

( ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ )  
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

12D 49-0-5

13 JUN 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations  
Headquarters United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.

UNCLASSIFIED

1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. ~~████████████████████~~ Webster Groves, Missouri, reported sighting two (2) objects in the sky at approximately 1700 hours 29 May 1952 off the coast of the Florida Keys while aboard the U.S.S. Oriskany CV-34. ~~████████~~ related that he was standing beside the ship's telescope on the starboard side of the navigation deck and observed the two (2) objects through the telescope upon being informed by the Radar Officer, name unknown, that there were two (2) saucers in the sky. Evaluation of information cannot be determined.

2. DETAILS: On 10 June 1952, Mr. ~~████████████████████~~ at Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri, was interviewed by Special Agent KENNETH L. THOMPSON at his ~~██████████~~ home, upon his own request. Mr. ~~████████~~ stated that he is a Field Representative Engineer for Vickers Electric Division, Vickers, Incorporated, 1815 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. ~~████████~~ stated that on 29 May 1952 he was aboard the U.S. Aircraft Carrier Oriskany, CV-34, Commanded by Captain J. O. LAMBRECHT, U.S. Navy, enroute from Norfolk, Virginia to Guantanamo, Cuba. At approximately 1700 to 1730 hours, 29 May 1952, the Radar Officer, name unknown, ran from the Radar Room and said that there were two (2) saucers in the sky. ~~████████~~ advised that he ~~████████~~ was standing beside the ship's telescope, located on the starboard side of the navigation deck, and immediately looked at the objects in the sky through the telescope. ~~████████~~ stated that there were two (2) objects in the sky, at an estimated altitude of 10,000 to 15,000 feet, flying in a "front" formation. Each object was leaving a white vapor trail.

~~████████~~ described the objects and conditions under which they were observed as follows: Elliptical in shape, with what appeared to be a bubble on the top. The size was estimated to be larger than a jet fighter type aircraft or possibly the size of a flying wing.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED BY ~~████████████████████~~  
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV

BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF  
Historian 4 DEC 1975 6 DEC 1976

UNCLASSIFIED

S

( ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ )

~~RESTRICTED~~


There was no apparent color as the view was a silhouette. There were two (2) objects, each leaving a white vapor trail. No apparent propulsion system could be observed. The speed was estimated above the sonic range as the objects were in view only fifteen (15) to twenty (20) seconds when they disappeared from sight. There was no sound audible due to aircraft in operation on the flight deck. The objects were viewed by means of a telescope, and the Radar Officer viewed the objects on the radar scope. The power of the telescope is unknown. The location of the aircraft carrier at the time of the sighting was approximately off the Florida Keys, as the carrier passed Santo Domingo Island sometime between 2100 hours and 2200 hours on 29 May 1952. The objects were observed in the western sky off the starboard side of the carrier at an approximate angle of thirty (30) to forty (40) degrees above the horizon at an altitude of 10,000 to 15,000 feet. The carrier was headed in a southerly direction. The objects' course paralleled that of the carrier. The weather conditions were described as being high cumulus clouds and calm sea. Weather sequences were not checked by the observer. The observer could not recall any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. The observer did not have any photographs or physical evidence. No interception or identification action was taken.

~~██████████~~ stated that he has flown a great deal and considered his estimate of the altitude carefully. He gave the appearance of a calm person, not readily excited, and considered his answers very carefully before answering any questions. ~~██████████~~ advised he did not report this incident to the security officer nor to the intelligence officer upon arrival at port. He could not state as to what action the Radar Officer, who first sighted the objects, took in reporting the incident. ~~██████████~~ stated that it was at the suggestion of his employer, Vickers, Incorporated, that the matter be reported to the USAF that he contacted the OSI Office, St. Louis Detachment, by telephone and requested that an agent receive the information in person.

3. ACTION: The Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, is being notified by copies of this report. No further action is contemplated by this District.

cc: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIS

(dup)

  
LEROY BITCON  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

~~RESTRICTED~~