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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

PROJECT "SIGNS"

1. Date of sighting. October 1, 1948.

2. Time of sighting (Zonal by 24 hr clock). 2100 hrs.

3. Where sighted:

   a. Ground

      (1) City, town: Fargo, North Dakota

      (2) Distance and direction from city or town road, intersection, etc: Northwest of Fargo between city airport and town of Fargo.

      (3) From building (story), yard, etc: From the air.

      (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude: Not feasible.

   b. Air

      (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight: Unknown

      (2) Distance & direction from city, town or know landmark: Same as above.

      (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft: 3 o'clk

      (4) Latitude and longitude:

   c. Sea

      (1) Latitude and longitude:

      (2) Proximity to land (Name city, country, etc)

4. Number of objects: One object.

   a. Formation type (if any) (sketch if possible): Nothing

5. Distance of object from observer: 2000 yards.

   a. Laterally or horizontally: Diagonally

   b. Angle of elevation from horizont Below

   c. Altitude: Approximately 1500 feet.

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6. Time in sight: 27 minutes

7. Appearance of object:

a. Color

b. Shape (sketch if possible)

c. Apparently construction (translucent)

D. Size

(1) estimated size

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object)

Apparently about 8 inches in diameter and appeared round from all points and directions that I approached it from. White in color unable to detect the construction.

8. Direction of flight: At a northwest direction in a left hand circle around the city of Fargo, North Dakota.

9. Tactics or maneuvers: It climbed and dived, using speed for evasion. At one time it appeared aggressive but made only lefthand turns. It followed the laws of inertia and at no time was it erratic or flutering.

10. Evidence of exhaust

a. Color or smoke: Nothing

b. Length and width: Nothing

c. Odor (if any): Nothing

d. Rate of evaporation: Nothing

e. Does trail very with sound: Nothing. (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds: Weather was CAVU

a. Opened path thru clouds.

b. Formed cloud or mists.

c. Reflected on clouds.

d. Shown thru cloud.

12. Lights

a. Reflected or attached

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12. (Cont'd)

b. Luminous

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed:

It appeared as one light and was luminous. It increased and decreased in intensity.

13. Support

a. Wings

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

No visible means.

14. Propulsion

Unable to determine.

a. Propeller or jet

b. Rotor

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (KatzMayer effect)

15. Control and stability

a. Fins

b. Stabilizers (Horizontal or vertical)

Unable to determine.

(1) Size)

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts

Unable to determine.

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed MPH 6 to 700 miles per hour.

18. Sound

Unable to determine

a. Continuous whine or buzz

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b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent.

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might persumably be construed as such): None

20. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view

c. Disappeared behind obstacle.

It faded from view in a rapid climb, climbing to the Southeast at 1400 feet. Aircraft was unable to sustain greater climb.

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It appeared to be a round light when passing over both a dark and light background. Its speed was such that it could outrun a F-51.

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