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Memorandum for Record

2 July 1952

SUBJECT: Trip to McChord AFB and Fairchild AFB, Washington

On 26 June 1952, Capt E. J. Ruppelt of AFSA-4 departed by Commercial Air for McChord AFB to investigate a recent series of sightings of unidentified aerial objects. On the morning of 27 June 1952, Capt Ramsey, the Wing Intelligence Officer of the 4704th Defense Wing, was contacted. Capt Ramsey reviewed the sightings that had been reported from the McChord area on the 17, 18, and 23rd of June 1952. Reports all came from an area with a radius of 20 miles around McChord AFB. The object was described as a silver to yellowish-white light. It was always described as just a light and was described in size as being up to 15 times the size of an aircraft landing light. Numbers of the objects varied from one to five and they seemed to be flying at a fairly slow speed and low altitude. Direction of flight varied in many reports but seemed to center around the north, northwest, or northeast direction. Most of these sightings were visual from the ground and in some cases binoculars were used. Some of the sources who were reported as operators, marine officers, AF officers, and many reliable civilians. Actually there was a total of from 30 to 40 observers of these sightings. The number of objects varied from one to five and the formations or descriptions of how the objects were arranged varied. Some people said they were in a V formation, some said that there was one central object with several smaller objects orbiting and there were other descriptions. The time that this took place ranged from 2000 PST to 2115 PST. The majority of the reports were recorded around 2200 PST. The objects would seem to stop, start, and go in level flight and then come to a stop and make a turn. On two instances

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