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(8) NONE

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B. (1) REPORT FROM NELLIS AFB WEATHER STATION

(2) AZIMUTH 060 DEGREES NO ELEVATION

(3) AZIMUTH 105 DEGREES, ALTITUDE 10,800 FEET.

(4) NE HEADING APPROX 050 DEGREES

(5) INSTANTLY TO THE SOUTH

(6) THIRTY-TWO MINUTES

C. (1) GROUND ELECTRONIC, AN/FPS20 SEARCH, AN/FPS 26 HEIGHT

(2) NONE

(3) NO

D. (1) 0335Z, 19 APR 62

(2) NIGHT

E. 36 19'07''N 115 34'30''W

F. (1) NONE

(2) KENNETH A. COLATRUGLIO, A2C 865 RADAR SQ, OPERATIONS. RELIABLE.

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. UNKNOWN

K. DWIGHT S. RANNEY, CAPTAIN, USAF C& E OFFICER, 865 RADAR SQ.

BLIP SIGHTING WAS IN APPROX AREA OF WEATHER STATION REPORT. NO OTHER
AIRCRAFT OR BLIPS IN GENERAL VICINITY.

L. NEGATIVE. SCOPE CAMERA NOT OPERATING. TIME OF SIGHTING.

BT

TEL: 635-8911

EXT: 2257

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: ADCIO-P

SUBJECT: Request for Information

HEADQUARTERS

AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO



7- SEP 1962

TO: Secretary of the Air Force (SAFOI-3C)
Wash 25 DC

In accordance with paragraph 8, AFR 200-2, Subject:
Unidentified Flying Objects, the attached correspondence
is forwarded for your action.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Kathleen M Berry
KATHLEEN M. BERRY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive Officer
Directorate of Information

1 Atch
Ltr from Louis Trifon, dtd
31 Aug 62

Evaluated -
Insufficient ~~evidence~~ Data
Track characteristics - (11-2
or
High Balloon)

19 APR 0335 Z Capt Dought
Reporting ~~Rammy~~ 865 radar. ~~Sydn.~~ August 31, 1962

Office of Public Information
Air Defense Command
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sirs;

This letter is in reference to the sighting of a brilliant object (VFO?) at or near the Nevada test site on April 18, 1962.

Your spokesman, Lt. Col. Herbert Rolph, said that jets had been scrambled to intercept the object.

The official spokesman at Nellis AFB, in reply to the meteor explanation, said: "There's only one thing wrong with that - a meteor cannot be tracked on radar and this thing was."

I would like the official AF answer as to whether the object was a VFO. Furthermore, I would like a confirmation as to whether or not the object was destroyed with a nuclear weapon. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully yours,
~~[Signature]~~

18 APR 1962

September 21, 1962

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The official records of the Air Force list the 18 April 1962 Nevada sighting to which you refer as "unidentified, insufficient data." There is an additional note to the effect that "the reported track is characteristic of that registered by a U-2 or a high balloon but there is insufficient data reported to fully support such an evaluation." The phenomena reported was not intercepted or fired upon.

Sincerely,

C. R. HART
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], New York