PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

2. LOCATION
Elkton, Maryland

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTO
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
GOC spotter

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
30-60 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE

10. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☒ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Hoax
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

11. COMMENTS

0. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

White in color. Round.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

23

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: FRI. 22ND (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: 11 (Hrs.) 0 (Min.) A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. (Eastern)
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. (Daylight Saving)
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

AIRCRAFT OBSERVATION POST. [redacted] (MONTEBELLO) (Postal Address) BALTIMORE (City or Town) MD. (State) U.S.A. (Country)

Additional Remarks: _____

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. (Outdoors)
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. (In the residential section of a city?)
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

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4. How did you happen to notice the object? WE WERE WATCHING SKY. CARRYING OUT DUTIES AS AIRCRAFT OBSERVERS. IT SUDDENLY APPEARED.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

22ND (Day) AUGUST (Month) 1952 (Year)

(IMMEDIATELY AFTER SPOTTING OBJECT.)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? WATCHING FOR AIRCRAFT

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

WATCHING FOR AIRCRAFT. HAD BEEN ON DUTY FOR 1 (ONE) HOUR.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or (No)

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? 0 miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. (South)
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. (South)
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

(Yes) or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sunglasses
g. (Through open space)
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. (Clear sky)
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. (Slight breeze)
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. (Dry)
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. (Cool)
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours 2 (two) Minutes _____ Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. (Certain) c. Not very sure
b. Fairly sure d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) (Solid) or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.9	(Remain motionless?)	(Yes)	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): (Yes) No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? BRILLIANT WHITE

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound THERE WAS NONE.

16.2 Color BRILLIANT WHITE.

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 1
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

_____

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes (No) Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other AUTO HEAD LIGHT.

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? UNKNOWN feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 2 miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? 0 miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

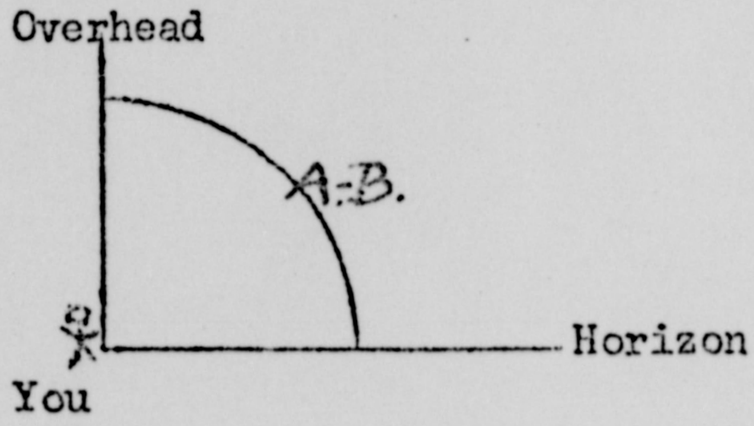
a. (Certain)
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

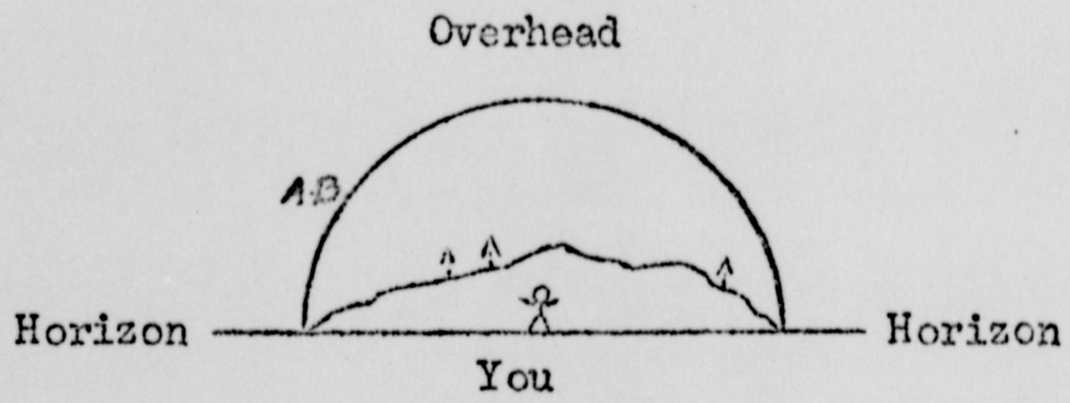
(Circle One): a. (Suddenly)
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

MADE NO MOTION.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

CANNOT GIVE ANY OTHER DESCRIPTION OTHER THAN THE OBJECT WAS A LARGE BRIGHT LIGHT. THERE WAS NO MOTION OR SOUND.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or (No)

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? THIS OBJECT HAD APPEARANCE OF PLANE SPOTLIGHT BUT WAS MUCH LARGER.

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? DON'T KNOW.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) BALTIMORE (City) 14 (Zone) MD. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? MERCHANT.

Age 44

Sex MALE

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

MR. [redacted] - [redacted] BALTIMORE - MD.

MR. [redacted] - [redacted] TOWSON 4 - MD.

MR. [redacted] - [redacted] BALTIMORE - MD.

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
22 Aug 52	W. of Baltimore, Md.	Local: 2155 Zebra: 230235

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☑ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Naked Eye
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Telescope
- ☐ Theodolite

5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ☐ By One Set
- ☐ By Two Sets
- ☐ By Three Sets

6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ___ A/C Observed Object
- ☐ Interception Attempted
- ☐ No Intercept Attempted

7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ___ A/C Scrambled
- ☐ Visual Contact Made
- ☐ A/I Contact Made
- ☐ No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Violent

9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☑ Steady

10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☑ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)

647TH AC&W Sq. Manassas, Va.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? None

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)
- ☐ Night
- ☐ Day
- ☐ Sunrise
- ☐ Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ One Aircraft
- ☐ More Than One Aircraft

18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☑ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING: None

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☑ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
- ☑ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:

_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

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CG/TI AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Norfolk, Virginia

SUBJECT: Unconventional Flying Object (U.FOUNT) 25 AUG 1952

TO: Commanding General
23 Air Division (Defense)
Hoolyn, New York

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

Attached statement is submitted as an inclosure to unconventional flying object report from this organization dated 25 August 1952.

2 Incls
1. Ltr, Det # 6, 4070th Ctrl Obsr Sq, dtd 25 Aug 52
2. Ltr, Mr [redacted] dtd 20 Aug 52

W. A. CROMARTIE
Major, USAF
Commanding

Info cy: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attn: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

DETACHMENT NO. 6
1,670TH GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON
Pythian Bldg, Charles and Preston Sts
Baltimore, 1, Maryland

25 August 1952

SUBJECT: Report on Unconventional Objects

TO: Commanding Officer
647th AC&W Squadron
Manassas, Virginia

The attached report on an unconventional flying object was received from Mr. [redacted].

1 Incl.
Letter from Mr. [redacted],
dtd 23 Aug 52.

JOSEPH CHAZEN
Capt., USAF
Commanding

Saturday, August 23rd, 1952

Commanding Officer
Baltimore Filter Center
Pythian Building
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

As per request from authorties at Air Civil Defense Headquarters, the following is a detailed report of strange light seen in sky on night of Friday, August 22nd, 1952 at approximately 11 P.M.

"One brilliant light, appearance and size of automobile headlight, about 2 miles south of Observation Post Papa-Kilo 21-Red. High altitude. Seen by four observers, [redacted]. Light suddenly appeared brilliant, remained motionless and no sound was heard. Light remained in same position for minute or more and then suddenly disappeared as it had appeared."

Before reporting this incident to filter center, we watched light long enough to determine whether or not it was a plane. The light could have been that of a searchlight that planes use in landing, but after light disappeared we did not see the usual red, green and white lights. Visibility was very good on this evening and if this was a plane we should have spotted it. We were spotting planes the whole evening from distances greater than from where this light was seen. There was no sound heard. We have no definite explanation as to what it may have been.

Hoping this report meets to your approval, I am,

Respectfully yours

[redacted]

P.S. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of other observers enclosed.

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of observation team whom spotted strange light in sky on night of Friday, August 22nd, 1952

1. [redacted] Tele: [redacted]

2. [redacted] Tele [redacted]

3. [redacted] Tele: [redacted]

4. [redacted] Tele: [redacted]

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647TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Manassas, Virginia

25 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Flying Object (FLYOBRPT)

THRU: Command Channels

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington, 25, D.C.

1. In compliance with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Attachment # 1 hereto is submitted.

2. Statement required by par # 2, 26 AD Ltr ADOIN 560, dated 29 July 52 has been omitted to meet the time requirements established by AFL 200-5. Subject statement will be forwarded when recieved by this organization.

3. Normal supply channels have been exhausted in an attempt to obtain AF Form 112, therefore, blank paper has been substitued in lieu thereof for additional copies.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

A.B. GORDON
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

1 Attachment:
1 cy AF Form 112 dtd 25 Aug 52
or facsimile thereof

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Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (FLYOBRPT)

Baltimore, Maryland 647th AC&W Squadron, Manassas, Va

25 August 1952 23 August 1952

DONALD C KELLANSE, Captain, USAF [redacted], Ground Observer Corps

Air Force Letter 200-5,

1. At 0305Z 23 August 1952 a report was received from the Baltimore Filter Center stating a very large, round, white object at a very high altitude had been observed at 0255Z. This object was in sight between thirty seconds and one minute, at which time it then disappeared.

2. Observed at 0255Z 23 August 1952. Object was in sight between thirty seconds and one minute.

3. Observation was made visually by a Civillian Ground Observer Volunteer. Upon receipt of report at this station at 0305Z 23 August 1952 a check was made on the upper and lower beam of an AN/FPS-3 and the Height-Range Indicator of an AN/CPS-4. No targets were detected in the area of the reported object.

4. The Observer of the object was located at thirty nine (39) degrees twenty four (24) minutes north latitude and seventy seven (77) degrees sixteen (16) minutes west longtitude. The direction of the object from the observer is unknown. The altitude of the object was described as "very high".

5. Observation was made by [redacted], a civillian Ground Observer Corps volunteer. Address of observer is [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland. Phone number, [redacted]. By occupation Mr [redacted] is a liquor store operator. His reliability and experience is unknown.

6. Listed below are the weather conditions existing at Andrews Air Force Base during the period of the sighting. Andrews AFB is approximately twenty nine (29) statute miles southwest of the area of the sighting.

Sky condition - clear
Visibility - 8 knots
Tempature - 65
Dew point - 45
Altimeter - 011

Winds aloft:
5,000 feet from 320 degrees at 20 knots
10,000 feet from 310 degrees at 20 knots

2 cys Director of Intelligence
Hq, USAF
Washington,25, DC

1 Info cy: CG, 26 AD
CG, EADF
CG, ADC

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15,000 feet from 230 degrees at 25 knots
20,000 feet from 250 degrees at 30 knots
25,000 feet from 260 degrees at 30 knots
30,000 feet from 300 degrees at 40 knots
35,000 feet from 300 degrees at 40 knots
40,000 feet from 310 degrees at 45 knots

7. Unknown.

8. None.

9. No intercept attempted.

10. No targets were being detected by electronic equipment at this station in the area of observation at time of sighting.

Donald C. Kollanse
DONALD C KOLLANSE
Captain, USAF

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(17th Ftr/Wg Hq) Subj: Unconventional Flying Objects (REPORT)

2nd Ind wrd/jwb

(17th Fighter Wing (All Weather) Defense), Hanscom, Virginia, 3 Oct 52

TO: Commanding General, 26th Air Division (Defense) Roslyn, New York

1. Paragraph h of 1st Ind, report corrected and is inclosed herewith.

2. Reference paragraph 2 of 1st Ind, observers written reports are received this organization in excess of three (3) days from the time of occurrence. Air Force letter 2 0-5, 29 April 1952, requires submission of subject report within three (3) days from first report of occurrence. Request Division's policy as to whether Flying Object report must be held until observer's written report can be included or if Flying Object report may be forwarded without observer's written report and the observer's written report forwarded upon receipt.

3. Reference paragraph 3a of 1st Ind, report number has been deleted.

4. Reference paragraph 3b of 1st Ind, evaluation is now affixed.

5. Reference to paragraph 3c 1st Ind, future reports will contain weather and winds aloft at the time and place of sighting. This information will be obtained from the Filter Centers or the Weather Section, 26th Air Division (Defense).

6. Reference paragraph 3d 1st Ind, this discrepancy has been corrected.

7. Reference paragraph 3e 1st Ind, the text of the report is now presented on Air Force Form 112, Part II.

8. Reference paragraph 3f 1st Ind, your attention is invited to Paragraph 3, basic communication. Request statement from your Headquarters of action desired when forms are not available. Shall report be held, awaiting forms or submitted on available paper supply?

W. A. CHANDLER
Major, USAF
Commanding

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64TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Manassas, Virginia

25 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Flying Object (FLYOBJECT)

TWX: Command Channels

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington, 25, D.C.

1. In compliance with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 23 April 1952, Attachment #1 hereto is submitted.

2. Statement required by par # 2, 26 AD Ltr ADOIN 360, dated 29 July 52 has been omitted to meet the time requirements established by AFL 200-5. Subject statement will be forwarded when received by this organization.

3. Normal supply channels have been exhausted in an attempt to obtain AF Form 112, therefore, blank paper has been substituted in lieu thereof for additional copies.

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A. B. GORDON
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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6h7th ACSW Sq Subj: Unconventional Flying Object (FLYOBJT)

ADOIN 360 (25 Aug 1952) 1st Ind AHG/jar

HEADQUARTERS 26TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE), Roslyn, New York

TO: Commanding Officer, 6h7th ACSW Squadron, Manassas, Virginia

1. Attached report is returned for appropriate correction and resubmission.

2. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of basic communication. Referenced letter of this headquarters was promulgated with the objective of facilitating and expediting the receipt of observer's written reports, by the appropriate intelligence agency, for inclusion in flying object reports. The requirement for inclusion of subject statement is outlined in paragraph 7 d of Air Force Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting.

3. The following references are made to your Air Intelligence Information Report dated 25 August 1952:

a. Report Number: An Intelligence Report number should not be entered by your organization. This number will be affixed only at the major air command level.

b. Evaluation: It is the responsibility of the reporting agency to affix an intelligence evaluation of reports originating from their agency.

c. Paragraph 6: Weather conditions at time of sighting are listed for Andrews Air Force Base, a location 29 miles from the point of observation. It is not irregular for two (2) points separated by 29 miles to have distince variances in weather. Paragraph 7c (6), Air Force Letter 200-5, directs information be tabulated and inserted regarding the "weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting".

d. Paragraph 6: Visibility is listed as "3 knots". This type of discrepancy cannot and must not be perpetrated on Air Intelligence Information Reports.

e. Reference is made to the format of the form. The text of report is to be presented on AF Form 112 - Part II.

f. Ozalid stencilling process: Air Force Form 112's are master ozalid translucent paper forms used for reporting to facilitate reproduction by Ozalid equipment at United States Air Force Headquarters. In preparing the attached report, adherence to the proper procedures required for this reproduction process were not followed.

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647th ACdn Sq Subj: Unconventional Flying Object (FLYOBJECT)

ADDIN 360 (25 Aug 1952) 1st Ind (Cont'd)

4. Request immediate correction and return of attached Air Intelligence Information Report.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL VAN AUKEN:

1 Incl:
n/c

E. H. GILLOT
Major, USAF
Adjutant General

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AF FORM 112—PART I
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
United States		

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unconventional Flying Object Report (UNIDENT)

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Baltimore, Maryland	647th AC&W Squadron

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
25 August 1952	23 August 1952	F-5

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
DONALD E WILLIAMS, Captain, USAF	LOUIS H BARTH, Ground Observer Corps

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952

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 112—Part II.)

At 0305Z, 23 August 1952, a report was received from the Baltimore Ground Observer Corps Filter Center stating a very large, round, white object at a very high altitude had been observed at 0255Z, 23 August 1952. Object was reported to have been in sight between thirty seconds and one minute. When the report was received at this station the area of the reported object was checked by all electronic equipment available and no targets were detected in the area of the reported sighting.

_____ INCLS.

1. Ltr, Det 16, 4670th Grd Observer Sq, dtd 25 Aug 52.
2. Ltr, Mr Barth, dtd 25 Aug 52.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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647th AC&W Squadron		

1. At 0305Z 23 August 1952, a report was received from the Baltimore, Maryland Filter Center stating a very large, round, white object at a very high altitude had been observed at 0255Z. This object was in sight between thirty seconds and one minute.

2. Observed at 0255Z 23 August 1952. Object was in sight between thirty seconds and one minute.

3. Observation was made visually by a Civilian Ground Observer Volunteer. Upon receipt of report at this station at 0305Z 23 August 1952, a check was made on all electronic equipment available and no targets were detected in the area of the reported object.

4. The observer of the object was located at thirty nine (39) degrees twenty four (24) minutes north latitude and seventy seven (77) degrees sixteen (16) minutes west longitude. The direction of the object from the observer is unknown. The altitude of the object was described as "very high".

5. Observation was made by Lewis J Barth, a civilian Ground Observer Corps volunteer. Address of observer is 4505 Harford Road, Baltimore, Maryland. Phone number, Clifton 5304. By occupation Mr Barth is a liquor store operator. His reliability and experience is unknown.

6. Listed below are the weather conditions existing in the general area of the sighting:

Sky Condition - Clear
Visibility - 8 miles
Temperature - 65 degrees
Dew Point - 45
Altimeter Setting - 011

Winds aloft:
5,000 feet from 320 degrees at 20 knots
10,000 feet from 310 degrees at 20 knots
15,000 feet from 280 degrees at 25 knots
20,000 feet from 250 degrees at 30 knots
25,000 feet from 280 degrees at 30 knots
30,000 feet from 300 degrees at 40 knots
35,000 feet from 300 degrees at 40 knots
40,000 feet from 310 degrees at 45 knots

7. Unknown.

8. None.

9. No intercept attempted.

10. No targets were being detected by electronic equipment at this station in the area of observation at time of sighting.

Donald C. Kollanse
DONALD C KOLLANSE
Captain, USAF

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DETACHMENT NO. 6
[illegible] OBSERVER SQUADRON
Pythian Bldg, Charles and Preston Sts
Baltimore 1, Maryland

23 August 1952

SUBJECT: Report on Unconventional Objects

TO: Commanding Officer
64th ACW Squadron
Arnassa, Virginia

The attached report on an unconventional flying object was received from Mr. Louis M. Barth.

1 Incl.
Letter from Mr. Barth,
dtd 23 Aug 52.

s/ Joseph Chason
t/ JOSEPH CHASON
Capt., USAF
Commanding

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Clinton F. Braffett
RUSTON F. CHIVETTI
Captain, USAF

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Saturday, August 23rd, 1952

Commanding Officer
Baltimore Filter Center
Cylmian Building
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

As per request from authorities at Air Civil Defense Headquarters, the following is a detailed report of strange light seen in sky on night of Friday, August 22nd, 1952 at approximately 21 P. M.

"Two brilliant lights, appearance and size of automobile headlights, about 2 miles south of Observation Post Baltimore 21-Red. High altitude. Seen by four observers, Garth Shaver, Tim Lingo and Friday. Light apparently brilliant, remained motionless and no sound was heard. Light remained in same position for minute or more and then suddenly disappeared as it had appeared."

Before reporting this incident to filter center, we watched light long enough to determine whether or not it was a plane. The light could have been that of a searchlight that planes use in landing, but other lights disappeared as did not see the usual red, green and white lights. Visibility was very good on this evening and if this was a plane we should have spotted it. We were spotting planes the whole evening from distances greater than from where this light was seen. There was no sound heard. We have no definite explanation as to what it may have been.

Hoping this report meets to your approval, I am,

Respectfully yours

s/Louis H. Garth
s/LOUIS H. GARTH

P.S. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of other observers enclosed.

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Clayton P. Graffam
CLAYTON P. GRAFFAM
Captain, USAF

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30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

The following is a detailed report of strange light seen in sky on night of Friday,August 22nd, 1952 at approximately 11 P.M.

"One brilliant light, appearance and size of automobile headlight, about 2 miles South of Observation Post PaPa Kilo-21-Red. High altitude. Seen by four observers, Barth;Shaver; Yingling; and Friskey. Light suddenly appeared brilliant, remained motionless and no sound was heard. Light remained in same position for minute or more and then suddenly disappeared as it had appeared."

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
23 Aug 52	Baltimore, Md.	Local: Zebra: 0255

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☑ Yes ☐ No
- ☑ Naked Eye
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Telescope
- ☐ Theodolite

5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ☐ By One Set
- ☐ By Two Sets
- ☐ By Three Sets

6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ___ A/C Observed Object
- ☐ Interception Attempted
- ☐ No Intercept Attempted

7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ___ A/C Scrambled
- ☐ Visual Contact Made
- ☐ A/I Contact Made
- ☐ No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Violent

9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:
- ☐ Blinking
- ☐ Steady

10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: 30 Sec.
- ☐ 1-15 Seconds
- ☐ 1-5 Minutes
- ☐ Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)

647TH AC+W Sq., Manassas, Va.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?

None

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)
- ☐ Night
- ☐ Day
- ☐ Sunrise
- ☐ Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ☐ One Aircraft
- ☐ More Than One Aircraft

18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☑ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☑ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
- ☑ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☑ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

If observer is off on time of sighting, it could be a balloon from numerous launch sites in area

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000	30	260
1,000			30,000	40	300
2,000			35,000	40	300
3,000			40,000	45	310
4,000			45,000		
5,000	20	320	50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	20	310	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000	25	280	90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000	30	250	100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:

_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS
8 MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

ATIC Test Form 333 (13 Aug 52)

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1952 AUG 23 03:05

ACTION

AIR C 25 AUG 7:30

ACTION INFOR / APPL INFOR

FM 11: AOV

TO :15

YDA154

:174

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: ROSLYN NY/2Ø8 JEPQW 38D

2315ØZ

: CO 547TH AC&W SQ MANASSAS VA

O JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH DC

FO JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CNTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

DEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

N/JEPQW/CG 26TH ADIV DEF ROSLYN NY

[redacted] ACC 23Ø PD ATTN ATIAA-2Ø AIR TECH INTEL CNTR

TTN DIR OF INTEL 26 ADIV CLN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT PD

FLYOBRPT/ REF AFL 2ØØ-5 PD

. ROUND CMA VERY LARGE IN SIZE CMA WHITE IN COLOR CMA MOTIONLESS CMA

DISAPPEARED AFTER BEING OBSERVED FROM THIRTY SECONDS TO ONE MINUTE PD

. SIGHTED AT Ø255Z CMA 23 AUGUST 1952 PD UNDER OBSERVATION BETWEEN

THIRTY SECONDS AND ONE MINUTE PD

. VISUAL OBSERVATION PD ALTITUDE VERY HIGH PD NO OPTICAL OR ELECTRONIC

EQUIPMENT USED PD

. THIRTY NINE DEGREES TWENTY FOUR MINUTES NORTH CMA SEVENTY SEVEN

? 2155 EST — Balloon? Check launches in area

2155 EST (22) AUG 52

[illegible] SIXTEEN MINUTES WEST PD

4. OBSERVATION MADE BY LEWIS W BARTH CMA CIVILIAN GROUND OBSERVER VOLUNTEER PD ADDRESS CMA 4505 HARFORD ROAD CMA BALTIMORE MARYLAND PD PHONE CMA CLIFTON 5264 PD OCCUPATION CMA LIQUOR STORE OPERATOR PD RELIABILITY OF EXPERIENCE OF OBSERVER UNKNOWN PD

5. WEATHER CMA CLEAR CMA VISIBILITY EIGHT KNOTS CMA TEMPERATURE SIX FIVE CMA DEW POINT FOUR FIVE CMA ALTIMETER ZERO ONE ONE PD WINDS ALOFT CMA

5000 FEET FROM 320 DEGREES AT TWENTY KNOTS

10000 FEET FROM 310 DEGREES AT TWENTY KNOTS

15000 FEET FROM 280 DEGREES AT TWENTY FIVE KNOTS

20000 FEET FROM 250 DEGREES AT THIRTY KNOTS

25000 FEET FROM 260 DEGREES AT THIRTY KNOTS

30000 FEET FROM 330 DEGREES AT FORTY KNOTS

35000 FEET FROM 300 DEGREES AT FORTH KNOTS

40000 FEET FROM WEQP DEGREES AT FORTY FIVE KNOTS

7. UNKNOWN PD

8. NONE PD

9. NO INTERCEPTION ATTEMPTED PD

10. NO AIRCRAFT WERE BEING DETECTED BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT THIS

...E THREE JEPQW 38D

...ATION IN AREA OF OBSERVATION AT TIME OF SIGHTING PD

...5/1542Z AUG JEPQW

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Los Angeles 19, California

COMEBACK-SAFIS-3
READER SAFIS-1
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[redacted]
Los Angeles 19, California

May 3, 1958

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Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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[redacted]
PRODUCER OF DOCUMENTARY MOTION PICTURE FILMS

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

14 Aug 53

MEMO FOR S/Sgt Max Futch

Do you have those photos available & are they for release? I thought the Coast Guard thing was a SAFE, but I could be wrong.

I don't know what this 16 page questionaire thing is. How about answering this letter and dropping me a note on what you say.

I've been getting quite a few letters from flying saucer organizations. I guess they've been looking forward to an exciting summer which hasn't materialized.

Lt. White
OSAF-OPI Press Desk
Hq USAF

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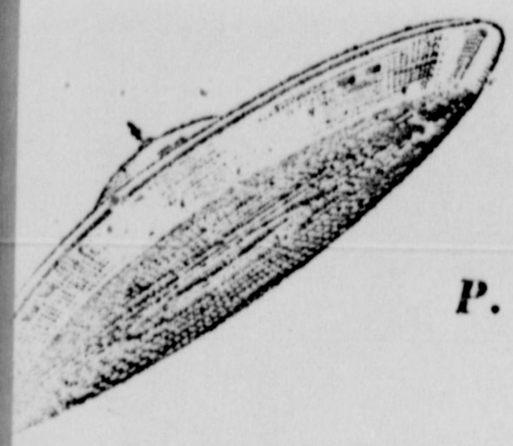

FLYING SAUCERS INTERNATIONAL

P. O. Box 31 - Preuss Station - Los Angeles 35, Calif.

"I will shew wonders in the heavens . . ." - Joel 2:30

11, August, 1953

OSD/OPI
Air Force Press Desk
Room 2E765
Pentagon Bldg.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are very much interested in obtaining the following photographs of unidentified aerial phenomena and we will deeply appreciate if you can help us locate these prints for possible inclusion in SAUCERS Magazine.

We would like to obtain the photograph taken by the Air Force over Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio at 11:00 A.M. on August 20, 1952 by a climbing jet aircraft at 30,000 feet on 35 mm. film.

Also, we would like to get a print of photograph taken by Seaman Shell R. Alpart of the U. S. Coast Guard at 9:00 A.M. on July 16th, 1952 at the Salem, Mass., Air Station.

We would also very much appreciate it if you could send us a copy of the 16 page Air Force questionaire on the so-called "flying saucers."

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

[redacted]r

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To Mary Holm
and April Marley
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PRODUCER OF DOCUMENTARY MOTION PICTURE FILMS

[redacted]
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

March 11, 1958

Captain Wallace C. Marley, USA
Production Branch
Audio-Visual Division, OPI, OASD(PA)
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Captain Marley:

Thank you for your cordial and informative communication of 28 February. Your continued cooperation - and patience - is appreciated.

Naturally, I shall keep in touch with your office as the script to my projected documentary progresses. However, the narrative will gradually develope as the material for the production is successively screened, edited and timed. Therefore, much of script of this post-narrated film will depend precisely on what film is available, including the stock footage to be made available by the Department of Defense.

So you can see that I am in a rather nebulous position at the moment. But I am certain that time will resolve everything. I would wonder if you would be kind enough to tell me just what the purchase of stock footage entails? Thank you.

There is another point that I wish you would clarify. With reference to my inquiry into the availability of four motion pictures of UFO's reportedly in the possession of the Air Force, you responded: "...the specific footage that you have requested has been checked by the Department of the Air Force and there is no record of its existence."

This reply has me a bit mystified. One of the films about which I inquired was allegedly taken by a cine-theodolite crew at Edwards AFB, Calif., on 3 May, 1957, and I have a letter from Major Robert F. Sponco, USAF, describing the film in some detail.

As to the gun-camera shot near Wright-Patterson AFB on 20 August, 1952, let me here quote the caption to frames from this movie as reproduced in True Magazine for December 1952: "Hovering object that was scanned by radar and soon by ground watchers was caught on film by a climbing jet pilot. These unretouched 35 mm. gun-camera movie frames, released to TRUE by the Air Force, were taken at 30,000 feet, near Wright Field, at 11 a.m. on August 20, 1952." From the appearance of the enlarged frames, I believe the movie was shot on 16mm and not 35mm film.

And the White Sands cine-theodolite films were referred to by Edward J. Ruppelt, Capt., USAFR, former chief of Project Blue Book in his book, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects (p. 279: "...We had or know about four strips of movie film that fell into the 'Unknown' category. Two were the cinetheodolite movies that had been taken at White Sands Proving Ground in April and May of 1950..."). Capt. Ruppelt's book was supposedly cleared by DOD Security and Review on 5 December, 1955.

SAFIS-3/Maj Tacker/jd/73328

14 April 1958

Dear [redacted]:

Captain Harley has requested that we answer your letter of 11 March 1958, since some of the information you request is in our area of responsibility.

First, regarding your request for the procedure to procure stock footage from the military services for motion picture films -- footage may be purchased by representative of recognized motion picture and television agencies, on the basis of scripts submitted to the Department of Defense and approved in advance of film production. Approved scripts are forwarded to the appropriate film depository where the producer may select for purchase such footage as is commensurate with the production of the specific script.

I should caution you again, that good motion picture footage of UFO is not available from any official sources. As was pointed out in earlier correspondence, exhaustive research was conducted by and for the producers of the Armstrong Circle Theatre with no success in finding even a small piece of film that would register on a television screen.

If you will re-read your correspondence, dated 11 June 1957, from Major Robert F. Spence, you will note that there is not any mention of motion picture footage of the Edwards incident. I should also add, since you cited Mr. Keyhoe's book, that it was cleared only for security purposes and in fact a disclaimer for factual accuracy was made at that time by the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

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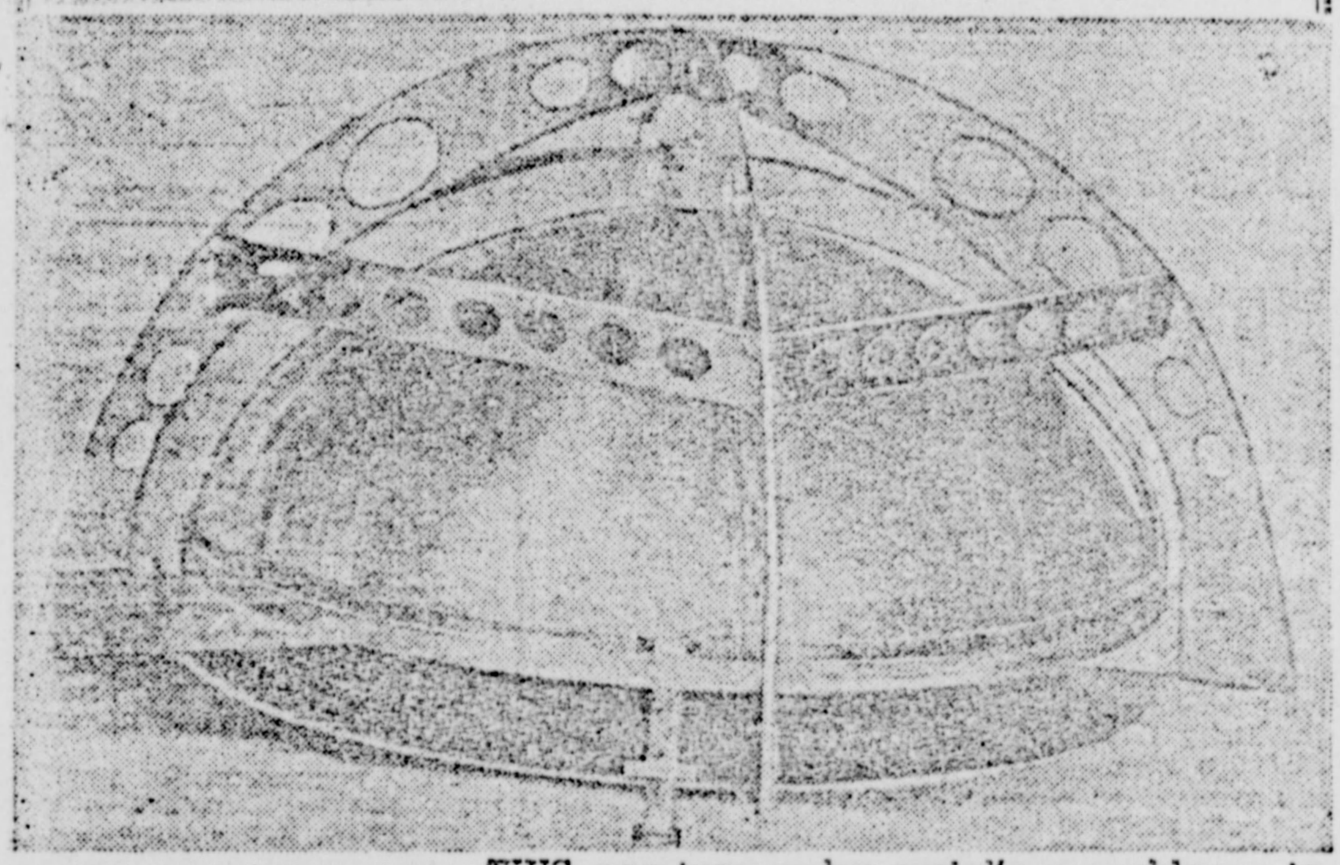
WEDNESDAY; DAILY TELEGRAPH AUGUST 20, 1952

IT COULD BE—BUT IT ISN'T



THIS new-type radar aerial's resemblance to popular conception of a flying saucer is coincidental. Dr. R. Spencer, an American delegate to the International Radio Scientific Union Assembly in Sydney produced a drawing of the aerial (above) and jokingly referred to flying-saucers in a lecture to delegates yesterday.

Prof. H. S. W. Massey.

Dr. C. R. Burrows.

FLYING SAUCER EXPERTS SAY—

The world's experts on radar, the upper air and outer space are attending the International Radio Scientific Union Assembly in Sydney.

What do they think of reports of flying saucers?

A Daily Telegraph reporter who asked some of the delegates this question yesterday had these answers from four of them:

Professor H. S. W. Massey, professor of physics at University College, London:

Some of the sightings in England have been due to cosmic ray balloons—big balloons sent up for cosmic ray research.

You may not have those here, but you have high-flying aircraft.

A very high aircraft can look quite a different shape with a different light on it, and could easily produce the illusion of a saucer.

Some of the sightings

It is claimed that some of these "saucers" have flown paths which would suggest human control.

But they are often reported to change course or accelerate at speeds no human could withstand.

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But I believe natural phenomena would provide explanations for all the sightings if all the facts were known.

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the delegates this question yesterday had these answers from four of them:

Professor H. S. W. Massey, professor of physics at University College, London:

Some of the sightings in England have been due to cosmic ray balloons—big balloons sent up for cosmic ray research.

You may not have those here, but you have high-flying aircraft.

A very high aircraft can look quite a different shape with a different light on it, and could easily produce the illusion of a saucer.

Some of the sightings are probably due to natural phenomena, and some are optical illusions.

Dr. D. W. R. McKinley, chairman of the Canadian National Research Laboratory:

"I can't talk about flying saucers, because they're classified information.

Ask someone who doesn't work for a Government —like Dr. Burrows over there.

Optical mirages

Dr. C. R. Burrows, director of the School of Engineering at Cornell University, leader of the American delegation to the assembly, and a radar and radio expert:

Some of the sightings are pure imagination, but some are not.

Some are what might be called optical mirages. Others are cases of mistaken identification of natural phenomena.

I think that about 80 per cent. of the reports have a logical, natural explanation.

Radar reports of strange bodies in the sky are probably reflections from air mass boundaries where ice is forming.

The apparent high speed shown in the radar screens could be due to rapid extension of the formation of ice.

I don't think there's any possibility that any of the sightings are of missiles, either friendly or hostile.

accelerate at speeds no human could withstand.

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The radar waves are projected out from between the two walls of the dome.

In this way you get a finer focus of the radar search beam than is possible with the ordinary parabolic reflector.

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2. Congaree Air Base, South Carolina - 20 August 1952

An AC/W radar station from Congaree Air Base, South Carolina, reported an unknown object performing a normal target paint on their radar scope on 20 Aug 52. Time was 1045 hrs, estimated speed 4000 to 4500 knots. Sighted at 120° 60 miles from the radar site. Experienced radar observers operating the electronics equipment.

Solution: Unknown

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IRAN

Luminous flying object over Iran

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

21 Aug 52 — Description: Two luminous objects seen over Iranian territory near the town of Kizil. Altitude about 2500 meters. Fifteen minutes before its appearance a noise like an aircraft engine was heard. (Comments: Probable AIRCRAFT)

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OBSERVE TWO STRANGE FLYING OBJECTS IN SPAIN -- Tangier, Espana, 22 August 52

Several inhabitante of Puerto REAL, 6 kilometers from San Fernando, recently saw two elongated oval objects in the sky approaching each other from opposite directions. When it seemed that they were about to collide each object made a right turn, picked up speed, and then disappeared. The objects flew at a great height, seemed lead-gray in color, and appeared to be piloted.

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23 - 26 AUGUST 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
23	Far East	Multiple	MISSILE
23	Richmond, Cailfornia	[redacted]	BALLOON
23	Akron, Ohio	[redacted]	UNINDENTIFIED
23	Hickam AFB, Hawaii (CARD MISSING)	[redacted]	ASTRO (METEOR)
23	Middletown, Pa. (CARD MISSING)	Multiple	
23	Mavarre, Minnesota	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
24	Mt. View, California	Military	AIRCRAFT
24	Hermanas, New Mexico	[redacted]	UNINDENTIFIED
24	Washington, DC	[redacted]	BALLOON
24	Hillsborough, California	[redacted]	UNSUFFICIENT DATA
24	Tucson, Arizona	[redacted]	UNINDENTIFIED
24	Barksdale AFB, Louisiana	Multiple	BALLOON
24	Atlanta, Georgia	[redacted]	BALLOON
24	Macon, Georgia	[redacted]	BALLOON
24	Palmyra, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	BALLOON
24	Leveland, Texas	Multiple	UNINDENTIFIED
24	Falls Church, Virginia	[redacted]	BALLOON
24	34°35'N-12°14'W	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
25	Pittsburg, Kansas	Multiple	UNINDENTIFIED
25	Cutbank, Montana	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
25	Lake Charles, La.	[redacted]	ASTRO (METEOR)
25	Delaware, Ohio	[redacted]	UNINDENTIFIED
25	Richmond, California	[redacted]	BALLOON
25	Waco, Texas	[redacted]	INSUFFICIENT DATA
25	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	ASTRO (STARS/PLANETS)
25	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	[redacted]	UNINDENTIFIED
25	Petersburg, Virginia	Military	AIRCRAFT
25-26	Minnespolis, Minnsota	[redacted]	BALLOON
26	Amarillo, Texas	Military	BALLOON
26	Schenectady, New York	Military	INSUFFICIENT DATA
26	New Nork, New York	[redacted]	ASTRO (STARS/PLANETS)
26	Lathrop Wells, Nev	[redacted]	UNINDENTIFIED
26	Biloxi, Mississippi	[redacted]	Unindentified
26	Marrakech French Morocco	[redacted]	AIRCRAFT

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
26	Guayarilla	Ltr, [redacted]	

23 - 26 AUGUST 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
26	Silver Lake, California	Military	UNSUFFICIENT DATA
25	Atlanta, Georgia	[redacted]	BALLOON
26	Sacramento, California	Military	BALLOON
25	Richmond, Virginia	Civilian	BALLOON
26,27,30	Mexico	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED