

PROJECT 10873 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 March 1954		2. LOCATION Erieburg, Middletown, York, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2210 GMT 03/0300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE military & civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3		9. COURSE erratic	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Several objects observed from different points. Floating lights.				11. COMMENTS Very similar to Bismarck & others. Dr Hynek's "Nocturnal Meandering Lights", reliable witnesses, well documented.	

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FM COMDR MAAMA OLMSTED AFB MIDDLETOWN PENN

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ATTN AT 1AA-2 MABSF-3-2-E UFOB

/1/ DESCRIPTIONS

- A. NOT DETERMINED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS
- B. PEA AT ARMS LENGTH
- C. REDDISH
- D. OBSERVED AT YORK PA AS 3 OBJECTS AT OLMSTED AFB AS ONE OBJECT
WITH THREE LIGHTS IN LINE AND BY HARRISBURG STATE CONTROL TOWER
AS ONE OBJECT WITH THREE LIGHTS IN A TRIANGULAR PATTERN.
- E. IN LINE ONE AFTER THE OTHER WHEN OBSERVED AS 3 OBJECTS

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

/2/ DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS

A. NEGATIVE

B. NEGATIVE

C. FLYING NORTH IN LINE REVERSED COURSE AND RETURNED FLYING IN
OPPOSITE DIRECTION

D. NEGATIVE

E. APPROX 15 MIN

/3/ MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND-VISUAL

B. NONE

/4/ TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTINGS

A. 03/0310Z

B. NITE

/5/ LOCATION OF OBSERVERS

A. MR. [REDACTED] YORK PA

OLMSTED AFB CONTROL TOWER MIDDLETOWN PA

HARRISBURG STATE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER HARRISBURG PA

/6/ IDENTIFYING INFO OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. [REDACTED] ST YORK PA

AGE 38 CONSULTING ENGINEER RELIABLE

**A/2C [REDACTED] 1912TH AACS OLMSTED ADB CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR
RELIABLE**

**A/1C I [REDACTED] 1912TH AACS OLMSTED AFB CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR
RELIABLE**

CAA PERSONNEL AT HARRISBURG STATE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER

/7/ WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING

A. CLEAR

B. SURFACE CALM AT 6000 190 DEG 21K AT 10000 210 DEG 37K

C. CLEAR

D. 15 MILES

/8/ ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

A. NONE

/9/ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING

A. NONE

/10/ INTERCEPTION ACTION

A. NONE

/11/ AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA OF SIGHTING

A. NONE

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/12/ PREPARED BY AIRCRAFT DISPATCHER OLMSTED OPERATIONS MIDDLETOWN PA

/13/ NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE THIS STATION.

SIGNED FLYING OPERATIONS.

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HEADQUARTERS
MIDDLETOWN AIR MATERIEL AREA
Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania

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22 March 1954

SUBJECT: Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. In accordance with instructions set forth in paragraph 5, Air Force Regulation 200-2 and 2A, subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title UFOB)" dated 26 August 1953, the attached report of investigation presenting the condition surrounding the sighting/presence of subject phenomenon/phenomena, is submitted for review and analysis.

2. Since sighting and viewing of object/objects was asserted by eight (8) individuals at three (3) different locations in South Central Pennsylvania, but all within a radius of twenty-odd miles of Olmsted Air Force Base and at approximately the same time of the evening noted (2200 hours) it was deemed appropriate to secure the narrative statements offered herewith.

3. All witnesses named, from whom the attached statements were freely and willingly obtained, are considered in this report to be reliable sources.

4. The original report of subject investigation was forwarded to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C. on 22 March 1954.

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1. AF Form 112-Part I
w/8 Incls
2. AF Form 112-Part II
3. Two (2) Maps - U9, T9 (Joined)
w/overlay map

HENRY H. WALLER, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Inspector General

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The sequence of events comprising this report are herein stated and consist of interviews, signed Statements and factual data, obtained by Joseph A. Meehan, Jr., Security Investigator, Inspector General's Office, Hq MAAMA, over a period of several days. Signed Statements were secured from all individuals named in this report with the exception of, Captain Charley R. Weaver, Operations Officer, Olmsted Air Force Base (OAFB), and Mr. [REDACTED] York, Pa.

2. On 2 March 1954, at about 2210 hours, [REDACTED] observed some lights in the sky near his home in York, Pa., and telephonically relayed this information, at approximately 2210 hours to the operator in the Control Tower at OAFB. He described them as three "bright light sources," the intensity of which "was many times brighter than the brightest star in the sky" at the time of the sighting. They were amber in color and when first sighted appeared as one light per object. Later on after about a minute's observation, each object appeared to be composed of two lights -- The brightest light in the lead, and the dimmer ones to the rear. Swengel estimated that these "light-sources" were moving at eighty to one hundred miles per hour at an altitude of approximately two to three thousand feet. The spacing of these objects remained constant and they made no audible sound. These objects proceeded in a northerly direction at an even rate of speed. Sometime later they returned out of the North West quadrant, low on the horizon and moving at an estimated distance of five (5) miles to the West of York in a southerly direction.

a. [REDACTED] is a research engineer who has held many positions in the field of design and development of equipment used for manufacturing and testing electronic tubes. He alleges that he holds a private pilot's license. [REDACTED] appears to be a man of better than average intelligence.

Olmsted Field Control Tower operators

3. On 2 March 1954 at about 2210 hours A/1C [REDACTED] and A/2C [REDACTED] received a telephone call from Mr. [REDACTED] in York, Pa., who told them to be on the lookout for an UFOB near the OAFB. A/1C [REDACTED] and A/2C [REDACTED] reported seeing three (3) lights in the sky moving very slowly to the West in the general direction of the Harrisburg State Airport. They attempted to take a picture of these lights with the Vidcon camera but were unsuccessful. They then contacted the operator in the Harrisburg Control Tower who reported that he and his associates had seen these lights also. See attached Statement of A/1C [REDACTED] and A/2C [REDACTED] for complete details.

4. On 2 March 1954 at approximately 2210 hours Mr. [REDACTED] an Airway Operation's Specialist at the Harrisburg State Airport received a call on the interphone from the operator at the OAFB Control Tower. The operator at OAFB requested Fetterman to search the sky for any unusual lights. The OAFB operator advised further that he had received a telephone call from a Mr. [REDACTED] who reported seeing unidentified objects in the area near York, Pa. On this same date, and at approximately the same time Fetterman, Mr. [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] stationed at the Harrisburg State Airport Control Tower, reported sighting three lights in a triangular pattern on the south horizon approximately one half (1/2) mile east of Number 6 Beacon on the Buffalo Airway, located two and three quarter (2 3/4) miles South South West of the Harrisburg Tower. [REDACTED] stated that these lights, which he and his associates on duty with him observed through binoculars, appeared very close to the horizon, were visible for about three (3) minutes and then disappeared from view. [REDACTED] contacted the Filter Center in Harrisburg and the Navy Control Tower in Willow Grove, Pa., and inquired of the operators at these control points if they had any reports on aircraft in these areas. Negative reports were received. Fetterman was unsuccessful in attempting to make radio contact with the UFOBs. An aircraft pilot thirty five (35) miles North West of the Harrisburg Airport reported no unusual objects in his area and New York Air Traffic Control reported no known aircraft in the Harrisburg area at the time of this sighting. See attached Statements of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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for complete details.

5. Mr. [REDACTED] the Senior alert crewman on the flight line, OAFB stated that he saw three (3) lights moving slowly in a westerly direction along the ridge-top across the Susquehanna River, on 2 March 1954 at about 2200 hours. Mr. [REDACTED] with whom [REDACTED] works, called his attention to these three lights. [REDACTED] got the impression that this unusual sighting was a blimp with three (3) lights attached to it. See attached Statement of [REDACTED] for complete details.

6. Mr. [REDACTED] an alert crewman assigned to the flight line, at OAFB stated that he also saw three (3) lights above the ridge along the Susquehanna River on 2 March 1954 at approximately 2200 hours. He looked at these lights for approximately ten minutes and observed that they "were not on the same plane and appeared to be slightly staggered," and moved in a south-westerly direction. They never went below the ridge line. See attached Statement of [REDACTED] for complete details.

7. On 2 March 1954 at approximately 2200 hours Mr. [REDACTED] an aircraft mechanic, at OAFB, saw three (3) lights on the other side of the Susquehanna River. They appeared to be above the firing range along the dike area, at OAFB, and moving slowly in a south-westerly direction. [REDACTED] alleged that he saw these lights, which appeared as "a faded yellowish-white color," change their flight pattern and turn toward the South. When he first observed them they appeared to be in one line; later when they turned, they "took on the shape of a triangle." See attached Statement of [REDACTED] for complete details.

8. On the morning of 2 March 1954 Swengel met Mr. [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED] Dallas Street, York, Pa. [REDACTED] alleged that he and his family viewed subject sighting somewhere between Red Lion and Dallastown, Pa., on the evening of 2 March 1954. Red Lion is approximately eight (8) miles from York.

9. On 3 March 1954, Captain Charley R. Weaver, Operations Officer, United Flight Service Center, OAFB contacted A/IC I. E. [REDACTED] and J. [REDACTED] who furnished the information set forth in HQ MAAMA message MAESP-3-2-E, 3 March 1954, dispatched to Air Technical Intelligence Center and other AF activities required by AFR 200-3.

10. Listed below are the weather reports, at the time of subject sightings, furnished by, Detachment No. 1, 6th Weather Group, Base Weather Station, OAFB, Middletown, Pa.

First Weather Report

Time 2130 (EST), logged @ 2125 (EST)

Sky Condition	-	Clear
Visibility	-	15 M.P.H.
Sea Level Pressure	-	1019.0 Millibars
Temperature	-	41° Fahrenheit
Dew Point	-	33° Fahrenheit
Wind (Direction and speed)	-	Calm
Altimeter (inches of mercury)	-	30.07"

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Second Weather Report

Time 2230 (EST), logged @ 2226 (EST)

Sky Condition - Clear
Visibility - 15 M.P.H.
Sea Level Pressure - 1018.6 Millibars
Temperature - 40° Fahrenheit
Dew Point - 32° Fahrenheit
Wind (Direction and speed) - Calm
Altimeter (inches of mercury) - 50.06"

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: UFOB)		
AREA REPORTED ON South Central Pennsylvania	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Security Indoctrination Division Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 18 March 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 March 1954	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Joseph A. Meehan, Jr. Security Indoctrination Officer		SOURCE Airmen & Civilian observers
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, 26 Aug 53 AFR 200-2A, 2 Nov 53		
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.)		
<p>1. While on duty as an operator in the Olmsted Air Force Base (OAFB) Control Tower, Middletown, Pa., on 3 March 1954 at approximately 2210 hours, A/2C [redacted] received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as, Mr. [redacted] from York, Pennsylvania. [redacted] old A/2C [redacted] to be on the alert for an object in the sky near OAFB Control Tower. A/2C [redacted] and A/1C [redacted], who also was on duty in the Control Tower at that time saw three lights approximately seven hundred (700) feet above ground level moving in a direction West by North toward Harrisburg, Pa. The airmen attempted to take a picture of these lights with a Videcon camera. Personnel in the "alert crew," on duty at the time, also reported having seen unidentified lights in the area near the OAFB Control Tower.</p> <p>2. A similar sighting was also observed by Mr. [redacted] Airway Operations Specialist, and two of his associates in the Control Tower at the Harrisburg State Airport, New Cumberland, Pa., at approximately 2210 hours. The Harrisburg State Airport Control Tower is 5.8 miles from the Control Tower at OAFB. The operator at OAFB Control Tower contacted Petterman and exchanged information pertaining to the locality of the three-light phenomenon.</p> <p>3. Weather at the time of the observation was clear with fifteen (15) miles visibility.</p> <p>4. Attached to and made a part of this report on AF Form 112 Part II is additional pertinent information relating to this sighting.</p> <p>5. This office is unable to offer any definite explanation of subject sightings.</p>		
<p>9. Statements of: [redacted], 5 Mar 54 A/1C I. [redacted], 3 Mar 54 A/2C [redacted], 3 Mar 54 [redacted], 4 Mar 54 [redacted], 4 Mar 54 [redacted], 4 Mar 54 [redacted], 4 Mar 54 [redacted], 4 Mar 54</p>		
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Statement of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] York, Penna.

1. I am a consultant in the electronics field under contract to the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company. I am presently working in the Safe Harbor Water Power Plant in Safe Harbor, Penna. I have been with this firm for four years.

2. On 2 March 1954, at approximately ten o'clock in the evening, I was returning home with my wife and two sons. My oldest son, [REDACTED] Jr., is fourteen years of age, my other son, [REDACTED], is eleven. Within a block of my home in [REDACTED], [REDACTED], called my attention to some lights in the sky. Upon looking myself I decided they were worth investigating, and I drove down a side street to the North where we could get an unobstructed view with no houses or other sources of light to interfere.

3. The night was very clear, low humidity and cold; there was a definite lack of wind and the visibility was very good.

4. The objects were three in number and appeared as bright light sources. They were at an approximate ten degrees below the vertical when first sighted and moving past at an approximate right angle. By that I mean they were about eighty degrees as measured above the horizon.

5. The intensity of these lights was many times brighter than the brightest star in the sky at that time. Their color was lacking in blue and they were more of a pink or amber shade. When first viewed they seemed to be one light per object. After about one minute's observation however, I was sure that each object was composed of two (2) lights; the bright one located in the direction in which they were moving and a very dim one immediately to the rear. The light to the rear of each object was just outside the glare or halo-penumbra of the brighter source of light. I purposely did not mention the two light appearance of each object to my family because I did not want to influence their observation.

6. For quick identification as aircraft I listened for a motor or jet noise. I even went to the extent of cupping my hands behind my ears in an effort to detect some sound. There was absolutely no sound which could be heard as issuing from the objects, and the noise level of my immediate surroundings was very low, being that of a quiet countryside.

7. I estimated their altitude at between two and three thousand feet above the terrain, although this was a difficult thing to do under the circumstances. The speed of their travel I estimated at between eighty and one hundred miles per hour. Their flight path was very similar to that which would be described by a light aircraft of the piper-cub type. By this I mean that they proceeded in a slightly irregular fashion although at a constant rate of speed. Thermal updrafts or downdrafts or slight wind

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Statement of Mr. [REDACTED] St., York, Pa.

velocities on the order of ten to fifteen miles per hour would have accounted for their irregular flight path. The impression I obtained was the impression of a flight path identical to a light plane manually controlled. I felt at the time of my observation that they were not controlled by an automatic pilot or other servo-mechanism.

8. The three objects proceeded in a northerly direction without seeming to change their spacing, which I would estimate at one quarter ($1/4$) of a mile apart. As they proceeded northward the lead object took a course slightly to the westward and in doing so merged momentarily with the second object. This merging of the first and second objects to me corroborated my original estimate of altitude, of these objects at two to three thousand feet, since had they been jets or some other fast moving aircraft at forty or fifty thousand feet a turn such as described above by the lead object would not have let them merge with the second object unless the pilot had risen thousands of feet above the original forty thousand feet altitude.

9. Approximately six (6) to eight (8) minutes after sighting these objects we got back in the car and drove to our home a block away. While I went into the house to telephone the Control Tower at Middletown, Pa., that is the United Air Force Base Tower, my boys called out five (5) neighbors who also saw the three above mentioned unidentified lights.

10. We watched them for another two (2) to three (3) minutes before they disappeared behind trees and low houses. I called the York Dispatch, the local newspaper in York, Pa., to inquire whether anyone else had reported these objects. The newspaper replied in the negative.

11. [REDACTED] at this time called my attention to the fact that he saw the lights as two lights per object — a bright and a dim one — exactly as I described previously.

12. My boys meanwhile were looking in the sky and within the space of a few minutes reported the lights were returning appearing in a northwest direction, low on the horizon still considerably spaced and moving at an estimated five miles to the west of us in a southerly direction. I would estimate their position above the horizon at this time to be about five to six degrees. Their speed seemed to coincide with their apparent distance and the original sighting of approximately one hundred miles per hour.

13. At no time were there any violent or sudden changes in acceleration in any direction. There was no trail of any type visible.

14. Early in the sighting, when these lights were closest to this observer, I attempted to determine some concrete outline. This I did by

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Statement of Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] St., York, Pa.

watching a star in the background as they approached it, merged with it, and left it behind. The star in no case was blanched out before it merged with the light and I concluded that the object was not much bigger, if any, than the source of light itself.

15. When first sighted these lights appeared to be about halfway between our home and the center of York, Pa. They moved probably over the Naval Ordnance Plant, located about a mile and a half from the center of York, Pa.

16. With regard to my reason for calling the operator in the Control Tower at Olmsted Air Force Base, I was guided by an article which I had read in the York paper a year previously which re-stated that all such unidentified objects be reported to the Air Force Base in Middletown, Pa. I particularly called the Control Tower directly in order to tell them from which direction the objects would be approaching the tower so that they might visually, or by radar, establish their substance or identification. My conversation with the operator in the Olmsted AFB Tower was approximately as follows: "This is Mr. [REDACTED] from York, Penna. There are three lights approaching your Tower from the south. If you have OGA or surveillance radar you should be able to pick them up within a minute or two." He asked me to repeat, which I did, then informed me that I had him "covered" for a minute. Then he stated that there was no radar installation at the base nor at the Harrisburg Airport either. I then advised him to at least watch to the south and see if he could pick up the objects. The conversation ended at this point.

17. At about one fifteen A. M. the next morning I received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself with either Security or Intelligence functions at Olmsted Air Force Base and he asked me a number of questions. From what I gathered these questions were on a form which he was evidently filling out. These questions related to the objects that I had reported on earlier in the evening.

This statement given to Joseph A. Meenan, Jr., Security Officer, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

5 March 1954

[REDACTED]
York, Pa.

This Statement was obtained and written by the undersigned investigating officer and read and signed in his presence by, [REDACTED] on 5 Mar 54 at Safe Harbor Water Power Plant, Safe Harbor, Pa. The original, signed, handwritten copy of this Statement is retained in the Intelligence Office files, The Inspector General's Office, Hq MAAMA.

Joseph A. Meenan, Jr.
JOSEPH A. MEENAN, JR.
Investigating Officer

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3 March 1954

Statement of, A/1C [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 1912-3 AACCS
Det. Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Penna.

1. At about 2210 E. hours on 2 March 1954, while on duty in the Olmsted Air Force Base Control Tower, Middletown, Pa., the operator on duty with me, A/2C [REDACTED], received a phone call from a person who identified himself as Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] told A/2C [REDACTED] to get his PPI (Plan Precision Indicator) Scope ready in order that he might see an object in the sky.

2. [REDACTED] and I did not know what to make of this statement. Then about a minute later the alert crew under our Control Tower called us and said they had seen something moving over the river. The alert crew asked us if we had seen any unusual object in the vicinity of the Control Tower. We replied by saying that we had seen three lights, amber in color, a short distance from our Control Tower. We told them that we did not know what these lights represented. I was unable to see any kind of object connected with these three lights.

3. We called the Harrisburg State Airport Control Tower and asked them if they had seen any object or lights at about 800 ft M.S.L. (Mean Sea Level) above the river, next to the hills, and West of the Olmsted Air Force Base Tower. We further identified and located these three lights by placing them in line with the Olmsted Control Tower and the Firing Range along the dike. The Harrisburg Tower responded by saying that they had seen three lights in the shape of a triangle hovering near the Olmsted Air Force Base Control Tower.

4. A/2C [REDACTED] and I advised Base Operations of the observations we had made. We also asked the telephone operator at Olmsted Air Force Base how this call from Mr. [REDACTED] came through directly to us in the Tower. The Base telephone operator told us that a Mr. [REDACTED] from York, Pennsylvania had contacted Olmsted Air Force Base through her switchboard and said he had something very important for the Control Tower. In the meantime the Harrisburg Tower told us that they had called the Filter Center, which is the main artery for all GOC (Ground Observer Corps) Posts in this vicinity and ATC (Air Traffic Control) to see if any aircraft traffic was due in this vicinity at this time. Each activity reported in the negative. We also called the Filter Center in Harrisburg to see if they had an observer by the name of Swangle on duty at York, Pa. for the Ground Observer Corps at the time we received the original telephone call. They replied in the negative. In the meantime, Base Operations learned the telephone number from which Mr. [REDACTED] had called.

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Statement, [REDACTED]

5. I observed that the course of the lights was up the river toward Harrisburg and at times they were brighter than when I had originally seen them. These lights appeared to me to travel up the river for a short distance and then return toward Olmsted Air Force Base. I told A/2C [REDACTED] to get on the catwalk outside the Tower while I got a bead on the three lights with the white signal of the light-gun. I also directed him to take a picture with the Vidcon camera we have in the Tower for taking pictures of strange objects. At that time when he and I were getting ready to snap a picture of these lights, a heavy haze appeared and the three lights disappeared. We checked with Harrisburg Control Tower and they reported that the lights were no longer in view. It appeared to them to be lost in the haze over the ridge or hills opposite Olmsted Air Force Base.

6. The weather was clear, with a 15 mile visibility. We informed Base Operations of the action we had taken and they told us that the Security Officer would be so informed. Harrisburg Control Tower informed us that the initials of the operator on duty this night were L. F.

7. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[REDACTED]

This statement was obtained by the undersigned investigating officer and read and signed in his presence by [REDACTED] on 8 May 64 at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa. Copies of this statement are retained in the Intelligence Office files, The Inspector General's Office, Bq. MASH.

Joseph A. Mueller, Jr.
JOSEPH A. MUELLER, JR.
Investigating Officer

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3 March 1954

Statement of [REDACTED]
A/1C [REDACTED], 1912-S AACB
Det. Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Penna.

1. At approximately 2210 Z. on the night of 2 March 1954, A/1C [REDACTED] and I were on duty in the Control Tower at Olmsted Air Force Base. The alert crew called on the intercom system and asked about an object which they said was Southwest of the field over the ridge. A/1C [REDACTED] and I turned off the lights in the tower and I observed that there were three lights which appeared to be in a straight line and parallel to the ground. These lights seemed to be moving very slowly, and to the West, toward Harrisburg State Airport. We called the Harrisburg Tower to inquire about these lights and they reported that they had seen them also.
2. Previous to the discovery of these lights over the ridge, I received a phone call from a man who identified himself as a Mr. [REDACTED] from York, Pennsylvania. Mr. [REDACTED] said to me, "Turn on your PPI (Plan Position Indicator) Scope or your GCI (Ground Control Approach) Scope and you will be able to pick up an object."
3. After Harrisburg Tower reported to us that they had seen these lights they immediately checked with New York A.T.C. (Air Traffic Control Center) to see if they had any aircraft due in this area at that time. New York A.T.C. reported, "Negative traffic," in this area.
4. I then called the Olmsted Air Force Base telephone operator to find out about this Mr. [REDACTED]. After making several telephone calls the telephone operator determined that Mr. [REDACTED] telephoned the Olmsted Air Force Base Tower from York, Penna. She was also able to find out the number from which he called. At the same time we contacted Harrisburg GOC (Ground Observer Corps) which in turn called the York GOC to find out if there was a Mr. [REDACTED] working there. York reported that there was no Mr. [REDACTED] working at that GOC.
5. I logged in all this information in a Standard Control Log (AF Form 96) as I received it and then relayed it to Base Operations. The dispatcher in Base Operations was alone this night and was unable to leave his office in order to go outside and observe these lights.
6. When I saw the lights returning from the direction of Harrisburg they seemed to me to be due Southwest of the tower at about seven hundred (700) feet M.S.L. (Mean Sea Level). They also seemed to be moving toward the Olmsted Air Force Base Tower at this time. In my estimation I would say that the two outside lights were approximately the same distance apart as those on the C-47 and C-46 planes. I estimated that these lights were moving toward us at a speed of approximately 20 mph.

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7. I took the Videon Camera, which we are supposed to use for such emergencies, outside the Tower to try to get a shot of these lights. A/1 [REDACTED] was inside the Tower with the light-gun set at white, and was trying to use it as a flood light for a better picture. When he flashed this light-gun outside in the approximate sector where these lights were seen, the visibility was now limited because of a haze, or mist, that had formed over the river. As a result of this haze, we were unable to take a picture of these lights.

8. Harrisburg Airport also reported seeing this haze.

9. Base Operations had been notified of all the information we received before we were relieved from duty.

10. In my estimation, I saw these lights for about fifteen to twenty minutes after they had first been sighted.

This Statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[REDACTED]

This Statement was obtained by the undersigned investigating officer and read and signed in his presence by [REDACTED] on 8 Mar 64 at Clinton Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa. Copies of this Statement are retained in the Intelligence Office files, The Inspector General's Office, HQ, MAAMA.

Joseph A. Meehan, Jr.
JOSEPH A. MEEHAN, JR.
Investigating Officer

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4 March 1954

Statement of, [REDACTED]
A.D.#3, Mechanicsburg, Penna.

1. I am an Airway Operations Specialist (combined facility) in watch supervisor capacity, at the Harrisburg State Airport. This operation is under the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA).

2. On 2 March 1954, at approximately ten minutes after ten P.M. I received a call on the inter-phone from the Middletown Air Traffic Control Tower. The operator there requested me to observe for any unusual lights in the sky. He advised me at that time that he had received a telephone call to be on the lookout for strange sightings. I believe he told me this call came from York, Penna.

3. Upon hanging up the inter-phone I looked out the tower window and saw three lights in a triangular pattern on the south horizon approximately one half (1/2) mile east of No. 6 beacon. No. 6 beacon is on the Baltimore Buffalo Airway located two and three quarters (2 3/4) miles S.W. of the Harrisburg Tower.

4. The two other specialists, Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I used binoculars to observe these lights. They were very close to the horizon about the same level with the beacon, and after observing them for about three minutes they seemed to disappear below the horizon. Very little movement was indicated at any time and apparently the movement was directly away from us, if any. They did not move to the right or left. Due to the extreme darkness, there was no moonlight, no object was visible in connection with these lights.

5. I remarked to Mr. [REDACTED] that the lights had the outline of a dirigible. He concurred. We attempted to make radio contact with the unknown object but were unable to do so. We requested from Traffic Control if any aircraft was/were in the vicinity to help us identify object. A United Aircraft, 35 miles to the N.W. reported he sighted nothing at that time or when passing Harrisburg. This aircraft passed Harrisburg East bound approximately ten minutes later.

6. Willow Grove Tower advised they had no knowledge of any Navy Blimp in this area. Willow Grove is a Navy Control Tower.

7. We also called the Filter Center in Harrisburg and asked them if they had any reports on aircraft in this area and they replied in the negative.

8. After these lights were out of view of our Tower, Middletown Control Tower advised that they were still able to see these lights. The operator there remarked that the lights were right over the river. A short time later the operator again advised, "we have now lost them in the haze".

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9. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10/ [REDACTED]

This Statement was obtained and written by the undersigned investigating officer and read and signed in his presence by, [REDACTED] on 4 Mar 64 at Harrisburg State Airport, New Cumberland, Pa. The original signed, handwritten copy of this Statement is retained in the Intelligence Office files, The Inspector General's Office, Hq NSA.

Joseph A. Meehan Jr.
JOSEPH A. MEEHAN, JR.
Investigating Officer

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Statement of, [REDACTED]
Camp Hill, Penna.

I have read the statement made by [REDACTED] Operation
Spec-List on 4 March 1954, stationed at the Harrisburg Airport, pertaining
to the sighting of an unidentified object on 2 March 1954 and agree with
this statement in every respect.

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investigating officer and read and signed in his presence by
[REDACTED] on 4 Mar 54 at Harrisburg State Airport, New
Gumbertown, Pa. The original signed, handwritten copy of this
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Inspector General's Office, Ft. MAAH.

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Investigating Officer

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4 March 1954

Statement of, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Harrisburg, Penna.

1. I am a Civil Service employee at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Penna., and work as Senior Alert Crewman in the flight line, Maintenance Section. I have been on this job for three years.

2. On 2 March 1954, at approximately 10 P.M., Mr. [REDACTED] with whom I work, called from the ramp and asked me to come out. I went out and met him and he pointed out three lights in the sky, in the general direction of the ridge opposite Olmsted Air Force Base. He and I were about thirty (30) to forty (40) feet away from the Base Control Tower when I saw these lights.

3. I looked into the sky in the direction in which Mr. [REDACTED] had pointed and saw three lights which were lined up in a row. They were moving above the ridge in a westerly direction at a slow rate of speed. They appeared to me to be in a straight line. They were white in color and there was no noise that I could hear. At the time I observed these lights there were aircraft on the ramp warming up. These aircraft made considerable noise.

4. I looked at these lights for approximately two (2) to three (3) minutes with Mr. [REDACTED] and then returned to the alert shack. At the suggestion of Mr. [REDACTED] I called the Control Tower and asked them if they had seen the lights over along the ridge. The tower told me they had not seen them. I continued to observe these three lights from inside the alert shack for approximately ten (10) minutes more.

5. These lights seemed to be moving slowly all the time but never changed in size; the intensity of the lights never changed; nor the alignment of these lights never changed. This object in the sky gave me the impression of a blimp with three lights attached to it.

6. While I was with Mr. [REDACTED] on the ramp and while I was in the alert shack I noticed that the three lights appeared to be moving up the Susquehanna River in the general direction of Harrisburg.

7. This statement is true to the best of knowledge and belief.

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JOSEPH A. MEEHAN, JR.
Investigating Officer [REDACTED]

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4 March 1954

Statement of, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Progress, Penna.

1. I am a Civil Service employee at Olmsted Air Force Base and work as, an alert captain in the Flight Maintenance Section. I have served in this capacity for approximately three years and three months.

2. On 2 March 1954 at about 10 o'clock (P.M.) I went out on the line to "fire-guard" a ship, and I saw a fellow looking up into the sky in the general direction of the ridge beyond the Susquehanna River. I looked in the same direction and saw three lights above the ridge.

3. I called the fellow who works with me, that is [REDACTED], and he joined me on the ramp. I called his attention to the three lights which I had seen. He looked and told me he saw them also. I then asked him to call the control tower and find out what they were. I left him and went to "fire-guard" the ship assigned to me.

4. While I was waiting for the crew chief to start up the engines on this ship I continued to watch these same three lights.

5. I noticed that these lights were not on an even plane and appeared to be slightly staggered. One was above the other and slightly off to the side. They never seemed to go below the ridge. As a matter of fact they seemed to be well above the ridge all times. They were moving at a slow rate of speed in a south-westerly direction and were never in the same plane.

6. To the best of my memory I saw these lights in the sky for approximately ten minutes. I was not looking at them at all times.

7. When I first saw these three lights they appeared to me to be slightly to the East and above the firing range on the base.

8. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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This Statement was obtained and written by the [REDACTED] Investigating officer and read and signed in his presence by [REDACTED] on 4 Mar 54 at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa. The original signed handwritten copy of this Statement is retained in the Intelligence Office files, The Inspector General's Office, Hq MAAMA.

Joseph A. Meehan, Jr.
JOSEPH A. MEEHAN, JR.
Investigating Officer
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Statement of, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Lebanon, Pa.

1. I am a Civilian employee at Olmsted Air Force Base and work as an aircraft mechanic in the Base and Transit Section. I have been working steadily as an aircraft mechanic at Olmsted Air Force Base for the last five (5) years.

2. On 2 March 1954 at approximately ten o'clock at night I was moving aircraft in and out of hangar No. 5, when I happened to look over the mountain on the other side of the river and I saw three lights moving slowly in a south-westerly direction. These lights seemed to be above the firing range near the dike.

3. I watched them for a minute or so and then they seemed to bear off to the south. I continued to watch them, but did not see them disappear.

4. When I first saw these lights I called to Mr. [REDACTED] who works in the alert shack and said in a joking way "look at the saucers flying over there." My first impression was that they might be small aircraft on a hop from Harrisburg Airport but then I realized they were not going fast enough for aircraft.

5. While I was watching these lights I saw them take a turn to the south. I thought perhaps the lights might represent the outline of a blimp.

6. These lights were fairly bright, but did not change in intensity. They appeared to me to be a faded, yellowish-white color.

7. When I first saw them they seemed to be lined up in one line. Then when they began to turn southward they took on the shape of a triangle. They were always about 200-300 feet above the ridge top. I never saw them go below the level of the ridge top and they seemed to be a considerable distance on the other side of the ridge. I could not hear any noise from these lights. They did not appear to be attached to any visible object.

8. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Statement of, [REDACTED] Lebanon, Pa. (Contd)

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