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ATIC NO. ---

AF NO. ---

SOURCE NO. Army Letter

DATE OF REPORT 24 March 1950

TIME OF [illegible] 1630 CST

SHAPE Round or Octagonal

SIZE Very small

COLOR SE to SW

NO. OBJECTS 6 to 12

SOUND —

RADAR — VISUAL —

DATE OF OBS 17 March 1950

LOCATION Little Rock, Ark.

OBSERVER Private Pilot

DATE TO ATIC —

WEATHER Dark

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ALTITUDE High

DURATION OF TIME [illegible] 2 Min.

TYPE OF CONTRAIL Aerial

MANEUVERS Sudden turn of about 90°

Observed at bearing of 300° at elevation of 30°. First appeared to be large a/c then looked like formation of F-51s, however source didn't think it was an F-51.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
Office of the AC of S, G-2
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

000.9 AKADB-I 24 March 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

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

The following report(s) re unidentified aerial phenomena observed at Little Rick, Arkansas on date and time indicated, forwarded for your information:

OBSERVER	DATE	TIME
Mr. [redacted]	17 March 1950	1630

Adams Field
Little Rock, Arkansas

Exhibit referred to in inclosure has been withdrawn.

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As stated

for GEORGE A. A. JONES
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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GSC [illegible] 21 AM 1:31

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 5051

1. Date of observation 17 Mar 1950 Date of Interview 20 March 1950
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1630
3. Place of observation: Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas
   (Map Coordinates) 34 degrees, 44 minutes - 72 degrees, 15 minutes.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
   500 feet in air in plane preparing to land (in traffic pattern)
5. What attracted attention to object: Watching for other aircraft when preparing to land.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: 6 to 12
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Unknown because of great distance away
8. Color of object: Black or dark against setting sun
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Round or octagonal (First appeared to be a large plane, then turned from SE to SW and appeared like a formation of P-51s, but not shaped like P-51).
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
    30° angle of elevation from zero.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): 300°
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): approximately 10 to 15 miles
13. Direction of flight of object (s): First observed flying southeast, then turned to southwest.
14. Time in sight: Approximately 2 minutes.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Unknown
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): No reflection
19. Projections (fins, wings, reds, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Manouvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): Sudden turn from southeast to southwest at about 90°.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Made turn in plane and lost sight of objects when wing blocked view.

22. Effect on clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object: Objects were silhouetted against the setting sun.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: CAVU - Clear

25. Name and address of observer: Mr. [redacted], Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas

Occupation and hobbies: Flight Operator (Hobby: flying)

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)
Observer is 50 years old; has one year college education; has been flying for 25 years; has 20-20 vision without glasses; enjoys a good reputation; is sincere and honest and reliable **

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No glasses were worn by observer. Objects were viewed through a plexiglass windshield of airplane.

** according to three persons who have known him for some years, and work at Adams Field.

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Relative to Radar Sightings **NOT APPLICABLE**

1. Re 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 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed.

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach.

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube 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, when object was sighted:

   a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits?

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions : **See attabhed EXHIBIT**

2. Winds aloft report: **See attached EXHIBIT**

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in questibn: **See attached EXHIBIT**

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private, and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
   (Check Canadain activity if close to border.) **No commercial planes, or private planes scheduled to land or take off during period mentioned. Planes could possibly pass overwithout planning to land, without Adams Field having a flight schedule on them.**

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4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and tract of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any others.

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5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.
Not applicable

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

a. Object **None**

b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed **Objects were 10 - 15 miles away - exact terrain unknown.**

c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened).
Not applicable

d. Maneuvers **Object made a 90° turn from southeast to southwest.**

e. Formation (if more than two)
Observer was not sure of formation.

7. Secure signed statements.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. **Not applicable.**

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The following information was obtained from the Operations Officer, 154th Fighter Squadron, Adams Field (Ark National Guard):
(1) At 1649 hours, 17 March 1950, a "T-6" plane, AF No. 5948, arrived from Waco, Texas, which is southwest of Adams Field.
(2) At 1650 hours, 17 March 1950, a "T-7" plane, AF No. 1153, arrived from Hot Springs, Ark., which is southwest of Adams Fld.
(3) At 1545 hours, 17 March 1950, an "L-17" NG No. 1369, arrived out of Pine Bluff, Ark., wich is southeast of Adams Fld.
(4) At 1519 hours, 17 March 1950, a "C-45" plane No. AF 5685, left Adams Field flying east to Ft Knox, Kentucky.

NOTE: Mr. [redacted] stated at the time he sighted the objects, he called Mr. Thomas Tanner (a student in the plane with him), and Tanner glanced around, but not long enough to see anything. Tanner, according to Mr. Bradford, has never soloed and was attempting to land the plane, and had his hands full.

Mr. [redacted], student pilot, Bradford Air Service, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas, stated in an interview on 20 March 1950 that he could not honestly say that he saw the objects Mr. [redacted] reported. He stated that he had all of his attention concentrated on landing the plane at the time.

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