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STATEMENT

1[illegible] September 195[illegible]

While participating in a [illegible] flight from Dover AFB, Delaware to Mitchel AFB, New York, over Asbury Park, New Jersey, I sighted an unidentified object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. I was pilot of a T-33 type aircraft, cruising at 20,000 feet, making good a 450 mph. At the time of sighting of the object, Major Ballard was making a position report to [illegible] North, Controller. While Major Ballard was making his position report, I started timing the object from the time I saw it and fell off in a descending turn to the left. About 45 seconds after I first sighted the object, I called Major Ballard and pointed the object out to him. The object continued a port turn, disappearing out to sea south of Asbury Park, N. J. From the time I first sighted the object until it disappeared [illegible] minutes elapsed, with the object covering a distance of about 35 miles.

The size of the object was approximately that of a fighter plane, [illegible] to 50 feet in diameter. The object was silver or metallic in color, had no markings, and left no exhaust or trail. Most of the time during which I had the object in sight, it appeared to be circular in shape; however, at one time I saw it edgewise where it gave a flat appearance. The design of the object could be said to be identical to a discus as is used in track events. I could not say whether or not the object was spinning. Throughout the time of my observation, the object was to my left and considerably below our altitude. When first sighted I would judge that it was between 5 and 6,000 feet over Sandy Hook, [illegible]. It appeared to be descending when I first saw it at Sandy Hook and appeared to level out in flight just north of Red Bank, New Jersey and continued on at the same altitude until it disappeared. At the point of our first sighting of the object, I started a descending 360 degree turn to the left from 20,000 feet to 17,000 feet, gaining airspeed from 450 mph to 550 mph on a course paralleling that of the object until it was lost from sight.

In our training and daily practice on intercepts, pilots [illegible] accurately the times at which the object of the interception [illegible] sighted. I did this automatically when I first sighted the object over Sandy Hook and noted the time to be approximately 1115 EDT, 1[illegible] September. Although we were on a direct course for the destination of Mitchel AFB at 20,000 feet at the time of the sighting, I was so amazed at the speed of the object that I immediately started the turn to the left and waited for Major Ballard to get through with the radio conversation he was having with [illegible] North so I could point the object out to him. As soon as he completed the radio check in, I called the object to his attention and we both watched it make a 90 degree turn to the left and kept it under observation [illegible] while it covered approximately 20 miles and disappeared out to sea. The object appeared to be banking as the course described a gradual 90 degree turn to the left.

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