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ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 6 Jan 1950  
AF NO. --- ✓ LOCATION Howard, Kansas  
REPORT NO. OSI Report SOURCE 3 Officers (two pilots)  
DATE OF REPORT 18 Jan 1950 DATE IN TO ATIC ---  
TIME OF SIGHTING 1410 CST COLOR Bright Silver-Red Nose  
SHAPE Football SPEED 300-500 mph Estimated  
SIZE 30'-60' long ALTITUDE 2000' Measured  
COURSE 90°-100° magnetic LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED less than 2 min  
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial  
SOUND --- MANEUVERS ---  
PICTURES --- SKETCHES ---

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON**

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**INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska  
EES/hdg  
18 January 1950**

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**SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT NEAR HOWARD, KANSAS**

**TO: Commanding General  
Air Material Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIAX**

1. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the report of Special Agent CASS W. RIDDLE, of this office, dated 18 January 1950, reflecting the closed investigation of UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT NEAR HOWARD, KANSAS.

2. With the submission of this report it is believed all logical leads have been covered and reported.

3. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

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Report of Investigation  
(in dup)

*Earl E. Sparks*  
EARL E. SPARKS  
Captain, USAF  
Acting District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of request from the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC.

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included as Inclosure #1.

INCLOSURES:

Check Sheet - "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry"

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 6 January 1950
2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1410 (CST)
3. Where sighted (observer's position):
  - a. Ground
  - b. Air 7 Miles west of Howard, Kansas, in C-47 aircraft, at 5500 Feet
  - c. ~~Lat~~ 37° 28" N (Latitude) 96° 27" W (Longitude)
4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any). Sketch if possible.  
One
5. (Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information.)  
N/A
6. Distance of object from observers:
  - a. Laterally or Horizontally  and  stated it was 2 miles away;  thought it was from
  - b. Angle of elevation from horizon 5 to 10 miles away.
  - c. Altitude Approximately 2,000 feet
7. Time in sight Less than two (2) minutes
8. Appearance of object: All three observers claimed it to be a very bright silver; HOWARD added that object had a red nose.
  - a. Color
  - b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Elongated oval - like a football
  - c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) Unknown  
 judged it to be 30 to 40 feet long.
  - d. Size  and  judged it to be 50 to 60 feet long.
9. Direction of flight 90 to 100 compass degrees
10. Tactics or manouvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.)  
Straight, even flight

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1. Color of object **N/A**  
2. Shape of object **N/A**  
3. Size of object **N/A**  
4. Material of object **N/A**  
5. Direction of movement **N/A**

6. Clouds **No clouds - CAVU**  
7. Visibility **N/A**  
8. Wind direction **N/A**  
9. Wind speed **N/A**

10. **Entire object reflected light, as would an aluminum aircraft.**

11. **None**  
12. **None**  
13. **None**  
14. **None**  
15. **N/A**

16. Propeller or jet **None visible**  
17. Motor **None visible**  
18. Any other items (including on the object) **None**

19. Visible object **None visible**  
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1.6. Control and stability: None apparent

b. Stahllagers (horizontal or vertical)

17. Air ducts: None apparent

b. Duct openings

18. Speed - M.P.H. [REDACTED] judged speed to be 300 miles per hour  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] judged speed to be 500 miles per hour

19. Sound: None

a. Continuous value or bus.

b. Rear, whistle, whoosh

### c. Intermittent

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explosive

b. Face from view

c. Disappeared behind contact

### Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer: Captain [REDACTED]; Captain [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], [REDACTED]; 1st Lt [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

2. Address All assigned to Hq 8th AF, Carswell AFB, Texas

### 3. Occupation

4. Place of business

5. Pertinent hobbies:

6. Ability to determine [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are experienced pilots with three years combat service.

7. Reliability of observer. All three men claimed to be alert and not fatigued.

5. Notes relative to churchmen and

a. Signings in general.

b. How attention was given to the following:

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft

- c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne Had been airborne less than two hours.

9. Witnesses:

- a. Addresses N/A
- b. Occupation N/A
- c. Reliability N/A

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. \_\_\_\_\_

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

- a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A
- b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle ( $100^\circ$ ), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A
- c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted:

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuit? \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions \_\_\_\_\_
2. Winds aloft report \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other \_\_\_\_\_
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils \_\_\_\_\_
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:
  - a. Object.
  - b. Surrounding terrain where observed.
  - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).
  - d. Maneuvers.
  - e. Formation if more than one object.
8. Secure signed statement, if possible
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such). None noted

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Special Agent, OSI



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**INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska**

LT/FES/dmb  
27 January 1950

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**SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (WITNESS)**

**SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT)**

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

1. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the report of Special Agent LAWRENCE A. APPELBEE, of this office, dated 27 January 1950, reflecting closed investigation of subject case.

2. With the submission of this report it is believed all logical leads have been covered and reported. No further action will be taken by this office unless so requested by your headquarters.

3. This office is the depository office for the complete file of the investigation of subject case.

4. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of the information to unauthorized persons.


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Report of Investigation  
(in dup)

*Matthew Thompson*  
MATTHEW THOMPSON  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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<b>UNITED STATES AIR FORCE</b> <b>THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b> <b>OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS</b> <b>REPORT OF INVESTIGATION</b>		FILE NO. 24-69	DATE 27 January 1950
TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI JAMES F. GRAY		REPORT MADE BY LAWRENCE A. APPLEBEE	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #13	
		PERIOD 25 January 1950	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT)			
REFERENCE Report of S/A APPLEBEE, DO #13, 19 Jan 50, same file and subject			
SYNOPSIS  <p style="text-align: center;">Inquiries at Olathe Naval Air Base, Kansas, revealed no information concerning unconventional aircraft on 6 January 1950. No balloons or flares released that date. Weather was clear; visibility twelve miles.</p>			
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		APPROVED  <p style="text-align: center;">             MATTHEW THOMPSON            Lt Colonel, USAF  <i>District Commander.</i> </p>	
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DETAILS:

AT OLATHE, KANSAS

On 25 January 1950, Lt. (JG) W. C. KINCANNON, Weather Officer at the Olathe Naval Air Base, Kansas, advised that no reports concerning any unconventional aircraft have been received at the Base. He further stated that the weather on 6 January 1950 was clear with visibility at 12 miles, and that no weather balloons of any type had been released on that date, nor had any flares of any type been released.

It is believed all logical leads in this matter have been developed and it is considered closed in the files of this Office.

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<b>TITLE</b>  UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT Howard, Kansas		<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> CASS W. RIDDLE	
		<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> DO #13, Offutt AFB	
		<b>PERIOD</b> 6 January 1950	
		<b>OFFICE OF ORIGIN</b> DO #13, Offutt AFB	
		<b>STATUS</b> CLOSED	
<b>CHARACTER</b> SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
<b>REFERENCE</b> None - this is an initial report			
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>  <p>Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 13th OSI District, upon receipt of a request from the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC, to make inquiry into the incident. On 6 January 1950, Captain ROBERT E. ZIMMERMAN, Captain FREDERICK E. HOWARD, and 1st Lt HAROLD G. SIMPSON, while enroute by air from Carswell AFB, Texas to Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, saw an unidentified object near Howard, Kansas. The object, 30 to 60 feet in length, shaped like a football and bright silver in color, was proceeding in straight level flight at approximately 2,000 feet, with an estimated speed of 300 to 500 miles per hour. The object was in sight for less than two minutes and then faded from view. The weather was reported as CAVU.</p>			
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