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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

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AREA REPORTED ON

Sampson Air Force Base, New York

FROM (Agency)

Wing Training &amp; Operations

DATE OF REPORT

28 January 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

27 January 1953

EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer)

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SOURCE

A/2C Harvey N. Salzberg  
A/3C John F. Brostoski

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

Previous Report: Electrical message G 2513

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. This report contains information of the sighting of a luminous object from Sampson Air Force Base, New York at 1820 hours, 26 January 1953.

2. A/2C Salzberg, Sampson AFB, reported in letter form the visual observation of a luminous object about 180 feet long and 12 feet wide. The object traveled through the sky from east to west at an altitude estimated to be between 7,000 and 10,000 feet. Both the front and the rear of the object seemed to have a hazy appearance, but the lengthy body was clearly outlined. The object seemed to rapidly gain altitude then fade away. A high-pitched hum, similar to that of an electrical motor, was heard coming from the direction of the object. After, the object disappeared from sight the hum was heard for a few seconds then the sound abruptly ceased.

3. The second witness A/3C John F. Brostoski, also of Sampson AFB, stated in letter form that he had been called from his quarters by A/2C Salzberg. A/3C Brostoski heard the high-pitched hum, however did not see the object.

4. Further investigation revealed that the object apparently traveled from east to west throughout an arc of 70 to 80 degrees in a straight shallow climb. A Theodolite reading taken later determined the angle of elevation at initial sighting to be approximately 009 degrees. At the end of the sighting the arc was estimated to be 048 degrees. The duration of the sighting was approximately one minute.

5. A check of weather conditions revealed: clear, 10 miles visibility, winds aloft:

2000 - 330 degrees at 13K  
4000 - 010 degrees at 21K  
6000 - 350 degrees at 30K  
8000 - 340 degrees at 35K  
10,000 - 340 degrees at 40K  
12,000 - 330 degrees at 40K

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6. Further details concerning above information were unknown to source.

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By Walewski MPIC Date 2/21/80

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27 January 53

At 1820 hrs., 26 January 53, I observed a luminous object about one hundred eighty feet long and twelve feet wide traveling through the sky from east to west at what appeared to be between seven and ten thousand feet. Both the front and rear of the object seemed to have a hazy appearance, but the lengthy body was clearly outlined. It also gave off the sound of a high-pitched hum, similar to that of an electric motor. After a minute, the object seemed to gain altitude very rapidly and it slowly faded away. I could still hear the sound for a few seconds after it was completely gone, then the sound stopped abruptly. One witness, a man from my barracks, heard the sound after the light was gone. This all took place in front of Barracks C31.

*Harvey N. Salzberg*

HARVEY N. SALZBERG  
A/2C USAF  
AF 12 376 914

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29 January 53

At about 1822 hrs., 26 January 53, I was called from my room by Harvey N. Salzberg to see some object in the sky. Upon leaving the barracks to see the object he talked about, I saw nothing, but did hear a peculiar high pitched hum which lasted not more than a few seconds.

*John F. Brostoski*

JOHN F. BROSTOSKI  
A/3C USAF  
AF 13 444 932

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G 2513 A PD FLYOBRPT PD IN ACCORDANCE W/AFL 200-5 Par 7c the FOL REPT IS SBM PD

(1) ONE LARGE LUMINOUS OBJ CMA RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE W/INDEF FRONT AND REAR  
ENDS CMA WAS SIGHTED PD A HIGH PITCHED HUM WAS HEARD COMING FR THE DIR OF THE OBJPD  
THE OBJ APPARENTLY TRAVELED FR EAST TO WEST THROUGHOUT AN ARC OF SEVENTY TO EIGHTY  
DEGREES IN A STRAIGHT SHALLOW CLIMB PD A THEODOLITE READING TAKEN LATER DETERMINED  
THE ANGLE OF ELEVATION AT INITIAL SIGHTING TO BE APRX 009 DEGREES PD AT THE END OF  
THE SIGHTING THE ARC WAS EST TO BE 048 DEGREES PD

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING 1820 HRS EST 26 JAN 53 PD REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES 27 JAN  
53 PD DURATION OF SIGHTING APRX ONE MINUTE PD

(3) OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL PD THE OBJ SEEMED TO GAIN ALTITUDE VERY RAPIDLY  
THEN SLOWLY FADE AWAY PD THE HUMMING CONTINUED FOR A SHORT TIME AFTER THE OBJ  
DISAPPEARED THEN SUDDENLY STOPPED PD

(4) OBSERVER WAS IN FRONT OF BKS APRX CENTER OF SAPB GENEVA NY PD

(5) OBSERVERS RELIABILITY CREDIBLE; AGE 23; BS DEGREE IN EDUCATION; 19 MONTHS  
IN SERVICE; EX-AVIATION CADET PD HUMMING SOUND SUBSTANTIATED BY ANOTHER OBSERVER  
ALTHOUGH SECOND OBSERVER DID NOT SIGHT OBJ PD

(6) WEATHER: CLEAR CMA 10 MILES VISIBILITY PD WINDS ALOFT CLN

2000-330 DEGREES AT 13K  
4000-010 DEGREES AT 21K  
6000-350 DEGREES AT 30K  
8000-340 DEGREES AT 35K  
10000-340 DEGREES AT 40K  
12000-330 DEGREES AT 40K

(7) NEGATIVE

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(10) UNKNOWN

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