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21st District OSI (+C), Langley AFB, Va.
Subj: Unusual Aerial Phenomenon

hours, Colonel LOBB observed a luminous, greenish-blue colored object to the northeast, approximately 45 degrees above the horizon. The object appeared to have serrated contours and was approximately the size of a baseball. The shape of the object appeared to be spherical or slightly tear drop in shape. Colonel LOBB did not observe any exhaust connected thereto. The object was moving in a straight line toward the northwest and traversed approximately 20 degrees of the horizon before it appeared to fade into the glare of the ball park lights. Colonel LOBB advised that he observed the object from two to three seconds before it disappeared. Colonel LOBB heard no sound in connection with the object nor could he estimate the distance away or the speed of travel. Colonel LOBB stated that he could not be certain of the exact time of the sighting, but that he was sure it was after 2000 hours and could have been after 2100 hours. Colonel LOBB further advised that he thought the object was a large cigar flying toward the ball park lights, therefore, dismissed the incident from his mind.

4. On 13 April 1952 Langley Air Force Base Operations advised that there were no aircraft from Langley Air Base flying in the vicinity of Fort Sustis, Virginia, on the evening of 17 April 1952.

5. On 16 April 1952 the office of the District Intelligence Officer, 6th Naval District, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that subject sighting was typical of a Navy jet pilot's use of his After Burner for a quick burst of speed, but that no Navy aircraft equipped with an After Burner were flying in the vicinity of Ft Sustis on the evening of 17 April 1952.

6. Weather Sequence reports from Langley Air Base, which is located fifteen (15) miles southeast of Ft Sustis, for 2030 hours and 2130 hours 17 April 1952 are as follows:

a. 2030 hours: Clear; Visibility - 8 miles; Wind from South South East at 6 knots; Temperature - 60 degrees; Dewpoint 44 degrees.

b. 2130 hours: Clear; Visibility - 8 miles; Wind from South South East at 10 knots; Temperature 60 degrees, Dewpoint 42 degrees.

7. In relation to the processes of subject sighting, the following information is submitted to aid in evaluating their credibility:

d. 1. Name: S/Sgt WILLIAM PATTERSON
2. Address: Hqs Company, Transportation Training School, Ft Sustis, Virginia

3. Occupation: Administrative NCO

4. Pertinent Hobbies: Photography and Model Airplane Building

5. PATTERSON had been watching the baseball game for approximately two (2) hours prior to the sighting. Prior to the ball game PATTERSON and

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