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C-2, Hq Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia

SUBJECT

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
IN SKY

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE	.....	A
USUALLY RELIABLE	.....	B
FAIRLY RELIABLE	.....	C
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	.....	D
UNRELIABLE	.....	E
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	.....	F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	.....	1
PROBABLY TRUE	2
POSSIBLY TRUE	3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE	4
IMPROBABLE	5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

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Following message received by airmail today from the Chief, Mississippi Military District:

"Object in sky characterized as bright sliver of light, one half size of a flattened new moon sighted at 132310Z November by Major [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Master [REDACTED] [REDACTED] this headquarters. Object was approximately ten degrees above horizon in direction of sun which was already below horizon. There was slight movement from left to right but the steadily reducing size made the object appear to be traveling to the west away from the observers. Disappeared from view approximately 2325Z (Rating A-2)"

"Major [REDACTED] [REDACTED], 153 Fighter Squadron, Mississippi Air National Guard, Meridian, Mississippi, pursued unidentified object by plane Monday evening. He went to 21,000 feet and did not get near object. Object resembled edge of a bright tilted plate or bar and had the appearance of new moon flattened out. Object also seen by Lieutenant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Rating C-2)"

Copy of message has been forwarded to Hq, 14th Air Force, for information and any investigation deemed necessary.

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MGIS

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In compliance with United States Air Force letter, dated 8 September, 1950, subject: "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," the following information is submitted:

a. Object sighted was long and slender having the appearance of a parachute with no shrouds. At times it appeared to have a tail. It flew in a wing-low attitude and gradually righted itself, finally disappearing due to darkness; color, white or silver-white with no shine.

b. Object was sighted 13 November 1950 at 1715 E and remained visible until darkness. Length of time observed was approximately one hour.

c. Sighted visually from a C-47 type aircraft which was flying at approximately 160 mph and at an altitude of 4,000 feet.

d. Observers first sighted the object at approximately 25 mi. south of Meridian, Mississippi. The C-47 was on a heading of 250 degrees. Object appeared to be about 20 degrees to the right of the nose and 10 degrees above the horizon, and was finally lost at Vicksburg, Mississippi, due to darkness.

e. Witnesses: Capt. [REDACTED]
Capt. [REDACTED]
M/Sgt. [REDACTED]

This report classified as C-2.

f. Weather was CAVU and the wind 5 to 10 knots at 210 degrees; sky was a red haze with the sunset.

g. No unusual weather or meteorological condition known.

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- h. No photographs available.
- i. No interception attempted.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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H. P. BORMANN
Colonel, USAF
Air Force Liaison

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Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of
Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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Attached for your information are two copies of Spot Intelligence Report concerning captioned subject, dated 25 November 1950. No further action is contemplated unless so requested by your Directorate.

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(in dup)

GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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Lt Col Hearne

When Incl No. 1 is (are) withdrawn
or not attached, the classification of
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Reports of Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Recent reports of sightings of unconventional aircraft in Mississippi are, briefly, as follows:

a. Managing Editor of the Meridian Star, who is a major in the Mississippi National Guards, sighted an unconventional aircraft while flying an F-86 aircraft and flew in pursuit of the object.

b. Three (3) Mississippi National Guards enlisted members sighted an unconventional flying object from the ramp at Key Field, Mississippi.

c. Two (2) weather forecasters at Key Field, Mississippi, gave reported weather conditions for period that unconventional aircraft was sighted.

d. Two (2) Control Tower employees of Key Field, Mississippi, sighted an unidentified aerial aircraft or object that could have been a conventional aircraft.

e. McComb Radio reported course of object.

f. Monroe Radio reported an object.

g. The Clarion Ledger carried an account of folks in Brookhaven seeing another "flying saucer" moving across town.

h. The Vicksburg Evening Post carried an account of Major Stephens sighting an unidentified object over Mississippi resembling the edge of a bright tilted plate.

i. The Jackson Daily News carried an account of a "mysterious streak of light" in the sky being sighted by local citizens.

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2. DETAILS:

a. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of The Meridian Star, and a Major in the 153d Fighter Squadron, Mississippi National Guards, residing at [REDACTED] Meridian, Mississippi, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), on 16 November 1950 and reported the sighting of an unconventional flying object, during a flight he was performing in an F-47 type aircraft (USNG, over Mississippi. Details as submitted by [REDACTED].

- (1) Time: 1650 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.
- (2) Location: [REDACTED] was flying at an altitude of 8,000 feet, about eight (8) miles east of Meridian, Miss., when he first saw the object as it was silhouetted against the sky by the sun, traveling due west at a location west southwest of Meridian. After sighting, [REDACTED] started to pursue the object, climbing to 21,000 feet at an indicated air speed of two hundred and ten (210) miles per hour (estimated three hundred (300) MPH ground speed). At 21,000 feet over Forest, Mississippi, [REDACTED] estimated the object's altitude to be 55-60,000 feet, with a conservative estimate of its speed being six hundred (600) MPH ground speed, without variation in course and with negligible change in altitude. During this observation the object was about forty (40) to seventy (70) miles west of [REDACTED].
- (3) Manner of Observation: As indicated in paragraph 2a(2) above.
- (4) Description: Color of milky white, resembling a day-light type neon bulb. About four hundred fifty (450) to five hundred (500) feet long, and fifty (50) feet in width, comparable to a horizontal bar held lengthwise, with one end slanting downward, traveling at an elevation of fifteen (15) degrees to the horizon. No exhaust, lights or vapor trail observed. Wingless without visible means of support or propulsion. Controls or airducts not evident. No reflection was cast because of sun. [REDACTED] flew north and south of the object and it did not change in perspective.
- (5) No celestial phenomena reported as present. Sky reported clear.

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(6) [REDACTED] is physically fit for flying and is an active pilot. At time of sighting, [REDACTED] had been in the air for thirty (30) minutes, denying any feeling of fatigue.

(7) While over Forest, Mississippi, at 21,000 feet, [REDACTED] radioed to all aircraft and radio stations within range to draw attention to the object. The broadcast was received by Jackson Radio, McComb Radio, Maxwell Air Force Base, and Monroe Radio.

(8) Neighbors and Police Department gave [REDACTED] as being of excellent reputation and reliable.

b. T/Sgt. [REDACTED], residing [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and S/Sgt. [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED], all being mechanics of the 153d Fighter Squadron, Mississippi National Guards and all residing in Meridian, Mississippi, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unconventional flying object. Details as submitted by the three (3) men:

(1) Time: About 1650 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation until 1710 hours, when they lost interest in it.

(2) Locations: All three men sighted object from ramp at Key Field, located near Meridian, Mississippi.

(3) Manner of Observations: Visual from the ground.

(4) Weather Conditions: Clear sky. No clouds.

(5) Description of Object: All three men stated that the object was at an azimuth of approximately fifteen (15) degrees with the horizon. Diminishing size was only indication that object was moving. Other information coincided with that of [REDACTED].

(6) No meteorological condition was indicated which might account for sighting. No physical evidence was obtained.

(7) All three men have recently received a USAF physical examination and found fit for duty status.

(8) Major [REDACTED] vouched for reliability of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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c. Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Weather Forecasters, Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi, stated that the weather report for 1730 hours, 13 November 1950 was as follows:

- (1) Meridian: Clear; eight (8) miles; 247/53/39 calm; altimeter setting 025.
Jackson: Clear; fifteen (15) miles; 247/56/26; north two (2); altimeter setting 025.
McComb: Clear; fifteen (15) miles; 244/53/39; east south-east five (5); altimeter setting 024.
Monroe: Clear; twelve (12) miles; 247/53/33; east six (6); altimeter setting 025.
- (2) Meridian spot check at 1703 hours, 13 November 1950, clear; fifteen (15) miles; east north-east three (3); altimeter setting 025.

d. Mr. [REDACTED], Jr., [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Control Tower Operators, Jackson Air Field, Jackson, Mississippi, both residing in Jackson, Mississippi, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (IG), and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unidentified aerial aircraft or object. Details as submitted:

- (1) Time: 1635 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation for forty (40) minutes.
- (2) Locations: From Control Tower, Jackson Air Field, south of Jackson at an estimated altitude of about forty (40) degrees to horizon.
- (3) Manner of Observations: From Jackson Air Field Tower, sighted through six (6) power binocular.
- (4) Weather Conditions: Not reported.
- (5) Description of Object: Object could have been an aircraft. First sighting revealed object and vapor trail. Object resembled wing of aircraft, with vapor trail obscuring fuselage, empennage and opposite wing. Vapor trail remained a constant length until it suddenly disappeared. Object a dull white, which did not cast reflections from the sun. No lights were visible.
- (6) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that their radio intercepted messages from Memphis ATC which revealed that no flights were scheduled which would be in that area at that time.

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e. McComb Radio reported object north of McComb on a westerly course.

f. Monroe Radio reported object south of Monroe at 1850 hours.

g. The CLARION-LEDGER, (Jackson, Mississippi), of 16 November 1950, carried the following account of a "flying saucer," reportedly sighted by several persons:

"FOLKS IN BROOKHAVEN SEE FLYING OBJECT"

"Brookhaven - Several persons have reported to the Leader-Times of seeing another 'flying saucer' moving across Brookhaven about 5 p.m. Monday afternoon. Some described it as resembling an 'air sock' or 'air sleeve' towed by pilots in target practice.

Other persons speculated that it was merely a vapor trail made visible by the setting sun in the late afternoon skies or left by a trail of smoke from a passing plane.

Sample, owner of the Sample, said he and Tom Lofton drove out to U. S. Highway 51 and watched the object for about 15 minutes. Sample said he thought it was a blimp or an airplane.

J. A. Smith reported seeing what he described as a 'flying saucer' at about 5:15 p.m. Monday on North Jackson Street. He said several persons observed the strange object moving across the sky in a north westerly direction. He said it left a light pink fire in its path."

h. The Vicksburg EVENING POST (Mississippi) carried the following account of a mystery object, sighted in sky by Major Stephens

"MYSTERY OBJECT SIGHTED IN SKY"

"Meridian, Miss., Nov 14- An unidentified object was sighted over Mississippi at an altitude of about 35,000 feet, according to Major B. D. Stephens, National Guard pilot who said he chased it for 65 miles.

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Stephens, of the 153rd Fighter Squadron of the Mississippi Air National Guard, said the object was reported in Jackson, McComb and Meridian. He said he flies 300 miles per hour and reached an altitude of 21,000 feet in his pursuit.

Stephens said the object resembled the edge of a bright tilted plate and could have been the vapor effect of a high-flying B-36."

i. The Jackson DAILY NEWS, (Jackson, Mississippi), 14 November 1950, carried the following account of a "Mysterious streak of light," reportedly sighted by local citizens:

"'Could Be,' Jacksonians Say, Seeing Vaportail"

"A 'Mysterious streak of light' in the sky here late Monday startled local citizens and cause newspapers, radio stations and the Weather Bureau to be swamped with calls.

Officials at the control tower at the airport said it probably was a vapor trail from a jet plane, but Jacksonians who saw it thought otherwise, with many of them saying it had a 'burning tail.'

The same light was reported seen in Florence and Vicksburg also.

It was described as changing in color from orange to lemon and then to white as it disappeared toward the horizon.

At the Weather Bureau, officials, said the light first was seen directly over the city and that it moved from east to west at a height of 'well above 30,000 feet.' They said they didn't know what it was.

West Jackson residents reported they watched the light for some time before it disappeared. Their guesses as to what it was ranged from 'a flying saucer' to 'something from another world.'

It was described as having an oblong shape.

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In Meridian, Maj. [REDACTED] of the Mississippi Air National Guard said he chased an unidentified object for 65 miles at 300 miles an hour, but never got near it. He said it did not have a vapor trail and that it resembled the edge of a bright tilted plate, bar or flattened out new moon.

Two mechanics at Key Field, in Meridian watched the light with binoculars and said it could have been vapor trails from a B-36.

Mrs. [REDACTED] 24, who resides between Jackson and Clinton, said she and other members of her family saw the object about 4:45 p.m., They said it was flying at a very high altitude and traveling very fast directly west.

She added that she could not see the front of the object but the rear end looked like a cylinder of flame about five or six feet long.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she called the observation tower at the Jackson Air Base who confirmed her report of seeing the strange object, but officials there would not attempt to identify it."

3. ACTIONS: None contemplated by this Headquarters.

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John C. McLean
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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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