

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Jan 53 26/2320Z	2. LOCATION Sampson AFB, New York
3. SOURCE Airman	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Large rectangular shaped luminous object traveled E to W throughout an arc of 70° to 80° in a straight shallow climb. Object seemed to gain altitude rapidly, slowly fading away. Sound of object was a high pitched hum. COMMENTS: 1. Object observed by theodolite. Climbs too fast (39°/1 min) to be a star. No balloon launches at Sampson AFB. 2. Sampson AFB answered ATIC TWX and stated that Westbound Boston Airlines flight was in general area at 1815 EST.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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3650TH MILITARY TRAINING WING
SAMPSON AIR FORCE BASE
Geneva, New York

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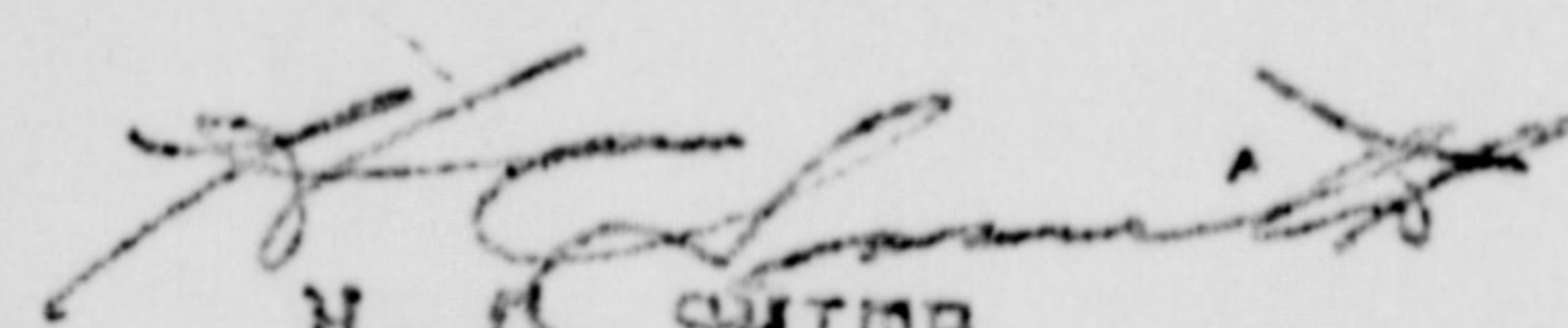
SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

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

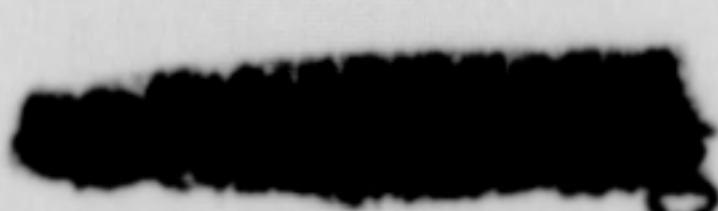
1. Reports concerning an unidentified flying object have been received by this headquarters and forwarded herein.

2. A copy of the electrical message which was forwarded in accordance with AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952, and AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information Report are inclosed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

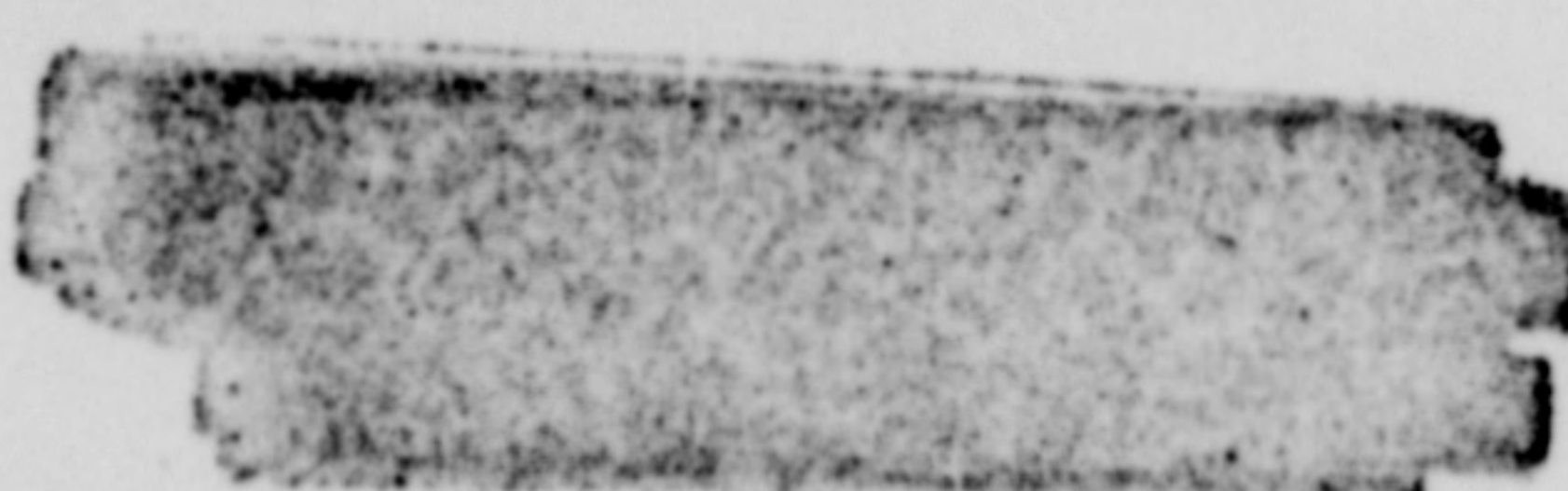

H. C. SMITH
Major, USAF
Asst Adj -

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1. Rpt fr A/2C 
(27 Jan 53)
2. Rpt fr A/3C 
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3. Cyp of Electrical Message
2513 (27 Jan 53)
4. AF Form 112 (28 Jan 53)

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G 2573 A PD FLYCBRPT PD IN ACCORDANCE W/AFL 200-5 Par 7c the FOL REPT IS SBM PD

(1) ONE LARGE LUMINOUS OBJ CMA RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE W/INDEF FRONT AND REAR
ENDS CMA WAS SIGHTED PD A HIGH PITCHED HUM WAS HEARD COMING FR THE DIR OF THE OBJPD
THE OBJECT APPARENTLY TRAVELED FR EAST TO WEST THROUGHOUT AN ARC OF SEVENTY TO EIGHTY
DEGREES IN A STRAIGHT SHALLOW CLIMB PD A THEODOLITE READING TAKEN LATER DETERMINED
THE ANGLE OF ELEVATION AT INITIAL SIGHTING TO BE APRX 009 DEGREES PD AT THE END OF
THE SIGHTING THE ARC WAS EST TO BE 043 DEGREES PD

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING 1820 HRS EST 26 JAN 53 PD REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES 27 JAN
53 PD DURATION OF SIGHTING APRX ONE MINUTE PD

(3) OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL PD THE OBJECT SEEMED TO GAIN ALTITUDE VERY RAPIDLY
THEN SLOWLY FADE AWAY PD THE HUMMING CONTINUED FOR A SHORT TIME AFTER THE OBJ
DISAPPEARED THEN SUDDENLY STOPPED PD

(4) OBSERVER WAS IN FRONT OF BKS APRX CENTER OF SAMPSON AFB GENEVA NY PD

(5) OBSERVERS RELIABILITY CREDIBLE; AGE 23; BS DEGREE IN EDUCATION; 19 MONTHS
IN SERVICE; EX-AVLATION CADET PD HUMMING SOUND SUBSTANTIATED BY ANOTHER OBSERVER
ALTHOUGH SECOND OBSERVER DID NOT SIGHT OBJ PD

(6) WEATHER: CLEAR CMA 10 MILES VISIBILITY PD WINDS ALOFT CLM

2000-330 DEGREES AT 13K

4000-010 DEGREES AT 21K

6000-350 DEGREES AT 30K

8000-340 DEGREES AT 35K

10000-340 DEGREES AT 40K

12000-330 DEGREES AT 40K

(7) NEGATIVE

(8) NEGATIVE

(9) NEGATIVE

(10) UNKNOWN

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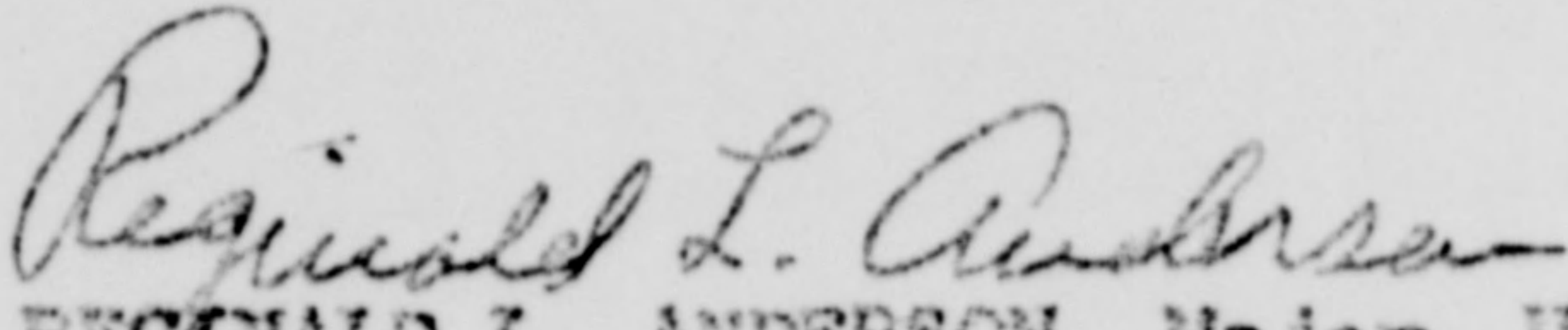
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COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO. UNCLASSIFIED	(LEAVE BLANK)												
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT															
SUBJECT FLYOBREP															
AREA REPORTED ON Sampson Air Force Base, New York		FROM (Agency) Wing Training & Operations													
DATE OF REPORT 23 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 27 January 1953	EVALUATION													
PREPARED BY (Officer) REGINALD L. ANDERSON, Major, USAF		SOURCE A/2C [REDACTED] A/3C [REDACTED]													
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Previous Report: Electrical message G 2513.															
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.)															
1. This report contains information of the sighting of a luminous object from Sampson Air Force Base, New York at 1820 hours, 26 January 1953. 2. A/2C [REDACTED] Sampson AFB, reported in letter form the visual observation of a luminous object about 160 feet long and 12 feet wide. The object traveled through the sky from east to west at an altitude estimated to be between 7,000 and 10,000 feet. Both the front and the rear of the object seemed to have a hazy appearance, but the lengthy body was clearly outlined. The object seemed to rapidly gain altitude then fade away. A high-pitched hum, similar to that of an electrical motor, was heard coming from the direction of the object. After, the object disappeared from sight the hum was heard for a few seconds then the sound abruptly ceased. 3. The second witness A/3C [REDACTED], also of Sampson AFB, stated in letter form that he had been called from his quarters by A/2C [REDACTED] g. A/3C [REDACTED] heard the high-pitched hum, however did not see the object. 4. Further investigation revealed that the object apparently traveled from east to west throughout an arc of 70 to 80 degrees in a straight shallow climb. A Theodolite reading taken later determined the angle of elevation at initial sighting to be approximately 009 degrees. At the end of the sighting the arc was estimated to be 048 degrees. The duration of the sighting was approximately one minute. 5. A check of weather conditions revealed: clear, 10 miles visibility, winds aloft: <table border="0"> <tr><td>2000 - 330</td><td>degrees at 13K</td></tr> <tr><td>4000 - 010</td><td>degrees at 21K</td></tr> <tr><td>6000 - 350</td><td>degrees at 30K</td></tr> <tr><td>8000 - 340</td><td>degrees at 35K</td></tr> <tr><td>10,000 - 340</td><td>degrees at 40K</td></tr> <tr><td>12,000 - 330</td><td>degrees at 40K</td></tr> </table> 6. Further details concerning above information were unknown to source.				2000 - 330	degrees at 13K	4000 - 010	degrees at 21K	6000 - 350	degrees at 30K	8000 - 340	degrees at 35K	10,000 - 340	degrees at 40K	12,000 - 330	degrees at 40K
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27 January 53

At 1820 hrs., 26 January 53, I observed a Luminous object about one hundred eighty feet long and twelve feet wide traveling through the sky from east to west at what appeared to be between seven and ten thousand feet. Both the front and rear of the object seemed to have a hazy appearance, but the lengthy body was clearly outlined. It also gave off the sound of a high-pitched hum, similar to that of an electric motor. After a minute, the object seemed to gain altitude very rapidly and it slowly faded away. I could still hear the sound for a few seconds after it was completely gone, then the sound stopped abruptly. One witness, a man from my barracks, heard the sound after the light was gone. This all took place in front of Barracks C31.

/s/ [REDACTED]

A2C

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FROM [REDACTED]

28 January 53

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At about 1822 hrs., 26 January 53, I was called from my room by [REDACTED] to see some object in the sky. Upon leaving the barracks to see the object he talked about, I saw nothing, but did hear a peculiar high pitched hum which lasted not more than a few seconds.

/s/ [REDACTED]
ACC USAF
[REDACTED]

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

DATE-TIME GROUP

001715Z JAN 53

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BOOK MESSAGE

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ORIGINAL MESSAGE

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MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

02513A

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INFO:

FROM: AFOW-ATIAE-1-1-E

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Reur FLICBRPT No. 02513A concerning sighting of unidentified flying object on 26 Jan 53, 1820 EST, ATIC requests that you forward AF Form 112 and check local air traffic with particular reference to helicopter as possible cause of sighting.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT C. BROWN, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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[REDACTED] 3145D RE URMSG AFCEH-ATIAE-1-4-E PD THIS IS RE
PROJECT BLUE BOOK PD CONCERNING FLY OBJ REPT NO 32513A THIS HQ PD THIS
HQ FWD A FACSIMILE FORM 112 COVERING INFO REQUIRED UNDER REG PD
HELICOPTER AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF SIGHTING WAS CHECKED W/NEGATIVE
RESULTS PD THE OBSR MAINTAINS IT WAS NOT A HELICOPTER PD FURTHER CHECKING
W/THE COMPT AT 32ND AIR DIV STATIONED AT HANCOCK FLD SYRACUSE NY
REVEALED ONE (1) SINGLE POSSIBILITY OF AN ACFT CAUSING THIS SIGHTING PD
THEY SUGGESTED THAT APLANE FR BOSTON MAKING A GRD SPEED OF TWO HUNDRED
FORTY (240) KNOTS WAS SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY AT APRX 1815 HR ON 26 JAN
PD ALL OTHER VER OF AIR TRAFFIC HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE PD
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Sampson Air Force Base, New York

26 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2320 Z an airman at Sampson AFB, New York, visually observed one large luminous rectangular shaped unidentified flying object. In one minute the object traveled through an arc of 70 or 80 degrees, while emitting a humming sound.

II. Discussion of Incident

The object above described appeared for only one minute, consequently analysis is very difficult. However, ATIC requested information concerning local aircraft and was told that a commercial flight was in the area around the sighting time.

III. Conclusion

Possibly aircraft.

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