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1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters, AMF AR A, no date, subject, "Flying Discs".
2. This Command is engaged in an investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial objects and is authorized direct communication with Air Defense Command Units by Department of the Army letter dated 25 March 1948.
3. It is requested that your office investigate further the incident reported in paragraph 1, referenced letter. It is desired that information as outlined in the inclosed Essential Elements of information check list be provided and particularly that data listed in the General Section of this form.
4. Personnel should be advised to avoid publicity in this matter. All information should be considered confidential.
5. This letter confirms telephone conversation between Captain Ognyist, your Headquarters, and Captain Snider, this Command, 1 December 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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HEADQUARTERS
2238TH AF RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON, 20, D.C.

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SUBJECT: Flying Discs.

TO: Commanding General, 1st AF, Ft. Slocum, NY., ATTN: AC/S Intelligence.
Commanding General, ADC, Mitchel Fld, NY., ATTN: AC/S Intelligence.
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: TSDIN.
Chief of Staff USAF, Washington 25, D.C., ATTN: Dir of Intelligence, Req. Div.

1. In compliance with ADC Letter 45-5 dated 25 March 1948, following report is submitted:

(a) On the 18 November 1948 at approximately 2145 hours, two Reserve Pilots, attached to this Air Force Reserve Training Center, engaged in local night proficiency flying operations encountered unknown aerial object as described in attached statements. The following facts are listed for information:

1. Location - Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Md.
2. Weather - CAVU, no smoke, haze or fog. Full moon.
3. Witnesses: 2nd Lt. Kenwood W. Jackson, USAFR, AO-944113
2nd Lt. Glen L. Stalker, USAFR, AO-2075915
2nd Lt. Henry G. Combs, USAFR, AO-839354
S/Sgt John J. Kushner, USAF, AF-13086245
4. No photographs available.
5. Sketches - None available
6. Object sighted:
 - (a) Number - One (1)
 - (b) Shape - Oval, no wings or tail structure.
 - (c) Size - Undetermined.
 - (d) Color - Undetermined.
 - (e) Speed - Variable.

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- (f) Heading - Orbited base
- (g) Maneuverability - Object capable of oini (omni) directional flight.
- (h) Altitude - Variable from 1700 to 8000 feet plus.
- (i) Sound - Described as conventional reciprocating engine type with twice the volume.
- (j) Exhaust - None observed.

(b) Attached statements of three (3) Reserve pilots and one (1) Airman (Regular Air Force) are considered reliable although no other witnesses to incident could be found.

(c) Witnesses reports and statements indicate that serial object was highly maneuverable, seemed aware of the presence of following aircraft, and capable of almost vertical flight. No accurate description of size of object could be obtained although pilots questioned indicated that it was smaller in size than T-6 type aircraft. Shape as best could be described was oval or ovate. Witness were uncertain as to whether source of light observed emanated from entire object or was exhaust type in nature.

2. Delay in submission of report caused by difficulty in contacting and obtaining written statements of subject witnesses.

3. This report exempt from the provisions of RC procedures under Par 8e, AF Regulation 80-2, 11 Feb 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

MICHAEL F. OGNISTY
Capt, USAF
Adjutant.

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Statement of 2d Lt K. W. Jackson
" " " G. L. Stalker
" " " H. G. Combs
" " S/Sgt J. J. Kushner

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STATEMENT

On 18 November 1948 at approximately 21:45 I sighted a lighted object flying from northeast to southwest across Andrews Field from four thousand feet altitude dropped down to 1700 feet, same altitude as said object as it came back across Andrews Field from a Southwest to Northeast heading. Flew in circles, object on the outer circle, followed it to 7000 feet. While climbing we made three to four passes at the object in order to identify it. While diving at approximately 240 MPH object would climb vertically then drop below us from behind and continue to circle. On the last pass at it we switched on a landing light, and momentarily saw it give a dull glow. It appeared to be oval, no wings, no tail surfaces. After sighting it in the landing light it headed to the Northeast climbing rapidly. Lost sight of it at approximately 8000 feet, time 22:03.

Weather at time, visibility and ceiling unlimited no clouds, haze or smoke.

KENWOOD W. JACKSON
2nd Lt. AFRes.
AO-944113

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MICHAEL F. OGNISTY
Capt., USAF
Adjutant

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22 November 1948

S T A T E M E N T

On 18 November 1948 at approximately 2200 hours, I observed the same object as reported by Lieutenants Jackson and Combs of this organization. Said object was observed directly overhead traversing the northeast corner of the field while I was in the local traffic pattern at an altitude of 1000 feet above the terrain.

GLEN L. STALKER
2nd Lt., USAFR
63rd Troop Carrier Sqd.
(Reserve)

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24 November 1948

S T A T E M E N T

On Thursday evening 18 November 1948 at approximately 2200 hours, I sighted an object flying a 360° pattern from West to East over Andrews Air Force Base. The object had one continuous glowing white light. My first thought was an aircraft with the wing navigation lights turned off, or burned out; so I made a pass to check. As I came in the object took evasive action, which follows in description.

First contact was 1700 feet over Andrews Air Force Base. As the object started taking evasive action I switched the wing and tail navigation lights of my aircraft off. Then maneuvered my ship so as to get the said object on my left so my exhaust flame would not be noticed. I then proceeded to try to get in close and detect what I saw, but the object continued making evasive action by going quickly up and over my aircraft.

Unsuccessful at getting in close enough to make it out, I tried to maneuver so as to get the object between my ship and the lights of Washington, D. C., or the light of the moon. This was done, my making very, very tight 360° turns with flaps down and making a steady climb. The object could turn inside of my aircraft even under the preceding condition mentioned. Another amazing feature was the very quick variation of air speed from approximately 80 MPH low to 500 or 600 MPH.

I remained contact with the object about 10 minutes. with it flying between the lights of Washington, D. C. and my aircraft. All I could make out was an oblong ball, with: one light, no wings and no exhaust flame.

After this I tried to get in close again. I remained in sight of it up to 6000 feet then back around 3500 feet to 4000 feet trying to get in close, but as I said before it could evade me easily. We (object and myself) had by this time climbed back up to 7500 feet. At this altitude I came within approximately 300 feet to 400 feet and turned my landing lights on the object. It had a very dull gray glow to it and was oblong in shape as I said before. At this time it made a very tight turned and headed for the east coast at about 500 to 600 MPH.

I certify this a true statement as to what I saw on the night mentioned.

HENRY G. COMBS
2nd Lt., USAFR
AO-839354

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22 November 1948

While on duty night of Nov 18, 1948. I S/Sgt JOHN J. KUSHNER was standing by T - 11 - 894 and heard a noise. As I turned my head to look I saw a shining object coming across the sky. It sounded like a P-47 only twice as loud. It came from the direction of 2238th Eng across the field towards hanger #1. It wasn't very high. It couldn't have been a P-47 and I did not see an exhaust. Shortly afterwards I heard the same noise only higher up over the field. Later on when the pilots landed some of them asked me if I saw anything. They apparently saw the same thing. This object did not look like an aircraft.

JOHN J. KUSHNER
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