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29 March 1952

Misawa AFB, Japan

AT 1120 hours, 29 March 1952, an unidentified object was observed approximately 20 miles north of Misawa ^{AFB}, this sighting was made by an Air Force Pilot flying a T-6 type aircraft. This T-6 was traveling at 6,000' altitude, on a heading of 0 degrees, at 130 knots. AT the time of sighting, two F-84 type A/C were making practice runs on the T-6 ~~ground~~ ~~runway~~. This object was first noticed by the pilot of the T-6 aircraft when it pulled abreast of him and reflected the sunlight. The object that had reflected the sunlight was a small, shiny disc-shaped object, ^{object then} ~~and~~ ~~then~~ appeared to make a pass at the F-84 at an estimated 40 to 50 ^{MPH} ~~knots~~ in excess of the F-86's airspeed. It closed rapidly and just before flying into his fuselage it decelerated ~~rapidly~~ to his airspeed almost instantaneously. In doing so, it flipped on its edge at approximately a 90 degree bank. It then flutted within 20 feet of his fuselage for two or three seconds, and pulled away ~~and~~ around his starboard wing where it was caught in the slipstream behind the aircraft and flipped once. Then it passed him; crossed in front of him and pulled away abruptly, appearing to accelerate and shot out of sight in a steep, almost verticle climb. The pilot of the F-84 didnt observe the object.

COMMENT:

No further information has been forthcoming. No explanation for this sighting can be proposed other than the possible reflection and refraction of light through the canopy of the observers aircraft.

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3. Extracted from Fifth Air Force Mission Summary, 2 April 1952:

5 At 292110/I over YD 1545, the crew of a B-26 observed 4 dull lights shaped in a square, approximately 1 mile apart. These lights appeared to be stationary and suspended at 7000 feet altitude. This observation was made from 20 miles to within 3 miles at which time the lights went out. 1 crew member states that he has made the same observation in the general area on 3 other flights.

a. Comment - No other reports have been received of any such phenomena in this area. The placement of the lights in a square may indicate radio long-wire antennas carried aloft by balloons, or a visual beacon or method of communication.

(EVALUATION: B-3)

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4. Copied from letter from 116th Fighter Bomber Wing, APO 919, to D/I, Japan Air Defense Force, APO 710, dated 19 April 1952:

a. On 29 March 1952, an unidentified object (disc) was reportedly observed approximately 20 miles north of Misawa at 1120 hours. The observation was made by 1st Lt. David C. Brigham, AO 780851, 613th AC&W Sqdn, pilot of a T-6.

b. The following information was gathered from the pilot in a preliminary investigation:

- (1) Date of sighting - 29 March 1952
- (2) Time of sighting - 1120 hours
- (3) Position of observer - Approximately 20 miles north of Misawa
- (4) Altitude of observing aircraft - 6000 feet.
- (5) Heading of observing aircraft - approximately 0°
- (6) Speed of observing aircraft - approximately 130 MPH
- (7) Duration of sighting - Approximately 10 seconds
- (8) Moving or stationary - Moving (see statement by pilot.)
- (9) Description of object - Observed to be round, flat, metallic object approximately 8 inches in diameter. Extremely thin.

c. The local detachment of the OSI has been requested to make a complete investigation, the results of which will be forwarded to your Headquarters, (JADF), upon receipt.

d. (The statement inclosed to the letter follows):

(1) At 1120 hours 29 March 52, I was flying a T-6 heading approximately due north at approximately 20 miles north of Misawa over the coast. I was climbing at approximately 130 mph indicated airspeed, altitude approximately 6000 feet. GCI was running an intercept on me with an F-84 flight of two. Call sign of the F-84's was Frosty Mike 3 and 4. I watched them close on me from about 7:00 o'clock around to about 5:30 and Frosty Mike 3 overtook me passing starboard approximately 100', and approximately 10' below me, taking my number. As he pulled abreast of me at about my 3:00 o'clock position and 10 feet low, a flash of reflected sunshine caught my eye at about 4 o'clock position. The object which had reflected the sunshine was a small shiny disc-shaped object which was making a pass on Mike 3. It closed from slightly above him from approximately 4 o'clock and flew an approximate pursuit curve, appearing to overtake him at around 30 or 40 mph over his airspeed, which I would estimate at approximately 150 to 160 mph. It closed rapidly and just before flying into his fuselage it decelerated to his airspeed almost instantaneously. In doing so it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90° bank. It then fluttered within 20 feet of his fuselage for perhaps 2 or 3 seconds, pulled away and around his starboard wing, appearing to flip once as it hit the slipstream behind his wing tip fuel tank. Then it passed him; crossed in front of him and pulled up abruptly, appearing to accelerate and shot out of sight in a steep, almost vertical climb.

It was about 8 inches in diameter, very thin, round and as shiny as polished chromium; had no apparent projections, and left no exhaust trails or vapor trails.

An unusual flight characteristic was a slow fluttering motion. It rocked back and forth at approximately 40° banks, at approximately 1 second intervals throughout its course. It was very thin and resembled a round piece of shiny sheet metal.

The weather was very good. I do not remember any clouds that day. Duration of sighting was approximately 10 seconds.

/s/ D. C. Brigham

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<p>e. Comment - No further information has been forthcoming. No explanation of the sighting can be proposed other than the possible reflection and refraction of light through haze, exhaust gases, air currents, or the canopy of the observer's aircraft.</p>		
<p>(Misawa, Japan is located at 40°42'N, 141°23'E).</p>		
<p>(EVALUATION: C-6)</p>		
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 AP REPORTER BILL BARNARD AND VARIOUS OFFICERS STATIONED IN
 NORTHERN JAPAN PD CONVERSATIONS WERE INFORMAL AND NEWSY NATURE

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OF MATERIALLED BARNARD TIM Q IRE AFTER OFFICIAL REPORTS PD
 NORTHERN AIR DEFENSE COMMANDER RELEASED ONLY RESTRICTED REPEAT
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REPORT OF MAR 52 CMA SUBJ OFFICER SIGHTED SMALL DISC-SHAPED OBJECT
WHILE FLYING T-6 AND MADE SIGHTING A MATTER OF OFFICIAL REPORT TO
HIS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT MISAWA PD SUBJ STATEMENT OF LT BRIGHAM
WAS ALSO FERRETER OUT INFORMALLY BY BARNARD IN UNOFFICIAL
CONVERSATIONS PD BRIGHAM'S REPORT CMA UNCLASSIFIED CMA IS VERBATIM
CMA AS FOLLOWS: CLN QUOTE 10 APR 1952 CMA STATEMENT CLN AT 1120 HRS
29 MAR 1952 I WAS FLYING A T-6 HEADING APPROX NORTH AT APPROX 20
MILES NORTH OF MISAWA OVER THE COAST PD I WAS CLIMBING AT APPROX
130 MPH INDICATED AIRSPEED CMA ALTITUDE APPROX 6000 FT PD GCI WAS
RUNNING AN INTERCEPT ON ME WITH AN F-84 FLIGHT OF TWO PD CALL SIGN
OF THE F-84S WERE FROSTY MIKE 3 AND 4 PD I WATCHED THEM CLOSE
ON ME FROM ABOUT 7 O'CLOCK AROUND TO ABOUT 5:30 AND FROSTY MIKE 3
OVERTOOK ME PASSING STARBOARD APPROX 100 FT CMA AND APPROX 10 FT

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BELOW ME CMA TAKING MY NUMBER PD AS HE PULLED UP AHEAD OF ME AT
APPROX MY 3 O'CLOCK POSITION PD NEXT LOW CMA A FLASH OF REFLECTED
SUNSHINE CAUGHT MY EYE AT ABOUT MY 4 O'CLOCK POSITION PD THE OBJECT
WHICH HAD REFLECTED THE SUNSHINE WAS A SMALL SHINY DISC SHAPED
OBJECT WHICH WAS MAKING A PASS ON MIKE 3 PD IT CAME FROM SLIGHT
ABOVE HIM FROM APPROX 4 O'CLOCK AND FLEW APPROX A PURSUIT CURVE CMA
APPEARING TO OVERTAKE HIM AT AROUND 30 OR 40 MPH OVER HIS AIRSPEED
CMA WHICH I WOULD ESTIMATE AT APPROX 150 TO 160 MPH PD IT CAME
RAPIDLY AND JUST BEFORE FLYING INTO HIS FUSELAGE IT DECELERATED TO
HIS AIRSPEED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY PD IN DOING SO IT FLIPPED UP ON

OBJECT WHICH WAS MAKING A PASS ON ME 3 PD IT CLOSE FROM SLIGHT
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CMA WHICH I WOULD ESTIMATE AT APPROX 150 TO 160 MPH PD IT CLOSELY
RAPIDLY AND JUST BEFORE FLYING INTO HIS FUSELAGE IT DECELERATED TO
HIS AIRSPEED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY PD IN DOING SO IT FLIPPED UP ON
ITS EDGE AT APPROX 45 DEGREE BANK PD THEN IT FLUTTERED WITHIN 20 FT
OF HIS FUSELAGE FOR PERHAPS 2 OR 3 SECONDS CMA PULLED AWAY AND
AROUND HIS STARBOARD WING CMA APPEARING TO FLIP ONCE AS IT HIT THE
REARSTREAM BEHIND HIS WING THE FUEL TANK PD THEN IT PASSED HIM SMOOBN
CROSSED IN FRONT OF HIM AND PULLED UP ABRUPTLY CMA APPEARING TO
ACCELERATE AND SHOT OUT OF SIGHT IN A STEEP CMA ALMOST VERTICAL
CLIMB PD IT WAS ABOUT 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER CMA VERY THIN CMA ROUND
AND AS SHINY AS POLISHED CHROMIUM SMOOBN HAD NO APPARENT PROJECTIONS
CMA AND LEFT NO EXHAUST TRAILS OR VAPOR TRAILS PD AN UNUSUAL FLIGHT
CHARACTERISTIC WAS A SLOW FLUTTERING MOTION PD IT POKED BACK AND

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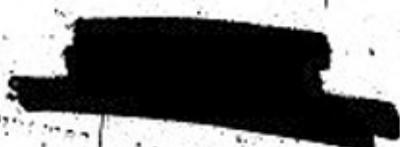
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FORTH AT APPROX 45 DEGREE BANKS CMA AT APPROX ONE SECOND INTERVALS
THROUGHOUT ITS COURSE PD IT WAS VERY THIN AND RESEMBLED A ROUND
PIECE OF SHINY SHEET METAL PD THE WEATHER WAS VERY GOOD PD I DO
NOT REMEMBER ANY CLOUDS THAT DAY PD DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS
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MAR 29, 1952 NORTH OF MISAWA, JAPAN (KEYHOE-1953 P 192) 1 WITNESS 00
LIEUTENANT DAVID C. BRIGHAM, A YOUNG AIR FORCE PILOT FROM ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT. 01
*AT 11:20 HOURS, MARCH 29, 1952, I WAS FLYING A T-6 NORTH OF MISAWA, GCI 02
WAS RUNNING AN INTERCEPT ON ME WITH A FLIGHT OF TWO F-84-S. ONE OF THEM 03
OVERTOOK ME, PASSING STARBOARD AT APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET, AND TEN FEET BELOW 04
ME. AS HE PULLED UP ABREAST, A FLASH OF REFLECTED SUNSHINE CAUGHT MY EYE. 05
THE OBJECT WHICH HAD REFLECTED THE SUNSHINE WAS A SMALL, SHINY DISC-SHAPED 06
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INTO HIS FUSELAGE, IT DECELERATED TO HIS AIR SPEED, ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY. 09
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THEN IT PULLED AWAY AROUND HIS STARBOARD WING, APPEARING TO FLIP ONCE AS IT 12
HIT THE SLIPSTREAM BEHIND HIS WING-TIP FUEL TANK. 13
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