

~~SECRET~~  
(CLASSIFICATION)

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

HQ: 754TH AC&W SQUADRON

AUTH: COMMANDING OFFICER

DATE: 28 FEB 1953

INTELL BLANK (WEM)

AF FORM 112—PART I

APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO. IR-12-53	INTELL BLANK (WEM)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOB RPT, Report of Unidentified Flying Objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Lake Huron and Northeast Michigan	FROM (Agency) 754th AC&W Squadron, Port Austin, Michigan	
DATE OF REPORT 27 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 February 1953	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Wayne E Mason	SOURCE Personnel of the 754th AC&W Squadron	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952		

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. The following report is submitted on the observance of an unusual flying object by personnel of the 754th AC&W Squadron, Port Austin, Michigan. Personnel concerned report having observed this object by visual means at 2204 EST, 17 February 1953, and by electronic means at 2208 EST, 17 February 1953.

2. True identity of this object remains unknown. Investigation of reports failed to disclose further details or information or any falsified or imaginative information as reported by personnel concerned.

APPROVED:

*Wayne E Mason*  
WAYNE E MASON  
Captain, USAF  
Commanding Officer

COMMENT, Dir of Intel 30th ADiv:

Value of report questioned. Forwarded intact for further evaluation and disposition as deemed appropriate.

DECLASSIFIED
USAF memo 7/31/78
By W.A. Lewis HARS, Date 4/12/79

*Delmont L. DeGonia*  
DELMONT L. DeGONIA  
1st Lt, USAF  
Ass't Director of Intel

4 INCLS.

1. Overlay of track
2. Extract of Recorders' Log
3. Narrative - Lt Eagle
4. Narrative - A 1C Mandinee

DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR

- 1 cy - Director of Intelligence, Hq, USAF, Washington 25, D. C.  
1 cy - Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
1 cy - EADF, Stewart AFB, N.Y. ATTN: Director of Intelligence  
1 cy - 30th AD (Def) Willow Run Airport, Belleville, Michigan ATTN: Dir of Intelligence

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

~~SECRET~~  
(CLASSIFICATION)

~~SECURITY INFO~~

16-55589-1 ☆ U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1950 O—918331



CLASSIFICATION: SECRET  
HQ: 754TH AG&W SQUADRON  
AUTH: COMMANDING OFFICER  
DATE:

INITIAL: WEM

IR-12-23

U.S.A.

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FLYORPT, Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

Lake Huron and Northeast Michigan 754th AG&W Squadron, Port Austin, Michigan

27 February 1953

17 February 1953

B-3

Personnel of the 754th AG&W Squadron

Captain Wayne E Mason

AFI 200-2, 29 April 1952

1. The following report is submitted on the observance of an unusual flying object by personnel of the 754th AG&W Squadron, Port Austin, Michigan. Personnel concerned report having observed this object by visual means at 2204 EST, 17 February 1953, and by electronic means at 2208 EST, 17 February 1953.

2. True identity of this object remains unknown. Investigation of reports failed to disclose further details or information or any falsified or imaginative information as reported by personnel concerned.

APPROVED:

WAYNE E MASON  
Captain, USAF  
Commanding Officer

COMMENT, Dir of Intel 30th ADiv:

Value of report questioned. Forwarded intact for further evaluation and disposition as deemed appropriate.

DELMONT L. DECONIA  
1st Lt, USAF  
Asst Director of Intel

1. Overlay of track
2. Extract of Recorder's Log
3. Narrative - Lt Eagle
4. Narrative - A 1C Mandine

1 cy - 30th AD (Det) Willow Run Airport, Belleville, Michigan ATTN: Dir of Intelligence  
1 cy - EADP, Stewart AFB, N.Y. ATTN: Director of Intelligence  
1 cy - Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
1 cy - Director of Intelligence, Hd, USAF, Washington 25, D.C.  
1 cy - RDC, ENT AFB, Colorado



~~SECRET~~  
(CLASSIFICATION)

8

## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) 754th AC&W Squadron Port Austin, Michigan	REPORT NO. IR-12-53	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
---	------------------------	-------------------

1. At 2204 EST, 17 February 1953, an unidentified object was sighted visually by A 1C John T Mandinec and 2nd Lt Harold S Eagle. The object changed in color from red to pink to pale white to white and back to red again. The object appeared to be larger and brighter than a star, and other than changing color there were no unusual features visible. The object appeared to be moving south at a very slow rate of speed. Eventually it faded out completely after becoming smaller and much dimmer. At 2208 EST, 17 February 1953, 2nd Lt Eagle detected an unidentified target on the search radar equipment. The target was moving on a course of 180 degrees at 55 knots. It did not have any unusual characteristics except the speed, which was slow.

2. Object was first sighted at 2204 EST, visually for 5 minutes until 2209 EST, 17 February 1953. Detection time on radar was 2208 EST for 17 minutes until 2225 EST, 17 February 1953.

3. Object observed visually from ground and electronically by search radar. Type of radar was AN/FPS-3, upper beam only, (1297 megacycles).

4. Observers who sighted object were at 754th AC&W Squadron, Port Austin, Michigan; Longitude 83 degrees West; Latitude 44 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds North; Elevation 646.75 feet MSL. Radar equipment located at same position. Object was sighted visually approximately 8 to 10 miles West Northwest of station, estimated 100 feet above horizon. Location of radar track was 9 miles at 300 degrees. Grid coordinates of station are HQ 0202 and target was at GQ 4904. No height finder equipment is available but estimate of altitude using calibration data showed target to be at approximately 1,000 feet.

5. Observers of object, 2nd Lt Harold S Eagle and A 1C John T Mandinec are considered fully reliable and experienced. 2nd Lt Eagle has approximately 7 months experience as an aircraft controller and A 1C Mandinec has three years experience as an aircraft control and warning operator. Radar maintenance personnel declared all equipment fully operational with no evidence of any type of interference present.

6. Weather and conditions at time target was sighted and visible were; visibility and ceiling unlimited; temperature approximately 28 degrees Fahrenheit; moderate winds from west.

7. No known meteorological or other disturbances or activity existed at that time or at any time during 17 February 1953.

8. No physical evidence was available. Radar scope camera was inoperative at that time.

9. ADCC was notified, surrounding stations were contacted, and flight plan sources were checked, but no identification could be obtained. No interception was attempted.

10. No other aircraft were known to be in general area of object throughout period it was observed by personnel of this organization.

DECLASSIFIED  
USAF MEMO 7/21/78  
W. R. Lewis, Date 4/12/79

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C.—31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.

~~SECRET~~  
(CLASSIFICATION)

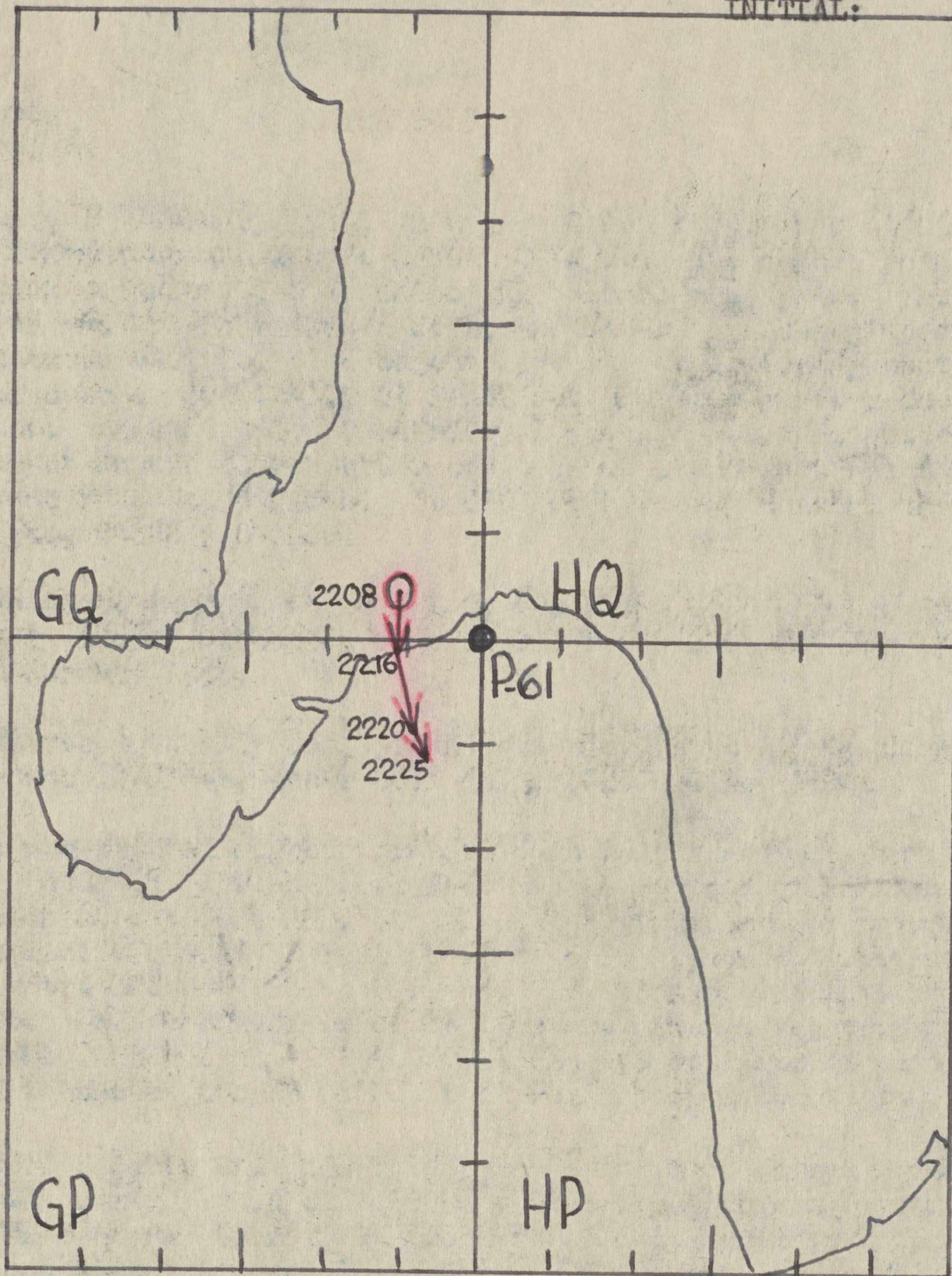
~~SECURITY INFO~~

16-56570-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

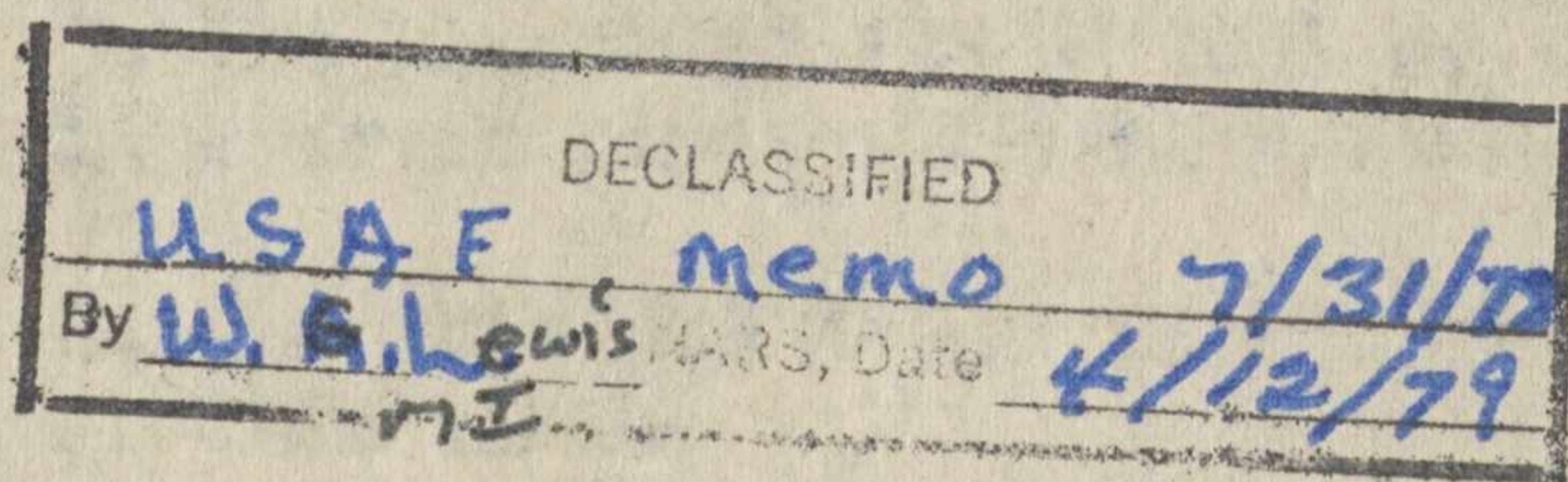


~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~  
HQ: 754TH AC&W SQUADRON  
AUTH: COMMANDING OFFICER  
DATE: 28 FEB 1953  
INITIAL: *wbm* WEM



OVERLAY OF RADAR TRACK



*af 540783*

~~SECURITY INFO~~

*Incl #1*

~~SECRET~~

0037



~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~  
HQ: 754TH AC&W SQUADRON  
AUTH: COMMANDING OFFICER  
DATE: 28 FEB 1953  
INITIAL: *WEM* WEM

\*\*\*\*\* EXTRACT OF RECORDERS' LOG \*\*\*\*\*

IDEN- TITY	GRID CO- ORDINATES	COURSE	TIME	TRACK NO.	ALT	EST SPEED	NO ACFT	REMARKS
UNK	GQ 4904	180	0308Z	W-10	1	55 kts	1	
	GP 4959		0316Z	W-10				
	GP 5157		0320Z	W-10				
	GP 5249		0325Z	W-10				

\*\*\*\*\* END \*\*\*\*\*

DECLASSIFIED	
USAF	MEMO 7/31/79
By W. B. Lewis	NARS, Date 4/12/79

*af 540783*

*Incl # 2*

~~SECRET~~ ~~SECURITY INFO~~

3537



~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~  
HQ: 754TH AC&W SQUADRON  
AUTH: COMMANDING OFFICER  
INITIAL: 20 FEB 1953 WEM  
DATE:

At 2204 EST on 17 February 1953, an unidentified light was sighted visually by A 1C John Mandinec while on guard duty. I was notified of the sighting and made an observation of it. The object was seen or appeared to hover at approximately 100 feet above the horizon. At the time of the sighting, visibility and ceiling were unlimited. I observed the object which appeared to change from red to pink to white and then red again, for approximately one minute, after which time I returned to operations and attempted to "pick-up" the object on the AN/FPS-3. At 2208 EST, I "picked-up" the target at GQ 4904 and tracked it for 17 minutes, heading 180 degrees at 55 to 60 knots, at which time, 2225 EST at GP 5249, the target faded into the station ground clutter. Upper beam lobe was the only position I was able to receive a radar return on this object.

*Harold S. Eagle*  
HAROLD S EAGLE  
2nd Lt, USAF  
Controller

DECLASSIFIED	
USAF	Memo 7/3/78
By W.G. Lewis	NARS, Date 4/12/79

of 540783

~~SECRET~~

~~SECURITY INFO~~

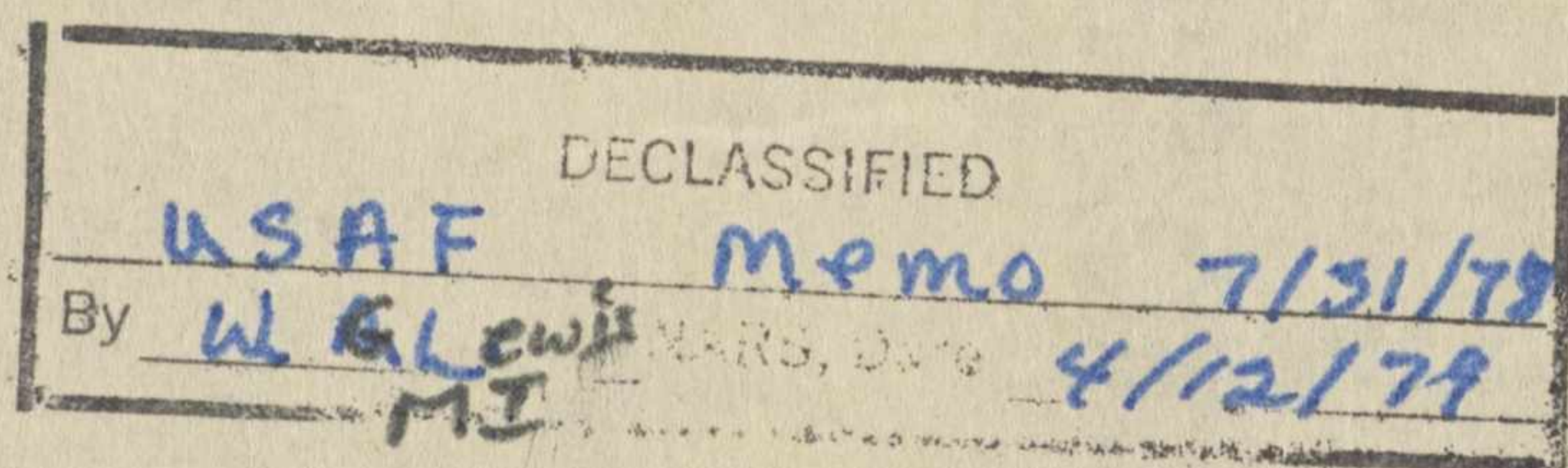
3531

Incl # 3



On 17 February 1953, at 2204 EST, while standing guard, I noticed an unusual light almost due west of our station. The object was in a part of the sky where no stars were visible. The object seemed to glow a bright red, then changed to pale white, and then red again, repeating this change over and over. The movement of this object seemed to be from north to south. After a while the object started getting smaller until I could no longer see it.

*John T. Mandinec*  
JOHN T MANDINEC AF 15 294 796  
A 1C, USAF  
Radar Operator



*of 540783*

*Incl # 4*

3537