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Round silver object which seemed to hover in sky was observed by 3 airmen at PIAFB for 3-5 minutes.

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4711TH DEFENSE WING
PRESQUE ISLE AIR FORCE BASE
Presque Isle, Maine

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOBRT)

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Transmitted herewith is report of investigation concerning unidentified flying object reported sighted near Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine 24 July 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1. AF Form 112 (4 cys)
2. Statement of S/Sgt Dye
3. Statement of A/3C Phair
4. Statement of A/3C DuPont

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ALFRED J. DABRUSCIA
2nd Lt., USAF
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STATEMENT

Statement of and answers to questions by S/Sgt John R. Dye AF 16273251, 85th Air Base Squadron, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine.

"I was driving a car, I was going to turn left as DuPont said "What's that?" "Where", and I saw it and it was white, very brilliant and somebody said, "Flying Saucers" and somebody said "helicopter" and it started moving and it seemed to move up first but the most important thing that happened was that it seemed to start moving toward us, it stopped and stayed there and it moved again left or right and then it started moving away and it took around 10 seconds from the time it started toward us until it disappeared."

Q. Did you get a good look at it?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it a flash?

A. No, we watched it.

Q. In what direction were you facing when observing the object?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. Picture the North-South runway.

A. I can't.

Q. Were you facing the hospital area?

A. By the airman's mess close to the road that leads to the restricted area by the fire station. Maybe 5° each way from the line of that road - maybe to the left.

Q. Is this your first experience with this sort of thing?

A. Yes. It didn't excite me at all. Something you just take for granted. I don't know why, we talked about it for two or three minutes and then changed the subject. We don't know how long it had been there before we saw it.

Q. What shape would you say it was?

A. It wasn't three dimensional at all. At no time did it have a sense of depth. As far as we were concerned it was round.

Q. How many of these objects did you see?

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A. Just one.

Q. Any aerodynamic features?

A. No.

Q. Did it have any trail or exhaust?

A. No, nothing.

Q. What would you say of its speed?

A. I don't think it was unusually fast. The only thing I have to base it on is simply to compare it to the distance of the clouds. It could have been one or fifteen miles away from us, but I got the impression of speed -- but it didn't move around so fast. Once it started to move it moved. Compared to an 86 (F-86) - just a little faster than an 86 (F-86).

Q. How did it disappear from sight?

A. Well, once it started moving, it just took a few seconds.

Q. Was it sudden?

A. No.

Q. Was it gradual?

A. No.

Q. When it moved away did you see it go down, up or turn. Did you see it fly on it's side at all?

A. It seemed to get a little flatter as it faded away.

Q. Did it do any manoeuvres?

A. None, except the change as it went away.

Q. How long did you say you observed this?

A. 1½ to 2 minutes.

Q. What distance and at what altitude would you estimate for this object?

A. This would have to be a mad guess. I think that it was 10 or 15 miles away.

Q. How high would you say it was?

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A. I don't think it was more than 2,000 feet high.

Q. In what direction was it traveling?

A. It was going to the left or right, toward us and then away. At the time it was disappearing it was moving directly away from us climbing at a gradual climb and it seemed to be going directly away from us.

Q. Did anything leave the object?

A. Nothing. It was very odd, as soon as somebody mentioned it, it started to move away and it seemed to get smaller as it moved away. It was very bright. It was hard to see if it was its own light or a reflection of the sun. It was brilliant.

Q. How long have you been in the service?

A. Six (6) years. 4½ in the Air Force and 1½ in the infantry.

John E Dye

JOHN E. DYE
S/Sgt. USAF
AF 16234251

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STATEMENT

Statement of and answers to questions by A/3C Arthur J. Thair AF 12399963, 85th Air Base Squadron, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine.

"It was about six o'clock - 1800 hours - last night and we saw it in the west directly over the mess halls from where we were."

Q. Where were you?

A. On the base, coming out of it.

Q. In what direction were you facing when observing the object?

A. West, I believe.

Q. What shape would you say it was?

A. Round, oval.

Q. What size would you say it was?

A. It seemed to be at quite a distance - something compared to a compared to a pinhead.

Q. How far away would you say the object appeared?

A. ten to fifteen miles. At the most fifteen miles.

Q. How high would you say it was?

A. Approximately 4 to 5,000 feet.

Q. And the size, again, you say would be that of a pinhead?

A. Quite small and it was sort of contrasted against a dark cloud.

Q. Any aerodynamic features?

A. Round shape.

Q. Did it leave a trail or exhaust?

A. No, nothing to leave a trail.

Q. What would you estimate its speed to have been?

A. It seemed at times to be completely still. It was going so fast, it seemed to go out of sight.

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Q. When you say it v[redacted] its speed?

A. Faster than anything I have ever seen.

Q. Was there any sound?

A. No, sir.

Q. What was its line of flight?

A. Straight, and perhaps a slight climb.

Q. Describe, if you will, the manner in which it disappeared.?

A. It just disappeared and then it would come back. It seemed it would almost go out of sight and then it came back.

Q. For how long a period of time did you observe this object?

A. Two to three minutes.

Q. Did it appear as a speck in the sky?

A. When we sighted it, it was motionless. It was very bright against the cloud. The brightness might have been the reflection of the sun and it was very small.

Q. Did you observe any abrupt movements?

A. It was motionless and then when it left it seemed very abrupt and then it came back again and went away.

Q. And in what direction was it moving away?

A. It was going almost west.

Q. Did you observe anything leaving the object at anytime?

A. No, sir, nothing at all.

Q. How long have you been in service?

A. Since February 1952.

Q. Prior to your entering service had you, on occasion, an opportunity to be in an area of considerable aircraft activity?

A. No.

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Q. Where are you presently working?

A. Base Operations.

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Arthur J Phair

ARTHUR J. PHAIR
1/Lt, USAF
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STATEMENT

Statement of and answers to questions by A/3C James V. DuPont AF 12410886, 74th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine.

We were coming from barracks #232, coming down the road. As we hit the main road we looked to the west and spotted an object that was very bright. It seemed to stand for a while and then disappear out of sight.

Q. Did it reappear?

A. No.

Q. Were you the first to see this object?

A. We all looked when I said look at the flying saucer.

Q. What time would you say that it was?

A. six o'clock.

Q. What shape would you say it was?

A. Round.

Q. What size would you say it was?

A. From where we saw it it was the size of a small dinner plate or saucer. It wasn't large.

Q. What would you estimate, from where you observed, the distance and altitude of the object?

A. I am not very good at this. About as far as that cloud you see out the window. It was approximately 15 to 20 miles at approximately 10,000 feet.

Q. How many of these objects did you see?

A. One.

Q. Was it in any way similar to any aircraft you've seen?

A. None at all, it was round.

Q. Did you notice any exhaust trail?

A. No. It just seemed to fade away. It seemed to be travelling at a very rapid speed.

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Q. What would you estimate the speed?

A. Beyond anything you have ever seen - faster than a jet.

Q. When you first saw it moving, did it slow down gradually and then stop?

A. When I first spotted it, it was just standing and then it seemed to raise a little and then that was it. It gained altitude and took off.

Q. Was there any sound?

A. No, none whatsoever. We had the car motor running and I don't know if we could have heard it above that.

Q. How did it disappear?

A. Sudden at first. Climbing and then it went away.

Q. How long had you observed this object?

A. We observed it about a minute and a half.

Q. How long have you been in the service?

A. Only five (5) months.

Q. Where is your home?

A. Rochester, New York.

Q. Prior to your entering service had you observed very many aircraft - fighter and transport type?

A. No, not too many. I hadn't seen any before I came in the service. No jets except in pictures.

Q. What kind of work do you do here at this base?

A. Administrative work in Squadron Supply.

James F. DuPont

JAMES F. DUPONT
A/3C, USAF
AF 12410686

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
USA	IR-45-52E	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFOBER)

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine	Hq., 4711th Defense Wing Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
28 July 1952	25 July 1952	F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Captain Hayden E. Richards, Intel. Officer	S/Sgt John E. Dye AF 16234251 A/3C James F. DuPont AF 12410886 A/3C Arthur J. Phair AF 12399963

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, &c., as applicable)
AFL 200-5

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

The airmen reporting the sighting were the following:

S/Sgt John E. Dye AF 16234251, 85th Air Base Squadron, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine. Six years military service.

A/3C James F. DuPont AF 12410886, 74th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine. Has been in the military service since 28 February 1952. Presently working at Squadron Supply.

A/3C Arthur J. Phair AF 12399963, 85th Air Base Squadron, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine. Has been in military service since February 1952. Presently working in Base Operations.

Report contains airmen's sighting of unidentified flying object WSW of Presque Isle AFB, Maine during the time of driving on base. Object size varied from pinhead to a small dinner plate, round in shape and silver in color. Distance from point of observation estimated ten to fifteen miles and at an altitude of from 1 - 10,000 feet. Rate of speed in excess of jet aircraft and manner of disappearance varied from gradual to sudden. One C-47 departed this station approximately same time as object reported seen.

There is no doubt as to the sincerity of the airmen making this report. The apparent discrepencies which exist in the approximating of altitudes and distance is understandable due to the airmens' lack of experience in this type of evaluation. Taking into account the prevailing cloud background and the reported departure from this station of a C-47 aircraft, at approximately the time of airmens' sighting, and whose flight path and rate of climb after take-off would place it in a position approximately 15 miles WSW of the station at approximately 3000 feet six minutes after take-off, it is not unreasonable to assume that the reported sighting may have been that of this aircraft.

APPROVED:

Hayden E. Richards

HAYDEN E. RICHARDS
Captain, USAF
Hq., 4711th Defense Wing
Intelligence Officer

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1. Narrative statement of S/Sgt Dye
2. Narrative statement of A/3C Phair
3. Narrative statement of A/3C DuPont

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STATEMENT

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AF 16274251, 85th Air Base Squadron, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine.

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Q. Did you get a good look at it?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it a flash?

A. No, we watched it.

Q. In what direction were you facing when observing the object?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. Picture the North-South runway.

A. I can't.

Q. Were you facing the hospital area?

A. By the airman's mess close to the road that leads to the restricted area by the fire station. Maybe 5° each way from the line of that road - maybe to the left.

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A. Just one.

Q. Any aerodynamic features?

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A. No.

Q. Did it have any trail or exhaust?

A. No, nothing.

Q. What would you say of its speed?

A. I don't think it was unusually fast. The only thing I have to base it on is simply to compare it to the distance of the clouds. It could have been one or fifteen miles away from us, but I got the impression of speed - but it didn't move around so fast. Once it started to move it moved. Compared to an 86 (F-86) - just a little faster than an 86 (F-86).

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Q. Was it sudden?

A. No.

Q. Was it gradual?

A. No.

Q. When it moved away did you see it go down, up or turn. Did you see it flip on it's side at all?

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Q. Did it do any manuevers?

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A. 1½ to 2 minutes.

Q. What distance and at what altitude would you estimate for this object?

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Q. How long have you been in the service?

A. Six (6) years. 4½ in the Air Force and 1½ in the infantry.

John E Dye

JOHN E. DYE
S/Sgt, USAF
AF 16234951

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Q. In what direction were you facing when observing the object?

A. West, I believe.

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A. Round shape.

Q. Did it leave a trail or exhaust?

A. No, nothing to leave a trail.

Q. What would you estimate its speed to have been?

A. It seemed at times to be completely still. It was going so fast, it seemed to go out of sight.

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Q. When you say it was moving, what was its speed?

A. Faster than anything I have ever seen.

Q. Was there any sound?

A. No, sir.

Q. What was its line of flight?

A. Straight, and perhaps a slight climb.

Q. Describe, if you will, the manner in which it disappeared.?

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A. No, sir, nothing at all.

Q. How long have you been in service?

A. Since February 1952.

Q. Prior to your entering service had you, on occasion, an opportunity to be in an area of considerable aircraft activity?

A. Yes.

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Q. Where are you presently working?

A. Base Operations.

Arthur J Phair

ARTHUR J. PHAIR
A/3C, USAF
AF 12399963

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STATEMENT

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"We were coming from barracks #232, coming down the road. As we hit the main road we looked to the west and spotted an object that was very bright. It seemed to stand for a while and then disappear out of sight."

Q. Did it reappear?

A. No.

Q. Were you the first to see this object?

A. We all looked when I said look at the flying saucer.

Q. What time would you say that it was?

A. six o'clock.

Q. What shape would you say it was?

A. Round.

Q. What else would you say it was?

A. From where we saw it it was the size of a small dinner plate or saucer. It wasn't large.

Q. What would you estimate, from where you observed, the distance and altitude of the object?

A. I am not very good at this. About as far as that cloud you see out the window. It was approximately 15 to 20 miles at approximately 10,000 feet.

Q. How many of these objects did you see?

A. One.

Q. Was it in any way similar to any aircraft you've seen?

A. None at all, it was round.

Q. Did you notice any exhaust trail?

A. No. It just seemed to fade away. It seemed to be travelling at a very rapid speed.

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A. Beyond anything you have ever seen - faster than a jet.

Q. When you first saw it moving, did it slow down gradually and then stop?

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Q. Was there any sound?

A. No, none whatsoever. We had the car motor running and I don't know if we could have heard it above that.

Q. How did it disappear?

A. Sudden at first. Climbing and then it went away.

Q. How long had you observed this object?

A. We observed it about a minute and a half.

Q. How long have you been in the service?

A. Only five (5) months.

Q. Where is your home?

A. Rochester, New York.

Q. Prior to your entering service had you observed very many aircraft - fighter and transport type?

A. No, not too many. I hadn't seen any before I came in the service. No jets except in pictures.

Q. What kind of work do you do here at this base?

A. Administrative work in Squadron Supply.

James J. DuPont

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SIGHTED BY 3 AIRMEN THIS STATION 24 JULY 1952 PD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CLN TIME - 1800 EDT PD 1 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES OBSERVATION PD SHAPE -

ROUND PD SIZE - PINHEAD TO DINNER PLATE PD COLOR - SILVER PD NUMBER -

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OBSERVERS - 46 REES 43' 45" - 68 DEGREES 00' 07" E PD LOCATION OF

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25 - 26 JULY 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
25	Louckbourne AFB, Ohio (CARDS MISSING)	Military	
25	The Dallas, Oregon	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Alice, Texas	Military	Astro (METEOR)
25	Los Angeles, California (CARDS MISSING)	[redacted]	
25	Pamlico River, North Carolina (CARDS MISSING)	Military	
25	Lima, Ohio (CARDS MISSING)	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
25	Manassas, Virginia	Military	Possible Astro
25	Cincinnati, Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Gardena, California	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Thomaston, Connecticut	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Wilmington, Delaware [No folder]	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Hampton, Virginia (Langley AFB) (Folder) see Wash DC Jul 52		Insufficient Data
25	Norwalk, California	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Lennox, California	[redacted]	Balloon
25	New Berlin, New York		Insufficient Data
25	New York City, New York	Multiple	Other (LIGHT REFRACTIONS)
25	Near Canadian Border (New York)	Military	Balloons
25	The Dallas, Oregon	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska (CARDS MISSING)	Military (RADAR)	Other (RADAR INTERFERENCE)
25	Osceola, Wisconsin		Balloon
25	Cincinnati, Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
25	Hamilton AFB, California	Multiple	Balloon
25	Atlanta, Georgia	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
26	Concord, California	Civilians	Insufficient Data
26	Forest, Ontario, Canada	[redacted]	Possible Balloon
26	Washington, D. C. (FOLDER)	Multiple	UNIDENTIFIED
26	Selfridge AFB, Michigan (CARDS MISSING)		
26	Palm Springs, California	Multiple	Aircraft
26	Hamilton AFB, California	Military	Insufficient Data
26	Kansas City, Missouri	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
26	200 Mi S of New York [No folder missing]		Possible Weather Phenomena
26	Fort Knox, Kentucky	Military	Astro (METEOR)
26	Annapolis, Maryland [No folder ?]		Astro
26	Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C. (FOLDER)		UNIDENTIFIED
26	Omaha, Nebraska	Civilians	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
26	Douglas, Wyoming	[redacted]	Balloon
26	Walnut Creek, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
26	Santa Cruz, California	Civilians	Balloon
26	Richmond, California	Civilian	Aircraft
26	San Francisco, California	Civilian	Insufficient Data
26	Florence, South Carolina	Civilian	Possible Astro
26	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
26	Williams, California [No folder missing]		UNIDENTIFIED
26	Deborgia, Montana	Military	Insufficient Data
26	Oceola, Missouri	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
26	Princeton, Indiana	Military	Astro (METEOR)
26	West Norfolk, Virginia [No folder] (Folder - Wash. DC area)		Astro
26	Los Angeles, California	[redacted]	Balloon
26	Hamilton AFB, California	Military	Aircraft
26	Dania, Florida (CARDS MISSING)	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
26	Plainview, Texas	Military	Probable Balloon

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Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

IRAN

Luminous flying object over Iran

There have been many sightings reported of unkown objects observed on the Soviet-Iranian border and the following represents a cross-cut of the sighting:

25 Jul 52 — Description: Luminous object moving from W to E. (Comment: Probable METEOR)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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The Inspector General USAF
6th District Office of Special Investigations

23 Jul 52
Lockbourne AFB, Ohio

25 July 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio

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

1. SYNOPSIS: Captain EUGENE B. McMANUS, Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia, upon returning to this station from a trip to Lockbourne Air Force Base, reported that while awaiting clearance at Lockbourne, he, along with numerous people from Lockbourne Air Force Base, witnessed four (4) objects hovering in the vicinity of Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio. These objects were observed by approximately 90 per cent of the personnel at Lockbourne Air Force Base, and were reportedly observed through an Observatory in Columbus, Ohio. According to Captain McMANUS, two (2) F-84 type aircraft were dispatched from Lockbourne in an attempt to overtake and identify these objects with negative results.

2. DETAILS: Captain EUGENE B. McMANUS, AO 666604, 311th Operations Squadron, 311th Air Base Group, Turner Air Force Base, Georgia, reported to this office on 24 July 1952 that on 23 July 1952, while resting and awaiting clearance from Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio to Turner Air Force Base, Georgia, his attention was directed by members of the Operations Office, Lockbourne Air Force Base, to aerial objects located in the vicinity of Lockbourne Air Force Base and Columbus, Ohio. Captain McMANUS stated that these objects were easily visible to him, and that there were four (4) in number. Captain McMANUS further stated that one of the objects seemed to hover above the other three objects and was not visible at all times, being hidden by the other three objects. Captain McMANUS stated that he observed these objects for approximately 45 minutes and described them as being round in shape and almost fluorescent white in color. Captain McMANUS added that he arranged himself so that he could sight along the top of a telephone pole

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WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, [redacted] OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

6 August 1952

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena Over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. The following information was furnished this office by the 6th OSI District (IG), Robins Air Force Base, Robins Field, Georgia:

"Captain EUGENE E. McMANUS, AO-668608, 811th Operations Squadron, 811th Air Base Group, Turner AFB, Ga, reported to this office on 24 July 1952 that on 23 July 1952, while resting and awaiting clearance from Lockbourne AFB, Ohio to Turner AFB, Georgia, his attention was directed by members of the Operations Office, Lockbourne AFB, to aerial objects located in the vicinity of Lockbourne AFB and Columbus, Ohio. Captain McMANUS stated that these objects were easily visible to him, and that there were four (4) in number. Capt McMANUS further stated that one of the objects seemed to hover above the other three objects and was not visible at all times, being hidden by the other three objects. Capt McMANUS stated that he observed these objects for approximately 45 minutes and described them as being round in shape and almost fluorescent white in color. He added that he arranged himself so that he could sight along the top of a telephone pole at the objects and that the objects did not seem to have any forward motion, but seemed to be hovering in one particular area. Capt McMANUS further stated that two F-84 aircraft were dispatched from Lockbourne AFB to try to observe and identify these objects, and that upon the pilots' return to Operations, they reported that they had obtained an altitude of 43,000 feet and were still unable to identify or approach these unidentified objects. Capt McMANUS further added that weather personnel from Lockbourne AFB set up an observer telescope,

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the type used in reading weather balloons, and that he, personally, observed these objects through this telescope. He continued that with the assistance of this telescope the objects still appeared round in shape and white in color. The only assistance the telescope gave was that the objects seemed to be much larger. Capt McMANUS further stated that it was reported to Lockbourne Operations while he was there, that an Observatory in Columbus, Ohio, through means of triangulation, had placed the height of these objects at 75,000 feet. Capt McMANUS stated that he did not see any vapor trails or any glow around the objects. When asked what he believed the objects to be, Capt McMANUS stated, 'I do not know. All I know is that they were round, white in color, and approximately six inches in diameter.'

"Captain McMANUS is a senior pilot in the United States Air Force, having approximately 2,200 flying time, and having served on active duty as a pilot for approximately ten (10) years. Captain McMANUS is described by his fellow officers as being quiet, very conscientious, and most reliable."

2. The foregoing is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate. No further investigative action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in instant matter.

JAMES H.GUNN
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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3. ACTION. In view of the fact that these aerial objects were sighted over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, no action is contemplated at this station.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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(PART ONE) FOUR ~~SILPE~~ SILVER OBJECTS SUSPENDED VERTICALLY LARGE ONE ONE TOP WITH SMALLER THREE BEINL ALL THE SAME SIZE APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRDS SIZE OF LARGER ONE. THE SECOND ONE WAS AT A DISTANCE OF ONE HALF ITS DIAMETER FROM LARGER ONE1 THIRD ONE SAME DIST 584$ 9,3 -.3 ~~$85~~ANCE FROM SECOND AS SECOND WAS FROM FIRST. FOURTH ONE ONE FOURTH DISTANCE FROM THIRD AS THIRD WAS FROM SECOND. ALL OVAL IN SHAPE WITH LARGER AXIS OF EACH PERPENDICULAR TO LINE OF SUSPENSION. THE COMPLETE CLUSTER APPEARED TWICE AS LARGE AS AN RB-FORTY FIVE FLYING AT 38,000 FEET. TRAVELLED IN STRAIGHT LINE ON TWO FIFTY DEGREES. APPEARED TO BE TRAVELLING SLOWLY. DISAPPEARED DUE TO

DARKNESS. DEFINITELY WAS NOT A CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT. NO EXHAUST OR PROPULSION SYSTEM SEEN. 2100207 (PART TWO) OBSERVED FROM 1920 EST TO 2015 EST. (PART THREE) VISUAL WITH AID OF EIGHT POWER FIELD GLASSES AND FOUR POWER THEODOLITE. (PART FOUR) OBSERVED FROM CONTROL TOWER AT LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO AND PORT COLUMBUS OHIO. AT 2005 EST, BEARING OF 250.9 DEGREES AT 23.1 DEGREES ELEVATION FROM LOCKBOURNE AND 245 DEGREES AT 19.7 DEGREES ELEVATION FROM PORT COLUMBUS. AT 2007 EST BEARING 251.4 DEGREES AT 22.5 DEGREES ELEVATION FROM LOCKBOURNE AND 245.5 DEGREES AT 19.1 DEGREES ELEVATION FROM PORT COLUMBUS. AT 2010 EST, 251.8 DEGREES AT 21.9 DEGREES ELEVATION AT LOCKBOURNE AND 246.1 DEGREES AT 18.3 DEGREES ELEVATION FROM PORT COLUMBUS. PLOTTED APPROXIMATELY NINE MILES NORTHWEST OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OHIO AT 87,700 FEET. (PART FIVE) MAJOR JAMES

WATSON, OPERATIONS OFFICER, 166TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE OHIO. EXTREMELY RELIABLE AND QUALIFIED TO OBSERVE. REGULAR AIR FORCE OFFICER WITH TEN YEARS FLYING EXPERIENCE. THIS OBJECT WAS ALSO OBSERVED BY LARGE NUMBERS OF BASE AND SQUADRON PERSONNEL. (PART SEVEN) NONE. (PART EIGHT) ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS FROH ASTRO-PHYSICIST OF OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. (PART NINE) TWO F-84'S SCRAMBLED REACHED 31,000 FEET. ONE RB-45 AT 38,000 FEET. TWO F-86'S SCRAMBLED FROM 97TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON. REACHED 48,000 FEET. OBJECT ABOVE ALL OF THEM. RB-45 BRACKET UNDER OBJECT

APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES NORTHWEST OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO. (PART TEN) NO LOCAL TRAFFIC IN AREA OTHER THAN AIRCRAFT CHASING OBJECT. THIS INFORMATION REPORTED TO CAPTAIN KINDER OF 30TH AIR DIVISION ON HOT LINE AT 2335 EST.

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Blue Book Project
Officer present no
form 142 required

Air Technical Intelligence
Under Personnel have invested.
They state no Form 112 necessary
as object was identified as
balloon

Capt. E.J. Rappelt
ATIMM-5

MAJ WARREN

FIRST REPORT WAS RECEIVED AT APROX. 1930E AND ACCUM. THEREAFTER. CAPT REPPELT CAME UP TO F/S 1. GOT SOME INFO FROM FFO TWR AND OBSERVED OBJECTS AND REQUESTED WE SEND THE ATTACHED INFO TO HIM VIA BUCK SLIP. HE DETERMINED FROM 97TH INTER. THE OBJECTS WERE BALLONS AND NO REPORT NECESSARY. MAJ MALLOY ALSO ADVISED NO REPORT NECESSARY VIA ELECTRICAL XMITTION.

CAPT SWARTZ

SEND TO CAPT. E. J. REP, ELT ATIAA-5

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS 23 JULY 1952.

I. FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED FROM CAA CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, PORT COLUMBUS AIRPORT, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

a. THE FOLLOWING PLOTTINGS WERE MADE BY THEODOLITE LOCATED ON THE TOWER. ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD UNLESS INDICATED.

TIME	AZIMUTH	ELEVATION
1924 1/2 E	36.3	42.4
1925 1/2 E	41.1	38.0
1926 1/2 E	41.8	40.4
1927 1/2 E	42.3	40.8
1928 1/2 E	44.0	39.0
1929 1/2 E	45.3	38.4
1930 1/2 E	37.1	37.4
1931 1/2 E	47.9	37.9
1932 1/2 E	49.1	36.1
1933 1/2 E	50.1	35.4
1934 1/2 E	51.1	34.8
1950 E	59.8	25.3
1951 E	61.1	24.9
1952 E	61.6	24.4
1953 E	61.0	24.0
1954 E	61.1	23.6

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1955E	61.5	23.3
1956E	61.9	23.0
1957E	62.3	22.4
1958E	62.5	22.0
1959E	63.0	21.6
2000E	63.2	21.3
2001E	63.5	20.9
2002E	63.7	20.6
2003E	64.4	20.3
2004E	64.7	20.0
2005E	65.0	19.7
2006E	65.2	19.1
2007E	66.0	18.9
2008E	66.0	18.6
2009	66.1	18.3

b. DISCRIPTION AS GIVEN BY COLUMBUS TOWER WAS FOUR (4) OBJECTS, TWO (2) IN TRAIL, TWO (2) AT ONE OR TWO O'CLOCK TRAVELING IN A SOUTH SOUTH WEST DIRECTION.

c. THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL AS STATE by CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, WAS NO APPARENT MOVEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE OBSERVATION (1915Z). AT THAT TIME THEY WERE SSW FROM COLUMBUS. AT THE LAST OBSERATION READING (2010Z) THEY WERE WSW FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO.

d. FORMATION OF THE objECTS AS OBSERVED by THE CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR WAS FOUR (4) objECTS IN A LINE CONNECTED IN PAIRS AND COVERING A DISTANCE APPROXIMATELY THE RADIUS OF A HALF dOLLAR POINTING BETWEEN ONE (1) AND TWO (2) O'CLOCK.

II. AN AIRCRAFT REPORT RECEIVED VIA COLUMBUS, TOWER.

a. AF8180 (TYPE UNKNOWN) REPORTED AT APPROXIMATELY 1935E FROM 15,000 FT. THAT THE BALLOONS OR UNKNOWN objECTS WERE BETWEEN 65,000 AND 70,000 FEET. THAT THEY WERE definetly NOT BALLOONS. AND WERE IN A 15 MILE WESTERLY DIRECTION (POSITION OF AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN).

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III. AIRCRAFT REPORT RECEIVED VIA LOCKBOURNE TOWER, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

a. UNKNOWN OBJECTS REPORTED BY AN F-84 ON A HEADING OF 290 DEGREES MAGNETIC AT 1931 E. OBJECTS ALTITUDE 50,000 FEET PLOTTED 100 DEGREES FROM AIRCRAFT 30 MILES (DIRECTION UNKNOWN) FROM OMNI-RANGE AT DAYTON, OHIO. REQUEST PATTERSON TRY TO OBTAIN READING ON THEODOLITE SO AS TO CONTINUE PLOT. (POSITION OF AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN).

IV. AIRCRAFT REPORT RECEIVED VIA COLUMBUS TOWER.

a. AIRCREFT CONFIRMED THE OBJECTS WERE BETWEEN 65,000 AND 70,000 FEET, BUT THEY WERE BALLOONS IN HIS ESTIMATION. PILOT CIRCLED AREA OF OBSERVATION BUT WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE TYPE AS MOVEMENT WAS TO FAST (IDENTIFICATION, TYPE AND POSITION OF AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN).

V. REPORT RECEIVED VIA WHEELING, W. VA. CAA STATION.

a. FARMER REPORTED TWO (2) OBJECTS VERY HIGH IN AIR APPEARED TO BE JOINED

TOGATHER AND TRAVELING FROM WEST TO EAST.

VI. FOLLOWING WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT FOR GENERAL AREA.

1830 E

LOCKBOURNE, O.-4,000 FT. SCATERED 5,000 FT. BROKEN VIS. 15

MANSFIELD, O. - 5,000 FT. BROKEN VIS. 12 MILES

DAYTON, O. - 15,000 FT. SCATERED VIS. 15 MILES

ZANESVILLE, O. - 6,500 FT. OVERCAST VIS. 10 MILES

1930 E

COLUMBUS, O. - 4,500 FT. SCATERED 9,000 BROKEN VIS. 15 MILES

MANSFIELD, O. - 5,000 FT SCATERED VIS. 12 MILES

DAYTON, O. — CLEAR VIS. 15 MILES

ZANESVILLE, O. - 6,500 FT. BROKEN VIS. 10 MILES

2030 E

COLUMBUS, O. — CLEAR VIS. 15 MILES

MANSFIELD, O. — CLEAR VIS. 12 MILES

DAYTON, O. — CLEAR VIS. 15 MILES

ZANESVILLE, O. — 5,000 FT SCATERED VIS. 10 MILES

1330 E

WHEELING, W. VA. - 3,000 SCATERED VIS. 15 MILES

1630E

WHEELING, W. VA. - 3,000 BROKEN VIS. 15 MILES

VII. WINDS ALOFT FOR GENERAL AREA.

50,000 FT.	250°	41 KNOTS
55,000 FT.	260°	35 KNOTS
60,000 FT.	260°	26 KNOTS
65,000 FT.	260°	23 KNOTS
70,000 FT.	260°	22 KNOTS