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ATIC NO. - - - DATE OF INFO 6 Jan 1950
AF NO. - - - ✓ LOCATION Howard, Kansas
REPORT NO. OSI Report SOURCE 3 Officers (two pilots)
DATE OF REPORT 18 Jan 1950 DATE IN TO ATIC - - -
TIME OF STARTING 1410 CST COLOR Bright Silver-Red Nose
SHAPE Football SPEED 300-500 mph Estimated
SIZE 30'-60' long ALTITUDE 2000' Measured
COURSE 90°-100° magnetic LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED less than 2 min
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial
SOUND - - - MANEUVERS - - -
PICTURES - - - SKETCHES - - -

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON**

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**INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
15TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska
EES/hdg
18 January 1950**

24-68

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT NEAR HOWARD, KANSAS

**TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAX**

1. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the report of Special Agent CASS W. RIDDLE, of this office, dated 18 January 1950, reflecting the closed investigation of UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT NEAR HOWARD, KANSAS.

2. With the submission of this report it is believed all logical leads have been covered and reported.

3. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

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Report of Investigation
(in dup)

Earl E. Sparks
EARL E. SPARKS
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of request from the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC.

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included as Inclosure #1.

INCLOSURES:

Check Sheet - "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry"

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 6 January 1950
2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1410 (CST)
3. Where sighted (observer's position):
 - a. Grozi
 - b. Air 7 Miles west of Howard, Kansas, in C-47 aircraft, at 5500 Feet
 - c. for 37° 28" N (Latitude) 96° 27" W (Longitude)
4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any) and other details:
One
5. (Observable celestial phenomena or planets that lay nearest for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information.)
N/A
6. Distance of object from observers:
 - a. Laterally or Horizontally and stated it was 2 miles away; thought it was from
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon 5 to 10 miles away.
 - c. Altitude Approximately 2,000 feet.
7. Time in sight Less than two (2) minutes
8. Appearance of object: All three observers claimed it to be a very bright silver; HOWARD added that object had a red nose.
 - a. Color
 - b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Elongated oval - like a football
 - c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) Unknown
 - d. Size judged it to be 30 to 40 feet long.
 and judged it to be 50 to 60 feet long.
9. Direction of flight 90 to 100 compass degrees
10. Testics or manouvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.)
Straight, even flight

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Ad #1

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1. Location of object

2. Direction of object **N/A**

3. Altitude of object **N/A**

4. Distance of object **N/A**

5. Direction of movement **N/A**

6. Direction of rotation **N/A**

7. Direction of spin

8. Direction of spin **No clouds - CAVU**

9. Direction of spin **N/A**

10. Direction of spin **N/A**

11. Direction of spin **N/A**

12. Remarks

13. Description of object **Entire object reflected light, as would an aluminum aircraft.**

14. Direction of movement

15. Direction of rotation

16. Remarks

17. Direction of movement **None**

18. Direction of rotation **None**

19. Direction of spin **None**

20. Direction of spin **None**

21. Direction of spin **N/A**

22. Remarks

23. Direction of movement **None visible**

24. Direction of rotation **None visible**

25. Direction of spin **None**

26. Direction of spin **None visible**

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Observer Name: [REDACTED]

16. Control and stability: None apparent

a. Yaw

b. Stabilizers (mechanical)

17. Air ducts: None apparent

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

18. Speed - M.P.H. [REDACTED] judged speed to be 300 miles per hour

19. Sound: None [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] judged speed to be 500 miles per hour

19. Sound: None

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whosh

c. Intermittent

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode

b. Faded from view

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer: Captain [REDACTED], Captain [REDACTED]

2. Address: All assigned to Hq 8th AF, Carswell AFB, Texas

3. Occupation

4. Place of business

5. Pertinent hobbies

6. Ability to interview: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are experienced pilots with three years combat service.

7. Reliability of observer: All three men claimed to be alert and not fatigued.

8. Notes relative to observer: [REDACTED]

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was [REDACTED]

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft

- c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne Had been airborne less than two hours.

9. Witnesses:

- a. Addresses N/A
- b. Occupation N/A
- c. Reliability N/A

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. _____

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

- a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A
- b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (100°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A
- c. Note particularly any cooperation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted:

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuit? N/A
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

- 1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions _____
- 2. Winds aloft report _____

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) _____
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other _____
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils _____
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. _____
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:
 - a. Object.
 - b. Surrounding terrain where observed.
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).
 - d. Maneuvers.
 - e. Formation if more than one object.
8. Secure signed statement, if possible
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such). None noted

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CASS W. RIDDLE

Special Agent, OSI

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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**INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska
LT/PPS/dmb
27 January 1950**

24-69

**SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (WITNESS)**

SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT)

**TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ACIAO-3**

1. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the report of Special Agent LAWRENCE A. APPELDEE, of this office, dated 27 January 1950, reflecting closed investigation of subject case.

2. With the submission of this report it is believed all logical leads have been covered and reported. No further action will be taken by this office unless so requested by your headquarters.

3. This office is the depository office for the complete file of the investigation of subject case.

4. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of the information to unauthorized persons.

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Matthew Thompson
MATTHEW THOMPSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-69	UNCLASSIFIED	DATE 27 January 1950
TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI JAMES F. GRAY		REPORT MADE BY LAWRENCE A. APPLEBEE		
		REPORT MADE AT DO #13		
		PERIOD 25 January 1950		
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13		
		STATUS CLOSED		
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT)				
REFERENCE Report of S/A APPLEBEE, DO #13, 19 Jan 50, same file and subject				
SYNOPSIS Inquiries at Olathe Naval Air Base, Kansas, revealed no information concerning unconventional aircraft on 6 January 1950. No balloons or flares released that date. Weather was clear; visibility twelve miles.				
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APPROVED Matthew Thompson MATTHEW THOMPSON Lt Colonel, USAF District Commander.				

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DETAILS:

AT OLATHE, KANSAS

On 25 January 1950, Lt. (JG) W. C. KINCANNON, Weather Officer at the Olathe Naval Air Base, Kansas, advised that no reports concerning any unconventional aircraft have been received at the Base. He further stated that the weather on 6 January 1950 was clear with visibility at 12 miles, and that no weather balloons of any type had been released on that date, nor had any flares of any type been released.

It is believed all logical leads in this matter have been developed and it is considered closed in the files of this Office.

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