

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>15 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION Wichita, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2245</u> GMT <u>16/0448</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Aero engr Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1.5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellow color. Light shape. Emitted uniform streak or "band" of light.				11. COMMENTS	

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1. DATE <u>15 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION Wichita, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1042 PM</u> GMT <u>161044Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Retired Brig General			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>Seconds</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING "Light bulb" color. Streak of light - shape. Slight arch downward.			11. COMMENTS No moon out.		

Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AT/AA-2c, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

HEADQUARTERS
3520TH FLYING TRAINING WING (M BOMB)
WICHITA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
WICHITA, KANSAS

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12 JUL 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

TO : Commanding General
Crew Training Air Force
Randolph Air Force Base
Randolph Field, Texas

1. In accordance with paragraph 1, Air Force Letter No. 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the inclosed information is hereby transmitted.

2. This report is not submitted on AF Form 112 because no such forms are available on this base.

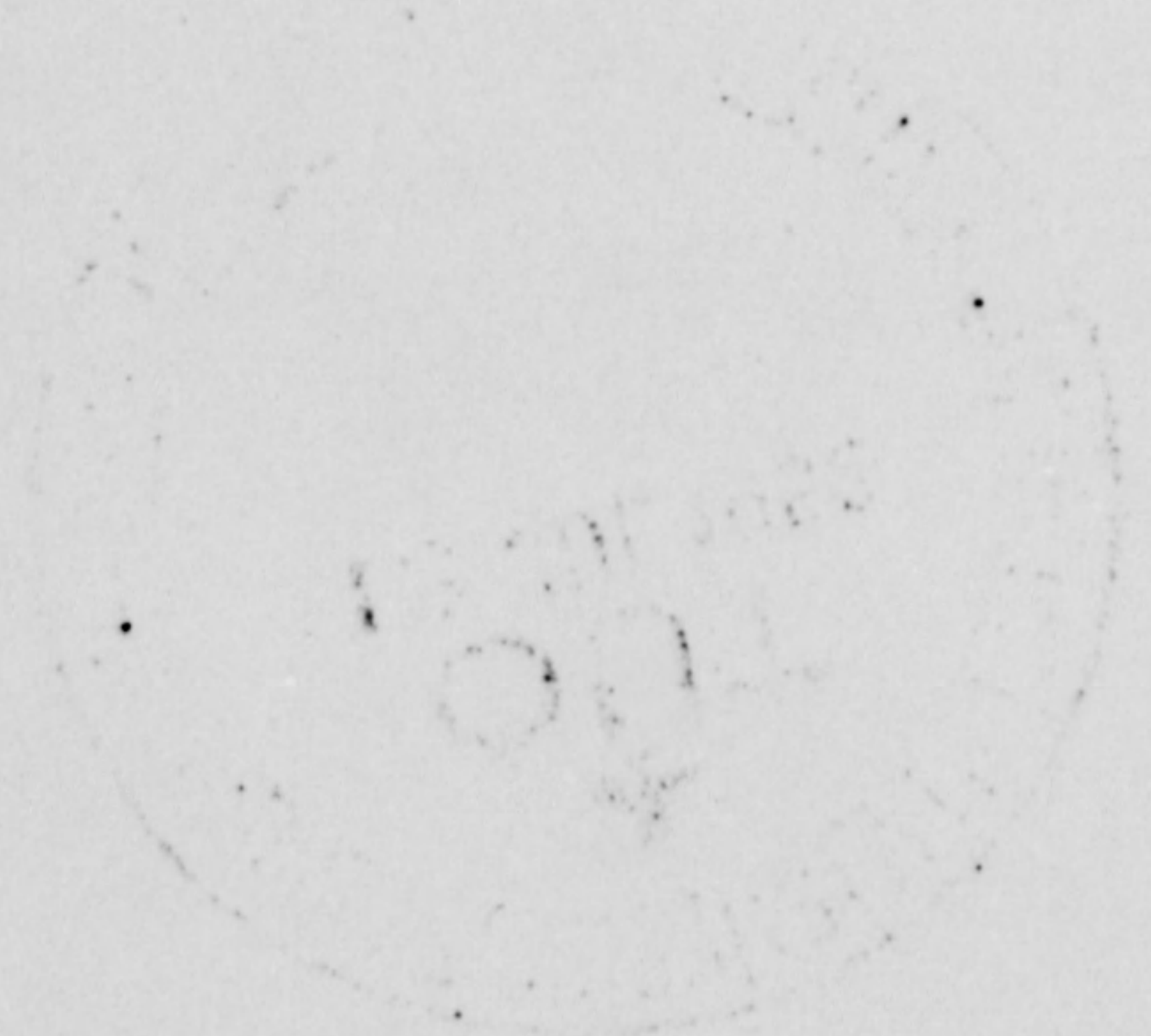
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT A WORSE
Major, USAF
Adjutant

2 Incls:

1. Ltr fr Brig Gen Harris
2. Rpt of Unidentified Flying Objects

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15 APR 52
WICHITA, KAN



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Wichita, Kansas

Intelligence Section, 3520th Flying
Tng Sq., Wichita Muni Appt, Wichita, Kansas

22 July 1952

15 April 1952

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Major John J. Ford, Intelligence Officer

President Swallow Airplane Co.,
Wichita, Kansas

AF Ltr 200-5

SUMMARY: On 15 April, 1952, Mr. [redacted], president of the Swallow
Airplane Company, observed a light source at approximately 500'
altitude and at a distance of 1500', traveling 200-300 mph in a SSE direction,
no noise noticeable. Time of observation between 2242 and 2252 hours - object
in sight 1.5 sec. going out and 1.5 sec. on return. No flicker to light, color
yellow, shape curved band - second observation one minute after first.

APPROVED:

JOHN J. FORD
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Intelligence Section,
3520th Flying Tng Sq, Wichita
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Description of Object: Color yellow - like that of ordinary incandescent electric source - clear and bright against dark sky and appearing close, approximately 1,500'. Light source did not twinkle like a star. The top and bottom limits of the "streak" were parallel - not fanning out. The light appeared and disappeared with suddenness as though turned on and off by an electric switch. It was the opinion of the observer that the light source was of a geometric outline comparable to that of a long "band" slightly curved. The curved section being more pronounced in the first half of the "band". Ratio of width to length of band approximately 1:15. Intensity of light in "band" uniform - top and bottom limits parallel. No resemblance to exhaust from jet or combustion type engine - no appearance of flames - no discoloration. Impression of speed 200 to 300 miles per hour - impression of height, approximately 500'. Impression of distance 1,500'. No noise noted.

Time of Sighting: First appearance about 2245 but not before 2242 and not after 2252; light exposed about 1.5 seconds. Second appearance one minute after first; light exposed about 1.5 seconds.

Manner of Observation: Visually from the ground. No optical or electronic equipment used.

Location of Observer: The observer was located at 97° 15'W - 37° 40'N. Altitude of object approximately 500', distance 1,500', and was headed in SSE direction.

Identifying Information of Observer: The observer is a graduate Aeronautical Engineer, class 1929 with continuous aircraft experience since graduation. The second sighting was noted simultaneously by Mrs. Bloomfield.

Atmospheric Conditions: Clear - stars - no moon (moon visible in Wichita 20 minutes after midnight - wind velocity East 12 miles per hour, Ref: Wichita Weather Bureau). Sky very dark.

Meteorological Conditions: There were no indications of any meteorological conditions or activity at this time which might account for sighting.

Existence of Physical Evidence: There is not physical evidence of sighting such as fragments or photographs.

Interception or Identification Action Taken: None

Location of Air Traffic in General Area: There was no air traffic noted by the observer.

This report was not sent by electrical means since too much time had elapsed between the sighting and the receipt of the report by this office.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

The source is considered to be well qualified, is a graduate Aeronautical Engineer and has been in the aircraft industry since 1929. The source's observations were well documented. The only significance of this observation is the exactness of it. It is considered as too fragmentary to actually mean much by itself, but may fit in a pattern of other and more complete information.

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SWALLOW AIRPLANE COMPANY, INC.
Wichita 1, Kansas
April 18, 1952

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Vice President

Colonel Henry R. Spicer
Wichita Air Force Base
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Colonel Spicer:

I am enclosing herewith a written report of the matter of which I spoke to you on the phone April 16. As mentioned during our conversation, Mr. ~~██████████~~ is especially desirous there be no publicity in connection with the report.

Sincerely,

~~████████████████████~~
~~████████████████████~~
Brig. Gen., USAF Ret

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Enc.

A TRUE COPY:

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1st Lt, USAF

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Report on a Flying Object Observed Twice April 15, 1952

FIRST APPEARANCE

1. Time: About 10:45 PM but not before 10:42 PM and not after 10:52 PM.
2. Atmospheric Conditions: Clear - stars - no moon (moon visible in Wichita 20 minutes after midnight - wind velocity East 12 miles per hour, Ref: Wichita Weather Bureau). Sky very dark.
3. Location of Object: In field of view of observer engaged in conversation - position of head normal - but to center the object in field of view, observer had to slightly raise head. Object appeared above flat roofed residence at 400 North Belmont and was viewed from sidewalk adjacent to that residence.
4. Position of Observer: Approx. 50 ft. south from north line of property 400 North Belmont.
5. Direction of Flight: SSE.

SECOND APPEARANCE

1. Time: Approx. one minute after first appearance.
2. Location of Object: In field of view of observer engaged in conversation - position of head normal - but to center the object in field of view, observer had to slightly raise head. Object appeared over residences located on west side of North Belmont.
3. Position of Observer: Approx. 100 ft. south of position of first appearance.
4. Appearance: Color yellow - like that of ordinary incandescent electric source - clear and bright against dark sky and appearing close, approx. 1500 ft. Light source did not "twinkle" like a star - it did not seem a bright, large light far off. First impression of this observer was that of a round electric light source traveling at a very high rate of speed. This impression was conceived because of the "streak of light" appearance in the sky. This seems illogical, however, because the brightness of the "streak" did not diminish with the distance from the apparent light source. The top and bottom limits of the "streak" were parallel - not fanning out. The light appeared and disappeared with suddenness as though turned on and off by an electric switch - no gradual appearance and disappearance - no fading in and fading out. The "streak" appeared slightly curved, inviting the impression of a single point light source traveling along a curved course at a very high rate of speed.
5. Observation: It is the opinion of this observer that the light source was of a geometric outline comparable to that of a long "band" slightly curved.

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The curved section being more pronounced in the first half of the "band". Ratio of width to length of "band" approximately 1:15. Intensity of light in "band" uniform - top and bottom limits parallel. No resemblance to exhaust from jet or combustion type engine - no appearance of flames - no discoloration. Impression of speed 200 to 300 miles per hour - impression of height, approximately 500 ft. Impression of distance, approximately 1500 ft. No noise noted.

6. Observer: [REDACTED], Delmont, Wichita, Kansas - Age 45
President, Swallow Airplane Company - graduate Aeronautical Engineer -
class 1929 - continuous aircraft experience since graduation.

Note 1: The second appearance was noted simultaneously by Mrs. Bloomfield and myself.

Note 2: The Wichita Evening Eagle of April 16, 1952 reports as follows: "Mrs. [REDACTED], Somerset Drive, saw a strange, brilliantly lighted object in the heavens Tuesday night and she is wondering if any other Wichitans living in that area had made any "flying saucer" reports. Mrs. Rogers says the object streaked across the sky, to the southwest, in a matter of seconds. A vivid green in color, it had the appearance of a huge kite with a long tail, Mrs. [REDACTED] said. The woman said her husband tried to blame the incident on new glasses for which she was fitted Tuesday, but she insists she didn't have them on at the time."

Note 3: In each of the two appearances I estimate the time the light was exposed at 1.5 seconds.

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VAUGHN CHEVROLET
INCORPORATED

April 5, 1966

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OTTUMWA, IOWA 52501
AREA CODE 515 682-4574

Project Blue Book Information Office
S A F O I
Washington D.C. 20336

Gentlemen:

I am writing you in regard to a UFO sighting my wife and I observed the night of April 15, 1952. This information may help to confirm other sightings on this date. I wrote a letter that night, but did not mail it. I hope this information will be of some help to you.

Following find information on observation:

1. Time 9:15-9:30 P.M. April 15, 1952
2. About seven dull orange lights flying in V formation one side of the V longer than other. The end light changed to opposite side of formation during observation.
3. Direction of flight south to north
4. Time travel about 70° (from 20° above horizon to overhead) 3 to 5 seconds
5. Height and distance unknown
6. Very high rate of speed
7. No noise that I could hear (my hearing is limited to about 3500 cycles per second)
8. Sighting was also observed by people in car next to us (we were at a drive in movie)
9. Clear night, no moon, no clouds

Truly yours,

VAUGHN CHEVROLET, INC.


President

LEV:dsy


Changed from this formation to this formation during observation period
Saw the end light move from one side to other.

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16 - 30 APRIL 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
16	Madison, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
16	Shreveport, Louisiana	[REDACTED]	BALLOON
16	Dallas, Texas	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
16	Vallejo, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
17	Bethesda, Maryland	Military	AIRCRAFT
	(CARDS MISSING)		
17	Sault Saint Marie, Michigan	[REDACTED]	BALLOON
17	Longmeadow, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
17	Fort Eustis, Virginia	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
17	Benton, Pennsylvania	Military (RADAR)	AIRCRAFT
17-18	Yuma Test Station, Arizona	Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Bethesda, Maryland	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Corner Brook, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Japan	Military (RADAR)	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Corner Brook, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
19	Benton, Pennsylvania	Military (RADAR)	AIRCRAFT
19	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
19-22	Jamesville, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
20	Solano County, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
20	Hallingdal, Norway	[REDACTED]	Astro (SUN/MOON)
20	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
20	Flint, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
20	Griffin Park, L.A., California	[REDACTED] (PHOTOS)	Other (WATER ON NEGATIVE)
20	McClellan AFB, California	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
21	Almansa, Spain	Multiple	INSUFFICIENT DATA
	(CARDS MISSING)		
21	LaCross, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
21	Walla Walla, Washington	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
22	Okinawa	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
22	Condon, Oregon	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
23	Hinkle, Oregon	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
24	Bellevue Hill, Vermont	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
24	Milton, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
24	Oak Forest, Texas	[REDACTED]	Other (PSYCHOLOGICAL)
24	Fairchild AFB, Washington	Military	Balloon
24	Clovis, New Mexico	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
24	Waco, Texas	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
24	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
24	Dallas, Texas	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
25	Thule AFB, Greenland	Multiple	Other (VAPOR TRAILS)
25	Darmstadt, Germany	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
25	Fargo, North Dakota	Multiple	Other (DUCKS)
27	Grand Rapids, Michigan	[REDACTED]	AIRCRAFT
27	Royal Oak, Michigan	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
27	Roseville, Michigan	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
27	Selfridge AFB, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
27	Waskish, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
27	Yuma, Arizona	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
27	Pontiac, Michigan	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
28	Homewood, Illinois	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Marshall, Texas	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED

[April 1952]

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
<u>CONT'D</u>			
29	North of Goodland, Kansas	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Topeka, Kansas	Wilson	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
29	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Military	BALLOON
	(CASE MISSING)		
29	Coldwater, Ohio	Mueller	BALLOON
30	Moriarity, New Mexico	Military (RADAR)	Other (RADAR JAMMING)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
25	Wilmington, North Carolina	Meteor Report	