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1. Early the evening of 24 April, 1/Lt William E. Gunn, 92d Aviation Squadron, 92d Bomb Wing H, sighted the object described below, from a location at his home in the Fairchild Air Force Base officer housing area. The information provided below is in accordance with the requirements of AFOIN-C/CG-2, 19 December 1951.

a. The object was round, its size as viewed slightly larger than the diameter of a pencil eraser, smaller than a dime. It could have been either a disc or a sphere. It was brilliant, glowing red in color, with the area of glow increasing and decreasing as if the object were turning, exposing less and then more of its glowing surface. There was no time pattern evident in this "increase-decrease" phenomenon. Throughout the whole period of observation, of approximately seven (7) minutes duration, the object was perfectly stationary. It faded out during one of its periods of ebbing glow and disappeared.

Lt Gunn was standing on the back stoop of his home, watching aircraft, over and about the field, when he perceived the red light. Light conditions - - it was twilight and stars were not yet visible. In the air at the time around Fairchild Air Force Base were three (3) B-36 and one (1) B-29 aircraft, apparently all in the pattern going east to west. Lt Gunn estimated that none were over two miles distant from him. He stated that the light was of much greater intensity than the navigation lights on any of the aircraft in view at the time. Lt Gunn reported that the light gave the impression of being much farther away than any of these aircraft. The object was in the general direction of Mt. Spokane (which is visible from the point of observation on clear days) and appeared three times higher on the horizon than the mountain.

b. Time of Sighting: Between 1910 and 1915 hours PST; length of observation was seven (7) minutes.

c. Manner of Observations: Visual from ground.

d. Address of Lt Gunn's home, 8502 Elm Street, Fairchild Village (Officers Housing Area) Fairchild Air Force Base. Coordinates - 47°38'N - 117°36'W. Observation made at a true heading of 042 degrees at an altitude of 2 degrees, 54 min. Point of observation was approximately 2,444 feet above sea level.

e. Person making Observations: 1/Lt William E. Gunn, A0989998, 92d Aviation Squadron, 92d Bomb Wing H. His duties cannot be given here as they are of a classified nature. Lt Gunn has 130 hours of official pilot time, both military and civilian. Lt Gunn's reliability as an observer can be rated good. He was extremely serious about this sighting and made his report in an intelligent and detailed manner. This object was also seen by Lt Gunn's wife, a neighbor's wife and by two other officers. The two women, both observing the object from the same location as the reporting officer, were able to substantiate the position of the sighting in the sky and to verify its red color, however, they were unable to contribute any further details to this report. Neither of the other officers paid sufficient attention to the sighting to be able to contribute reports.

f. Weather and Wind: Reading at 1830 hrs. (before time of sighting) Estimated 20,000 broken; visibility 20 miles; temp. 75 degrees; dewpoint 41; wind NNE at 8 knots; altimeter, 29.89 inches; relative humidity, 30. Reading at 1930 hrs. (after time of sighting) Estimated 18,000 broken; visibility 20 miles; temperature 71 degrees; dewpoint 40; wind NE at 10 knots; altimeter, 29.88 inches; relative humidity, 32.

g. There was no activity, meteorological or other wise which can account for phenomenon sighted

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