

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 March 53 23/0825Z	2. LOCATION Casper, Wyoming
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Description similar to observation of Balloon launch.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object looking like object in other report from same area same date but not having same motion. Object acted like it was surveying base ranging back and forth like a hunting dog. Disappeared going East. Climbed rapidly as it disappeared. Bright orange light all that was observed of object. See additional report same location, same date.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Circling to East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FROM AFOIN 43347 THIS HQS IS IN RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FLYOBRPT
REPORT FROM CASPER CMA WYOMING CMA WHICH WAS IMPROPERLY ADDRESSED
CMA AND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION. "FLYOBRPT A
LARGE SINGLE ORANGE DISK NO TRAIL NO SOUND MOVING VERY RAPIDLY
IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION OVER NATRONA COUNTY AIRPORT CASPER WYOMING
AND DISSAPPEARED BEHIND CASPER MOUNTAIN PD TIME OF SIGHTING
2000 HOURS MST 23 MARCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES PD THE
OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL BY THREE PERSONS STANDING ON GROUND AT
ABOVE AIRPORT PD 42 DEGREES 56 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE 106 DEGREES
27 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE PD. ALTITUDE OF OBJECT VERY LOW PD
WEATHER CLEAR TEMPERATURE 24 WIND SE 5 KNOTS AIR TRAFFIC IN
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DETACHMENT #4
4773D GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON
Post Office Box 123
Casper, Wyoming

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CRASPER
4773D

30 March 1953

SUBJECT: FLYCRAFT

THRU: Channels

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

1. Reference letter this detachment subject same as above dated 25 March 1953. A follow-up report is being made of an additional sighting seen in the same location.

2. The object sighted this time was exactly like the one previously sighted but did not travel in the same direction nor in the same manner. One of the witnesses was the same (Mrs. [REDACTED]) as in the initial report but another witness has been added.

3. In an interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] the following information was determined:

a. The object appears as a bright orange light with no ground lighting.

b. It moves very fast but no estimate of speed.

c. The object acted like it was surveying the Air Base from the air and ranged back and forth over the base like a hunting dog.

d. It appeared on an initial course of East then ranged the base to the North and South then disappeared in the distance going East.

e. Just before passing out of the immediate vicinity of the Air Base it climbed very rapidly emitting rays or jets.

f. No air traffic or weather balloons in area of time of sighting.

g. Time and date of sighting 0125 HOURS 28 Mar 53.

h. Persons sightings

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

Det #4, 4773rd Ground Observer Squadron, Subject: FLICHRPT

- (1) Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Ave. Natrona County Airport, (Casper Air Base) Casper, Wyoming. Mrs. [REDACTED] is a College Graduate in Physiology was in Air Corps during World War II and has flown as passenger in many civil and Military aircraft and was stationed at Boeing aircraft plant in Washington for some time.
- (2) Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] St., Casper, Wyoming a College Graduate and a Housewife.

4. From the interview it is apparent that at least four (4) intelligent and reasonable people have seen some object that is out of the ordinary. There is no evidence of weather phenomena that could cause this reaction and it is believed that further investigation by personnel more qualified in this field is warranted.

MERTON S. EVANS
Captain, USAF
Commanding

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 March 53 24/0300Z	2. LOCATION Casper, Wyoming
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	MATS flight # 2566 took off at 2003 description or sighting xxx corresponds with aircraft takeoff.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A large yellow light appeared to rise rapidly on zig zag course from air strip. Object was observed approximately 3 minutes before it rose out of sight.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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DETACHMENT #4
4773D GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON
Post Office Box 123
Casper, Wyoming

25 March 1953

SUBJECT: FLYCHART

THRU: Channels

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

1. In compliance with AFL 200-5, Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, dated 29 April 1952, the following report is submitted:

a. At 2000 hours, Mountain Standard Time, 23 March 1953, an unidentified flying object was sighted at Natrona County Airport by three (3) civilian by-standers.

b. Name and addresses of the observers, details of the sighting, description, speed and direction of the object, are contained in a statement signed by the individuals involved and in a transcript of ensuing conversation between the observers and the undersigned. Copies of documents are attached along with layout of Natrona County Airport.

2. This unit reported the sighting by electrical means on 24 March 1953 to the addresses listed in paragraph 7. e(1) of above cited Air Force Letter.

3. This letter is submitted in lieu of AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information Report, which is not presently on hand in stock at this detachment.

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1. Statement (7 cys)
2. Transcript of Conversation
3. Natrona County Airport Lay-out
(7 cys)

William S. Evans
WILLIAM S. EVANS
Captain, USAF
Commanding

cc: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-26, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

STATEMENT

25 March 1953

This is a statement from [redacted] and [redacted],
[redacted] Street, Casper, Wyoming, taken by [redacted], Captain, USAF,
[redacted], Commanding Officer, Detachment #4, 4773d Ground Observer Squadron,
Casper, Wyoming.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., Monday March 23, 1953, at the Natrona County Air Base, I was sitting in a parked car facing east on the last street at the south edge of the air base. I saw a light which appeared to me to be a plane rising from the air strip beyond the steady vertical light beam at the weather station. It appeared to fly at a low altitude over the air base buildings. My impression was that it was a plane taking off but about to crash within a quarter of a mile east of me. Then I realized there were no wing-tip lights but only a single large yellow light, and there was no sound whatever. I jumped out of the car and watched the light for a few seconds more as it climbed rapidly, and it appeared to hesitate in flight and zig-zagged in an erratic pattern. As soon as I was certain it was not an ordinary plane, I ran rapidly about 125 feet and called my husband out of the building. He hurried out, and by that time the object was directly east of us and at a much higher altitude than when I first observed it. He watched it with me for a few seconds and called to Mrs. Elizabeth Reese who ran out of the building and watched with us while the object continued its flight in a southeasterly direction over the city of Casper and on over Casper Mountain and finally faded into the distance. During the whole course of the flight, the object maintained a northwest to southeast direction but frequently hesitated or zig-zagged slightly and erratically to right or left. Occasionally, the single light would blink off for a split second at irregular intervals. My estimate of the total time the object was in sight was not more than five minutes and possibly less.

s/ [redacted]
s/ [redacted]

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Walter S. Evans
WALTER S. EVANS
Captain, USAF
AO 808798

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TRANSCRIPT OF CONVERSATION

25 March 1953

The following is a transcription of a "Question & Answer" dialogue which took place on 25 March 1953 between Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] of Casper, Wyoming, and Captain Merton S. Evans, Commanding Officer, Detachment #4, 4773d Ground Observer Squadron, Casper, Wyoming.

Q. Would you give me your full name and address?

A. [REDACTED], Casper, Wyoming
[REDACTED], Casper, Wyoming

Q. Would you give me your occupation?

A. (Mr. [REDACTED]) Office Manager, [REDACTED], Casper, Wyoming.
A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) Stenographer, Law Department, [REDACTED], Casper.

Q. When you saw this object, you said the color was yellow. Can you qualify the color or the appearance of the light? Did it resemble a search light, a headlight, a sun or a light of a fire?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) A single type of orange-yellow light not resembling a fire or sun.
(Mr. [REDACTED]) It would appear that it was an airplane lit up, but it had more of an orange color than a white electric light. It was more like the color of a flashlight battery almost dead.

Q. Could you give us an idea of about the relative size it appeared when you first saw the light?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) It would appear about the size of a normal aircraft landing light and there was no beam from it.

Q. Did there seem to be any glow?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) Yes, there was a glow all around it.

Q. You stated as it came towards you it climbed. Did it change in its shape? Did it become oval or flat?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) Not that it could be detected.

Q. Did it zig-zag before you called Mr. [REDACTED], or after?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) Yes, before and afterwards.

Q. When it zig-zagged, was it from side to side, or up and down?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) It was very erratic with no pattern.

Q. When you saw it, where was it flying?

A. (Mr. [REDACTED]) Towards the south and east. It was about 10 degrees south of southeast. I leaned against the building and took a sight across a light pole so I was steady, and I got a fairly good estimate of its direction. It was going just a little south of southeast, but I got its variation when in a constant position both to the right and left and up and down in an indefinite pattern. My guess of its location was about two or three miles away. I watched to try to estimate the variation which I guessed to be about two to five hundred feet of direct change.

Q. You did not attempt to try to gauge between telephone lines, etc.?

A. (Mr. [REDACTED]) No, there was no arrangement to get an accurate speed.

Q. You were once in a balloon outfit, in World War I. You know how they react?

A. (Mr. [REDACTED]) Yes.

Q. Have either of you ever flown an aircraft?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) No.
(Mr. [REDACTED]) Several times.

Q. Have you seen jet aircraft at night?

A. (Mr. [REDACTED]) Yes.
(Mrs. [REDACTED]) I do not recall whether I have or not, but I have in the daylight.

Q. You have seen jet aircraft at night. Did this resemble the tail cone at night?

A2 (Mr. [REDACTED]) No, not at all. The only brilliance I saw at all except in the center of the ball was a radiant, reflecting beam as in a star. They were quite distinct but very quickly became indistinct and died away, as the object got farther away.

Q. You said the light seemed to be somewhat intermittent or on and off?

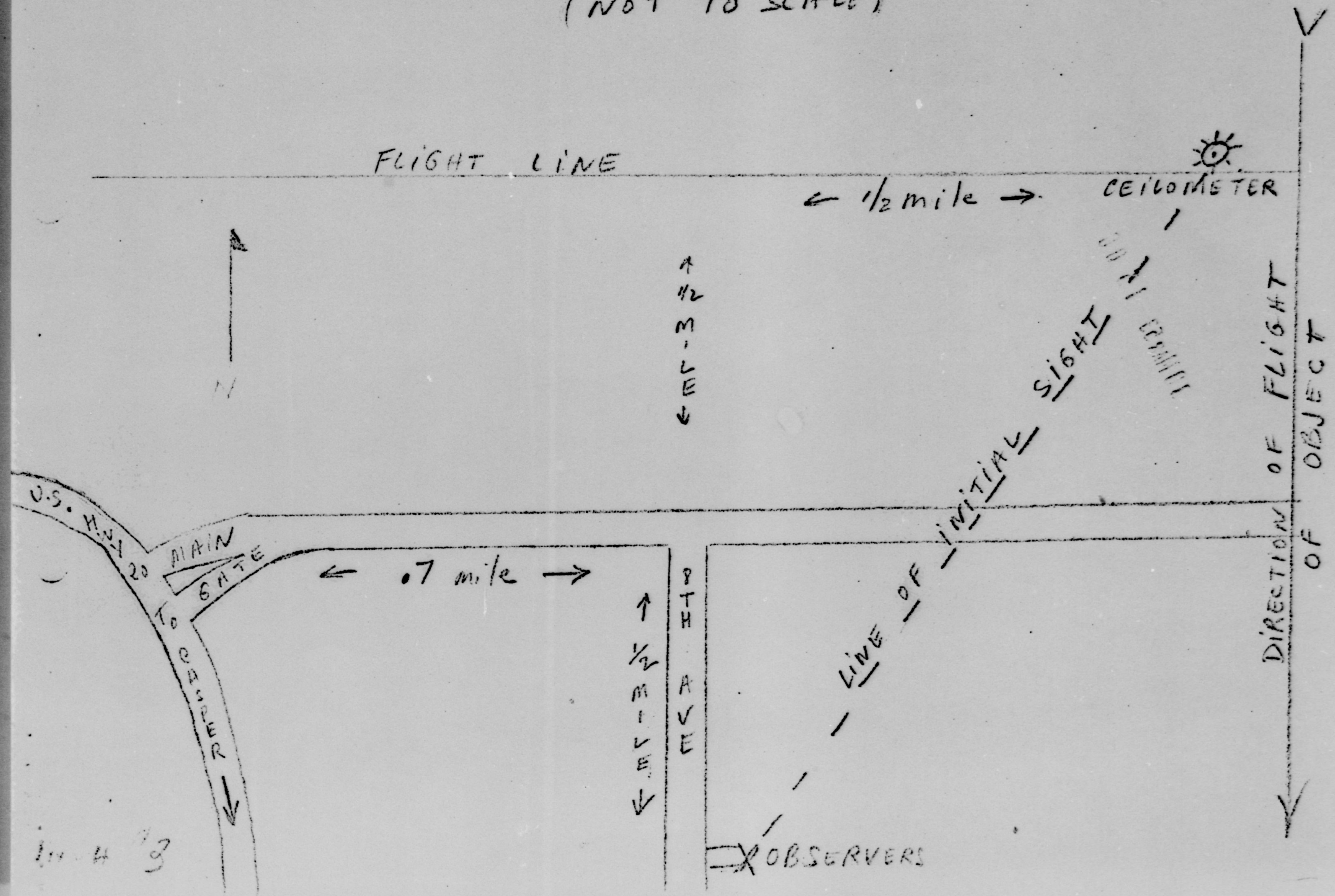
A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) It would flick off for just a second, not in a regular blinking pattern as to intervals.

Q. What would you say was the elapsed time from the time you saw it until it disappeared?

A. (Mrs. [REDACTED]) Not over five minutes from the first sight until disappearance.
(Mr. [REDACTED]) I saw it about three minutes.

Walter S. Evans
WALTER S. EVANS
Captain, USAF
AD 808798

GROUND PLAN OF AREA
AT NATRONA COUNTY AIRPORT
(NOT TO SCALE)



And now to the 2nd batch; of 26 March 53:

In the 2nd batch, only 2 are Venus: 13[✓] (Bartlesville) and 19[✓] (Cape Vincent) March. There is a possibility that also the 15[✓] March, Germany, was the star Sirius. Most interesting to me is March 18, Williams AFB. This one could be a Menzel mirage. Would be interesting to know elevation above horizon. Would be interesting to have questionnaire filled out on this one. If the heading had been 270° instead of 90°, these might very well have been Sundogs. My guess is, however, that this was some sort of meteorological phenomena.

Now as to the remainder, the 23[✓] March Casper could have been a meteor if the reported 2 minutes is in error. How large was the disk? Does altitude here refer to elevation? What is your opinion of this one?

The 15 March Courtlands could have been a meteor. The short time of observation seems to make follow-up not worthwhile.

The 19[✓] March Newfoundland case is very interesting, but only one observer. The fact that the measured ceiling was 2700 feet puts a limit on height. Were there any witnesses? If so, this would be worthwhile following up.

The 18[✓] March Great Falls, Mont., gives us another Nocturnal Meandering Light. Can a balloon be ruled out? I think a questionnaire here would be appropriate. Maybe you ought to station a special observer at Great Falls!

The 19 March Tanawanda has insufficient data. The 21 March Elmira is quite interesting but observed only a few seconds. I don't see how Menzel can explain this one.

the 13 March Maxwell AFB has insufficient evidence.

Finally, the 14[✓] March Greenville, could be a balloon.

In both batches there are 3 cases I should personally like to follow up. Those are Shaw AFB, 5 March; Wms AFB 18 March; and 18 March Great Falls.

My plan, Lieutenant, is to concentrate on relatively few cases that show promise of affording scientific data. I purposely want to keep the number of cases down for ~~time~~ obvious reasons of time limitation. If it becomes possible to obtain the services of one full time assistant, then I could assign certain follow up jobs which would facilitate matters a great deal.

I hope we can discuss these and other matters at your visit here 22 April.

Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

Allen H. H. H.

P.S. Any further word on the Port Austin Case of 17 Feb?

I should appreciate talking with Dr. Kaplan concerning the Menzel plan.

Wade - Ask Port Austin by TWX if the object may have been a helicopter, asking info on local helicopter activity, companies, mail runs, etc.

H. H. H.