

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <b>12 December 1956</b>	2. LOCATION <b>Missoula, Montana</b>		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
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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Physical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Specimen	6. SOURCE <b>Civilian</b>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <b>N/A</b>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <b>one</b>	9. COURSE <b>N/A</b>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Personal letters to both Hqs USAF & ATIC by source requesting government contact regarding obj believed, by implication, to be part of space ship, containing self-contained power unit activated by unknown material (Mineral). Addresses given were from two different location, and different box numbers.			11. COMMENTS As the report appeared to have "physical evidence" of a UFO, investigation was requested. Results indicated Source was highly susceptible to suggestion and the object in his possession was a black-grey colored volcanic rock, elliptical in shape.



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12-1-56

air force

sir i have found a  
flying missel - i am sure  
it is from some other  
planet - it is all electric  
has been radio operated  
and it is very interesting  
to look at. i am sure the  
government could learn much  
from it. if you are  
interested send a man to  
see it at once

Missoula  
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Martinsdale mont.

12-1-56.

U.S. guided missile

Sirs i have found a  
flying missile - and i am  
sure it is from some other  
planet. and i would like  
to sell it to the U.S. government  
and i am sure it is far  
ahead of anything so far  
discovered if you are  
interested. in something  
that makes it own power  
as it goes and will stand  
the heat - and a new  
mineral that runs it -  
Then send a man to see  
it soon -

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

MARTINSDALE  
MONT.





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AFOIN-2

28 DEC 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AFOIN-4

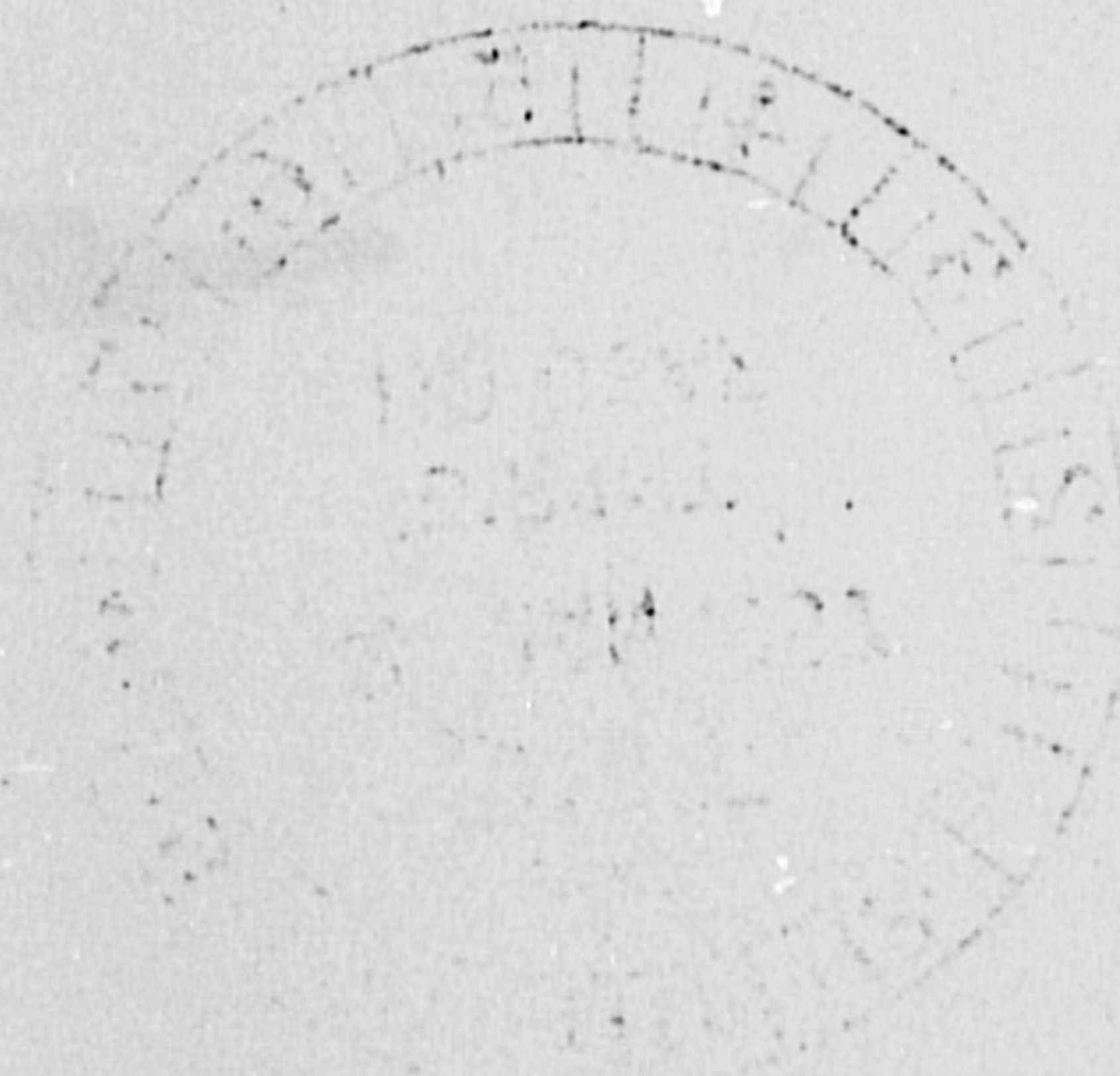
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence

The attached correspondence from [REDACTED] Missoula,  
Montana, was received in AFOIN-2 on 28 December 1956.

1 Incl:  
a/s abv.

KENNETH L. LUEKE  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
AFOIN-2X1

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Operation Blue Book  
The Pentagon,  
Washington, D. C.

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COMDR, ATIC

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: COMDR, 4602nd AISS, ENT AFB,  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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FROM: AFOIN-4E4

INFO: COMDR, 4602ND AISS, ATTN:  
MALSTROM AFB, MONTANA

FLIGHT 1-B

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REFERENCE IF THE DATE-TIME GROUP IS QUOTED

'REQUEST PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION UFO FRAGMENT OR MISSILE

ALLEGED IN POSSESSION OF MR. [REDACTED] MARTINSDALE,  
MONTANA.. PERTINENT INFO: IN PERSONAL LETTER TO THIS CENTER, BESHEARS  
CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND OBJECT, THAT IT CONTAINS SOME FORM OF SELF-SUP-  
PORTING POWER SOURCE ACTIVATED BY UNKNOWN MINERAL. REQUESTS AUTHOR-  
ITIES CONTACT HIM IMMEDIATELY ON MATTER.

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~~XX~~ WILL INFORM [REDACTED] HE WILL BE CONTACTED.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 Dr. H.A. Miley

DATE

13 Dec. 56

AFOIN-4E Col H.K. Gilbert

DATE

13 Dec 56

AFOIN-4X1 Mr. A.F. Arcier

DATE

DATE	TIME
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AFOIN-4E4

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)

Capt G. T. Gregory/lto

PHONE

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4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory/ltc  
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18 DEC 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]  
P. O. Box [REDACTED]  
Martinsdale, Montana

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This Center acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 1 December 1956 concerning an unidentified aerial object which you have found, and which you believe to be some unknown type of missile.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the proper authorities, and you will probably be contacted by Air Force representatives within a short time.

Bringing this matter to our attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

WALLACE W. ELWOOD  
1st Lt., USAF  
Assistant Adjutant

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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATT AFB OHIO  
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'AISOC 1101 PD ATTN AFOIN 4E4. REFERENCE  
YOUR MESSAGE IC41375 CMM DATE TIME GROUP 151914Z DEC PD TENTATIVE  
RESULTS OF BESHEARS INVESTIGATION FOLLOWS PD SOURCE IS MIGRATORY  
WORKER WHO MOVES FREQUENTLY PD SOURCE DEPARTED MARTINSDALE CMM  
MONTANA APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS AGO FOR MISSOULA CMM MONTANA AREA  
PD ADDRESS NOT OBTAINABLE DUE TO US POST OFFICE RESTRICTIONS PD  
SOURCE MAY BE CONTACTED BY MAIL THROUGH MARTINSDALE CMM MONTANA  
ADDRESS PD POST OFFICE WILL THEN FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE PD LOCAL  
RESIDENTS CLAIM HARDWARE TO BE COMMON ROCK TYPE SUBSTANCE INCAPABLE  
OF SELF MOTIVATION PD LOCAL RESIDENTS BELIEVE THAT SOURCE WOULD BE  
YIELDING HARDWARE FOR ANALYSIS IF SUCH REQUEST WOULD BE MADE PD COM-  
PLETE DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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have 2 letters - will  
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Missoula Mont

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Department of Air Force  
Sirs I just got your  
letter today. in regard  
to my flying missile  
altho I have moved  
I am located at Milltown  
west of Milltown  
on highway at Jans  
Trailer camp -

or you can call me on the  
Telephone call. 9-2192  
and ask for [redacted]  
hoping to see you  
soon I am

[redacted]  
% Bot [redacted] Missoula  
Mont.



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	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>AFGIN-9107</i>	DATE	COORDINATION
2	<i>Capt. Metch. (ACTION)</i>		FILE
	<i>(For any comment re pars. 2, 3, 4 &amp; 5)</i>		INFORMATION
3	<i>no sample available</i>		NECESSARY ACTION
	<i>Would appreciate a written comment or opinion for UFO files)</i>		NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
REMARKS			
<p>1. Reference our discussions on trying to improve the capability of 4602nd - diplomatically and constructively. Also my long telephone conversation on 7 Jan suggesting some SOP &amp; policy changes - and the informal letter of reprimand.</p> <p>2. This report is most heartening. We send TWX for investigation on 17 Dec. Undoubtedly received 20 Dec. THIS very lengthy report with full investigation results was completed the next day - 21 DEC !!!</p> <p>allowing for the Xmas &amp; New Year holidays and, of course, the channels &amp; coordinations -</p>			
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<i>This is an improvement</i>			
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	
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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.



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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON MARTINSDALE, MONTANA, USA		FROM (Agency) Flight 1-B, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 21 December 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 December 1956	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) ROBERT T. CAUGHEY, 2Lt, USAF		SOURCE Miss [redacted] and others	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IC41073, Comdr ATIC			

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.)

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- PART ONE: Description of object and Mr. [redacted] by Miss [redacted] Post Office, Martinsdale, Montana.
- PART TWO: Description of object by [redacted], Asst. Postmistress, Post Office, Martinsdale, Montana.
- PART THREE: Description of object by Mr. [redacted], Hotel & Cafe 99-proprietor, Martinsdale, Montana.
- PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.
- PART FIVE: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: TWX message IC41073, classified Confidential, sent by Comdr ATIC, W-PAFB to Comdr, 4602d AISS and to Flt 1-B, 4602d AISS as information addressee, on 17 Dec 56, requested that elements of the 4602d AISS conduct a preliminary investigation of UFOB interest at Martinsdale, Montana (EKKB 4228). The message, received at 172215Z Dec 56, requested that there be undertaken a preliminary investigation of a UFOB fragment, or missile, supposedly possessed by Mr. [redacted] Box [redacted], Martinsdale, Montana. In a personal letter to ATIC, W-PAFB, Ohio, Mr. [redacted] had claimed discovery of an object which contained a self-supporting power unit activated by an unknown mineral. Mr. [redacted] had also requested that proper authorities contact him immediately on the matter. Upon investigation, Mr. [redacted] and the object allegedly in his possession was unavailable for contact. Mr. [redacted] had presumably assumed residence at Missoula, Montana (EKGB 0052) at an unobtainable address. The information in this report was obtained from three persons who had observed the object, and from an investigation conducted to determine the physical characteristics and properties of the object.

III. INVESTIGATOR: 2LT ROBERT T. CAUGHEY, AO3049657

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*Robert T. Caughey*  
ROBERT T. CAUGHEY  
2Lt USAF  
Asst Officer in Charge

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*John W. Meador*  
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I. SOURCE: Miss [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Martinsdale, Montana

Age: Approximately 40

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Education: 14 years

Qualifications: [REDACTED], Martinsdale, Montana, 14 years.

II. RELIABILITY: Source, small woman of medium proportions, was vigorous and alert in her physical and mental actions. Her statements and vocabulary usage were indicative of a broadness of knowledge and were uttered with a preciseness and logical order of expression. Source initiated the discussion concerning Mr. [REDACTED] and the object discovered by him immediately after she had <sup>been</sup> queried about the location of the residence of Mr. [REDACTED]. Upon confirming Mr. [REDACTED] departure from Martinsdale, Montana and after very limited queries by the investigating officer regarding Mr. [REDACTED] age, education, occupation and mechanical aptitude, Source supplied all information on Mr. [REDACTED] which she had available. Much information was subjective and Source almost invariably labeled the relevant statements as such prior to uttering them. Source did not appear to be of the common "gossipy" type but rather appeared as an individual of normal discretion. Source's description of the object discovered by Mr. [REDACTED] was corroborated by testimony of other observers. Source's knowledge of local affairs in Martinsdale, Montana was also generally corroborated by other observers, with no apparent utterances or gestures of disrespect being utilized towards her. Her reliability is considered to be "C".

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT AND MR. [REDACTED] Source was working at the Martinsdale, Montana Post Office, when on the evening of approximately 15 Nov 56, Mr. [REDACTED] entered the Post Office and, with excitement, informed Source that he had found an object which he deemed to be of great importance, and the proper identity of which he did not know. Mr. [REDACTED] did not explain why he considered his discovery to be of great importance. Mr. [REDACTED] stated where he had found the object, but Source did not remember the location. She thought it to be either near Harlowton, Montana (EKL1026) or Shawmut, Montana (EKL2921). Mr. [REDACTED] stated he had been herding cattle at the time of his discovery. Mr. [REDACTED] had the object on his person and it had been carefully wrapped in a common "gunny sack". Source asked to see the object and Mr. [REDACTED] unwrapped the object, offering it to Source for a cursory examination.

2. Object was a dull black-gray colored volcanic type rock. Object was approximately 10 inches (25.4 cm) long and approximately 7½ inches (19.05 cm) wide. It had a uniform thickness of approximately 2 inches (5.08 cm). Surfaces of object did not have smoothness of glass or polished rock, but did not possess highly corrugated and irregular surface such as is commonly found on some stone or rock fragments. When viewed from top, object was not completely circular, but elliptical in shape with two definite ends. Object was concave on one side and convex on the opposite side. The extent of concavity and convexity was approximately 1 inch (2.54 cm) distant from a horizontal line drawn from one end of the object to the other end appearing on the same side of the object.



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The degree of sloping of the concavity and convexity was fairly uniform. Approximate-weight of object could not be surmised or estimated by Source, but it, "weighed somewhat heavier than its size indicated". One fragment had been broken from object prior to Source's examination. Interior of object appeared volcanic in origin. Source associated the rock-like composition of the object with those types of rocks in which fossilized shell and leaf impressions are commonly found. Source claimed to have only a layman's knowledge of rocks and geological formations and professed to have no background sufficient enough to correctly analyse and classify the substance of the object. Source stated that local ranchhands and herders frequently find metal components of airborne meteorological equipment and that usually these items are dispatched to the Martinsdale, Montana, Post-Office. Source stated that she had dispatched many such items via the mails to Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana (EKJC4331) and that she was quite familiar with the above items, which have been brought to the Martinsdale, Montana Post Office in all types of conditions, varying from slightly damaged to extremely weathered and rusted.

3. Source stated that many other people in Martinsdale, Montana had also observed the object discovered by Mr. [REDACTED], and that all observers, to her knowledge, had regarded the object as being an unusually-shaped rock, and thereby considering it of little importance.

4. During examination of object by Source, Mr. [REDACTED] appeared excited over his discovery and made numerous inquiries as to where or at what agency or institution he might discover the identity and origin of the object. At no time did Mr. [REDACTED] appear to give the impression that he considered the object to be a UFOB or missile. Upon finishing her cursory examination of the object, Source very jokingly stated to Mr. [REDACTED], "Why, Pete you've found a flying saucer!" At once Mr. [REDACTED] appeared increasingly excited and with an appearance of secretiveness immediately wrapped the object and its fragment back into the "gunny sack". Source attributed the subsequent actions of Mr. [REDACTED] to the above remark and noted an increased degree of excitement and awe on the part of Mr. [REDACTED] concerning the object, thereafter. This increased excitement and awe of Mr. [REDACTED] continued until his departure from Martinsdale, Montana. Mr. [REDACTED] also displayed increased interest in determining the origin of the object thereafter. He at one time dispatched an inquiry to a "technological agency or institution in California" but the correspondence had been returned unopened due to the fact that the name of the institution or agency had not been supplied with an address on the mailing envelope. At another time, date unknown, Mr. [REDACTED] had contacted a Billings, Montana (EKMA2947) newspaper, the Billings Gazette, regarding his discovery. A local correspondent of the Billings, Gazette, one Grace Coates, had then, upon investigation, resolved that the composing of a news story for insertion in the above newspaper was not warranted.

5. Source stated that Mr. [REDACTED] had resided at Martinsdale, Montana from approximately the year 1938 until approximately 1950, when he had suddenly disappeared from Martinsdale, Montana to parts unknown. Mr. [REDACTED] had reappeared at Martinsdale, Montana during early Nov 56 and had departed on approximately 10 Dec 56. Source could not estimate Mr. [REDACTED]'s age but described him as elderly. Source estimated that Mr. [REDACTED] had not received over 1-6 years of formal education, that he had little mechanical aptitude and that his occupation consisted of fulfilling "odd jobs" about Martinsdale, Montana and working at times as a ranch-hand and herder on nearby ranches. Source described Mr. [REDACTED] as being habitually silent, and that he used the alias of "Pete Woods" and commonly preferred to be known as such in the Martinsdale, Montana area. Source described Mr. [REDACTED] as "for some reason, odd" or "peculiar" in habit. Source gave no reason for this belief. Source also stated that she considered Mr. [REDACTED] to be "harmless" in spite of his "odd" nature.

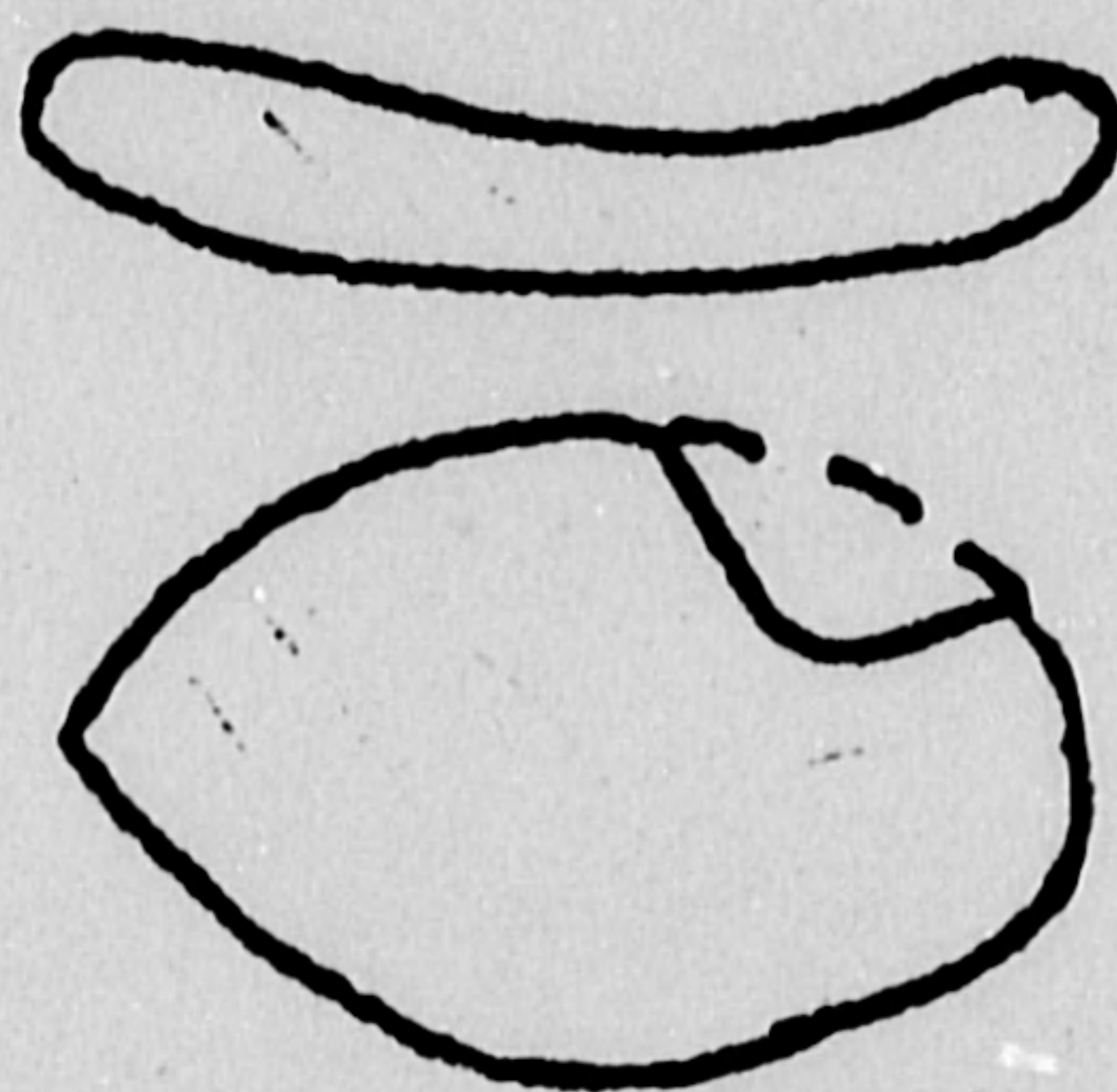


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6. Source stated that Mr. [REDACTED] had departed Martinsdale, Montana on approximately 10 Dec 56 and that he had stated prior to departure that he intended to gain employment as a cabin-careaker in another area of Montana. Mr. [REDACTED] left his forwarding address at the Martinsdale, Montana Post Office, but US Postal Regulation forbade the revealing of such by Source.

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Source's memory sketch of object.



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## I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Martinsdale, Montana

Age: Approximately 50

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Education: 12 years

Qualifications: Inhabitant, Martinsdale, Montana

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared intelligent and alert but was always in the presence of Miss [REDACTED] and appeared at times to lean on the latter as a spokesman. SOURCE expressed a definite interest in the collection and polishing of rocks possessing unusual characteristics or hues however. SOURCE was quick to supply estimate on dimensions of object, but again, her statistics exactly reflected those given by Miss [REDACTED]. Her reliability is considered to be C.

## III. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

1. SOURCE during approximately latter Nov 56 or early Dec 56 saw the object discovered by Mr. [REDACTED]. SOURCE saw object at the Martinsdale, Montana Post Office on one occasion only during the above period of time. She had no other opportunity to observe the object.
2. SOURCE described object as being approximately 10 inches (25.4 cm) long, approximately 7½ inches (19.05 cm) wide, with a uniform thickness throughout of approximately 2 inches (5.08 cm). Object was elliptical in shape. Surface of object was described as smooth, but not as smooth as the surface of a polished rock or glass. The object was concave on one side and convex on the opposite side, with an approximately equal depth of concavity and bulge of convexity. Depth of concavity was estimated to be approximately 1½ inches (3.81 cm). SOURCE described object as being dull black-gray in color, and considered it to be a volcanic type rock. SOURCE claimed that rock fragments identical in color and texture to object are prevalent in the Martinsdale, Montana area. She did not lift the object and could therefore give no estimate as to its weight. SOURCE claimed to have been rather disinterested in the object upon initially observing it, as the idea immediately struck her that a rock of such texture and color would be unfit for polishing and therefore of little consequence or regard to her.
3. SOURCE stated that she considered Mr. [REDACTED] to be "odd" or "peculiar" but no additional explanation was given other than that she considered Mr. [REDACTED] "harmless". SOURCE stated that local ranch-hands and herders have in the past often found objects lying on the ground which attract their interest, and which are then picked off the ground and brought to Martinsdale, Montana to be displayed as temporary curiosities to any acquaintance or friend who is approached. SOURCE claimed this to be a generally common characteristic of the ranch-hands and herders in the Martinsdale area. [REDACTED]



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4. SOURCE stated that metal components of airborne weather equipment are often discovered on the range areas about Martinsdale, Montana, and that the discovering person, whoever he may be, generally brings these metal pieces to the Martinsdale Post Office, so that the pieces may be dispatched to Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana. SOURCE claims to be quite familiar with the above type metal items and expressed her opinion that the ranch-hands and herders in the locality generally are familiar with the metal items and their origin also.
5. SOURCE stated that she believed many other inhabitants of Martinsdale, Montana had seen the object discovered by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and that the object was commonly believed to be a rock of unusual shape. SOURCE did not know of any such observers who dissented from the above commonly held opinion.



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## I. SOURCE: Mr. R. [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Martinsdale, Montana

Age: 57

Occupation: Hotel &amp; Cafe co-proprietor

Education: 10 Years

Qualifications: Inhabitant, Martinsdale, Montana

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was gaunt and of medium stature. He was vigorous in action and speech. He appeared to display only the most casual interest in the object itself, but was quick to offer an estimate of its dimensions. SOURCE spoke intelligently but appeared possessed somewhat of an irascible and impatient temperament. He possessed numerous occasions to see and talk with Mr. [REDACTED]. SOURCE acted surprised when the Investigating Officer expressed interest in the object. SOURCE's reliability is considered to be C.

## III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

1. SOURCE stated that Mr. [REDACTED] frequented the cafe at the Martinsdale Hotel, and that within several days after Mr. [REDACTED] had discovered the object, Mr. [REDACTED] had brought the object to the cafe on his person. SOURCE would not estimate the approximate date.
2. SOURCE described object as being a lava-like rock, black-grey in color and shaped somewhat like a saucer due to its concavity on one side and convexity on the opposite side. SOURCE stated that the object was definitely elliptical in shape with two well-defined ends. He described it as approximately 8 inches (20.32 cm) long, approximately 5 inches (12.70 cm) wide and approximately 2 inches (5.08 cm) in thickness. The thickness appeared to be uniform throughout. The depth of concavity was estimated as approximately 1 inch (2.54 cm). SOURCE would not estimate the weight of the object but considered it to be somewhat heavier than its size would indicate. SOURCE stated that a fragment had been broken off of the object and that the interior of the object possessed numerous small "holes".
3. SOURCE stated that other persons in Martinsdale, Montana had observed the object and that all such observers had unanimously believed the object to be a form of rock.

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SOURCE's memory sketch



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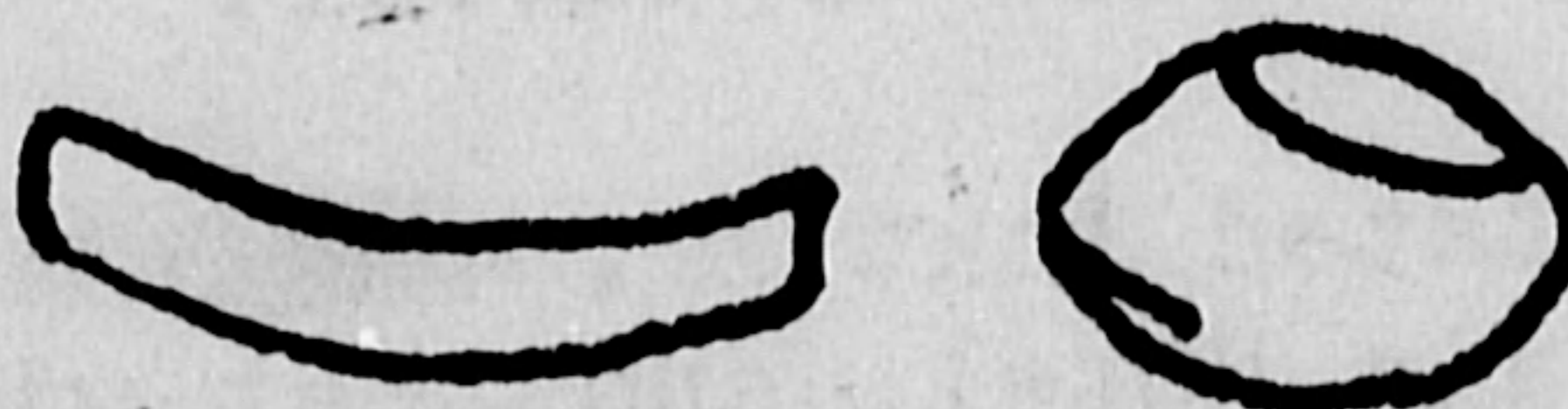
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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS

1. A check with a temporary bartender at the "Upper" Saloon, Martinsdale, Montana, where Mr. [REDACTED] had resided in an attached cabin, yielded the information that the rent of the above cabin had been paid for through May 1957 by Mr. [REDACTED]. The bartender related that he had heard from the proprietors of the "Upper" Saloon, who were not available for contact, that Mr. [REDACTED] had taken up residence at an unknown address near Missoula, Montana (EKGB 0052) where he, Mr. [REDACTED], was to be employed as a herder. The bartender stated that Mr. [REDACTED] had taken all personal effects with him.
2. A check with one Mr. [REDACTED], Martinsdale, Montana, for additional corroboration of data relating to the object discovered by Mr. [REDACTED] yielded negative results, as Mr. [REDACTED] was not available for contact.
3. Contact was made with Detachment 6, 9th Weather Sq, Malmstrom AFB, Montana concerning loss and recovery data pertaining to airborne meteorological equipment. Personnel of the above unit stated that parts of one lost radio-sonde had been dispatched to their organization since August 1956. The Post Office or locality dispatching these radio-sonde parts could not be remembered. Personnel of the above unit also stated that prior to August 1956, many such parts had been dispatched to their section from rural areas of Montana, but that subsequent to August 1956, the U. S. Weather Bureau, Great Falls Municipal Airport, Great Falls, Montana became the only U. S. agency sending airborne meteorological equipment aloft. As the U. S. Weather Bureau meteorological equipment was equipped with U. S. Weather Bureau tags, most lost airborne weather equipment which has been recovered, has been dispatched to the U. S. Weather Bureau, Great Falls, Montana.
4. Contact was made with Detachment 15, 19th Weather Sq, 29th AD (Def), Malmstrom AFB, Montana concerning loss and recovery data of airborne weather equipment. Results were negative, as such equipment has not previously been used and is not presently used by the above organization.
5. A check was made with the U. S. Weather Bureau, Great Falls Municipal Airport, Great Falls, Montana concerning loss and recovery data of airborne weather equipment. Personnel of the above agency stated that airborne weather equipment had in the past tended to land in a pattern following a geographically north-south line extending through Great Falls, Montana, and that such equipment and its components had at times been found in the rural areas about Harlowton, Montana (EKLB 1026) and had then been subsequently dispatched via U. S. mail to the U. S. Weather Bureau, Great Falls, Montana. The above agency dispatches two radio-sondes daily and enjoys an approximate plus 25% rate of recovery in regards to lost airborne equipment.
6. A check was made with Mr. [REDACTED], Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, Great Falls, Montana concerning the geological characteristics of the Harlowton, Montana and Martinsdale, Montana areas. Mr. [REDACTED] explained through the use of geological structure maps that lava rocks and fragments are very apt to be found on the earth's surface in the Harlowton-Martinsdale Montana district. Approximately 8 miles due south of Martinsdale, Montana are located the Castle Mountains (EKKB 4222). Approximately 27 miles due south (180 degrees) of Martinsdale, Montana are located the Crazy Mountains (EKKB 4202). Both of the above mountain ranges



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are composed of lava formations. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that lava fragments and rocks lying on the earth's surface would be especially common in the area about Martinsdale, Montana and that the discovery of such fragments in the Harlowton, Montana area would be very possible, due to past geological alluvial actions having transported such fragments in a northeasterly direction from their source in the Castle Mountain area. Mr. [REDACTED] displayed specimens of lava rock which ranged in color from brown through black-gray to light black. Holes varying from approximately 1/8 inch (.32 cm) diameter to pinpoint diameter were observed to be characteristic of the lava specimens. Mr. [REDACTED] further explained that the above holes had been produced by gases when the lava had still been in a molten state and that the dimensions of the holes were regulated by the pressures inflicted upon and within the lava when still in its molten state. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the specific gravity or density of lava obviously varies, but that an average specific gravity of 2.65-2.70 is characteristic of lava. Furthermore, specific gravity of lava may rise to 2.8 in cases where extreme pressure has been exerted upon and within molten lava. Mr. [REDACTED] described the areas immediately to the east (90 degrees) and to the southeast (135 degrees) of Harlowton, Montana as containing basically sedimentary type rocks. The composition, coarseness or fineness of grain, as well as color and density of sedimentary type rocks were described as variant to an extreme.



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### COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

1. In view of the fact that neither Mr. [REDACTED] nor the object allegedly discovered and possessed by him were available for interview and observation, conclusions herewith set forth cannot logically be represented as extending beyond the realm of "probable" or "possible". Without direct observation, the conclusions reached must remain tentative and the report itself must remain, in a sense, one of supplementary investigation.
2. It is the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the object discovered by Mr. [REDACTED] was a probable fragment or piece derived from an earthly geological formation. Reasons for this opinion are as follows:
  - a. All Sources maintained that the object resembled a rock or categorically stated that it was rock.
  - b. All Sources mentioned a lava or volcanic origin of the object.
  - c. The object discovered by Mr. [REDACTED] appears to closely coincide in texture, weight, and substance to the lava type rocks displayed and described at the U. S. Geological Survey Office, Great Falls, Montana.
  - d. The Martinsdale-Harlowton, Montana area was designated by U. S. Geological Survey, Great Falls, Montana as a district in which lava fragments maybe found laying on the earth's surface.
  - e. Due to the absence of data concerning the site and circumstances of the object's discovery, little support for advancing a theory of meteorite origin is available.
  - f. All Sources maintained that the object had been seen by other inhabitants of Martinsdale, Montana and no Source knew of an observer who had dissented from the opinion that the object was a rock or rock fragment.
  - g. It appears inconceivable that a self-supported power unit, if indeed seen by many observers, would be regarded as a rock in a small rural community, a type of community which is not only sociologically noted for men, who of necessity, possess mechanical interests and aptitudes, but is also famed for its word-of-mouth powers in regards to unusual phenomena or occurrences.
3. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, it is possible that a misconception borne of unfortunate circumstances, rather than plans for a deliberate hoax, has influenced Mr. [REDACTED] in requesting a USAF investigation of his object if it is indeed a type of rock. Reasons for this opinion are as follows:
  - a. SOURCE [REDACTED] attributes Mr. [REDACTED]' identification of the object with a type of missile to one of her very own remarks.
  - b. The information concerning Mr. [REDACTED], given by SOURCE [REDACTED], though certainly not verified and possibly heavily opinionated, suggests a possibility that Mr. [REDACTED] may have earnestly believed his object to have been related in some way to a missile.



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## COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with the conclusion of the Preparing Officer that the object sighted was probably a misidentification of a common object—a rock.

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to suggestion.