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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

Regional Director
Department of Civil Aviation
New Guinea District
Port Moresby
Papua-New Guinea

31st August, 1963

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Air Attaché, Australia

10 Sep 53

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George A. Uhrich, Lt Col, USAF

Dept of Civil Aviation

The attached is a copy of a report made by the [REDACTED] Department of Civil Aviation, New Guinea District, Port Moresby, Papua, New Guinea, to the RAAF concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object over New Guinea.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Colonel, USAF
Air Attaché

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QASF, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

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FROM: AFODIN-ATIC

FOR: AFODIN-1A1

Request following transmitted AA/Melbourne via cable: Reference Plyodcrypt message AFC 3453 dated 8 Sep 53. Message reports sighting by Mr. Drury of New Guinea, Air Navigation Bureau and states telephoto moving pictures taken by him. Request effort to obtain (1) all available scientific data on maneuvers of object, (2) copy of Drury's film and detailed report. Reference replies to TIC-5209.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

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Mr. Woodall, JWS

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OFFICIAL TITLE BARBARA P. HABANALP, 1ST LT USAF
ADVISOR

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REQUEST FOR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

THRU: ATIAA

FROM: ATIAE-5

DATE: 15 Sep 53

THRU: ATIA
TO: ATIAC-1

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Request for Film and Scientific Data

1. PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Flyobrpt (Flying Object Report) received from U.S. Air Attaché, Melbourne, Australia, reporting a sighting of an unidentified aerial object in New Guinea. Report states object was photographed.

2. SPECIFIC REQUEST:

1. Gather all available scientific data on maneuvers of the object.
2. Secure the film and a detailed report, if possible.

3. REMARKS:

ORIGINATED BY:

APPROVED

APPROVED:

A/2C Max O. Pugh,

H.C. JOHNSTON, Lt Col, USAF

COORDINATED WITH:

Chief, Electronics Branch

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT (Unclassified) FLYING SAUCER	
AREA REPORTED ON Bermuda 32 22 N - 64 41 W	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer, 53d SRS, Med, Wm
DATE OF REPORT 27 August 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 26 August 1953
PREPARED BY (Officer) Matthew J. Foley, Captain, Intel Off	SOURCE 1st Lt Norman R. Lucia
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., 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.)

At approximately 1310 hours, 26 August 1953, 1st Lt Norman R. Lucia, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Weather, Bermuda was driving on base in a southerly direction. Off to his right over the field at an altitude of about 8-10,000 feet he noticed the sun reflecting from a silvery object, cylindrical in shape, something like a plate about 13 inches in diameter, which seemed to be hovering. He could see the edge and part of the underside of it. As he continued to watch it (driving very slowly) it began to move in a lateral line, at right angles to him. As it did so its shape seemed to change to spherical becoming elongated. It had no wings, tail, nor windows and no exhaust. He kept it in view from three (3) to five (5) seconds and it suddenly disappeared, not gradually as an airplane does but suddenly and completely in a sort of "fantastic" manner. He stopped his car and looked around but it had completely disappeared from view. The total sighting was five (5) to seven (7) seconds. The day was clear with just a few puffs of cloud in the vicinity. A light wind was blowing.

Lieutenant Lucia immediately came to my office, and told me what had happened saying he had seen a flying saucer. He was excited about it in a contained sort of way. Together we scanned the sky to no avail, it being about five (5) minutes since his sighting. Queried about preconceived opinions as to flying saucers he said he had read all about the reports in the states and their evaluation and although he felt there was some credence to it all because of the volume and type of reports he would remain skeptical until he actually saw one himself. He thinks now he has seen one.

Not a science-fiction fan and not one to jump to conclusions Lieutenant Lucia is instead a realist, of moderate speech and manners. He is twenty-eight (28) years of age and, with the aid of glasses which he wears always, seems to have excellent vision. He is a non-rated officer.

However, it is my opinion that because of his quick conclusion as to what he had seen and his general reaction to his sighting that, in effect, he was so predisposed about the topic that when he saw this "object" it struck an immediate responsive chord.

There had been no weather balloon releases within two (2) hours prior to the sighting. There were no reports from any airplanes within the vicinity, nor did the people in the tower nor anyone else on base report anything unusual.

APPROVED:

RADER W. BROWN
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
CommanderMATTHEW J. FOLEY
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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