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US [illegible]
[illegible] Student Co.

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PVT R. E. RIDINGER

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Preparing Office: ACofS, G2, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

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MEIER stated that these 12 unconventional aircraft displayed great maneuverability, excessive high speeds and the same characteristics as the two objects reported earlier on that date.

At approximately 1523 hours on 1 July 1952, Agent de BAUN contacted Mr. KILPATRICK and reported this latest incident. Mr. KILPATRICK questioned the reported altitude and requested agent de BAUN to verify the information with Mr. MEIER. He further requested Agent de BAUN to contact Col. PIPER.

Agent de BAUN recontacted MEIER and was reassured by him that the estimated altitude of these unconventional aircraft was from 40 to 50 thousand yards. Agent de BAUN then contacted Col. PIPER and was advised by him that the Air Force would immediately investigate the reported presence of these unconventional aircraft in the vicinity of Fort Monmouth.

AGENT's NOTE: During the period covered by this report, the weather was clear, visibility excellent, with an exceedingly high ceiling with few visible clouds.

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CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS REGARDING THE SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL OBJECTS OVER FORT MONMOUTH ON JULY 1, 1952 AND WITNESSED BY 12 STUDENTS.

1. 0920 As I was walking past the radar vans, Pfc's Smith and Hartlauer reported that several students besides themselves were seeing strange objects in the sky directly overhead. They noticed these objects after first observing the vapor trails and maneuverings of many planes overhead at a range of about 29,000 yards. This was not seen by me.

2. 0925 I immediately questioned Smith and Hartlauer and after noticing their seriousness, gathered together all who reportedly saw the objects and took them into my office in Bldg. 900.

3. 0927 I called Mr. Shelden De Baum at Security and Intelligence and reported that several high speed and highly maneuverable objects were seen overhead in the vicinity of other aircraft. These objects were seen to move south and the entire situation was witnessed by 12 men. This was as per orders regarding any unusual observed sky observations.

4. 0930 I reported the identical same incident to Capt. Mikulas in the Radar Division Headquarters, Bldg. 913.

5. 0935 I immediately began taking names and statements from all who were involved in the incident.

6. 0938 Mr. Shelden De Baun called back and reported that he had contacted Macguire Air Force Base and that Macguire had planes over this area but that was all they could tell him.

7. 0942 Capt Mikulas and CWO Dickerson came to my office in Bldg. 900 and questioned the students who saw the object. Capt Mikulas then ordered all x students involved to make individual signed statements.

8. 0943-1034 Students prepared their statements.

9. 1105 The complete report was submitted to Capt Mikulas, read by Lt. Col. Dunbar, and then handed to Sgt Major Meag for typing.

Norman J. Meier

Submitted by: NORMAN J. MEIER
Civilian Instructor
Bldg. 900
SCR 584 Section

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REPORT OF UNUSUAL OBSERVATION

LOCATION Radar Park Bldg 900 DATE 1 July 1952

WEATHER Clear, Mild, Bright

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT SCR-584

RADAR OBSERVATION

TIME	0840	0907½	0915	1006
AZIMUTH	Overhead	Overhead	Overhead	Overhead
ELEVATION	"	"	"	"
RANGE-YARDS	12,000 29,000	27,000	27,000	Visual Only
HEADING	North to South	North to South	North to South	North to South
SPEED	2-3 that of a jet	2-3 that of a jet	3-4 that of a jet	4 that of a jet
MANEUVERS	Highly	Highly	Highly	Straight Line

VISUAL OBSERVATION

Number 2

Speed 2-4 times jet speed

Maneuverability Highly - at angles

Altitude 12000 - 29000

Exhaust Trail None

Object Sighted Shiny and round

Shape Flat or cylindrical

Color Mettalic

Heading Toward South

Sound None

Photographed No

WITNESSES

NAME 12 Men - Attached Sheets

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US 56 095 502
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STATEMENT OF: PFC Martinelli

We happened to be looking at jet planes and accidently seen a white disc in the air about 20,000 feet. The disc seem to be still then when at a terrific speed towards the south. We then took the speed of the disc compare with the jets and it seem to be that the disc was going about 3 times faster than the jets. We then reported it to Mr. Miers.

Mr. Miers then asked us questions about it, he then told some of us men to go back and see if we could see any more of them. I then came back and got a polaroid from one of the MPC. I kept looking for one about ten minutes and then seen one come from the north going towards the south. The disc seem to be going at a terrific speed much greater than a jet plane. This happed at 1007.

PFC. Augustus Martinelli

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STATEMENT OF: Pvt Carroll H. Bush Jr.

1 July 1952

While watching airplanes maneuvering I noticed an object almost directly overhead. At first I thought it was a star and I called it to the attention of my classmates as such. They also saw it and then I noticed that it appeared to be a highly polished metallic object reflecting light. It appeared to be round but I could not determine whether it was flat or sperical. While watching this my eye was attracted by a moving circular object of approximately the same size and altitude. It did not appear as bright as the first object. It appeared to be moving at approximately the speed of a jet plane but I noticed it was constantly accelerating and continued to accelerate as it moved off toward the South. The most striking thing was that it appeared to be accelerating until it disappeared at an angle of apprex. 30° above the horizon. As for an estimation of speed I would say it was going 5 times as fast as a jet plane when it disappeared. This took place at 0840 hours. Two of my classmates also it. The rest of the boys were watching the stationary object so it was not the same one. I am also certain it was not an airplane because of its acceleration and speed. I also noticed that it left no vapor trail which I believe was due to the fact that it was above the jet planes and the water vapor in the atmosphere.

Carroll H. Bush Jr.

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PVT CARROLL H. BUSH JR.

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STATEMENT OF: Donald R. Hartlauer

I was inside our assigned radar van listening to the comments of some of the other students who were outside watching jet planes in the sky. When Bush commented that he could see a star shining overhead. This aroused my curiosity to go out and see it. As we watched this gleaming object we perceived a slight southeasterly movement of it. I took my eyes off it for a moment and looked again as Bush said that it's taking off. It was no longer where I had previously seen it and I was unable to pick it up again visually as Bush traced it's rapid path southwaor to the horizon.

Approximately 13 minutes later we estimated the time that we'd first seen the object to be 8:40 by my watch.

I continued watching the sky for other objects and it was at 9:07.5 that I spotted another identical-looking object moving swiftly from the time I'd first spotted it to the South. This one was perhaps a little lower than the first. I traced it from approximately overhead nearly to the horizon created by a near-by building, with a rolled-up sheet of paper to be better able to see it. Before it reached this horizon it was indetectable to my eyes.

Estimation of altitude or speed is too difficult to judge without an idea of the size of the objects.

This second object appeared to wobble very gracefully at the same time it sped forward - similar to a paper plate in a strong wind, though I could detect no spinning movement. The wobbling effect was manifest by the shinning surface. It would become darker on one side and then differ-ence in light would shift to other side.

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At 9:15, by my watch, I followed a third similar shining object which followed the same general, or possibly identical path, southward as

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STATEMENT OF: PVT DONALD R. HARTLAUER (Cont'd)

the first two. It went about the same speed and must have been at the same altitude because I lost it at the same position in relation to the horizon, thru my piece of rolled paper.

Donald R. Hartlauer

PVT. DONALD R. HARTLAUER

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STATEMENT OF: Elecito Nadalin

At approximately 1007 I saw a white or silver object in the air which appeared to be a round ball which soon disappeared. Then about 30 seconds later I saw the same object. This time I kept my eyes on it to follow its direction. It was traveling south. It seemed to gain a little altitude and then it began to travel at a terrifically high speed in the direction of south. It traveled faster than anything I ever saw. It's app roximate height or speed I cannot determine because I did not know the size of it. All I know is that it was definitely round and shinny. At whatever height it was, it disappeared faster than any jet that I have seen fly at low altitudes.

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PVT. ELECITO NADALIN

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STATEMENT OF: Pvt David M. Hall

1 July 1952

From an MPG antenna tower I saw what at first appeared to be a silver ball hanging in space directly above my head. It seemed to be higher than jet planes that were flying around then. The object hovered there apparently motionless for about a minute then moved sharply to the right. (south), appearing to revolve, then darted north, too fast for my eye to follow, then just disappeared as if it elevated out of sight.

David M. Hall

PVT. DAVID M. HALL

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STATEMENT OF: PVT. ARTHUR M. DARBIE

1 July 52

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While observing unusual jet vapor trails with other radar students I heard one remark, "Look at the star." Unwilling to believe that he (Pvt Bush) could see a star in the sky during broad daylight, (cloudless blue sky), I had Pvt. Bush direct me until I could see the object also, which indeed did closely approximate the luminous qualities of a star. At first it seemed motionless, but when I placed my head in a fixed position and lined up the object with the top of the radar van, I could detect a slight movement of the object within what appeared to be a small area. I could not determine whether the object was merely one, or perhaps of several smaller objects. This inability was due to the minuteness of the object (or objects) and its reflective quality. Suddenly the object moved from its relatively stationary position directly overhead, and moving very rapidly disappeared to the south.

I have has very little experience estimating aircraft speed or altitude. I can only say that the object moved much more quickly than the jets and I would estimate its altitude to be in excess of two miles.

Arthur M. Darbie

PVT. ARTHUR M. DARBIE
US 52 091 493

Time of observance 0840 hours, 1 July 52

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STATEMENT OF: Pvt J. Gacek

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While searching for targets on our 584 we picked up several moving targets almost directly overhead - Range 10,000 - 15,000 yds and shifting about in azimuth;time was about 0930 hrs.

Several minutes later we picked up and tracked a similar target slightly north and east of out location at between 29,000 and 30,000 yds - not moving considerably in Az. or El.

Pvt J. Gacek

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STATEMENT OF G. D. SMITH

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While working on the MPG my crew noticed several planes laying vapor trails or smoke screens. While trying to discern which of the two it was, smoke screens or vapor from engines, one of the fellows said "Look at the star." So looking directly overhead I saw what appeared to be a large star. By sighting along a fixed object I determined that it was moving slightly perhaps to the west or south west.

As I watched it intently for approximately 5 minutes it progressed at the same slow rate of speed, then as I watched it seemed to revolve or wobble so that I lost sight completely, still not having moved hardly at all.

I did not witness the object which moved out so rapidly as was witndssed by most of the class - there must have been two of them near the same azimuth.

Gordon D. Smith

PVT. G. D. SMITH

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STATEMENT OF: Private Frederic A. Pirumian

On July first 1952, I was working with an AN/MPG-1 Radar set, in the Radar Area at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

At approximately 8:40 A.M. I stepped out of the set (trailer) to go up the tower. As I looked up I saw planes maneuvering overhead, there were at least 8 of them, high enough to leave vapor trails, planes at such altitude always attract my attention as I was trying to figure out what they were doing. After a moments observation I resumed climbing the tower. When I reached the tower a friend of mine was already there looking to the sky, many more down on the ground were beginning to get interested. It is then that I saw a shinny object high in the air, when I detected the above mentioned it was definitely but slowly swaying from right to left, for about 2 or 3 seconds, as I took my eyes off it I lost sight of it, my friend still had his eyes on it, I asked him to point it to me, using the edges of the antenna as a gun sight method, he did, and immediately I saw it. It was then in my opinion at a complete standstill. I am sure of that fact because I still was sighting it with the antenna, which was also still. After at least one (1) minute, this object started moving, slowly but smoothly, there was no jerks about it, I looked at it amazed, as I couldn't understand how a thing in a standstill position could start moving, at first I had thought, it might have been a balloon. This motion forward, in a direction from North to South, increased in speed till it reached an incredible velocity, I followed it as long as I could, but then lost it in the sky. The trajectory had a very slight curve to it. The sky was very clear, without any clouds.

One of the facts that made me positive this thing was unusual, is that as it started accelerating its path cross at a extremely slight

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STATEMENT OF: Private Frederic A. Pirumian (Cont'd)

angle that of a plane, which gave the impression that they were flying in the same direction. I would say that plane was going very fast, but this object's acceleration was tremendous, it made the plane seem to stand still.

To the best of my ability, I would describe it as being round in shape, clean looking, and shinny it stood very neat in the sky. There was no blurred edges about it, or anything in my line of sight.

The two outstanding features of this experience, were:

1. the wobling motion, and standstill of the object.
2. the acceleration, I fortunately had the presence of the antenna edge, and the plane to compare it with.

I am also sure it was maneuvering at a higher altitude than that of the planes.

Frederic A. Piroumian

PRIVATE FREDERIC A. PIROUMIAN

Pvt. F. A. Piroumian

July 1, 1952

10:30 AM

Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey

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