ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 9 Aug 1949

AF NO. --- LOCATION Hebgen Lake, Montana

INCIDENT NO. --- SOURCE Two civilians

DATE OF REPORT 18 Aug 1949 DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 0930 COLOR Grayish

SHAPE Circular SPEED Over 1000 MPH

SIZE Little larger than auto tire ALTITUDE --- Measured x

COURSE SW LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---

NO. IN GROUP 7 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND Similar to Siren MANEUVERS Two discs crashed

FLASH --- SKETCHES ---

Remarks: Investigators searched area for discs reported to have crashed with negative results. Source while trustworthy is prone to exaggeration.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-185

DATE 2 November 1949

REPORT MADE BY
SA R. P. SPALDING

REPORT MADE AT
DO #15, Great Falls AFB, Montana

PERIOD
28 October 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #15, Great Falls AFB, Montana

STATUS
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TITLE

SIGHT OF FLYING DISCS ON
9 AUGUST 1949 AT HEBGEN LAKE,
WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE Report of Investigation of SA J. P. BRYNILDSEN, this office, subject as above, dated 31 Aug 49.

SYNOPSIS

Referenced case is being re-opened as it is believed that the "unusual object" recovered by Mr. [redacted], West Yellowstone, Montana, is identical with the object sighted by Mr. [redacted] on 9 August 1949, at Hebgen Lake, Montana. The object was recovered by [redacted] on Danny Creek Ridge in the approximate location that EMERSON saw alleged flying disc crash in a wooded area on the southwest shore of Hebgen Lake. Object was determined to be an astradome from a C-47 type aircraft.

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1. This case is being re-opened on information supplied by SA Geno [redacted], Butte, Montana Office, F.B.I., Great Falls, Montana, resident agency, on 5 October 1949, to the effect that Mr. [redacted], Gallatin County, Bozeman, Montana, had in his possession a "plastic disc-like affair" which had been found on a mountain side near Hebgen Lake, West Yellowstone, Montana.

AT GREAT FALLS AIR FORCE BASE, MONTANA

2. On 25 October 1949, Mr. [redacted], Gallatin County, Bozeman, Montana, was contacted by telephone and he advised that the description of the "unusual object" in his possession was as follows:

General shape:	Saucer
Material:	Plastic or plexiglass
Diameter	20"
Depth	8"

At the extreme point of convexity, there was a metal disc about three inches in diameter which was held in place by a nut. There was no indication of motivating power and it did not appear as if there had ever been any. [redacted] further stated that the "object" had been found by a Mr. [redacted] West Yellowstone, Montana, on Danny Creek Ridge, which is on the southwest shore of Hebgen Lake, Montana, while hunting. The Sheriff had received the "object" on 18 October 1949 but did not know the exact date which [redacted] had discovered same.

Further conversation with Mr. [redacted], revealed that at some time or other, the object had been subject to high temperatures due to the condition of the lip of the object. HOGG stated he had been around the Air Force and airplanes considerably and had never seen anything of a nature resembling the object.

AT BOZEMAN, MONTANA

3. Investigation at Bozeman, Montana, is a joint investigation of Special Agent HENRY C. DEAVERS and the writer.

4. On 28 October 1949, [redacted] was interviewed at the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Bozeman, Montana, and no further facts concerning date, time and circumstances surrounding the finding of the object on Danny Creek Ridge were obtained.

5. The "unusual object" produced by [redacted], consisting of ten pieces of plexiglass of varying sizes, when pieced together, resembled an astradome or

[redacted]

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scanning blister from an airplane.

6. On 31 October 1949, the writer observed the astradome in a C-47 type aircraft and it was determined that the object received from [redacted] was identical with aforementioned astradome.

7. On 31 October 1949, Capt EDWIN W. SAAR, AO 869 575, Supervisor of Aircraft Maintenance, Hq Squadron, 1701st Maintenance Group, Great Falls Air Force Base, was contacted and requested to furnish instructions for disposition of the remains of the C-47 astradome. Capt SAAR advised that it should be destroyed as he had no further use for it nor would any other Air Force agency have need of it.

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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 24-21BB

7 September 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
Incident - Hebgen Lake, Montana
9 August 1949

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

1. Reference is made to Routing and Record Sheet your office, dated 22 August 1949, in which it was requested that a thorough investigation be conducted concerning the sighting of flying discs on 9 August 1949 at Hebgen Lake, Montana.

2. Inclosed for your information is report of investigation by Special Agent JOHN P. BRYNILDSEN, DO #15, Great Falls Air Force Base, Montana, dated 31 August 1949.

3. As this is the final report in this investigation, the files of this district office are being closed in instant case.

JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

1 Incl
Rpt of Inv, DO #15,
S/A JOHN P. BRYNILDSEN,
dtd 31 Aug 49.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-185-7

DATE 31 August 1949

REPORT MADE BY
JOHN P. BRYNILDSEN

REPORT MADE AT
DO #15, Great Falls AFB, Montana

PERIOD
9, 10, 11 August 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #15, Great Falls AFB, Montana

STATUS
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TITLE

SIGHT OF FLYING DISCS ON 9 AUGUST 1949 AT HEBGEN LAKE WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA, BY MR. [redacted]

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None; this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

On 9 August 1949, this District Office was telephonically advised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Butte Office) of the purported sighting at 0930 A. M., that date, of eight (8) alleged "flying discs" in the Hebgen Lake, West Yellowstone, Montana, area. Mr. [redacted], the informant, was contacted telephonically and the essentials as previously outlined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation was confirmed by this office. Further information was forthcoming that two of the "flying discs" had crashed in the immediate surrounding area. On August 10, 11, 12, 1949, investigation revealed that only one (1) individual actually saw the "flying discs", a Mr. [redacted], employed as a "guide" by [redacted]. A prolonged search was instituted for the two discs that crashed in the immediate area with negative results. Interrogation of the only witness revealed him to be indefinite as to the physical characteristics of "objects" sighted. Witness further declined to make any signed sworn statement regarding the sighting of the discs. Inquiries revealed Mr. [redacted] to have a good reputation in all respects in the surrounding community. However, discussion with Mr. [redacted] indicated to this AGENT that witness had a decided tendency to exaggerate. Mr. [redacted] was informed by this AGENT that if he found either of the two "objects" which crashed, he was to immediately contact the 15th OSI District (IG) USAF, Great Falls AFB, Montana.

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Captain, USAF
District Commander.

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DETAILS:

1. On 9 August 1949, this office received a telephone call from a reliable federal agency concerning information pertaining to the alleged sighting of unconventional aircraft. This office conducted an interview of the individual, Mr. [redacted] who was alleged to have observed the object and made a search of the area where two (2) of the alleged discs are presumed to have fallen.

AT GREAT FALLS AIR FORCE BASE, GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

2. On 9 August 1949, this AGENT received a telephone call from Mr. LANGEN, Assistant Supervisor, Federal Bureau of Investigation District Office, Butte, Montana, to the effect that a Mr. [redacted] of [redacted], West Yellowstone, Montana, had advised the Butte Office, FBI, that an employee of his, and a number of guests at the Lodge had, on the morning of 9 August 1949, sighted a flight of flying discs, two of which had landed in the immediate surrounding area. Seven of them were reputed to have come across the Lake area at about 0930 hours, two of these falling in the immediate area, one in a wooded area on the opposite shore of the Lake and one in the Lake itself. Approximately one-half hour later another "flying disc" was observed to have flown across the Hebgen Lake area.

3. On 9 August 1949, this AGENT contacted Mr. [redacted], West Yellowstone, Montana, by telephone. Mr. [redacted] confirmed his telephone conversation with the Butte Office, FBI, and repeated essentially the same story that he had previously given to that agency. Mr. [redacted] further stated that one of the eyewitnesses, a guide employed by Mr. [redacted] knew the approximate location of both of the "discs" that had fallen and would be held available to take any agents we might send to the objects. Mr. [redacted] stated that he believed that the eyewitness, a guide, knew to within a few hundred feet the specific location of the "discs". This AGENT questioned Mr. [redacted] closely, attempting to eliminate all possibilities such as jet aircraft, radio-sonde devices, pilot balloons, rawind devices, etc., with negative results. Mr. [redacted] further asserted that there were a number of people in the area who had observed this identical phenomenon.

AT HEBGEN LAKE, WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA

4. On 10 August 1949, this AGENT interviewed Mr. [redacted], a [redacted] employed by the [redacted], relative to purported sightings made of a total of seven (7) flying discs at 0930 hours, 9 August 1949, and one (1) similar object . seen at about 1000 hours. Mr. [redacted] stated that two (2) of the objects had crashed in the surrounding area. Mr. [redacted] stated that

the objects were the approximate size and shape of an automobile tire, and at the time of sighting were not flying in formation. Mr. [redacted] stated that they were definitely not balloons, having the appearance of being constructed of metal and were grayish white. At the time of the sighting, Mr. [redacted] was standing on a boat siding at the edge of Hebgen Lake, the objects came across a ridge on the eastern shore of Hebgen Lake, just barely skimming the top of the ridge, (This ridge is approximately 1500 feet higher than the surrounding terrain) and were proceeding rapidly in a southwesterly direction. Two of the objects in the first flight crashed, the one which crashed in the lake threw up a large geyser of water, and the one which crashed in the woods on the opposite shore (a distance of two miles from the point at which [redacted] was standing) raised a large cloud of dust as it hit into the woods. No fire, explosion or smoke of any kind accompanied the crashes. The remaining five objects disappeared rapidly from view across the ridges which are two miles from the western shore of Hebgen Lake. Mr. [redacted] could not estimate the speed of the objects, however, he stated that none of the objects were visible to him for more than five to ten seconds, and the objects that crashed were visible for about two (2) seconds. From maps of the general area this would place the speeds of the objects at approximately fourteen hundred miles per hour. Mr. [redacted] stated that at the time of the appearance of the first seven objects, there was no one in his immediate vicinity who actually saw them. When the next one appeared, one-half hour later, he attempted to call the attention of his assistant to them; however, it had disappeared before the Assistant could view it. Mr. [redacted] further stated that he had not intended to make an official report of the sightings, but that when he told his employer, [redacted], Mr. [redacted] took it upon himself to call the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to the matter.

5. An attempt was made by this AGENT to contact other witnesses of the same phenomena as reported by Mr. [redacted] In this respect all employees and guests of the [redacted] were interviewed with negative results. It was learned that there was possibly one additional witness, a camper who had camped on the shore of the lake overnight and had since moved on. In addition to the employees and guests of the Lodge, attempts were made to find witnesses among residents in the immediate area, residents in the town of West Yellowstone (17 miles away) and from the U. S. Ranger Station, West Yellowstone, Montana. No witnesses were able to be obtained.

AGENT'S NOTE: There seemed to exist an apparent attempt by a number of individuals to convince this AGENT that the [redacted] was absolutely reliable, trustworthy and beyond question, that if he said this incident occurred, it did. The statement was made by the [redacted], Mr. [redacted] that if anything was found, the [redacted] might become a "Mecca" for tourists, and it was this AGENT'S impression that whether anything was found or not, Mr. [redacted] would have welcomed the attendant publicity. Frequent conversations with the [redacted], Mr. [redacted], clearly indicated that he had a decided tendency to exaggerate, and that his conversation was often made up of grossly exaggerated stories.

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6. On 11 August and 12 August 1949, this AGENT and Special Agent ROBERT P. SPALDING searched the wooded area in which one of the discs was reputed to have crashed. Nothing even remotely resembling the object described was found. There was no evidence in the wooded area that any object had crashed through the trees, nor was there any indication of any earth displacement. The wooded area was carefully scanned for swath patches that an object travelling at high speed would necessarily make. Also the area was searched for indications of charred or scorched areas. On 13 August 1949, this AGENT and Special Agent ROBERT P. SPALDING dragged Hebgen Lake in the vicinity indicated by Mr. [redacted], with negative results.

7. The following information is in answer to requirements set forth in Part II, Air Intelligence Requirement, Memorandum No. 4, dated 15 February 1949.

1. August 9, 1949
2. 0930 hours, Mountain Standard Time
3. 44 degrees 49 minutes North Latitude
   111 degrees 15 minutes West Longitude
4. Eight "flying discs", seven in the first flight and one reported one-half hour later. Only observer reported no definite formation.
5. Local facilities and organizations which follow celestial phenomena reported that no celestial phenomena were observed in the West Yellowstone, Montana, area on 9 August 1949.
6. Objects in relation to observer passed directly overhead at an altitude of approximately 1500 feet above the ground. Six of the objects continued flight in a southwesterly direction at the same altitude. Two of the objects were observed by the informant to crash in the immediate area; however, no fire, explosion or smoke of any kind resulted from the crash.
7. It is believed that the six (6) objects which were in flight were in sight a total of ten seconds, however, the two which crashed were not in sight more than two seconds according to informant.
8. A. Object was a grayish metallic color.
   B. The shape of all objects would most nearly correspond to the shape and size of an automobile tire. Informant stated that some of them had a blackish spot in the middle.
   C. The objects were apparently constructed of metal.
   D. The size of the objects from the observer's view was the approximate size of an automobile tire.
9. The objects were flying in a southwesterly direction.
10. The flights were reported to be in a horizontal plane and objects appeared to be moving at an even flow.
11. There was no evidence of exhaust, neither was there any odor and objects left no contrails.
12. Objects while observed by informant did not pass through clouds.
13. No lights were observed to be attached to object.
14. In questioning informant, he stated that he could not observe any means of support the objects would have such as wings, vertical jet, rotating cylinder or cone; aerostatic lift or aerodynamic list of fuselage.

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15. No evidences of outward propulsion were evidenced by objects.
16. Object definitely had no fins, stabilizers or elevators.
17. Objects had no slots or duct openings.
18. Objects had a speed of about 1500 miles per hour. Informant was not able to accurately estimate this speed. Speed rating was obtained by finding the time the objects took to pass between known points.
19. Objects according to informant, sounded like a siren and the sound was continuous.
20. Six of the objects faded from view according to informant. Two of the objects crashed in the surrounding area. The possibility of fragments or other physical evidence was taken into consideration and a three day search was instituted, grappling hooks being employed for the object that was supposed to have crashed into the water.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted], West Yellowstone, Montana
3. [redacted]
4. Hebgen Lake Lodge, West Yellowstone, Montana
   a. [redacted] is employed by Mr. [redacted], [redacted] of the [redacted] and has been employed as a [redacted]" for approximately two months as of 9 August 1949. Mr. [redacted] duties entail that he also be in charge of the boat landing and dock area.
5. Observer's hobbies are his business, namely, hunting and fishing. Observer has had limited experience, little formal education and is virtually without qualification as pertains to aeronautical matters.
6. The observer should be a good judge as to the determination of color, size and speed of objects, however, after conversing with observer for a period of three days, it was felt that he is extremely prone to exaggerate, particularly as to the speed and number of things.
7. The employees of the Lodge seemed to agree that Mr. [redacted] was a very reliable individual, regarding him as a sort of "jewel" in the rough. They believed that because of his experience as a guide that he would be exceptionally well qualified to judge speed, color, size, and to be possessed of a quick and discerning eye. They stated that he knew nothing of "flying discs", never having read about them at all. (This statement was open to doubt, inasmuch as an article about "flying discs" was in the boathouse where informant worked). It was agreed by all that the [redacted] would be able to take us directly to the objects. This he failed to do in almost three days of searching. A check with Deputy Sheriff [redacted] West Yellowstone, indicated that Mr. [redacted] had an excellent reputation, was considered an excellent [redacted] and had a fair reputation for being truthful.

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Mr. [redacted], employer of Mr. [redacted], stated that he would unqualifiedly believe anything that the latter stated as being the truth. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] have both known Mr. [redacted] for a period of at least five years.

8. Informant states that his attention was brought to the object by the sound thereof; that it had a high, continuous sound analogous to a siren.

9. There were no other witnesses obtainable other than the observer. The observer reported that there had been a camper in the area who observed the same incident at the same and time and place. He had not obtained the camper's name and the camper had since moved on. No information could be obtained from the records of the [redacted] relative to the name of the camper. The West Yellowstone area has a great number of similar tourists during this time of the year.

GENERAL

1. West Yellowstone Airport does not have a teletype recording device. Weather was reported on 9 August as being (a) visibility unlimited; (b) ceiling unlimited; (c) scattered clouds 1/10 at about 12,000 feet; (altitude of airport is 6200 feet). Surface wind 70/03 MPH. No precipitation on that date was evidenced. Temperature at 0930 hours was 62 degrees F.

2. Winds Aloft report, Butte, Montana, taken at 0800 A. M. 9 August 1949, indicate that winds were extremely moderate, from an easterly and southeasterly direction, veering about to southwesterly at about 40 knots at extreme altitude.

Surface (6000)	70 /03	14,000	220/24
8000	160/10	16,000	220/22
10,000	230/20	18,000	240/30
12,000	240/25	20,000	230/31
		25,000	220/29
		30,000	220/48
		35,000	210/54
		40,000	210/66

3. All flight schedules were checked. No military, commercial or private aircraft were flying in the West Yellowstone or Hebgen Lake area at the time of reported sightings.

4. Only testing devices released in Montana are pilot balloons, one each being released daily at 0800 A. M. by Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana, and Butte Municipal Airport, Butte, Montana.

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5. Area could not be found where object allegedly contacted earth.

6. Negative.

7. Negative

8. Signed statement not possible to secure; only eyewitness declined to submit statement.

9. Negative

10. No radio antenna were to be observed.

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Project "Grudge"

5D OSI MC LAXS 18 Aug 49 1
ATTN: Mr. J. E. Morrill

1. It is requested that your office initiate an investigation of the sighting of an unidentified phenomenon as reported by attached copy of incoming message.

2. As an aid to the investigating officer in recording the desired data, two copies of our Guide to Investigation are also inclosed.

2 Incls:
1. Cy Incoming Class Message, 8/17/49
2. Guide to Investigation (2)

A. J. [redacted]f, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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TO WP AFB ATTN MCIAXO-3
INFO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE USAF WASHINGTON

CITE IS OSI-27.

THIS OFFICE ADVISED ON 9 AUG 49 THAT 7 FLYING DISCS HAD BEEN SIGHTED AT HEBGEN LAKE, MONTANA AT 0930 HRS THAT DATE. 2 OF THE DISCS WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE CRASHED, 1 IN THE LAKE, AND THE OTHER ON THE OPPOSITE SHORE IN A WOODED AREA. 2 AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE DRAGGED THE LAKE AND SEARCHED THE WOODED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTSZ. INFORMANT AND ONLY ACTUAL EYE WITNESS , WHILE ABSOLUTELY TRUSTWORTHY, IS PRONE TO EXAGGERATION. HE STATED DISCS WERE ALL LITTLE LARGER THAN AN AUTO TIRE, OF A GRAYISH COLOR, AND EITHER HAVING A HOLE IN THE CENTER OR BEING PAINTED DARK IN THE CENTER. INFORMANT WAS NOT CAPABLE OF ESTIMATING SPEED BUT AGENTS ESTIMATED FROMDESCRIPTION THAT DISCS WERE TRAVELLING IN EXCESS OF 1000 MILES PER HOUR. OBJECTS WERE REPORTED TRAVELLING IN SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. A CHECK OF FINDS ALOFT FOR PERIOD REVEALED A GENERAL SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND OF A MAXIMUM VELOCITY OF 24 KNOTS PER HOUR. NO UNUSUAL ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA WERE EVIDENT ON 9 AUG, SKY CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR AND VIS UNLIMITED. INFORMANT DESCRIBED SOUND OF OBJECT AS BEING SIMILAR TO A SIREN. REQUEST ADVICE OF DETAILED REPORT DESIRED. SGD BRYNILDSEN

1. Memo to Gen. Twining S-7-4961 -1

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HEADQUARTERS 2D ARMORED DIVISION
Camp Hood, Texas

16 August 1949

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO : Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AC of S, G-2

1. Enclosed is a consolidated report of unidentified aerial objects observed by members of the Field Force between the hours of 2000 - 11 August and 0100 - 12 August.

2. While the reports obtained from interviewing various members of the Field Force, ~~which~~ differed in some details, there was general agreement on the following:

a. The unusual lights were initially observed in the north and moved in a southernly direction.
b. Color of objects and trails was white.
c. Distance from observer to light was unestimable.
d. Period of observation from 3 to 5 seconds.
e. Straight level flight of object.
f. Moving light went out in a fraction of a second.

3. It is the considered opinion of the interviewer that the six (6) reports of 10 August and the attached report of 11 August can be explained as the natural phenomena of a shower of meteors from the vicinity of the star Perseids which reaches its maximum display at this time.

4. These reports of natural phenomena by army personnel who assume they see unidentified aerial objects bears out the necessity, as previously recommended, for assignment of qualified technical personnel with special equipment to carry out the mission of observing and recording unidentified aerial phenomena.

FOR THE AC OF S, G-2:

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ROBERT G. SCHAEFER
Major GSC
Asst. AC of S, G-2

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

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Incident No._____

1. Date of Observation 11 Aug 49 Date of Interview 12 Aug 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2030 - 2045 - 2052 - 2105 - 0010

3. Place of Observation:
   (Map Coordinates) Camp Hood Map 1:50,000
   913.3 - 856.6

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
   Standing at Observation Post

5. What attracted attention to object:
   Unusual bright light in the sky

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
   One at each time indicated in #2

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
   Star

8. Color of object:
   White

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
   Flash like a rocket or training flare

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
    From 45 to 60 degrees

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
    Generally in the North

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
    Unestimable

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
    Generally North to South

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14. Time of sight:
    3 to 5 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
    Faster than any plane observed

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16. Sound and odor:
None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
Long white trail tapering like a rocket, same persistency throughout

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Brilliant as the evening star at sunset

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
No turns or dives, generally a level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:
Went out like a light

22. Effect on clouds:
None

23. Additional information concerning object:
See cover letter

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear with bright moon

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Name and address of observer:
Officers and Ed of the field force

Occupation and hobbies:
US Army

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

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? None

Page 3 & 4 of this report not applicable to the incidents.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-8	DATE 7 September 1949
REPORT MADE BY	MELVIN E. NEEF
REPORT MADE AT	DO # 17, Kirtland AFB
PERIOD	10, 11, 12, 30 August 1949
OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DO # 17, Kirtland AFB
STATUS	PENDING

TITLE

UNKNOWN

(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of MELVIN E. NEEF, dated 10 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

Reports of additional sightings have been received from Camp Hood, Texas, and Killeen Base, Texas. The provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85 could not be complied with in view of the fact that the information contained herein was received from Sandia Base, New Mexico, rather than directly from the observers.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of observation 10 Aug 1949. Date of interview 12 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation 0010 hours CST.

3. Place of observation: 854.4 - 913.8
(Map coordination)

4. Position of observer: On patrol in a jeep.

5. What attracted attention to object: Noticed bright light moving.

6. Number of objects: One.

7. Apparent size: Head size.

8. Color: Blue.

9. Shape: Oval with no evidence of tail.

10. Altitude: 30 degree angle headed down.

11. Direction from observer: 180 degrees.

12. Distance from observer: 1 mile.

13. Direction of flight: East to West, losing altitude.

14. Time in sight: 3 to 4 seconds.

15. Speed:

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Short trail with no color or persistency.

18. Luminosity: Exceptionally bright blue for size of object.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Straight flight losing altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance: Sudden disappearance.

22. Effect on clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

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24. Weather conditions at time of sighting: Clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Pfc [redacted] and Cpl [redacted]
1st Provost Security Sq, Killeen Base, Texas

Occupation: Soldiers.

Comments: Fair observers of average intelligence.

Observers were in the open and neither were wearing glasses.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of observation 10 Aug 1949 Date of interview 12 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation 2030 hours CST.

3. Place of observation: 856.0 - 911.2
(Map coordination)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
In a jeep on patrol.

5. Noticed bright comet like object.

6. Number of objects: One.

7. Apparent size:

8. Color: White.

9. Shape: Similar to a comet.

10. Altitude: 30 degrees above horizon.

11. Direction from observer: 10 degrees.

12. Distance from observer: 100 to 150 feet high.

13. Direction of flight: North to South.

14. Time in sight: Approximately 5 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover angular distance): 5 seconds.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Fairly long white trail with slightly greater persistency than the object itself.

18. Luminosity: Bright as flash bulb growing more brilliant just before disappearance.

19. Projections: None.

20. Mansuvers: Object seemed to have a twirling motion.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Glowed brightly and disappeared suddenly.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Pvt [redacted]
1st Provost Security Sq
Killeen Base, Killeen, Texas

Occupation: Soldier.

Fair observer of normal intelligence.

Observer was in the open and was not wearing glasses.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of observation: 10 Aug 1949. Date of interview: 11 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 2035 hours CST.

3. Place of observation: Observation Post, Crossville Lt
913.3 - 858.6

4. Position of observer: Standing.

5. What attracted attention to object: Moving light in the sky.

6. Number of objects: One.

7. Apparent size: Looked like the headlight of an old car in the distance.

8. Color of object: Yellow to orange.

9. Shape: No definite shape - just a moving light.

10. Altitude: Straight hout from observation post, elevation of which is about 150 feet above surrounding terrain.

11. Direction from observer: Due north.

12. Distance from observer: Initially sighted 1 to 2 miles from observer.

13. Direction of flight of object: From North to South, passing over Killeen Base.

14. Time in sight: 1 to 2 seconds.

15. Speed: 60 degrees in 2 seconds.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Very narrow orange trail - 7 to 8 times the length of main object.

18. Luminosity: Of less intensity than a star.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Absolutely level flight.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Cut out in a fraction of a second.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: Passed over guardhouse of Killeen Base and was observed by some one at that installation.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Very clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Lt [redacted]
"D" Company, 66th Med Tk Bn
2d Armd Div, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation: Officer, US Army

Comments: Excellent observer.

Observer was in the open and was not wearing glasses at time of observation.

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1. Date observation 10 Aug 49 date of interview 11 Aug 49

2. Exact time of observation (Local) 2035 - 2207 - 2220 - 2240

3. Place of Observation: Observation Post - Crossville Mt.
913.3 - 858.6

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Standing

5. What attracted attention to object: Unusual moving light in the sky.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One object at each time of sighting

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Appeared to be the size of a large flare

8. Color of object: White

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Round blue - with tail.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead): 30 to 45 degrees

11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North): Due North

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Great distance unestimable

13. Direction of flight of object(s): West to east

14. Time in sight: 3 or 4 seconds or less

15. Speed (time to cover angular distance): Greater speed than any observed plane.

16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): White trail, even throughout, brilliance faded toward the end.

18. Luminosity (Visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Almost as brilliant as the evening star.

19. Projections (Fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc): None

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20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Level flight with a slight gain of altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance: Burned out very quickly and particles appeared to drop to within 200 feet of earth

22. Effect on clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object: None

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Absolutely clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Pvt. [redacted]
"C" Co - 12th AIB
2d Armd Div., Cp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies: US Army

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

Fair observer

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

None

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1. Date of observation: 10 Aug 1949. Date of interview: 11 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 2040 hours CST.

3. Place of observation (Map coordination): Observation Post, Crossville Mt - 913.3 - 858.6

4. Position of observer: standing.

5. What attracted attention to object: Moving light.

6. Number of objects: One

7. Apparent size: 20 mm tracer ammunition.

8. Color of object: Predominately orange with white trail.

9. Shape: Rocket.

10. Altitude: 30 degrees.

11. Direction from observer: Due North.

12. Distance from observer: Great distance - unable to estimate.

13. Direction of flight of object: North to South.

14. Time in sight: 3 to 5 seconds.

15. Speed: Very great - similar to falling star.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: White trail approximately four times the length of the body.

18. Luminosity: Not as brilliant as a star.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Traveled in a horizontal flight with a slight arc.

21. Manner of disappearance: Light gradually diminished and went out.

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22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: Observer did see falling stars but t ere was no comparison with object mentioned in this report.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Sgt C[redacted]
"C" Company, 12th AIB
2d Armd Div, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation: NCO US Army

Comments: Lair observer, had difficulty describing his observations.

Observer was in the open and was not wearing glasses at time of observation.

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1. Date of observation 10 Aug 49 date of interview 12 Aug 49

2. Exact time of observation (Local) 2100

3. Place of Observation: 856.0-909.0
(Map Coordination)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Patrol in jeep

5. What attracted attention to object:
Happened to glance up and noticed bright orange 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): Head size

8. Color of object: Bright orange

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Redish ball with long firey tail

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead): 30 degrees above horizon and going up

11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North): 90 degrees

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Quarter mile

13. Direction of flight of object (s): South

14. Time in sight: 5 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover angular distance): 5 seconds

16. Sound and oder: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): Fairly long orange trail.

18. Luminosity (Visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Not quite as bright as a flash bulb

19. Projections (Fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc): None

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20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Continued climbing at a 30 degree angle until disappearance

21. Manner of disappearance: Sudden disappearance

22. Effect on clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear

25. Name and address of observer: Cpl. [redacted]
1st Provost Security Squadron,
Killeen Base, Killeen, Texas.

Occupation and hobbies: Soldier

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI Files, employer etc.):
Good observer of average intelligence

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

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1. Date of observation 10 Aug 1949. Date of Interview 12 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation 2100 hours.

3. Place of observation: 856.0 - 919.0
(Map coordination)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
On patrol in a jeep.

5. What attracted attention ot object: Happened to glance up and noticed bright orange 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): Head size.

8. Color of object: Bright orange.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Ball-shaped.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead): 30 degrees above horizon and going up.

11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North): 90 degrees.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Quarter-mile.

13. Direction of flight of object: South.

14. Time in sight: 5 seconds:

15. Speed: (time to cover anular distance): 5 seconds.

16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc): Fairly long orange trail.

18. Luminosity (Visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Not quite as bright as a flash bulb.

19. Projections (Fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc): None.

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22 August 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The inclosed consolidated report of unidentified aerial phenomena observed by members of the Field Force, Camp Hood, Texas, between the hours of 2000, 11 August 1949, and 0100, 12 August 1949 (Incl 1), and letter referred to in item 23 of said report (Incl 2) are forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path):
Continued climbing at a 30 degree angle until disappearance.

21. Manner of disappearance: Sudden disappearance.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Cpl [redacted]
1st Provost Security Sq
Killeen Base, Texas

Occupation and hobbies: Soldier.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:

Good observer of average intelligence.

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

Observer wearing ordinary glasses at time of observation.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of observation: 10 Aug 1949. Date of interview: 11 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: No. 1 - 2100 hours CST
No. 2 - 2120 hours CST
No. 3.- 2215 hours CST
No. 4 - 2250 hours CST

3. Place of observation: Crossville Mt, 913.3 - 853.6

4. Position of observer: Standing at field force observation post.

5. What attracted attention to object: Moving light in a clear sky.

6. Number of objects: One at each time indicated in item 2.

7. Apparent size: Large star.

8. Color of object: Predominately white followed by orange trail.

9. Shape: Generally round with trail.

10. Altitude: 40 to 70 degrees.

11. Direction from observer: No. 1 - 40 deg; No. 2 - Due North;
No. 3 - 330 deg; No. 4 - 05 deg.

12. Distance from observer: Great distance; unable to estimate.

13. Direction of flight of objects: Nos 1, 3 and 4 traveled almost horizontally with slight increase in altitude. No 2 ascended almost vertically.

14. Time in sight: A second or less each time.

15. Speed: Great speed - unable to estimate.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Flame-like trail with ragged end.

18. Luminosity: As brilliant as a star of the first magnitude.

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19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Nos 1, 3 and 4 - horizontal flight with slight gain in altitude. No 2 - almost straight up.

21. Manner of disappearance: Went out like a light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: Falling stars were observed in the course of the evening but objects reported on were slower moving.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear; moon almost full.

25. Name and address of observer: Lt [redacted]

"D" Company, 66th Med Tk Bn
2d Armd Div, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation: Officer, US Army

Comments: Excellent observer

Observer was not wearing glasses and was standing in the open.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

1. Date of observation: 10 Aug 1949. Date of interview: 11 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 2200 and 2230 hours CST.

3. Place of observation: Observation Post, Crossville #t 913.3 - 858.6

4. Position of observer: Standing at observation post.

5. What attracted attention to object: Unusual light in the sky.

6. Number of objects: One at each time indicated in item 2.

7. Apparent size: size of shooting star.

8. Color of object: White with yellow trail.

9. Shape: Oval.

10. Altitude: Approximately 30 degrees above horizon.

11. Direction from observer: Generally North.

12. Distance from observer: 1000 to 2500 yards.

13. Direction of flight of object: From south to North - level flight.

14. Time in sight: 1 to 2 seconds.

15. Speed: 300 MPH or faster.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Long yellow trail - similar to that left by falling star.

18. Luminosity: Same brilliance as average star.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Almost level flight, possible slight arc.

21. Manner of disappearance: Faded out.

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22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: Observer did not see any falling stars during the period of observation.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear; large moon.

25. Name and address of observer: Lt [redacted]
"B" Company, 66th Med Tk Bn
2d Armored Div, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation: Officer, US Army

Comments: Observer had difficulty explaining in detail what he saw.

Observer was in the open and was not wearing glasses at time of sighting.

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1. Date of observation: 10 Aug 1949. Date of interview: 11 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 2240 hours CST.

3. Place of observation (Map coordination): OP Crossville #1.
913.3 - 858.6

4. Position of observer: Standing.

5. What attracted attention to object: Moving light coming toward observer.

6. Number of objects: One.

7. Apparent size: Much larger than evening star.

8. Color of object: Light red, diminishing to light yellow.

9. Shape: Round with jagged trail.

10. Altitude: Possibly 8000 feet or greater.

11. Direction from observer: Due North (off the west end of Camp Hood)

12. Distance from observer: 2 or 3 miles.

13. Direction of flight of object: North to south.

14. Time in sight: 2 or 3 seconds.

15. Speed: Same as above.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Object had a yellow trail and it appeared that there was a colored vapor trail in the sky after the object disappeared.

18. Luminosity: Was not very brilliant.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Straight flight with gradual incline.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Cut off like a light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: Object had a jagged outline, appeared to be burning up and disintergrating. Observer saw falling stars but this object had no comparison to them.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Cpl J[redacted]
"C" Company, 12th AIB,
2d Armd Div, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation: NCO, US Army

Comments: Fair observer

Observer was in the open and was not wearing glasses.

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1. Date of observation: 11 Aug 1949. Date of interview: 12 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 2030, 2045, 2052, 2105 and 0010 hours CST

3. Place of observation: Camp Hood Map 1:50,000
913.3 - 856.6

4. Position of observer: Standing at observation post.

5. What attracted attention to object: Unusual bright light in the sky.

6. Number of objects: One at each time indicated in item 2.

7. Apparent size: Star-size.

8. Color of object: White.

9. Shape: Flash like a rocket or training flare.

10. Altitude: From 45 to 60 degrees.

11. Direction from observer: generally in the north.

12. Distance from observer: Unable to estimate.

13. Direction of flight of object: Generally North to South.

14. Time in sight: 3 to 5 seconds.

15. Speed: Faster than any plane observed.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Long white trail tapering like a rocket, same persistency throughout.

18. Luminosity: Brilliant as the evening star at sunset.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: No turns or dives, generally a level flight.

21. Manner of disappearance: Went out like a light.

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22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional Information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear with bright moon.

25. Name and address of observer: Officers and EM of the field force.

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1. Date of observation 12 Aug 1949. Date of Interview 12 Aug 1949.

2. Exact time of observation 0010 CST.

3. Place of observation (Map coordination): 858.0 - 911.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details): On patrol in a jeep.

5. What attracted attention to object: Bright light passing over trees.

6. Number of objects: One.

7. Apparent size: Head size.

8. Color: Bluish white.

9. Shape: Broken circle, resembling signal flare.

10. Altitude: 45 degrees.

11. Direction from observer: 235 degrees.

12. Distance from observer: three quarters of a mile.

13. Direction of flight: Due west in an arc.

14. Time in sight: 10 seconds.

15. Speed:

16. Sound and odoer: None.

17. Trail: White smoky trail with little persistency.

18. Luminosity: Much brighter than the moon.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Straight and level flight with ascent and descent describing an arc.

21. Manner of disappearance: Sudden disappearance

22. Additional information concerning object: None.

23. Effect on clouds: None.

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24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear.

25. Name and address of observer: Pvt [redacted] and Pf [redacted]
1st Provost Security Sq, Killeen Base, Texas

Occupation: Soldiers.

Comments: Good observers of average intelligence.

Observers were in the open and neither were wearing glasses.

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1. Date of observation: 12 August 1949. Date of interview: 12 August 1949.
2. Time of observation: 0445 hours CST.
3. Place of observation (map coordination): 855.9 - 913.0
4. Position of observer: On patrol in a jeep.
5. What attracted attention to object: Flash in sky.
6. Number of objects: Two.
7. Apparent size: Fairly long streak of flame.
8. Color: Redish.
9. Shape: Trail of flame.
10. Altitude: 30 degrees above horizon, headed down.
11. Direction from observer: 120 degrees.
12. Distance from observer: 1 quarter mile.
13. Direction of flight: Southeast to North west.
14. Time in sight: 2 to 3 seconds.
15. Speed:
16. Sound and odor: Swishing noise; no odor.
17. Trail: Long redish streak.
18. Luminosity: Not quite as bright as a normal star.
19. Projections: None.
20. Maneuvers: None.
21. Manner of disappearance: Fadedaway.

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22. Effect on Clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear.

25. Name and address of observer: S/Sgt [redacted]
1st Provost Security Squadron
Killeen Base, Killeen, Texas

Occupation: Soldier.

Comments: Fair observer of average intelligence of NCO's of his grade.

Observer was wearing ordinary glasses at time of observation.

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1. Date of Observation 30 Aug 1949 Date of Interview 31 Aug 1949

2. Exact time of observation (Local) 2300 hours

3. Place of observation: Junction of New Mexico State Highways 5 and 30. (Approximately 3 miles southwest of Espanola)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details): Not stated.

5. What attracted attention to object: Light.

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): Appeared to be larger than a meteor.

8. Color of object: A very bright, dark green, leaving a reddish trail.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon. 90 degrees overhead):

11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North): East.

12 Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Seemed to be quite close - Possibly fell to earth in New Mexico.

13. Direction of flight of object(s): Earthward.

14. Time in sight: 1 or 2 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover angular distance): Not stated.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): Reddish in color.

18. Luminosity (Visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): [illegible]
Very bright.

19. Projections (Fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc): None noted.

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20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Direction of travel was almost a straight fall to the ground.

21. Manner of disappearance: Burned out very near the ground.

22. Effect on clouds: Not stated.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Not stated.

25. Name and address of observer: [redacted]
Los Alamos, New Mexico

26. Occupation and hobbies: M.P. Security Service Inspector.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI files, employer, etc): None.

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

Not stated.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No: 24-8

8 September 1949

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN (Aerial Phenomena)

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

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district, regarding sightings of unidentified objects, the last of which was dated 10 August 1949.

2. In accordance with Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum No. 4, attached are two (2) copies of Report of Investigation, this district, dated 7 September 1949, subject as above.

3. Reports of all future sightings of this nature which are received by this district will be forwarded to your headquarters.

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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