HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

District Office No. 23 - Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

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23D 24-0-246

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Vicinity of Levelland, Texas, night of 2-3 November 1957.

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C

1. Reference TWX from the Detachment Commander, OSI Detachment 2303, Reese AFB, Texas, subject as above, dated 4 November 1957.

2 At approximately 2300 hours, 2 November 1957, the Provost Marshal's Office, Reese AFB, Texas, advised they had received a report that an airplane had crashed and was burning in the vicinity of Levelland, Texas. Additional reports filtered in to the Provost Marshal's Office by means of civil police radio indicating that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was reported rather than a burning aircraft. Major DANIEL R. KESTER, Reese AFB, Provost Marshal, conducted a preliminary investigation and obtained sufficient information for a TWX report in accordance with AFR 200-2. Such report was transmitted on 3 November 1957 by Captain SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN, Acting Counterintelligence Officer, Reese AFB, Texas.

Information obtained from both the Provost Marshal's Office and the Wing Intelligence Office on 4 November 1957, reflected that the names of some of the witnesses as contained in the original TWX were misspelled. Identifying data which was not available at the time the TWX was transmitted was made available. A corrected list of witnesses who reportedly observed the citing is as follows:

[redacted], farm hand and part-time barber, Levelland, Texas
[redacted] truck driver, Levelland, Texas

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Hq, 23d Dist OSI (IG) USAF, Carswell AFB, Texas, file 23D 24-0-246, Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Vicinity of Levelland, Texas, night of 2-3 November 1957

[redacted], Texas Highway Patrolman, Littlefield, Texas
[redacted] Texas Highway Patrolman, Littlefield, Texas
[redacted] Levelland, Texas
[redacted] Levelland, Texas
[redacted]; Kermit, Texas
[redacted] Waco, Texas
[redacted], college student, Levelland, Texas

On 4 November 1957, S/Sgt NORMAN P. BARTH, UFO Investigator, ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado, arrived in Lubbock, Texas, by commercial airline and immediately initiated an investigation for ATIC. BARTH completed his investigation on 6 November 1957 and returned to his home station to complete and disseminate a report of his findings.

3. Inasmuch as no request was received, this office did not initiate an investigation into the report of citing. The investigator from ADC advised that in the event it was determined that additional investigation was deemed warranted, this office would be contacted for assistance.

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JOHN W. FARRELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Detco, Reese

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UNCLAS FROM 0021Z. ATTN CHIEF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIV: OSI SPOT REPORT.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S), REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT VICINITY OF LEVELLAND, TEXAS, NIGHT OF 2-3 NOV 1957.

DETAILS: INFORMATION COPIED VERBATIM BELOW IS A REPORT TRANSMITTED BY REESE AFB INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN AFR 200-2. THIS INFORMATION WAS COLLECTED BY THE REESE [redacted]. REPORT WAS TRANSMITTED WITH A PRECEDENCE OF OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE PURSUANT TO TELEPHONIC DIRECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF 1006TH AIR [redacted] SERVICE SQ, ENT AFB, COLORADO. UFOB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED CLN 1. /A/ EGG SHAPED.

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/B/ 200 FEET LONG. /C/ UNKNOWN. /D/ ONE. /E/ N/A. /F/ UNKNOWN. /G/ OBJECT SEEM TO LEAVE A FIREY TRAIL, DESCRIPTION AND LENGTH UNKNOWN. /H/ SOUNDED LIKE THUNDER. /I/ RESEMBLED FLASHING NEON LIGHT. 2. /A/ SOUND AND SIGHT. /B/ UNKNOWN. /C/ UNKNOW. /D/ UNKNOWN. /E/ LANDED IN OPEN FIELD. /F/ OBSERVER [redacted] REPORTED SWING OBJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MINUTES. 3. /A/ GROUND VISUAL. /B/ NONE. /C/ N/A. N/A. /A/ FIRST SIGHTED PRIOR TO 0500 HOURS ZULU TIME, 3 NOV 1957 EXACT HOUR UNKNOWN. /B/ NIGHT. 5. INA AND AROUND LEVELLAND, TEXAS. 6. /A/ [redacted], TEXAS; AND THE LITTLEFIELD HIGHWAY PAZROL (UNNAMED). AGES, MAILING ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL UNKNOW. /B/ N/A. 7. [redacted] /B/ 6,000 - 160/18; 10,000 - 170/25; 16,000 - 230/35; 20,000-240/35 - 30,000 - 250/65; 50,000 - 245/65; 80,000- UNKNOWN. /C/ 12,000 FEET. /D/ 15 MILES.; /E/ 7/10. /F/ NONE. 8. NONE. 9. REESE AFB TEXAS, PROVOST MARSHAL MAJOR DANIEL R KESTER VISITED THE ALLEGED SCENE WITHLOCVAL CIVIL AUTHORITIES. NEGATIVE RESULTS. 10 UNKNOL. 11, SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN, CAPTAIN, USAF, ASSIST NT WI G OPERATIONS OFFICER NO IDEA OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING.

12. NONE.

ACTION: NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AT THIS TIEME.

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INFO: OOP, CSI, CDS

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