Incident [illegible]

[illegible] —	DATE [illegible] 27 Jan 49
[illegible] —	[illegible] Between Cortez and Braderton, Fla
[illegible] —	[illegible] AF Capt
[illegible] —	DATE [illegible] —
[illegible] 2320 EST	[illegible] —
[illegible] "Cucumber"	[illegible] 400 MPH
[illegible] 100' long	[illegible] Low to 40,000'
[illegible] to NW	[illegible] 25 to 30 min.
[illegible] 1	[illegible] Binoculars - ground
[illegible] None	[illegible] S and L with irregular ascent and descent.
— [illegible] Yes	Remarks: "Could see windows"
[illegible] Form [illegible]	

Unidentified

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena
Incident 252

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Proving Ground
Eglin Air Force Base
Eglin Field, Florida
ATTENTION: Office of Director of Intelligence

1. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed signed statements from Capt Haines and all other available witnesses of the aerial phenomena reported in your letter, subject "Information of 'Flying Discs'", no date.

2. Inclosed are three (3) copies of "Guide to Investigation", as an aid to the interviewing officer in obtaining the desired data.

3. It is particularly desired that the date of observation be noted.

4. All collected data should be forwarded directly to Commanding General, Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention: MCIAA-3.

BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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H. A. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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BRIEF: Ltr fr Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, subj: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, Incident 252, dtd 18 Feb 49.

1st Ind 35:GGD/sj

Office of Director of Intelligence, Hq Air Proving Ground, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 4 March 1949.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAXO-3.

Paragraph 1, 3, and 4 in basic communication complied with.

Herbert Blasey
for GEORGE G. DEVERALL
Lt Colonel USAF
Director of Intelligence

3 Incls
1 statement of Capt Sannes.
1 statement of Mrs Dorothy L. Sannes
1 sketch.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR PROVING GROUND
Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
Office of Director of Intelligence

SUBJECT: Information of "Flying Discs"

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. In compliance with USAF letters, "Reporting of information on "Flying Discs", dated 6 and 26 February 1948, classification "Restricted", the following report, received by this office 9 February 1949, is submitted:

a. Between Cortez and Bradentown, Florida, while driving west on Cortez Road, approximately 1½ miles west of the Highway 41 intersection; at exactly 2220 hours EST.

b. Weather: [illegible]AVU.

c. (1) Captain Hekerman Sannes, USAFR, [illegible]-2014630, presently assigned to 3200th [illegible] of Test Group, Aircraft Branch, (Acting Chief, A/C Br. Climatic Hangar), Air Proving Ground, Eglin AF Base; Capt Sannes has been a USAF officer since 1943 with assignments in aircraft engineering, test flight, and technical intelligence. He was assigned to Air Material Command, Intelligence Department, Air Documents Division, from December 1945 to September 1948.

(2) Dorothy, his wife; home-maker.

d. Photo [illegible] available.

e. Sketch attached as Incl No. 1.

f. (1) [illegible] separate observations, one [illegible]
(2) [illegible] sketch, Incl No. 1.
(3) "About length of two (2) [illegible]".
(4) Color indistinguishable, "lighted windows".
(5) Speed - "Approximately 400 to 500 mph".
(6) Observation 1: Exactly 2220 hrs [illegible], heading 0 degrees.
Observation 2: Approximately 2227 hrs [illegible], heading [illegible]

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180 degrees, turning gradually to heading of 270 degrees with observation lost due to height at exactly 2250 hrs EST.

(7) Observation 1: From approximately 8,000 ft a gradual descent until screened by tree tops.
Observation 2: Climbing erratically in "bounces of approximately 2,000 feet" with occasional rapid losses of altitude of approximately "4,000 feet"; resulting in overall climb and lost to view at an altitude of the order of 40,000 feet.

(8) As described above.

(9) Jet sound heard.

(10) Jet exhaust trail was observed.

6. General remarks:

Flying object appeared to be one (1) orizontal row of lighted windows. Both observations made with object approximately 6 to 11 miles distant over the Gulf of Mexico receding in accordance with second observation. During both observations, "sparks" and "flames" were observed (brighter colored than V-1 exhaust; pale red basically exceptionally bright at split-second intervals). Light in window more brilliant than the sparks or flames. At first observation, observer stopped car and discussed with wife. After object was lost to view, resumed driving and object reappearing on same course after about 2 miles of normal driving. On second sighting again encountered, sparks more pronounced and apparently pulsating at approximately ½ second intervals. Sparks appeared to be in an irregular pattern after turning to final course of approximately 270 degrees but mainly of an inverted "V" with sides at a 30 degree angle. Observer observed through 7 x 50 binoculars. Exact shape not discernible. Bouncing appeared to start after turn to final 270 degree course. While at Standard Oil Station in Bradentown the following morning before noon, observer heard a customer discussing "flying discs" but unable to state whether or not in reference to the sighting of the previous night.

2. Observer is mature, serious, disturbed by [redacted] and apparently reviewed all aspects of observations before reporting.

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Sketch

GEORGE G. DEVEREAUX
Lt Colonel [redacted]
Director of Intelligence

Copy Furnished:

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: The Director of Intelligence

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1. Date of Observation 27 Jan 49 Date of Interview 9 FEB 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2320 hours

3. Place of Observation :
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
From slow moving automobile, then from the ground

5. What attracted attention to object: Unusual size and brilliance

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i. e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Approximately the length of two pullman cars

8. Color of object: unusual brilliant light

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): a faint outline against the sky resembled the shape of a cucumber. Due to the darkness, this cannot be construed as to a positive statement.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): ~~About 10x~~ About 8 thousand feet when first observed.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): west to north west

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): About 8 to 10 miles

13. Direction of flight of object (s): Approached from south, going north, then reappeared coming in s southernly direction, then came to a westernly direction until lost to sight (with variations in altitudes).

14. Time in sight:
25 minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): approximately 400 miles per hour, with vertical ascent and descent at irregular intervals.

16. Sound and odor:
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.) pulsating similiar in color to the sparks from a buring log.

18. Luminosity (whether by reflection, incandescence, glow - degree of brilliance):

Brilliant, resembling row of lighted windows

19. Projections (fins, wings, rear, antennae, propellers, etc.):

None

20. Appearance (turns, blinks, glows, etc - duration of illumination):

See sketch, attached

21. Manner of disappearance: lost from view, due to distance

22. Effect on clouds: No clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: A bit unusual from anything I heretofore observed.

24. Meteor conditions at time of sighting: Clear

Name and address of observer: Eckerman Sannes, Capt, USAF, 3200 Climatic Test Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
Occupation and hobbies:

Officer, USAF. Hobbies: Farming

Name of witness to sighting, if any, and address of observer: (Civilian witnesses, police dept., military, employer, etc.):

See part 1 of original report

Did observer move, or could color be observed by movement of head, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

First observed object thru windshield of car, then thru binoculars from ground.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

[illegible] radars now operating on ground

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc. and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not discernible, how long did the target take in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of the target into several targets or disappearance:

d. Was radar blip on return very true, well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, [illegible] sighted:

a. [illegible] extraneous [illegible] radio circuits:

b. Give [illegible], etc.

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1. [illegible]

2. [illegible]

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