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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

ENCLOSURE: 135

1. Date — Between 15th & 20th Aug 47
2. Time — 2130 MST
3. Location — Rapid City AF Base, Weaver, S.D.
4. Name of observer — Maj Elmer H. Hanner, USAF (AO-460144)
5. Occupation of observer — Intel Officer, 28th Bombardment Group (MR)
6. Address of observer — Rapid City AFBase, Weaver, S. D.
7. Place of observation — Weaver, S. D.
8. Number of objects — 12 (Approx)
9. Distance of object from observer — 4 miles
10. Time in sight — N/S
11. Altitude — 10,000 ft to approx 6,000 ft.
12. Speed — 500 MPH +
13. Direction of flight — Approached first from NW then turn to right and disappeared in SW
14. Tactics — tight diamond-shaped formation
15. Sound — no noise heard
16. Size — Length: 100+ ft estimate
17. Color — Yellowish-white - brilliant
18. Shape — Elliptical
19. Odor detected — N/S
20. Apparent construction — N/S
21. Exhaust trails — None
22. Weather conditions — Clear, no clouds, stars visible, wind, calm visibility 30+
23. Effect on clouds — none
24. Sketches or photographs — Sketches
25. Manner of disappearance — Disappeared on a SW heading
26. Remarks — There appears to be minor discrepancies as to speed and altitude in the report given verbally to Glasebrook and ltr to this Hq f/Maj Hanner

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HEADQUARTERS 28th Bombardment Wing (VH)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
Rapid City Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota

26 BGS 2350.09

1 July 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: PROJ. SIGN

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation No. 45-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 20, D. C., dated 19 February 1948, the following information is submitted for your information and guidance.

a. Flying Discs sighted over Rapid City Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota at 2130 MST between 15th and 20th of Aug 1947

b. Sky - clear; no clouds, stars visible; visibility 30+; wind - calm.

c. Name, occupation and address of witness:

Major Elmer H. Hamner, Jr. AO-46014
Intelligence Officer
28th Bombardment Group (VH)
Rapid City Air Force Base
Weaver, South Dakota

d. No photographs available

e. See Inclosure Number 1

f. Object sighted: Flying Discs

(1) Number: Twelve (12), (Approximate)

(2) Shape: Oval shaped

(3) Size: Length: One hundred plus (100+) feet (estimate)

(4) Color: Yellowish-white, brilliant

(5) Speed: Five hundred plus (500+) MPH.

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(6) Heading: Approached the base from the NW on a SE heading at 8 to 10,000 feet altitude; when at 5 to 6,000 feet and a mile or so West of the field, a turn to the right was made (by the entire formation) in a wide arc, and while turning began a climb at a 30° to 40° angle, accelerating very fast. Disappeared on a SW heading.

(7) Maneuverability: Very maneuverable; held a tight formation (all equally spaced) and remained so during all maneuvers.

(8) Altitude: Ten thousand (10,000) feet when first seen; descended to approximately six thousand (6,000) feet near the field.

(9) Sound: No sound whatsoever. (The night was very still and no aircraft engines were running or other noises to distract).

(10) Exhaust trail: No exhaust trail - unknown means of propulsion.

5. There is no doubt as to the existance of these sightings, but there is little substantiating evidence inasmuch as no other witnesses are known and no pictures could be taken. The objects sighted were visible only for approximately one (1) minute. Their form remained the same throughout the time observed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ELMER H. HANSKER, JR.
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

1 Incl.
1. Diagram of size and formation

Excerpt from R/R dated 5 July 1948 f/MCIAXO-3 to MCIAXO-4, Subj: "Interrogation" (Taken f/ Inc File No. 130)

"4. Contacted Major E. H. Hammer, Staff Intelligence Officer of the 28th Bomb Hq. stationed at Rapid City, AFB who is in charge of interrogation of all air crews of that Wing. Crew reports showed nothing of interest, however, Major Hammer stated that one evening between the 15 - 20 Aug 47 soon after dark he was sitting in the parking lot near the line area when he sighted approximately 12 objects flying a tight diamond shapped formation stocked down from the lead. They were approaching fromthe Northwest in a shallow descent, leveled off at approximately 5000 feet made a gentle, large radius turn of about 110° to the right about 4 miles from the observer and started climbing to the Southwest. The angle of attack was estimated to be between 30° - 40° and they appeared to accelerate rapidly in the climb. They appeared to be traveling between 300-400 miles per hour during the observed period. The objects were elliptical appearing in the plan view and appeared to be about the size of a B-29 in span. No estimate was made as to the aspect ratio but they didn't seem to appear unnaturally thick or thin compared to the overall configuration. There were no aircraft being run-up on the line at the time but no noise could be heard nor any exhaust trail or flame observed. No other light could be observed except that the whole object seemed to have a yellow white luminous glow. A report is being prepared by Major Hammer and will be forwarded to this Headquarters, Attention: Project Sign

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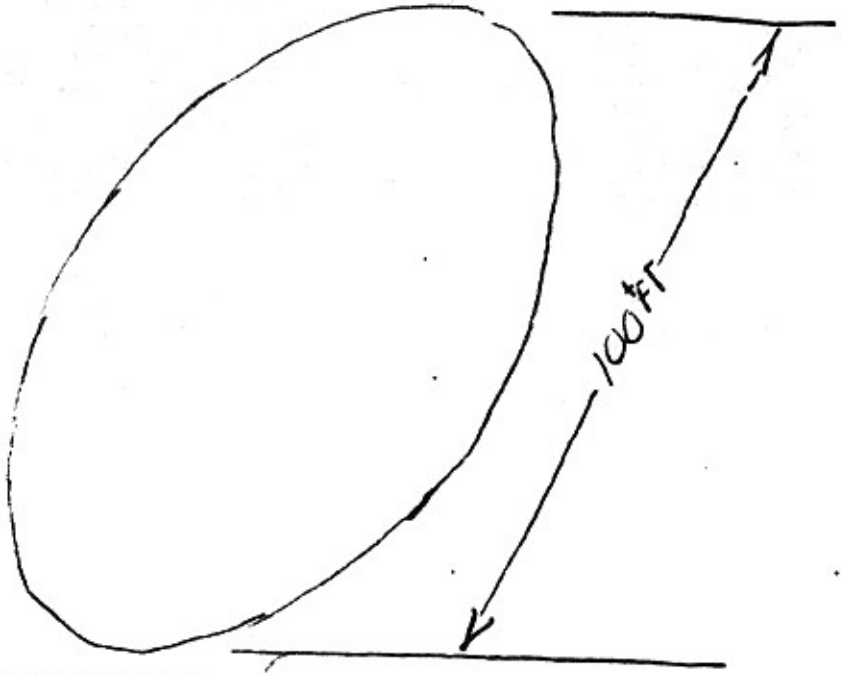
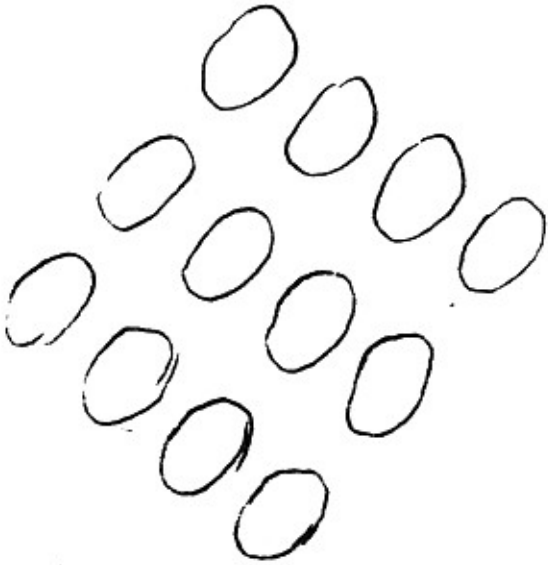
OBJECT CONFIGURATION



FORMATION PATTERN

Fig. 2



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AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER 1947 SIGHTINGS

INCIDENT NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
AUGUST				
	Aug	Milan, Italy (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
	DR Aug	Danforth, Illinois	Farmer (PHYSICAL S.)	Other (Hoax)
88	3 Aug	Hackensack, New Jersey	Casella	Insufficient Data
	4	Boston, Massachusetts	Powell, White	Astro (Sun Dog)
58	4	Bethel, Alaska	Johnston, Showalter	A/C
69,70	6	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
66	10	Silver Springs, Ohio	Walker	Astro (Meteor)
76	13	Salmon Dam, Idaho	Hawkins, Brown	A/C
75	13	Twin Falls, Idaho	Urie	Other (Atmospheric Wdy)
67	14	S. Placerville, California	Switzer	Astro (Meteor)
135	15-20	Weafer, South Dakota	AF Officer	UNIDENTIFIED (Balls)
64	19	Twin Falls, Idaho	Hedstrom	Other (Birds)
[redacted]	Late Aug	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Markley (RADAR)	Other (False Targets)
NONE	11 AUG	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	WALLACE	NONE
SEPTEMBER				
51	3	Oswego, Oregon	Dupui	UNIDENTIFIED
61,62	8	Logan, Utah	Anderson, Hall	Other (Birds)
59	12	Pacific Ocean (Necker I.)	Military Air	Astro (Meteor)
72	17	Ft Richardson, Alaska	Army Officer	Astro (Meteor)
18	20	Toronto, Canada	Not Stated	Other (Hoax)
OCTOBER				
179	Oct	San Francisco, California	Not Stated	Insufficient Data
	Oct	Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
71	8 or 9	Las Vegas, Nevada	Moore	Other (Contrails) A/C
	12	Mexico	Multi	Astro (Meteor)
34	13	Dauphin, Minnesota	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
37	14	Phoenix, Arizona	Clark	UNIDENTIFIED
19	20	Dayton, Ohio	Britton	A/C
20	20	Xenia, Ohio	Atkinson	A/C
NOVEMBER				
36	Nov	Boise, Idaho	CAA Observer	Insufficient Data
98	2	Houston, Texas	Brimberry	Astro (Meteor)
35	12	Cape Blanco, Oregon	Williamson	Astro (Meteor)
289	12	La Junta & Pueblo, Colorado	(CASE MISSING)	Insufficient Data
225	Late 1947	Vaughn, New Mexico	Hayes	Other (Flares)
DECEMBER	NOVE 23	DUKLA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA	FRANTISEK	NONE
132	12	Oslo, Norway	Rasmussen	Astro (Meteor)
51	13d Dec	Northern Arizona	Wood	Other (Contrails)
91, 95, 96, 97	30	Oregon, Nevada, California	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)