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15 August 1949

Report made by

S/L JAMES W. DeVALK

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Report made at

DO #16, Mt Home AFB Det. Mt Home, Idaho
Period

3 August 1949

Office of origin

DO #16, Hill AFB, Hill Field, Utah

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Telephone call and Ltr from Aviation Ed. "Id Daily Statesman", dtc. 2 Aug 49
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Investigation predicated upon receipt of telephone call on 31 July 1949 and letter received on 2 August 1949; both from Mr. DAVE JOHNSON, Aviation Editor, Idaho Daily Statesman, Boise, Idaho reference to a strange object in the sky sighted by Mr. ALVARD R. KILER, field man for Idaho Game and Fish Department near Nampa, Idaho on 30 July 1949 at 1012 hours.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by Mountain Home Detachment Commander, 16th OSI District (IG), Mountain Home, Idaho upon receipt of telephone call and letter from Mr. DAVE JOHNSON, Aviation Editor, Idaho Daily Statesman, reference to a strange object in the sky sighted by Mr. ALVARD R. KILER, on 30 July at 1012.

AT BOISE, IDAHO

2. The writer interviewed Mr. ALVARD R. KILER, State Fish and Game Department, Boise, Idaho on 3 August 1949 who stated in substance as follows: On 30 July 1949 he (Mr. KILER) was driving in a westward direction on United States Highway #30 approximately six (6) miles East of Nampa, Idaho. KILER stated he was driving a 1946 three quarter ton Chevrolet pickup and his duties were to scan the surrounding terrain through which he was traveling to get a count on the number of pheasants he saw. As he was scanning the horizon to his left he noticed a bluish and rose colored object reflected by the sun at approximately a 45 degree angle of elevation from the horizon. Mr. KILER stated that it was difficult to state the altitude of the object as he sighted it for only two (2) seconds. KILER stated the object was of one piece construction, flat, estimated size of a Piper Cub airplane with a smooth, fast, and even plane traveling at approximately 800 miles per hour in a due westward direction. KILER stated that suddenly the object looped upwards and to the rear, (on its back without turning over) and headed due east in the direction from whence it came. KILER stated the object appeared to turn edgewise and dissolve in the sky very rapidly. KILER stated the weather temperature was approximately 80 degrees, quiet, no wind disturbances and a clear blue sky with not a cloud in sight.

KILER further stated that upon sighting the object he took quick note of the time of day, 1012 hours and immediately drove into Nampa, Idaho whereupon he reported the incident to the Nampa Free Press.

II. CLOSURE

FOR DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB:
FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI:
FOR COMMANDING OFFICER, MT HOME:
FOR DO #16, HILL AFB

1. "Essential Elements of Information" form completed by ALVARD R. KILER (in dup)


2. Statement by Mr. ALVARD R. KILER (in dup)

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting: *30 July 1949 - Sat. Morning*
 2. Time of sighting
"Zonal by 24 hr clock" *10:12 AM*
 3. Where sighted
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town: *Meridian, Idaho (Nampa, Idaho)*
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town road, intersections, etc: *6 miles E of Nampa*
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc: *On Highway 30 (U.S.)*
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude:
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight:
 - (2) Distance & direction from city, town or known landmark:
 - (3) Clock position of object from observers aircraft:
 - (4) Latitude and longitude:
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude:
 - (2) Proximity to land (Name city, country, etc):
 4. Number of objects:
 - a. Formation type (if any) (sketch if possible): 
 5. Distance of object from observer:
 - a. Laterally and horizontally:
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon: *45°*
 - c. Altitude: *approximate guess. if size of small plane - 800 or 1000 ft.*
- 1946 3/4 ton Chev. Pickup*

6. Time in sight: *2 seconds*
7. Appearance of object:
- a. Color: *Magnesium color (flush & rose)*
 - b. Shape (sketch if possible):
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent): *one piece*
 - d. Size:
 - (1) Estimated size: *size of Paper Cub (guess)*
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observers view:
(Compared to known object)
8. Direction of flight: *Due west, looped approx 10 times
length and headed due east*
9. Tactics or maneuvers:
- a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc: *smooth, even plane (and quickly)*
10. Evidence of exhaust:
- a. Color of smoke:
 - b. Length and width:
 - c. Odor (if any):
 - d. Rate of evaporation:
 - e. Does tail vary with sound? (Spurts):
11. Effect on clouds:
- a. Opened path thru clouds:
 - b. Formed cloud or mists:
 - c. Reflected on cloud
 - d. Shown thru cloud:
12. Lights:
- a. Reflected or Attached:
 - b. Luminous:
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed:

13. Support:

- a. Wings:
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage:
- c. Vertical jet:
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone:
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible):

total plane
no change in color

14. Propulsion:

- a. Propeller or jet:
- b. Rotor:
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)(Matz-Mayer effect):

none visible

15. Control and stability:

- a. Fins:
- b. Stabilizers (Horizontal or Vertical):
 - (1) Size:
 - (2) Shape:
 - (3) Location:

none

16. Air ducts:

- a. Slots:
- b. Duct openings:

17. Speed - MPH:

approx 800 mi per hr

18. Sound:

- a. Continuous whine or buzz:
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh:
- c. Intermittent:

none

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such):

None

20. Manner of disappearance:

as though object turned on edge and faded rapidly

- a. Explode:
 - (1) Possibility of fragments:

- (2) Other physical evidence:
- b. Faded from view:
 - c. Disappeared behind obstacle:

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer: *ALVARO R. KILER*
2. Address: *2323 N. 16th St.*
3. Occupation: *Asst. UPLAND GAME BIRD Biol.*
4. Place of business: *518 FRONT ST., BOISE, IDAHO.*
 - a. Employer or employee: *EMPLOYEE*
5. Hobbies:
 - a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) *outdoor life, and*
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc: *scientific background*
6. Ability to determine:
 - a. Color:
 - b. Speed of moving objects:
 - c. Size at distance:
7. Reliability of observer:
 - a. Sources:
 - (1) Neighbors:
 - (2) Police Dept:
 - (3) FBI records:
 - (4) Employer:
8. Notes relative to observer on:
 - a. Sightings in general:
 - b. How attention was drawn to object (s):
 - (1) Sound:
 - (2) Motion:
 - (3) Glint of light: *Reflection in sun*

9. Witnesses:

a. Addresses:

b. Occupation:

c. Reliability:

apparently none

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated:

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

a. Observation of range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180) etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?:

U turn

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible:

2. If airborne, when object was sighted:

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimate of size, speed, maneuvers, etc:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

approx 80° - quiet

2. Winds aloft report:

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to border):

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any others:

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purposes of making comparison of soils:

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects, check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparison with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc:

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketchings of:

a. Object:

*Flat country except for slight hunch
where observed*

- b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed:
- c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened):
- d. Maneuvers:
- e. Formation (if more than two):
- 8. Secure signed statement:
- 9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible:

Alvard R. Kiler

Signature of Observer

James W. DeBack

Signature of Witness

State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF

FISH AND GAME

August 4, 1949

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To Whom It May Concern:

The following statement is made by the undersigned with the hopes that it will be of some assistance in ascertaining the scientific nature of the many reported "flying disks."

I am an employee of the Fish and Game Department of the State of Idaho. My position is an Assistant Upland Game Biologist. In the course of my work I travel considerably.

On the morning of Saturday, July 30, 1949, at 10:12 a.m., I observed a so called "flying disk." The locality was on Highway No. 30, six miles by road east of Nampa, Idaho. This distance was checked by speedometer.

As I was scanning the adjacent fields toward the south for pheasants I happened to catch a glint in the sky. Observing the brilliant object which caused the glint I found it to be as follows:

It was somewhat delta shaped. Color was most unique, it radiated a very pale nearly rose color, the object itself seemed to be very pale blue. It appeared to be definitely of a metallic nature and exact color of which I have never seen.

When first observed the object was southwest of my position and an estimated 45° angle from the surface of the ground. It was traveling due west and then it made a sharp U turn in which it turned to the east at a higher level of elevation. On the return trip the object appeared to be upside down from when first observed.

The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and believed by this observer to have been traveling in excess of 800 miles per hour. The time of observance was very short and when the object started east it faded out and became invisible.

I immediately stopped the pickup which I was driving and got out to see if I could further observe what I had seen. I was unable to see anything, even any commercial aircraft in the sky. I heard no noise of motors or saw any air disturbances which might have been caused by this object. There were no other objects but the one and I would describe the method of disappearance much as if one was looking at the shine of a knife blade and the blade was turned so that you were looking at the sharp edge. This then would almost cause a total disappearance from sight of the knife blade.

I could estimate no actual size because I had nothing with which to compare it. There were no clouds. The temperature was around 80° F. Seeing that I was unable to further see this object I then drove to Nampa and reported seeing the object to the Free Press Newspaper.

That this object seen was not any conventional aircraft I sincerely believe.

Alvard R. Kiler

Alvard R. Kiler
Assistant Biologist

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21AA(16D 24-19)

22 November 1949

SUBJECT: ~~PROJECT GRUDGE~~, Unidentified Aerial Object
Sighted near Mountain Home, Idaho
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
16th OSI District (IG)
Hill Air Force Base
Hill Field, Utah

1. Reference is made to letter, your District, subject and file as above, dated 17 November 1949.

2. Regarding paragraph three of your letter, you are advised that subject investigation was closed by this District at the request of Director of Technical Intelligence, AMC, for the reason that there was no evidence of damage to the spark plugs other than that caused by normal usage.

James F. X. O'Connell
JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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ROBERT N. DENNIS
CAPTAIN, USAF

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Historian
DATE

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17 November 1949

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED NEAR MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

THRU: District Commander
5th District OSI (IO)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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1. Reference is made to the report of investigation, file and subject as above, dated 28 July 1949, from this office.
2. With the subsequent transmission to the Air Materiel Command of the evidence (shorted spark plugs) all logical investigative action has been completed and this case is being considered closed in the files of this office.
3. In order that OSI records may be complete, it is requested that this office be advised of the results of any action taken concerning this subject.

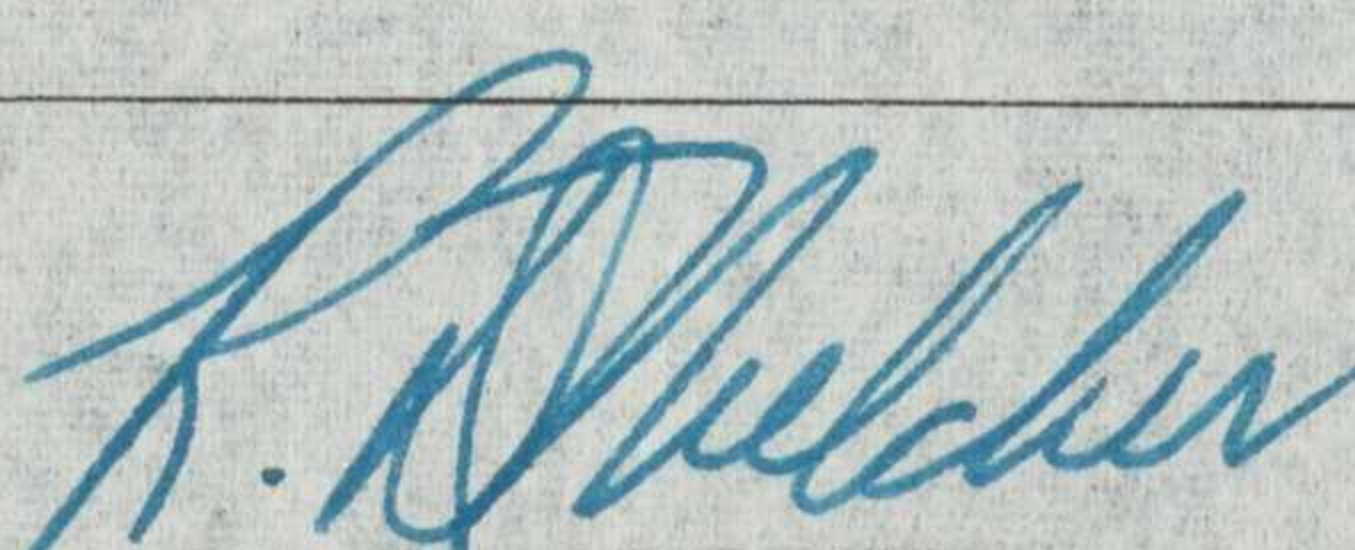
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CO, Mt Home AFB
DO #5

PELHAM R. BURNETT
Captain, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-37	DATE 19 Aug 49
TITLE SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unidentified Aerial Objects Sighted near Mt Home, Idaho)		REPORT MADE BY EDWARD L. FORREST /rs	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #20, McChord AFB	
		PERIOD 18 Aug 49	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #16, Hill AFB	
		STATUS RUC	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE Report of S/A FREDERICK M. TAYLOR, DO #16, dtd 28 July 49, file 24-19			
SYNOPSIS <p>Flight Service Center, McChord AFB, Washington, received call on 24 July 49 from Flight Service, Boise, Idaho, re aircraft in vicinity of Mt Home, Idaho. Check of records revealed no military aircraft in vicinity of Mt Home on 24 July 49.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">UNCLASSIFIED</p>			
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APPROVED  R. D. MELCHER Major, USAF Acting District Commander.			

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Case file #24-37
DO #20

DETAILS:

AT MCHORD AFB, WASHINGTON:

1. Flight Service Center, McChord AFB, Washington, verified the fact that they had received a call on 24 July 49 from Flight Service, Boise, Idaho, regarding aircraft in the vicinity of Mt. Home, Idaho. At that time their records were checked and revealed that no military aircraft was in the vicinity of Mt. Home on 24 July 49.

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5TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING
311th Air Division
Mountain Home Air Force Base
Mountain Home, Idaho

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SUBJECT: 5D24-21AA
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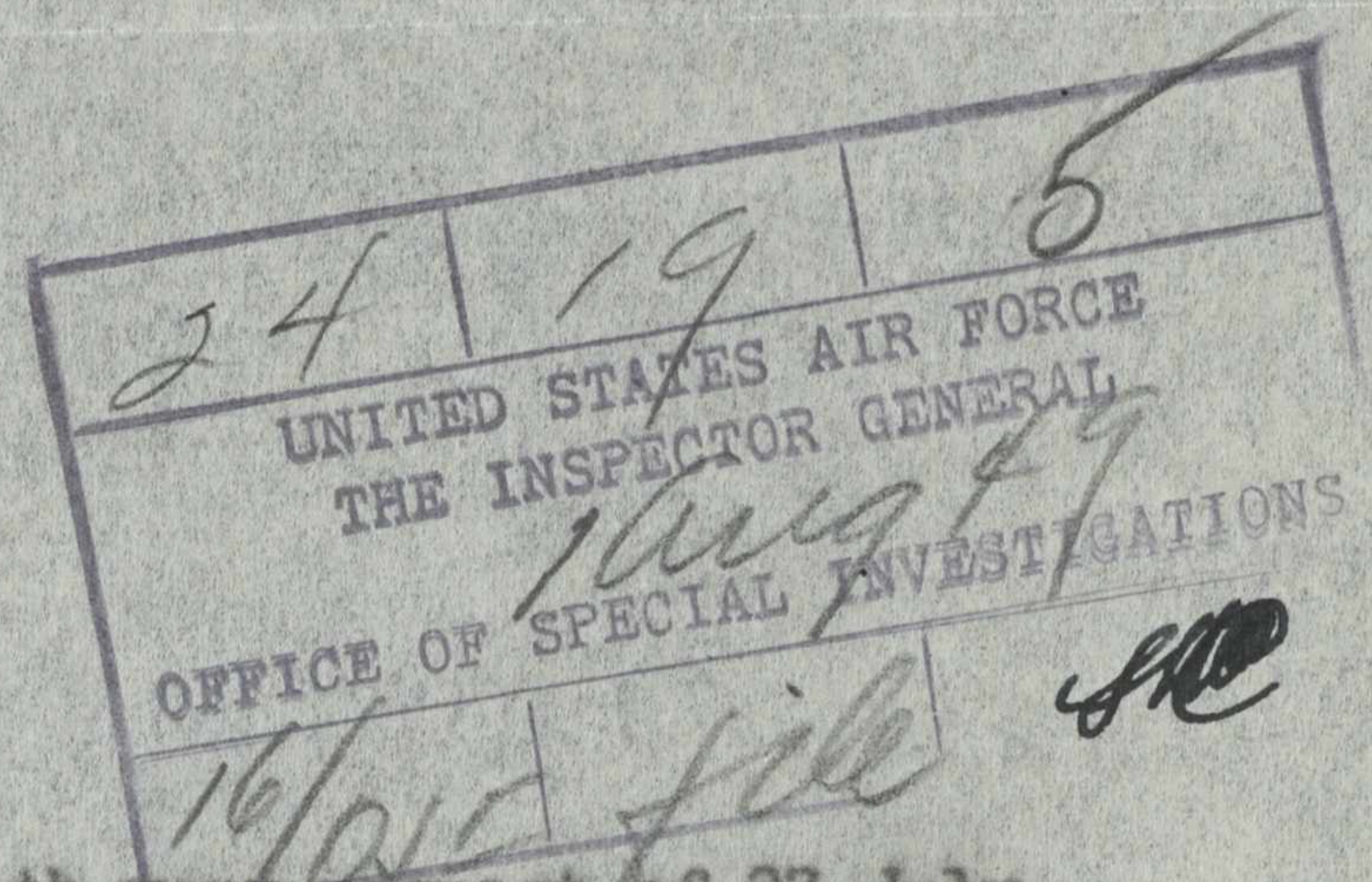
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Historian

DATE

4 DEC 1975

THRU: District Commander
5th District Office of Special Investigation
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio



1. Forwarded herewith, in compliance with your request of 27 July 1949, are seven (7) spark plugs which were taken from Aircraft Number N5622H, a Piper "Clipper" on 25 July 1949. The eighth spark plug from this aircraft had been thrown away and could not be located.

2. Subject aircraft had on 24 July at 1203 hours (MST) been approached within 1500 feet by seven (7) unidentified aerial objects, according to Mr. Harry F. Clark, Box 56, Nampa, Idaho, who was flying subject aircraft at time of incident. As soon as Mr Clark flew his aircraft through the flight path of the objects, he states that his engine began running rough. Upon landing, Mr. Clark had his plane inspected and found that all the spark plugs from the Lycoming engine which powers his plane, had been shorted, and that the insulation of the plugs had been broken down. Mr. Clark states that his plane and engine are new, and have less than 20 hours time.

3. A complete report of Clark's account of the incident is presently enroute to your office through District Headquarters, 16th District.

4. The plugs which are forwarded herewith, were removed from Clark's aircraft about 1600 hours (MST) 24 July 1949, and were thrown into a trash can where they remained until 1630 hours (MST) 25 July 1949. From 1630 hours, 25 July 1949, subject plugs were kept in the container in which they are herewith forwarded.

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Frederick M. Taylor
FREDERICK M. TAYLOR
DET COMDR, BOX #98
Mt Home Det, 16th OSI (IG)
Mt Home AF Base, Mt Home, Idaho

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28 July 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY
Unidentified Aerial Objects Sighted near Mt Home, Idaho

THRU: District Commander
5th OSI District (G)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		
28 July 49 OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS		
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1. The attached reports of S/A FREDERICK M. TAYLOR, stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, 16th OSI District Detachment, are forwarded for your information and such action as is deemed necessary.

2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph 6a of subject report, regarding the forwarding of seven (7) of the eight spark plugs from Mr. CLARK'S airplane to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command.

3. This is an initial report and no present action is recommended. The investigation is continuing in this and other OSI District Offices. Subsequent reports will be forwarded for your review and for such action as you deem appropriate when the investigation is completed.

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LEO M. CHRISTIANSON
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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DATE

Rpt of S/A F. M. TAYLOR
dtd 28 July 49 (in quad)

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-19	DATE 28 July 1949
TITLE <i>Unk Subj</i> SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unidentified Aerial Objects Sighted near Mt Home, Idaho) UNCLASSIFIED		REPORT MADE BY S/A FREDERICK M. TAYLOR	REPORT MADE AT 16 OSI Detachment, Mt Home AFB, Idaho
		PERIOD 25 July 1949	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #16, Hill AFB, Hill Field, Utah
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE AMC teletype AG 3541 reference Case No. 5D24-21AA Newspaper clipping, "Idaho Morning Statesman", Boise, Idaho dated 25 July 1949			
SYNOPSIS Investigation predicated upon article appearing on pages 1 and 2 of the "Idaho Morning Statesman" Boise, Idaho. Mr. HARRY F. CLARK, Box 56, Nampa, Idaho, was contacted and his story of sighting seven (7) flying objects was obtained. Also, the spark plugs from CLARK'S airplane obtained for forwarding for analysis. CLARK believed to be sincere and reliable. Sketches of objects obtained from CLARK.			
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SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unidentified Aerial Objects)

DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated upon appearance of an article, by Mr. DAVE JOHNSON, Aviation Editor, "Idaho Morning Statesman" Boise, Idaho, in that same publication.

AT NAMPA, IDAHO

2. This investigation conducted by the writer.

3. At approximately 1600 hours, 25 July 1949, this agent arrived at the office of Mr. HARRY F. CLARK, Owner and Manager of CLARK'S Flying Service, Nampa, Idaho, where CLARK was contacted. CLARK completed a form supplied by Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, entitled "Essential Elements of Information (Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects) PROJECT SIGN". See Inclosure No. 2.

4. CLARK'S verbal account of his sighting was as follows: On 24 July 1949, CLARK was flying his Piper Clipper aircraft (N5622H), from Ogden, Utah en route to Nampa, Idaho. CLARK, at about 1203 hours (MST), was flying at 10,000 feet MSL altitude, with a heading of 270 degrees, ten (10) miles from Mt Home, Idaho, when he sighted seven (7) flying objects at about 7 o'clock, (nose of his plane used as 12 o'clock for this reference,) flying a parallel course, but about 500 feet lower. For an instant CLARK said he believed the objects to be F-51's or A-26's. On second glance, CLARK said he knew that they were nothing that he had ever seen before. The objects overtook his aircraft, passing on his left (south side) at about 1500 feet distance, at approximately 500 feet lower, or 9500 feet MSL altitude. The objects were flying perfect formation, two rows of three (line abreast) and the seventh slightly to the rear and maybe slightly above the rest. CLARK stated that the formation was very tight, being about one-third of the object's span distance from tip of one object to tip of the other (approximately 15 feet). The same distance was maintained from trailing edge of lead objects to nose of objects in second line. When the objects had passed CLARK'S aircraft, they made a turn to the right, passing about 1500 feet in front of, and 500 feet below CLARK. The objects again turned to the right, and passed on the right (north) side of CLARK. CLARK said that the objects made perfect formation turns, and in so doing they neither banked or skidded. CLARK stated that when the objects first turned, he thought they meant to ram him. As soon as the objects passed to his right, CLARK turned his aircraft so that he might keep the objects in view. He stated that the objects remained in view for approximately 1 or 2 minutes in all, and that their speed was estimated between 450 and 550 miles an hour. CLARK said that he watched the objects suddenly disappear at approximately ten (10) miles distance from him.

5. In describing the objects, CLARK said they were delta shaped flying wings. He estimated their span as being between that of an F-51 and an A-26 aircraft (35 to 55 feet), their length (nose to trailing edge) at about 20 to 30 feet, and their thickness at from 2 to 5 feet. CLARK said that the objects

DETAILS (Cont'd)

were a light color except for a circle of dark color of approximately 12 feet in diameter which was placed midway between the tips of the object, and which extended to the trailing edge of the object (see sketch). CLARK said that he could not describe the colors--they were white and black, except that they were shades of white and black that he had never seen before. CLARK said that the top of the object was perfectly flat, and that the bottom of the object was flat except for a shallow dome-like protrusion of approximately 10-12 feet in diameter, with a depth of approximately 2-5 feet. CLARK stated that he saw no propeller arcs and saw no jet exhaust fumes or smoke. So far as he could tell there were no air intakes or jet or rocket openings. CLARK stated that the objects flew with unusual stability and appeared to be under absolute control at all times. CLARK went on to say that the nose of the objects came to a needle point, but that the trailing edges were square, as though sawed off, leaving a flat surface, the thickness of the object, as a trailing edge. CLARK stated that when first sighted by him, he noticed an oscillation of part of the outer panels of the object. CLARK said this oscillation decreased as the objects approached. CLARK stated that it was a smooth oscillation, not a flutter. CLARK re-emphasized the fact that when the objects turned they did so without a bank or a skid. He also said that it appeared that the objects had used his aircraft as a turning point, maintaining a standard turn about his aircraft at approximately 1/4 mile distance. CLARK stated that when the objects disappeared from sight, they disappeared all of a sudden. There was no gradual fading from view, CLARK stated. CLARK first estimated the speed of the objects as somewhere between 550 and 650 miles per hour; then stated that maybe they were traveling not quite that fast. Also CLARK stated that the circle in the center of the object changed color slightly from time to time, and that the oscillation or movement of the outer panels was down to about 30 degrees, then to a flush position. CLARK stated that he had a good view from all angles except below and to the left.

6. CLARK stated that as he passed the flight path of the objects he expected a great amount of turbulence, and that he was surprised when he felt nothing. As soon as he had passed the objects' flight path, however, he noticed that his engine began running rough. (CLARK'S aircraft and engine are brand new. His engine is a Lycoming, 4 cylinder opposed, 115 horsepower.) Soon after CLARK landed, he had one of his mechanics inspect the engine, and it was found that all of his spark plugs had been shorted and burned out.

a. These plugs, except for one that could not be located were forwarded directly from Mt Home AFB to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, on 28 July 1949, for analysis, in accordance with their instructions. Only seven of the original eight plugs were forwarded because Mr. CLARK had discarded all eight prior to the arrival of the writer and the subsequent search for them revealed only seven.

7. Soon after CLARK had lost sight of the objects, at approximately 1212 hours, MST, he called Boise Radio, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, and told them that it was an emergency transmission and then asked them to check for any aircraft in his vicinity. He was later notified by Boise Radio that McChord Field, Washington, Hill AFB, Utah, Ogden, Utah, and intermediate points

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had been checked, and that no aircraft had been near his aircraft at the time of his sighting. CLARK further stated that the sky was less than 1/10 covered, and that there was no mist or haze; the only clouds being tufts at approximately 12,000 to 14,000 feet MSL.

8. CLARK stated that he has been flying for twenty-one (21) years, and produced a log book that indicated that CLARK had 13,933:25 hours air time (all civilian time.) CLARK holds Commercial License #12981, Flight Instructor and Flight Examiner License #72, and Airplane and Engine license #12289. It is concluded from this that CLARK'S vision and judgment are excellent.

PENDING

INCLOSURES

FOR DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

1. Three (3) sketches prepared by Mr. HARRY F. CLARK, to amplify his descriptions of the sighted objects.
2. One each copy of Form "Essential Elements of Information" signed by Mr. HARRY F. CLARK.

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DO #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

AT AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

1. Will have spark plugs analyzed to determine if any radio-activity available.

DO #20, MC CHORD AFB

AT MC CHORD AFB

1. Will verify call from Boise Radio, Boise, Idaho to McChord AFB, Washington, reference aircraft flight plans in vicinity of Mt Home, Idaho

NOTE: All calls from Boise Radio made about 1200-1300 hours MST 24 July 1949.

DO #16, HILL AFB

AT HILL AFB

1. Will verify call from Boise Radio, Boise, Idaho, to Hill AFB, Utah reference aircraft flight plans in vicinity of Mt Home, Idaho.

NOTE: All calls from Boise Radio made about 1200-1300 hours MST 24 July 1949.

AT MT HOME AFB

1. Will attempt to establish CLARK'S character and reliability.
2. Will obtain TT weather sequence from Mt Home AFB, covering period of sighting.

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FROM CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB (FM 5TH OSI DIST IG)
TO OSI DET MT HOME IDAHO
INFO DET COMDR 16 OSI DIST HILL AFB
INFO USAF THE PENTAGON WASH DC

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CITE AG 3541. DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ AMC REQUESTS
SPARK PLUGS AND LEAD WIRES WITH BROKEN INSULATION BE
FORWARDED THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. REQUEST COMPLETE
DETAILED REPORT OF INCIDENT INVOLVING CLARK. ATTEMPT TO
LOCATE ADDITIONAL PERS SIGHTING SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL
OBJECTS. REQUEST STATEMENT FROM CLARK. CASE NO 5D24-21AA

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FROM CO MT HOME AFB IDAHO
TO CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB
INFO DIST COMDR OSI HILL AFB UTAH

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REFERENCE PROJECT (SIGN): ON 24 JULY 1949, 7 UNIDENTIFIED
AERIAL OBJECTS SIGHTED BY MISTER HARRY F CLARK, BOX 56,
NAMPA, IDAHO. AT TIME OF SIGHTING CLARK FLYING BRAND NEW
PIPER CLIPPER AIRCRAFT WITH BRAND NEW LYCOMING ENGINE.
UPON CLOSE APPROACH OF OBJECTS TO CLARKS AIRCRAFT, CLARKS
ENGINE BEGAN RUNNING ROUGH. UPON INSPECTION AFTER CLARK
LANDED IT WAS FOUND THAT ALL SPARK PLUGS HAD BEEN SHORTED
AND INSULATION BROKEN DOWN. NO REPEAT NO GEIGER COUNTER
AVAILABLE. REQUEST DISPOSITION OF SPARK PLUGS WHICH ARE
NOW IN POSSESSION OF THIS OFFICE. CLARK RELIABLE:
LICENSED COMMERCIAL FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AND EXAMINER PLUS
AIRPLANE AND ENGINE MECHANIC. ONE THREE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED LOGGED PILOT HOURS

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28 April 1959

SUBJECT: Reported Unidentified Object Found in Mexico

TO: District Commander
5th District OSI (IG) USAF
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation this date between Major EDMUND GLAVEY, Chief of your Counterintelligence Division, and Mr. ROBERT HUSHBECK of this office.

2. On 27 April 1959, Mr. ROLAND B. MULCAHY, Geologist, Anaconda Mining Company, Kearns Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised substantially as follows:

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He received a letter written in Spanish dated 23 April 1959 from PABLO V. CRUZ,, Calle 16 de Septiembre #45, Cocorit, Sonora, Mexico, in which CRUZ stated that he had located a "Satellite or apparatus thrown towards the moon." The object had a silk parachute attached, was unharmed, and landed in an area where it could be approached by vehicle to within 200 meters. CRUZ did not know whether the object was of American or Russian manufacture and desired that American authorities be notified so that he might collect a reward.

He has had dealings with CRUZ, involving mine leases for several years, and though CRUZ may exaggerate at times, he believes CRUZ is truthful in this instance. However, CRUZ is uneducated and may not know a "Satellite or apparatus thrown towards the moon" from a weather balloon.

Cocorit, Mexico is located on the Western coast of Mexico near the town of Ciudad Obregon, a seven hour drive from Nogales, Mexico.

From past experience he recommends that CRUZ be contacted prior to notification of Mexican authorities, as they would probably send a large number of persons to that area.

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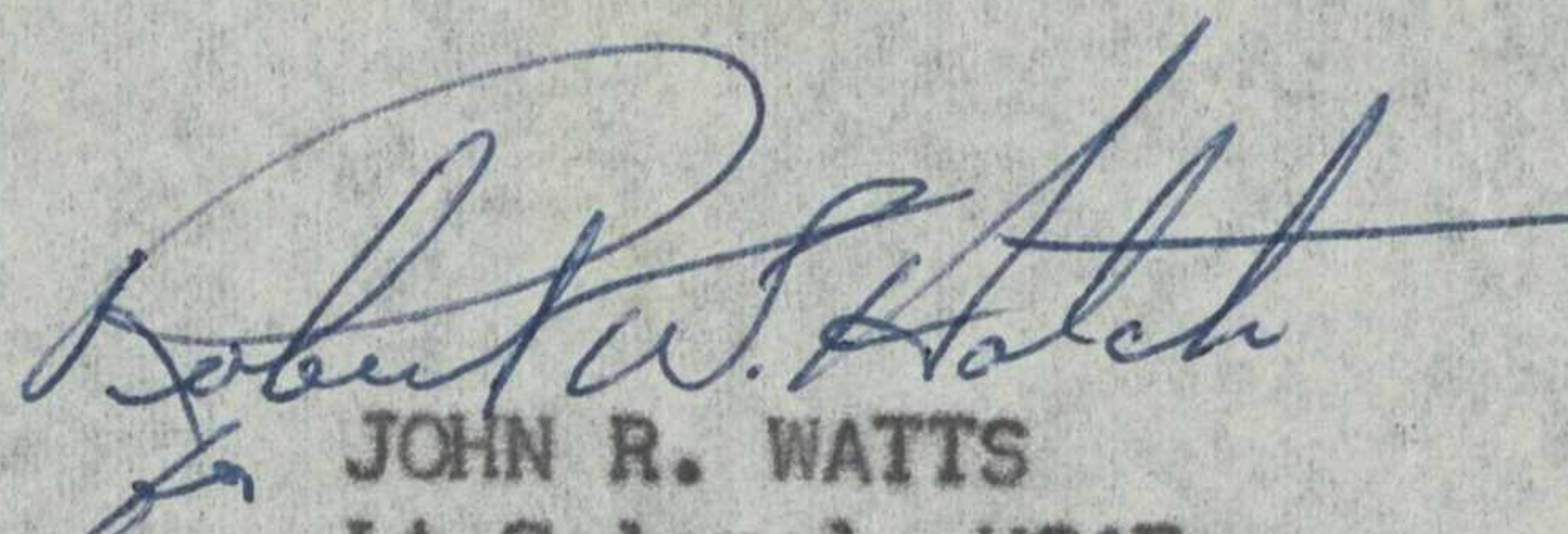
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3. MULCAHEY furnished a photostatic copy of the above letter, which is inclosed for District Office Nr. 5.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect investigative information against unauthorized disclosure which could prejudice further investigation.

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JOHN R. WATTS
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

 cc: Dir, OSI (ZI)
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TO : CSAF, WASHINGTON, D.C. ATTN: DIR OF SPEC INVES

INFO: AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO
ATTN: MCIS

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15 December 1950

TWX spot intelligence report re reporting of info on unconventional acft. Recd fm special agent Heath, CIC, Ft. Douglas, Utah, at 1025 hours, 15 Dec 50. Substance as fols: Godding Idaho Deputy Sheriff Whipkey phoned to report that flying disc was sighted at 1210 hours mountain time 14 Dec 50 by Morris Smith, Bud Calkins and Jim Abbot, a pilot. These three persons were driving in car 2 miles East of Bliss Idaho and sighted round object 6 to 10 ft in diameter, 400 yards north of their automobile. Object hovering approx 10 ft above ground. Informants approached on foot to within a few yards of object when it suddenly climbed 600 to 1000 ft. Hovered in this position for about 1 minute and then flew South 4 miles. Informants followed in car and when directly beneath object again it veered West 5 miles when it stopped. Object covered the distance of five miles in 30 seconds. Informants followed and when nearly beneath it again it climbed away to SouthWest. Object had no apparent means of propulsion other than spinning. Last sighted 1225 hrs Mtn time. Deputy Sheriff notified 1228 hours. EWA Light overcast, light snow.

Hill AFB Wea report for Godding Idaho Wea, 1230 hrs, 14 Dec AWU fols, special, indefinite ceiling, 10 part overcast, visibility 1 mile, fog.

No action will be taken by this office unless directed by Hqs OSI of AMC Hqs.

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	RURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF	HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UTAH
	Historian	18 December 1950
	DATE	4 DEC 1975
<u>SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT</u>		

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified aerial object sighted by three (3) persons at 1210 hours, 14 December 1950, in vicinity of Bliss, Idaho. Object described as 6 to 10 feet in diameter. No other descriptions given. Witnesses approached object three times. Official Hill AFB weather report for Gooding, Idaho area indicates a possible lack of authenticity in reported sighting.

2. DETAILS: S/A HEATH, Counter Intelligence Corps, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah, telephoned the undersigned at 1025 hours, 15 December 1950, with information as follows:

a. Deputy Sheriff WHIPKEY, Gooding, Idaho, had phoned S/A HEATH to report that a "flying Disc" had been sighted at 1210 hours, mountain time, 14 December 1950, by MORRIS SMITH, BUD CALKINS and JIM ABBOTT, the latter reported to be a pilot. These three men were driving in a car approximately two miles east of Bliss, Idaho when they sighted a round object, 6 to 10 feet in diameter, approximately 400 yards north of their automobile. The object appeared to be hovering about 10 feet above ground. The three witnesses approached on foot to within a few yards of the object when it suddenly climbed 600 to 1000 feet. The object hovered in this position for about one minute and then flew south for approximately 4 miles. Informants followed the object in their automobile and when directly beneath object a second time, it veered to the west for 5 miles, where it appeared to stop. The object covered this distance of 5 miles in 30 seconds. Witnesses again followed the object and when nearly beneath it, the object again climbed away to the southwest. Witnesses gave no other descriptions of object, i.e., color, aerodynamic features, sound, maneuvers, etc., except to state that the object had no apparent means of propulsion other than spinning. The object was last

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sighted by the three men at 1225 hours, mountain time and Sheriff WHIPKEY was notified at 1228 hours. The three men reported that the weather at the time of sighting was--light overcast, light snow.

3. ACTION:

a. Contact with the Forecaster on Duty, Weather Station, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, on 15 December 1950, revealed that the 1230 observation from Gooding, Idaho (13 miles east of Bliss, Idaho) on 14 December 1950 read as follows: Special, Indefinite Ceiling, 1000 ft overcast, visibility 1 mile, Fog. In view of this weather report, statements of witnesses contain obvious weaknesses.

b. Teletype 16 OSI-12-6 dispatched 1100 hours, 15 December 1950, to Director of Special Investigations, with information copy direct to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, Attn: MCIS, containing briefed Spot Intelligence Report of information contained herein.

c. In accordance with the provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, no further action will be taken by District Office No. 16 reference this reported sighting. The above information is forwarded, in confirmation of Spot Intelligence TWX number 16 OSI-12-6, for your review and action deemed necessary and/or appropriate.

Pelham R. Burnett

PELHAM R. BURNETT
Captain, USAF
District Commander

2 copies to:
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Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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(Unclassified) Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted in Vicinity of Provo River,
Utah - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of
Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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Attached for your information is a letter from OSI District #16 concerning
captioned subject, dated 6 November 1950. No further action is contemplated unless
so requested by your Directorate.

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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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6 November 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted in Vicinity of ~~Provo River~~, Utah

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

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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1. The following information was furnished this office by the
115th CIC Detachment, Intelligence Field Office No. 4, Fort Douglas,
Utah:

a. At 1300 hours, 17 October 1950, ~~JOE~~ PORTER, address #1,
Freeman Avenue, Bingham, Utah, employed as a compressor operator on the
Lark Tunnel, Lark, Utah, telephoned this (the 115th CIC Detachment) office
and volunteered the following information:

- (1) On 11 October 1950, at approximately 2210 hours, while
working on the Lark Tunnel, PORTER and a companion, name
unknown, sighted what appeared to be a meteor crossing
the sky. However, upon closer observation, it appeared
to be a rocket or plane of some sort. The object appeared
at first as a long, thin line of fire crossing the sky
at a terrific rate of speed. This line of fire later
widened out and then seemed to dip and explode. The
front end of the object broke away, and the main body
seemed to stay in the sky and then suddenly faded
completely out. PORTER estimated the object about 40 or
50 miles away from his position - in the vicinity of the
Provo River (roughly southwest of Lark, Utah).
- (2) PORTER further stated that the delay in reporting this
incident was occasioned by the fact that, although he
felt he should report it to someone, he did not know which
would be the proper agency to report to. Further informa-
tion can be obtained from PORTER, either at his residence
or at his work at the Lark Tunnel. PORTER is presently
working from 1600 to 2400 hours daily except Sunday.
Freeman Avenue, Bingham, Utah, is referred to locally
as Freeman Gulch.

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SUBJ: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted in Vicinity of Provo River, Utah

2. No investigation of the above matter has been initiated by this office, and the above summary is furnished for your information.

Pelham R. Burnett
PELHAM R. BURNETT
Captain, USAF
District Commander

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(Unclassified) Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted in the Vicinity of
DuBois, Idaho - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Counter Intelligence Div, Office of Special
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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of such
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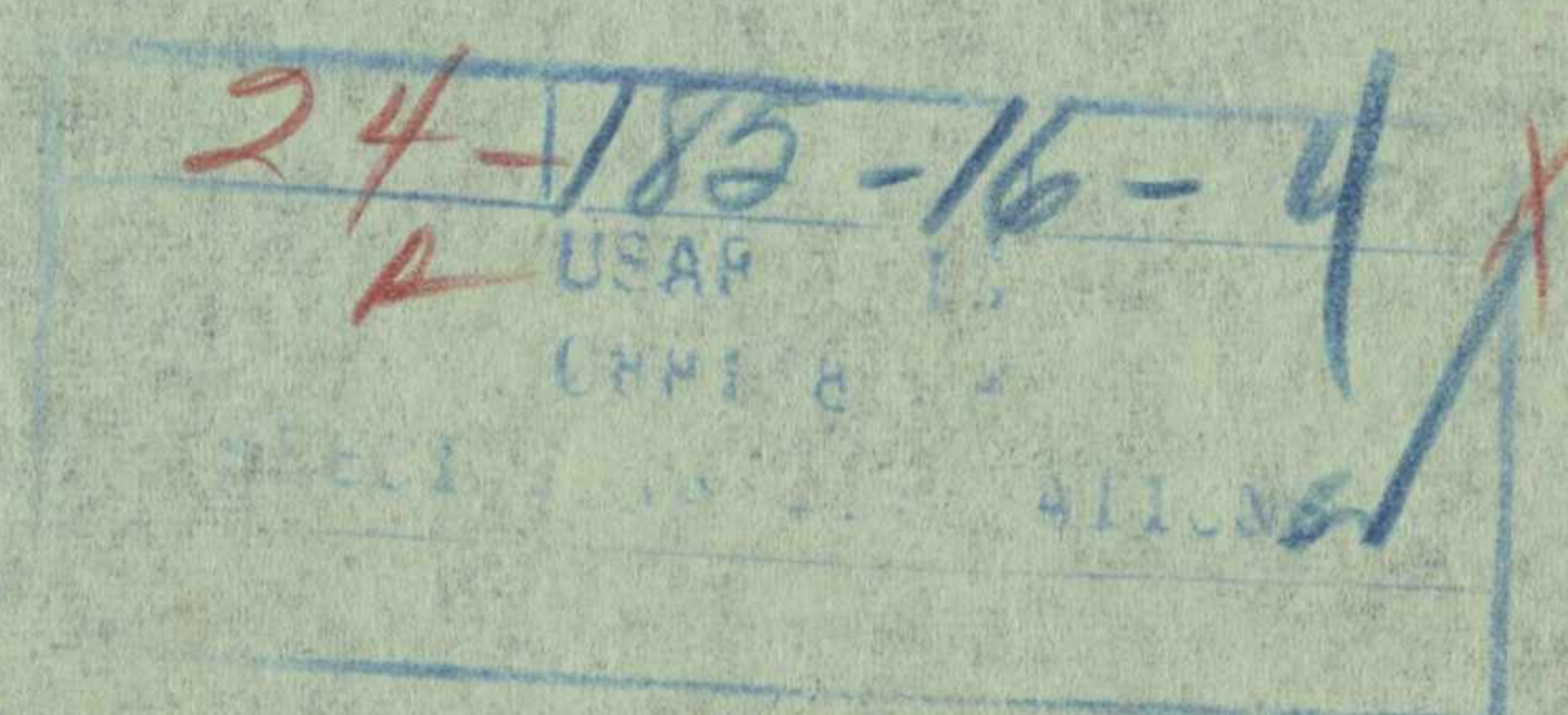
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
16th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UTAH

16 October 1950

24-0

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object sited in the Vicinity of DuBois, Idaho

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

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1. This District has received information from the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Butte, Montana, to the effect that a Mr. LORENZO HANSON and DARRELL HANSON had observed an object, which appeared to be a flying missile, in the vicinity of DuBois, Idaho, on 16 September 1950. The informants stated that they were hunting in the area of Medicine Lodge, Idaho, northwest of DuBois, when their attention was drawn to a hissing or buzzing noise above them. Looking up, they observed a plate-like object, dark brown in color, approximately three feet in diameter, being propelled at an altitude of approximately 400 feet from a southwesterly to a northeasterly direction. The HANSONS advised that the object appeared to be descending, and it was their opinion that it could have landed behind some hills one or two miles from their observation point. The informants added that the missile appeared to have knobs or some kind of appendages around the edge. No smoke or gas of any kind was observed from the object, which they lost site of behind the hills. The HANSONS reported the siting of the object to the Butte Office, FBI, on 26 September 1950, and an immediate search of the area wherein the missile was presumed to have fallen was undertaken in conjunction with the Sheriff of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Results of this search were negative.

2. No investigation into this matter is being conducted by District Office No. 16. The above report is furnished for your information.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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13 JUL 1950

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Aerial Object
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
16th OSI District (IG)
Hill Air Force Base
Ogden, Utah

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1. Reference is made to message your district, NR 16D OSI-7-1, concerning captioned subject, dated 6 July 1950.

2. Investigation of the sighting reported in your message is not desired. Future sightings are to be handled in accordance with AFCSI Letter #85, dated 8 February 1950. Spot Intelligence Reports concerning sightings of unidentified aerial objects need not be forwarded by T/X unless considered to be of priority Counterintelligence interest to this headquarters.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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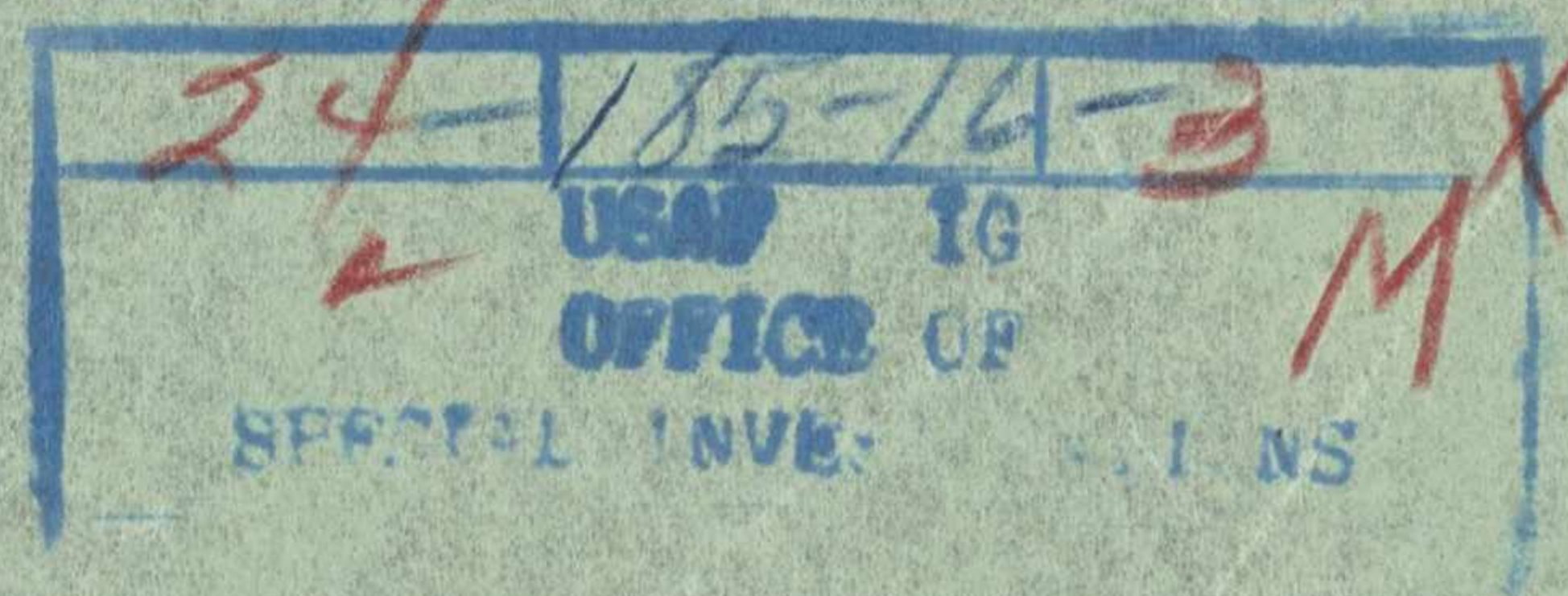
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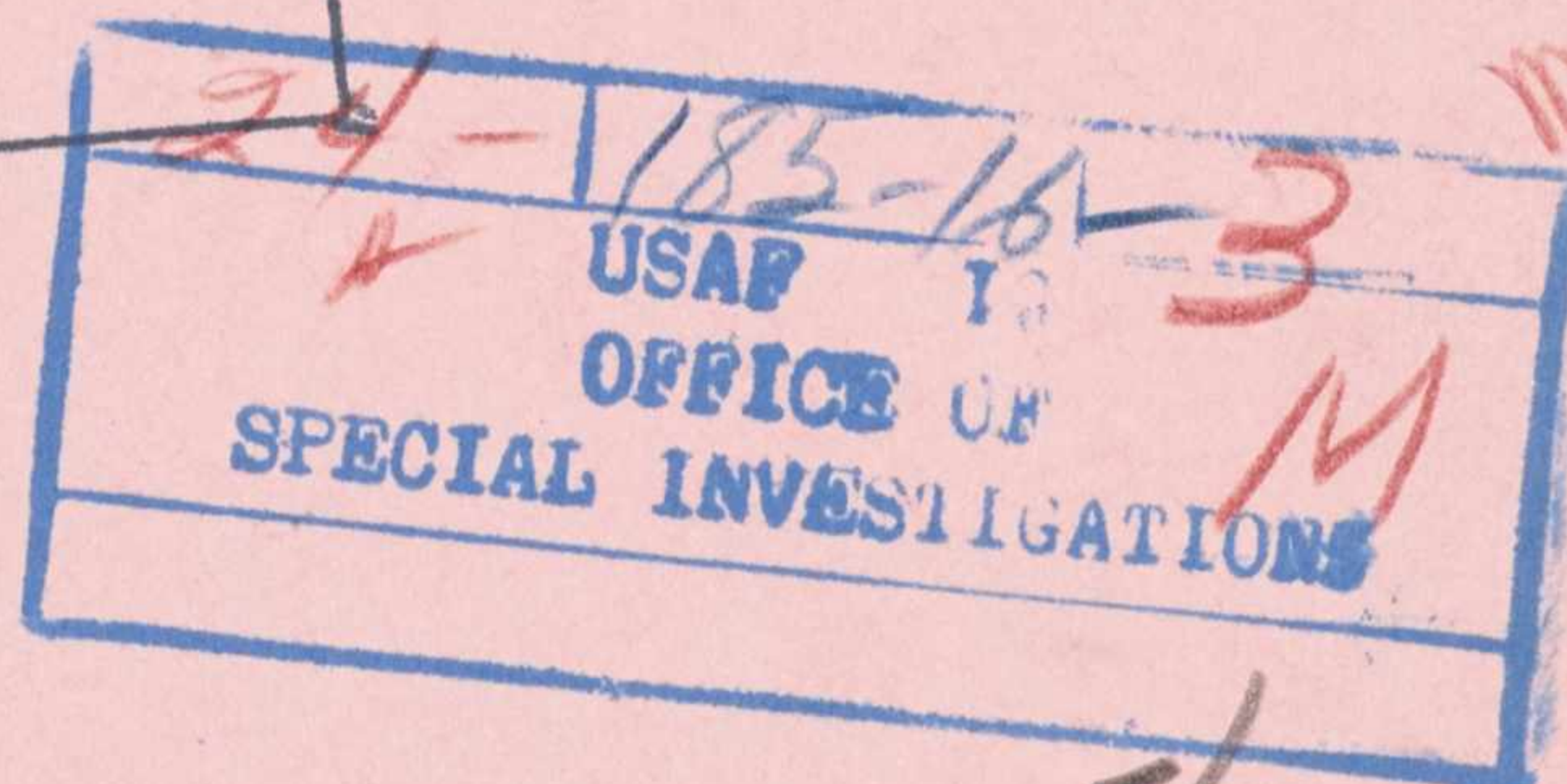
FROM: DIST COMDR, 16 OSI DIST, Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah
TO : CS USAF, Washington D.C., attn: Dir of Spec Investigation
NR : 16D OSI-7-1 6 July 1950

Subj is Unidentified Aerial Object.

At 1540 hours MST 5 July 50, 3 Staff Sergeants on duty at the Hill AFB Radar Station observed an unidentified aerial object flying at an estimated 25,000 feet altitude on a course of approx 120 degrees and passing almost directly over Hill AFB. Object reportedly under observation for approx 3 minutes, and described as about 50 feet in length, circular in shape with diameter-thickness ratio of about 4 to 1. Estimated ground speed of between 5 and 700 miles per hour. No sound or exhaust trail observed. Described as silver in color. Radio set was switched on shortly after object was sighted, however object disappeared before radar set warmed up sufficiently for tracking. Advise extent of investigation this sighting and whether reports covering any future sightings are desired.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
16th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
HILL AIR FORCE BASE, HILL FIELD, UTAH

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21 December 1949

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24-185-16

SUBJECT: Mrs. MADELINE GWYNNE MERCHANT
918 N. E. 18th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, dated 26 September 1949, File No. 24-185, subject "(Confidential) Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant; Special Inquiry." Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed appropriate, is a communication from Mrs. MADELINE GWYNNE MERCHANT, 918 N. E. 18th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This is the second letter received in this office from Mrs. MERCHANT. The first communication similar in content to Inclosure No. 1, was forwarded by this office to District Office No. 5 for information and action.

2. No action has been taken by this District reference the attached letter. Any future communications received in this District from Mrs. MERCHANT will be transmitted to your Headquarters.

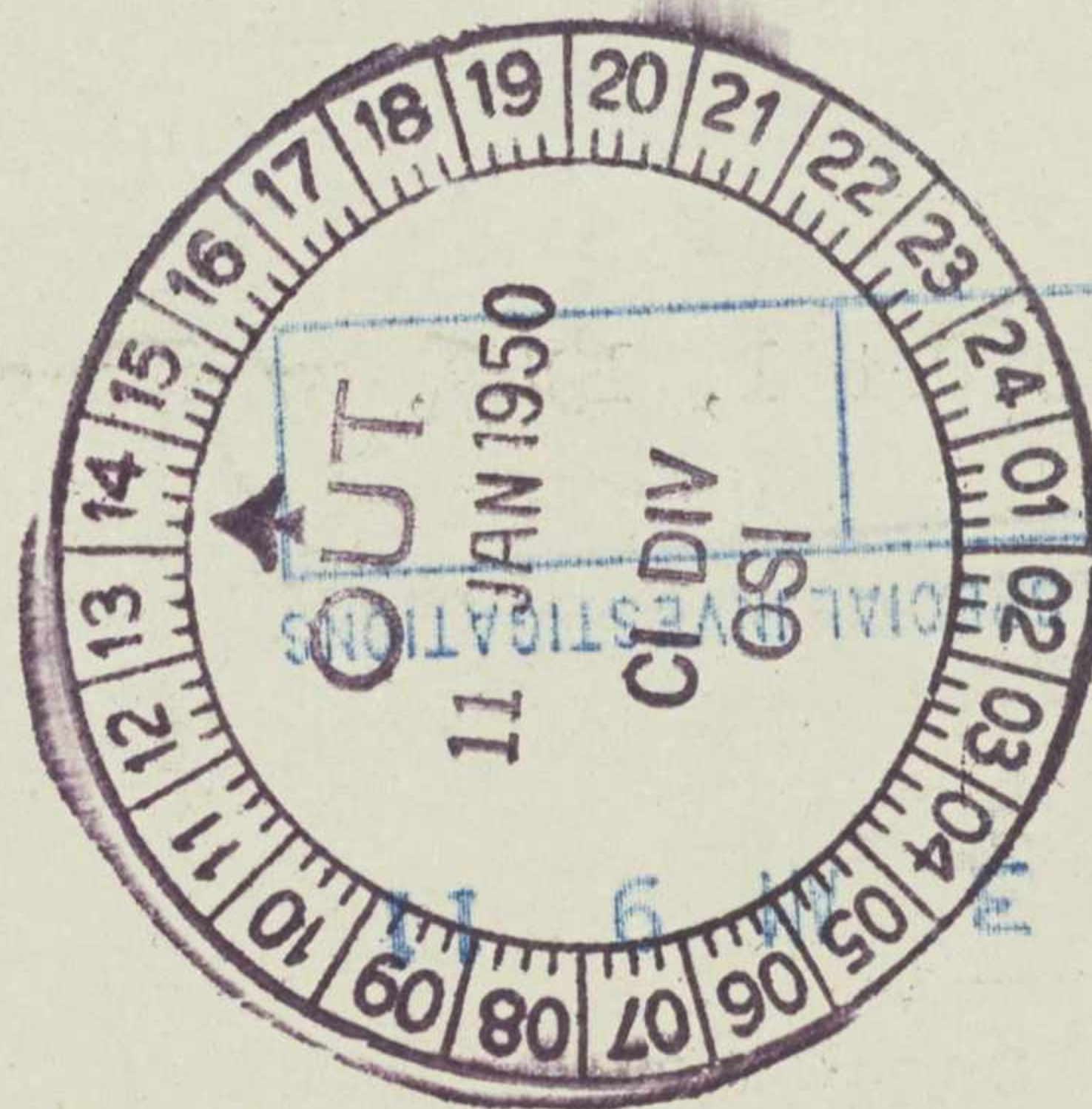
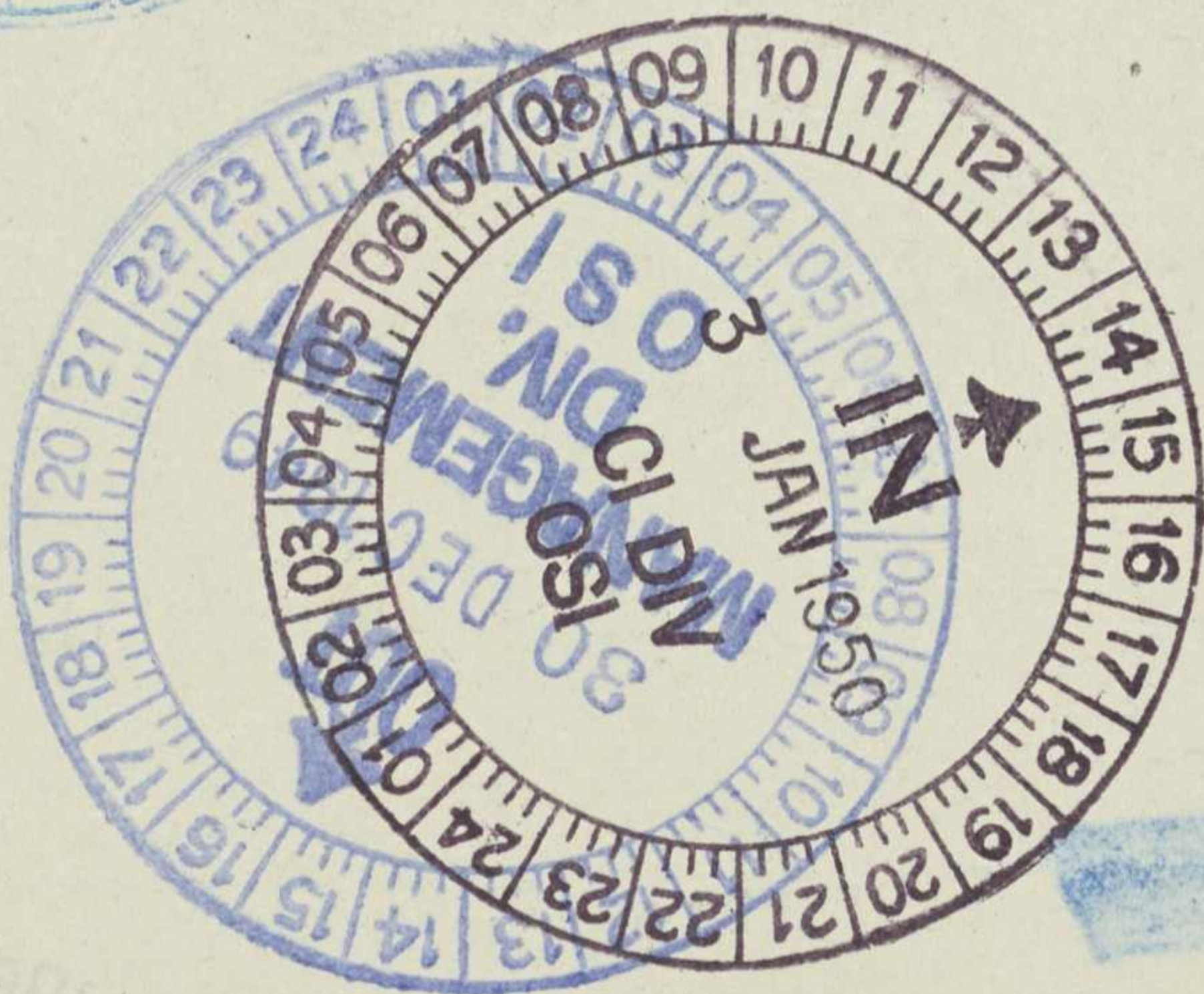
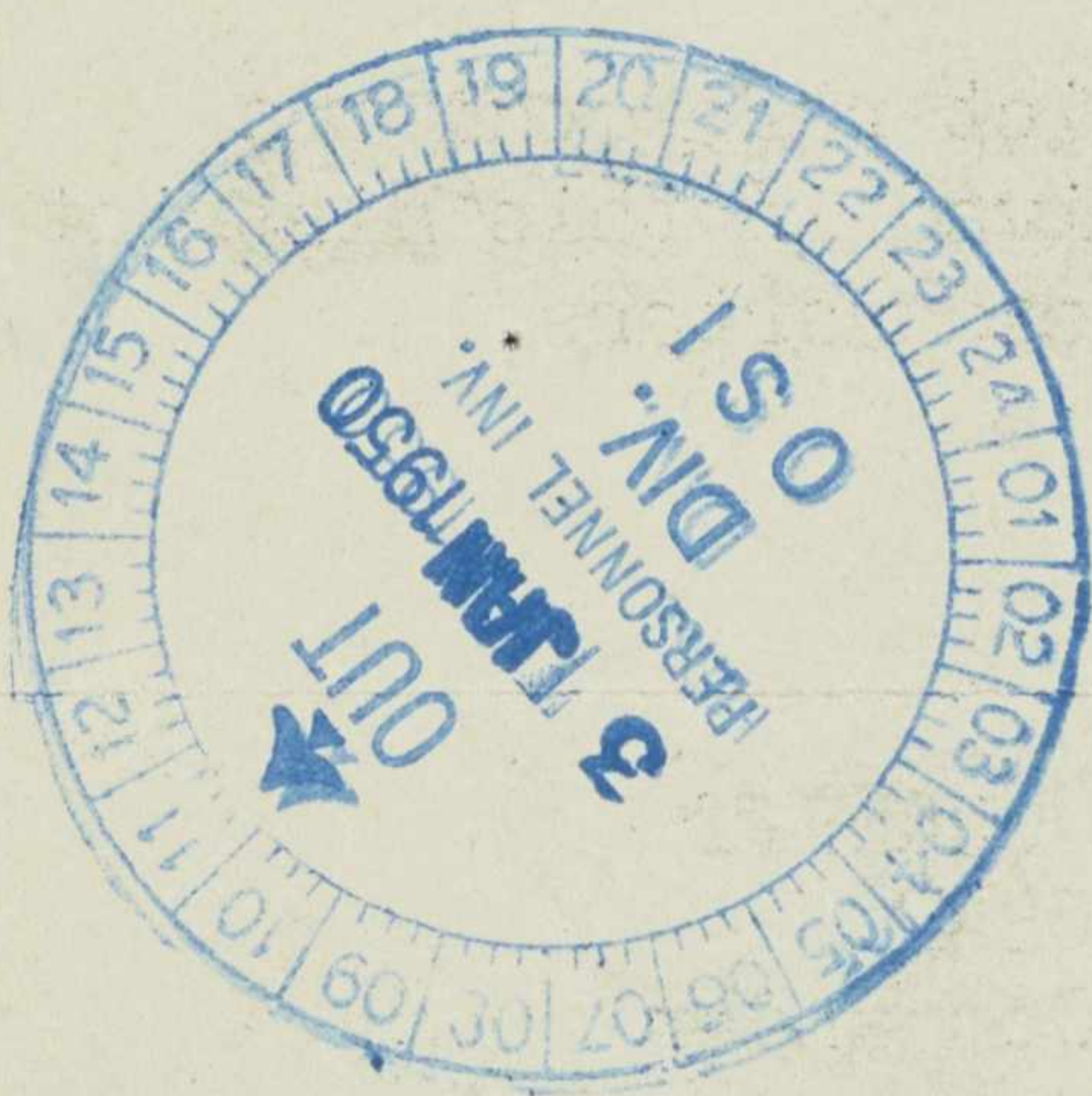
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Ltr dtd Oct 1, 1949, w/envelope.

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Gen. Del.

Norman, Okla.

Oct. 1, 1949

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Officer in Charge,

USAF Special Investigations,

Hill Field, Utah.

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(Re: MCIAXO-3, Tech. Intel.
Wright Field, Ohio.)

Dear Sir:

In a communication from Brig. Gen. Philip G. Blackmore, White Sands Proving Grounds, N.M. on flying saucers, my attention was called to a case at Hamilton, Montana on which further data should be secured.

Please contact Mrs. Anna Jones,
508 N. Second St.
Hamilton, Montana.

Following the Aug. 30th Associated Press story on officers at the White Sands having observed "objects," Mrs. Jones corresponded with General Blackmore concerning appearances west of Hamilton.

On July 14th, five objects were seen in less than a two hour period. They have also been observed at various times since. The objects were seen over the Bitter Root Mountain range, the crest of which forms part of the state boundry between Montana and Idaho.

The following data should be secured:

- (1) Confirm that five objects were seen July 14th. Secure hours.
- (2) Secure other dates of appearances.
- (3) Secure usual data on color, speed, altitude, weather conditions, such as humidity, barometric pressure, wind movements, presence or absence of clouds, etc.

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(4) Secure the flight direction, and confirm it from as many witnesses as possible.

(5) Note on a map the flight directions and correlate with the forest fires occurring in Idaho during July, which were started from unusual "dry lightning" storms.

(To facilitate draw a line from the Panhandle area of Idaho in which forest fires occurred on about July 10th to 15th, with those occurring on the same dates and throughout July into August in Central Idaho. It will be noted that the line bears from Eastern Siberia, from which it is my belief "ray-forms" are being exerted against the U.S.

Also, draw a line from a point northeast of Helena, Montana, about 25 miles, down through the northwestern quarter of Yellowstone Park. It will be noted that fires starting on dates corresponding closely to those in Idaho, occurred in these areas. They were from unusual "dry lightning" storms also. This is, abnormal atmospheric ionization incited by radio wave concentrations operating on a rotary principle to create a centripetal force, were sufficiently great to induce visible electricity in both lightning streaks, and in the visible varying shapes from ellipsoidal and round shapes to streaks, of the "flying saucer" objects.)

(6) Verify the color of the objects seen by Mrs. Jones and others (not named in the communication to General Blackmore,) as varying from red to silvery.

(7) Verify that the objects seemed to "change shape" while in flight.

(This is very important, and when this information is later correlated with laboratory work involving focused wave actions, the ionization patterns will already be confirmed from this witness. So please give this witness, Mrs. Jones, all the time she needs to describe just what

"changes" in the shapes and colors she may have observed. Secure sketches, or approximate design-shapes or patterns, of those changes.

Tied to laboratory experimental work, this case will act to prove beyond a doubt that ionization to the point of luminosity in atmospheric elements, is being accomplished by Russia on a scale which makes our own efforts somewhat retarded.)

The exact words used by Mrs. Jones were: "They appear as a star, but about sundown (meaning that the appearance at sundown is early compared to the usual hour for visibility of stars,) and are very bright and look like oblong silvery balloons at times, then they change shapes and seem to be like a ball bouncing on a string."

(The "bouncing on a string" is the visible wave action within the ray-form. This is, the objects seem to be "going up and down" as they travel forward with the ray-form. I have witnessed this myself.)

- (8) Confirm the "bouncing," and let her draw a line showing "how the objects bounced."

(Since this also is a very important point, do not attempt to influence the witness in any way, but simply suggest that she draw a path showing the "bouncing." By using the witness's word "bouncing" it will be clear in her mind as to what is desired. And, if her drawing is simply a wavy line, as any wave action, then "pat yourselves on the back" for this particular data is confirming some of my own previous data, and will assist greatly in the understanding of the problem of "saucers.")

- (9) Confirm that the objects can be seen with binoculars while the sky is still light, and before they can be seen with the naked eye.

(10) Secure an approximation of distance to the west of the Bitter Root Mountains, at which the objects passed.

(As you know, in this area visibility is very high, and it might be that these "objects" were actually traveling in the flight line from the Panhandle of Idaho to the Central forest fire area of Idaho, and were the cause of the "dry lightning" streaks, as upon contact with certain atmospheric interferences, the visible "saucers" do at times break up into smaller "balls of light" or are dissipated as lightning streaks emanating from cloudless skies. This latter phenomenon does not occur naturally, as clouds are a necessary condition to the formation of natural lightning. I have witnessed this phenomenon of lightning caused by the ray-form, watching it once for over two hours, when 28 forest fires were set. The bolts were nearly all descending on a 45 degree angle.)

Thanking you for your attention to this case, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant

cc/ Col. A.J. Hemstreet, Acting Chief,

Tech. Intelligence Division,
Intelligence Department,

Wright-Patterson AFB,
Wright Field, Ohio.

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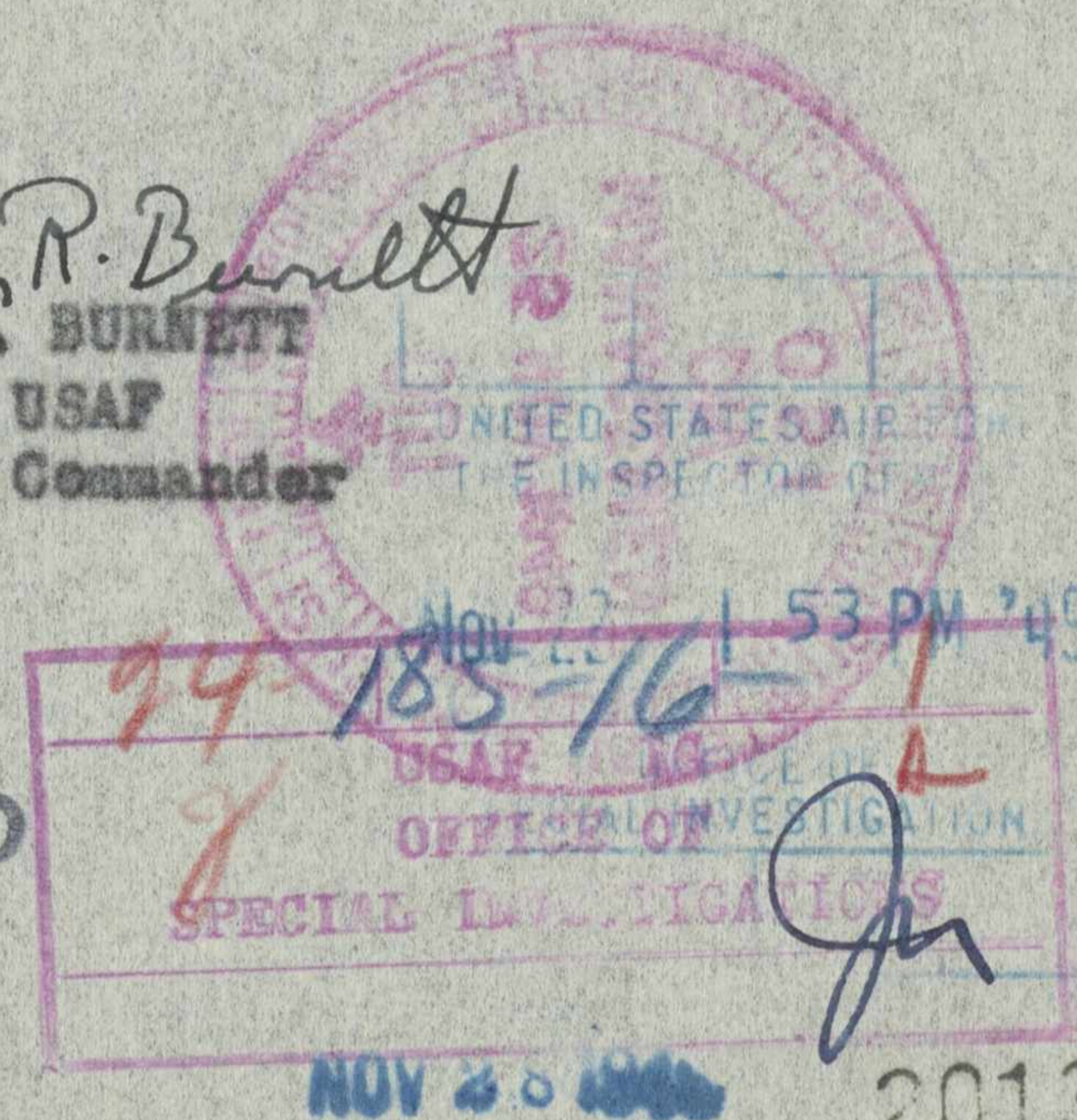
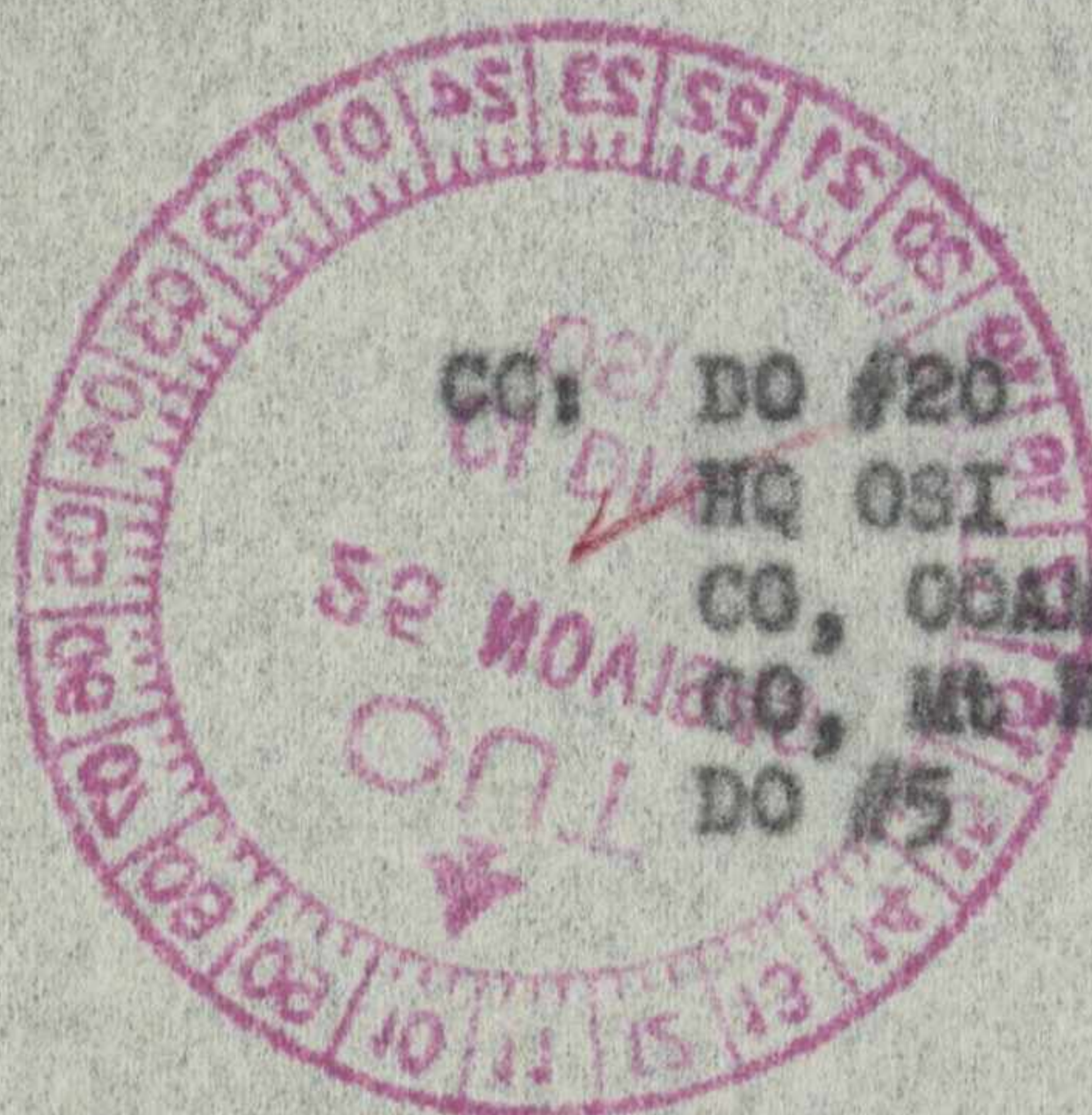
SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED NEAR MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

THRU: District Commander
5th District OSI (IO)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to the report of investigation, file and subject as above, dated 28 July 1949, from this office.
2. With the subsequent transmission to the Air Materiel Command of the evidence (shorted spark plugs) all logical investigative action has been completed and this case is being considered closed in the files of this office.
3. In order that OSI records may be complete, it is requested that this office be advised of the results of any action taken concerning this subject.

Pelham R. Burnett
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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