

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 October 53 17/0230Z	2. LOCATION Presque Isle, Maine
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE OR BIRDS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Twenty-Five	Interception attempted with negative results. Electronic expert conclusion. Probably some undetermined type of electronic interference. Possible bird returns, also.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 1/4 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS At 17/0200Z, Oct 53, Limestone AFB, GCA Station alerted P-I AFB GCA Station in an effort to confirm observations of UFOs seen on LAFB, PPI scope. P-I AFB GCA personnel picked up approx 25 targets on PPI scope traveling in a S direction at an estimated speed of 30-100 mph. Sources stated that the 25 objects were observed on scope at irregular intervals in groups of 3-8.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FM COMDR 525TH AIR DEF CP PRESQUE ISLE AFB MAINE

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6B AFR 200-2 DTD 26 AUG 53. /1/ DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS: /A/ SHAPE:

SIMILAR TO CONVENTIAL AIRCRAFT TARGET ON PPI SCOPE SUCH AS C-47 ACFT

PD /B/ SIZE: 1/2 IN LONG BY 1/16 IN WIDE CMA ELONGATED OR BANANA SHAPE.

COMPARED WITH F-89C ACFT AT APPROX SAME DISTANCE. /C/ COLOR: N/A

/D/ NUMBER: APPROX 25 /E/ FORMATION: NO DEFINITE PATTERN CMA HOWEVER

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PD OBSERVATIONS ON MTI SHOULD PRECLUDE BIRDS IN FLIGHT PD /2/ DESCRIP-
TION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS: /A/ WHAT FIRST CALLED ATTENTION OF OB-
SERVERS: LIMESTONE AFB, MAINE, GCA STATION CALLED TO VERIFY SIGHTS AT
APPROX 2200Z 16 OCT 53 /B/ ANGLE WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: 68 DEG 15 MIN
W CMA 44 DEG 40 MIN N AT 2235Z 16 OCT 53 /C/ ANGLE WHEN DISAPPEARANCE
WAS NOTED: 68 DEG 15 MIN W BY 44 DEG 45 MIN N AT 0445Z 17 OCT 53.
/D/ DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECTS: OBJECTS WERE
TRACKED IN PPI SCOPE, MTI EMPLOYED CMA PAREN 15 MILE RNG PAREN FROM
15 DEG TO 034 DEG PD OBJECTS WERE ON STRAIGHT COURSE DURING OB-

SERVATION TRAVELING AT ESTIMATED SPEED OF 33 TO 100 MILES PER HOUR
PD /E/ MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECTS: DISSAPPERED IN GROUND
COVER AND DID NOT REAPPEAR /F/ LENGHT OF TIME IN SIGHT: FROM 0230Z
16 OCT 53 TO 0445Z 17 OCT 53 /3/ NAMMER OF OBSERVATION: /A/ GROUND-
ELECTRONIC ANC-CPN-4 /B/ STATEMENT AS TO OPTICAL AIDS USED: PPI SCOPE
10 MILE RNG CMA UNDEFINITE ALTITUDE DESIGNATION CMA ACUATE DISTANCE
DESIGNATION /C/ ONE F-89 TYPE ACFT SERIAL NO 51-5777 FLYING AT 1500
FT AT 2 TO 3 MILES NE OF POI/ RNG TO APPROX 300 KNOTS CMA FROM 57TH
FTR-INTCP SQ PIAFB, ME. SIGHTED ONLY INDICATION ON SCOPE /4/ /A/ 16/0230Z
OCT 53 TO 17/0445Z OCT 53 /B/ NIGHT /5/ LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: 68 DEG
04 MIN W 46 DEG 43 MIN N AT PRESQUE ISLE AFB, MAINE, GCA SITE /6/
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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: /A/ CIVILIAN: NON /B/ MILITARY: /1/ EDWIN F
NEWELL JR M/SGT 1974-1AACS SQ RADAR MAINT SUPER CMA RELIABILITY GOOD
/2/ STANLEY YUCIKAS M/SGT 1974-1AACS SQ GCA OPS SUPER CMA RELIABIL-
ITY GOOD /3/ NORMAN K FALLS T/SGT 1974-1AACS SQ GCA OPERATOR CMA RE-
LIABILITY GOOD /4/ WILLIAM M. BRINKLY A/IC 1974-1 AACS SQ RAD MECH
CMA RELIABILITY FAIR /5/ RONALD L. HANDY 2ND LT 57T FTR-INTXP SQ OFF
OF DAY CMA RELIABILITY GOOD /6/ CURTIS W. SCOTT JR 2ND LT 57FIS,
F-89 RAD OBSERV RELIABILITY GOOD /7/ WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS
AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS: WEA AT 2215 HRS EST CLEAR 23 132/41/33
WEST 7 989 2315 HRS CLEAR 23 139/37/33 WNW 4 991 CMA 2200 HRS EST WINDS
ALOFT: 6,000 320/40 K 10-330/45K 16/320/60K 20/320/70K 30-320/85K
45-27/100K PD /8/ ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION CMA METE-
OROLOGICAL CMA ASTRONOMICAL CMA OR OTHERWISE CMA WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT
FOR THE SIGHTING: B-36 TYPE AIRCRAFT FLYING IN VICINITY MIGHT HAVE
EMPLOYED ECM PD /9/ ECISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING:
NONE /10/ INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: EALGEBEAK PAREN
756TH AC&W SQ CASWELL, ME PAREN SCRAMBLED ONE F-89 ACFT NO 51-577 TO
ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE OBJECTS PD ACFT WAS ATTEMPTED TO BE VECTORED
INTO POSITION BY POI GCA PD F-89 WAS FLYING AT 1500 FT CMA SPEED
300 KNOTS PD ACFT WAS SIGHTED INTO AREA CMA HOWEVER CMA NO DEFINITE

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Radar Sightings of UFOs		
AREA REPORTED ON MAINE PRESQUE ISLE AFB, (GEORGE HXGB 5841)	FROM (Agency) Flight 3-G, 4602d AISS Presque Isle AFB, Maine	
DATE OF REPORT 28 October 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 October 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOHN F. FARNHAM 1st. Lt., USAF	SOURCE 1974th AACS Sq., Det. # 1974-1	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX, 528th Air Defense Group, TWX WP AFB 151-J AFOIN-ABIAE-10-7-E, AFR 200-2		
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.)		

I. CONTENTS: Report F30-T-14A. Radar Sightings of UFOs, PRESQUE ISLE, AFB (GEORGE HXGB 5841) MAINE.

II. SUMMARY: Project Blue Book: twenty five (25) UFOs observed, on radar scope, at PRESQUE ISLE AFB, (GEORGE HXGB 5841) MAINE, during period 17/0230Z Oct 53 to 17/0445Z Oct 53. Radar sightings observed by four (4) members of Detachment 1974-1, 1974th AACS Squadron, Presque Isle AFB, Maine. Interception attempted by one (1) PIABF based Foxrot-89 type A/G, from 0308Z to 0413Z. During attempted interception no physical sighting or contact was made. No more sightings observed since 17/0445Z/Oct 53.

III. TECHNICAL INVESTIGATORS:
W/SGT. WILLIAM W. CHAPIN
T/SGT. GARNETT P. CORVIN

APPROVED:

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Report of Radar Sightings of UFOBS

I. INITIAL REPORT: Initial Report of Subject UFOBS made 17 October 1953
Ref: TWX 151-J from Commander 528th Air Defense Group Presque Isle AFB, Maine
17/1737/Oct 53.

II. INVESTIGATION: At 17/0200Z/Oct 53, Limestone AFB, GCA Station (GOBEREF HKGB 1055) alerted Presque Isle AFB, GCA Station (GOBEREF EKGB 5841), in an effort to confirm observations of unidentified objects seen on Limestone AFB, PPI Radar scope. Presque Isle AFB, GCA Station went into operation at 17/0230Z/Oct 53. The objects were located and observed by M/SGT. STANLEY YUCIKAS, M/SGT EDWIN F. NEWELL, T/SGT NORMAN K. FALLS and A/1SG WILLIAM M. BRINLY of the 1974th Airways & Air Communications Service Squadron, Presque Isle AFB, during the period 17/0230Z/Oct 53 to 17/0445Z/Oct 53. Initial Report indicated duration of observation 16/0230Z/Oct 53 to 17/0445Z/Oct 53. This is erroneous, duration of observation was 17/0230Z/Oct 53 to 17/0445Z/Oct 53. Objects were approximately twenty five (25) in number, resembled conventional A/C targets on PPI scope. One (1) F-89 aircraft was scrambled at 17/0308Z/Oct 53 to attempt interception. No physical or electronic observation or contact was made. The objects were observed at irregular intervals, in groups of three (3) to eight (8). They first appeared within ten (10) mile marker on PPI scope in NW Quadrant (App 340 degrees). From NW Quadrant objects traveled in approximately same path, without deviating, and then disappeared in ground return in SW Quadrant (App 225 degrees). All objects traveled at approximate speed of eighty (80) to one hundred (100) miles per hour. There was no apparent formation, some tracks were parallel, others followed preceding tracks. Exact tracks were not plotted, nor were photos of PPI scope made. Altitude could not be determined, due to limitations of GCA set, but was estimated to be from 2000' to 6000' feet. Altitude estimated at a three (3°) degree angle of tilt of radar antenna.

B-36 type aircraft in vicinity during this period employed electronic E.C.M. intermittently from 17/0234Z/Oct 53 to 17/0258Z/Oct 53.

Weather conditions during period of sightings:

Pressure Level	Temperature	Dew Point	Relative Humidity
Surface	+ 38° Far.	+ 29°	70 %
4,860 Ft. Alt.	- 0.5° Cent.	- 12° Cent.	43 %
9,900 Ft. Alt.	- 7.5° Cent.	Unk	Unk

Winds aloft— 6,000 320/40K, 10,000 330/45K, 16,000 320/60K, 20,000 320/70K, 30,000 320/85K, 45,000 270/100K.

17/0315Z/Oct 53: Clear 20 132/41/33 West 7 989

17/0415Z/Oct 53: Clear 20 139/37/30 WNW 4 991

No further sightings or observations have been reported.

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Sketch of PPI Scope

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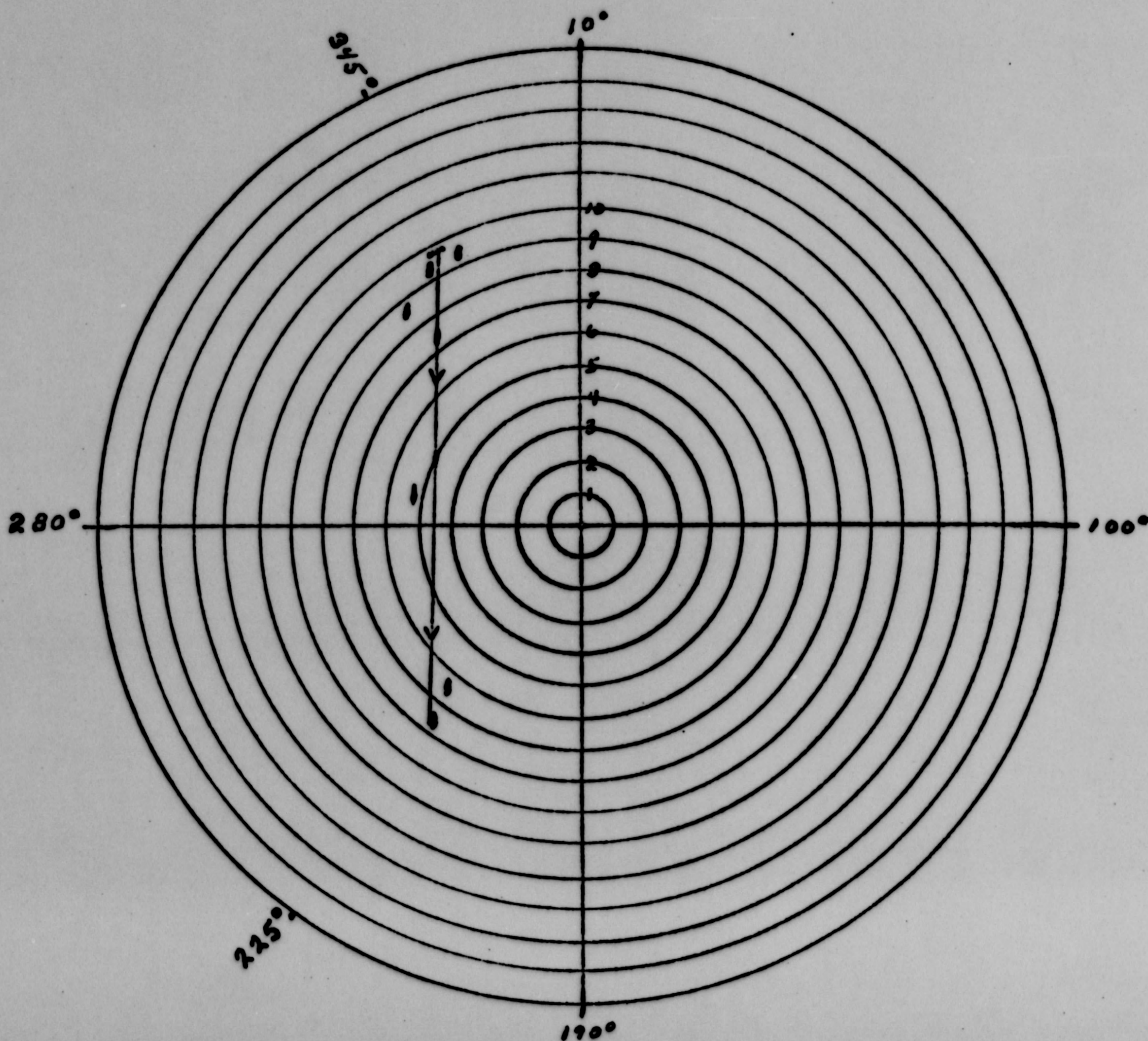
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1. SCOPE GRADUATED IN 1 MILE RANGE MARKERS - RANGE 30 MILES
2. 10° - 190° CENTER LINE PARALLEL TO PIAFB RUNWAY
3. Sketch indicates TRACK PATH - DOES NOT INDICATE ACTUAL POSITION OF UFOBS

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19 October 1953
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Spooks like a meteor. Perhaps the object was IDENTIFIED as a meteor, therefore no longer of interest to the news media.

At ten minutes past midnight, October 19, 1953, a National Airlines DC-6, just out of Philadelphia en route for Washington, was at 3,500 ft. over the Conowingo Dam. The pilot had just reported his position and estimated arrival time. He hung up the microphone and settled back for a routine milk run to the National Airport. Thirty seconds later he found himself confronted with a possible mid-air collision. A shiny, disc-shaped object slid out of a thin layer of clouds and came rushing at him. The co-pilot flipped on the wing lights as a warning. In return the object sent a blinding beam of white light into the cockpit of the airliner. The pilot, with only a few seconds left, threw the big DC-6 into a dive at full power. The object that had almost rammed them shot past overhead and vanished. The story of this unidentified flying object that apparently tried to ram a commercial airliner loaded with passengers appeared in the *Washington Post* next morning. It ran in only one edition. Then it was taken out, and it did not appear in any other paper, nor did it appear on any news wire—although such an incident was front-page news. It is obvious from this that censorship had taken place.