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STATEMENT

Thos C. Bolen, Jr. 1701st Air Traffic Sq
A 11[illegible] S/Sgt

I, Thos C. Bolen, Jr., S/Sgt, A. 116293100, was coming into the Space Control office at approximately 1520 MST, 25 July 1952 in the afternoon when I heard a report over the squawk box saying that flying saucers were sighted in the vicinity of Seattle headed toward Great Falls. The report that was said was "Flying saucers reported over the Seattle area headed toward Great Falls" then it was cut off. M/Sgt Stotesbury, Mrs. Evans, and also Lt. Logan heard the transcription too. We then went out of the office and stood in front of Twin Hangars under the tower and sighted two stationary objects at about 1525 MST. The third one came from the east and went toward the first two and departed in the west in a matter of four seconds. The other two followed and departed to the west and I went back into the office.

I sighted another one at 1625 MST coming from the northwest and departed northeast. It appeared that this particular one had a sort of haze around it and it was only in sight for about three or four seconds. Then three more came over at intervals from 1625 to 1648 MST. All that I saw appeared to be a bright white and shape was circular and one that came over, as it disappeared I thought it was flat and appeared to be turning over and spinning around. The ones that were stationary seemed to be dipping, the sun rays reflecting off and on. They left no vapor trail and no sound. The angle of the objects was approximately 80 degrees on the two stationary and the first three that came through at 1625 MST also at 80 degrees, the other seemed to go right over head. The angle of observation of last four was about 80 degrees. I first saw them at 45 degrees and they passed overhead and we lost them at about 45 degree angle in a elapse of time of 4 seconds. I called the CAA, Gore Field and reported it to them at about 1640, immediately after I had sighted the first three objects. He told me to call back and he said he saw an object and it came from the sun and was lost behind another stem. That is one of the objects that I told him about. It was followed by people here traveling the same route as he reported. This one was sighted by me and reported to him at 1640. The Tribune called me up at about 1730 MST that night and asked me what I was and if I saw objects in the Sky. I answered "Yes." He asked if we had reports previously of these objects and I told him of the weeks reports from Malmstrom, as mentioned. He took that information that I gave him and if any printed the story in the paper.

[redacted] telephoned the Tribune Telegram, and understands [redacted] talked to Lt. Logan and he confirmed it, but he said [redacted] Lt. Logan verified it and I told of the warning from squawk box from Malmstrom. He denied transmitting any report to that effect. M/Sgt Stotesbury did it. Logan can verify that it came over the box. He mentioned [redacted] a security leak. I asked him if I would get into trouble over this and he said he hardly thought so.

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STATEMENT, S/Sgt Chas C. Boden, Jr., 1[illegible]st Air Traffic Squadron

Then at approximately 2345 MST the Associated Press representative in town called me on the phone and asked me where I received information and report of objects over Seattle. He said the AP had gotten in touch with him from Seattle and said they had no report of objects over area in Washington, State. I then told the AP representative that I merely had overheard the conversation.

Charles E. Boden Jr.

CHARLES E. BODEN, JR
S/Sgt USAF
AF 11829386

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STATEMENT

Clarence R. Stotesbury
M/Sgt AF 33073053

1701st Air Transport Group

I, M/Sgt Clarence R. Stotesbury, AF 33073053, was in the Transport Control Center at approximately 1520 MST 29 July 1952, and [illegible] transmission over the PL-N 113, stating that "flying saucers" were sighted over Seattle, Washington at approximately 1[illegible] MST and were headed toward Great Falls. They were immediately cut off in the middle of a sentence, as though some one threw a switch. Just for fun I figured that if they were over Seattle at 1515MST they should arrive at Great Falls around 1520 MST due to reported speed from various sources in the past of these flying objects. I walked out the front door of the Control Section at 1520 [illegible] and looked into the south quadrant of the sky at an elevation of approximately 70 degrees and sighted three (3) objects. One appeared to be larger than the others. The larger object was stationary with the two smaller objects circling around it counter-clock-wise. When the first object reached the western side of the stationary object it immediately darted off to the southeast, behind a group of small clouds and it was lost from view. The other smaller object darted off due west and when I looked back at the larger object it had disappeared.

Clarence R. Stotesbury
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M/Sgt AF 33073053

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STATEMENT

Lt.Logan, Hilton D. USAF AO 1848397 Air Traffic Squadron

I, Lt. Logan, at approximately 1500 MST heard over the long horn the fact that flying saucers were heading toward Great Falls. All in a joking manner I calculated with M/Sgt Stotesbury that at the rate of speed that they had been previously determined to go that they should be over Great Falls in one and one-half to two minutes, so several of the people in the locality decided they would go out and look and to my amazement they saw what was flying saucers, and I then went out myself and saw one immediately and two more within the next few minutes. They were circular in shape and silver in color. They had no apparent depth as far as I could determine. One in particular looked as though it stopped, reversed itself in motion and then disappeared at a terrific rate of speed. The other two just disappeared due to my vision being impaired by the bright sun. They appeared to have come from the northwest and the one that I saw was moving southeast.

Hilton D. Logan

HILTON D. LOGAN
Lt. USAF

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Mrs. Margaret Evans, Civilian — Western Union Office

I, Mrs. Margaret Evans, was in the office and Mrs. Forrester was in there talking to me when I heard S/Sgt Stotsbury tell us to listen to the long horn. All I heard of the report was "headed toward Great Falls", and of course, I listened trying to hear some more but radio went dead, resuming normal transmission in a few seconds. I looked the east drawer and went outside and first saw two objects that appeared round hovering over the tower a little west. They were there probably five minutes and then I came back and had coffee. The fellows were still outside so I went back out to look again and at an angle of 45 degrees saw about four objects. When I first saw those over the tower they were an intense white and the light seemed to fluctuate, by that I mean that first there was a bright light then it was gone and would appear again in the same spot. On the first two there seemed to me to be a silver-grey fog around them when the light appeared. It was around 1900 MST when we first went out and I know it was 1600 MST when watching the last time.

One of the objects above tower took off to my left at intense rate of speed and left a white streak in the sky, probably was the objects great speed.

People in the office were Lt. Logan, S/Sgt Boden, Mrs. Forrester, and myself.

MRS. MARGARET EVANS
Civilian

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STATEMENT

Ray J. Jackson
Captain USAF
AO 708163

1701st Air Traffic Sq

A little background of this incident will clarify the statements that I, Captain Ray J. Jackson, AO 708163, have to make. The question was asked by myself to the Western Union operator. "How did they know to go outside and look for these flying saucers?" The statement she (Mrs. Evans) made was that they had heard a transmission over the squawk box that flying saucers had been reported and that they were headed toward Great Falls. I asked her where the transmission came from ad she did not know as it came through the squawk box.

At 1525 MST I was outside the hangar looking in the direction of 80 degrees true north at the angle of approximately 85 degrees and I saw two (2) objects stationary, these apparently were what people thought were flying saucers. The altitude which these objects were cannot be estimated due to the fact of not knowing size or conception of these objects I was unable to determine the altitude.

The appearance of the objects did actually have the size of a cup's saucer and appeared to have a flat aluminum base. At times they would have a discolored color and they would seem to drift to an angle. With the reflection of the sun on them it appeared that they had a shiny aluminum color. These two objects were stationary when I first saw them, for approximately 3 or 4 minutes. Suddenly one came in at about a 45 degree angle, between the two stationary objects. It appeared to be of a dusty color without any shiny appearance to it. This object continued to travel past these objects and off into a southerly direction. By this time the object on the right, the direction in which I was facing - I was facing toward the east - started with a backward motion which appeared to be with tremendous speed. The one on my left darted off to the south and all three were lost from sight at this time.

During the time I was watching these objects I requested S/Sgt Boden to contact CAA at Gore Field and inform them that we had seen objects in the air over Great Falls and see if they were aware of their presence and to see if they could pick up any information, thinking possible that they had some radar equipment that might assist in picking up any additional intelligence information that the United States Government would be interested in.

As soon as the objects ma. disappeared I came into the Traffic Office and called the Wing Intelligence, asked for Wing Intelligence Officer and was informed there was an NCOIC named T/Sgt Fernandez. At this time T/Sgt Fernandez was gone and I was informed he was out checking on these reported objects.

ROY J. JACKSON
Captain USAF
AO 708163

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STATEMENT

John J. LeGrand
Major USAF
10968 A

1701st Air Transport Group

I, Major John J. LeGrand, 10968 A, at approximately 1545 MST, 29 July witnessed a circular object traversing the stratosphere, at approximately 30,000 to 40,000 feet high. The objects were silver or white in color and definitely disc shape in structure. They moved with extreme manuverability. They appeared to travel from west to east and west to southeast at approximately 2,000 to 2,000 miles per hour. There was no vapor trails visible. One larger disc shaped object hovered and a pulse jet glare seemed to be admitted from its periphery. It hovered for about 20 seconds and immediately darted off at a high rate of acceleration and disappeared to the southeast. I have heretofore been very doubtful as to any flying saucers or anything of that nature but I will swear that these were definite objects.

At one time I saw one in a bank and saw a metallic flash. On this particular date, 29 July, the sky was cloudless, except for a few strata-cumulus formed clouds and the ground visibility was approximately 65 miles. The atmosphere was very very clear, in other words, the sky above was so blue it afforded a good contrast. I am sure of the direction of these jets, from the west and to the east and southeast. I saw approximately 6 of these objects.

JOHN J. LEGRAND
Major USAF
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John Macgill
Lst Lt AO 795788

1701st Air Transport Sp

I, 1st Lt John Macgill, AO 795788, upon reporting for duty 1630 MST saw 15 or 20 people watching the sky. Was told that they had seen flying saucers. I was very skeptical at this point because of the large number of dandelion seeds in the air and also what appeared to be newspaper carried aloft by the wind. The newspapers were in the general vicinity of MTTU operations. None were observed in the direction that the so-called saucers were spotted.

After watching approximately five (5) minutes I was able to see what appeared to be a disc, white or metal in color approaching from the west. As it moved directly overhead it turned generally north at a 90 degree turn then slowing down and made approximately four (4) more 90 degree turns and then proceeded east.

After seeing this I knew what I was looking for and was able to pick up at least five (5) more of these objects. Being skeptical I did my best to see them as either dandelion seeds or other small particles close to the surface of the earth rather than large objects at extreme distance. However, after keeping them in my sight long enough to study their appearance they definitely seemed to be very high. I won't make an estimate of the height since I did not know their size. All of these appeared in the west and proceeded east at what appeared to be an extreme high rate of speed.

Due to the 90 degree turns and the apparent high rate of speed I discount any possibility of them being conventional or jet type aircraft. I am unable to give any definite description as to their shape other than that they appeared to be completely round.

JOHN MACGILL
1st Lt USAF
AO 795788

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STATEMENT

Raymond L. Kolman
Major AO 519919

Operations and Training
1701st Air Transport Wing

I, Major Raymond L. Kolman, AO 519919, was requested by M/Sgt Stoteaur at approximately 1600 hrs to look at an object in the air. Looking in a northeasterly direction, altitude unknown, I sighted an object round and white in appearance. Its movements were like a fallin leaf for several seconds and then it proceeded in an east-southeasterly heading, speed unknown.

Raymond L. Kolman
RAYMOND L. KOLMAN
Major USAF
AO 519919

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STATEMENT

Orin T. Harman
Captain, USAF
AO 739237

Personnel Office
1701st Air Transport Sq.

I, Orin T. Harman, Captain, AO 739237, at approximately 1645 MST on 29 July, after returning from flying in local area, right in front of Twin Hangars noticed several people looking skyward. They stated that they were seeing flying saucers. After about half a dozen allegedly passed by, I could not see them. The only thing visible to me was dandelion seeds flying through the air.

Orin T. Harman
ORIN T. HARMAN
Captain USAF
AO 739237

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Donald M. Manchester, S/Sgt, AF 19293611 — Traffic Control, 170lst Air Traffic Sq.

I, S/Sgt Donald M. Manchester, AF 19293611, at approximately 1430 EST was returning to my section when I noticed a group of people in front of Twin Towers looking up into the sky and some one pointed up and I saw objects that seemed to be silver and similar to a weather balloon only shiny. I observed one at a 45 degree angle looking toward the south and right below it a smaller object moving back and forth like a pendulum and it seemed that one side of lower object was black and it turned one way and then disappeared and turned back and it would come into view a min, indicating only one side was reflecting the sun. The object seemed to move in a straight line and stop and turn around and move back and at end of movement it would lose itself for a few seconds and start back. Off to the right (southwest at about 45 degree angle) a similar object appeared and moved across the horizon southwest at a terrific rate of speed and passed close to the other two objects. After the third disappeared in the southeast the other two objects were invisible to me and without further observation I returned to work.

Donald M. Manchester

DONALD M. MANCHESTER
S/Sgt USAF
AF 19293611

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Harold J. Bennett
A/2c, USAF
AF 14436795

1701st Air Traffic Ctl

I, Harold J. Bennett, A/2c, AF 14436795, at approximately 1430 saw five objects coming out of the west into east. They looked to be approximately 10,000 or 20,000 feet high. They left no vapor trail or smoke. As to shape, they looked to be round and were very moving slowly and then take off at a high rate of speed. I saw several of them.

HAROLD J. BENNETT
A/2c USAF
AF 14436795

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STATEMENT

William Cole
A/3c AF 17328923

[redacted] Operations & Training

1701st Air Transport Wing

I, William Cole, A/3c, AF 17328923, at approximately 1606 MST stepped out of the Traffic Section right in front of the hangar and immediately noticed people looking up into the sky. I found out that they were looking at small objects in the sky. When I first looked up I noticed an object like a plate at approximately an angle of 80 degrees altitude. I noticed it was going around like a piece of paper, but it was following a pattern. The height and glare made it hard to determine exactly the height, but I would say it was very high and at a tremendous speed. Pattern was in a swaying or dipping motion. At the right of this first object I saw a second object, it was going in a straight south direction and then to a southeasterly direction. It was at approximately the same height, and from my own observations it seemed to be going at a terrific speed. It has the same identical form as the first one, i.e., it was like a plate and was reflecting off the sun. The second object was more easily to follow because of a pattern which was straight.

William Cole

WILLIAM COLE
A/3c USAF

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STATEMENT

Charles Hooks
A/3c AF 1445 670

Fleet Service
1701st Air Traffic Sq

I, Charles Hooks, A/3c, AF 1445 670, at approximately 1030 MST, 29 July was standing out in front of the hanger and saw everyone else look [illegible] I saw [illegible] (3) objects which I would say [illegible] looked like [illegible] saw [illegible] at about an 80 degree angle.

Charles Hooks
A/3c USAF
AF 14453670

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STATEMENT

Mrs. Anna L. Mihalik, Civilian — Air Traffic Squadron

I, Mrs. Anna Mihalik, was in our office around 1620 when one of the boys came in and asked if I had seen the flying saucers and I told him that he was just kidding. I did not believe what he was telling me, so I just stayed in the office. About one-half hour to forty-five minutes later, Mrs. Evans from Western Union, came in and asked if I had seen the flying saucers. I told her that I had heard about them but did not go out to look as I thought they were just kidding. She said that she had seen them so then I went out in front of the passenger terminal and started looking up into the sky. At first I could not see anything and then everyone kept pointing and said there they are and I kept looking and then I did see a white object and it would sort of go away and then reappear just as if it was reversing itself. I saw two objects at this time, after that I went back to my office.

At approximately 1625 Mrs. Virginia Walbun came in and we went out to look and this time I noticed they were adjacent to the tower and it was the same white shiny objects. One could not watch constantly because of the sun. I could not see which way they were going or the speed of their movement because I could not keep watching as my eyes would get blurry.

MRS. ANNA L. MIHALIK
Civilian

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STATEMENT

Virginia Falbon
Civilian

Director of Traffic Office

I, Virginia Falbon, at approximately 1615 MST, was informed that several people were seeing objects so I went out in front of Twin Hangars and noticed several people looking upward. I did, and was unable to see anything at first then I noticed two (2) objects. I was looking west. They were silver colored objects. I could not tell much about the size or shape. The two that I saw would go along a little ways and all of a sudden dart downward and roll over. It was at about a 45 degree angle. They seemed to be coming from out of the sun. There was something resembling smoke or fog close to these objects, however, I don't know if it had anything to do with them or not.

Virginia Falbon
VIRGINIA FALBON
Civilian Stenographer
Office, D/Traffic

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Mrs. Anne L. Macgill N.W. Great Falls, Montana

I, Mrs. Anne Macgill, was at home eight miles from the Great Falls AFB when my husband, who was on duty at the base, called me to tell me to look for some objects in the air which had been sighted at the base. I saw an object in the northern sky traveling east to west about 1630 MST and after sighting it I got it through the binoculars. The shape was indefinite, but I can say there were no wings or tail or other protrusions. On the back of it it was red in color. A thirteen year old boy was with me and he can confirm statement as to the color. I saw two others after this.

The last two were traveling north to south in the western part of the sky. There seemed to be a vapor around them and behind them. Due to the brightness of the sun I was unable to get these two in the binoculars. All three seemed to disappear, just seemed to travel out of sight.

MRS. ANNE L. MACGILL

(Mrs) Anne L. Macgill

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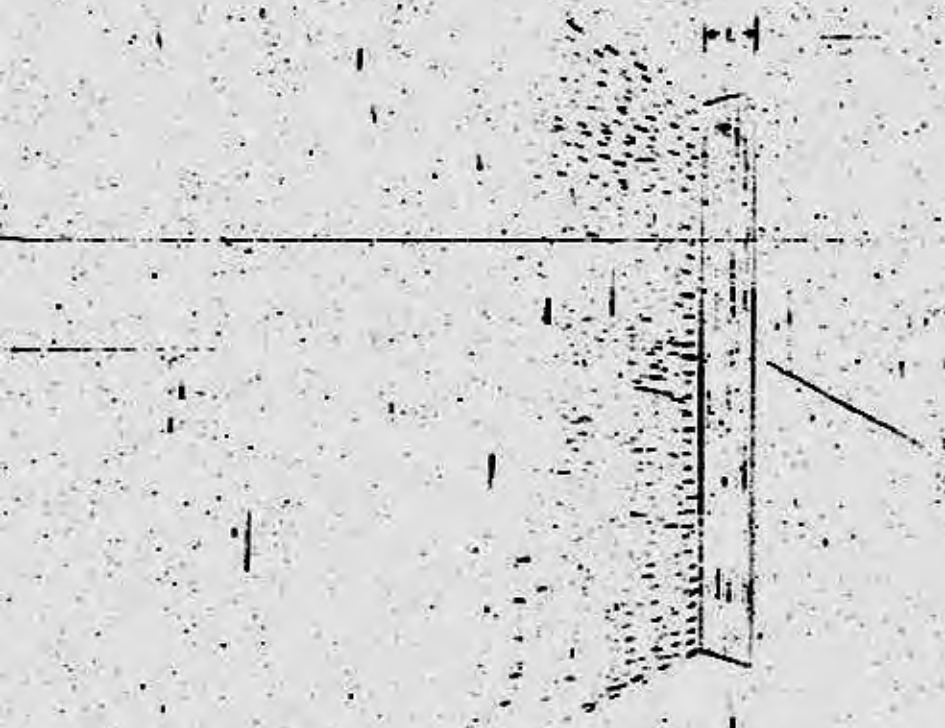

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1 August 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: COMMANDER
Continental Division
Military Air Transport Service
ATTN: Intelligence Division
Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Transmitted herewith, in accordance paragraph 7 AF Letter 200-5 subject: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short title: (FLYOBRPT) and MATS Letter subject: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short title: (FLYOBRPT) dated 28 July 1952 is a Recapitulation of Facts Concerning Unidentified Objects Sighted in the Great Falls, Montana Area on 29 July 1952, with inclosures, as reported in message GFAIP 7-22-R, 29 July 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
1 - Recapitulation of Facts (with inclosures)

GEORGE D. [illegible]
Lt Colonel USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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[illegible] Recapitulation of Facts Concerning Unidentified Objects Sighted In the Great Falls, Montana Area on 29 July 1952

1. Tuesday, 29 July 1952, at approximately 1540 hours MST four (4) unidentified objects were sighted over Great Falls AFB. Objects resembled flat discs, reflecting sun's rays. Position due south from Great Falls AFB (Incl. 1). One (1) object was stationary and three (3) were seen circling around it. They were seen for three (3) to four (4) minutes, then the stationary object flew southeast. The other three (3) due west and disappeared. No sound was emitted or exhaust was observed. Speed of the objects was estimated at over one thousand (1000) miles per hour. Altitude was not determined due to fact that the size of a C-54 aircraft, objects were estimated to be above 30,000 feet. All objects were visual from the ground. They were seen by an estimated fifty persons including officers, airmen and civilians (statements attached as Incl. 2). Objects were also seen by a resident of the city of Great Falls, Montana (statement attached as Incl. 2).

2. First notification of flying objects was heard from the Seattle, Washington area (presumably McChord AFB) over the Plan 62 Voice Circuit of the Transport Control Center, this Base. The transmission was cut off suddenly, immediately after the statement regarding "flying saucers" was made. This transmission was heard by a number of individuals. One individual, S/Sgt Charles Boden, 1701st Traffice Squadron, this Base, sighted objects immediately after this Plan 62 transmission and called CAA Tower, Gore Field, Great Falls, Montana. Who in turn notified a local newspaper, the Great Falls Tribune. A reporter from the Great Falls Tribune contacted S/Sgt Boden, who inadvertently gave the reporter information regarding unidentified flying objects and Plan 62 transmission from the Seattle, Washington area, upon which the release in the Great Falls Tribune was based. At approximately 2200 hours MST S/Sgt Boden received a call from an individual who identified himself as PIO Officer, McChord AFB, who denied any transmission or reception of any statement regarding "flying saucers". S/Sgt Boden was in error on releasing this story, in that he had not received or had he contacted the Base Commander, Base Information Officer or Base Intelligence Officer.

3. At 1200 hours MST Thursday, 31 July 1952, the local radio station KMON broadcast an interview with a Mr. Ben Shaffer, resident of Great Falls, who claims he saw and took pictures of unidentified flying objects and that he had turned the undeveloped film over to the Air Force. We contacted the manager of the radio station KMON, who informed us that Mr. Shaffer had turned the undeveloped film over to the Commanding Officer

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of the 29th Air Division Defense, attached this station. Mr. Shaffer was thereupon contacted and he stated that between 1400 and 1500 hours July, 29 July 1952, he sighted unidentified flying objects about eight (8) miles south of Armis, Montana, 115 miles south of Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Shaffer took still [illegible] both color and black and white film. [illegible] to contact Mr. Shaffer, through Mr. [illegible] film over to Major Moriarty who dispatched the film [illegible] Hamilton AFB, California. Colonel Paul Greiner, Commanding Officer 29th Air Division and Major McCarty, Intelligence Officer, 29th Air Division, were informed that in accordance with [illegible] Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, should have been notified immediately for shipping instructions and that the headquarters should have been notified of the action taking place. Colonel Greiner stated that he had telephoned Headquarters ARDC requesting that they contact ATIC for shipping instructions and that all matters of this nature would be coordinated with the Flight Air Transport Intelligence Officer in the future. Mr. Shaffer was contacted by this headquarters and he gave a statement and drawing (Incl. 3 & 4) and he further stated that he would appreciate having his film back when the Air force is through with it.

4. At the time of the sighting aircraft flying in the local area consisted of two (2) C-47, eight (8) C-54 and one (1) C-25.

5. Weather at the time of the sighting was clear with visibility of sixty-five (65) miles and surface winds were calm. (Incl. 5)

6. The Intelligence Officer of the 29th Air Division Defense, attached this station, was contacted and he stated that the unidentified flying objects were not picked up on any 29th Air Defense radar screens. The Commander of the 1976-5, AACS Squadron Detachment, was contacted and he stated that no sightings of these objects were made with the GE radar scopes.

7. Additional information regarding unidentified flying objects was uncovered during this investigation, a sighting on 5 November 1950. At 0600 hours MST on 5 November 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Morriette, 2417 Third Avenue North, Great Falls, Montana, were traveling east on Highway No. 87 between Great Falls and Raynesford, Montana. At this time they observed an object moving east to west which passed by the front of their automobile. This object was [illegible] with a strong white light in front and emitting blue-white sparks to the rear (drawing attached). Mrs. Morriette states that the object seemed to be about the size and shape of an automobile tire looking broadside and spinning through the air. The complete front side consisted wholly of this strong white light. The body, which appeared to be spinning, was judged to be approximately eight (8) inches thick. The blue-white sparks were emitted for approximately

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thirty-six (36) inches behind the object. Mrs. Morrisette states that she was within one hundred feet of the object as it passed by and that there were no sound connected with it, although she cannot be sure in that [illegible] in a closed automobile. [illegible] Incl. 6).

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Lt Colonel, [illegible]
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6 Incl.
1a- Map WAC Chart #268
1b- Map GFAFB Contonment Plan
2a - Statement of Major LeGrand
2b - Statement of Capt. Jackson
2c - Statement of S/Sgt Manchester
2d - Statement of Major Kolman
2e - Statement of Lt. Logan
2f - Statement of Captain Harman
2g - Statement of Lt. Macgill
2h - Statement of Miss Walbon
2i - Statement of A/3C Hooks
2j - Statement of Mrs. Mihalik
2k - Statement of Mrs. Evans
2l - Statement of A/3C Cole
2m - Statement of A/2C Bennett
2n - Statement of Mrs. Macgill
2o - Statement of S/Sgt Boden
2p - Statement of M/Sgt Stotsbury
3 - Statement of Mr. Ben Shaffer
4 - Drawing of Mr. Shaffer's Sightings.
5 - Weather Report
6 - Drawing of Mrs. Morrisette's Sightings.

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STATEMENT

Ber Shaffer, Major, Corps Army Engineer Reserve
319 - 14th Street South
Great Falls, Montana

I, Ber Shaffer, on the 2[illegible] July was returning with my family from a fishing trip in Idaho, we had not heard a radio or read a newspaper in the days we had been gone. About eight (8) miles south of Ennis, Montana, traveling from West Yellowstone to Ennis between 1400 and 1500 hours MST I noticed a dark colored object hovering over the mountains to the right of the highway. I slowed down and stopped the car, and as I did so the object formed a white cloud around itself. The distance was, as I would estimate it three or four miles in a direct line and the clouds were about one thousand feet above the summit of the mountain. Shortly after that three smaller disc like objects came bursting out of the clouds from different angles traveling at an estimated two hundred miles per hour. Each of these objects made an arc in different directions and at the peak of the arc accelerated at a terrific speed and departed to a central point behind the clouds and disappeared. There was a trail of very hazy film of dark colored smoke. I had an eight-power binocular when I was watching this.

I stopped two other cars, one from Arkansas and one from Ohio. The man in the car from Ohio had a pair of 50-power binoculars. We all, and I think there was about a dozen of us, watched with the naked eye and binoculars. Shortly after the three objects left the cloud five objects appeared on the right side of the cloud in a V formation traveling slowly and then each of them in succession formed a small cloud around themselves. They changed formation from the V to single file and entered the big cloud one behind the other.

During this time I took colored movie pictures with an [illegible]ell and Howell camera and still pictures, black and white, with a Kodak Retina camera. We watched this phenomenon for at least thirty minutes and the whole time while we were watching these no other clouds formed in the sky in our realm of vision. Upon the advise of a civilian friend films, undeveloped, were turned over to Major McCarthy of the 29th Air Division, at Great Falls Air Force Base, Montana.

Along about the end of the thirty minutes on a mountain to the left of the highway and some six miles estimated from us another cloud suddenly appeared and the same phenomenon took place with objects leaving and returning.

I wish to add that I am a Major in the Army Corps of Engineers Reserve and had a "Q" Clearance 1946 to 1949 while stationed with 7 Division, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BER SHAFFER
Resident, Great Falls, Montana

Signed Statement will be forwarded when minor grammatical changes are made by Mr. Shaffer (third time Mr. Shaffer has made grammatical changes.)

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29 JULY 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
29	Osceola, Wisconsin	Multiple (PHOTO) FILM ①	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Langley AFB, Virginia	Moore	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Otis AFB, Massachusetts	Bailey, Leitner	BALLOON
29	Chico, California (CARD MISSING)	Eatum	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Atlanta, Georgia (CARD MISSING)	Kelly	BALLOON
29	Red Bluff, California (CARD MISSING)	Anderson	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Albuquerque, New Mexico	LeCompte	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Merced, California (CARD MISSING)	Mitchell	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Wichita, Kansas (CARD MISSING)	Douglas, Hess	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Miami, Florida (CARD MISSING)	Frazier	AIRCRAFT
29	Miami, Florida (CARD MISSING)	Mayher	
29	Dallas, Texas (CARD MISSING)	Werner	
29	Detroit, Michigan (CARD MISSING)	Stoneburgh	AIRCRAFT
29	United States (CARD MISSING)	Slowinski, Eelfenbein	AIRCRAFT
29	Negro Mountain, Grantsville, Maryland	Haskin	AIRCRAFT
29	Napo, California (CARD MISSING)	Gould	AIRCRAFT
29	Hickam AFB, Hawaii (CARD MISSING)	McGown	BALLOON
29	Ennis, Montana	Boden	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Otis AFB, Massachusetts	Leitner	BALLOON
29	CASE [redacted] MISSING)	Multiple	Other (PAPER IN WIND)
29	Los Alamos, New Mexico		
29	Montague, California (CARD MISSING)	Foulk	Astro (METEOR)
29	Palm Beach, Florida (CARD MISSING)	Walker AFB	
29	New Mexico (CARD MISSING)	Bell	Other (SEARCHLIGHTS)
29	Ashiya AB, Japan		

ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
29	Englewood, New Jersey	Green 164, Banks (PHOTO)	

(A) IN SEPARATE FOLDER