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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
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SUBJECT Seven and one-half miles S.E. Mason, Miss.		TYPE OF REPORT With Staff Room Wing 8, Fort Belvoir AFB, Topeka, Kansas	
DATE OF REPORT 26 June 1950		PERIOD 20 June 1950	
REPORTING OFFICER GEORGE A. HANSHURD, Lt. Col., USAF		APPROVED L. E. Bliss E. Roberts, Jr., Fort Belvoir AFB, Lt. Col., USAF Lt. Col. Julius J. Prottengeller, Topeka, Kansas	
Department of the Air Force Letter, AFMIS-2/00-2, December 19, 1951			
<p>At 0026 hours GMT, 20 June 1950, an unidentified flying object was sighted by 1/Lt. Mild E. Roberts (Airplane Commander, AFMIS) and 1/Lt. Julius J. Prottengeller (Bombardier, AFMIS). Both observers are assigned to the 380th Bombardment Squadron, 310th Bombardment Wing 8, Fort Belvoir Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas.</p> <p>Observers were flying B-29 No. 44-60204 on a routine training mission, cruising at 17,000 feet, 190 miles per hour on a track of 304°. Object was sighted at 17°02'N, 88°20'W, for a period of five seconds.</p> <p>Both observers sighted object at two o'clock position level, approaching the aircraft at a high rate of speed. Airplane Commander attempted a left turn to avoid a collision, but aircraft was on O-1 autopilot and before action could be taken, object executed steep left turn and passed from line of sight.</p> <p>Object was described as "ball of fire" type, clear, brilliant white, nose-shaped at rear. Length was approximately three times the diameter; diameter estimated as: (a) Eight to ten feet at a distance of 400 to 500 yards, (b) One hundred feet at a distance of 25 miles. Weather was clear at and above the altitude of the aircraft, with light low haze below; nearest thunderstorm activity was about 50 miles distant.</p> <p>Lt. Roberts was a B-29 pilot during World War II and has a total of 2,000 hours flying time.</p> <p>Lt. Prottengeller was a World War II B-29 bombardier and has a total of 750 hours.</p>			
<p><i>George A. Hanshurd</i> GEORGE A. HANSHURD LT COL., USAF Director of Intelligence</p>			
<p>2 and 1/2</p> <p>1. Sketch 2. Annotated Map of Area</p>			
<p>Director of Intelligence, SAC/O, Headquarters USAF, ATTN: AFMIS-2/00, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, ATTN: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters 21st Air Division, ATTN: Director of Intelligence</p>			

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