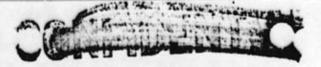


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- Your attention is invited to the attached correspondence from Hq USAF relative to the above subject.
- As indicated in the attached letter (Para 1) no definite conclusions can be reached on the information presented. However, it has been the experience of this office that observations in the air especially at night are often very deceiving even to the most experienced observers.
- A check of the files in this office reveals no other reports which add anything to the report in question with regard to both the time and location involved. Recuest the matter be investigated by your office to determine whether any other persons reported similar observations which would coincide from the standpoint of time and general location.

1 Incl Subject ltr HAROLD E. WATSON JJR/peg Colonel, USAF 65376 Chief, Intelligence Department B 263-D

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Dec 29 1950

SUBJECT:

Unidentified Airborne Light

TO:

Commanding General Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio

ATTN:, Chief, Intelligence Department

- The inclosed report is forwarded to your department for analysis and comment. It is probable that a definite conclusion cannot be reached from the facts presented in the report.
- The nature of the observation suggests a possibility of the object being a lighted balloon. However, this explanation was ex-Technical plored when LTJG Haven was interviewed by Lt. Capabilities Branch. LTJG Haven stated that jet fighters had made interceptions on his aircraft on many occasions. He stated that the light had a speed range much greater than a jet fighter. It appeared to circle his aircraft at a terrific rate of speed, even when climbing. The rate of climb was estimated to be over 2000 feet per minute, Therefore, it would notbe possible to class this incident as a lighted weather balloon, if the description is considered accurate.
- It is requested that this report be reviewed and evaluation forwarded to this Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

l Incl: Ltr fr LTJG Haven to Hq USAF, dtd 29 Nov 50, "Encounter with strange phenomena while night flying" and Ltr fr CO, Air DeveloBirectorate of Intelligence

LESTER S. HARRIS Colonel, USAF Chief, Technical Capabilities Branch Evaluation Division

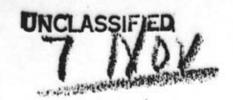
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From Rogers, MCIAXA-1A

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OBJECTS REPORTED BY LT. NO DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS CAN BE REACHED

ON BASIS OF FACTS PRESENTED. OSI HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK ON WHETHER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM OTHER PERSONNEL AT THE SAME TIME AND GENERAL LOCATION. AS SOON AS REPLY IS RECEIVED AMC COMMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED.

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To:

Headquarters U.S. Air Force

AFOLV-TC (Attn: Lt. Col. WILLIS)

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Headquarters U.S. Air Force

AFOLY-TC (Attn: Lt. Col. WILLIS)

Pentagon Building Washington 25, D.C.

Vie: Commending Officer, Air Development Squadron THREE

Subj: Encounter with strange phenomena while night flying

1. While on a routine night reder navigation flight from NAS Atlentic City on the night of 7 November 1950, the following incident took place, I was flying on AD-4Q, returning from seeward, and homing in on NAS, Lebeburst. As we approached Lekehurst at approximately 3,500 feet, I became aware of a single steady white light to my starboard about five (5) miles, which I judged to be enother aircraft's fuselege light. This light was alightly above me, at about 4,000 feet and moving in a southeasterly direction at approximately my airspeed or slightly greater. Because of the steady light, I belived this was another military aircraft operating from Lakehurst or Atlantic City and instructed my crewmen to switch our reder to "intercept" so we could test out this part of our geer before returning to base. The time was about 1915R, as we were due to land at 1930. Then I pulled up in a slight climbing turn in order to get on this object's tail. The visibility was extremely excellent with no overcast, and with all the stars and planets showing brightly. It was no effort to discern the motion of this object because of the background of the sters. After rolling out on this object's course, it turned a little more southerly and seemed to settle down and I presumed I was directly behind it, still somewhat lower. In less time that it takes to tell, this light, without making any kind of reversal turn, bore down on me in a slight dive, passing directly over my canopy, at an incredible speed, about 100 to 200 feet above. Puzzled at this, my first reaction was that we had originally met head on, and that this was some aircraft without running lights and that it had been a close miss for both of us. Informing my crewman of what took place, he disregarded his radar operation and proceeded to witness the following events. I then pulled into a tight "flipper" reversal turn in order to see this light again. As before, it was till slightly higher then I, and this time I was positive we were on his tail. Pushing to normal rated power and blimbing, I attempted to hold the light in front of me, this object made another head on pass, veering slightly port and below so that my crewman could see it too. Still nothing but a single white light, close to 10 to 12 inches in diameter, it moved with fentastic speed. Since we were close abourd Mavy Lakehurst, about five (5) miles north, I tried contecting their tower twice on 142.74 mcs. with no response. Still engaging in this cat and mouse tag game with this light, and recalling that our own scuadron had some jets and other AD's

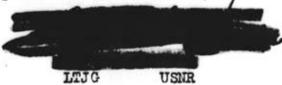


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sirborne, I switched to our squadron common frequency, and requested assistance from any "confine" aircraft in the vicinity. The Commanding Officer and his wingmend in two F9F's answered, and set course for Lakehurst. In the meanwhile, after five (5) to six (6) passes, this object and I got into a port orbit. I frequently checked my instruments for altitude and engine limitations, and flew in a 60° climbing port bank, indicating 130-135 kts. This light continued to turn about me in wider climbing turns, making about two orbits to my one. At 11,500 feet I abandoned the chase and simply orbited in order to keep the object in sight. When the Commanding Officer reported over McGuire AFB at 14,000 feet I turned my lights from "Dim" to "Bright", reporting we were still in a port orbit, but I estimated the object's height at about 18,000 feet still climbing in a wide orbit and growing dimmer. By the time they arrived over me, the object still appeared, though faint, at about 25,000 feet. All this took place in a period of 25 to 30 minutes, and at the Commanding Officer's suggestion we returned to base. The Commanding Officer never did sight the light, but his wingmen did.

Having had experience with jets against conventional in "Dog Fights", I have a good idea of their speed, but this object in the encounter described previously was making at least twice that speed, or approximately 800 kts. While it was passing I tried hard to distinguish a shape or form of wing or sirfoil, but could see nothing but this white light. Pulling up even more after it passed, I tried to see if I could hit its wash or slipstream, but there was none. Only this single steady white light that could move with phenomenal speed and maneuverability.



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NOVEMBER 1950 SIGHTINGS

	DATE	LOCATION'	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Ì	2	SE Canada, K England States, N Y	Air & Gd Visual	Astro (Meteor)
	3	San Francisco, Calif	Lass	Balloon
	5	Oakridge, Tenn	Patrick	UNIDENTIFIED
	-	Jonesville, La	Bell, Peyton	Insufficient Data
	2	Lakehurst, N Jersey	Haven	Balloon
			GD (RADAR)	Other (WX Returns)
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	113	Meridian, Miss	Stevens, Runyan	Insufficient Data
÷	14	Rome, Ga	Milti	
	14	Key West, Fla	Gd (RADAR)& Air Vis	A/C
	23	Okinava	Guzi & Others	Insufficient Data
	23	Maxwell AFB, Ala	Thompson	Birds
	27	Bakersfield, Calif	Hughes/Tyler	A/C
	29-30	Knoxville, Tenn	Gd (RADAR)	Other (False Return)
		Alaska	Multi, Air & Gd	Astro (Meteor)
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	5	Oakridge, Tenn	11 (0)	Turner.	A/C
9	6	Westover AFB, Mass		Cooper	A/C
	6	Ft Meyers, Fla		Lamp	UNIDENTIFIED
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	24	Los Alemos, N Mexico	1	Henricks, Jackson	Astro (Meteor)
	24	Hickem AFB, Havaii	Δ.	r Vis, Bowling, Mul	tiAstro (Meteor)
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	27	Lakehurst, N Jersey	9 3	Folean	A/C
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