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TO DONALD L BOWER COLONEL USAF  
CHIEF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS DIVISION  
RIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FROM CAPITAL AIRLINES CXXXARLINGTON VA M A CROWDER MANAGER FLIGHT DISPATCH

PROJECT BLUE BOOK

**ACTION**

CAPITAL 807-19 CREW

CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BELLEVILLE MICHIGAN

TELEPHON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RD

YPSILANTI MICHIGAN

TELEPHONE YPSILANTI 960W

NATIONAL CAPITAL 610-19 CREW

CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MIAMI SPRINGS FLORIDA

TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

FIRST OFFICER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DANIA FLORIDA

TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

19 Jul  
Wash DC

**ACTION**

RBO46

IPFO63

YDDO54

TYEO34

JEPHQ B45

RR JEDEN JEDWP 222

DE JEPHQ 346A

R 222107Z ZNJ

FM HQ USAF WASHDC

TO JEDEN/CG AIR DEF COMM ENT AFB COLO

JEDWP/ATIC WP AFB OHIO

*washington caes  
19 Jul '52*

██████████ FROM AFOIN 54199 ATIC PASS TO ATTAA-2C FLYOBRPT  
REF AF OUT 39433 CMA 20 JULY 52 UNCLASSIFIED CORRECTION CLN "ONE  
NOTED OVER HERNDON CMA VA. FOLLOWED CAPITOL AIRLINE TO WITHIN 4  
MILES OF TOUCHDOWN CAPITOL PILOT ESTIMATES ALTITUDE OF OBJECT 500  
IT SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ CMA "ANOTHER OBJECT NOTED OVER HERNDON  
CMA, VA. FOLLOWED CAPITOL NATIONAL FLIGHT PAREN 610 PAREN TO WITHIN  
4 MILES OF TOUCHDOWN. CAPITOL NATIONAL PILOT ESTIMATES ALTITUDE  
OF OBJECT 5000 FEET" COMPLETE FORM 112 REPORT WILL FOLLOW  
THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.  
22/2335Z JUL JEPHQ

RF051

WPA054

TYA037

JEPHQ 051

RR JEDWP

DE JEPHQ 434A

R 232142Z

FM HQ USAF WASHDC

TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN 40467 CGATIC PASS TO ATIAA-2C FLYOBJRPT. FOLLOWING

REPORT RECEIVED BY AFOIN-2A2 CMA 1500 EDT. TWO OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED

IN THE SKY VERY HIGH LIKE STARS. ONE WAS SIGHTED LOW CMA APPROXIMATELY

500 FEET. ROUND OBJECT CMA FIERY ORANGE COLOR FOLLOWED BY WHAT

APPEARED TO BE A HELICOPTER WITH WHITE LIGHT ON TOP AND ON BOTTOM.

MADE NOISE LIKE AIRPLANE. TIME OF SIGHTING 2122 EDT. VISUAL FROM

GROUND. OBJECT OVER MCLEAN GARDENS CMA WASHINGTON CMA D. C. OBSERVER

MRS. [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] COURT N. W. CMA WASHINGTON

16 CMA D. C. WEATHER CLEAR CMA WIND CALM

23/2242Z JHL JEPHQ

**ACTION**

**ACTION**

NBR 1595 30 JULY 52

C-1 ROUTINE

FM 142 FTS WILMINGTON DEL 291800Z

TO WRIGHTPATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIC

CITE FSCO 0314

FLY OB RPT. PROJECT BLUEBOOK. CITE YOU MSG IC 833 DATED 28143 0Z.

NO BALLOON RELEASES MADE FROM THIS BASE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SEVERAL

RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY IN WHICH BALLOONS VARYING BETWEEN 25

AND 110 FT IN DIAMETER ARE RELEASED FROM SITES WEST OF THE

MISSISSIPPI. HOWEVER THIS UNIT HAS NO INFO ON THESE RELEASES.

30/0935Z JULY

**ACTION**

**ACTION**

NR 1283 24 JULY 52

C-1 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

FM CO 142 FTR INTCP SQ NEWCASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT DELAWARE 23 2130Z  
 TO C/S USAF WASH DC ATTN: DIR OF INTEL  
 CO ATIC WPAFB OHIO ATTN: ATIAA-2C  
 CG ADC ENT AFB COLO  
 CG EADF STEWART AFB NY  
 INFO NEWCASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT WILMINGTON DELAWARE

CITE: FSCO 0297 FLYOBRT.

IN ACCORD WITH AFL 200-5 THE FOLG REPT IS SUBMTD. 1. THE THREE  
 OBJ ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING IN A FORMATION OF 1 DIRECTLY ABOVE THE  
 OTHER, TOP OBJ WAS CIRCULAR OR CYLINDRICAL IN SHAPE WITH THE 2 OBJ  
 BELOW BEING REPTD BY THE 4 OBS AS SYLINDRICAL, RECTANGULAR, VERY  
 FLAT, RECTANGULAR AND VERY FLAT AND LONG. ALL THREE OBJ APPEARED  
 APPROX OF THE SAME SIZE, WITH A ROUGH EST BEING 80 FT IN DIAMETER.  
 OBJ WERE SHINY AND REFLECTED LIGHT. THEY APPEARED TO REMAIN IN THE  
 SAME AREA AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION CONTRAILS, EXHAUST,  
 PROPULS ON METHODS, SOUND OR MANEUVERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1 OBS  
 REPTING THAT THE MIDDLE OBJ APPEARED TO MV OUT AND SLIGHTLY AWAY  
 FR THE OTHER 2. REMAINING THERE FOR APPROX 45 SECONDS AND THEN

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RETURNING TO THE ORIG POSITION. 2. OBJECTS WERE FIRST SIGHTED AT  
 1250 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME AND WERE UNDER OBS FOR 20 MINUTES.  
 3. OBS WAS BY VISUAL MEANS FR 2 F94B ACFT FLYING AT A SPEED OF  
 150 TO 180 KNOTS INDICATED AIR SPEED AND AT ALTITUDES INDICATED AT  
 35000 FT TO 46500 FT. 4. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF OBS ACFT WAS  
 PK 5040 AND NK 2048 AND OBJECTS WERE EST AT 4000 FT TO 30000 FT ABOVE  
 THE OBS ACFT. 5. FLY EXP OF THE 4 OBS WAS FR 1 TO 9 YRS.  
 6. WEA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING WAS CLEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
 A SQUALL LINE WHICH WAS NOT IN THE VICINITY OF THE SIGHTING AND IN  
 NO WAY LIMITED THE SIGHTINGS. 7. IT IS BELIEVED NO ACTIVITY OR  
 CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHERWISE, CAN ACCOUNT THE SIGHTING.  
 8. NO PHOTO COULD BE TAKEN SINCE PLTS WERE UNABLE TO ELEVATE THE  
 NOSE OF THEIR ACFT HIGH ENOUGH TO GET OBJECTS IN THE SIGHTS.  
 9. SILVERTONE WAS KEPT ADVISED OF THE SIGHTINGS. 10. OTHER FTRS  
 AND A BOMBER TYPE ACFT WERE IN THE AREA OF THE SIGHTINGS.  
 24/0405Z JULY

RC110  
WPD113  
TYA110  
BT118  
BEK A277  
BEKA 199  
RR JEDWP

**ACTION**

DE BEKAC 35  
R 231316Z  
FM NAS NORVA  
TO CO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

NAVY GRNC

PROJECT BLUE BOOK X YOUR 221930Z REFFERS X ONE JRB CLEARED NGU TO DCA  
ARRIVING 200143RX NO AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED

CFN 221930Z 200143RX

23/1318 JULY BEKAC

RA024

WPA098W

YDB026T

TYD101

**ACTION**

TMA039

JEPFF B29

PP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEPBL 444

DE JEPFF 12

P 201758Z ZNJ

FM OPERATIONS OFFICER 1050 ABG ANDREWS AFB MD

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQS USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/AIR TENHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT WFB COLO

JEPBL/CO HQS COMMAND BOLLING AFB WASH DC

██████████ / FLYOBRPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH AFLTR 200-5 THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED ONE-SIZE UNDETERMINED CMA REDDISH ORANGE CMA THREE SIGHTED CMA MOVEMENT ERRATIC FROM SOUTHWEST TO SOUT EAST CMA HIGH RATE OF SPEED CMA DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH AND EAST TWO- FM 005 E TO 0030 E 20 JULY 1952 THREE VISUAL FOUR OBSERVED FROM ANDREWS AFB FIVE OBSERVERS ONE RADAR OFFICER RELIABILITY EXCELLENT FOUR CGNTROL TOWER OPERATORS RELIABILITY EXCELLENT CMA TWO CREW MEN SIX WEATHER SCAT 22,000, 10 MILES, TEMP 76, DUE POINT 72, WIND NW 7 ALTIMETER 29.91 WINDS ALOFT 2000 EEP DEGREES AT 25, RPPP ETP AT 22 6000 ETP AT 10 8000 ERP AT 14, QPNPPP EWP AT 15, QUNPPP EUP AT 13, 14,000 320 AT 5 16,000 EPP AT 10, WPNPPP EPP AT 35, WINPPP EPP AT 30 SEVEN UNKNOWN EIGHT NONE NINE THORNDYKE ALERTED TEN UNKNOWN 20/1808Z JUL JEPFF



**ACTION**

RAO18

WPB054AYDDO14M

TYDO51

TMAO17

JEFFF A4

FP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEPBL 444

DE JEFFF 7

P 270800Z ZNJ

FM CO ANDREWS AF MD

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT PAT OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

JEPBL/CO HQ BOLLING AFB WASHDC

ANF BGBO 76 PD FLYOBRPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AF  
 LTR 200-5 THE FOLG RPT IS SUBMITTED: ONE-SIZE UNDETERMINED. TWO  
 SIGHTED. APPEARED AS GLOW OF CIGARETTES. NO SET FORMATION. NO  
 ERRATIC MANEUVERS. ESTIMATED TO BE TRAVELING AT 100 MPH.  
 TWO-2015E. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED UNKNOWN. DATE 26 JULY 1952  
 THREE-VISUAL. SIGHTED FROM LOCKHEED LODESTAR, NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT  
 NUMBER 42. ALTITUDE OF OBSERVER 1700 FT, AIRSPEED APPROX 200 MPH.  
 FOUR-OBSERVER SOUTH OF WASH. OBJECTS HIGH DIRECTLY OVERHEAD.  
 FIVE-OBSERVERS: NATIONAL AIRLINES PILOT CAPTAIN RELIABILITY  
 EXCELLENT. STEWARDESS, RELIABILITY GOOD.  
 SIX-SKY CLEAR, VSBY 10. WINDS ALOFT: 2000-210 DEG AT 7K, 4000-220  
 AT5, 6000-140 AT 5, 8000-230 AT 7, 10000-310 AT 4, 12000-300 AT 7,  
 14000-310 AT 2, 16000-300 AT 6, 20000-300 AT 3, 25000-210 AT 10

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EIGHT-NONE

NINE-THORNDYKE NOTIFIED BY ANDREWS AT 2121E.

TEN-UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME.

27/0814Z JUL JEPFF

RA0190  
WPE025E

**ACTION**

YDB032

TYE042

TMA019

JEPFF B15

PP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEPBL 4444

DE JEPFF 9

P 270810Z ZNJ

FM CO ANDREWS AFB MD

TO JEHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT PAT OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

JEPBL/CO HQ BOLLING AFB WASHDC

ANF BGBO 77 PD FLYOBRPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AF  
LTR 200-5 THE FOLG RPT IS SUBMITTED: ONE-SIZE UNDETERMINED. THREE  
SIGHTINGS. NUMBER ONE-ANDREWS APCH CONT SIGHTED TEN TO TWELVE  
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS ON RADAR SCOPES. NUMBER TWO-WASH ARTC SIGHTED  
TEN TO TWELVE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS ON RADAR SCOPES. NUMBER THREE-  
WASH ARTC SIGHTED FOUR UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS ON RADAR SCOPES.  
TWO-NUMBER ONE SIGHTING AT 2054E. NUMBER TWO SIGHTING AT 2057E.  
NUMBER THREE SIGHTING AT 2223E. NUMBERS ONE AND TWO SIGHTINGS REMAINED  
IN WASH AREA IN EXCESS OF ONE HOUR. ALL TIMES ON 26 JULY 1952.  
THREE-ELECTRONIC, CPN-18 RADAR SETS.  
FOUR-OBSERVED AT ANDREWS AFB AND WASH NATL APRT. OBJECTS IN NUMBER  
THREE SIGHTING WERE NEAR BELTSVILLE, MD, AND HERNDON, VA.

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FIVE-UNKNOWN

SIX-SKY CLEAR, SBY 10. WINDS ALOFT: 2000-210 AT 7K, 4000-220 AT 5,  
6000-240 AT 5, 8000-280 AT 7, 10000-310 AT 4, 12000-300 AT 7, 14000-310  
AT 2, 16000-300 AT 6, 20000-300 AT 3, 25000-210 AT 10, 30000-180 AT 10.

SEVEN-UNKNOWN

EIGHT-NONE

NINE-THORNDYKE NOTIFIED ON NUMBERS ONE AND TWO SIGHTINGS AT 2103E; OF  
NUMBER THREE SIGHTING AT 2232E. ACTION TAKEN UNKNOWN.

TEN-UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME.

27/0815Z JUL JEPFF

HEADQUARTERS COMMAND  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

7D/BLB/jkm

HC 319-C

14 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOB RPT) (Unclassified)

TO: Director of Intelligence  
Headquarters United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D.C.

The inclosed correspondence is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 7e, AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



1 Incl:  
Ltr, 4th Dist. OSI,  
Subj: FLYOB RPT, dtd 4 Aug 52

C. P. McCarty  
Captain, USAF  
Asst Adjutant General

When Incl 1 is withdrawn  
or not attached, the classification of  
this correspon-  
dence will be canceled in accordance  
with par 25a, AFR 205-1.

Washington, D. C. - Night of 26/27 July 52

(Partially witnessed by Maj. Fournet and Lt Holcomb  
(AFOIN-2C5; remainder as reported to them)

General:

This incident involved u/i targets observed on the radar scopes at the Air Route Traffic Control Center and the tower, both at Washington National Airport, and the Approach Control Radar at Andrews AFB. In addition, visual observations were reported to Andrews and Bolling AFB and to ARTC Center, the latter by pilots of commercial a/c and one CAA a/c. Two flights of interceptors were dispatched from Newcastle, Del., but their official reports have not been received by this office; comments on their conversations with ARTC Center personnel are included herein. It has been impossible to collect all facts for a single report. The Base Intelligence Officer, Bolling AFB, is submitting a report covering the Bolling and Andrews aspects of the incident. This report covers the facts obtained from Washington National A/P personnel, the USAF Command Post and the AFOIN Duty Officer Log. As yet, the commercial and CAA pilots who reported visuals have not been contacted, nor have other potential sources been investigated. Such action will not be possible by this office.

1. Varying numbers (up to 12 simultaneously) of u/i targets on ARTC radar scope. Termed by CAA personnel as "generally, solid returns", similar to a/c return except slower. No definable pattern of maneuver except at the very beginning about 2150 EDT, 4 targets in rough line abreast with about 1 1/2 mile spacing moved slowly together (giving about a 1" trace persistency at an estimated speed of less than 100 mph) on a heading of 110. At the same time 8 other targets were scattered throughout scope. ARTC checked Andrews Approach Control by telephone at 2200 EDT and ascertained that they were also picking up u/i targets. U/i returns were picked up intermittently until about 27/0100 EDT, following which weak and sporadic (unsteady) returns were picked up intermittently for another 3+ hours. Washington National Tower radar crew reports only one target positively u/i. This return was termed a "very good target" which moved across the scope from West to East at about 30 to 40 mph. However, the radar operators stated that there could have been other u/i targets on their scopes, particularly outside their area of a/c control, which they would not have noticed or would have assumed to be a/c under ARTC Center control. However,

they noticed no other unusual (i. e. very slow or erratic) returns. ARTC Center controllers also report that a CAA flight inspector Mr. flying a/c #NC- reported at 2246 EDT that he had visually spotted 5 objects giving off a light glow ranging from orange to white; his altitude at time was 2200'. Some commercial pilots reported visuals ranging from "cigarette glow" (red-yellow) to "a light" (as recorded from their conversations with ARTC controllers). At 2238 EDT the USAF Command Post was notified of ARTC targets. Command Post notified ADC and EADF at 2245, and 2 F-94's were scrambled from Newcastle at 2300 EDT. ARTC controlled F-94's after arrival in area and vectored them to targets with generally negative results (flew through "a batch of radar returns" without spotting anything). However, one pilot mentioned seeing 4 lights at one time and a second time as seeing a single light ahead but unable to close whereupon light "went out" (these comments from ARTC controllers). One ARTC controller worked a USAF B-25 (AF 8898 ?) for about 1 hr 20 mins about 2230 EDT. B-25 was vectored in on numerous targets and commented that each vector took him over a busy highway ir intersection. Maj Fournet (AFOIN-2A2) and Lt. Holcomb (USN, AFOIN-2C5) arrived at ARTC Center about 27/0015 EDT. Lt. Holcomb observed scopes and reported "7 good, solid targets". He made a quick check with airport Weather Station and determined that there was a slight temperature inversion (about 1 degree) from the surface to about 1000'. However, he felt that the scope targets at that time were not the result of this inversion and so advised the Command Post with the suggestion that a second intercept flight be requested. (2nd intercept flight controlled by ARTC, but no strong targets remained when they arrived. They were vectored on dim targets with negative results.) Maj. Fournet and Lt. Holcomb remained in ARTC Center until 0415, but no additional strong targets were picked up; many dim and unstable targets (assumed due to temperature inversion) were observed throughout the remainder of the period.

2. Intermittently between 26/2150 and 27/0100 EDT July 52. Periods of observation vary.

3. Electronic: VG-2 radar (ARTC) and ASR-1 radar (Tower). Others visual from air (details unknown).

4. Radar located at Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C. (Alexandria, Va.). A/c #NC-12 believed to be in vicinity of Aberdeen/Baltimore, Md., commercial a/c reporting visuals located in general area vicinity Washington National A/P.

5. ARTC Center radar crew and controllers:

Austin M. Stapf     )  
 Lloyd Sykes        )  
 James M. Ritchey    )

Harry Barnes )  
 James M. Copeland )  
 Stewart Dawson )  
 Phil Ceconi )  
 Mike Senkow )  
 Jerome Biron )

All are CAA employees with varying levels of experience (ARTC radar installed Jan. 52). All appeared to be serious, conscientious and sincere although somewhat vague about details of their experience on 26/27 July. Considered fairly reliable.

Washington Tower radar operators:  
 (2yrs radar) )  
 (1 1/2yrs radar) )

Conscientious and sincere. Direct manner. Appeared sure of themselves. Considered very reliable.

Observer in a/c #NC- Mr. , reliability unknown.  
 Pilots of commercial a/c: unknown.

6. Weather clear, scattered thins (alt unknown).  
 Temperatures at 26/2200Z as reported by Washington national Weather Station:

Surface	25 deg C		
800'	26		
3500	20		
4800	20	)	
10,000	7	)	Steady drop
15,000	0	)	
22,000	-17	)	) Constant
22,800	-17	)	)
23,000	-20		

- 7. See 6. Others negative.
- 8. Negative
- 9. See 1. Official reports not received.

10. Normal commercial traffic inbound and outbound Washington National Airport plus some USAF a/c - all known and identified.

Remarks:

ARTC crew commented that, as compared with u/i returns picked up in early hours of 20 July 52, these returns appeared to be more haphazard in their actions, i. e. they did not follow a/c around nor did they cross scope consistently on same general heading. Some commented that the returns seemed to be from objects "capable of dropping out of the pattern at will". Also that returns had "creeping appearance". One member of crew commented that one object to which F-94 was vectored just "disappeared from Scope"



shortly after F-94 started pursuing. All crew members emphatic that most u/i returns were "solid". Finally, it was mentioned that u/i returns have been picked up from time to time over the past few months but never before had they appeared in such quantities over such a prolonged period and with such definition as was experienced on the nights of 19/20 and 26/27 July 52.

A transcript of a conversation between the towers at Washington National and Andrews which took place at 2130 EDT July is attached. The "Center" mentioned is the ARTC Center at Washington National. The number of the National Airlines flight referred to is unknown.

July 26, 1952

## "THE CUPLESS SAUCER"

Transcription for the record at WNA:  
(2130 EDT 26 July)

Washington Tower: Andrews Tower, do you read? Did you have an airplane in sight west-northwest or east of your airport eastbound?

Andrews: No, but we just got a call from the Center. We're looking for it.

Washington: We've got a big target showing up on our scope. He's just coming in on the west edge of your airport--the northwest edge of it eastbound.

He'll be passing right through the northern portion of your field on an east heading. He's about a quarter of a mile from the northwest runway -- right over the edge of your northwest runway now.

Andrews: What happened to your target now?

Washington: He's still eastbound. He went directly over Andrews Field and is now five miles east.

Andrews: Where did he come from?

Washington: We picked him up ourselves at about seven miles east, slightly southeast, and we have been tracking him ever since then. The Center has been tracking him farther than that.

Andrews: Was he waving his course?

Washington: Holding steady course, due east heading.

Andrews: This is Andrews. Our radar tracking says he's got a big fat target out here northeast of Andrews. He says he's got two more south of the field.

Washington: Yes, well the Center has about four or five around the Andrews Range Station.

The Center is working a National Airlines -- the Center is working him and vectoring him around his target. He went around Andrews. He saw one of them--looks like a meteor. (Garbled)..Went by him..or something. He said he's got one about three miles off his right wing right now.

There are so many targets around here it is hard to tell as they are not moving very fast.

Andrews: What about his altitude?

Washington: Well, must be over 8,000 feet as we don't have him in radar any more.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.**

24-0-212

4 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Observed  
on 26 July 1952 over Annapolis, Maryland  
Observer: Major C. P. Carlson  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding officer  
Headquarters Command, USAF  
Bolling Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Director of Intelligence

1. This office received the following information from S/A  
DERRICK of the 109th CIC Detachment at Baltimore, Maryland:

Major C. P. CARLSON, Post Chaplain, Edgewood  
Arsenal, Maryland reported that on 26 July 1952, at  
2230 hours, he saw a flying object over the vicinity  
of Annapolis, Maryland. The object appeared to be  
flying at approximately 10,000 feet in a northwest  
direction at what the Major described as being the  
"speed of a jet aircraft." The object appeared to  
be a large ball of fire, made no noise and did not  
maneuver. It remained in sight for approximately  
six seconds and then vanished into the air. The  
light intensity of this object was that of a "shoot-  
ing star" but the object was much larger.

2. No action was taken in this matter by District office  
#4 of the Office of Special Investigations. The above is being  
submitted for whatever action is deemed appropriate by your office.

DONALD B. WHITE  
Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

cc: Headquarters, OSI

AF FORM 112-PART I  
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

(CLASSIFICATION)

COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. 52-1	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPROT</b>		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object Report		
AREA REPRPTED ON Bolling AFB and Washington National Airport	FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence Hq Comd, USAF	
DATE OF REPORT 22 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 19 & 20 July 1952	EVALUATION Excellent
PREPARED BY (Officer) BENJAMIN L. BERKOW, Capt. USAF	SOURCE Control Tower Operator	
REFERENCES (Control number, directorate, previous report, etc., as applicable) None		
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>This report constitutes statements by control towers at Washington National Air Port and Bolling Air Force Base.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Benjamin Berkow</i> BENJAMIN L. BERKOW Capt., USAF Director of Intelligence Hq Comd, USAF</p>		
_____ INCLS.		
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APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPROT</b>		
SUBJECT FLYOBRPT		
AREA REPRPTD ON Andrews AFB, Wash 25, D. C.		FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Section
DATE OF REPORT 22 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 July 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer)		SOURCE See Summary
REFERENCES (Control number, directorate, previous report, etc., as applicable) None		
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. Unidentified objects were sighted between 0005E and 0530E on 20 July 1952. The sightings were visual and radar.</p> <p>2. The visual sightings are not consistent in that several reports state the objects were believed to be stars. The only positive report in the targets on the radar scope.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Statement by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [REDACTED]</li> <li>2. T/Sgt Izzo</li> <li>3. Capt H. C. Way</li> <li>4. A/1C Brady</li> <li>5. Mr. [REDACTED]</li> <li>6. A/2C Goodman</li> <li>7. S/Sgt C. T. Davenport</li> <li>8. Capt Redding</li> <li>9. Control Tower log</li> </ol>		
9	INCLS.	
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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence Headquarters Command, USAF	REPORT NO. 52-1	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
<p>On the night of 19 and 20 July 1952 Mr [REDACTED] and three (3) other control tower operators were on duty in Washington National Air Port Control Tower. At 0005 East Standard Time a series of five (5) unidentified targets appeared on the radar scope. Three targets were different than those made by aircraft and a careful search was made of the sky to determine if the objects were visual; none were visual at this time. Then a call was made to Air Routing Traffic Control center and they too had the same targets located in the same vicinity which was over Andrews Air Base. A call was made to Andrews on the direct line and Washington advised Andrews tower of the situation and Andrews reported visual sighting of three (3) objects in the position indicated by Washington tower.</p> <p>The targets remained on the radar scope until 0030 EST during this time one (1) target left a trace from West of Andrews to Riverdale a distance of seven (7) mile in four (4) second. (7300 mph)</p> <p>There was also a visual sighting by the controllers of the Washington National Tower. They observed an orange disk about 3,000 ft altitude at 300 deg, Washington Tower also heard conversation between "Gas Bag 17" and Andrews (jet intercept). He reported over Andrews Air Base at 0300 EST at 21,000 feet, said he was low on fuel and was returning to his base.</p>		

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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPROT</b>		
SUBJECT FLYOBREP		
AREA REPRTEED ON Andrews AFB, Wash 25, D.C.	FROM (Agency) Wing	Intelligence Section
DATE OF REPORT 29 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 26 July 1952	EVALUATION Unk
PREPARED BY (Officer) EDWARD R. VAN SANT, Capt. USAF	SOURCE See Summary	
REFERENCES (Control number, directorate, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
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. Unidentified objects were sighted between 2000E and 2300E on 26 July 1952. The sightings were visual and radar.</p> <p>2. Targets seen on the radar scope are the only positive reports.</p>		
Statements by:		
<p>1. T/Sgt Spiewakowski</p> <p>2. T/Sgt Harrison</p> <p>3. Lt Palmer (A.O.)</p> <p>4. Lt Carlson</p>		
<p><u>4</u> INCLS.</p>		
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<p>1. The following report is submitted in compliance with par 7d, AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.</p> <p>2. On the evening of 26 July 1952 between 2000E and 2300E a number of unidentified objects were reported in the vicinity of Washington D.C. Only two persons saw these objects visually. All others were sighted on radar scopes at Washington ARTC and Andrews Approach Control.</p> <p>3. At 1500E 28 July 1952, Mrs. _____ St., Chevy Chase, Md., called Andrews Operations to report that she had seen an unidentified object between 2130E and 2200E on the 26th of July 1952. She states she was sitting on the deck on her boat in the Rhodes river, Lat. 39 degrees 51' N., Long. 76 degrees 32' west, looking to the SW, when she saw a large fuzzy light streak across the sky just above the horizon. This light was from yellow to yellow-green in color and moved in a straight line. She saw it for only a few seconds. This light did not appear solid to her, looked closer than the stars and made no noise. The objects were also seen visually by M/Sgt Harrison, a GCA Operator at Andrews AFB. His reliability is excellent. His statement is attached. Electronically they were seen by 1st Lt. N. V. Carlson and T/Sgt. E. Spieswakowski, radar controllers. Their reliability is excellent. Their statements are attached. Statement of A.O. is attached.</p> <p>4. The size of the objects is unknown. The number varies from one to many (number unknown). Colors are described as bluish white, yellow, and yellow-green, visual sightings traveled in a straight line. Electronic sightings moved very erratically. No apparent formation was observed.</p> <p>5. The weather at the time of the sightings was: Sky clear, visibility 10, temp. 78, dew point 76, wind S, at 10 MPH, altimeter 30.13, winds aloft: 2000 - 210 at 7K, 4000 - 220 at 5, 6000 - 240 at 5, 8000 - 280 at 7, 10000 - 310 at 4, 12000 - 300 at 7, 14000 - 310 at 2, 16000 - 300 at 6, 20000 - 300 at 3, 25000 - 210 at 10, 30000 - 180 at 10.</p> <p>6. No meteorological condition was known to exist.</p> <p>7. No physical evidence available.</p> <p>8. Thorndyke alerted.</p> <p>9. Aircraft known to begin the area are as follows:</p> <p>AF 8898 - Pilot - Phillips, W. Capt. AO 266841, Maryland university  AF 7018 - Pilot - Henry, S.W. Col, 3907A, Hq. USAF  AF 7474 - Pilot - Schweickart, G.R., Capt AO 208220, Hq, USAF  AF 6121 - Pilot - Smith, C.B., Capt, 17730A, 1025th AB Sq, Wash Natl.  AF 045V - Pilot - Bone, G.W., Capt, AO 742409, 1111th SAM Sq, Bolling  AF 045V - Pilot - Ballard, Capt, 22718A, 1734th ATG, Kelly AFB.  AF Jet 6554 - Pilot - Whitehead, Capt, AO 838035, Wichita, AFB.  AF 1042 - Pilot - Grindle, F., Capt, AO 2085971, 1050th ARG, Andrews AFB.  AF 5999 - Pilot - Sudbury, D., Maj, 6201A, Hq MATS, Andrews AFB.</p>		

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Andrews AFB  
Wash 25, D.C.  
28 July 1952

## S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

Happenings of Saturday 26th July 52

At 2023E Wash Center called requesting info as to whether we were observing many unidentified targets in the immediate area, on our radar equipment. We observed & noted a great many targets some of which later were identified as aircraft (conventional). We continued to maintain a sharp lookout & observed targets following very erratic courses, sometimes appearing to stop, then reverse course, accelerating momentarily, & then slowing down. Target sightings were all coordinated with W.A.R.T.C. & verified, using radar facilities. Another peculiarity noted was the sudden disappearance of targets then suddenly reappearing 8-10 mi farther along the same course. A couple aircraft which happened to be in the area were given vectors to targets however I am uncertain of results as this was handled by Wash. Radar. We had targets in vicinity of ADW (R), the field, & the SHZ vicinity, also NW of us targets were present in great No's. the only area relatively free was the S.W. Andrews tower personnel were advised of positions & were attempting to make visual sightings- results Unkn. The biggest problem appeared to be the large No. of targets present which made it difficult to have any definite targets singled out for checking.

/s/ T/Sgt H. Spiewakowski

A TRUE COPY

*Clyde E. Mahaffee Jr.*  
CLYDE E. MAHAFFEE JR.  
WOJG, USAF  
Admin. Operations Officer

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28 July 1952

## S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

Happenings of Saturday 26th July 52 (2023 - 2121E)

While standing in front of GCA unit I observed a bluish white light move from vicinity of range in a NNE dir at an incredible rate of speed- about 45 sec later I observed another light moving from over the vicinity of the range to the NW. About one min later while walking toward AAPC from the GCA unit I saw the same kind of light moving from the NE toward the range station. These lights did not have the characteristics of shooting stars. There was no trails and seemed to go out rather than disappear, and traveled faster than any shooting star I have ever seen.

/s/ M/Sgt Harrison

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<b>DISPOSITION FORM</b>			
FILE NO.		SUBJECT	
		(Uncl) Material for Project Blue Book	
TO Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson AFB Dayton, Ohio	FROM Dept of the Air Force Hq USAF - AFOIN-2A2	DATE 11 Aug 52 Maj Fournet/vg/71016	COMMENT NO. 1
<p>1. Inclosed are summary reports of observations as telephoned to AFOIN-2A2 during the past two weeks plus a report on radar observations at Washington National Airport on the night of 26/27 July 52. In all cases, the outline specified for electrical messages in paragraph 7c of AFL 200-5 has been utilized for the sake of expediency with appropriate notations as necessary.</p> <p>2. No attempt has been made to follow-up on any telephone reports taken by the Estimates Duty Officer nor was any attempt made to obtain great detail in the other telephone reports. Wherever possible, a general statement of weather conditions, usually as reported by the observer, has been included. In all cases where pro-forma items are omitted, they are negative.</p> <p>3. No further action is contemplated on any of these incidents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">WILLIAM W. WILCOX Colonel, USAF Chief, Policy and Management Group Office, Deputy Director for Estimates Directorate of Intelligence</p> <p>26 Incls: Rpts of U/I Flying Objects originated by AFOIN-2A2</p>			
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1 OCT 48

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY		
FROM: (Originator) O'NARA, COMMANDING, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, WRIGHT-PATERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO	DATE-TIME GROUP 221940z July 52	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
TO: WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT WASHINGTON DC	PRECEDENCE FOR ACTION PRIORITY	INFORMATION
INFO:	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE DATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
	IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION
FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-7-14E                      FOR CONTROLLER  Would like exact time of sighting of unidentified objects on 19 July 52, Also all a/c in vicinity at time.  In reply cite Project Blue Book.		
		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION PAGE 1 OF              PAGES
DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required) LT J. E. ROTESTEIN/vs		RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
SYMBOL ATIAA-5	TELEPHONE 54261	OFFICIAL TITLE ROBERT E. KENNEY Air Adjutant C

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FROM: (Originator)  CO, ATIC	DATE-TIME GROUP 221920z July 52	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
TO: CO OLMSTED AFB MIDDLETOWN PA	PRECEDENCE FOR  <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE	ACTION PRIORITY  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE DATE
INFO:	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
FROM: AFOIN-ATTA-7-16E	FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	
<p>Were any a/c scrambled from your base or any bases in vicinity around 2400 E, 19 July 52 re report of unidentified object near Washington. Also any a/c on flights toward Washington within one hour of that time.</p> <p>In reply cite Project Blue Book.</p>		
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TO: CAPITAL AIRLINES WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT WASHINGTON 1 DC	PRECEDENCE FOR <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS	ACTION PRIORITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGEDATE CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
INFO:  FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-7-15E  Would like names, addresses, and telephone numbers of crew of Flt 807 on 19 July 52 and Capital National Flt 610 on 19 July 52.  In reply cite Project Blue Book.	REFERS TO MESSAGE:	
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TO: CO NAVAL AIR STATION NORFOLK VA	PRECEDENCE FOR ACTION PRIORITY	INFORMATION
INFO:	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE DATE
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REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-7-17E	FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	IDENTIFICATION
Would like info on a/c which could have been in vicinity of Washington at about 2400E 19 July 52. Also were any a/c scrambled because of a report of unidentified objects at that time.  In reply cite Project Blue Book.		
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<b>INFO:</b>  FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-7-13E                              FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  Would like info on all a/c in vicinity on 19 July 52 at 2400 E. Were any a/c scrambled ?  In reply cite Project Blue Book.			PRECEDENCE FOR      ACTION      INFORMATION PRIORITY	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE DATE  <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS      CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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Wash Nat Tower crew) nite 26/27 July

Tues 0800

Tues 0800

Weds 0800

Tues 0800

ASR-1

Tower radar

ST 0745

ARTC Radar  
( 1st crew - til 2400 )

- \* - Vectoring
- \* - Supvr (Radar)
- Raymond Nathan - Deputy Dir office  
of Aviation Info  
CAA
- \*

Tower G

CAA Flow Controller

NW A

- \* 1600 - 2400 Sand (duty)

0001 →  
( 2nd crew ) Supvigh

2108 EST ARTC picked up between  
4 & 12 obj. No def obj. 2 jet intercep.  
1125 ( jets on scopes ) vectoring in.  
One pilot sited 1 lite ahead ( far ).  
Couldn't contact. 1149 saw one lite  
steady white. 10 mi E Mt Vernon  
Couldn't close.

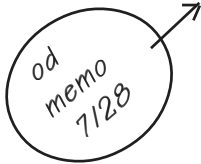
0140 2 more jets.

AI Chop TE

7/27/52

had written  
in his book by time Mr Stapf  
requested his departure from Control  
Room. (Ref F-94's - 1st intercept)  
may also have overheard frequency on which controlled

od  
memo  
7/28



Mr                                      Lister "G"                                      (Tower)                                      7/28/52

Portion: extract log  
(all times EST)

Approx 2030: Center advised u/i tgts

*Saw one u/i across scope W - E (picked up on E side of scope), very good tgt, 30 - 40 mph. Could have been other tgts, particularly outside of area of control, but wouldn't have spotted because would have assumed normal a/c. However, no other unusual (slow, etc) tgts noticed.*

*Exper: controller 5 yrs; radar 2 yrs.*

Mr.

7/20/52

*Same as first sentence for Woodall  
except W side of scope. However, genl  
as for W*

*Exper :            controller 9 yrs; radar 1 1/2 yrs.*

Mr. EST

2015: Mr. notified Flt Inc of u/i tgts

2050: about 12 u/i traces : -

4 tgts (well defined, well, 1" long, < 100 mph)  
in NW quadrant on SE course (110), roughly abreast  
about 1 1/2 mi apart. Others scattered  
throughout scope.

2100: Andrews checked - they were also  
picking them up. (still about 12 tgts)

2146: NC 12 (CAA Flt Inspec, Mr )  
reported 5 obj. that were giving  
(call tomorrow) (Thorpe) for typed  
cy of log)



Mr.

*Believed differently fm those of 19/20 July  
(did not appear to be following a/c as  
before, also, genl direc of trl was SE as  
opposed to "aa-direc" trl previous incident)  
Return was just as good as previously  
more tgts this time than last; more  
bunched than previously (some appearance  
of groups). Slower speed (30 - 40 mph)  
About 20 mins after initial, tower  
confirmed orange glow in E.  
Cap Airlines got visual (later) plus 4 or more  
Another Cap a/l made visual (lite "at  
phenomenal speed" but radar tracked  
him until 4 mi fm touchdown.*

*Appearance of low alt & dropping out  
of radar pattern at will.*

*When obj being chased by Redman Ldr  
obj suddenly disappeared fm ARTC scope.*

*Comment: Acted as the monitoring Shirley Blue  
frequency.*

*Exper: 7 mos on radar control; 11yrs traffic control.*

Mr:

*East (cor?)*

*T/O at 2008. Had to try to  
vector thru no. of images. Batches  
well defined but smaller than reg. tgts.  
35 - 90 mph. All that he saw truly NW --> SE  
United vectored in & saw pulsating red-yellow  
lite.*

*Impression of low alt possible because  
of "dropping out", creeping appearance, etc.*

*Tgts were "solid" returns.*

*All pilot's reports very vague in description*

*7 mos radar exper; 6 yrs traffic control.*

Mr:

\$\$ord w/ Andrews.

All hdg genly SE (some E, some S, etc.)

Similar to a/c return except slower (solid line trace)

landing at

Started wkg B-25 ~~out of~~ ^ Bolling at about 2130 est.

B-25 (AF 8898?)

While ~~Redman Id~~ circled twice (6 - 7 mi diam)

obj remained within & moved only 2 - 3 mi.

Vectored B-25 for 1:10 or 1:20. (Pilot

mentioned each vector took him over busy hiway or intersection)

Andrews reported visual w/ glasses S of Andrews

est 6 mi, blue-white lite, jerky motion ,

2000' alt est

Only about 2/3 of tgts in Andrews area

picked up by Andrews radar.

Tgts varied in intensity - some good, some

poor. Faded often.

0300Z 20 July (2300 EDT 19 July)

	<i>deg C</i>
Surface	26
800'	27
↓ <i>Constant fall</i>	
8000'	13
↓ <i>Constant temp</i>	
9500'	13
↓ <i>Constant fall</i>	
23,000	-15

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NA 4830  
A/P Wea Sta

*Inversion: temp genly falls w/ alt.*

*When " increases w/ alt = inversion*

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2200Z (1800 EDT) 26 July

Surf	25
800'	26
3500	20
4800	20



*Steady  
drop*

10,000	7
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*Steady  
drop*

15,000	0
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*Steady  
drop*

22,000	} constant	-17	
22,800		} temp	-17
23,000			-20

*Hold*

Memorandum for *D/Chief of Staff, Operations*  
 Chief of Staff

*SUBJ: Possible Compromise of Air Defence  
 Code and/or Communications*

1. *On the night of 26/27 July 52 the CAA radar at Washington National Airport picked up a number of unidentified targets in all quadrants intermittently for a period of about 3 hours. F-94 interceptors were dispatched in two flights to attempt an intercept, and at certain times were controlled by the CAA Air Route Traffic Control Center at Washington National.*

2. *Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, Time-Life correspondant was in the Control Center at the time \_\_\_\_\_ of the first intercept flight that control ^ was assumed by the Center. An interview with Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, CAA Flow Controller at the time established that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ apparently overheard the intercept code "Shirley Blue" and wrote this information in his notes. Mr. Stapf also believes that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ may have overheard the radio frequency which was being used to control the intercept.*

3. *Another Life correspondent established that the first flight of interceptors was based at Newcastle, Delaware.*

4. *It is not known whether the above*

*constitutes a compromise of the Air  
Defense code and/or communications, but  
is being forwarded for information.*

**ACTION**

HBC37H

HID138

1952 JUL 23 23

FHK193

PP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEDMH JESBA 555

DE JEDBO 67

P 302115Z ZNJ

FM COSTRATRCNWG 91 LOCKBOURNE AFB OHIO

TO JEPHQ/ DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLO

JEDMH CG SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

JZSBA/CG 2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA

91WDOI 2368-R PD AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER

ATTN: ATIAA-2C PD FLYOBRPT

(PART ONE) THREE DIFFERENT WHITE FLASHES ACROSS SKY LEAVING YELLOWISH  
 AMBER TRAIL CMA TRAVELING APPROXIMATELY SPEED OF SOUND PD (PART TWO)  
 OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY TWO ZERO THREE ZERO EASTERN STANDARD TIME TWENTY  
 SIX JULY FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES PD (PART THREE) VISUAL  
 OBSERVATION FROM BRAVO TWO NINE OUT OF BARKSDALE AFB AT ALTITUDE NINE  
 NINE ZERO ZERO PD (PART FOUR) APPROXIMATELY TWO TWO ZERO ZERO MILES OFF  
 COAST SOUTH NEW YORK CITY AREA PD OBJECTS THREE ZERO TO FOUR ZERO MILES  
 DISTANCE SOUTH EASTERN HORIZON WITH UNDETERMINED HEIGHT (PART FIVE)  
 OBSERVER STAFF SERGEANT WALKER OF CREW NUMBER EIGHT SIX GOLF OSCAR



PAGE TWO JEDBO 67

BARKSDALE AFB CMA PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED LOCKBOURNE AFB DUE VIOLENT AIR  
POCKET PD (PART SIX) CLEAR NIGHT CMA STARS AND MOON SHINING BRIGHTLY PD  
(PART SEVEN) NOT METEORS AS OBSERVOR HAS SEEN SUCH PHENOMENON PD  
(PART EIGHT) NO EVIDENCE PD (PART NINE) IDENTIFICATION RADAR AND VISUAL  
OTHER CREW MEMBERS IMPOSSIBLE PD (PART TEN) OTHER AIRCRAFT MISSION  
FORMATION

30/21302 JUL JEDBO

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SUBJECT FLYOBREP			
AREA REPRPTD ON Two hundred (200) miles south off Coast of New York City		FROM (Agency) 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing	
DATE OF REPORT 31 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 26 July 1952	EVALUATION B-2	
PRERARED BY (Officer) MAJOR EDWARD O. WITTMER		SOURCE S/sgt. David L. Walker	
REFERENCES (Control number, directorate, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX, 91WDOI 2368-R dtd 302115Z			
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 style="text-align: center;">Observer had three and one half (3 1/2) years experience as a gunner in the United States Air Force and previous service in the United States Navy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dick M. Campbell</i> /s/ Dick M. Campbell DICK M. CAMPBELL Major USAF Wing Intelligence Officer</p> <p>1 _____ INCLS.</p>			
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FROM (Agency) 91st Strat. Recon Wing, Medium	REPORT NO. IR-104-52	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
<p>1. Three (3) different amber edges white flashing objects observed. Travelling at approximately speed of sound each caused yellowish trail. First object moved across sky in horseshoe path; second appeared to drop vertically; and the movement of the third not identifiable.</p> <p>2. First object was sighted at twenty thirty (2030) hours Eastern Standard Time, 26 July 1952. Second object about thirty (30) seconds later and third object about two (2) minutes later. Total elapsed time for all sightings including intervals, four (4) minutes.</p> <p>3. Visual observation from B-29 cruising speed at altitude 9,900 feet. Unknown to observer if radar received return on these objects but believed radar received return from later object.</p> <p>4. Observer was gunner on B-29 in formation of five aircraft, flying north approximately two hundred (200) miles off coast south New York city Area. Objects thirty (30) to forty (40) miles distance south eastern horizon at undetermined height. First object sighted at four (4) to five three zero (5:30) o'clock position; second object sighted four (4) o'clock position; third object sighted five (5) to six (6) o'clock position.</p> <p>5. Staff Sergeant David L. Walker, AF-57322115, of 301st Bombardment Wing, Medium, 353rd Bombardment Squadron, Medium, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, has three and one half (3 1/2) years gunnery experience in the Air Force and previous duty in the United States Navy. He observed many meteors and falling stars both before and after seeing strange phenomenon on this mission.</p> <p>6. Clear night with stars and moon shining brightly.</p> <p>7. No known activity or meteorological condition account for sighting.</p> <p>8. No physical evidence of fragments available.</p> <p>9. The other members of crew were notified but identification by them not verified.</p> <p>10. Formation of five (5) B-29's in formation.</p>		

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**AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
OHIO**

18 AUG 1952

Mrs. J  
Street  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Mrs.

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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a/s

*Robert E. Kennedy*  
ROBERT E. KENNEDY  
Major, USAF  
Air Adjutant General

TENTATIVE  
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:
- 1.1 Date: 26 July 1952  
Day Month Year
- 1.2 Time of day: 10:30 11:00 A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)  
Hrs. Min.
- 1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One)
- a. Eastern d. Pacific  
b. Central e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Mountain
- (Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard
- 1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:
- a. Certain c. Not very sure  
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess
2. Where did you see the object?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. U.S.A.  
Postal Address City or Town State Country
3. Where were you located when you saw the object:
- (Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane  
b. In a car e. At sea  
c. Outdoors f. Other On a boat
- 3.1 Were you:
- (Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?  
b. In the residential section of a city?  
c. In open countryside?  
d. Flying near an airfield?  
e. Flying over a city?  
f. Flying over open country?  
g. Other Anchored in the Rhode River

4. How did you happen to notice the object? I was sitting alone  
on the deck looking in the direction it  
appeared and disappeared
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?  
28      July      1952  
Day      Month      Year

## SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? \_\_\_\_\_  
Sitting on deck
- 6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.  
Putting children to bed  
Cleaning up
7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):  
Yes or  No
- IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:
- 7.1 What direction were you moving?  
(Circle One)      a. North      e. South  
                         b. Northeast      f. Southwest  
                         c. East      g. West  
                         d. Southeast      h. Northwest
- 7.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.
- 7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?  
(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One)
- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | e. South     |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East      | g. West      |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One)
- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | e. South     |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East      | g. West      |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions. (8 and 8.1)

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain        | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess  |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite  |
| b. Through windshield   | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars   | g. Through open space  |
| d. Through telescope    | h. Other _____         |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- |                          |
|--------------------------|
| a. Clear sky             |
| b. Hazy                  |
| c. Scattered clouds      |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds |
| e. Don't remember        |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- |                            |
|----------------------------|
| a. Dry                     |
| b. Fog, mist or light rain |
| c. Moderate or heavy rain  |
| d. Snow                    |
| e. Don't remember          |

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- |                   |
|-------------------|
| a. No wind        |
| b. Slight breeze  |
| c. Strong wind    |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- |                   |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold           |
| b. Cool           |
| c. Warm           |
| d. Hot            |
| e. Don't remember |

## SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? X Hours      X Minutes      1 or 2 sec Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain                      c. Not very sure  
 b. Fairly sure                d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- |      |                                 |     |           |            |
|------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|------------|
| 14.1 | Change direction?               | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.2 | Change speed?                   | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.3 | Change size?                    | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.4 | Change color?                   | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.5 | Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.6 | Give off smoke?                 | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.7 | Change brightness?              | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.8 | Flicker, throb or pulsate?      | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| 14.9 | Remain motionless?              | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't Know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Yellow green

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound No sound

16.2 Color Yellowish green

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.



18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes  No Don't Know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

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18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes  No Don't Know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

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18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't Know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- |   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| a. Pea  | f. Automobile     |
| b. Baseball                                       | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball                                     | h. Large airplane |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible      |
| e. Office desk                                    | j. Other _____    |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 19.

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain                           | d. Just a guess  |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

- 20.1 How high above the earth was it? 2000 feet.
- 20.2 How far was it from you? \_\_\_\_\_ feet or 5 miles
- 20.3 How fast was it going? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.
- 20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

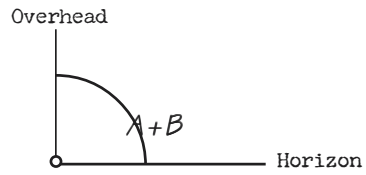
- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| a. Certain        | c. Not very sure                                 |
| b. Fairly certain | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

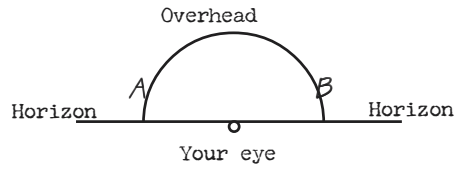
- (Circle One):  a. Suddenly c. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Gradually d. Don't remember

SECTION D

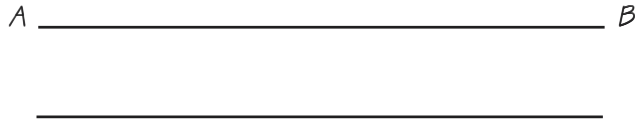
22. In the following sketch imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



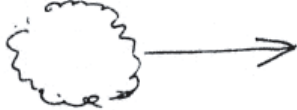
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position at object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



*large, round, fuzzy ball of light*

## SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?  
(Circle One): Yes No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see the other ones? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

*It appeared to me to be a large ball  
of light and the unusual was that it  
seemed to travel in its own orbit.*

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME:                                                                 
                    Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Name  
ADDRESS                                           15 Ind.  
                    Street                      City                      Zone                      State  
TELEPHONE NUMBER                     

What is your present job?                     Housewife                    

Age 40

Sex F

Last School Attended                     Fairfax Hall                    

Year of alst attendance at this school                     1931

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or  No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their name and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.  
Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

*I thought that it was some sort  
of reflection or electrical discharge from  
a radar, because of it's speed and too  
it seemed to be traveling in it's own  
orbit. The distance above the horizon,  
it's sudden appearance & disappearance  
and the distance from me all made me  
feel that it had something to do with  
radar. It made no sound & was definitely*

*a reflection or discharge of some sort.  
The night was perfectly clear, many  
stars, but no moon, I believe. It had  
no resemblance to any sort of star.  
It did not fall toward the earth, as  
a star, nor did it go away from the  
earth, as a projectile. It seemed to be  
traveling in a straight line, above the  
horizon, in an orbit of it's own.*