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RADAR DETECTION OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS OVER OAK RIDGE OCTOBER TWELVE, NINETEEN FIFTY, PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS. USAF RADAR INSTALLATION AT KNOXVILLE AT ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE PM, EST, OCTOBER TWELVE, PICKED UP INDICATIONS OF ELEVEN OBJECTS AND PERHAPS MORE TRAVELING ACROSS CONTROLLED AREA OF ATOMIC ENERGY INSTALLATION AT OAK RIDGE. ALTITUDE OF OBJECTS VARIED FROM ONE THOUSAND TO FIVE THOUSAND FEET, COURSES FROM SOUTH SOUTH EAST TO SOUTHEAST, AND DENSITY FROM READING MADE BY LIGHT AIRCRAFT TO AIRCRAFT EQUAL IN SIZE TO C FORTY SEVEN, SPEED FROM ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE MILES PER HOUR. FIGHTER PLANS ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT IN FEW MINUTES AND RADAR SCREEN REFLECTED CONTACT, BUT PLANE REPORTED NO OBJECT COULD BE SEEN EITHER VISUALLY OR ON PLANES RADAR SCREEN. AEC PATROL WAS ALERTED BUT NO OBJECTS COULD BE VISUALLY SIGHTED BY THEM OVER THE AREA OTHER THAN THE AIR FORCE INTERCEPTOR. OSI AND EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND ARE CHECKING INCIDENT. NO REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR RADAR READINGS YET DEVELOPED ALTHOUGH OPERATORS ARE EXPERIENCED RELIABLE PERSONNEL AND RADAR SET IS IN PERFECT OPERATING CONDITION. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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RADAR DETECTION OF UNIDENTIFIED
OBJECTS OVER OAK RIDGE, October 12,
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PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS
Flying Saucers

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There is being submitted herewith a copy of two reports made by District Representative of the OSI, 8th District, U. S. Air Force, with regard to the detection of unidentified objects by the means of radar, as set forth in referenced teletype. These reports continue to set forth additional reports concerning unidentified objects in the air space area over Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which to date have not been explained.

No investigation is being conducted by the Knoxville Office in this matter, but any further information received from OSI or from CIC representatives will be forwarded immediately.

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