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Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

Roswell, New Mexico

6th Bomb Wing, Heavy, Intelligence

7 July 1952

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Capt George L. Colby, Chief Reporting Unit S/Sgt James C. Sparks, AF 38783578

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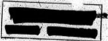
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1. AF Form 112 - Part II
2. Statement by S/Sgt Sparks (6cys)

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1. At first the objects appeared to be the outline of an aircraft with the size of the airframe approximating that of a medium bomber. However, after a second, the outline separated and became five or six separate objects. Due to the extreme rate of speed, the exact number of objects could not be determined. The objects were first sighted at a point several miles south of Walker AFB and continued in a straight northerly line of flight and disappeared from sight several miles north of the base. The objects were at an estimated 5,000 ft. altitude and traveling at an estimated rate of 500 to 600 miles per hour. In the moonlight, the object had a grayish hue and appeared to the observer as a disc about the size of a dime while under observation. They presented only a flat view to the observer during the line of flight. The objects traveled in a half moon formation with the outer curve facing the line of flight. While the objects were passing over Walker AFB, the most easterly object veered even more sharply to the east at about a 10 degree angle until the formation disappeared from sight. Neither the exact size of the objects or their spacing while in flight could be determined accurately. While in flight, all the objects appeared to be on the same plane of level. No sound or type of propulsion could be detected. At all times the objects appeared to be flat and no other characteristics could be determined.

2. The object was first sighted at 2030 hours MST 16 June 1952 and remained under observation for less than a minute.

3. The object was observed visually by Sgt Sparks from the ground. He had no type of lenses or glasses for aid.

4. The observer was standing on the flight line at Walker AFB, New Mexico. The objects were first sighted about 1 mile south of the base at a 5,000 ft. altitude.

5. S/Sgt Sparks is considered to be a reliable and intelligent individual by his Squadron Commander and immediate supervisors. Sgt Sparks has seven years service in the USAF and is a B-29 Maintenance Specialist. He was also an aircraft maintenance specialist in civilian life.

6. A check of the weather station at Walker AFB and Roswell Municipal Airport reveals the following Teletype sequences at 2030 hours MST:

ESW (Walker AFB) - 07 072/84/42	7/999 410 24919
ROW (Roswell) - 020 10	

7. There was no known meteorological or other phenomenon which might account for the sighting. A check of Walker AFB radar revealed nothing unusual on the scope at the time of sighting. It is unknown whether the set was on the 25 or the 50 mile scan.

8. There is no physical evidence of the sighting such as photographs.

9. Interception or identification action by the observer was not feasible at the time.

10. There was no known air traffic in the general area at the time of sighting.

On 16 June 1952, at 2030 hours, I started from the barracks, 1590 to the latrine, T-588. About half-way between the two buildings, I noticed a moving object to the southeast which I thought was the shadow of a B-29 or B-50 coming in to land. I stopped to watch the object and as it drew closer, I could see that it was not an conventional aircraft. There was no engine sound whatever. Either reciprocating or jet.

As the objects passed overhead, traveling in a northwest direction, I could make out between five (5) and seven (7) round objects. They were in a half-moon formation. Colored silverish gray. They were the approximate size of a disc held at arms length. Speed approximately 500 to 600 MPH. Height approximately 5000'.

As they went overhead, the object on the right side, broke formation and veered off to the right at approximately 10 degrees.

The weather that night was fairly calm and very clear. There was no engines running on the flight line at this time.

Total time objects were observed was approximately 30 seconds.

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1. A GROUP OF FIVE OR SIX UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED IN FLIGHT FROM A POINT ABOUT ONE MILE SOUTH OF WALKER AFB NMEX TO A POINT ONE TO TWO MILES NORTH OF THE BASE. THE OBJECTS FOLLOWED A GENERAL SOUTHWEST TO NORTHWEST COURSE AT AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET. THE SPEED OF THE OBJECTS WAS ESTIMATED AT FIVE HUNDRED TO SIX HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR. THE OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE IN A HALF-MOON FORMATION. AT A POINT ALMOST DIRECTLY OVER WALKER AFB THE MOST EASTERLY OBJECT VEERED OFF EVEN MORE TO THE EAST AT A TEN DEGREE ANGLE. THE EXACT SIZE OF THE OBJECTS WAS UNKNOWN AND THE SPACING BETWEEN THE OBJECTS IN THE FORMATION COULD NOT BE JUDGED.

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2. THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED AT 2030 HOURS MSG 16 JUNE 52 AND REMAINED UNDER OBSERVATION FOR LESS THAN A MINUTE.
3. THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED VISUALLY FROM THE GROUND.
4. THE OBSERVER WAS STANDING ON THE FLIGHT LINE AT WALKER AFB NMEX. THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED ABOUT ONE MILE SOUTH OF THE BASE.
5. THE OBSERVER S/SGT JAMES C. SPARKS IS CONSIDREED TO BE A VERY RELIABLE AND INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL BY HIS SQUADRON COMMANDER. SGT SPARKS HAS SEVEN YEARS SERVICE IN THE USA F AND IS A B-29 MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST. HE IS ALSO AN AIRCRAFT SPECIALIST IN CIVILIAN LIFE.
6. A CHECK OF THE WEATHER STATION AT WALKER AFB REVEALS TWENTY MILE VISIBILITY AND NINETEEN KNOW GROUND WIND AT THE TIME OF OBSERVATION.
7. THERE WAS NO KNOWN METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHER PHENOMENON WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. A CHECK OF WALKER AFB RADAR REVEALED NOTHING UNUSUAL ON THE SCOPE AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER THE SET WAS ON THE TWENTY-FIVE OR THE FIFTY MILE SCAN.
8. THERE IS NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING SUCH AS PHOTOGRAPHS.
9. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION BY THE OBSERVER WAS NOT FEASIBLE AT THE TIME.
10. THERE WAS NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN THE GERERAL AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING.

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Hq USAF, file IDO, dated 21 Jul 52, subject, Flying Object Reports

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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha,
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TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Ohio ATTN-ATIAA-2c

Attached is copy of SAC IR-52-52. Subject FLYCRPT.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


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Attachment: Copy of Form 112, Air Intelligence Information
Report, is available with the above letter. Date of report
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