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PITTSBURGH, KANSAS SIGHTING

At 1735CST, 25 August 1952, one William Squyers sighted an unknown object hovering over a field outside of Pittsburgh, Kansas. According to the source, the object was approximately 70' in length and 12' high and had the appearance of an airfoil. A number of windows were observed and the source stated that he distinctly saw a man inside who seemed to control the object. It had a dull aluminum color, rather a weathered look, the windows were blue, becoming darker blue as time passed. Around the perimeter small propellers were seen, each of a 12" diameter. These were rotating and in a vertical position. The object appeared to be oscillating with a rocking motion 12' above the ground and lay generally in a north-south position.

Squyers was proceeding along U.S. highway 160 on his way to work traveling south and was approximately 8 miles from Pittsburgh. After he sighted the phenomenon, he stopped his car and ran towards the field where it hovered. He approached to within a distance of 150' whereupon it took off straight upward and made a whinning noise which he described as similar to the sound of a covey of quail being flushed.

Background information on Squyers:

Works for local radio station KOAM and is considered extremely reliable by his employer and fellow employees. Squyer is a professional singer. He has a poor educational background, and in the opinion of several who know him, he does not have the active imagination capable of engendering such an account. Age is between 40 and 45. Ralph E. Wade, a prominent local businessman and connected with Squyer's radio station, advises that he has known the source for 10 years and holds him in the highest regard. Wade considers him completely reliable. Reobert E. Greebe, an engineer at

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FOMA, feels that Squyers is sincere, but states that auto suggestion is a possible explanation.

Site:

Object reported as hovering over an open 2 acre field used for cattle grazing. General area is heavily wooded. The grass under the exact location was pressed down and formed a round 60' diameter impression, with the grass in a recognizable concentric pattern. Loose grass lay over the top of the impression as if drawn in by suction when the object ascended vertically at a high speed. Vegetation and grass approximately 3 to 4' high. Area is extremely dry at present. Grass showed where Squyers had walked in to a fence and stopped. L. V. Baxter and D. Widner, local employees of FOMA, went to the place of sighting at 1135CST with Squyers and confirmed his path to the fence and the 60' diameter impression in the tall grass. Robert E. Greene visited the site at 1600, 25 Aug 52, with the source and reports that the vegetation was laid down in concentric circles but with the impression less distinct than reported by Widner and Baxter. Greene obtained grass and soil samples of the immediate area where the impression was made and also gathered control samples 200 yards removed from the site. He is sending same to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting:

Wind velocity 4-1 knots, 89° F, wind direction WSW. Clear day with no percipitation.

Publicity Situation as of 4 September 1952:

According to Greene, who called ATIC on 3 Sept 52 to report the circumstances of the sighting, the local newspapers, expecially the "Wichita Beacon", is giving sighting a big play. A "Life" and "Time" representative has contacted Greene and said that those publications would run a story on

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the Pittsburgh case next week. He also made the statement to Greene that "Life" knows that the Air Force is responsible for "flying saucers", has and operates them and that "Life" is going to pressure the Air Force into bringing the "saucer" into the open!

Robert E. Greene:

He is affiliated with KOMA in Pittsburgh, Kansas, as an engineer. Has just completed a Masters Degree in mathematics and stated that he hopes to get his Phd in the future. Greene is a 2/Lt in the Army Reserve. Because of this, his written report went through channels thus causing a delay. He stated that there was some confusion in his mind about the matter of jurisdiction in this instance. He is, however, forwarding a detailed letter with the soil samples to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, W-P AFB, Ohio. He further stated that Widner and Baxter were astute observers. As far as Greene is concerned, over the telephone he seemed logical, a non-excitable person and was co-operative in the extreme.

Further details on the unknown object, the alleged man within the object and the elapsed time between the initial sighting and disappearance of the object are not available at this time. The above general account was obtained by ATIC from Robert Greene over the telephone, 2030CST 3 Sept 1952. Additional background will be available upon receipt of his letter and/or the detailed report submitted through channels. Efforts are being made by ATIC to obtain this report from G-2 in the Kansas Military District.

* Note: Greene stated that source was not familar with the DesVergers' sighting in Florida on 19 Aug 52.

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(29 Aug 52) 1st Ind FHM/ob

SUBJECT: Disposition of Samples Obtained at Location of "Saucer" Sighting

Head Instructor, Sub-District #2, Kans ORC Instr Gp, Parsons, Kansas, 2 September 1952

TO: Chief, Kansas Military District, 325 Culmby Street, Topeka, Kansas

1. Forwarded.

2. Attention [illegible] to Paragraph 4 wherein Lt. Green desires [illegible] to the disposition of the samples.

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Major, Infantry
Head Instructor

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

52-L-178 3 October 1952

SUBJECT: Subversion - Control
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TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: [illegible]

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 22 October 1952, subject and file as above.

2. Investigative records are on file at Report of Investigation of Special Agent [illegible], this District Office, dated 29 October 1952, subject and file as above.

3. Investigation is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 2, AFR 205-1, and to Paragraph 17.b, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

D. G. Nash
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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SD-24-178

31 October 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Sighted Pittsburg, Kansas 2 August 1952 SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-5

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 23 October 1952, subject and file as above.

2. Transmitted herewith are copies of Report of Investigation by Special Agent C. L. PAYBILL, [redacted]th CSI District, dated 27 October 1952, pertaining to the above captioned matter.

3. Investigation is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

4. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #13, dtd 27 Oct 52

JAMES H. GUNN
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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1. [illegible] your [illegible], dated [illegible] 1952, [illegible] of [illegible] office.

2. [illegible] for your information and [illegible] are [illegible] Report of Investigation, of Special Agent [illegible], [illegible] District Office No. [illegible], [illegible] Air Force Base, [illegible], dated 7 October 1952, File No. [illegible], [illegible] above.

3. [illegible] is continuing in [illegible] District Office and subsequent [illegible] will be forwarded your office [illegible] receipt.

4. Attention is directed to [illegible], dated [illegible] March 1949, which prohibits the [illegible] of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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R/I, DO #17, dtd 7 Oct 52

D. G. [illegible]
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Flying Saucer Seen Hovering Near Ground Northeast of Frontenac, Radio Man Tells Police; Disappears In Sky

Pittsburg had its own flying saucer story today. It was reported by Bill Squyres, KOAM radio entertainer, who said he saw one of the mystery objects as he was coming into town to work early this morning.

The incident occurred, he said, on the Yale road about 200 yards north of highway US160 northeast of Frontenac. Squyres lives about a mile and a half north of the highway on the Yale road.

Squyres was driving along the road about dawn when he noticed the saucer hovering near the ground about 100 feet west of the road, he said. As Squyres stopped his car in wonderment at the vision, the saucer rose straight up to disappear in the sky. The backwash from the object whipped the grass and weeds on the ground, according to the report.

Later in the morning officers visited the scene but could find no area where grass was beaten down, but all traces of the saucer's backwash may have been erased by the "rain" during the morning, they decided.

Squyres described the saucer as being as long as Broadway is wide downtown and about two-thirds as

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wide as it was long. It had the shape of two platters placed together, he said.

He said he noticed considerable activity aboard the saucer through windows. There was a blue light inside, changing from a dark to a lighter hue, Squyres said. The saucer was ringed with propellors according to the report. It was suspended in air five or 10 feet above the ground.

When questioned as to the distance the object was from the road, Squyres said he was "pretty excited" by the sight and as a result it was difficult to determine distances, but that he judged the distance as being about 100 feet.

Upon arriving in Pittsburg Squyres reported the incident to police. The report came in at 6:43 o'clock, records show.