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HEADQUARTERS
315TH AF BASE UNIT (RES TNG)
GODMAN FIELD, FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

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9 January 1948

At approximately 1300 hrs. a call came to this Headquarters from State Police, reporting a flying object near Elizabethtown. Another report came in from Madisonville about ten minutes later. A third call came in from Lexington, Kentucky. (All these towns are south of Godman Field).

We alerted the Tower to be on the lookout for flying objects. At 1445 hrs. the Tower notified us that an object had been sighted at about 215°. I went to the Tower and observed the object until 1550 hrs., when it disappeared behind the clouds.

The object observed could be plainly seen with the naked eye, and appeared to be about one-quarter the size of a full moon, white in color. Through eight-power binoculars, the object seemed to have a red border at the bottom, at times, and a red border at the top at times. It remained stationary for 1 1/2 hours.

When I arrived in the Tower, Tech. Sgt. Quinton Blackwell had contacted three P-51 airplanes over the field and suggested that they have a look if they had sufficient fuel. When I arrived, they were within sight of the tower, headed on a course of 215°.

I heard one of the pilots report that he saw the object straight ahead and estimated the speed of 180 M.P.H. The pilot stated that the object was very large and very bright.

/s/ Guy F. Hix
GUY F. HIX
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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JAMES F. DUESLER, JR.
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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 Jan 48** Incident # **33B**
2. Time **1445**
3. Location **Godman Fld, Ky**
4. Name of observer **Col Guy G. Hix**
5. Occupation of observer **Commanding Officer, Godman Fld**
6. Address of observer **Godman Fld, Ky.**
7. Place of observation **Control Tower, Godman Fld**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in-sight **5 minutes**
11. Altitude **25,000 +**
12. Speed **180 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **215° South to the west**
14. Tactics **Remained stationary for approx 1-1/2 hours**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **1/4 size full moon**
17. Color **white**
18. Shape **round**
19. Odor detected **N/Sⁿ**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Seemed at times to have a red border at the top and at the bottom**
22. Weather conditions **Clear**
23. Effect on clouds **None**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Behind a cloud**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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EXTRIC

At approx 1300 hrs State Police reported flying object near Elizabethtown. Ten minutes later sighted near Madisonville. A third call reported it over Lexington, (all south of Godman) Tower then alerted. Tower sighted object at 1445 and notified Col Hix who went immediately to tower where he observed the object thru 8-power binocs. Object also lined up with sighting bar. Three F-51 planes were already pursuing the thing on a course of 215°. (One pilot reported the thing to be traveling at 180 MPH) Col Hix reported the object appeared to the south and near the sun. "It was very white and looked like an umbrella," he stated. "I thought it was a celestial body but I can't account for the fact it didn't move." "I just don't know what it was." Appeared about 1/4 size of full moon and white in color. Thru the binocs it appeared to have a red border at the bottom at times and a red border at the top at times. It remained stationary (seemingly) for 1-1/2 hours.

RELIABILITY: CO of Godman Fld. Obj chased by National Guard planes and followed from the ground by State Highway patrolman. See corroborating accounts.

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