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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 22, 1950

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Flying Saucers or Flying Saucers

The following information was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.

According to Mr. [redacted] informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government has a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.

No further evaluation was attempted by SA [redacted] concerning the above.

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REF: REQUEST FOR PHOTO IMAGERY INTERPRETATION YOUR MSG 292030Z OCT 80.

SUBJECT CASE NR: 8017D93-126 HQ CR 44.

1. SUBJECT NEGATIVES/FILM WERE ANALYZED BY HQ IVT AND 7602 AINTELG, IT AND THE FOLLOWING RESULTS WERE FOUND:

A. NEGATIVE #1: DEPICTING C-5A AIRCRAFT ON APPROACH AND STREAKING UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT IN LOWER RIGHT PORTION OF FILM. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. SIZE DIFFERENTIAL WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH SIZE OF AIRCRAFT. CONCLUSION: INCONCLUSIVE

B. NEGATIVE #2: DEPICTING CYLINDER SHAPED UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT IN UPPER LEFT PORTION OF PHOTO. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. FILM SHOWED OBJECT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH FIELD DEPTH AND CONSISTENT WITH RELATIVE SIZE OF FIXED OBJECTS. CONCLUSION: LEGITIMATE NEGATIVE OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT. BOLTON/REINFELD METHOD DID NOT REVEAL VISIBLE MARKINGS ON OBJECT.

C. NEGATIVE #3: DEPICTING IRREGULAR SHAPED UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT IN SEVEN FRAMES OF 8MM FILM. BECAUSE OF THE SIZE AND APPARENT SPEED OF OBJECT NO FURTHER CLASSIFICATION OR CONCLUSION COULD BE DRAWN. FILM SHOWN TO BE UNALTERED.

D. 3/4 INCHES OF 8MM FILM: DEPICTING APPARENT COLORED OBJECT MOVING IN FRONT OF STILL CAMERA. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. SPECTROGRAPHY REVEALED COLORS TO BE BASIC PRISM FEATURES. DEPTH ANALYSIS REVEALED OBJECT TO BE WITHIN 152MM OF CAMERA. OBJECT WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH RELATIVE SIZE OF FIXED OBJECTS OBSERVED FOR SEVERAL SECONDS IN FILM. CONCLUSION: INCONCLUSIVE.

E. ORIGINAL NEGATIVE DEPICTING UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT. FILM FOUND TO BE UNALTERED. BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FIXED OBJECTS IN THE FILM, NO DEPTH ANALYSIS COULD BE PERFORMED. BOLTON/REINFELD METHOD REVEALED OBJECT TO BE SAUCER SHAPED, APPROXIMATE DIAMETER 37 FEET. OBJECT CONTAINED A TRILATERAL INSIGNIA ON THE LOWER PORTION OF OBJECT. CONCLUSION: LEGITIMATE NEGATIVE OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT.

2. REF YOUR REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING HQ CR 44. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED: CAPT GRACE 7602 AINTELG, INS CONTACTED AND RELATED FOLLOWING: (S/WINTEL) USAF NO LONGER PUBLICLY ACTIVE IN UFO RESEARCH, HOWEVER USAF STILL HAS INTEREST IN ALL UFO SIGHTINGS OVER USAF INSTALLATION/TEST RANGES. SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LEAD BY NASA, ACTIVELY INVESTIGATES LEGITIMATE SIGHTINGS THROUGH COVERT COVER. (S, WINTEL/FSA) ONE SUCH COVER IS UFO REPORTING CENTER, US COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, ROCKVILLE, MD 20852. NASA FILTERS RESULTS OF SIGHTINGS TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS WITH INTEREST IN THAT PARTICULAR SIGHTING. THE OFFICIAL US GOVERNMENT POLICY AND RESULTS OF PROJECT AQUARIUS IS STILL CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET WITH NO DISSEMINATION OUTSIDE OFFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS AND WITH RESTRICTED ACCESS TO "TOP TWELVE". CASE ON BENNETTZ IS BEING EXPLORED BY NASA INS, WHO REQUEST ALL FUTURE EVIDENCE BE FORWARDED TO THEM THRU AFOSI, IVOE.

4. REF YOUR REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. BECAUSE OF A CHANCE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, NO KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL WITH SPA WILL BE PROVIDED. CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN YOUR MESSAGE, MILLER, FUGATE. BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF CASE, REQUEST THEY BE THOROUGHLY DEBRIEFED AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

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2. (TS//ORCON) PROJECT SIGMA: (PROWORD: [REDACTED]) Originally established as part of Project [REDACTED] in 1954. Became a separate project in 1976. Its mission was to establish communication with Aliens. This Project met with positive success when in 1959, the United States established primitive communications with the Aliens. On April 25, 1959, a USAF intelligence Officer, met two Aliens at a pre-arranged location in the desert of New Mexico. The contact lasted for approximately three hours. [REDACTED] the Air Force

officer managed to exchange basic information with the two Aliens (ATCH-7). This project is continuing at an Air Force base in New Mexico. (OPR: [REDACTED])

3. (TS//ORCON) PROJECT SIGMA: (PROWORD: [REDACTED]) Originally established in 1972. Its mission was to test fly a recovered Alien aircraft. This project is continuing in Nevada. [REDACTED]

4. (TS//ORCON) PROJECT [REDACTED] (PROWORD: [REDACTED]) Originally established in 1972. Its mission was to evaluate alien [REDACTED] information pertaining to space [REDACTED]

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6002

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This is in response to your letter of 20 February 1986 in which you stated that, regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information on Project Aquarius, you are interested in Aquarius as it pertains to unidentified aerial objects. Please be advised that Project Aquarius does not deal with unidentified aerial objects. We, therefore, have no information to provide to you on the subject.

In your letter you also ask for information on Projects Sigma and Snowbird. The FOIA provides that a person has a right of access to federal agency records, except to the extent that such records are protected from disclosure by one of nine exemptions. It does not require that an agency answer questions. As I mentioned in my letter of 20 February, Sigma and Snowbird are not NSA projects; therefore, we have no information to give you on these topics.

Since you indicate in your letter that you will not be paying the \$15,000.00 fee to search for records pertaining to Aquarius, this response completes our action on your request.

Sincerely,

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CHAPTER IICIRVIS REPORTSSECTION I - GENERAL201. Information to be Reported and When to Report.

A. Sightings within the scope of this chapter, as outlined in paragraphs 102B (1), (2), (6) and (7), are to be reported as follows:

(1) While airborne and from land based observers.

(a) Hostile or unidentified single aircraft or formations of aircraft which appear to be directed against the United States or Canada or their forces.

(b) Missiles.

(c) Unidentified flying objects.

(d) Hostile or unidentified group or groups of military surface vessels.

(e) Hostile or unidentified submarines.

(f) Individual surface vessels, submarines, or aircraft of unconventional design, or engaged in suspicious activity or observed in a location or on a course which may be interpreted as constituting a threat to the United States, Canada or their forces.

(g) Any unexplained or unusual activity which may indicate a possible attack against or through Canada or the United States, including the presence of any unidentified or other suspicious ground parties in the Polar Region or other remote or sparsely populated areas.

(2) Upon landing.

(a) Reports which for any reason could not be transmitted while airborne.

(b) Unlisted airfields or facilities, weather

positive immediate delivery.

c. WHEN A STATION RECEIVES A PARTIAL CIRVIS REPORT AND THE REMAINDER IS NOT IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING, IT WILL BE RELAYED OR DELIVERED IN THE SAME MANNER AS A COMPLETE REPORT.

SECTION III- SECURITY

208. Military and Civilian. Transmission of CIRVIS reports are subject to the U.S. Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Canadian Radio Act of 1938, as amended. Any person who violates the provisions of these acts may be liable to prosecution thereunder. These reports contain information affecting the national defense of the United States and Canada. Any person who makes an unauthorized transmission or disclosure of such a report may be liable to prosecution under Title 18 of the US Code; Chapter 37, or the Canadian Official Secrets Act of 1939, as amended. This should not be construed as requiring classification of CIRVIS messages. The purpose is to emphasize the necessity for the handling of such information within official channels only.

SECTION IV - EVALUATION REPORTS

209. Action by Activities.

a. All investigative measures and evaluation processes instituted by addressees, will be handled in accordance with existing procedures and reported in accordance with these instructions, insuring that appropriate commands as listed in paragraph 206 are kept fully informed of investigative results and evaluations. These evaluations shall be expressed in terms indicating the reported sighting as being Positive, Probable, Possible, or No Threat insofar as being a threat to the security of the United States of America and Canada or their forces, or an explanation of the subject reported when known.

b. The first two words of the text of an evaluation report shall be "CIRVIS EVALUATION" followed by the date and time of sighting and/or other identification of the CIRVIS report(s) being evaluated.

AIR FORCE REGULATION--AFR-200-2
1954

*AFR 200-2

* This Regulation supersedes AFR 200-2, 26 August 1953, including Change 200-2A, 2 November 1953.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, 12 AUGUST 1954

INTELLIGENCE

Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: UFOB)

- 1. Purpose and Scope. This Regulation establishes procedures for reporting information and evidence pertaining to unidentified flying objects and sets forth the responsibility of Air Force activities in this regard. It applies to all Air Force activities.
- 2. Definitions:
 - a. *Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)*—Relates to any airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object.
 - b. *Familiar Objects*—Include balloons, astronomical bodies, birds, and so forth.
- 3. Objectives. Air Force interest in unidentified flying objects is twofold: First as a possible threat to the security of the United States and its forces, and secondly, to determine technical aspects involved.
- 4. Responsibility:
 - a. *Reporting.* Commanders of Air Force activities will report all information and evidence that may come to their attention, including that received from adjacent commands of the other services and from civilians.

- b. *Investigation.* Air Defense Command will conduct all field investigations within the ZI, to determine the identity of any UFOB. [ZI (Zone of the Interior) includes continental area of the United States.]
- c. *Analysis.* The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio will analyze and evaluate: All information and evidence reported within the ZI after the Air Defense Command has exhausted all efforts to identify the UFOB; and all information and evidence collected in oversea areas.
- d. *Cooperation.* All activities will cooperate with Air Defense Command representatives to insure the economical and prompt success of an investigation, including the furnishing of air and ground transportation, when feasible.

6. ZI Collection.

- a. All Air Force activities are authorized to conduct such preliminary investigation as may be required for reporting purposes; however, investigations should not be carried beyond this point, unless such action is requested by the 4602d AISS.

7. Reporting. All information relating to UFOB's will be reported promptly.

- a. (1) *Electrical Reports.* All electrical reports will be multiple addressed to:
 - (a) Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
 - (b) Nearest Air Division (Defense). (For ZI only.)
 - (c) Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
 - (d) Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

d. *Report Format.* Reports will include the following numbered items:

- (1) Description of the object(s):
 - (a) Shape.
 - (b) Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arms length.
 - (c) Color.
 - (d) Number.

- (e) Formation, if more than one.
 - (f) Any discernible features or details.
 - (g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s).
 - (h) Sound. If heard, describe sound.
 - (i) Other pertinent or unusual features.
- (2) Description of course of object(s):
- (a) What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?
 - (b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed.
 - (c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance.
 - (d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s).
 - (e) Manner of disappearance of object(s).
 - (f) Length of time in sight.
- (3) Manner of observation:
- (a) Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar.)
 - (b) Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof.
 - (c) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.
- (4) Time and date of sighting:
- (a) Zulu time-date group of sighting.
 - (b) Light conditions (use one of the following terms): Night, day, dawn, dusk.
- (5) Locations of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark.
- (6) Identifying information of all observer(s):
- (a) Civilian—Name, age, mailing address, occupation.
 - (b) Military—Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability.
- (7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings.
- (a) Observer(s) account of weather conditions.
 - (b) Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000', if available.
 - (c) Ceiling.
 - (d) Visibility.

- (e) Amount of cloud cover.
 - (f) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located.
- (8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.
- (9) Interception or identification-action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives).
- (10) Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting.
- (11) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s).
- (12) Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs.
8. Evidence. The existence of physical evidence (photographs or materiel) will be promptly reported.
- a. Photographic:
- (1) *Visual*. The negative and two prints will be forwarded; all original film, including wherever possible both prints and negatives, will be titled or otherwise properly identified as to place, time, and date of the incident (see "Intelligence Collection Instructions" (ICI), June 1954).
 - (2) *Radar*. Two copies of each print will be forwarded. Prints of radarscope photography will be titled in accordance with AFR 95-7 and forwarded in compliance with AFR 95-6.
- b. *Materiel*. Suspected or actual items of materiel which come into possession of any Air Force echelon will be safeguarded in such manner as to prevent any defacing or alteration which might reduce its value for intelligence examination and analysis.
9. Release of Facts. Headquarters USAF will release summaries of evaluated data which will inform the public on this subject.* In response to local inquiries, it is permissible to inform news media representatives on UFOB's when the object is positively identified as a familiar object (see paragraph 2b), except that the following type of data warrants protection and should not be revealed: Names of principles, intercept and investigation procedures, and classified radar data. For those objects which are not explainable, only the fact that ATIC will analyze the data is worthy of release, due to the many unknowns involved.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE AIR FORCE.

Plymouth Garrison,

Cumberland Block, Devonport,

I/O. 367.

4th December 1915.

REPORT ON THE DARTMOOR FLOATING (or BALLOON) LIGHT.

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She informed us that a few mornings previously, just before dawn, having been awakened by the barking of dogs, she saw from her bedroom window a bright light in the sky, bearing N., and apparently suspended a short distance above the earth. It was too large and bright for a planet, and, as she watched, it swung away to the N.E., and disappeared. Haytor is due North of Ashburton and 4 miles distant as the crow flies.

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phenomena were received from the neighbourhood of Hexworthy Mine, which is 5 miles to the N.W., across Dartmoor.

On July 12th, Lieutenant Brownlow and I proceeded to Sherril, near Hexworthy, and interviewed Mrs. Cave-Penny and her daughter, from whom the reports emanated. Their house, an isolated farm on the moor, commands a clear view of the mine, which is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant. They stated that on several occasions they had watched a bright white light rise from a point a few hundred yards to the Eastward of the mine, swing across the valley to about the same distance West of it, and disappear. The light sometimes rose above the skyline, at others it showed against the Moon of Down Ridge, on which the mine is situated. On each occasion it rose from the same spot and followed the same course.

Mrs. Cave-Penny is a rather excitable, irresponsible Irish lady, but we had no reason to doubt her evidence in the main, and her daughter's testimony (which fully corroborated that of her mother) was most clear and definite.

This floating light against Down Ridge has been reported from the Hexworthy district on several occasions since, the last being a few nights ago.

About the middle of August this peculiar light was reported from two other points, viz., a meadow at Dartington Manor, about two miles from Totnes, and a paddock belonging to Barton Pines, a large country house on high land overlooking Paignton. Dartington Manor is the home of the Champernownes: Barton Pines is owned by a Mr. William Whitley, formerly of the Life Guards.

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On more than one occasion Mrs. Whitley had reported that she and other witnesses had seen the floating light immediately above the belt of fir trees which screens the paddock from the garden and house. Brownlow, the Detective Police and I have separately interviewed Mrs. Whitley on various occasions, and we have all found her perfectly consistent in her story. For some time Mr. Whitley was sceptical, but, having seen it himself, he is now as convinced of its existence as his wife. The paddock commands an extensive view of Tor Bay in one direction and a long chain of the Dartmoor Tors in the other. The Dartington "floating light" was reported by Mr. Falkland Ricketts of Gatcombe Manor, who had also seen the Barton Pines occurrence. After several further reports from this witness, I obtained the sanction of the G.O.C., to watch one of the three points enumerated until I saw the light myself. I selected the Dartington Point, and, accompanied by Mr. Brownlow, began to watch from a position immediately opposite near the main Totnes-Newton Abbot road. On the third night we both saw the phenomenon precisely as it had been described at Hexworthy and Barton Pines.

About 9.30 that night (September 4th) we observed a bright white light, considerably larger in appearance than a planet, steadily ascend from the meadow to an approximate height of 50 or 60 feet. It then swung for a hundred yards or so to the left, and suddenly vanished. Its course was clearly visible against the dark background of wood and hill, though, the night being dark, it was not easy to determine

whether

whether it was a little above or beneath the skyline.

We were within a mile of the light and both saw its ascension and transit distinctly. The Dart flows between Dartington and our post of observation, and, as at this point in its course the river is unbridged and unfordable, it was impossible to reach the meadow from which the light arose.

I have watched Down Ridge, Dartington Manor, and Barton Pines by night on several occasions before and since September 4th, but that date is the only time I personally have seen this "floating light" which has so often been reported by other and reliable witnesses.

It is to be observed that a ruler-edge laid upon the map will pass through the three indicated points, and that the suspect Buckfast Abbey (which harbours some 40 un-naturalized Germans of Military age) lies on the centre of the line. The line runs from the direction of Princetown to the Coast at Paignton.

These lights, which are presumably lifted by captive balloons, are of an entirely different character from that of the stray fire balloon recently reported over Ashburton.

It is suggested that the former may be employed to lift an aerial for wireless purposes. In any case it is difficult to find a normal cause for the credibly attested and oft recurring phenomenon, unless it be some form of illicit signalling. The proposed methods of detecting it I have dealt with in my former report on "Suspects and alleged Illicit Signalling on N.E. Dartmoor".

(Sgd) W. P. DRURY.

Lieut. Colonel, R.M.L.I.
Intelligence Officer.

31st MARCH 1916
31st March, 1916.

1. Countless reports have been received by the Military Intelligence Department of "FLOATING LIGHTS" on Dartmoor from many independent sources, but the description is nearly always identical. A ball of light is seen to rise perpendicularly from the ground to a height of anything from 30 to 60 feet. It lasts varying times from 2 to 25 minutes. All efforts (and there have been many) to capture these lights or to detect the originators thereof, have hitherto failed, although it seems evident that the places of origin are comparatively constant. Nearly every observer has described the light as "apparently attached to a kite or balloon".

2. Lately AEROPLANES or AIRSHIPS have several times been reported; in some cases lights only observed, but attributed to air-craft -

Over Brent Moor, 7th February, 1916

Over North Bovey, 4th December 1915 (doubtful)

Over Egg Buckland 22nd February, 1916.) reliable
do do 24th February 1916.) evidence
sources.

Three reports from North Coast of Cornwall. (Padstow and Newquay district). The last on 23rd March 1916. Aeroplane reported by skipper and screw of Patrol Trawler on 24th March 1916 over Bolt Tail.

A curious light has also been reported, high in the sky, near Lydford on several occasions 22nd to 26th March, 1916.

Signed..Montague Eliot,
Lieut: R.N.V.R.

Telephone No.—"Central 90."
(Military Exchange).

INTELLIGENCE OFFICE,
PLYMOUTH GARRISON,
CUMBERLAND BLOCK,
DEVONPORT.
1st April, 1916.

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ABNORMAL LIGHTS ON DARTMOOR.

With a view to detecting the origin of the above (and especially of the "floating light") I have recently submitted a scheme, which has been approved by the G.O.C., for rounding up one of the most active areas of the Moor at night. This scheme can only be carried into effect under certain conditions, for which I am waiting. Meanwhile, and as an essential preliminary measure, I am awaiting the sanction of the War Office to my application to have certain correspondence in that area secretly examined. The application which was made a month ago, has been recently renewed, but no reply has so far been received.

P. Drury

LT. COLONEL,
GARRISON INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

23 July 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

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Incl.

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21 July 1952

IN ANSWER TO INQUIRIES:

The Air Force has received a preliminary report from the Air Route Traffic Control Center (CAA) at National Airport covering a sighting of from 7 to 10 unidentified aerial objects at around midnight, Saturday, July 19.

According to the ARTC report, eight unidentified objects were picked up by Washington Center radar operators in the vicinity of Andrews Air Force Base moving at from 100 to 130 miles-per-hour.

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This information has been relayed to the proper Air Force authorities and the Air Force is investigating the matter.

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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 very beginning about 2150 EDT, 4 targets in rough line abreast with about 1½ 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 34 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. Bill Schrove, flying a/c #NC-12 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 (flow 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 or 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°) 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 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. Staff)
 Lloyd Sykes)
 James M. Ritchey)

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

Washington Tower radar operators:

Lester G. Woodahl (2yrs radar))	Conscientious and sincere.
Salvatore Marinello (1½ yrs radar))	Direct manner. Appeared sure of themselves. Considered very reliable.

Observer in a/c #NC-12: Mr. Bill Schreve, 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°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 appeared 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 26 July is attached. The "Center" mentioned is the ARTC Center at Washington National. The number of the National Airlines flight referred to is unknown.

237/10
July 26, 1952

"THE CUPLESS SAUCER"

Transcription fro 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. (Carbled)..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.

From: C R Neville



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Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)/12/3

Date

October 1987

Thank you for your letter dated 29 August to Royal Air Force St Mawgan. It has now been passed to me and I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

In response to your description of a sighting seen in Devon on the evening of the 4/5 August 1987 I have checked through our records and can confirm that we have two reports which correspond to the details you gave. I attach copies of these reports for your information.

Before I try and answer any of your more specific questions, I think you may find it helpful if I explain that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate some information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information that we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings passed on to us by those who witnessed the phenomena.

As with all other sighting reports, the report relating to this particular sighting and your letter have been referred to the staff in the department who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom and these have been examined as part of their normal duties. Those reports that are considered to warrant further investigation from an air defence viewpoint, and that of course is our only interest, prompts us to enquire of units in the locality of the sighting whether anything unusual was seen on radar or if they know of any flying activities. In this particular case nothing unusual was seen and no aircraft were sent up to investigate the phenomena. I am sure you will therefore understand that we do not have any details regarding the size, height or speed of the object. However, I can confirm that two VC10 tanker aircraft were involved in a refuelling exercise during the evening of 4/5 August over North Devon and it is therefore quite possible that the objects you mention were these aircraft.

The departments within the MOD which have an interest in air defence activities have considered these sightings and they are satisfied that they did not present a threat to the defence and security of the United Kingdom. Nonetheless it is clear from the reports that we receive that many strange things have been observed in the sky, although we believe that rational explanations could probably be found for most of them. Possibilities include satellite debris re-entering the earth's atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or a host of other things.

I hope that this is of some help.

Yours Sincerely

Arthur

7 AUG 1987

AIS/PFS

CA 7/8
E93/2

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

DATE, TIME, DURATION OF SIGHTING 4.8.87 22.30-1 11.25
(Local times to be used)

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Number 2
Size ?
Shape TRIANGULAR
Colours MULTI
Brightness VERY BRIGHT
Sound NIL
Smell NIL

SEC (AS) 2 distribution:

- 1. DI 55
- 2. GE/AEW

(Handwritten mark)

EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER St. DAVIDS Post OFFICE EXETER
Geographical location
Indoors/Outdoors OUTDOORS
Stationary/Moving STATIONARY

HOW OBSERVED

Naked eye NONE
Binoculars NONE
Other optical device
Still or cine camera NONE

DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN LOOKING FROM EXETER TOWARDS THE PLOUGH (CONSTELLATION NOT PUB)
(A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)

ANGLE OF SIGHT (Estimated heights are unreliable) ?

DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible) ?

MOVEMENT

Steady Steady movement towards PLOUGH (CONSTELLATION)
Changing THEN RETURNED to OVERHEAD DIVERSION.
Erratic

MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION

Moving clouds CLEAR SKY
Haze
Mist

NEARBY OBJECTS/BUILDINGS ETC ?

TO WHOM REPORTED

Police [REDACTED] ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS,
Military Organisation [REDACTED] EXETER. ALL [REDACTED]
The Press [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

NAME AND ADDRESS OR INFORMATION [REDACTED]

ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED [REDACTED]

OTHER WITNESSES SEVERAL

DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT PROFORMA

(E93/1)

CME 6/8

From:

Reference:

1. Details of Complaint.

- a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. Address: [REDACTED]

2. Sighting:

- a. Date/Time of Sighting and Duration: 032100 - 2115z AUG 87, so fast only sighted for a couple of seconds.
- b. Position of Observer: Travelling along road between Marston Magna to Mudford
- c. How Observed: In moving car
- d. Direction Object first Seen: Parallel with car, heading South.
- e. Angle of Elevation: 22° from horizontal
- f. Distance of Object from Observer: Not sure, object was misty.
- g. Movement of Object: Travelled parallel with car.
- h. Met Conditions: Dark, slight glow in sky from direction of sun. Clear sky with hazy moon.
- j. Nearby Objects: --
- k. To Whom Reported: Police and Yeovil air station
- l. Other Witnesses: Nil
- m. Comments: The object was the size of a full moon as seen from the Earth. It was round and bright.

3. Date and Time Received: 041025z Aug 87

(AS) 2 distribution:
DI 55
SE/AEW

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Date: 4 Aug 87

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Sec.(AS)2 - 6 AUG 1987
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Signed: [Signature]

Name: J EVANS

Rank Cpl

Tel No: RM ext 5644



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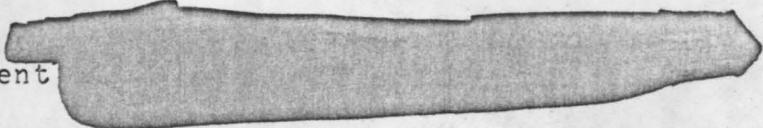
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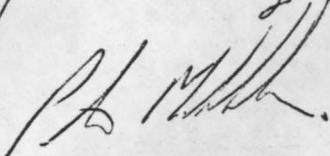
Date 6th December 1985

Dear Mr Birdsall

Thank you for your letter of 26 July. I am sorry that I have been unable to reply before now.

You requested the address 
you contact their Search Department 

You also asked for details of 3 UFO sightings earlier this year and I enclose copies of all the information we have on these incidents, which I hope will be of use to you.

Yours sincerely


REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting

2255 28 March 1985

B. Description of Object

One, in two sections, wider at back. White lights, red and green lights. Bright, no sound.

C. Exact Position Observer

Newton Tracey. Outdoors, stationary.

D. How Observed

Naked eye

E. Direction in which Object was first seen

Travel SW from Bideford

F. Angle of sight

G. Distance

H. Movements

Steady

J. Meteorological conditions during observation

Night, small amounts strato cu, very clear

K. Nearby objects

L. To whom reported

Ord Off RAF Chivenor

M. Name and address of informant

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered

O. Other witnesses

P. Date and time of receipt of report

2300 28 May 85

Similar reports to Exeter Police of object travelling at 1000' between Taunton and Exeter at 2300.

Clusters of lights seen over South Brent, Devon.

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting
Midnight 23 July until 0230 on 24th
- B. Description of Object
Red and blue lights almost stationary
- C. Exact Position Observer
Shuttlewood, Chesterfield
- D. How Observed
Naked eye & binoculars
- E. Direction in which Object was first seen
N. 10°E
- F. Angle of sight
40°
- G. Distance
Approx 5 mls
- H. Movements
Very, very slow, only long observation determined any movement
- J. Meteorological conditions during observation
Clear, no cloud
- K. Nearby objects
Used street lights and chimneys to assess position
- L. To whom reported
To police
- M. Name and address of informant
- N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered
Informant is an investigator for the Yorkshire UFO Society and this is her first experience of a UFO
- O. Other witnesses
Police Constable (Chesterfield Police)
- P. Date and time of receipt of report
26 July, 1950

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, Time and Duration of Sighting

28 May 1985. 2340 local to 0015 local

B. Description of Object

2 objects, possibly the size of a Sea King. No shape, just a set of lights on, what appeared to be a race track pattern. 2 sets of lights in perfect formation, extremely close, better than the station keeping of the Red Arrows, with no undulating movement. 2 sets of very bright yellow lights with a set of smaller lights around each. No sound, no smell. Only observable through 7x42 binoculars in the following pattern:

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1 Red 1 Red
The remainder all yellow

Direction of travel (from east to WSW)

C. Exact Position Observer

493(N) 362(W). In my bedroom, facing east.

D. How Observed

With the naked eye and with binoculars, both through the glass window and open window, and from the street in front of the house. No other optical device or camera.

E. Direction in which Object was first seen

First seen due east, to the left of Heaton Church

F. Angle of sight

Over 1000' and possibly up to 2000'

G. Distance

Not known, due to the time of night. All distances estimated.

H. Movements

Race track. From east to WSW and back again, then repeated again with the 2 sets of lights separating slowly in an upward shallow climb momentarily, before resuming its station again.

J. Meteorological conditions during observation

Clear night sky with 1/8 Octas of cloud to the south

K. Nearby objects

L. To whom reported

Checked with Duty Controller ATC St Mawgan at 2345 for any radar traffic. She reported no traffic anywhere near Chivenor. Not reported due to lack of interest from the authorities in the past.

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BRISTOL AIRPORT

UFO REPORT

Received Bristol ATC 1900 GMT 13 June 1986

- A. 13/7/86 1805 LOCAL A FEW SECONDS
- B. TWO WHITE LIGHTS NOT CONNECTED, CIRCULAR, VERY BRIGHT, NO SOUND, NO SMELL.
- C. HARTCLIFF BRISTOL CITY 9TH FLOOR BLOCK OF FLATS. OBSERVER INDOORS, STATIONARY.
- D. NAKED EYE NO OPTICAL DEVICE NO CAMERA.
- E. DUNDRY TOWARDS WILLS FACTORY BRISTOL.
- F. HT OF DUNDRY WHICH IS 875 FT AMSL.
- G. 1/2 MILE
- H. VERY FAST MOVING. DUNDRY TO WILLS FACTORY IN A STRAIGHT LINE THEN TURNED SHARP RIGHT DISAPPEARED IN CLOUDS.
- J. CLEAR NO OBSTRUCTION.
- K. NO HIGH VOLTAGE NO WATER OBSERVED FROM HIGH BUILDING.
- L. TO ATC ONLY.
- M. MR GRAHAM POCOCK
32 HAYLEIGH HOUSE
HARTCLIFF
BRISTOL
- N. SECURITY OFFICER - NOT SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE.
- O. WITNESSED BY LADY FRIEND - SAW IT IN CLOUDS.
- P. 13/7/86 1905 LOCAL

REPORTED TO AIS (MIL) WEST DRAYTON (0895) 426717

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Your reference

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Date

8 April 1986

Dear Mr Birdsall

Thank you for your letter of 12 December and your reminder of 18 March. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to reply.

To answer your two easier questions first:

1. The form which was sent to you with Mr Hucker's letter of 6 December is complete, ie nothing was omitted before sending it on to you.
2. I am afraid I can be of little help to you on the reported sightings in North Yorkshire during August. We received only one report during the month which is very sketchy indeed (copy attached), and I have no knowledge of any of the claims alluded to in your letter.

As to the study which you mentioned in your letter of 18 March, work is in hand at the moment to trace the document. I must admit that I was unaware of such a study and this is the reason why it has not been referred to in the past. Should we manage to locate it I will of course let you know.

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REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).

242100 ~~z~~ AUG 85

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc).

Green light

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

Yorkshire moors near Thkley

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

Naked eye.

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

Informant was not able to say.

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

No more than 10°

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

Informant was not able to say.

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

From left to right, steadily before disappearing.

J. Meteorological conditions during operations. (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc).

Same cloud but generally clear

K. Near-by objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting).

None

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

Sec (AS) Za

M. Name and address of informant.

No6 given

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

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O. Other witnesses.

A friend

P. Date and time of receipt of report.

29 1415 Z AUG 85

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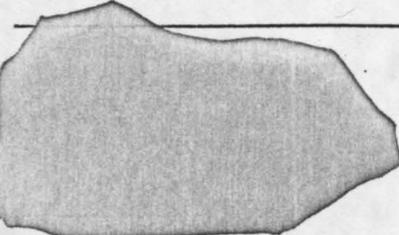
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D/DS8/10/209

Date

26. November 1984


I am sorry to have been a little while in replying to your letter of 30 September.

I have not been able to find any reports of sightings of "UFOs" from 16 March 1981. We do, though, have one from 12 March 1981; I am not sure whether this is the alleged sighting you are interested in, but I attach the details. As usual, I have deleted the personal details of the informant.

As you guessed, we are not able to release the reports we receive to members of the public because although they are not classified they are official documents and must be treated as such. We will, though, continue to make details of specific reports available if the information is easily identifiable and readily to hand.

Yours,

A Mathewson

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).

12 March 1981
1910 hrs, 20 seconds.

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc).

Oval cigar, very bright, bluey white
Quite large, no sound.

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

Back Garden.

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

Naked Eye

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

Due South coming East to West

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

High - 30°

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

Not known.

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed).

East to West.

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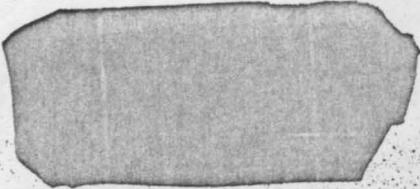
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Your reference

Our reference

D/DS8/10/209
Date

9 May 1984



As requested, I am enclosing a copy of the signal we received from Leeds/Bradford Airport reporting your sighting of a flying object which you could not identify. I am also enclosing a blank copy of the form we use for recording these sightings, since this will help you interpret the signal. The letters A - P in the signal correspond to those headings on the form.

As I explained in my earlier letter our interest in sightings like yours are strictly limited to possible defence implications, and no staff are employed on the subject full-time. We could not justify the use of staff in searching our files for all other reports from Yorkshire for 1981.

Yours Sincerely

A Matherson

D.S.8
10 APR 1981
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U N C L A S S I F I E D

CMD 152 16/1755 106C2874

FOR CAB

ROUTINE 161400Z APR 81

FROM LATCCMIL
TO MODUK AIR

U N C L A S S I F I E D

SIC 26F

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA

A. 162142A 5-MINS

B. ONE SPHERICAL BRIGHT YELLOW LIGHT RADIATING WHITE LIGHT STREAKS
NONE. NONE.

C. IDLE CRICKET: GROUND, BRADFORD, OUTDOORS. STATIONARY

D. NAKED EYE

E. NORTH EAST

F. SIXTY TO SEVENTY DEGS

G. ONE MILE

H. ERRATIC

I. SKY CLEAR

J. NONE

L. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LEEDS-BRADFORD

M. GRAHAM TOWNSEND 16 NEWSTREET IDLE BRADFORD W. YORKS

N. NONE

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67 Lovell Park Towers
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Your reference

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Our reference

D/DS8/10/209

Date

1 September 1983

Dear Mr. Birdsall,

Thank you for your letter of 20 August.

I attach a copy of a reported UFO sighting in the Bristol area on 13 May 1983. I do not know whether this is the report you are seeking but it is the only report I have emanating from the Bristol area during the period in question.

I also attach a copy of a statement of MOD policy on UFOs which may be of assistance to you.

As regards the Department's policy on access to UFO reports, such reports are subject to the Public Records Acts which lay down that official files are to remain closed until 30 years have elapsed. We are, however, studying the possibility of publishing reports but we would, of course, need to carry out editorial work to delete the names and addresses of reporters to preserve their anonymity.

I hope this explanation will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely
P. J. Titchmarsh.

P J TITCHMARSH (Mrs)

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting.

13 May, 2310 hrs, 10 seconds.

B. Description of object

Three bright white spot lights in a straight line.

C. Exact position observer

Bristol, Avon. Outside. Moving.

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

Naked eye.

E. Direction in which object was first seen

N/K

F. Angle of sight

45 degrees.

G. Distance

N/K

H. Movements

Straight then dived down.

I. Meteorological conditions

Clear



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Your reference

Our reference

You enclosed, with your letter of 2 April, some correspondence concerning the "Air Ministry Secret Intelligence Summary" (Vol 10 No 3). I was interested to see this and, following my enquiries, somewhat surprised to hear that you were unable to obtain a copy of the article from the PRO. I understand it is available there (the reference is Air 22/93). Nevertheless, I attach a copy, with apologies for the fact that it is not a very good one; it has been taken from a bound volume and has therefore suffered some distortion. I found the piece quite interesting, particularly since much of it is still relevant today. As you know we no longer investigate every UFO report to the extent to which the Air Ministry obviously did in the early fifties; but this article, of which I was previously unaware, makes the reasons for our current policy quite clear.

I am sorry that I have had to deal with these various enquiries together, however, having done so, I think it worth stressing that the MOD interest in the subject is limited to those sightings which are directly relevant to the air defence of the UK (the enclosed article explains this quite well.) As you will no doubt appreciate, our Air Defence system is constantly alert and is geared to respond to infringements of British airspace. These are operational matters which we cannot of course discuss but all reports from members of the public of unidentified objects in our airspace are dealt with as part of this system and not as a separate issue. It follows that, to be of use to us, such reports must be made immediately. The majority of reports received here are, however, 2 or 3 days, often weeks, old and we simply cannot devote public funds to the detailed investigation of such sightings when no threat to national defence has been demonstrated.

Yours sincerely
John M. ...



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M I Birdsall Esq
67 Lovell Park Towers
Leeds
LS7 1DR

Your reference

Our reference

D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date

2 August 1987

Dear Mr Birdsall,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 July which was addressed to RAF Rudloe Manor, Wiltshire. I am taking this opportunity to reply on their behalf.

I have checked through our records and I can confirm that we received two reports from individuals in the Harrogate area who spotted something unusual in the sky on 14 July 1987. I attach copies of these reports for your information although for reasons of confidentiality I have removed the names and addresses of the informants.

As you are already aware, MOD does not attempt to investigate or identify the objects unless they are thought to present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. As is normally the case, no defence implications were noted and I would like to say that we do not possess any further information on this sighting.

I hope that this proves useful.

*Yours
Sincerely
[Signature]*

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A.	Date, Time & Duration of Sighting	14 July 1900 hours. 1987 5-7 minutes
B.	Description of Object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness)	Very bright white object. Spherical with small trail. Larger than an aeroplane.
C.	Exact Position of Observer Location, indoor/outdoor, stationary/moving	standing still in outside parking (THE STRAY)
D.	How Observed (naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie)	Naked Eye
E.	Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)	East
F.	Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	45°
G.	Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	Not known
H.	Movements (Changes in E, F & G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	Travelling towards west. Small movement. Vanished until vanished over horizon.
J.	Met Conditions during Observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	Bright evening. Good visibility high cloud.
K.	Nearby Objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	None

CN 21
21/07

From: FCF
HQ PASS (OK)
RUSSELL MAIR
HAUTHORN.

Reference:

1. Details of Complaint.

- a. Name: [REDACTED]
- b. Address: [REDACTED]

2. Sighting:

- a. Date/Time of Sighting and Duration: 14/800-1815 & FOR 5 MINUTES.
 - b. Position of Observer: IN AN AREA CALLED THE STRAY IN HARROGATE.
 - c. How Observed: WHILST WALKING.
 - d. Direction Object first Seen: —
 - e. Angle of Elevation: HIGH IN SKY ABOVE HIM.
 - f. Distance of Object from Observer: OBJECT WAS AT CLOUD LEVEL.
 - g. Movement of Object: VERY FAST. FASTER THAN AN AIRCRAFT.
 - h. Met Conditions: A FEW LIGHT CLOUDS.
 - j. Nearby Objects: Nil
 - k. To Whom Reported: CPL EVANS.
 - l. Other Witnesses: Nil
 - m. Comments: HE SAW A BRIGHT LIGHT FLASHING IN THE SKY. HE SAID A LOT OF UFO'S ARE SEEN IN YORKSHIRE.
3. Date and Time Received: 15/320 & JULY 87

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Sec.(AS)2
21 JUL 1987

FILE 12/2

Signed: [Signature]
Name: J. EVANS
Rank: CPL

Tel. No: 5644
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Date: 15 JUL 87



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FOR THE ARMED FORCES

D/US of S(AF)/RNF 3723

3rd September 1987

Dear Stan,

Thank you for your letter to Ian Stewart of 3 August with the enclosed from Mr Mick Hanson of East Dene, Rotherham. I am sorry that Mr Hanson did not receive a reply to his letter to DI55 of 7 June and hope he will accept this as a reply to both.

I think it would be helpful if I explain first that whilst we do receive and co-ordinate information about UFO sightings, the main concern of the Ministry of Defence is to determine whether or not Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) present a threat to the security and defence of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this is not normally the case, no attempt is made by MOD to investigate or identify the objects. Information we have is therefore limited to the brief details of the sightings which are passed on to us by those who witnessed them. After receiving the reports, we pass them to the MOD staff who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties but do not undertake any further investigations or general surveys.

As for Mr Hanson's requests for information about the so called operation Majestic 12, I am afraid the only information we have on this subject is that provided to us by Mr Hanson and contained in Timothy Good's book and related press articles. If the operation exists it would appear to have been a US national one, of which we in the UK had no knowledge. I can therefore only suggest that if Mr Hanson wishes to find out more on this subject, he should contact the American Authorities through the Information Section of the US Embassy in London.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely
Rogan

Roger Freeman

Stan Crowther Esq MP

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AUGUST 22nd 1983

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

- A. 18/08/83 1130 2 minutes
- B. ROUND SILVER VERY BRIGHT
- C. OUTSIDE LAUNDERETTE MINA ROAD ST WERBURGHS BRISTOL
- D. NAKED EYE
- E. S.E.
- F. 60°
- G. 1 MILE
- H. S.E. TO N.W. TOWARDS CLIFTON
- J. DRY AND SUNNY GOOD VISIBILITY
- K. NONE
- L. BRISTOL WEATHER CENTRE BRISTOL POLICE
- M. ANDREW NICHOLSON 123 ASHLEY ROAD BRISTOL NO TELEPHONE
- N. NONE :
- O. SEATED MALE WHO GRUNTED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LOOKED AWAY
- P. 18/08/83 1245

Mark Ian Birdsall
20/8/83

Royal Air Force Binbrook

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19 OCT 1985

Your reference

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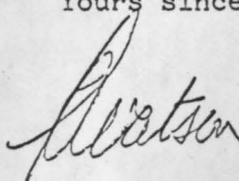
16 October 1985

UFO REPORT

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 1985 regarding a UFO sighting last year.

I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our internal report on the incident which I trust answers most of your points.

Yours sincerely



G C WATSON
Flight Lieutenant
for Officer Commanding

Encl:

Copy Report

17-9 OCT 1984

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

A. Date, time and duration of sighting. (Local times to be quoted).

23RD JULY 1984. 2250A . OVER 45 MINUTES

B. Description of object. (Number of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell, etc).

2 OBJECTS, SAUCER SHAPED, WITH ONE RED LIGHT. - "NOT AIRCRAFT."

C. Exact position observer. (Geographical location. Indoors or outdoors. Stationary or moving).

D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).

E. Direction in which object was first seen. (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing).

F. Angle of sight. (Estimated heights are unreliable).

G. Distance. (By reference to a known landmark wherever possible).

UNKNOWN

H. Movements. (Changes in E, F and G may be of more use than estimates of course and speed.)

J. Meteorological conditions during observations. (Moving clouds, haze mist etc).

K. Nearby Objects. (Telephone lines; high voltage lines; reservoir, lake swamp or marsh; river; high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts; airfields; generating plant; factories, pits or other sites with flood-lights or other night lighting.)

L. To whom reported. (Police, military organisations, the press etc).

POLICE - SGT GARLAND HUMBERSIDE POLICE

M. Name and address of informant.

MISS CLAIRE BRANTON, 1 JESMOND ROAD, COTTINGHAM, HULL. (844290)

N. Any background on the informant that may be volunteered.

AGED 17 YEARS

O. Other Witnesses

TWO MEN. NAMES + ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

P. Date and time of receipt of report.

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