ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

REPORT NO. ---

DATE OF REPORT ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 2030 PST

SHAPE Sausage

SIZE 2 Fingers at Arms Length

COURSE North to South

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND ---

RADAR --- SKETCHES ---

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

DATE OF INFO 23 February 1949

LOCATION Sandberg Pass, California

SOURCE USAF Res. Pilot

DATE IN TO ATIC ---

COLOR ---

SPEED ---

ALTITUDE Approx 10,000'

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Over 40 Seconds

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial

MANEUVERS Made 360° turn and 180° turn.

other (misc)

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INCIDENT NO. 257

1. Date of Observation 23 Feb. 49 Date of Interview 27 Mar 47
2. Exact Time (local) ~~2030 PST~~
3. Place of Observation Sandberg Pass, California (40 miles South Bakersfield, California)
4. Position of observer Air (T-11)
5. What attracted attention to object. jet from tail.
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Size of index or third finger at arm-length
8. Color of object
9. Shape Jet propelled Blimp (Sausage Shaped)
10. Altitude 9,000 ft 20°
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) North to South
14. Time in sight 20 Sec.
15. Speed 500 MPH
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections Circled Plane in 360° and 180° turns
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object. ~~High then~~ scattered clouds 20,000 ft 10 miles visibility
24. Weather Conditions. 8 mph wing from South. Visibility to west 1 mile.

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Name and addre s of observer: [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies: [illegible] A.F.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

[redacted] Appeared to be honest young man, rather quiet & Reserved.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Summ:

Copy Lt [redacted] Statement attached to letter

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HEADQUARTERS 1st FIGHTER WING
March Air Force Base
March Field, California
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

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2 May 1949

SUBJECT: Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object

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

1. In compliance with 1st Indorsement to basic letter, File [redacted] 560.112, Subject: Information of Unidentified Flying Object, dated 1 March 1949, the following report of investigation is submitted:

a. 1st [redacted], [redacted] Air Force Reserve Pilot, stationed with 703d Air Reserve Unit, Fresno State Teachers College, Fresno, California, was interrogated and submitted a written statement concerning his observation of an unfamiliar flying object. This observation was made in the vicinity of Sandberg Pass, forty (40) miles South of Bakersfield, California, at approximately 2030 PST, 25 February 1949. No other persons were found who had witnessed the flight of this object. Guide to investigation of unidentified aerial objects, which was furnished this office by Air Materiel Command, was used during the interrogation.

b. Lt [redacted] a student of Industrial Arts at Fresno State Teachers College, Fresno, California, appeared to be an earnest young man, rather quiet and reserved, with no particular aptitude for self-expression. He is regarded as sober and respectable and enjoys a good reputation among his associates, in the school. In the opinion of the Investigating Officer, Lt [redacted] would have neither the inclination nor the ability to construct this report in a wild flight of fancy.

c. Lt [redacted] was first interviewed on 22 March 1949. He reported that at the time of the observation he had been seated in the left pilots seat of a B-11 aircraft, flying the return leg of a round robbin cross country proficiency flight from Fresno Air Terminal to Los Angeles and return. The object which he observed was roughly

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sausage shaped in that both the forward and trailing ends resembled a B-29 nose. The object was on a heading approximately North to South and approached [redacted] aircraft from 12 o'clock, at which time he made his first observation. The object disappeared to the rear of the T-11 and then apparently it made a 360° turn around it as [redacted] made his second observation approximately fifteen (15) seconds later when the object appeared to his right and made a 180° turn in front of him, again disappearing to the rear. The total length of time for both of these observations was approximately twenty (20) seconds. The weather at the time was reported to be high thin scattered clouds at 20,000 feet, vaby 10 miles. Temperature was 36, dew point 34, with a wind from the South at about eight (8) miles per hour. Vaby to the west was one (1) mile, with fog ceiling due to scattered stratas. Weather conditions were rapidly changing at the time. The object appeared at about 20° above the observers horizon. Its size in comparison to the hand held at an arms length from the face was about that of the index and third finger. The object had no definite color and no luminosity. There were no projections observed. There appeared to be no effect on clouds in the vicinity and [redacted] asserts that his attention was drawn to the object by the glow of a propulsion jet from the objects tail. Interrogation of experienced jet pilots reveal that at night no jet glow is visible unless observed from exactly behind the aircraft, looking right up the tail pipe. [redacted] co-pilot was in the back of the T-11 at the time of the observation and saw nothing of the object. [redacted] attempted to contact another pilot flying a similar mission who was approximately ten (10) minutes behind him to ask him to watch for the object. [redacted] was answered by an unidentified voice over the radio whom he believed to be the pilot he was calling. Upon landing however, he discovered that although the other pilot had received his message he had not been able to contact [redacted] because of the interference created by the unidentified person answering [redacted] call. The other pilot likewise observed nothing of the object.

d. It will be noted that the original report of this incident was sent to Air Material Command from March Flight Service Center. Investigation revealed that March Flight Service Center was informed of the occurrence by a report from Los Angeles Control Center. This Control Center probably received its information from one (1) or more of four (4) Radio Range Stations in the vicinity. These are the Bakersfield Radio, Lancaster Radio, Newhall Radio or Los Angeles Radio. It is believed that it was the operator on duty at one of these range Stations that answered Smiths call, although he did not identify himself and no information of a more definite nature could be obtained.

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e. The following installations, both commercial and military in this area, were interrogated as to the possibility of any jet aircraft flights originating from their stations at the approximate time of the observation.

(1) Muroc Air Force Base, California
(2) Point Mugu USNAMTC, Point Mugu, California
(3) El Toro MCAS, Santa Ana, California
(4) Inyokern USNAMTC, Inyokern, California
(5) Hamilton Air Force Base, California
(6) 52nd Fighter Wing, Metropolitan Airport, Van Nuys, California
(7) 196th Fighter Sq, San Bernardino AAB, California
(8) U.S. Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, California
(9) Lockheed Aircraft Corp, Burbank, California
(10) North American Aviation Inc, Inglewood, California
(11) Base Operations, this station
(12) 1st Fighter Group, this station
(13) 67th Tac Reconnaissance Wing, this station

All of this correspondence was answered and regarding the origin of any jet flights that could possibly have been in the area of the observation at the time the observation was made, was negative.

f. No radar sightings of the object were reported.

William R. Crooks

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Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

2 Incls:
1. Pilot's Statement
2. Cy S.O. 54, appointing Investigating Officer

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DMZ 360.112 1st Ind MCIAXS/GWT/aw

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S/Sgt Elmer E Clay AF6 520 012
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AUTH: Ltr AGS AAF, file 1J 253/32, Subj: "Transfer of General Prisoners", dtd 24 Dec 48.

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TO: Commanding General,
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ATTENTION: MCIAIC-3.

1. In accordance with letter, Headquarters, USAF, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'," dated 8 February 1949 and Flight Service Regulation 200-4, the following information of unidentified flying object is forwarded as received by March Flight Service Center from Air Route Traffic Control, Los Angeles.

a. 1st Lt. [redacted], pilot of Air Force 7348, T-11 on a round robin flight from Fresno Air Terminal, California to Los Angeles and return, reported that he was circled by a jet propelled blimp while over Sandberg Pass, about 40 miles south of Bakersfield, California at 2030 P, 28 February 1949. The speed of the object was estimated at 500 MPH, flying at an altitude of nine thousand feet. The object then disappeared on a heading of 180°.

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c. No other information of object's size, shape, speed, or color, is available.

RALPH A. REEVE,
Lt. Colonel, USAF,
Commanding.

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Cpl James R McNeely AF19 245 222

AUTH: Ltr AGS 4AF, file IJ 253/32, Subj: "Transfer of General Prisoners", dtd 24 Dec 48.

6. T/Sgt Milton F McGahee AF6 359 922 WM/USAF, 1st Instls Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st AB Gp this sta is auth to ration separately eff 17 Mar 49. Confirming VOCO.

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HQ 1ST FTR WG, MARCH AF BASE, CALIF, SO 54 dtd 18 Mar 49.

7. The fol named EM WM/USAF, orgn's indicated this sta having reenl in the AF dates indicated, for periods indicated, are auth reenl lv as indicated, eff dates indicated, and MT to destinations indicated. Upon compl of lv EM will report to proper orgn and sta.

T/Sgt Milton F McGahee AF6 359 922 1st Instls Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st AB Gp, enl 17 Mar 49 for an indef period, auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 25 Mar 49, address: 835 Vermont Street, Bangor, Maine.

S/Sgt Albert F Schneider AF36 233 493 1st Sup Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st M & S Gp, enl 17 Mar 49 for an indef period, auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 22 Mar 49, address: 2223 West Garfield Ave, Milwaukee, Wisc.

S/Sgt Lawrence Burgher AF35 469 360 1st Sup Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st M & S Gp, enl 17 Mar 49 for an indef period, auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 22 Mar 49, address: Ashland, Maine.

S/Sgt Lewis B Thompson AF19 059 348 12th Tac Rcn Sq (PJ) 67th Tac Rcn Gp, enl 18 Mar 49 for 3 yrs, auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 21 Mar 49, address: 9117-217th St., Queens Village, New York.

In accordance with Par 56 AFR 173-5 the FD this sta will pay in adv the prescribed mon alws in lieu of T a/r of five (05¢) cents per mile fr March AF Base, Calif, to destinations indicated and return.
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AUTH: AR 600-115 and AF Ltr 35-114.

8. MAJ 9301 WILLIAM R CROOKS AO-404 011 WM/USAF, Hq & Hq Sq 1st Ftr Wg this sta is aptd investigating Officer to investigate occurrence per auth CG, AMC, contained in 1st Ind to Letter, Subj? "Information of Unidentified Flying Object", File: DMZ 360.112, fr March Flight Sv Center this sta dated 1 Mar 49.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DAVIDSON:

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INCIDENT NO. 257

1. Date of Observation 28 Feb 49 Date of Interview 21 Mar 47
2. Exact time (local) 2030 PST
3. Place of Observation Sandberg Pass, Calif (40 miles South Bakersfield Calif)
4. Position of observer Air (T-11)
5. What attracted attention to object - Jet from tail
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Size of index at third finger at arm length
8. Color of object
9. Shape Jet Propelled Blimp (Sausage Shaped)
10. Altitude 9,000 ft 20°
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) North to South
14. Time in sight 20 Sec.
15. Speed 500 MPH
16. Sound and Odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Circled Plane in 360° & 180° turns
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather conditions High thin scattered clouds 20000 ft 10 miles Visibility 8 MPH wing from South Visibility to west 1 mile

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1 - 28 FEBRUARY SIGHTINGS 1949

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
5	South Parkersburg, West Virginia	Varnok	Astro (METEOR)
6	12.30N - 18.10W (Carribean)	McBride	BALLOON
7	Godman AFB, Kentucky	Multiple	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
10	Dayton, Ohio	Military	Astro (METEOR)
11	Curling East, Newfoundland	Wells, Byrns (PHOTOS)	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
14	Easto Canado Mission, Arizona	Salsbury	INSUFFICIENT DATA
17	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Multiple	AIRCRAFT
17	Sandia Base, New Mexico	Mitchell	Astro (METEOR)
19	Goose Bay, Labrador (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	
23	Sandberg Pass, California	Military	Other (MIRAGE)
25	Little Rock, Arkansas	Winchester	Balloon
27	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CASE MISSING)	Military	
28	Chicago, Illinois	Korsey	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCES	OBSERVER