

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 Jul 49	2. LOCATION 11/0015Z	Dayton, Ohio	387
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (KITES)		
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was yellow and was in the NE sky at a 30-40 deg elev. At first the object appeared to be disc-shaped but after closer observation through a telescope it appeared to be two objects connected together. The front object appeared to be diamond-shaped with a black spot in the center. This object was fastened by rope or cable to a whitish-yellow disc in the rear.		
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <u>Ground-visual</u>			
7. COURSE <u>Stationary</u>			
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Interviews with persons who witnessed the object all generally agreed that the object was box kite.		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 5D 21-21X	DATE 15 August 1949
TITLE PROJECT "GRUDGE" Incident, Dayton, Ohio 10 July 1949		REPORT MADE BY JOHN L. BRENNER	nlb
		REPORT MADE AT DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio	PERIOD 21, 26 Jul; 1 Aug 49
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio	STATUS CLOSED
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS <p>This investigation predicated upon Routing and Record Sheet from Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, dated 14 July 1949, requesting investigation of the sighting of an aerial object. Interviews with persons who witnessed the object all generally agreed that same was a box kite.</p>			
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<p>APPROVED <i>Jerome M. Braun</i> J. M. G., le SOT for JEROME M. BRAUN Acting District Commander.</p>			
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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon Routing and Record Sheet from the Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, MCIAKS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, dated 14 July 1949, confirmed telephone call from Mr. [REDACTED] on 11 July 1949, requesting investigation of the sighting of an aerial object at approximately 1915 hours on 10 July 1949 in the vicinity of 431 East Stroop Road, Dayton, Ohio.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

2. On 21 July 1949, Mrs. ██████████ ██████████, Dayton, Ohio, was interviewed and stated in substance that at approximately 1915 hours on 10 July 1949, while sitting in her yard, she observed an object in the south-east which looked like a kite. Subsequent examination of the object through a pair of binoculars confirmed the belief that same was a kite, even though she did not see either the string nor the tail. According to Mrs. ██████████ the kite seemed to be drifting with the wind but was not moving a great deal. The object maintained its general direction until it became too dark to see it.

3. Mrs. _____ and Mrs. _____

~~Frank and Mary~~ both of Dayton, Ohio, were interviewed on 21 July 1949 and substantiated the above information. In addition, both interviewees advised that they had discussed this matter with their husbands and if present their husbands would volunteer the same information.

4. Mr.

Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed on 26 July 1949 relative to the predicating information. Informants advised that the object was observed through high power binoculars and there was no question in their minds that the object was a box kite. According to informants the string and tail were visible. Both agreed as to time and place of seeing the object. Mr. [REDACTED] added that he observed the same object on 9 July 1949 and it was in the same general direction.

5. On 1 August 1949, Mr. ██████████ ██████████ was interviewed. Mr. ██████████ stated in substance that the object was studied by him through binoculars and in his opinion same was a large box kite. Informant agreed as to time and place of seeing the object.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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SUBJECT Report of Investigation

TO MCI

FROM MCIAKS

DATE 14 July 49

COMMENT NO. 1

ATTN: Mr. [REDACTED]

1. In compliance with telephone conversation of 11 July 1948 between Mr. [REDACTED] of MCI and Mr. [REDACTED] of MCIAKS the following information regarding the sighting of an unidentified aerial phenomena, by Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dayton, Ohio is submitted.

2. When interviewed at his office (MCREUN) Mr. [REDACTED] stated that while standing in his yard at approximately 1915 hours, 10 July 1949 his attention was attracted to a yellowish object in the N. E. sky at a 30-45 degree elevation. At first the object appeared disc shaped but upon closer examination thru Binoculars it appeared to be two objects connected together. The front or foremost object appeared as a yellow diamond with a black spot in the center. This in turn was fastened by cable or rope to a whitish yellow disc or oval object in the rear. The length to width ratio appeared to be 5:1 or roughly the size of the first two joints of the index finger held at arms length. In the absence of any known aerial objects on which to base a comparison the observer was unable to make a reliable estimate as to size, altitude or distance from observer, however, a guess was offered that object may have been slightly larger than an F80 at an altitude of 1000 feet and at a distance of three miles. The object was under observation for a period of 15 minutes and was still in view when observer left scene. During this period no movement of object was noticed.

3. The observer also mentioned reporting this matter to the Airdrome Office, Area "B". A check of the log at the office of the Airdrome officer indicates this report was received at 1915 and that a check with the control tower to determine if they had witnessed this object yielded a negative reply.

4. Interview of other witness to this incident are being conducted by other intelligence agencies and their reports will be submitted upon receipt.

5. Project Grudge is unable to offer a logical explanation for this incident on the basis of information submitted to date.

*Affectionately yours,
W. R. Clingerman*

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5D031

MCIAKS

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ATTN: Mr. ██████████

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation of 11 July 1949 between Mr. ██████████ of 5D031 and Mr. ██████████ of MCIAKS.

2. It is requested your office initiate an investigation and obtain detailed information from each witness regarding the sighting of an unidentified aerial object at approximately 1900 hours, Sunday 10 July 1949 in the vicinity of 431 East Oregon Road, Dayton, Ohio.

3. The following names are mentioned as witnesses to this phenomenon:

██████████
██████████
Dayton, Ohio

4. Mr. ██████████ has been interviewed by personnel of this Division and his name may be deleted from this listing.

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INCIDENT NO. 387

1. Date of Observation 10 July 1949 Date of Interview 11 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1915
3. Place of Observation Dayton, Ohio
4. Position of observer Ground through binoculars
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size May have been slightly larger than F-80
8. Color of object Yellow
9. Shape Diamond shape connected to disc or oval object
10. Altitude 30-45° may have been 1000 ft
11. Direction from observer NE
12. Distance from observer may have been 3 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Stationary
14. Time in sight 15 Minutes
15. Speed Stationary
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Reflected
19. Projections See Shape
20. Maneuvers None
21. Manner of disappearance Observer left scene
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

Name and address of observer: ██████████, Dayton, Ohio

Occupation and hobbies:

Civilian Chief, Guided Missile Section AMC (MCREON)

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

Appeared above average intelligence, sincere, and level-headed.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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Kite

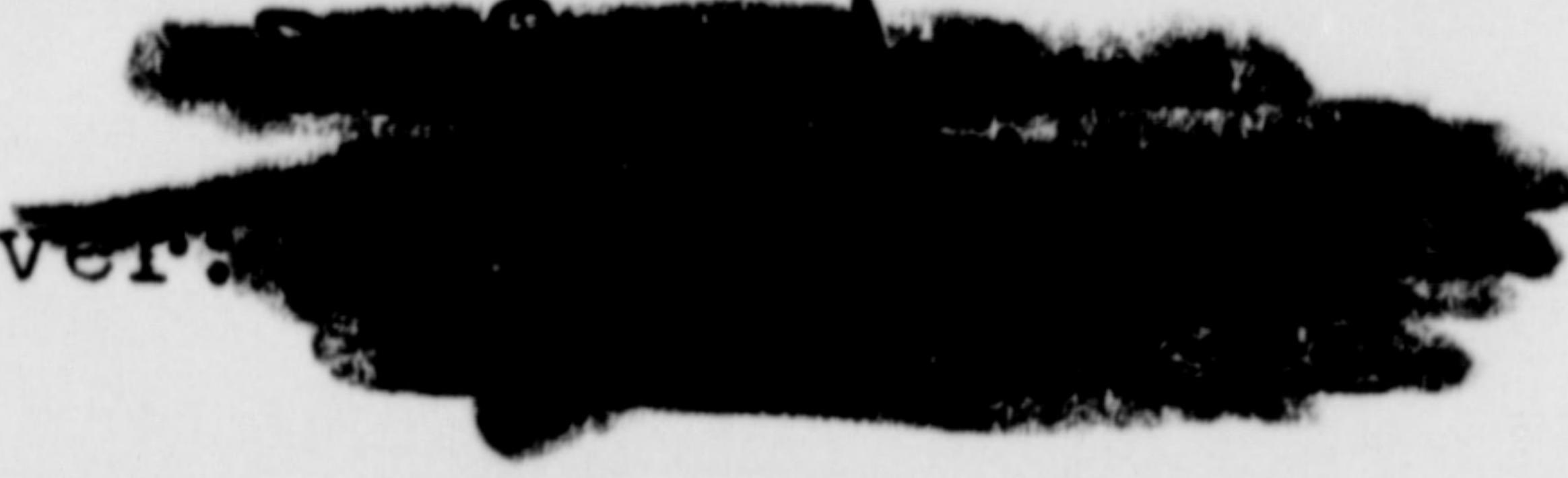
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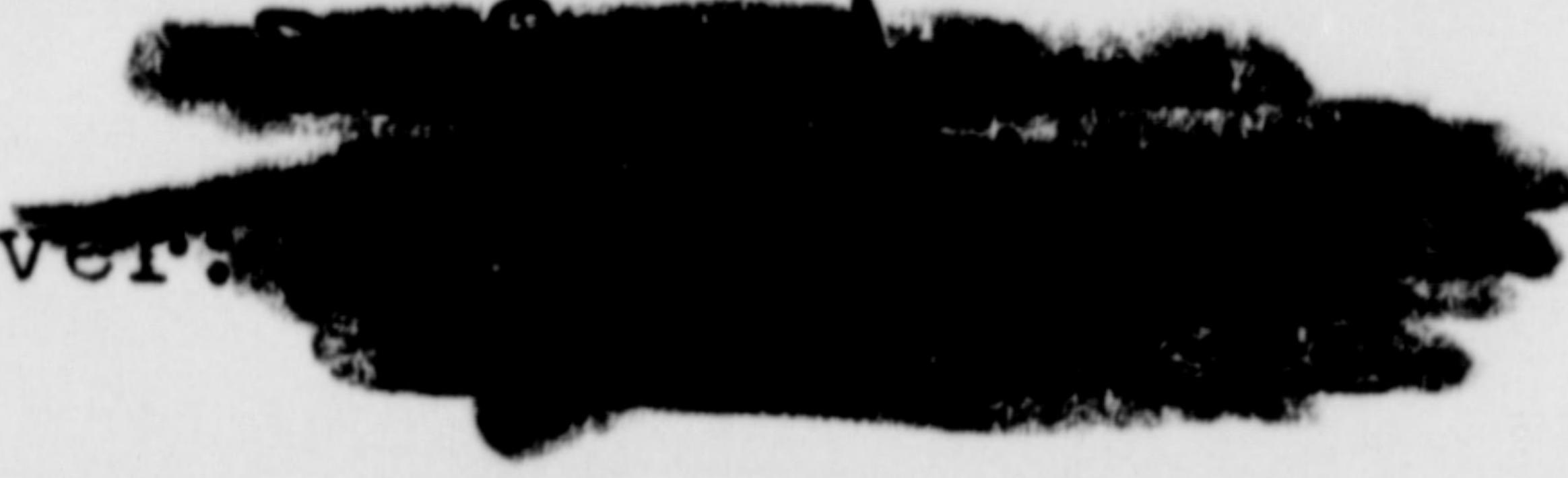
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 10 July Date of Interview 11 July
2. Exact time of observation (local) 19:15
3. Place of Observation: Dayton
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Ground - Thru Binoculars
5. What attracted attention to object:
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: one.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Size of joint of index finger
8. Color of object: yellow
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
see sketch
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
30-45 to 60° Elevation over 1000'
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
When first seen? NE When last seen? NE
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Several miles presumed to be 3
13. Direction of flight of object (s): no flight
14. Time in sight: 15 minutes
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance):
16. Sound and odor:

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Reflected, as object grew darker as dusk drew on.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
See Sketch
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
21. Manner of disappearance:
22. Effect on clouds:
None
23. Additional information concerning object:
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:


Name and address of observer:


Occupation and hobbies:


Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground
 - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
 - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:
 - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
 - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airbourne, when object was sighted
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
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 other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (theodolite, radar readings, etc.)
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.
6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:
 - a. Object
 - b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
 - c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
 - d. Maneuvers
 - e. Formation (if more than two)
7. Secure signed statements.
8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

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Dayton, Ohio

Quidrome Office - Area B

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