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REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS AS OBSERVED AT PATRICK AFB, FLORIDA

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The above four objects all were sighted within a period of five to six minutes. The objects were reported as appearing like a great star of amber color. Weather storm detection radars and Rawinsond radars were directed on objects but no contacts were made. These two types of radars are not considered to be reliable for such tracking.

Five additional personnel reported the same objects and performance which included the Airdrome officer on duty at the time, control tower operator, aircraft dispatcher and two transient pilots from Wright Patterson AFB.

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Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
21 July, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO LT COL EVANS:

In compliance with your verbal request following is an account of my observation of the incident at Patrick AFB on Friday evening, 18 July 1952.

At approximately 2130, I, together with Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both employees of Base Supply, was waiting in a staff car in the parking lot beside the Provost Marshal's office while the driver, [REDACTED], was getting the trip ticket signed by the OD. Mr. [REDACTED] first noticed a peculiar light in the sky to the South of the Base. From that time until we passed through the South Gate approximately 15 minutes later, we watched this light and speculated as to what it might be. It was not a "sharp" light like a bare bulb but more like a light shining through frosted glass. It appeared 3 or 4 times the size of a large star. No shape of any kind was discernable. It had a slightly orange or reddish color. It appeared to blink but with no regularity whatever. It wasn't as though the light was being turned off and on but like it was passing behind something. It appeared to be about 2 miles SSW of the Base at 5 to 6 thousand feet approximately over the Banana River. It was proceeding very slowly and erratically NNE in a level path over the river. It seemed to move for 2 or 3 minutes and then stop for 30 seconds to a minute before proceeding. I would estimate that at no time was it traveling at more than 40 MPH. It was approximately west of the center of the Base when we left the South Gate and it faded from view as we proceeded south down ALA.

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