[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

STATEMENT

SS 4

16 December 1957

A2C Davidson requested that I bring the binoculars and accompany him to view an object reported by Lone Wolf to this site. When I first viewed the object of concern it appeared to be a star except for the exceptional brightness of the object and the unusual way it glowed. The object appeared to be directly over a certain light on a distant mountain (approx. 220° or 230° in reference to Chitose). I first viewed this object at 0845Z 12 December 1957. As I watched the object and it continued to grow brighter, was heading toward Plughat (determined by position of object in relation to aforementioned light) and seemed to leave a definite path of light through the sky although very indefinable due to the glow completely surrounding the object. The object never went more than approximately 230° or 240° from Plughat. The object reached its maximum and size at approximately 0930Z. At this same time a message was relayed to me that the object had turned from the station. From the time the object turned away until it had faded completely it diminished in both size and brightness very rapidly. The object was reported to have been varying altitude many thousands of feet but I could not observe visually any change in the objects location (azimuth or altitude) except by its position relative to certain lights and landmarks observed by myself. The object faded from my sight approximately two minutes before the glow could no longer be observed. I lost complete visual contact with the object at 0952Z, 12 December 1957.

I feel quite confident that what I observed to be the only star in the sky on my way to work tonight (0730Z, 12 December 1957), in the same general direction from Plughat as the above mentioned object, was the above mentioned object already very distinct in the sky but not nearly so noticable since it was still light and there was no glow distinguishable.

Robert L. Wright

ROBERT L. WRIGHT
2nd Lt., USAF
Charlie Crew

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLASS)
Auth: Quentin Wright, Lt Col, USAF
By LTDPI (AFR)
Date 29 Jan 69
NPR 200.1 para 1-11b

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

STATEMENT

SW

16 December 1957

At approximately ~~1830I~~, 12 December, my attention was called to an illuminated object, Southwest of this station. It was a circular object and looked like a landing light of an aircraft, except it seemed distant and extremely bright. The objects illumination seemed to fluctuate. I observed the phenomemon until approximately 1930 at which time it seemed to be moving West Southwest and illumination decreasing in intensity.

William R Wethington

WILLIAM R. WETHINGTON
TSgt., USAF
NCOIC Operations

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to ~~TOP SECRET~~)
Auth: Quintanilla, LT COL, USAF
By IDOC (WPAFB)
Date 24 Jan 69
AFR 205-1 para 11b

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted]RET

UNCLASSIFIED

S T A T E M E N T

16 December 1957

At approximately 1810I, 12 December 1957, MSgt. Dickerson called me by telephone in my barracks (building T-10) informing me of the existence of "something" in the sky and requesting I attempt to get a picture of the object. I personally sighted the object a few minutes later while standing in front of the mess hall. At my first observation I noted a light of brilliant intensity at approximately 45 degrees from my position (using 90 degrees as directly overhead.) The object seemed to have about the same intensity as that of ~~burning magnesium~~. I felt that I could discern movement like that of a huge pendulum ; however I was unable to time a definite pendulum swing. The object approached the size of of a large grapefruit. There were stars in the area of the object and I noted nothing unusual about them. The object appeared to me to be over the Sea of Japan across Ichikari Bay. I observed the object from behind building T-21, from behind building T-25, and in the POL area on receiver hill. During these observations I noted that the object was becoming lower on the horizon and that the intensity of the object was not so great as when I originally sighted the object. I was unable to draw any realistic conclusions from my observations as to what or where the object was. My camera was inoperative during the entire period.

Bobby L. Cates

BOBBY L. CATES
SSgt., USAF
NCOIC of Training

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLAS)
Auth: Quantum Mgt Ltr, USAF
By: USAF (WDC)
Date: 27 Jan 69
AFR 205-1 para 1-22b

UNCLASSIFIED

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

[redacted]

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

S T A T E M E N T

10 December 1957

At approximately 1800 Item I saw a very bright object in the sky southwest of this station. After I had watched the object for a while, I went into Radar Operations and had every scope manned in an attempt to "pick up" the object. We were unable to get a return on our search equipment, but a "paint" was observed on the height finding equipment. I then initiated a check of Chitose Base Operations, Tower, and Weather to determine the possibility of friendly aircraft in the area of our radar return; none of these agencies had aircraft in the area.

The object was continuously tracked with the AN/. The object's speed ranged from 550 to 700 knots. Altitude checks were made every minute. The object seemed to be "pulling stalls" or orbiting and then recovering at high speeds. During the stalls, the object dropped four to five thousand feet.

I, again, went outside, and the object seemed dimmer. It was the most unusual object I have ever seen. It appeared oblong or egg shape with arms or rays extending outward from it; it was reddish looking at one end like a jet with after burners on.

I have never seen a star as large as the object. I have never seen a star presented on AN/. The fighters were south of the position of the object.

Walter E. Pyrick

Walter E. Pyrick
S/Sgt., USAF
Crew Chief

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLASSIFIED)
Authority Quintanilla 1204, USAF
By FTDPT (WFB)
Date 27 Jan 69
AFCIN-1 Jan 1-22

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

STATEMENT

16 December 1957

On the 12th of December 1957 at approximately 1815 hours I witnessed an object in the sky. An object to which I have never seen before. To the best of my knowledge I can honestly say that it was artifically lit and controlled by some means of a nuclear device.

The best description I can give is that it was a ball, so to speak, of a highly illuminated and also dull light of the color white.

The appearance of the object was there and there for a definite purpose and I can honestly and truthfully say it wasn't any hallucination of any kind. This evening at approximately 1700 hours 15 December 1957 the object appeared again and I witnessed this same object from the camp site and once again it made the same appearance. My opinion of the object is definitely controlled by man due to the tactical approach and dispersement.

Joseph H. Thomas

JOSEPH H. THOMAS
A1C, USAF
Charlie Crew

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to [illegible])
Auth. [illegible] LTCOL, USAF
By [illegible]
Date 27 Jan 69
AFR 205-1 para 1-42b

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS:
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

STATEMENT

16 December 1957

The night of December 12 someone came into operations and said that there was a strange bright light in the sky. They said it looked like a bright star. When I went out to look at it, I admit it did look like a star. The light was white and very bright. It was south west of our station. Someone must have gotten the bright idea to turn our ARI antenna in that direction because we did have something painting at that azimuth. I don't remember the range and azimuth at the time we first picked it up but the closest range was about forty miles and its lowest altitude was about twelve thousand feet. Its speed was terrific. Since it was constantly orbiting we could get no definite speed. On the ARI its movements were to and from this station, up and down in altitude, and north and south from about 220 degrees to about 320 degrees.

SW

Later when I went out to look at the light, it looked dimmer.

Fighters were scrambled on it. When they got close to it they were supposed to have said it disappeared.

Max E. Adams.

MAX E. ADAMS
A2C, USAF
Charlie Crew

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLAS)
Authority Quentanilla, Capt, USAF
By TDPT (UFO)
Date 27 Jan 67
AFR 205-1 Para 1-20b

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

07S140

[redacted]ET

UNCLASSIFIED

STATEMENT

16 December 1957

Lt. Wright and I saw the object at about the same time, approximately 1750I, 12 December 1957. It was very easy to see without the aid of binoculars and was about three (3) times brighter than the brightest star. It was approximately at a ten (10) degree angle up from us. I looked at it through the binoculars and it appeared to be round with a very brilliant glow all around it. It seemed to be closer than any star in the sky and upon fixing the binoculars in a stationary position it was observed moving in a northern direction and tracking approximately North Northwest. I observed it for about ten (10) minutes and intermittently from then on until it disappeared at approximately 1845I. All the time I observed this object its glow didnot change in intensity until it began to fade about the last fifteen minutes. It appeared to be round and white in color.

Ronald L. Davidson

RONALD L. DAVIDSON
A2C, AF 19521202

Just some stuff

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLAS)
Auth: Guntersville, CG, USAF
By: ESDPT (WLFO)
Date: 27 Jan 65
AFR 205-1 par 1-26

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted]

S T A T E M E N T

UNCLASSIFIED

16 December 1957

On 12 December 1957 at approximately 2015 Item, I observed a bright light in the sky. It was southwest of this station. To the eye, it appeared to be a star, only it was several times brighter and much larger. When observed through field glasses, it gave the impression of being several large lights. At this time movement could be detected. From the right side of the glasses to the left was the pattern of movement.

The UFO was "picked up" on one of our weapons. The following information was obtained: direction--east; speed--500 knots; measured altitude--21,000 feet; scope presentation--small aircraft.

It was either manned or guided. I base my reasoning on the following: A flight of aircraft, Nugget 24, was approaching Whitcomb Airbase; it was diverted to the UFO. The UFO turned in the opposite direction and finally headed north. At this time it was 45 miles from this station. Nugget 24 broke off due to fuel shortage.

Two Subway Reds were scrambled. At no time could the Subways come within one hundred miles of the UFO. It seemed to be able to detect and avoid contact with any other aircraft. I feel this indicates airborne radar with a range of over 100 miles.

During Subway Red's approach the altitude changed from 21,000 feet to 12,000 feet with an unusual rate of descent. Its last measured altitude was 19,000 feet. The speed was a little better than 600 knots, and it was heading NNW.

Approximately 10½ miles from the station the UFO was joined with another similar object. The second object was detected 15½ miles from the site. The two objects then faded from our radar.

Norman B. Edwards

Norman B. Edwards
A/2C, USAF
AF 12 473 196

SW

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLASSIFIED)
Auth: Quartermaster Lt Col, USAF
By: HQ USAF (CLPD)
Date: 27 Jan 69
AFR 205-1, Para 1-26

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

S T A T E M E N T

16 December 1957

My first impression of the UFO was that it was from the Southwest. It appeared to be in somekind of an orbit moving West and then to the East. It was a Whitish color and quite bright. When I first saw it it appeared quite close. After visual contact I went to the HRI and picked up a blip flying between 12 and 21 thousand feet. Returning for a second visual I found the object to be dimming and moving in a Westerly direction.

William M Read

WILLIAM M. READ
A2C, USAF
Charlie Crew

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLASSIFIED)
Auth: [redacted]
By: [redacted] (UFO)
Date: 27 Jan 69
AFR 205-1 para 1-42b

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted]T

UNCLASSIFIED

S T A T E M E N T

16 December 1957

We were working as usual on our 4:30 to twelve shift on the night of December 12. Things were going on normally when all of the sudden there was an increased amount of comotion. I was pulling scope at the time and didn't know at first what was going on. Everyone seemed to be rushing outside. I had someone to relieve me so I could find out what was going on. When I got outside there was a fairly brilliant white light in the sky. It was too close and too bright to be a star. After I looked at it for a couple of minutes I came inside and began tracking it on the scope. From the way it appeared on the scope it amount of acceleration was tremendous. It varried altitude at almost every move. At one time I computed its speed at better than 700 miles per hour. Then when the fighters scrambled on it and got within a radius of about 70 miles, it just vanished. I might add that it wasn't a reflection off of some clouds because there were no clouds in the sky.

James L. Pierce

James L. Pierce
A/3C, USAF
AF 12 510 076

Classification Cancelled
(or Changed to UNCLASS)
Auth: Quantanilla, LT Comdr
By: OTDAT (WPD)
Date 21 Jan 69
AFR 205-1 para 1-12b

DOWNGRADED AT 12 YEAR INTERVALS; UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

[redacted] UNCLASSIFIED

Lt. Short

INTERCEPTION ACTION RECORD SECRET (When Filled In)	ORGANIZATION 848th AC&W Squadron	DATE AND TIME (Z) 12 December 1957

1 TRACK INFORMATION

a.	Track Number B79B	e.	Speed	550 knots
b.	Ident Class UFO (Unknown)	f.	Altitude	Estimated
c.	Initial plot or cross told plot EN 3042			Measured 19.4B
d.	Force assessment 1	g.	Range of initial plot (NM)	80

2 SCRAMBLE ACTION

a.	Time scramble ordered N/A	f.	Abn time of first acft	N/A
b.	Time of first Vector if acft on CAP N/A	g.	Alt to which Interceptors directed	None
c.	Alert Status of Interceptors N/A	h.	Passed Con to 42	/Time 0928
d.	Nr and type of acft 1-F84	i.	Received Con from 42	/Time 0914Z
e.	Sq and Base from which scrambled N/A		Nugget #24	

3 INTCP INFO

a.	Location of tgt (GEOREF) at pounce N/A Time	d.	Action by interceptors (Nr passes splashes, etc) MI/ BO-09:20Z
b.	Tgt Alt reported by Pilot N/A		
c.	Tgt recognition reported by Pilot None	e.	Action by tgt (ECM, etc) None

4 EXPLANATION FOR UNSUCCESSFUL INTERCEPT ATTEMPT:

MI ACP

5 RECOVERY INFO

a.	Weather Conditions: Fair	d.	Released to: Tower
b.	Type of recovery: GCI/LA	e.	Fuel state when released: 700
c.	Recovery Base Misawa		

REMARKS: Nugget 24 was on a local training flight and vectored at 0914Z by Site P-45 toward the object. The aircraft was unable to get a visual and stated at 0928Z he was getting low on fuel and requested to be broken off at 0920Z and was broken off at this time. Aircraft pancaked at Misawa Air Base.

Classification Cancelled
[illegible] to UNCLAS)
[illegible]
[illegible]
Date 21 Jan 76
AFR 205-1, para 1-12b

A2C Vernon E. Halverson

5AF FORM 179 15 FEB 56 SECRET (When Filled In) [redacted]

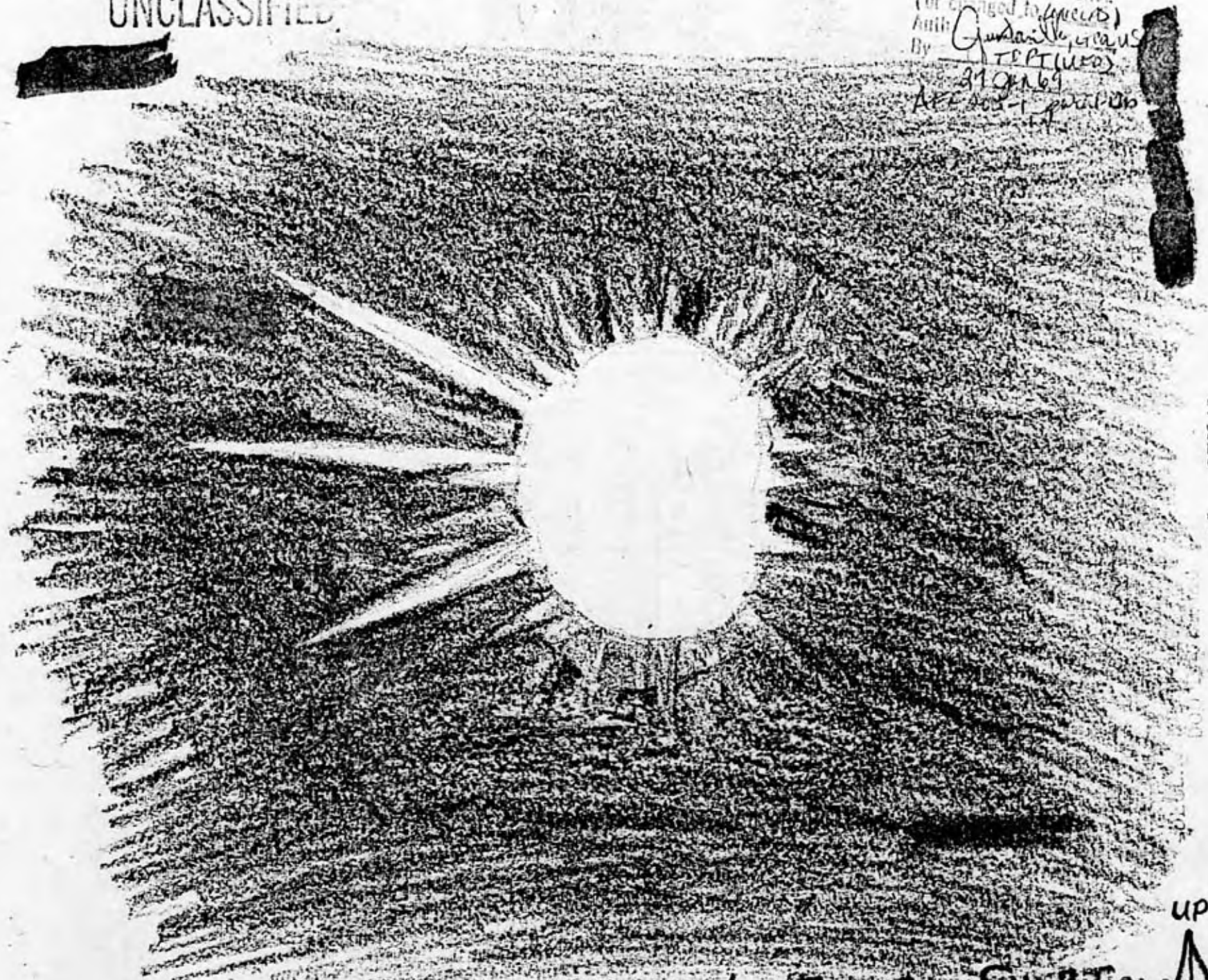
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLASSIFIED)
Auth: Guidance, GSA
By TSPT(LTED)
31 Jan 69
AEC 208-1 pvt-ltr

15 07S140



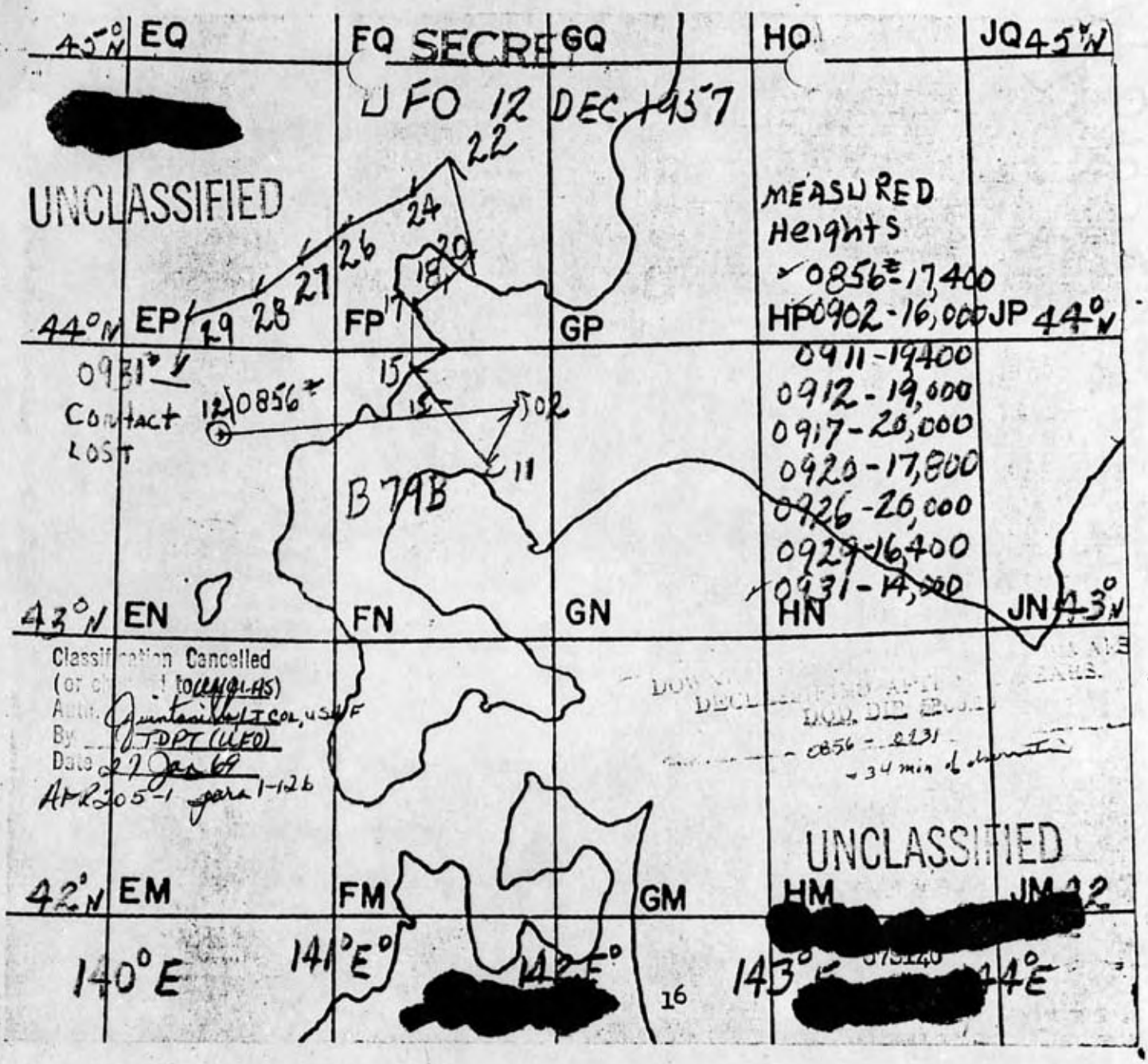
[redacted] last estimate of Leonid image.

LT. EVERETTE SU[redacted]

altitude - 16,000 to 20,000 ft.

AT 0900 Z The rays appeared as rays of light. [redacted] have been more than a double image, but the above

UNCLASSIFIED


45°N EQ
FQ SECRET
GQ
HQ
JQ 45°N
UFO 12 DEC 1957
UNCLASSIFIED
MEASURED
Heights
0856 - 17,400
0902 - 16,000
44°N EP
FP
GP
JP 44°N
0911 - 19400
0912 - 19,000
0917 - 20,000
0920 - 17,800
0926 - 20,000
0929 - 16,400
0931 - 14,200
0931 Contact LOST
0856
B 79B
43°N EN
FN
GN
HN
JN 43°N
Classification Cancelled
By JDPT (LLEO)
Date 22 Jan 69
AFR 205-1 para 1-12b
UNCLASSIFIED
42°N EM
FM
GM
HM
JM 42
140°E
141°E
142°E
143°E
144°E
16

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

Capt. Kolb

INTERCEPTION ACTION RECORD SECRET (When Filled In)	ORGANIZATION 848th AC&W Squadron	DATE AND TIME (Z) 12 Dec. 57 0922Z

1 TRACK INFORMATION

a.	Track Number B79B	e.	Speed	550 knots
b.	Ident Class UFO (Unknown)	f.	Altitude	Estimated
c.	Initial plot or cross told plot EN 3040			Measured 19.4B
d.	Force assessment 1	g.	Range of initial plot (NM)	80

2 SCRAMBLE ACTION

a.	Time scramble ordered 0922Z	f.	Abn time of first acft 0925Z
b.	Time of first Vector if acft on CAP N/A	g.	Alt to which Interceptors directed 30
c.	Alert Status of Interceptors 5 minutes	h.	Passed Con to 42 /Time 11:07
d.	Nr and type of acft 2 F86D's	i.	Received Con from 42 /Time 0925Z
e.	Sq and Base from which scrambled 4th FIS Misawa		Subway Red

3 INTCP INFO

a.	Location of tgt (GEOREF) at bounce N/A Time N/A	d.	Action by interceptors (Nr passes splashes, etc) MI/FPI BO: 11:02
b.	Tgt Alt reported by Pilot N/A		
c.	Tgt recognition reported by Pilot None	e.	Action by tgt (ECM, etc) None

4 EXPLANATION FOR UNSUCCESSFUL INTERCEPT ATTEMPT:

MI/FPI

Classification Cancelled (or changed to UNCLAS) Auth. Quintanilla, Lt Col, USAF By ATDPTIAG(S) Date 27 Jan 69 AFR 200-2 para 1-12

5 RECOVERY INFO

a.	Weather Conditions: Fair	d.	Released to: Tower
b.	Type of recovery: GCI/LA	e.	Fuel state when released: 1600 lbs.
c.	Recovery Base Misawa		

REMARKS: Site P-45 assumed control of Subway Red at 0929Z and immediately was vectored toward the object. P-45 was painting the object by the Height Range Indicator and visually. Subway Red reported he had a visual on the object at 0939Z but lost it almost simultaniously. At 0955Z the aircraft reported a visual on a bright object off their port wing, but wasn't moving. In the meantime, site P-45 had lost contact, both visually and electronically with the object and Subway Red was told to anchor his position. Site 29 advised they were observing the object at a bearing of 240°, 110 miles from Site 45. Subway Red was vectored immediately 230°, and obtained another visual, but the object wasn't moving latterally, but vertically. The aircraft lost the object and were broken off at 11:02Z. Later, Site 29 reported that the object they were observing was a reciprocal.

A2C Vernon E. Halverson

[redacted] (Wh[redacted]

5AF FORM 179 15 FEB 56

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS: 17
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

UNCLASSIFIED

USAF-973140

3 ONLY SNAPSHOT
PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SIGHTING AT
MISAWA AB, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

UNCLASSIFIED

3 ONLY 8 X 10

GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS

OF SIGHTING AT

MISAWA AB, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

UNCLASSIFIED

2

See Over
Not Spanish

Red SPUTNIK II

Was over Howland Islands —
Pacific at dark time.

16 Some visits then was
Sputnik — almost
attempted frantic tests.

OTG

MEMO ROUTING SLIP	NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS		
1 NAME OR TITLE	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DATE		COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

REMARKS

For EV. Card ——— round

Comment: All observers, who gave a direction of the object stated it was located generally in the Southwest. Very little if any movement. This is almost the exact position of VENUS for the time and place given.

Pilots who were queried stated that the intense light was Venus.

Radar analysis discloses that the attempt to correlate the visual and radar sightings as the same sight is apparently in error. The radar return considered to be ~~the~~ anomalous prob. Attempt to show pictures taken days earlier of same object not

FROM NAME OR TITLE	DATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	TELEPHONE

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

☆ GPO 1950—O-403481

Comment:

There appears to be no relationship between the sighting in the report and the photos (purported to be the object observed two planes) taken.

In fact, there is doubt that all the photos are of the same object — as an examination shows. Astrocharts + computer show VENUS in position for the 10 th

No basic photo data (upon which to proceed towards an analysis, given i. e. (a) Direction Camera pointed

(b) elevation

(c) azimuth

etc

(d) right

etc

Radar analysis I may provide a sound footing upon which to make a firm conclusion

Gregory

DEF. VENUS
w/attempt to correlate
correlate radar returns
and 2 day old photos
as same.

DEL'D NO 02 SECRET

T-58-0974-A

REPORT ON
UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECT
SECRET

UNCLASSIFIED

1. Mamiya 35 mm.

2. Approximately 17:45 I, 15 December 1957.

3. Exposures , 45 second, 3.5 apeture setting.

4. Film Kodak Plus X , panchromatic.

5. Capt. James T. Pace , Radar Maintenance Officer,
848th AC&W Squadron, APO 181, AO-1903123

6. Camera was Braced on observation roof of operations.

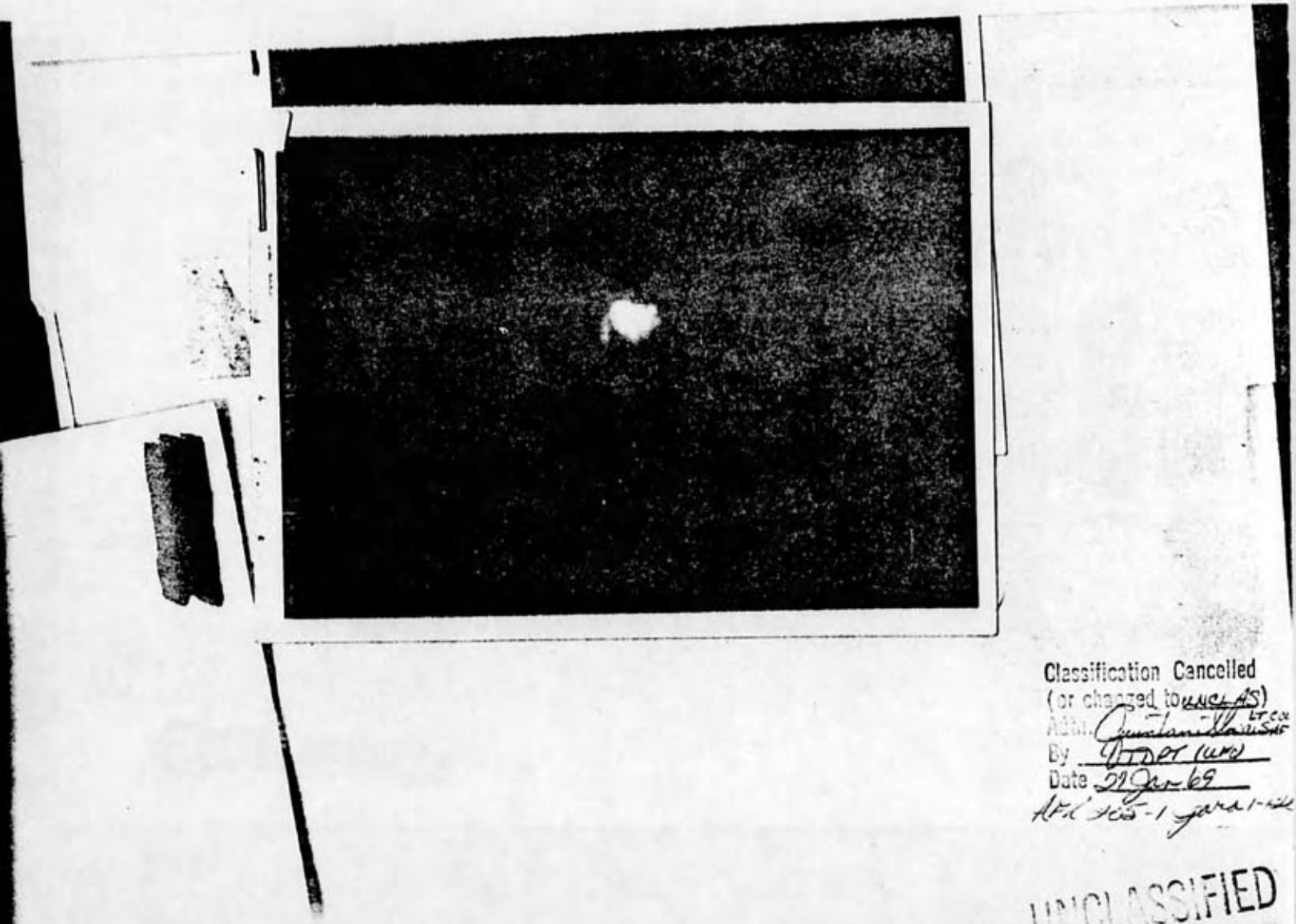
7. Pictures were taken 2 days after sighting of object and believed be the same object.

Note:

Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLAS)
Auth: Guatemala Ltr
By TIDD (WM)
Date 21 Jan 69
Ltr 355-1 para 1

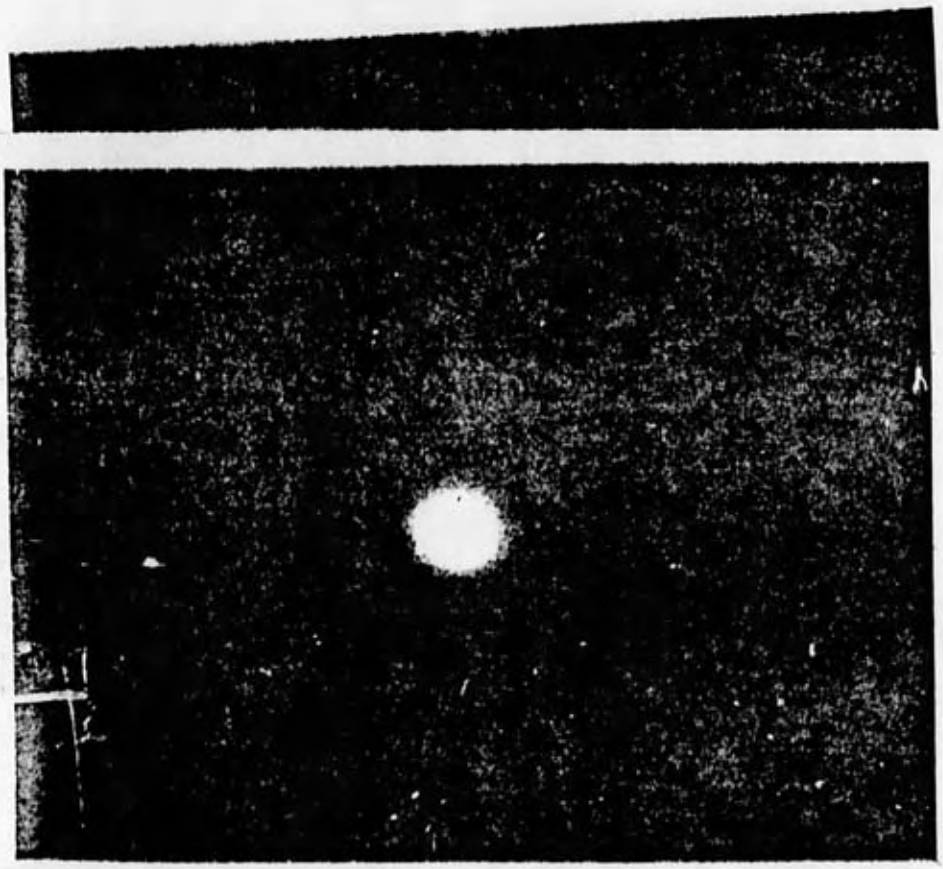
UNCLASSIFIED

RVALS
ROS.



Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLAS)
Auth: Quoted in Ltr CO
By [illegible]
Date 22 Jan 69
AFCIN 205-1 para 1-4k

UNCLASSIFIED



Classification Cancelled
(or changed to UNCLASSIFIED)
By authority of [illegible] LT COL USAF
by [illegible] DDT (AFM)
Date 21 Jan 69
AFSC 205-1 para 1-26

UNCLASSIFIED