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Case file #44-4  
DO #80, McChord AFB

DETAILS.

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #80, McChord AFB, Washington, on receipt of letter from Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 19 November 48, subject "Project 'SAGE'", requesting investigation of an unidentified flying object allegedly seen by Major MORRIS and SA "EYENHALL" of the 818th A11 Weather Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, Washington, on or about 20 October 48 while on a controlled mission for the Air Defense Control Center, 454th Aircraft Control Squadron, Everett, Washington. (See Inclosure #1)

AT McCHORD AFB, WASHINGTON

1. On 24 November 48, 2nd Lt ROBERT L. EYENHALL, 40-207148, 818th Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, was interviewed in this office and a sworn statement obtained. Lt EYENHALL stated that on 20 October 1948, at approximately 1420 hours, Pacific Standard Time, he saw a formation of unidentified objects, while on a flying mission approximately fifteen miles Northwest of Grays Harbor, Washington. Lt EYENHALL stated that these objects were at approximately eight thousand (8,000) feet and travelling, apparently quite rapidly, in an easterly, then northerly direction. The objects were in Lt EYENHALL's sight for approximately twenty (20) seconds, and he mentioned this matter to the pilot, Major MORRIS, who was fairly busy at that time and did not see the objects. Lt EYENHALL stated that these objects first appeared yellow in color, changing to white, then disappeared, that the objects looked rather translucent immediately before disappearance. He could not give any description as to size, shape or other identifying data. (See statement of Lt EYENHALL, Inclosure #1.)

2. On 7 December 48, Major HOWARD WILLIAM MORRIS, 40-1899412, 818th Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, was interviewed in this office and a sworn statement obtained. Major MORRIS stated that on or about 20 October 48, Lt EYENHALL and himself left McChord AFB at approximately 1420 hours on a special instrument flight controlled by the O.C.I. (North Aircraft Control and Warning Group) at Beach Bay, Washington. He stated that their first interception proved to be a small freighter travelling South. He was given a bearing to follow for his second interception and just prior to reaching this location his radar observer, Lt EYENHALL exclaimed over the interphone system that he saw a very fast-moving object in the air and asked Major MORRIS if he had observed it. Major MORRIS stated that he did not see anything and, inasmuch as they had reached the rendezvous of the interception and nothing was visible at that time, he radioed the Ground Control Station and asked if they had passed over their target. He received the reply, "Break it off. There is nothing there." Major MORRIS stated that the fact that the O. C. I. station had said that they did have a target out there and later on stated there was no target there, was the reason that he had allowed Lt EYENHALL to report his observations. He stated that Lt EYENHALL is a trained observer. (See statement of Major MORRIS, Inclosure #2.)

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4. On 24 November 68, this agent determined, after reviewing the records maintained by Base Operations and the 3rd Military Flight Service Center, McChord AFB, that no United States Military or Naval aircraft were flying in the general area mentioned by LA EYREMAN, on 20 October 1948, between 1800 and 1805 hours.

5. On 14 November 68, 1st Lt JAMES F. OLLINGHOUSES, 42-78814, 3rd Weather Squadron, McChord AFB, was interviewed, and the weather sequence was obtained for 20 October at 1815 hours, in the Grays Harbor area. This sequence is as follows:

AMN 150 ② ③ 4 KT 40/47 18 V / ④ ⑤ WIS ⑥ ⑦ 8000

The winds aloft report was indicated a fifteen (15) to twenty (20) knot velocity at 120° to 120° (from eight thousand (8,000) feet to ten thousand (10,000) feet.

6. On 7 December 68, Major JAMES E. ROSE, 42-90880, S-3, 500th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, McChord AFB, was interviewed and a verbal statement obtained. Major ROSE stated that the Ground Control Station at Seah Bay, Washington, must have picked up some object on the Radar Scope and then lost it prior to Major ROSE's aircraft arriving at the interception point. Major ROSE stated to this agent that he would cooperate to his utmost to determine if some object was picked up and lost at the time and date indicated by Major ROSE and LA EYREMAN.

7. This agent ascertained the following information relative to Radar Observer, 1st ROBERT L. EYREMAN. He is well thought of, both as to character and ability, in his organization. He appeared to be above average in intelligence. His perception as to color, superior; as to speed of moving objects, average; as to size of distance, excellent. His reliability, according to Major ROSE WILLIAM MORRIS, pilot, is excellent. His hobbies: swimming, golfing, soft ball, and model railroad trains.

## ENCLOSURES

1. Copy of letter from 3d Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 18 Nov 68
2. Statement of 1st Lt ROBERT L. EYREMAN, dated 24 Nov 68
3. Statement of Major ROSE WILLIAM MORRIS, dated 7 Dec 68

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