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CHARACTER **SPECIAL INQUIRY**

REFERENCE **This is an Initial Report**

SYNOPSIS **Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report is prohibited and will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1 and AFR 205-6, paragraph 1D.**

Investigation predicated upon report of Captain WILLIAM G. HANLEY, 109th GIC Detachment, 1 October 1949, that two (2) unidentified aerial objects had been observed in the vicinity of Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland 30 September 1949. Investigation revealed observation of two (2) disc shaped objects for a period of approximately two minutes by three (3) individuals. Members of the GAI Patrol, Baltimore Municipal Airport, saw nothing of an unusual nature, this date, and persons working in the area, where objects were reported, failed to observe the incident.

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DETAILS

UNKNOWN SUBJECT 24-111

1. Investigation predicated upon telephonic report of Captain WILLIAM G. HANLEY, 109th SIG Detachment, 1 October 1949, that two unidentified aerial objects had been observed in the vicinity of Camp Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland 30 September 1949.

2. This investigation conducted by Special Agents ADRIENNE C. VON MAUCHER, MARCEL D'HOOGH and the writer.

AT BALTIMORE MARYLAND

3. On 1 October 1949 Corporal GAREN FLOYD, RA 3454426, 2111 ASU, Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland, was interviewed, and stated in substance:

While on duty as a Military Policeman on the Main Gate, Camp Holabird, between 1517 and 1519 hours, 30 September 1949, he observed two (2) unidentifiable aerial objects near the smoke stack of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant which is adjacent to Camp Holabird. These objects appeared to hover between the smoke stack and a large tree, a relatively short distance away. FLOYD described the objects as disc shape, not like an enlarged silver dollar, very shiny, but at such a distance as to prohibit actual observance of any specific color. A comparative measure as to the actual size of the objects was estimated as being approximately one half the diameter of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant's smoke stack. Approximate angle of elevation during the period of observation was estimated as about 15 degrees. The objects seemed to be proceeding in no apparent direction, but because of the uncertainty concerning the distance of the objects from the observer, it would be difficult to estimate any definite speed. FLOYD heard no sound that he could attribute to the objects and saw no flame or exhaust. The objects appeared to be without fins, canopies, or antenna. Weather conditions at the time of observation were evaluated as relatively clear; no clouds were present, although a slight ground haze is thought to have existed. Position of the sun at time of observation was estimated as being 15 degrees in azimuth south of the objects, and an undetermined angular distance above. It was impossible to establish the manner of disappearance of objects inasmuch as the objects left FLOYD'S field of vision during an interruption caused by persons passing through the gate.

4. On 1 October 1949 Corporal WILLIAM A. GARVEY, RA 31456905, 2111 ASU, Camp Holabird, was interviewed, and stated in substance:

At approximately 1530 hours, 30 September 1949, upon approaching the Main Gate, Camp Holabird, his attention was called to an unidentifiable object in the vicinity of the smoke stack of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant by Corporal FLOYD, a guard on duty at the Main Gate. The objects appeared disc-like in structure, the center of which was raised such as though a segment of a smaller sphere had been placed upon the disc, giving it somewhat of an inverted type saucer appearance. Apparent size was established as

approximately that of the diameter of the nearby smoke stack; color was thought to have been silver. During period of observation, estimated to have been one minute, the objects were thought to have been moving away from the observer until they faded into the distance. GARVET thought the objects had a thin stream of flame one-half its vertical magnitude, and one times its horizontal length, extending from its top. No projections of any sort were noted; no accompanying sounds were heard. Weather was evaluated as relatively clear with slight haze.

5. On 2 Oct 1949 the site of the Hamilton Helicopter Assembly Shop, BOAC Terminal, Baltimore Municipal Airport, was visited, but observance suggested the Hamilton Company no longer existed in that location. Subsequent inquiry in the area suggested this concern had moved to a downtown location several months ago; that the nearest helicopter concern, actively engaged in flying, was in Delaware. No knowledge of the Hamilton Helicopter having flown in this area recently was known.

6. On 3 October 1949 WOJG MERVIN L. WALSH, W-907012, Co A, CIC Center, Camp Holabird, Md, was interviewed and stated in substance:

Upon leaving the post in his car at about 1525 hours, 30 September 1949, when the MP on duty called his attention to two (2) objects hovering to the right of the smoke stack of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant, approximately one thousand (1,000) yards SW of the Main Gate Guard House on Holabird, Ave. WALSH described the objects as being about 36 inches in diameter, circular in shape, which appeared to be directed toward him at an angle of about 30 degrees from the horizontal; slightly convex and having concentric circles impressed upon the surface facing him. They appeared to be made of a vapor or gas of a silvery color, translucent and reflected light. The source of light (sun) was to the left (south) of the objects. The objects were not moving and there was no indication of smoke, flame, or locomotive power. They hung in a stationary manner during the two minutes period of WALSH's observation. The weather was clear with no noticeable haze or industrial smoke.

7. On 3 Oct 1949 the records of the Civil Aeronautic Authority Patrol, Municipal Airport, Baltimore, Md. were examined and the record of the airport traffic controller (tower-operator) for the period, 0800 to 1600 hours, 30 Sept 1949 read as follows: "...UFR weather entire period. Operations normal."

8. Investigation in the immediate area of this reported activity failed to reveal any apparent cause or source for this phenomenon.

ENCLOSURES

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI

1. Photograph showing area of observation taken from point of observation. Arrow indicates position of objects (In Duplicate).
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All logical leads have been developed; therefore, this case is considered closed.

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