 July 1958

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Synopsis. Three brothers, ages 14, 16, and 19 sighted an object not identifiable at 2150 hours, 18 July 1958. Subsequent interviews of two of the brothers established object was round and visible for a period of 25 minutes over the downtown section of Detroit, Michigan. (Source - interviewees C-4)

2. This report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

3. Details. At approximately 2150 hours, 18 July 1958, [redacted], age 16, [redacted]et, Detroit, Michigan, telephonically advised this office that he and his two brothers observed a round shaped object, light gray in color, high in the sky over his home moving in a northerly direction. [redacted] stated that object was not a falling star or any other type of known object.

4. [redacted], age 19, [redacted] Street, Detroit, Michigan, a dish washer, advised that he, his two brothers, [redacted], age 14, and [redacted] age 16, observed an object at high altitude for approximately 15-25 minutes about 2130 hours, 18 July 1958, over downtown Detroit, Michigan, from the back yard of their home. [redacted] furnished the following description:

a. Description of the object:

(1) Shape: round.

Note: (2) Size: about the size of a dime held at arm's length.

Over Downtown Detroit

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(3) Color: silver with two lights on one side of it.

(4) No sound or other discernible features were observed.

b. Description of the course of the object:

(1) [redacted] first saw it in the back yard of their home.

(2) Object was at a 45 degree of elevation over downtown Detroit when first observed. ([redacted] home is approximately one-half mile from downtown Detroit in a south west direction.)

(3) Object had just passed overhead swinging to a west, south west direction when it disappeared behind clouds.

(4) The object was visible for about 15-25 minutes.

Therefore, Observer was looking NORTH EAST direction when he observed object

c. Manner of observation:

(1) The object was observed without help of any instrument or device (ground-visual).

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 2130 hours, Detroit local time, 18 July 1958.

(2) Night.

e. Weather:

(1) [redacted] advised that there were some clouds, however, the stars were visible over Detroit. He was unable to estimate the altitude of the clouds.

5. [redacted], age 16, student in junior year of high school, was interviewed and furnished the following information regarding the object:

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Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Detroit, Michigan, 2150 hours, 18 July 1958

a. Description of the object:

(1) Round or disc-shaped.

(2) About the size of a dime held at arm's length.

(3) Dull gray in color with two light colored spots opposite each other on the sides of the object.

(4) No sound or other discernible features were observed.

b. Description of the course of the object:

(1) [redacted], age 14, first observed it in the back yard of the [redacted] home.

(2) Object was at approximately 45 degree angle in the sky when first observed.

(3) Object had just passed overhead when it disappeared behind clouds.

(4) Object traveled from downtown area of Detroit passing directly overhead and swinging a little to the right (this would indicate object came from northeast direction swinging to west, south west).

(5) Object disappeared above clouds just as it passed overhead.

(6) Object was visible for a period of 15 to 25 minutes.

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e. Weather:

(1) [redacted] advised that there were some clouds, but he was unable to estimate their altitude. The stars were visible over downtown Detroit.

6. OSI Comment. [redacted], who was interviewed at his place of work, was in the U.S. Army for one year and was released from the Army because, according to him, "I wasn't smart enough." His story and description were vague and confusing. He continually referred to his younger brother, [redacted] to authenticate anything he might say. [redacted] seemingly intelligent and a good student according to his father and older sister, is intensely interested in military life and he stated he intended to make a career of the Armed Forces. When he was questioned as to the possibility that the object might have been a weather balloon, [redacted] stated that it couldn't have been a weather balloon because his physics book has a picture of a weather balloon and they have instruments hanging from them. When [redacted] was informed that weather balloons did not necessarily have instruments attached to them, he stated that the object may have been like a balloon but he wasn't sure.

7. Action. This office contemplates no further action in this matter. Distribution effected as indicated below.

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