

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 August 19 02/2000Z	2. LOCATION San Francisco, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (KITES)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two to Eight	Radar testing devices known as "kites" were released from the AF Radar Installation at Treasure Island and Fort Baker twice each day at 1000 and 1600 PST.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 - 40 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Objects appeared to be in formation and traveling at a speed greater than jet aircraft. Objects were described as being oval in shape some were like a box kite. The objects made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no exhaust, or trails and no sound observed. Objects disappeared behind a fog bank. The second time these objects were sighted they were described as being silver in color, construction seemed to be solid, the shape was square like a box kite, and the size was about 12 inches square. The direction of flight was SSE and climbing.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N to SSE	
8. PHOTOS D Yes	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE D Yes	

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DETAILS

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1. On 10 October 1949 information received from the San Francisco, California Office, Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) revealed that there are one hundred sixty-one (161) listed air carriers in the Bay Area, San Francisco, California. Fourteen (14) of the listed air carriers operate on regular schedules and less than one (1) percent of the remaining carriers file any type of flight plan or clearance, consequently it is impossible to determine the existence of any known aircraft in the area 44° x 15'N, 132°-57'W on 2 August 1949.

2. On 10 October 1949 a check of the San Francisco and Oakland, California Municipal Airports revealed that less than one (1) percent of the aircraft normally using these airports file any type of flight plan or clearance, consequently it is impossible to determine the existence of any known aircraft in the area 44° x 15'N, 132°-57'W on 2 August 1949.

3. On 10 October 1949 a check of the records maintained by G-2, Sixth Army and ONI, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California revealed that these commands do not possess a radar installation which is powerful enough to reach the area 44° 15'N, 132° 57'W

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

1. Will conduct an interview with Reverend [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Oakland, California.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. Will obtain signed statements from observers.
3. Will conduct further interviews with people to evaluate reliability of observers.
4. Will determine exact number of radar testing devices sent aloft on 1 August 1949.
5. Will check F.B.I. and Police Department, San Francisco, records re observers.

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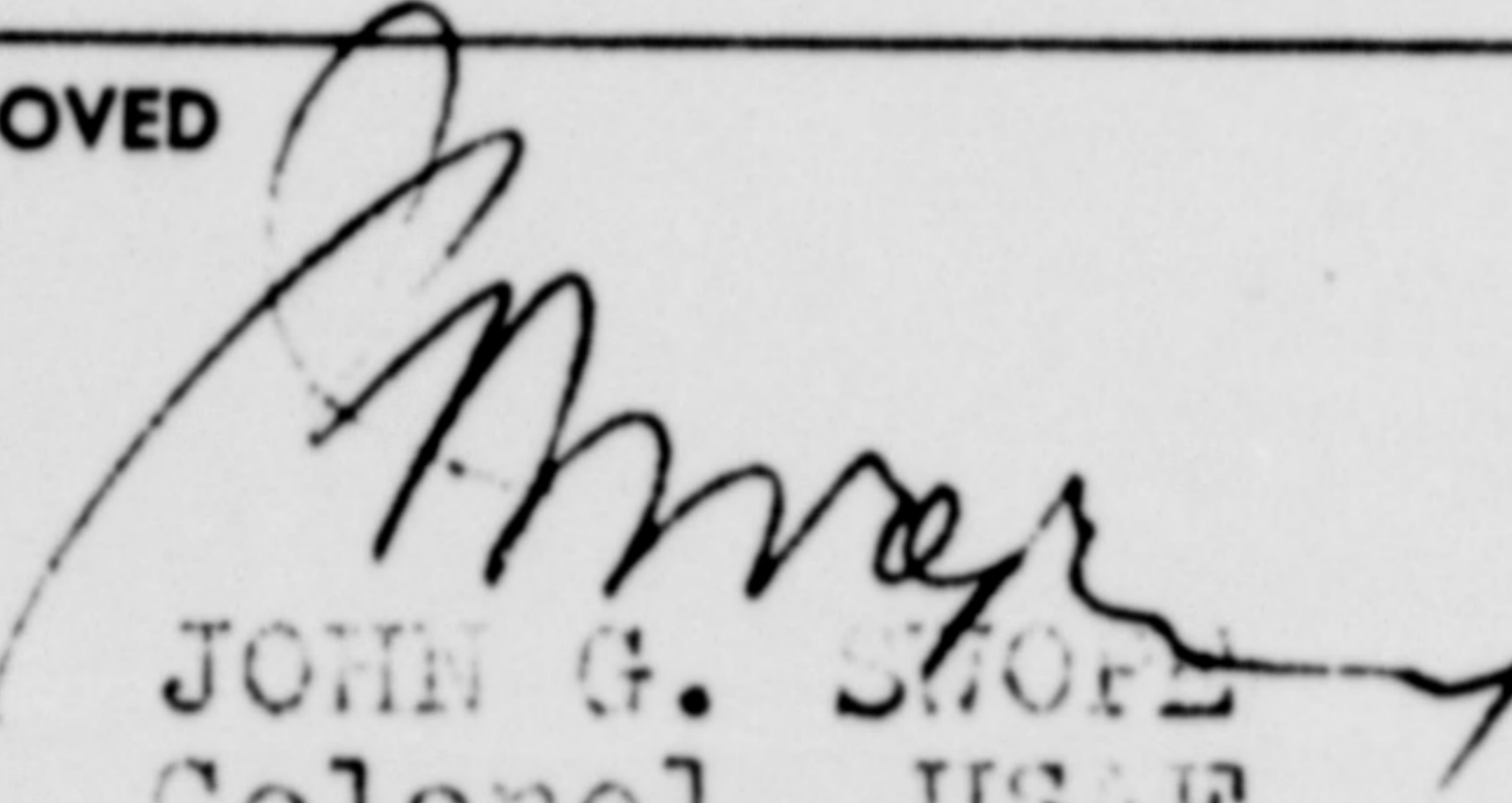
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-21	DATE 31 October 1949
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT Unusual Aerial Phenomena Near Position #6 (4415N x 1325W) Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California "Project Sign"		REPORT MADE BY S/A WILLIAM I. CASTLE	
		REPORT MADE AT PO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		PERIOD 10-11 October 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN PO #19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE Det of S/A J. W. [REDACTED], PO #19, File 24-21, dtd 31 September 1949			
SYNOPSIS A check of the flight clearance records maintained by the San Francisco Office Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) and Municipal Airports located in San Francisco and Oakland, California revealed no information concerning unusual aerial phenomena sighted on 2 August 1949. Information received from G-2, Sixth Army; GHI, Twelfth Naval District, and Air Force Early Warning Radar Station, Bay Area, San Francisco, California revealed no identifying data concerning the unusual aerial phenomena sighted on 2 August 1949. - CLOSED DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10			
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TITLE PROJECT GRUDGE Unidentified Aircraft 1 August 1949 in Vicinity of San Francisco, California		REPORT MADE BY JACK S. MARTIN	
		REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		PERIOD 2, 6, 7 September 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER Special Inquiry			
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS Investigation requested by District Commander, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, upon receipt of report from Mr. T. QUINN, Office of Naval Intelligence, 12th Naval District, Federal Building, San Francisco, California. Mr. [REDACTED], who was described as "[REDACTED]", stated that on 1 August 1949, while on a boat entering the Golden Gate, he sighted several objects which he described as being oval, at an undetermined altitude, and which appeared to be traveling faster than jet aircraft. These objects were brought to the attention of other passengers on the boat. Radar units in the Bay Area revealed that there were testing devices aloft on 1 August 1949. <div style="text-align: center;">DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS. DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DO# 24-29-10</div>			
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Inclosures (cont'd)

The original signed statement (and 5 copies) of Mr. [REDACTED] dated, at San Francisco, California, 29 September 1949.

The original signed statement (and 5 copies) of Reverend [REDACTED] dated, at Oakland, California, 29 September 1949.

The original copy of sketches of objects by Mr. [REDACTED].

The original copy of sketches of objects by Reverend [REDACTED]

FOR CG, AMC AND OSI HEADQUARTERS

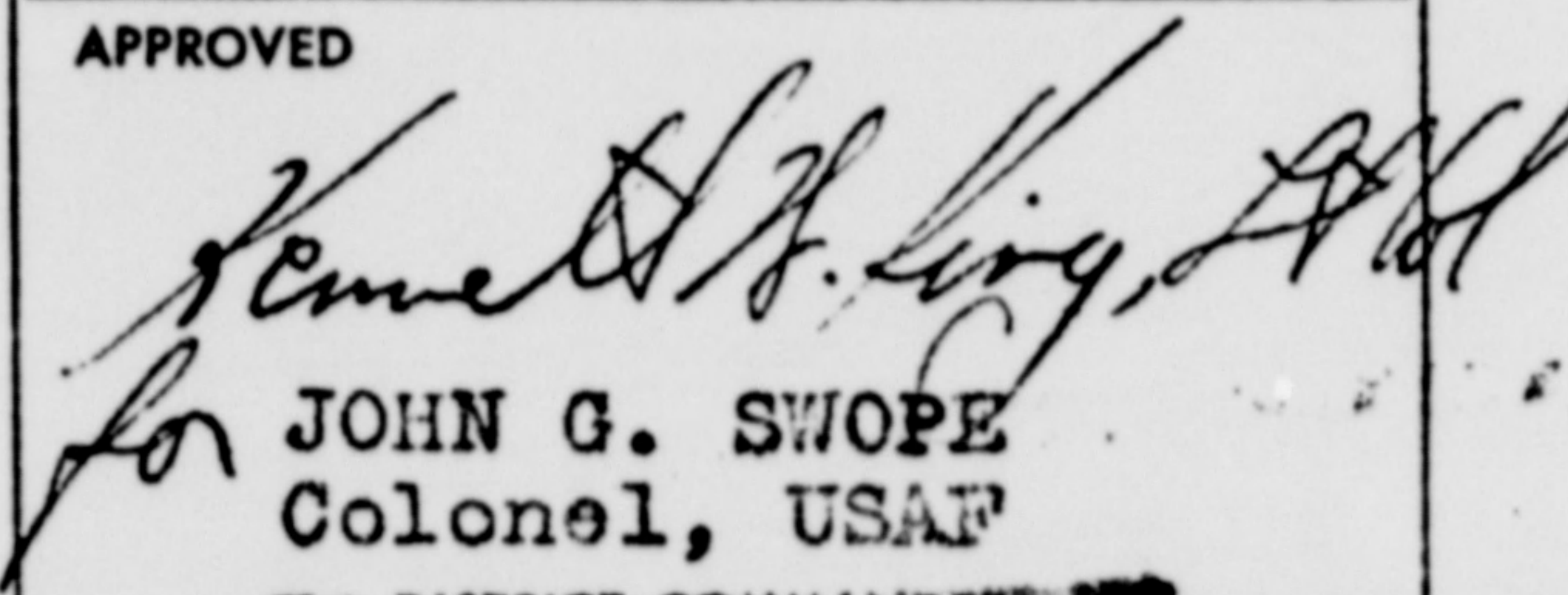
Two (2) copies of sketch drawn by Reverend [REDACTED]

Two (2) copies of sketch drawn by Mr. [REDACTED]

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TITLE PROJECT GRUDGE Unidentified aircraft 1 August 1949 in Vicinity of San Francisco, California		REPORT MADE BY JACK S. MARTIN
		REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB
		PERIOD 12, 13, 14 September 1949
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB
		STATUS PENDING
CHARACTER Special Inquiry		
REFERENCE Pending Rpt by S/- JACK S. MARTIN, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, File No. 24-28, dtd 21 Sept 49		
SYNOPSIS Reverend [REDACTED] stated that his attention was drawn by Mr. [REDACTED] to six (6) or more unusual and unidentifiable objects in the sky on 1 August 1949. Three (3) character witnesses for Mr. [REDACTED] described him as being "dogmatic in his viewpoints". One (1) character witness for Mr. [REDACTED] vouched for his reliability and responsibility. No character witnesses were obtainable for Reverend [REDACTED]. Two (2) radar testing devices were aloft on 1 August 1949. Oakland Police Department, San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Field Office, F.B.I., have no record of [REDACTED].		
<p>DOWNGRADED AT 8 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10</p>		
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		REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
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		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
		STATUS PENDING	
CHARACTER Special Inquiry			
REFERENCE Pending Rpt by S/A JACK S. MARTIN, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, File No. 24-28 dtd 21 Sept 49			
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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will obtain sketches of objects seen by Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street, San Francisco, California,
when he returns from vacation, 8 November 1949.

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DETAILS:

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On 15 December 1949, the inclosed sketch of unidentified aircraft sighted on 1 August 1949 in the vicinity of San Francisco, California, was obtained from Mr. [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] Street, San Francisco, California.

Inclosure:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

Original rough sketch of unidentified aircraft drawn
by Mr. [REDACTED]

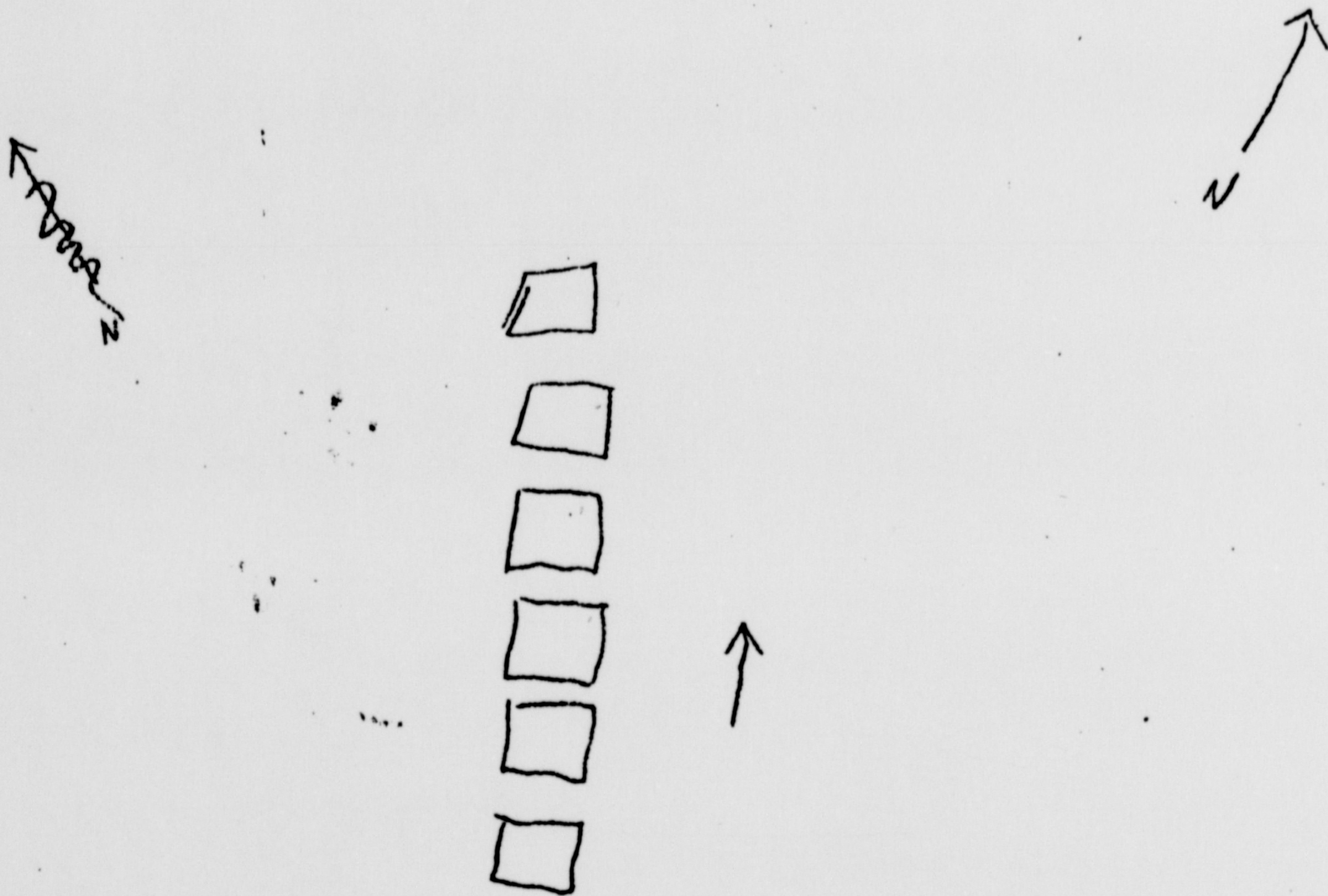
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SKETCHES OF OBJECTS AS SEEN BY MR. [REDACTED]

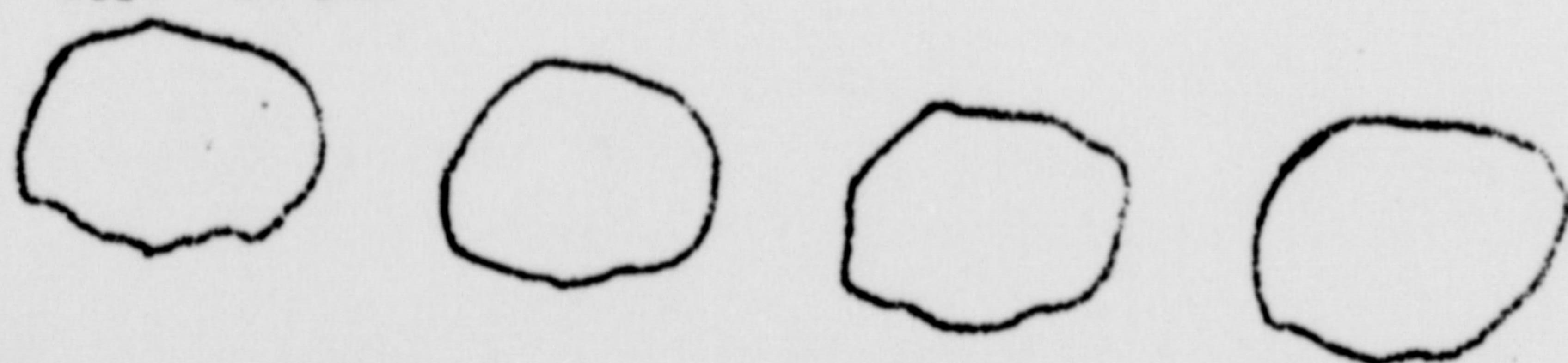


S/ [REDACTED]

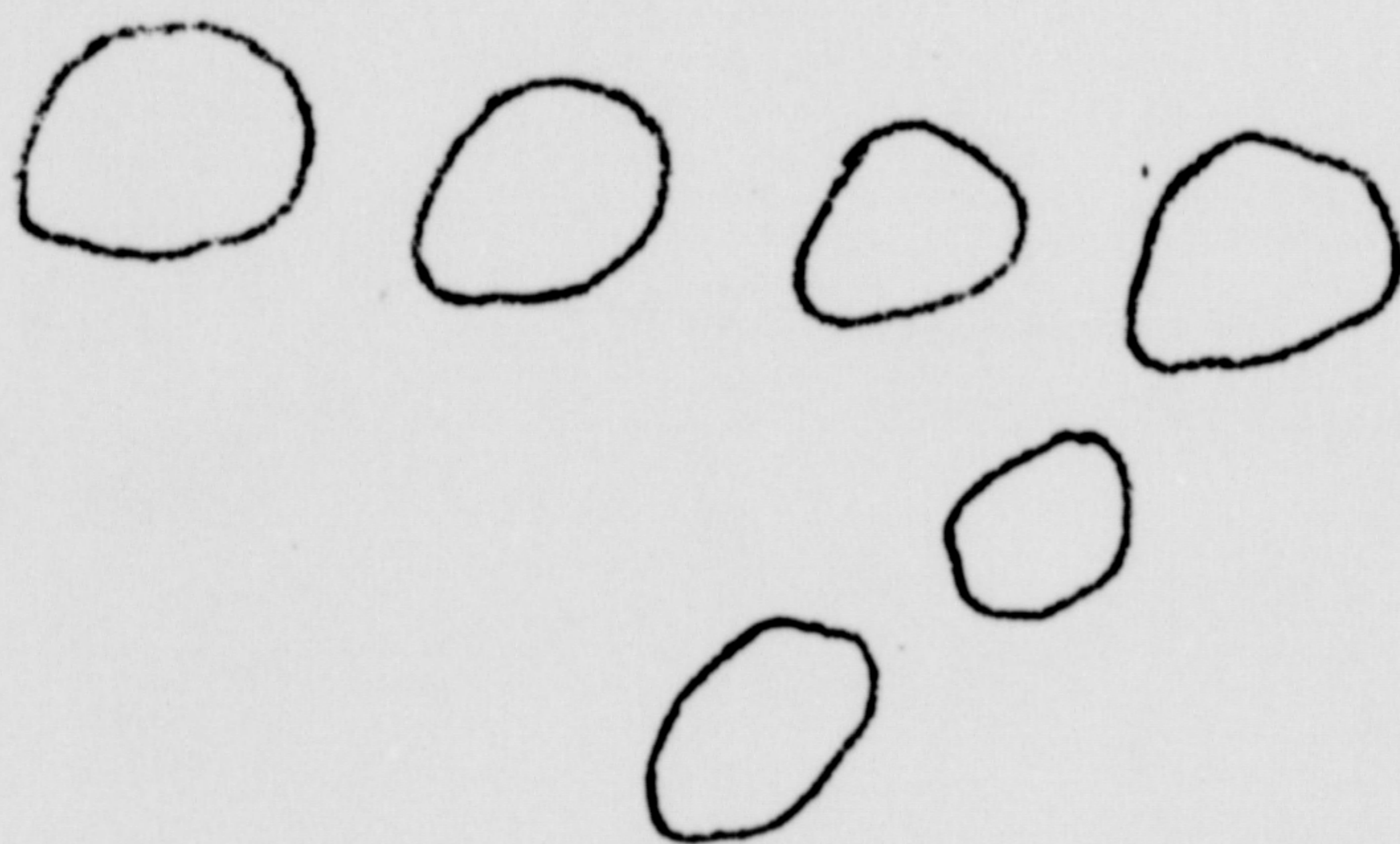
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SKETCHES OF OBJECTS AS SEEN BY REV [REDACTED]

s/ FIRST SAW THEM



s/ SECOND



s/ REV. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the District Commander, DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California, upon receipt of report from Mr. [REDACTED], Office of Naval Intelligence, 12th Naval District, Federal Building, San Francisco, California, dated 2 September 1949.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. On 2 September 1949, in an interview with Mr. [REDACTED] sales clerk, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] t, San Francisco, California, the following information was ascertained: On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1400 hours, PST, Mr. [REDACTED], while riding on a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, sighted two (2) objects appearing to be in formation and traveling at a speed greater than that of jet aircraft. These objects were oval in shape, from 10,000 to 25,000 feet in altitude, at a distance laterally of approximately eight (8) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was approximately 35 to 40 seconds and the objects appeared to be silvery in color, having oval shapes, and apparently of solid construction. Size of these objects, as they appeared from [REDACTED] view, were approximately the size of a penny, and the estimated size was approximately 40 feet in diameter. The objects were going due North, and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of the objects, there was no means of aero dynamic support. There was no sound, no fins or stabelizers were visible, and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was estimated at from one to one and one-half times faster than jet aircraft. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that objects disappeared behind fog bank. Mr. [REDACTED] called the attention of the other members of the boat to these objects which appeared to be in formation, and after they had disappeared from view, Mr. [REDACTED], several minutes later, spotted approximately seven (7) more of these objects in trail formation at the same altitude, traveling in the same direction and being identical with the original objects.

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3. On 6 September 1949, in an interview with Captain [REDACTED], San Francisco, California, Captain of a commercial passenger fishing boat for Jerry's Bait Shop, the following information was ascertained: On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1430 hours, PST, [REDACTED], who was a passenger on the boat and was known to Captain [REDACTED] as being a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], San Francisco, California, called his attention to several objects (four or more) in the sky. At this time the fishing boat was approaching San Francisco in the main ship channel of the Golden Gate, was approximately 200 yards South of No. 2 Buoy, and was due East of the San Francisco Light Ship. At this time the objects were approximately nine (9) miles away, laterally, at an angle of elevation from the horizon of 45°, at an approximate altitude of 1000 feet. Sighting time was less than a minute. Objects were described as being silver in color, and having a square shape, approximating that of a box kite. Construction seemed to be solid, and the size, as it appeared from Captain [REDACTED]'s view, was twelve (12) inches square. The direction of flight was approximated as SSE and appeared to be climbing. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no lights were noticed, either reflected or attached, no aero dynamic support was visible other than shape of object. There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, either propeller or jet, no fins or stabilizers were noticed and no slots or duct openings were visible. No sound was heard, and the speed was estimated as at jet speed or better. These objects faded from view.

NOTE: Discrepancies in the shape, altitude, and direction of flight, between Mr. [REDACTED]'s version and Captain [REDACTED]'s version were noted and questioned. Both were convinced of the accuracy of their own statements.

4. On 6 September 1949, Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Street, Jerry's Bait Shop, San Francisco, California, stated that Mr. [REDACTED] had worked for him for approximately ten (10) years, as a sales clerk and that Captain [REDACTED] had been employed by him as Captain of his commercial passenger

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fishing boat for eight (8) years. Records of his boat log showed that on 1 August 1949, the following list of people had made a fishing trip outside the Golden Gate:

Captain [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Reverend [REDACTED],
Oakland, California
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]

There were no addresses given for [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], and these names were unfamiliar to Mr. [REDACTED], Captain [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as being rather excitable and as having a tendency to exaggerate. Nothing derogatory was known of Mr. [REDACTED] and he was also described as being honest and trustworthy. Captain [REDACTED] was described as being rather "easy going" with no tendency to exaggerate or to become excited.

5. On 6 September 1949, the Winds Aloft Report from the Oakland Air Port, on 1 August 1949, at 1300 hours, PST, was as follows:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Speed</u>
4000 ft	SSW	10 knots
6000 "	S	" "
8000 "	"	15 "
10000 "	"	" "
12000 "	SSW	" "
14000 "	"	20 "
16000 "	S	15 "

Weather report from Alcatraz Island, on 1 August 1949, at 1630 hours, PST, showed a visibility of 10 miles, clear sky,

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DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

1. On 12 September 1949, in an interview with Reverend [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Oakland, California, the following information was ascertained: On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1430 hours, PST, Reverend [REDACTED], while riding on a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, sighted six (6) or more objects appearing to be in formation and traveling at a speed slower than that of a jet aircraft. These objects were oval in shape, at an undetermined altitude, at a distance laterally of approximately ten (10) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was estimated as from three (3) to four (4) seconds. Color was expressed as silvery, and objects apparently were of solid construction. Estimated size, as they appeared from Rev. [REDACTED]'s view, was like a "half dollar", and estimated size was 20 feet in diameter. The objects were going ENE and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of objects there was no means of aerodynamic support. There was no sound; no fins or stabilizers were visible; and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was estimated at "slower than jet aircraft." Objects faded from view. Rev. [REDACTED]'s attention was drawn to these objects by Mr. [REDACTED].

NOTE: Rev. [REDACTED] is Colored, and his religious sect is "[REDACTED]". His wife is considered a "Prophetess". Rev. [REDACTED] impressed this agent as being a "religious fanatic" and as not particularly responsible or reliable. [REDACTED] lives in an extremely low class Colored neighborhood and attempts to interview neighbors to establish [REDACTED]'s reliability were not successful.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

2. On 13 September 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED] Street (owner of the residence at [REDACTED] Street); Mrs. [REDACTED] Street; and Mr. [REDACTED] Sacramento Street, all of San Francisco, California, stated

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that they have known Mr. [REDACTED] for from three (3) to fifteen (15) years. Nothing derogatory was known of SUBJECT and he was described as being "temperate in habits", "dogmatic in his view points", and because of his advancing years tended to "insist on having his own way."

3. On 14 September 1949, Mr. [REDACTED], Proprietor, [REDACTED] Hotel Apartments, [REDACTED] Street, San Francisco, California, stated that he has known [REDACTED] for approximately three (3) years, during which time [REDACTED] lived at the [REDACTED] Hotel Apartments. [REDACTED] was described as being a responsible tenant, causing no trouble, and Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that as far as he knew, he had no reason to doubt [REDACTED]'s reliability.

4. On 14 September 1949, Captain HOWARD A. CARLSON, 12456-A, Detachment Commander, Detachment E, 3903 Radar Bomb Scoring Squadron, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, was interviewed and stated that on 1 August 1949, two (2) radar testing devices were released; one (1) at approximately 1000 hours, PST, and another at 1400 hours, PST.

5. On 13 September 1949, the files of the following agencies were checked and contained no information re [REDACTED]

Criminal and Subversive Files, Police Department,
San Francisco, California
Criminal and Subversive Files, Police Department,
Oakland, California
F.B.I. Field Office, San Francisco, California

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DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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NOTE: Rev. [REDACTED] is Colored, and his religious sect is "[REDACTED]". His wife is considered a "Prophetess". Rev. [REDACTED] impressed this agent as being a "religious fanatic" and as not particularly responsible or reliable. [REDACTED] lives in an extremely low class Colored neighborhood and attempts to interview neighbors to establish DANIELS' reliability were not successful.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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4. On 14 September 1949, Captain [REDACTED] SANDSON, 12456-A, Detachment Commander, Detachment E, 3903 Radar Bomb Scoring Squadron, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, was interviewed and stated that on 1 August 1949, two (2) radar testing devices were released; one (1) at approximately 1000 hours, PST, and another at 1400 hours, PST.

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San Francisco, California
Criminal and Subversive Files, Police Department,
Oakland, California
F.B.I. Field Office, San Francisco, California

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. On 29 September 1949, Mr. [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] Street, San Francisco, California, signed
the following statement:

"On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1400 hours, PST, while riding on a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, I sighted two (2) objects appearing to be in formation and traveling at a speed greater than that of jet aircraft. These objects were oval in shape, from 10,000 to 25,000 feet in altitude, at a distance laterally of approximately eight (8) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was approximately 35 to 40 seconds and the objects appeared to be silvery in color, having oval shapes, and apparently of solid construction. Size of these objects, as they appeared from my view, were approximately 40 feet in diameter. The objects were going due North, and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of the objects, there was no means of aerodynamic support. There was no sound, no fins or stabilizers were visible, and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was estimated at from one to one and one-half times faster than jet aircraft. The objects disappeared behind fog bank. I called the attention of the other members of the boat to these objects which appeared to be in formation, and after they had disappeared from view, several minutes later, I spotted approximately seven (7)

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more of these objects in trail formation at the same altitude, traveling in the same direction and being identical with the original objects."

/s/ [REDACTED]

WITNESSES:

/s/ CHARLES A. STARRATT

/s/ JACK S. MARTIN

2. On 29 September 1949, Mr. [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] Street, San Francisco, California, signed
the following statement:

"On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1400 hours, PST, Mr. [REDACTED], who was a passenger on the commercial passenger fishing boat belonging to [REDACTED] Bait Shop, of which I am Captain, called my attention to several objects (four or more) in the sky. At this time the fishing boat was approaching San Francisco in the main ship channel of the No. 2 Buoy, and was due East of the San Francisco Light Ship. At this time, the objects were approximately nine (9) miles away, laterally, at an angle of elevation from the horizon of 45°, at an approximate altitude of 1000 feet. Sighting time was less than a minute. Objects were described as being silver in color, and having a square shape, approximating that of a box kite. Construction seemed to be solid, and the size, as it appeared from my view, was twelve (12) inches square. The direction

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DETAILS (cont'd)

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of flight was approximately SSE and appeared to be climbing. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no lights were noticed, either reflected or attached, no aero dynamic support was visible other than shape of object. There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, either propeller or jet, no fins or stabilizers were noticed and no slots or duct openings were visible. No sound was heard, and the speed was approximately at jet speed or better. These objects faded from view."

/s/ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

* WITNESSES:

/s/ JACK S. MARTIN

/s/ Mrs. [REDACTED]

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

3. On 29 September 1949, Reverend [REDACTED], Oakland, California, signed the following statement:

"On Monday, 1 August 1949, at approximately 1430 hours, PST, while riding in a commercial passenger fishing boat approaching the Golden Gate, my attention was called, by Mr. [REDACTED], a fellow passenger, to six (6) or more objects appearing in formation and traveling at a speed slower than that of a jet aircraft. These objects in the sky were oval in shape, at an undetermined altitude, at a distance, laterally, of approximately ten (10) miles, and at an angle of elevation from the horizon of approximately 55°. Sighting time was approximately 3 to 4 seconds.

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Color was silvery, and objects apparently were of solid construction. Approximate size, as they appeared from my view, was "half dollar" and approximate size was 20 feet in diameter. The objects were going ENE and made no tactics or maneuvers. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no visible lights, and other than the shape of objects, there was no means of aero dynamic support. There was no sound; no fins or stabilizers were visible and nothing was seen of any means of propulsion. No slots or duct openings were noticed and the speed of objects was slower than jet aircraft. Objects faded from view."

/s/ [REDACTED]

WITNESSES:

/s/ JACK S. MARTIN

/s/ STEVE FORD

AT SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

4. On 18 October 1949, sketches were obtained from Reverend [REDACTED] Avenue, Oakland, California, and Mr. [REDACTED] Street, San Francisco, California.

Inclosures:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

The original signed statement (and 5 copies) of Mr. [REDACTED] dated, at San Francisco, California, 29 September 1949.

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surface winds at SW at 15 knots, temperature 61°. Weather report from the Coast Guard, Fort Point Station, San Francisco, California, on 1 August 1949, at 1400 hours, PST, showed barometric pressure 30.22, temperature 62°, westerly wind at 12 to 15 miles per hour. Sea calm, scattered clouds, 6 to 8 mile visibility. Weather report from San Francisco Light Ship, for 1 August 1949, 1300 hours, PST, showed barometric pressure 30.19, temperature 70°, westerly wind 8 to 12 miles per hour; light sea; visibility 15 to 20 miles. Scattered clouds.

6. On 7 September 1949, it was learned from the San Francisco Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) that there were 161 listed air carriers in the Bay Area. Only 14 of these have regularly scheduled flights and less than one percent of the remaining file any kind of plan or clearance for their flights. A check with the Oakland Air Port and the San Francisco Air Port revealed that less than one percent of the planes normally using those fields file any type of schedule or clearance. A check with the Hamilton Air Force Base and a check at the Navy Alameda Air Station disclosed that on 1 August 1949, there were numerous flights made by military aircraft in and around the Bay Area.

7. On 7 September 1949, Air Force Radar Installations at Treasure Island and Fort Baker, both at San Francisco, California, revealed that they send aloft radar testing devices known as "kites" twice each day at approximately 1000 and 1600 hours, PST. These devices are of aluminum sheet, approximately five (5) feet on a side, roughly diamond shaped and containing double sets of triangular fins on the top side. These are carried aloft by gas filled balloons and when these devices reach a high enough altitude, the expanding gases cause the balloons to burst and the "kites" drift earthward.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-47

26 October 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GHUDGE, Incident at San Francisco, California
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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1. Reference is made to letters from this office, subject and file as above, dated 30 September and 5 October 1949, and reports of investigation inclosed therewith.
2. Inclosed for your information and necessary action is another pending report of investigation by Special Agent JACK S. MARTIN, DO #19, subject and file as above, dated 21 October 1949.
3. This investigation is continuing and additional reports will be forwarded your office upon receipt by this office.

1 Incl
R/I dtd 21 Oct 49
(in dup)

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-47

5 October 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE - Incident of Unidentified Aircraft
San Francisco, California - 1 August 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, subject and file as above, dated 30 September 1949.
2. The inclosed report of investigation of Special Agent JACK S. MARTIN, DO #19, dated 28 September 1949, is forwarded for your information and necessary action.
3. Investigation is pending and your office will be forwarded reports of investigation as received in this office.

1 Incl
Rpt dtd 28 Sep 49 (trip)

[Signature]
D. M. LYNCH
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

30 September 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE - INCIDENT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - 1 AUGUST 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Inclosed for your information and necessary action is report of investigation of Special Agent JACK S. MARTIN, DO #19, dated 21 September 1949.

2. Investigation is continuing and your office will be forwarded reports of investigation as received in this office.

1 Incl
R/I dtd 21 Sep 49 (dup)

[Signature]
D. M. LYNCH
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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