

TELECON SENT BY SMITH TO HUMNICUTT IN WASHINGTON ON 12 OCT 48

REFERENCE IS MADE OUR LETTER FBI 9 SEPT REQUESTING SOIL SAMPLE
ANALYSIS RE PROJ "SIGN" AND THEIR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 17 SEPT. WILL YOU
CALL FBI AND GIVE US STATUS OF ANALYSIS NEXT TELECON. ACKNOWLEDGE LETTER
SIGNED BY HOOVER

CSAF ITEM 4 /C [REDACTED]
HUMNICUTT TO SNFIDER
REF AMC-3 .

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RESULTS OF SOIL ANALYSIS FORWARDED BY FBI ON
7 OCT. IF NOT RECEIVED AS YET I WILL PICK UP
A DUPLICATE COPY AND FORWARD.

END CSAF ITEM 4 /C [REDACTED]

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 7, 1948

To: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCIAKO-3

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 17, 1948.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Project "SIGN"
Examination of Soil

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 62-27894
LAB. NO. PC-23142 00

Examination requested by: addressee

Reference: Letter dated September 9, 1948

Examination requested: Microscopic (Petrographic-geologic)

Specimens:

Q1 Sample of soil.

Results of Examination:

The sample of soil designated as specimen Q1 consisted of various sized pebbles, sand and dirt. This material was examined for the presence of unusual elements or alloys adhering to the surface of the particles, evidence of intense heat and radioactive substances.

Nothing unusual was noted on the pebbles or in the sand and dirt that would indicate a metallic object had rubbed or scraped against this sample. No abnormality was noted in the structure of the various pebbles and rocks, nor was there any indication of extreme heat or the presence of radioactive substances.

The specimen designated as Q1 will be returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Dept. of Justice
404 N. Y. Bldg
St. Paul, Minn.

[REDACTED]
C. A. GRIFFIN
Chief
Operations Section

NO 11
W. R. CLINGERMAN, Col., USAF
Actg Chf. Intelligence Dept.

RRS/aw 6-5310

HAMEL CMA MINNESOTA INCIDENT IS SUBJECT PD REUR LTR DTD TWELVE AUG FORTY EIGHT TO
CAPT CHAS LOVE VICTOR CMA AREA INTELLIGENCE OFFICER CMA OFFICE OF ACTG CHF OF STAFF
GEORGE DASH TWO ROOM TEN THIRTY TWO CMA POST OFFICE BLEG CMA ST PAUL CMA MINN CMA
CONCERNING QUOTE FLYING SAUCER UNQUOTE INCIDENT CMA REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION AT
EARLIEST MOMENT IN DETERMINING THE FOLLOWING COLON POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNIST INSPIRED
HOAX CMA AFFILIATION AND ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECTS WHICH WOULD SUPPORT COMMUNISTIC
OBJECTIVES CMA OTHER INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH OR DISCREDIT ORIGINAL REPORT PD
REQUEST REPLY DIRECT HQ AMC ATTN MIKE CHARLIE ITEM ABLE XRAY OBOE DASH THREE PD

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
404 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated 12 Aug 48 to Capt Charles L. Victor, Area Intelligence Officer, Room 1032, Post Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota, regarding the reported sighting of a "flying saucer" at Hamel, Minnesota.

This Headquarters desires to enlist your cooperation at the earliest possible moment to determine the following: (1) possibility of communist-inspired hoax, and (2) affiliation and activities of subjects which would support communistic objectives, and to establish or discredit facts contained in original report.

Reply should be made to Hq Air Materiel Command, right-attention AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MCIAIC-3.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div.,
Intelligence Department

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
404 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota
November 2, 1948

Colonel W. R. Clingerman
United States Air Force
Intelligence Department
Headquarters
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: MCIAXO-3

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26, 1948 concerning the sighting of a "flying saucer" at Hazel, Minnesota, which was originally referred by us to Captain Charles L. Victor, Area Intelligence Officer, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As pointed out in my letter of August 12, 1948, to Captain Charles L. Victor, this matter was referred for informative purposes only and we are unable to make any investigation.

Very truly yours

/s/ M. B. Rhodes

M. B. Rhodes
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Captain Charles L. Victor
Area Intelligence Officer
Office of AC of SG-2
Room 1032, Post Office Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR

1. Reference is made to teletype conference message CSAF1 of 7 October 1948 and AMO4 of 14 October 1948.
2. A request for desired investigation was forwarded to the Special Agent of the FBI in St. Paul, Minnesota, who had made the initial report. His reply is forwarded as inclosure 1.
3. Further action seems obviated by a satisfactory reliability statement received from Special Agent Charles L. Victor, 113th CIC Detachment, in report of investigation dated 16 August 1948. See inclosure 2.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls

1. Ltr f/M. B. Rhodes
d/2 Nov 48
2. Rpt of Investigation

H. N. McGOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

B/L fm Dept. of the Army, CMLWR-P 311/8, dtd 29 Oct 48, subj:
Unconventional Aircraft.

AFUIR-CO-5 (1-11-26)

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio.
ATTN: MCI

1. Basic letter from Office of The Chief, Chemical Corps, to Director of Intelligence, Dept. of the Army, together with copy ~~copy~~ of disposition form which forwarded basic letter from Director of Intelligence, Dept. of the Army, to this Headquarters, is forwarded for necessary action.

2. It is requested that reply be made direct to: Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: Chief, Plans & Collection Branch.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

2 Incls:

1. Ltr dtd 29 Oct 48
fr OCCC
2. D/F dtd 9 Nov 48
fr CSUID

Re: 311/8
Colonel [redacted]
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, CHEMICAL CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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FIELD OFFICE OCCm1C
Army Chemical Center, Md.

CMLWR-P 381/8

29 October 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Intelligence, GSUSA
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Groups

1. This office has recently reviewed intelligence report by the Area Intelligence Officer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 16 August 1948, Serial 0486166, regarding the investigation of a reported "flying saucer" in the vicinity of Hamel, Minnesota.
2. The report has aroused the interest of some of our scientists who would like to have more details of the reported occurrence.
3. Photographs of the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" landed, and samples of the surface material of the dented spot are desired if practical to obtain them at this time.
4. Request photographs and samples be sent to this office for examination and analysis.

FOR THE CHIEF, CHEMICAL CORPS:

/s/ WILLIAM M. CREAMY
Colonel, Cml C
Chief, Cml C Res & Eng Div

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FILE No. CSG ID 452.1	SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft		
TO Hq, USAF, AFOIR-CO ATTN: Lt. Col. G. D. Garrett, Jr.	FROM Chief, Plans & Collection Branch, CSGID	DATE 9 Nov 48	COMMENT No. 1 Maj. Seeley/73525/mf

1. Your attention is invited to attached letter from Chief, Chemical Corps, United States Army, dated 29 October 1948. Copy of intelligence report mentioned in paragraph 1 of attached letter, was forwarded to you on 31 August 1948.

2. The letter from Chemical Corps is forwarded for information on which to base reply.

1 Incl:
Ltr fm Ch, CML,
dtd 29 Oct 48

C. V. Bromley
For C. V. BROMLEY
Colonel, GSC
Chief, Plans and Collection Branch

TO: Chief, Plans & Collection Branch, CSGID	FROM: Hq, USAF, AFOIR-CO.	DATE: NOV 19 1948	COMMENT No. 2 Lt. Col. Garrett/ab/4544
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1. Basic letter inclosed with Comment 1 has been forwarded to Headquarters Air Materiel Command, for action.

2. Reply from Air Materiel Command will be made direct to your Office.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Robert Taylor 3rd
ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Collection Branch,
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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Subject: Unconventional Aircraft

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Hq AMC Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, DEC 17 1948

TO: Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Plans and Collection Branch

1. This office is gratified by the interest shown by the Chemical Corps in the matter referred to in basic communication.

2. A check list including a summary of the incident occurring at Hazel, Minnesota, 11 August 1948, is inclosed, together with a soil sample taken from the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" landed; a copy of Report of Examination of the soil by FBI Laboratory and a set of photographs of the area from which the soil was taken. Unfortunately, a sample of soil from the surrounding area for purposes of comparison was not taken.

3. It is requested that results of analysis be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

4 Incls

1. Check List
2. Soil Sample
3. Report of Exam (FBI)
4. Photographs

H. M. MCCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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GLOSSY PHOTOS

FROM
SIGHTING AT

HAMEL, MINNESOTA

11 AUG 1948

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20 Aug 48
1,800.

Phillip Leuer
farm

Hamel, minor

Speed 2 capsule

100, 75 L 11

dusk

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PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES
FROM

HAMEL, MINNESOTA
SIGHTING

11 AUG 1948

JULY - AUGUST 1948 SIGHTINGS

INCIDENT NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
JULY				
140	July 1	Columbus, Ohio (Case Missing)	Civilian	Astro (Refraction of Sun)
	1	Gahanna, Ohio (Case Missing)	Civilian	Astro (Meteor)
	4	Longmont, Colorado (NO CARD)	Zimmerman	A/C
160	4	Dravesburg, Pennsylvania	Janicky	A/C
137	7	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	Haves, Daniels	Other (Not a UFO Sound Only)
214	7	West Ridge, New Hampshire	Tasker (PHYSICAL SPECIMEN)	Other (Iron)
138	8	Columbus, Ohio (Case Missing)	Civilian	A/C
161	8	McKeesport, Pennsylvania (NO CARD)	Weway, Goltz	A/C
139	9	Osborn, Ohio (Case Missing)	USAF Pilot	Insufficient Data
145	9	Fielding Lake, Washington	Caramia, Carpenter	Other (Insects)
146	17	San Acacia Dam, N.M. (Case Missing)	Military	Other (Birds)
168	20	Arnheim, Holland (Case Missing)	Civil Official	Insufficient Data
163	21	Van Nuys, California	Multiple	Balloon
	24	Altoona, Pennsylvania (Case Missing)	Griebel	Astro (Meteor)
Info	24	Yakima, Washington (News Clipping)	Hunt, Robinson	
144	24	Alabama (FOLDER) *	Chiles-Whitney-McKelvie	"Fireball"
165	26	Chamblee, Georgia	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
Info	27	Asbury Park, N.J. (News Clipping)	Balloon Launch from Princeton.	
147	27	Springfield, Ohio (Case Missing)	Gibson	Astro (Meteor)
148	27	Springfield, Ohio (Case Missing)	Henry	Astro (VENUS)
	28	Camp Hood, Texas (Case Missing)	Multi Military	Astro (Meteor)
151	29	Indianapolis, Indiana	Toney, Huggins	UNIDENTIFIED
159	30	Worthington, Ohio	Felton	Balloon (Hot Air)
155	31	Columbus, Ohio	Watson	Balloon (Hot Air)
156	31	"	Price, Rippetoe	
157	31	" (PHYSICAL SPECIMEN)	Coshorn	UNIDENTIFIED
152	31	Indianapolis, Indiana	Swigert	UNIDENTIFIED
	Jul-Aug	Marion, Virginia	Abbott	UNIDENTIFIED
AUGUST				
	Aug	Salt Lake City, Utah (NO CASE)	Civilian	A/C
158	1	Groveport, Ohio	Yantis	Other (Meteor Contrail)
154	2	Columbus, Ohio	Saunders	Balloon
171	3	Moscow, USSR	Newspaper Reporter	Insufficient Data
230	4	North Powder, Oregon (NO CASE)	Ex USAF Pilot	Astro (Meteor) Report//
153	5	Richland, Georgia (NO CASE)	Ex USAF Pilot	Astro (Meteor)
162	11	Hamel, Minnesota	Leuer (Physical Specimen)	Other (Unreliable)
187	19	Godman AAB, Kentucky	Military Cd & Air	Astro (VENUS)
169	29	Maplewood, Ohio	Niswonger	Other (Spider Webs)
166	30	Los Angeles, California	Estes	Astro (Meteor)
143	5	Columbia, S.C.	MATTHEWS	no details