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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
21ST DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

24-0.   25 April 1952

SUBJECT: Unusual Aerial Phenomenon, Vicinity of Ft Eustis, Va., 17 April 1952
         SPECIAL REPORT

TO: Commanding General
        Air Materiel Command
        Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
        Dayton, Ohio   DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
        ATTENTION: CIS   DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
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        Director of Special Investigations
        Headquarters United States Air Force
        Washington 25, D. C.

        1. Reference is made to DO 321 TWX, OSI 292, dated 18 April 1952.

        2. This report pertains to the observation of an unusual aerial
phenomenon by five (5) persons at Fort Eustis, Virginia, at approximately
2125 hours 17 April 1952.

        3. On 18 April 1952 Lt Colonel BEN WEILLER, O-403582, AC/S G-2,
Fort Eustis, Virginia, reported to this office that at approximately 2125
hours, 17 April 1952, five (5) persons at Fort Eustis, Virginia, had observed
a luminous object, elliptical or spherical in shape approximately 45 degrees
above the horizon, traveling northeast to northwest in a straight line, and
that the object traversed 30 degrees of the horizon in 2-2½ seconds.

            a. On 18 April 1952 S/Sgt ALLAN E PATTERSON, RA 19610462, was
interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the
incident: PATTERSON and Sgt JOHN S SKALLERA had been watching a baseball
game at the Fort Eustis ball park for approximately two (2) hours when they
observed S/Sgt DASCOE MOORE and his wife leaving the ball park. PATTERSON
and SKALLERA proceeded to the parking lot, located to the rear of the park,
and overtook Sgt MOORE and his wife. While conversing with Sgt MOORE, PATTERSON
who was facing northeast, observed a luminous object in the sky approximately

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