

PROGRESS REPORT
29 JUNE, 1950
RECORDED

ATIC NO. ----- DATE OF INFO 29 June 50
AF NO. ----- LOCATION Dowagiec, Mich
REPORT NO. ----- SOURCE Farmer
DATE OF REPORT ----- DATE IN TO ATIC -----
TIME OF OBSERVING ----- COLOR Gray
SHAPE Auto Hub cap SPEED high ESTIMATE Measure
SIZE 25' Diam. 12-15' thick ALTITUDE 300' ESTIMATE Measure
COURSE S LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 5 Seconds
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
LOUDNESS ----- MANEUVERS -----
PHOTOS ----- SKETCHES -----

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

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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 A

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In compliance with letter, Department of the Army, GSUSA, CSGID 4521, dated 25 March 1948, subject: Unconventional Aircraft, control number A-1917, the following information is hereby submitted.

1950 JU 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. Q. Vatter, 8937 S. Morgan
Chicago 16, 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:


L.C. GSC.
ROBERT F. BELL
Colonel, GSC
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