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PROJECT 10015 SECOND

29 June, NOT  
RECORDED

ATIC NO. _____	DATE OF INFO <u>29 June 50</u>
AP NO. _____	LOCATION <u>Dowagiec, Mich</u>
REPORT NO. _____	SOURCE <u>Farmer</u>
DATE OF REPORT _____	DATE IN TO ATIC _____
TIME OF REPORTING _____	COLOR <u>Gray</u>
SHAPE <u>Auto Hub cap</u>	SPEED <u>high</u>
SIZE <u>25' Diam. 12-15' thick</u>	ALTITUDE <u>300'</u>
COURSE <u>S</u>	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED <u>5 Seconds</u>
NO. IN GROUP <u>1</u>	TYPE OF OBSERVATION <u>Ground</u>
SOUND _____	MANEUVERS _____
PICTURES _____	SKETCHES _____

REMARKS: Farmer reported seeing C-47 launch "flying saucer".

OTHER (DRONE OR MISSILE)  
(LAUNCH FROM APC)

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
1600 EAST HYDE PARK BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO 15, ILLINOIS

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14 July 1950

SUBJECT: "Flying Saucer"

TO : Commanding General  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCI H

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In compliance with letter, Department of the Army, GSUSA, CSGID 452, dated 25 March 1948, subject: Unconventional Aircraft, control number A-1917, the following information is hereby submitted.

1950 JUL Detroit News - 6 July 1950

"Farmer Tells of Watching C-54 Launch Flying Saucer  
Dowagiac, Mich., July 6—A 'young, hardworking farmer not given to seeing things' has reported watching a flying saucer launched from an Army C-54.

"John Keller made the report to the Dowagiac newspaper, and said his two young sons would verify his statements.

"Keller said he watched a saucer shaped like an automobile hub cap, about 25 feet in diameter and 12 to 15 feet thick, launched from a low-flying Army C-54 on June 29.

"Keller said the launching took place about a quarter of a mile from where he was riding a tractor, in a hay field.

'The plane was heading southwest at a low rate of speed, about 300 feet up, when the saucer came from the belly of the plane,' he declared. 'It sort of wobbled, then shot away at a terrific speed, due south. It easily outdistanced the C-54 and was out of sight in five seconds.'

"It looked like a gigantic hub cap or half of a sphere. It's topside looked like chrome and had a little dome protruding, and the bottom was dull grey. 'I didn't report it sooner because I was afraid my neighbors might give me the horse laugh.' Keller was with his young sons, Larry and Johnny, when he saw 'the launching.'"

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Flying saucer reported seen by: Dr. L. G. Vatter, 8937 S. Morgan  
Chicago 19, Illinois at 0109, 1 July 1950.

"Flying from N to S at terrific rate of speed. Covered distance  
from N horizon to S horizon in 2 seconds.

"Description: Round, intensely bright, soundless. Not a meteor.  
Dr. claims he has seen meteors and knows what they look like.  
This object, like a ball of fire, the Dr. claims, was at a high  
altitude and traveled a horizontal course over West Chicago."

2. No further investigation is contemplated by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Lt. Col. GSC.  
for ROBERT F. BELL  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

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