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WILLIAM M. WYCOCKI, Capt. USAF

Airmen of 717th SR Squadron

Four airmen observed 3 unidentified objects fly over this Air Base. All these objects followed the same path and altitude, were the same shape and color and disappeared in the same manner. (See text of report AF Form 112 Part II).

Significance of this report is that just prior to the sighting a similar object was observed by other airmen of this station.

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- 1. Statement of Airmen
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28th Strat Recon Wg Hvy

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A total of four airmen of the 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron of the 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing Heavy observed what appeared to be flying discs. Objects were observed at approximately 1535 MST on 9 July 1952. These airmen were lying on their backs at the end of the right wing tip of an aircraft that was off the edge of the East-West runway (See inclosure 2).

These men were looking in a Southerly direction when they observed the first object between 30,000 feet and 40,000 feet coming from the South, pass directly overhead; head in a Northerly direction and disappear at approximately a 45 degree angle to the horizon. Approximately one minute later another such object at the same altitude did the same thing. One minute after that second object was observed a third object passed overhead in the same manner. Each object was observed for approximately 5 seconds apiece. Total lapse time of observation from beginning to end approximately 5 minutes. All objects were between three and four inches in diameter and milky white in color.

None of the airmen observed exhaust or method of propulsion. No sounds or noises were heard nor did they observe the objects to do any maneuvering.

They estimated the speed to be faster than any jet type aircraft they have ever seen.

Three F-51's (from the fighter unit at his station) flying at approximately 3000 ft and between one and two miles east of this Air Base. This officer called the fighter unit for further information. None of the pilots observed the objects.

Weather at the time of observation (obtained from base weather this station).

1530 MST 9 July 1952: 20,000 ft thin cirrus visibility 40 miles.

Winds aloft

18220 ft MSL	330/29
24720 ft MSL	310/39
31400 ft MSL	310/48

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STATEMENT

I, S/Sgt Daniel P. Foster Jr. AF 16130262, of the 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Wing and three other airmen of this same Squadron observed at approximately 1535 MST on 9 July 1952 what appeared to be flying discs. I was laying on my back on the ground just off the right wing of an aircraft off the end of the East West runway (See inclsure "2"); when we observed an object which was between 30,000 ft and 40,000 ft. It was between 3 to 4 inches in diameter and milky white in color. We heard no sound. No exhaust or method of propulsion were observed. No maneuvers were observed. The speed was in excess of jet fighters (Above 800 M.P.H.). First object was observed coming from the south flew directly over the East West runway area and disappeared at approximately a 45° angle to the Horizon. Time observed first object approximately 5 seconds. Approximately 1 minute later a second object from the same direction did exactly the same thing. Approximately 1 minute after the second object a third one appeared from the same direction, (South, flew overhead and disappeared the same as the first and second object). Each object observed for approximately 5 seconds. Total lapse time from beginning of sighting to end of sighting approximately 5 minutes. Weather was clear and visibility unlimited.

We observed 3-51's flying at approximately 3000 ft and approximately 1 to 1½ miles to the East of the field.

Daniel P. Foster Jr.

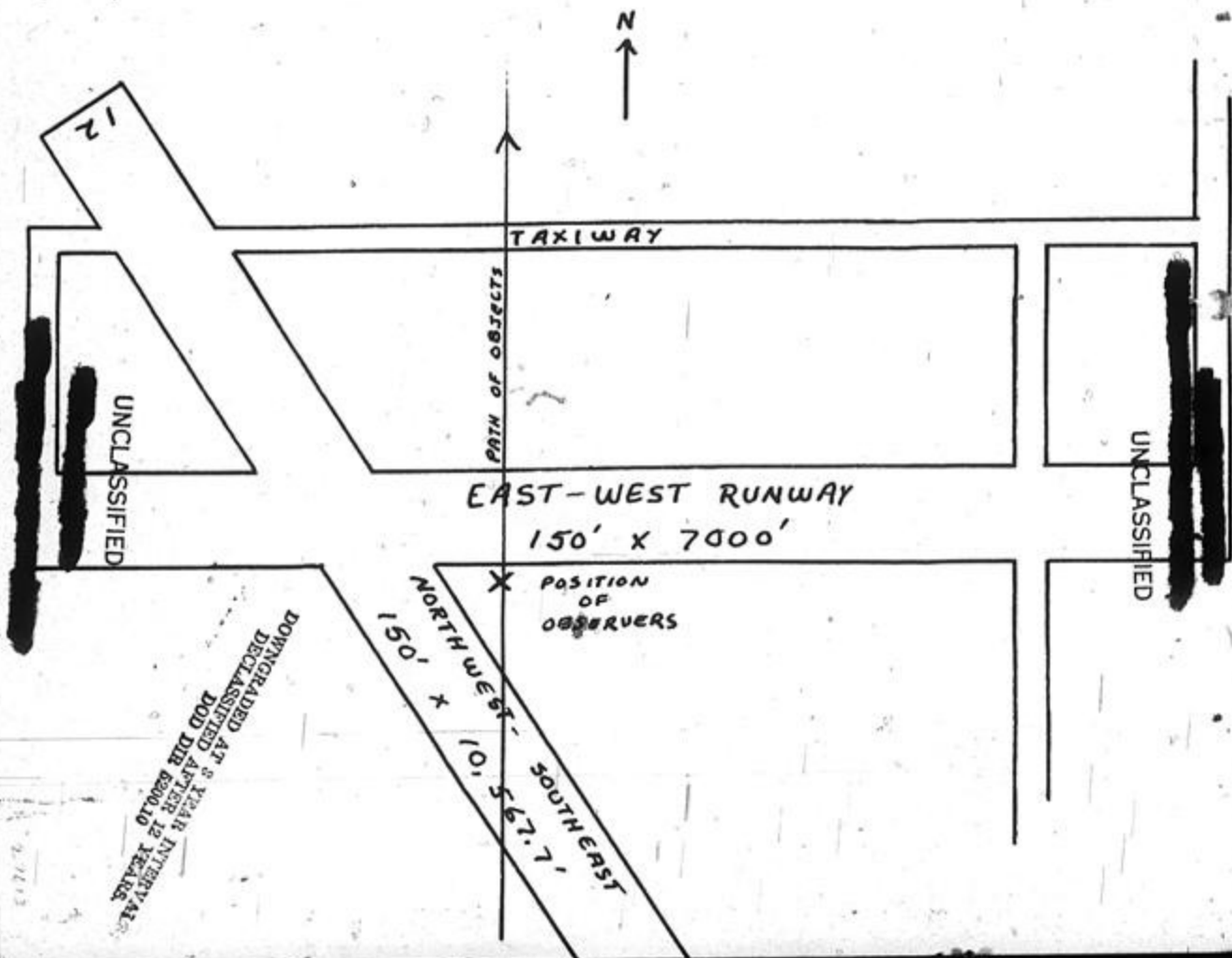
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Rapid City Air Force Base Weaver, SDAK 28th Strat Bom Wg Rvy

11 July 1952

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WILLIAM M. WYGOCKO, Capt., USAF

Airmen of the 717th SR Squadron

Two airmen observed 1 unidentified object hover over a section of this Air Base. Object was greyish white in color, and disc shaped. (See text of report AF Form 112 Part II).

Significance of this report is that just after this sighting a sighting of similar objects were observed by other airmen of this base.

1. Statement of Airmen
2. Sketch of Area

28th Strat Recon Wg Rvy

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Two airmen of the 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing Heavy observed an unidentified object at approximately 1530 MST 9 July 1952. Airmen were at the East end of the East-West runway (See inclosure 2) Object appeared from a South West direction and cut over the North West corner of this Air Base and seemed to hover approximately one quarter mile North of the East West runway and a little over a quarter of a mile from the position from which they made their observation.

It hovered over the area approximately three to four minutes doing arcing movement, losing some altitude then gaining it back (). These movements were very steep and violent. They were not the tactics of fighter type aircraft. One airman asked the other a question and they both looked at each other. When they returned their gaze to the sky the object had disappeared. They never observed it again. The object was observed to be approximately three to four inches in diameter and grayish white in color. They estimated it to be 20,000 ft or above. No sound was heard. No method of propulsion or exhaust were observed. Speed of object was estimated to be over any jet type aircraft they have ever seen.

Weather at the time of observation (obtained from base weather this station).

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Asst Wg Intell Officer

11 July 1952

STATEMENT

I, A/1c Howard W. Hoff, AF 13350444, of the 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Wing and one other airman observed at approximately 1530 MST on 9 July 1952 what appeared to be a flying disc. We were at the East end of the East West runway (See inclosure "2") when we observed an object coming from a south westerly direction. It crossed over the North West corner of the airfield and seemed to stop and hover over an area North of the East West runway and a little over a quarter of a mile away from us. It would lose some altitude and then gain it right back more like arcing () it also did sort of a twisting motion. They didn't look like any sort of fighter tactics. It stayed over the area approximately 3 to 4 minutes. The other airman asked me a question. We both looked at one another and then we looked back to where we had seen it hovering; we couldn't see it and never did observe it again. It was at 20,000 ft or above and approximately 3 to 4 inches in diameter, greyish white in color. We never heard a sound or noise of any kind. We couldn't see any method of propulsion nor exhaust. Speed of the object was faster than any jet fighter we have ever seen. No clouds were in the area and we had unlimited visibility.

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A/1c AF 13350444

