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Wichita, Kansas

Intelligence Section, [illegible] Flying
[illegible], Wichita Muni Aprt, Wichita, Kansas

15 August 1952

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Major John J. Ford, Intelligence Officer

Mr. Eugene W. Douglas and Mr. James [illegible] Ross, Employed at Wichita Muni Aprt

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SUMMARY: Mr. Douglas and Mr. Ross, employees in the [illegible] shops, Wichita Municipal Airport, Wichita, Kansas, reported sighting a round, white, saucerlike object which appeared in the Northwest, made good a course to a point over Cessna Aircraft Factory which is about one mile from where the observers were, hovered 10-15 seconds and then took off to the Southeast. There was no noise or vapor trail.

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Description of Object: Object appeared to be very bright, whitish in color and circular in shape. Observers say that it was definitely round and that it was flat on the bottom. Object moved from Northwest to Southeast at an altitude of twenty to twenty-five thousand feet and at a terrific rate of speed (exact miles per hour observers unable to estimate). Object hovered overhead of observers for a period of 10-15 seconds. There was no noise, sound, or vapor trails. When first sighted object was approximately at a 50° angle to the Northwest and never did exceed an angle of 80°. Object hovered over Cessna Aircraft Factory which is in the near vicinity.

Time of Sighting: Object sighted at 1235 hours. Object in sight approximately five minutes.

Manner of Observation: Visually from the ground. No optical or electronic equipment used.

Location of Observers: Both observers were located at 37°38'N - 97°16'W. They were outside the Base Shops which are adjacent to the Terminal Building of the Wichita Municipal Airport.

Identifying Information of Observers: Both observers have been on flight status with the Air Force, were on the Berlin Airlift and are familiar with aircraft.

Atmospheric Conditions: The weather at 1228 on 29 July was clear sky, 92° temperature, dewpoint 66°, wind from SW at 10 miles per hour, altimeter 9.97, and visibility was 15 miles plus. (Checked with Base Weather)

Meteorological Conditions: None

Existence of Physical Evidence: None

Interception or Identification Action Taken: None

Location of Air Traffic in General Area: at 1235 hours on 29 July there was no military traffic in the air from this base. The T-33's did not start flying until 1447 hours and the B-47's were grounded for a major inspection, however, a check with Boeing Aircraft Company uncovered the fact that they were test-hopping two aircraft during the period of sighting by the observers.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The reliability of the observers is unknown and the information cannot be checked. However, both men have been with the Air Force either as airmen or civilians for the past eight years. These men work around jet aircraft since this base has T-33's and B-47's assigned. They work near the Municipal Airport Terminal Building and close to Cessna Aircraft Factory. This affords them the opportunity to see almost every type of military or civilian aircraft which is now current. These men probably did see some object and should have been able to identify either a B-47 or T-33.

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29 JULY 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
29	Osceola, Wisconsin	Multiple (PHOTO) FILM	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Langley AFB, Virginia	Moore	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Otis AFB, Massachusetts	Bailey, Leitner	BALLOON
29	Chico, California (CARD MISSING)	Eatum	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Atlanta, Georgia (CARD MISSING)	Kelly	BALLOON
29	Red Bluff, California (CARD MISSING)	Anderson	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Albuquerque, New Mexico	LeCompte	INSUFFICIENT DATA
29	Merced, California (CARD MISSING)	Mitchell	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Wichita, Kansas (CARD MISSING)	Douglas, Hess	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Miami, Florida (CARD MISSING)	Frazier	AIRCRAFT
29	Miami, Florida (CARD MISSING)	Mayher	
29	Dallas, Texas (CARD MISSING)	Werner	
29	Detroit, Michigan (CARD MISSING)	Stoneburgh	AIRCRAFT
29	United States (CARD MISSING)	Slowinski, Halfenbein	AIRCRAFT
29	Negro Mountain, Grantsville, Maryland	Haskin	AIRCRAFT
29	Napo, California (CARD MISSING)	Gould	AIRCRAFT
29	Hickam AFB, Hawaii (CARD MISSING)	McGown	BALLOON
29	Ennis, Montana	Boden	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Otis AFB, Massachusetts	Leitner	BALLOON
CASE ([redacted] MISSING)			
29	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Multiple	Other (PAPER IN WIND)
29	Montague, California (CARD MISSING)		
29	Palm Beach, Florida (CARD MISSING)	Foulk	Astro (METEOR)
29	New Mexico (CARD MISSING)	Walker AFB	
29	Ashiya AB, Japan	Bell	Other (SEARCHLIGHTS)

ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS REPORTED (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
29	Englewood, New Jersey	Green 164, Banks (PHOTO)	

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