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FROM : MCF

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Colonel Taylor is making a quick trip to Washington, this afternoon. Before he left he asked that I get this information in your hands.

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Flying Saucer report 11 September 1951

A P-33 Jet fighter landed at Mitchell at 1145 yesterday, the 10th of September. The pilot reported that they had been in the sky over Sandy Hook a round object moving at a terrific rate of speed with an arc like motion it was within their field of vision for about two minutes. They were traveling at 460 miles an hour, at a height of 20,000 feet. The object was approximately 5000 feet below them. They peeled off to take a closer look at it, and chased it to Asbury Park, whence it veered out to sea. They believe that the sun's rays were being reflected from the object because it had that effect, that is it shone, whatever it was. They reported this to operations officer when they landed, and somehow it got to the ears of one of the local newspapers on Long Island.

Col T: Yes, you made no release on it, is that correct?

Maj B: I made no release on it, said nothing, but then I got the press inquiries, I gave them the facts as reported to me by the pilot. The pilots made no mention of the fact that they saw a flying saucer, but merely reported that they had seen a strange object, moving at a speed they estimate to be in excess of 900 miles an hour, in an arc-like direction, over Sandy Hook. In response to the press inquiries, we gave the facts as reported to us by the two pilots, who were by name Lt. W. Rogers, who was piloting the ship at the time, and Capt. B. Ballard, Jr., both of the Fighter Interceptor Wing at Dover.

Col T: Yes, I'm getting it, go ahead.

Maj B: I think I've given you the basic facts of the matter. I don't know how word reached the newspapers here, but as required by regulations, when I was asked to check the story by the press, I checked it, I found out the report to be true and I released the story, as given to me by the pilots.

Col T: All right, may I ask you at this point whether you personally interviewed the pilots?

Maj B: I talked to one of them on the phone, but I didn't see them.

Col T: Was he able to give you any additional description of the object, as to its apparent shape, methods of propulsion, possible construction, and so on?

Maj B: No, he said it was a round object which reflected the sun's rays, indicating a metallic surface. That ~~xxxxxxxx~~ supports simply my interpolation, - they say it reflected rays. - That it was moving in an arc-like direction, they said it was an arc-like movement, not straight, - in an arc, and that when they got approximately 5000 feet from it, it veered, and went out to sea and vanished completely. Now I was told by Lt. Rogers that he communicated with one of the radar setups in this vicinity, and asked them to check, and he told me that the response was entirely negative. Nothing appeared on the screen.

Col T: The radar unit did check during the time of operation and did not report anything appearing on the radar scope.

Maj B: That as I remember Lt Rogers conversation with me, - at the time I didn't make any particular note of it but it has since come up, and seems to be important and I believe that's true. Mm, Colonel, perhaps you'll want to talk to one of those pilots at Dover. They are at Dover today.

Col T: They are assigned to a fighter interceptor wing at Dover? Is that Dover, Delaware? Dover, Maryland

Maj B: I believe it's Delaware Sir, but I'm not certain.

Col T: Yes. What is the designation of their unit, do you know?

Maj B: It was 148th Fighter Interceptor Unit.

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Maj B: 146th Fighter Interceptor, yes, either Wing or Group.

Col T: All right, - we are very glad indeed to have this information and we'll evaluate it here, one reason I wanted to get a complete report from you so that I can turn it over to our intelligence people here. And we will get in touch with you if we would like to ask you to take any more action on it.

Maj B: All right Sir.

Col T: Meanwhile, I don't see anything else you could have done in the circumstances, concerning the Press. I'm glad to know that no release was initiated, but I can easily

Maj B: I assure you Colonel that my office knew said nothing about this story until they were queried by the newspapers.

Col T: That's good. I understand that and that's a very good thing, - I'm glad you handled it that way. So we will let you know if there is any official action to it here, - meanwhile if you get any additional information please call me again.

MajB: Right Sir, - how can I give you my extension in case you need it?

Col T: If you will Sir, please.

Maj B: It's Extension 3115, or 2223. My full name is Major John Barron.

Col T: All right, - thank you very much indeed.

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