THE PILOT'S RECORD

AFFA HQ. ---

AF NO. ---

AF GROUP NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 1145

SHAPE V/S

SIZE 20" Top to Bottom, 12"-14" Width

COLOR ---

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

PHASES --- SKETCHES ---

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

DATE OF INFO 7 March 1949

LOCATION Vermillion, Ohio

SOURCE Experienced Private Pilot

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR Grey and Red

SPEED ---

ALTITUDE 2500 [illegible]

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial

MANEUVERS ---

REMARKS: Object suddenly approached head on and appeared to be an A/C of some type.

Insufficient Data

[redacted]

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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 24-21F

15 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Inclosed for your information, and any action deemed necessary, is report of investigation by Special Agent GEORGE E. SWINFORD of this office, dated 10 June 1949.

2. With the submission of this report the files of this office are being closed in instant case.

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R/I dtd 10 Jun 49
(in dup)

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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1. Mr. I. P. HILLYARD, Aviation Safety Agent, Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Office of Aviation Safety, Municipal Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, stated as follows:

"On March 7, 1949 at approximately 14:45 while enroute from Toledo, Ohio to Cleveland, Ohio, via aircraft, I had an unusual incident occur.

When approximately four miles west of Vermilion, Ohio over the lakeshore at 2500 feet MSL altitude, an object was suddenly observed approaching head-on at the same altitude. I immediately pulled up into a steep right turn to avoid a collision and completed a turn to the right to observe the object with which I had nearly collided but very much to my amazement, I was unable to locate anything within seeing distance after spending several minutes searching the area. There was an overcast approximately 500 feet above my altitude so I finally decided the object may have climbed into the clouds.

My first impression was that I had nearly collided with a powered model airplane but after giving it more thought, I realized this was impossible as the head-on view of the fuselage was too large to be that of a model as the front view of the fuselage appeared to have an oval shape the same as an F80 and appeared to measure 18 to 20 inches from top to bottom and 12 to 14 inches in width and painted red. Wings were mounted in the center of the fuselage or as a mid-wing and each appeared to be about three feet long or a total span of six to eight feet and were painted light gray.

After landing at Cleveland, Ohio, I discussed the incident with a few close friends and let the matter drop as it was so fantastic, but after careful consideration, I now think this information should be on record.

As a matter of information, I have been flying for twenty years with approximately 6500 hours and hold an Airline Transport Pilot Rating Certificate with all ratings. The foregoing is not the result of a vivid imagination but an explanation of the facts to the best of my knowledge."

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 5D 24-21F

DATE 10 June 1949

REPORT MADE BY GEORGE E. SWINFORD mk

REPORT MADE AT DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O.

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TITLE

PROJECT GRUDGE
INCIDENT, VERMILION, OHIO

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CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation is predicated upon information received from Mr. I. P. HILLYARD, Aviation Safety Agent, Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Office of Aviation Safety, Municipal Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, that he had seen an unknown object approximately four miles west of Vermilion, Ohio, while flying at 2500 feet MSL altitude on 7 March 1949 at approximately 1445 hours. Object appeared to have an oval shape, the same as an F80, and to measure 18 to 20 inches top to bottom and 12 to 14 inches in width, painted red. Wings were mounted in the center of the fuselage and appeared to be about three feet long. HILLYARD tried to sight object immediately after passing said object but failed to sight this object again.

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ATIC NO. - - -

AF NO. - - -

[illegible] NO. - - -

DATE OF [illegible] - - -

TIME OF [illegible] 0103

SHAPE Round with tail

SIZE - - -

COURSE SSW

NO. IN GROUP 1

[illegible] - - -

[illegible] - - - SKETCHES - - -

DATE OF INFO 8 Mar 1949

COUNTRY Allegan Mich., Pen.

SOURCE Ed

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

COLOR Whitish-red

DIM P - - -

AMPLITUDE - - -

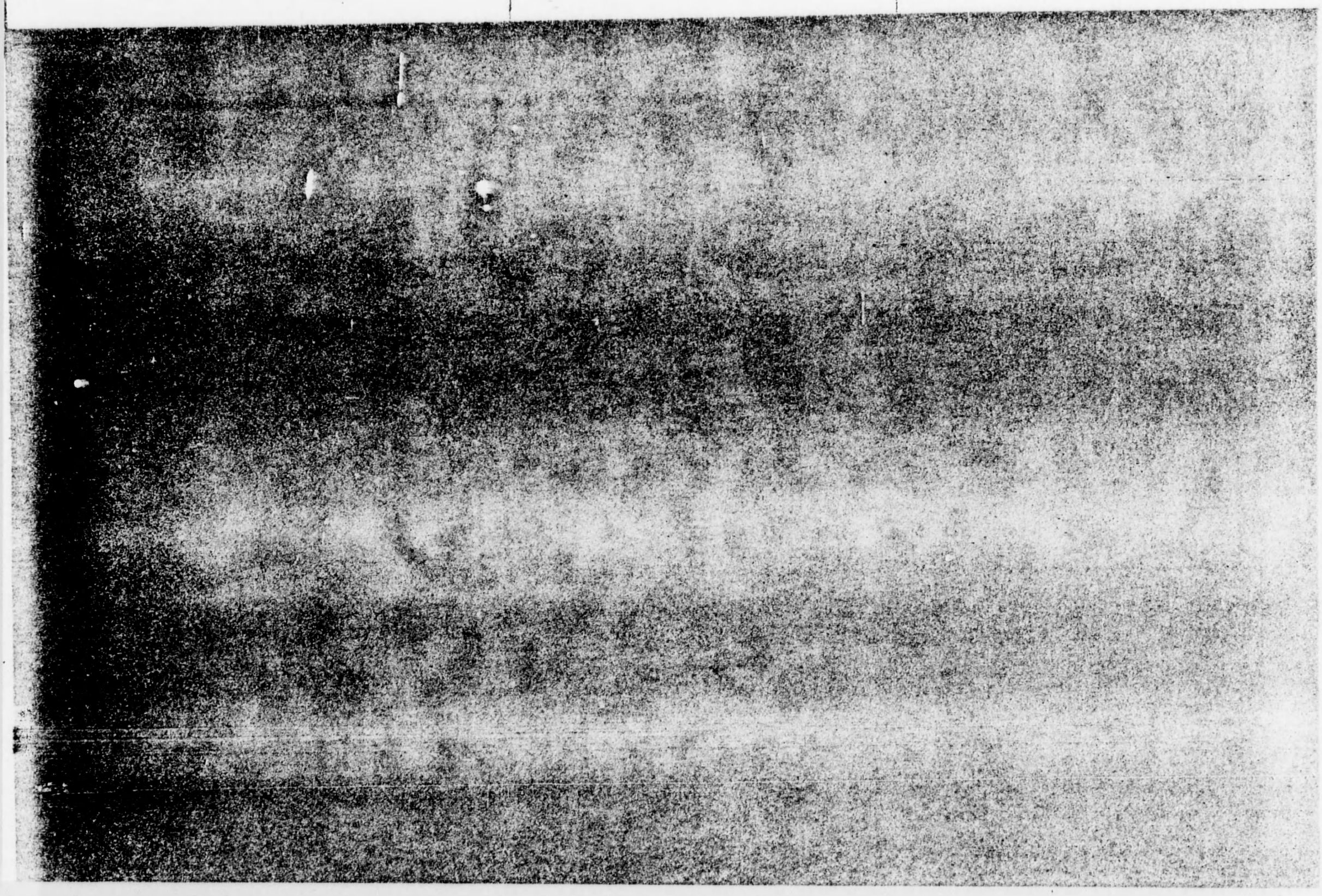
LENGTH OF FLIT [illegible] Somewhat

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Performed Arc

Temporary ATIC Form 529
(2 Jan 52)

Astro (meteor)



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INCIDENT NO. 278

1. Date of Observation 8 March 1949 Date of Interview

2. Exact time (local) 0103

3. Place of Observation Point #6, Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object -

6. Number of objects One

7. Apparent size Not known

8. Color of object Pale reddish nose, whitish red trail

9. Shape Lemon shape with tail

10. Altitude 15°

11. Direction from observer 304° to 244°

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Southerly

14. Time in sight

15. Speed Not known, but very fast

16. Sound and Odor None noticed

17. Trail Whitish red trail

18. Luminosity

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers Performed arc.

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather conditions Clear, see complete weather data in File 265.

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Incident: 278

Name and address of observer: Cpl. Luke Burke Sims
42nd AIB Co. A
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

U. S. Army

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Good observer.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

See original report in file 265.

Observer stated light started from point above horizon then arced upward and down to 15° when it disappeared. Was perfect arc. He was able to run 10 paces toward field telephone to report light before it vanished.

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INCIDENT NO. 278A

1. Date of Observation 8 March 1949 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact time (local) 0103

3. Place of Observation Point #1, Killeen Base, Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object -

6. Number of objects One

7. Apparent size Not known

8. Color of object Pale white light at head

9. Shape Roundish head with hazy smoke trail

10. Altitude from 58° - 54° above horizon

11. Direction from observer 122° to 126°

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Southwest

14. Time in sight long enough to snap your fingers

15. Speed Not known

16. Sound and Odor None

17. Trail left Hazy white smoke trail

18. Luminosity

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers Traveled in arc

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather conditions clear, see complete weather data in file 265.

(over)

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Incident: 273A

Name and address of observer: Pvt. Charlie H. Payne
42nd AIB Co. A
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

U. S. Army

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

See original report in file 265.

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