

(1) UFOs reported at Rapid City, S.D. on June 1, 1952

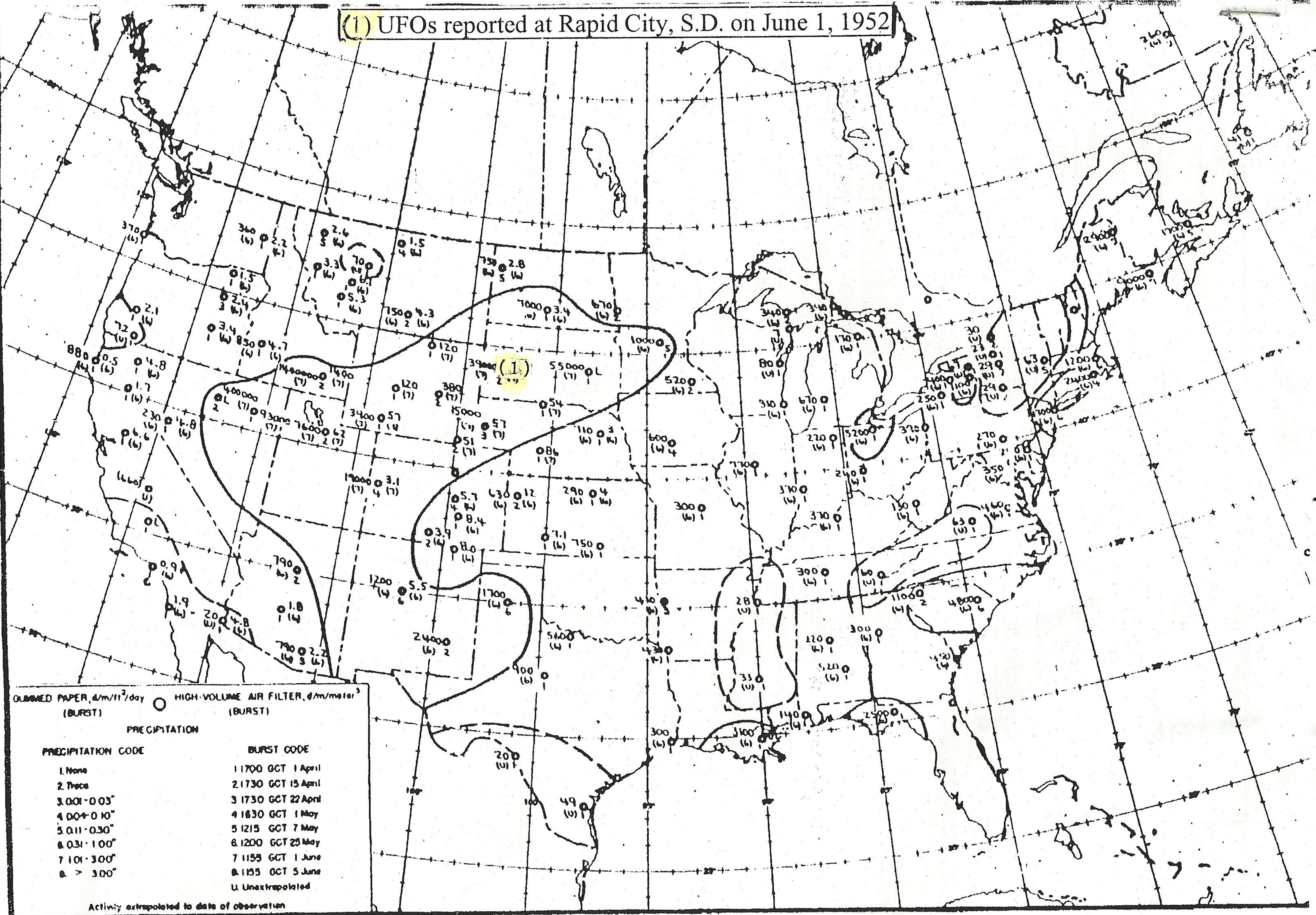


Figure A.62 Radioactive fallout in the 24-hour period beginning 1830 G.C.T., 1 June 1952

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFO		
AREA REPORTED ON Rapid City, South Dakota	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office	
DATE OF REPORT 12 June 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 June 1952	EVALUATION E-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) GEORGE H. BARKOVICH, Lt. Col., USAF	SOURCE Interview of A/Lt William Dobby	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

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At about 2300 hours, 1 June 1952, [redacted] was walking south on West Blvd, Rapid City, South Dakota and as he entered the bridge crossing Rapid Creek he noticed two (2) civilians looking and pointing to the eastward. A/Lt Dobby turned his head to see what they were looking at, noticing five (5) or more objects in the sky. He did not recognize them as airplanes but long and thin, silver colored objects speeding across the sky. The objects were in a sort of box-like formation with a leader in front. The formation was neat in appearance, no sound or exhaust was visible. The objects were traveling at a high rate of speed. A/Lt Dobby stated that he kept the objects in view for about 15 to 20 seconds; they disappeared rapidly. The sky was partly cloudy, approximately four to five tenths broken. A/Lt Dobby was unable to determine the altitude of the flying objects, other than the remark "They were rather high". The objects were traveling in a southerly direction; elevation from the observer to the objects was approximately fifty (50) degrees. Approximately at the same time, small civilian aircraft were noticed at a lower altitude, north and east of the city. After the objects disappeared he overheard the two civilians remark that the objects were probably "flying saucers". A/Lt Dobby did not discuss the incident with the two civilians.

[redacted] is a mature and serious person, who has nine (9) years military service, with six (6) years in the Air Force. His supervisor states that A/Lt [redacted] is reliable, serious, dependable and highly trustworthy airman. A/Lt Dobby affirms that he can recognize practically all types of USAF aircraft. He admitted that he was at first reluctant to talk about the incident because he thought people would call him crazy. He is steadfast in stating that they were not conventional aircraft. Airman's present duty assignment is chief teletype operator at Base Communications Center.

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SUBJECT FLYING SAUCERS			
AREA REPORTED ON Rapid City, South Dakota		FROM (Agency) King Intelligence Office	
DATE OF REPORT 12 June 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 June 1952	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Name) GEORGE H. HANCOCK, Lt. Col., USAF		SOURCE Interview of A/1c William Beatty	
REFERENCES (Central number, director, previous report, etc., as applicable)			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one or two paragraphs. [Do not include in lower left. Right top of report on AF Form 112-Part II.]			
<p>At about 1000 hours, 1 June 1952 A/1c William Beatty was walking south on West 11th, Rapid City, South Dakota and as he entered the bridge crossing Rapid Creek he noticed two (2) civilians looking and pointing to the eastward. A/1c Beatty turned his head to see what they were looking at, noticing five (5) or more objects in the sky. He did not recognize them as airplanes but long and thin, silver colored objects speeding across the sky. The objects were in a sort of line-like formation with a leader in front. The formation was neat in appearance, no sound or exhaust was visible. The objects were traveling at a high rate of speed. A/1c Beatty stated that he kept the objects in view for about 15 to 20 seconds; they disappeared rapidly. The sky was partly cloudy, approximately four to five tenths broken. A/1c Beatty was unable to determine the altitude of the flying objects, other than the remark "They were rather high". The objects were traveling in a southerly direction; elevation from the observer to the objects was approximately fifty (50) degrees. Approximately at the same time, small civilian aircraft were noticed at a lower altitude, north and east of the city. After the objects disappeared he overheard the two civilians remark that the objects were probably "flying saucers". A/1c Beatty did not discuss the incident with the two civilians.</p> <p>A/1c Beatty is a mature and serious person, who has nine (9) years military service, with six (6) years in the Air Force. His supervisor states that A/1c Beatty is reliable, serious, dependable and highly trustworthy airman. A/1c Beatty affirms that he can recognize practically all types of USAF aircraft. He admitted that he was at first reluctant to talk about the incident because he thought people would call him crazy. He is steadfast in stating that they were not conventional aircraft. Airman's present duty assignment is chief teletype operator at Base Communications Center.</p>			
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