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21st District OSI HQ, Langley AFB, Va.  
 Subj: Unusual Aerial Phenomenon

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the size of a baseball, slightly elliptical in shape, luminous (cyanaceous) white in color with a greenish blue tail or exhaust, the length of which was approximately ten (10) times the size of the object. The tail or exhaust appeared to taper. The contours of the object appeared to be smooth. PATTERSON heard no noise in connection with the object. The object traveled in a straight line from northeast to northwest covering 90 degrees of the horizon in approximately 2-3 seconds. The tail or exhaust appeared to be of constant length during the period of observation. After traversing 90 degrees of the horizon, the object disappeared as if it had gone behind an obstacle, although PATTERSON did not observe any obstacle between himself and the object. PATTERSON was not able to estimate the speed of travel, but stated that the object appeared to travel "very fast".

b. On 12 April 1952 Sgt JAMES S. SKALA, USA, RA 1387249, was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident: SKALA's attention was called to the object by PATTERSON. During SKALA's period of observation the object traversed approximately 30 degrees of the horizon in approximately one (1) second before it disappeared. SKALA's description of the object coincided with that given by PATTERSON, except that SKALA described the object as being spherical in shape and he could not recall whether the exhaust or tail tapered. Additional information given by SKALA in relation to the sighting was identical to that given by PATTERSON.

c. On 16 April 1952 Sgt BASILE E. MOORE, USA, 30753279, was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident: MOORE's attention was called to the object by PATTERSON. MOORE described the object as being luminous, green in color, with tapered contours. The object had a luminous white tail or exhaust, the length of which was five to six times the size of the object. MOORE stated that he had observed the object for approximately 2 seconds when it seemed to fade suddenly, with the exhaust disappearing first. Additional information given by MOORE in connection with the sighting coincided with that given by PATTERSON and SKALA.

d. On 14 April 1952 Mrs BASILE E. MOORE, wife of Sgt MOORE, was interviewed by Lt Colonel MILLER and stated that the object appeared to be a bright round ball the size of an auto coil headlight, with a bluish colored tail, approximately the same length of the object. Mrs MOORE further stated that the object appeared to be flying "low and straight". Mrs MOORE advised that she observed the object for two or three seconds and that it disappeared suddenly. Mrs MOORE could not estimate the elevation of the object above the horizon.

e. On 21 April 1952 Lt Colonel ALBERT H. LOBB, USA, 3-276012, was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident. Colonel LOBB was sitting in a stand located directly behind the cockpit of the Fort Suttle Golf Field on the evening of 17 April 1952. Some time after 2000

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