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| 4 LOCATION OF SIGHTING |
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| 5 MEANS RECD | 6 ACTION | |
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| Probably Search Light Activity |

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(I) NEGATIVE
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(D) 4 - 10 MILES

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PREPARED BY (Officer): WILLIAM C VAN NORMAN, Major, USAF

SOURCE: See contents below

REFERENCES: (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54; ATIC Form 4; TT COMTHREE DTG 06/0449Z MAR 55; ADCR 200-7 dtd 29 Jan 55.

SUMMARY: (Make concise summary of report. Give significance to facts on continuation paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on A.F. Form 112—Part II.)

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PART ONE: Description of sighting by Cpl Joseph B. LIDEY, USMC, Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York (HJBL 0243)

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PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mrs. [redacted] 2811 Exterior Street, New York (GEOREF HJBL 0245)

PART FOUR: Investigators Summary

II. SUMMARY: At 04/1715Z MAR 55, Det 3 was directed by Headquarters, 4602d AISS to conduct a follow-up investigation of a UFOB sighting northeast of the George Washington Bridge (GEOREF HJBL 0351). Sightings were reported to Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier and Commander, Third Naval District by Mrs. [redacted] housewife, and Cpls Joseph B. LIDEY and John J. CAFFREY, USMC. Mrs. [redacted] after sighting the object, called the police, FBI, weather bureau and was finally referred to the Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier. The marines on duty at 90 Church Street, NYC (GEOREF HJAL 5943), LIDEY and CAFFREY, immediately looked out of the window and were able to observe an object for approximately five (5) minutes until it disappeared from view. The time of the disappearance of the object coincides with all three (3) reports of the sighting. The probability of the fact that the sighting was a beam of light was confirmed by a statement from Captain Haley, D/I, 26th Air Division (see Part Four, Investigators Summary) who was flying at 1500 feet over New York Harbor at the time of the initial sighting and reported high intensity search light activity in the area.

III. INVESTIGATORS: S/Sgt John P. Bannon, AF 11 210 085
A/1C Raymond J. Swider AF 12 403 072

WILLIAM C. VAN NORMAN
Major USAF
Officer in Charge

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I. SOURCE: Joseph B. LIDEY, USMC

Age: 19

Duties: Guard at 90 Church St., NY, NY

Length of Service: 12 months

Education: High School

Station: Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was very anxious to get the interview over with as he was on his own time and planning to drive home and gave the impression that the interviewers were only holding him up. SOURCE relied a great deal on Marine Cpl CAFFREY for his answers and did not appear to have any confidence in his own statements. SOURCE stated that during the day they had been talking about this sighting with other members of their unit in the barracks and there appeared to be the possibility that the Corporal's statements were somewhat distorted by constant repetition. It is felt that the information received from SOURCE [redacted]

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was on duty inside building located at 90 Church Street, New York City, New York on the 15th floor. The duty officer received a call from a Mrs. GLESSER about an unidentified object and told SOURCE and Marine Cpl CAFFREY to look out of the window at approximately 2145 hours, EST (04/0245/Z MAR 55). SOURCE observed a flickering white light and then left to get a pair of binoculars for better observation.

2. During the two (2) or three (3) minutes that SOURCE observed this object it appeared to be a cluster of flashing white lights moving in a westerly direction. The object was observed in the North at approximately 345 degrees moving in a westerly direction until it exploded. The object was about the size of a baseball held at arms length. It was located about five (5) miles from SOURCE with an estimated speed at first sighting of 170 miles per hour and right before it exploded it had reached a speed of approximately 600 miles per hour. This estimate was based on the relative speed of aircraft flying in the area.

3. SOURCE could not remember any wind data but stated that there was a heavily clouded sky and it was dry and cold.

4. SOURCE stated that the object looked like flashing lights moving across the sky.

5. The object disappeared by exploding.

6. SOURCE had no idea what the object was or what might have caused it.

2 Incls:
1. Drawing of Object
2. Location of Object

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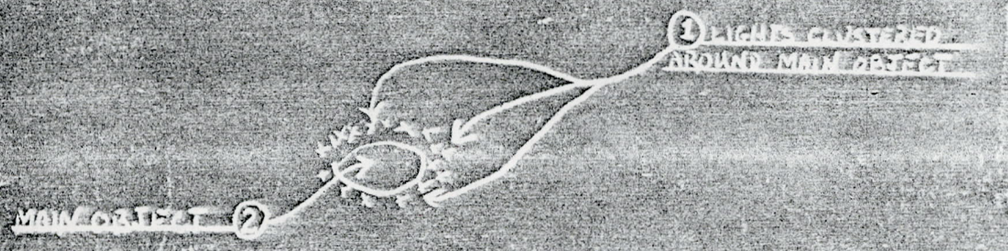


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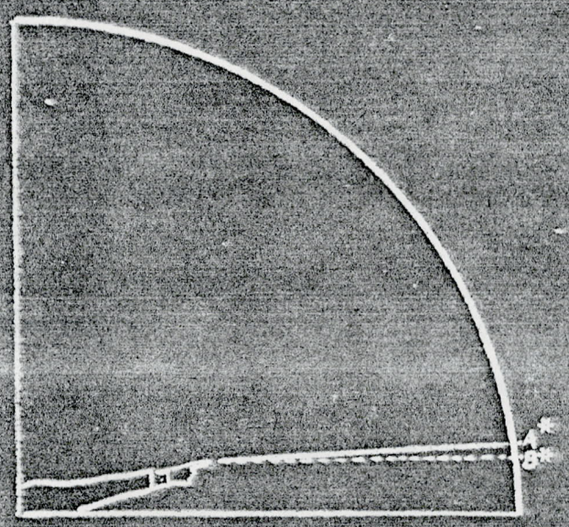
Tracing of Drawing showing Location
of Object as seen by Cpl LIDEY (Unretouched)

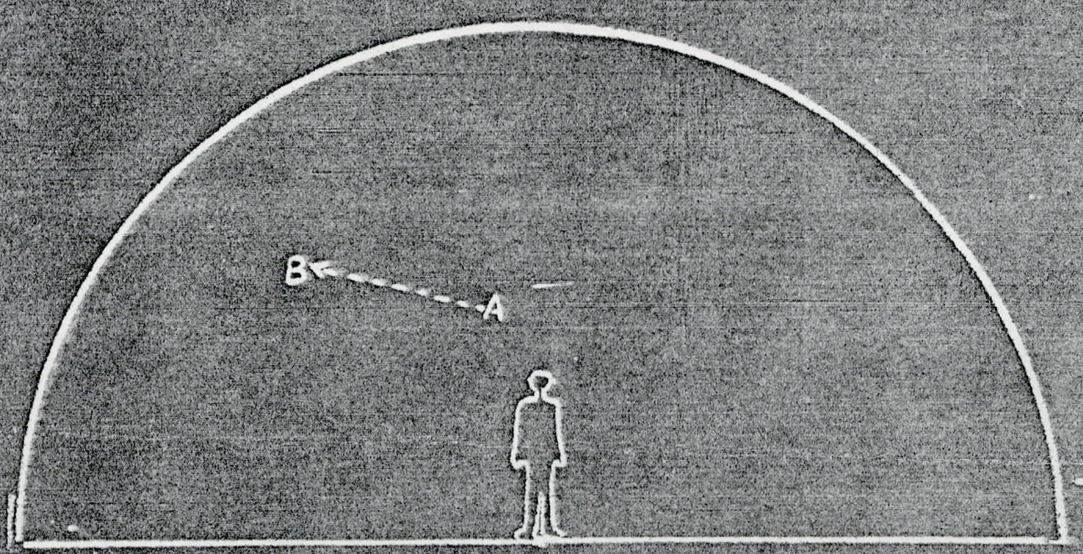
A. Position of object when SOURCE first saw it.

B. Position of object when SOURCE last saw it.

A.* Shows how high the object was from the horizon when first seen.

B.* Shows how high the object was from the horizon when last seen.

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I. SOURCE: John J. Caffrey, USMC

Age: 19

Length of Service: 12 months

Duties: Guard at 90 Church St., NY, NY

Education: High School

Station: Marine Barracks, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a rather boisterous person who seemed to glory in his newly gained importance. Although he undoubtedly saw an object and observed it through binoculars, it is believed that SOURCE's story had been embellished after constant re-telling in the Marine barracks. It is believed that the information may be considered fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was on sentry duty on the 15th deck (floor) of building located at 90 Church St., NY, NY. The duty officer received a telephone call from a Mrs. Glesser reporting a flying object. The duty officer, while still at the phone told SOURCE and Marine Cpl Lidey to look out the window. This was at approximately 2145 hours, EST (04/0245Z MAR 55). SOURCE observed a flickering white light which gradually turned to a vivid, flashing, pulsating red which gradually picked up speed and disappeared from view.

2. During the five (5) minutes that SOURCE observed this object (two minutes of this time with binoculars) it appeared as a cluster formation with lights all over it, moving in a generally westerly direction. It disappeared, and then reappeared at the initial point of sighting and again continued in a westerly direction until it disappeared from sight. Object looked to be about the size of a baseball held at arms length and was located at an estimated distance of five (5) miles with a speed varying from approximately 170 to 600 miles per hour. This estimate was based on the relative speed of aircraft flying in the New York area.

3. SOURCE could not remember if there was a wind but did state that the sky was cloudy with no stars or moon and that it was cold and dry.

4. SOURCE stated that the object looked like a cluster, spherically shaped and was very similar to a perpetually exploding sky rocket.

5. The object disappeared from sight gradually growing smaller as the distance from the observer increased.

6. SOURCE had no idea what the object might have been.

3 Incls:
1. Drawing of Object Moving
2. Motion of Object
3. Location of Object

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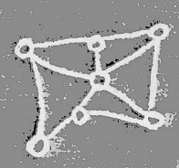
Tracing of drawing showing object
as seen by Cpl Cattrey



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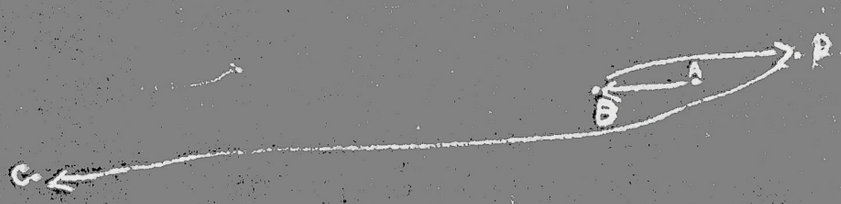
Motion of Object as traced
from Cpl. LIDEY's drawing




A: Initial sighting
B: Disappeared for thirty (30) seconds
C: Reappeared
D: Disappeared completely

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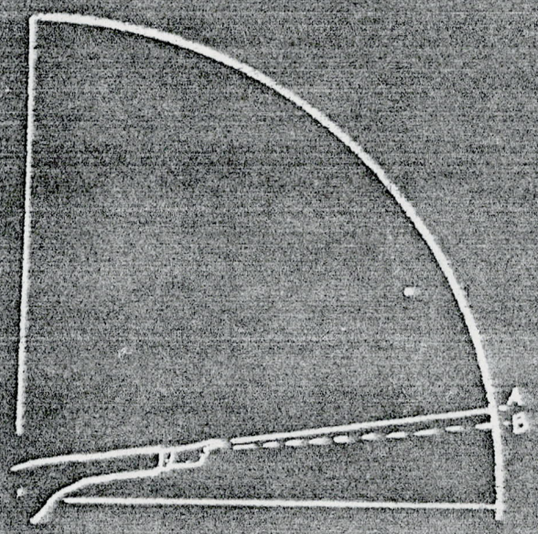
Tracing of Drawing by Cpl. CAFFREY
showing Location of Object (Unretouched)

A. Height of object above the horizon when first seen.
B. Height of object above the horizon when last seen.

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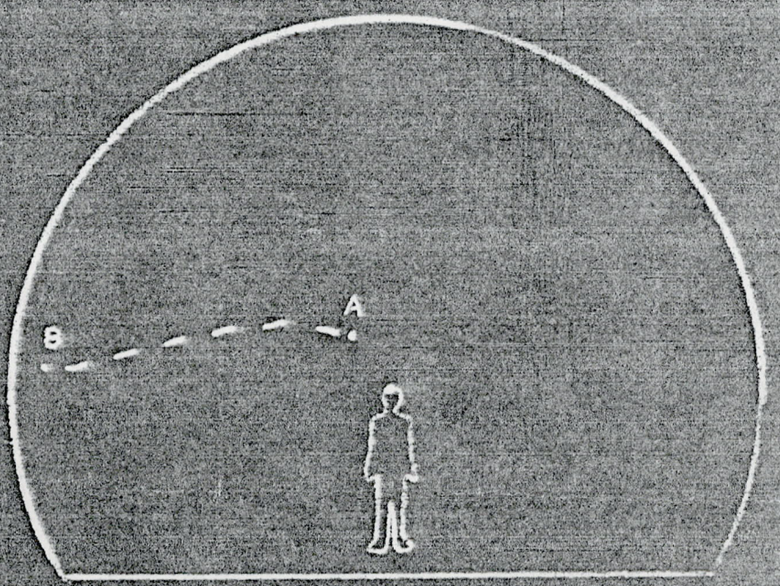

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Age: 39

Profession: Housewife

Address: [redacted]

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a nervous type woman who appeared quite honest and straight forward in her replies. She was firmly convinced that she had observed an object, however, she was easily swayed by suggestions of her twelve (12) year old son who was also present at the time of the sighting, and who let his imagination color both his and his mothers judgement. Mrs. Glesser stated that her husband, who was not available at the time of the interview, was an avid believer in "Flying Saucers" and that he reads all newspaper and magazine articles on this subject. It is believed that the information received from SOURCE may be considered fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE with her husband and son, was in her third story home when her husband at 2055 hours (04/0155/Z MAR 55) called their attention to a strange light visible from a window on the south side of the apartment. It appeared to be quite hazy and have uneven edges. The light was rotating in a counter-clock wise direction.

2. SOURCE and her son observed the object for 55 minutes during which time it occasionally appeared to move behind clouds but reappeared within a few seconds. SOURCE also observed a second object which appeared above the main rotating body which lasted for a few seconds and then faded away. This second object (pear shaped) did not move or rotate but appeared and disappeared once during every third or fourth revolution of the main body. The objects were always observed to the south and looked just a little smaller than a half dollar held at arms length. SOURCE could not estimate speed or distance.

3. SOURCE said there was a bright moon but no stars and a partly cloudy sky. SOURCE could not remember if there was a wind but stated that it was quite cold outside.

4. SOURCE's first impression was that the object was a beam of light but later compared it to fluorescent cotton candy in the shape of a rolled out pie crust with uneven edges.

5. The object disappeared by fading within a period of about five (5) seconds.

5 Incls
1. Arrangement of Object
2. Motion of Object
3. Position of Object
4. Drawing by Source's 12 yr old son
5. Statement of Source

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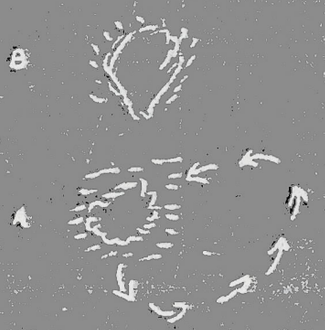
Incl #1
Tracing of drawing showing arrangement of object as seen by [redacted]




A. Remained in view almost constantly
B. Appeared intermittently

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Tracing of drawing showing motion
of Object as seen by Mr. [redacted]



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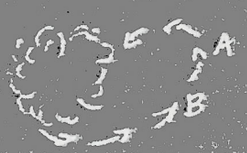

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Tracing of Drawing by Mrs. Glesser showing
Location of Object (Unretouched)

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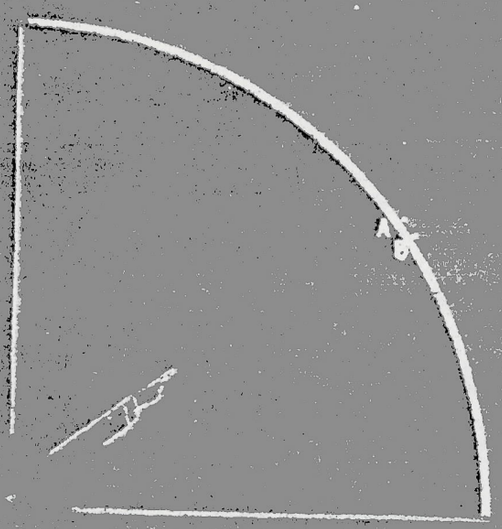
B. Height of object above the horizon when last seen.

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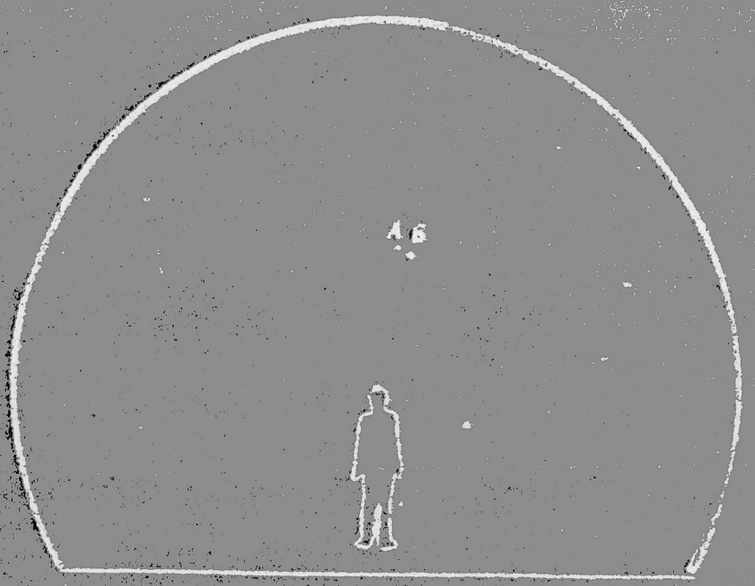


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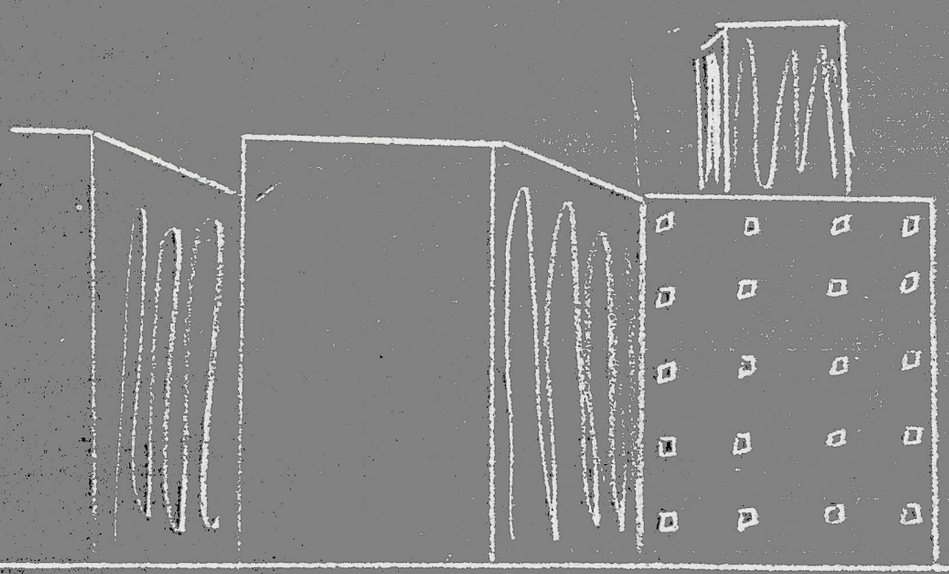
Tracing of drawing of object as seen
by SOURCE's 12 year old son. (unretouched)



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Statement of [redacted]

## S T A T E M E N T

My husband came home from work on the night of March 3rd 1955. As he approached Exterior Street he glanced up and saw an object in the sky. He was facing South at the time. He brought my attention to it and my son and I both joined my husband in observing this object which seemed to appear in circles rotating constantly. It also disappeared at intervals appearing again as if hidden by clouds. It made revolutions of approximately six inches in the sky. The object appeared as a hazy round light which took odd shapes at times. A second object, also sort of peared shaped appeared about 12 inches above the first. This second object appeared and disappeared at intervals but did not rotate. Both objects lasted about one hour and faded out simultaneously.

[redacted]

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INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY

1. A check with the Ground Observer Corps Filter Center at White Plains, New York (GEOREF HJBM 1401) revealed nothing to substantiate the "sightings." 1/Lt Roy W. Handlin, Adjutant, informed the investigators that there were no sightings of any sort in the area.

2. A check with the Hayden Planetarium also produced negative support to the sighting. Mr. Duffy, who holds the position of Assistant Observer, informed us that there were no sightings or reports of any kind.

3. A call was placed to the office of the D/I, 26th Air Division, and the investigators were informed that the Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island area had been very active with power search light activity. At the time of the first sighting Captain Haley, D/I, 26th Air Division, was airborne at approximately 1500 feet over the Bay of the New York harbor area, proceeding on a 060/090 heading. Attached as Inclosure #1 is a statement from Capt. Haley.

4. See Inclosure #2 for weather data at the time of sighting.

2 Incls.
1. Statement by Capt Haley
2. Weather Chart

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the hypothesis of the Preparing Officer that sighting is probably attributed to searchlight activity in the area.

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Statement of Captain Haley

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We took particular note of search light activity and related it to probable stimulation of UFOB reports. I have no doubt that the objects observed were the result of search light activity on low hanging clouds or smoke haze. Search light activity is wide spread in this locale. It begins early in the evening and continues until 2300-2400 hours EST.

/s/ George Haley
Capt USAF

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