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A flight of four P-51 departed Marietta, Georgia at 1342 C direct to Standiford Field, Louisville, Kentucky. Captain Thomas Mantell was in the lead ship as flight leader.

The flight was off course slightly to the left and therefore came over Godman Field on a course of about 45 degrees. I, Lt. Robert K. Hendricks, flying in the number two position was on channel C as we had been the entire trip, when I noticed Captain Mantell was talking so I went over to channel B.

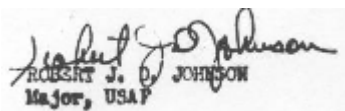
The only part of the conversation between Captain Mantell and Godman Field that I heard was as follows, "we would like for you to take a look at it, come over the field on a heading of 330° and we will try to guide you." Captain Mantell answered "Roger, I'll give you a call when I identify it."

Upon hearing this I requested permission to leave the flight to return to Standiford Field, the request was granted by Captain Mantell, I left the flight at approximately 1440 C and landed at t Standiford at 1501 C.

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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