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AF FORM 112 PART I

United States WGINT-5-52

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

Miami, Florida

Intelligence Office, 1[illegible] Troop Carrier Wing (M), MPA, Miami, Florida

30 July 1952

25 thru 29 July - [illegible]

Major William J. Frazier, USAF

Civilian Observer

None

On the nights of 2[illegible] thru 2[illegible] July 1952 unconventional objects were observed in or near the Miami, Florida area. Two of these observations were reported to the Miami Filter Center which in turn reported to this office. These and other persons making subject observations were subsequently interviewed by this office. A liaison visit was also made to the US Weather Office, MIA, where complete data on balloon releases was obtained, and which explained two observations. This report covers those observations which could not thus be accounted for, and tends to confirm observations as reported in the Miami Herald this date. (See Incl. #1.)

Edwin W. Boyd
Capt., USCA
for WILLIAM J. FRAZIER JR.,
Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

Newspaper Clipping - [illegible] 1-B-3

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AF FORM 112—PART II

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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[illegible] Troop Carrier Wing [illegible]
Miami, Florida

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Mrs. [illegible], [illegible], Florida reported [illegible] 13:10 on 2[illegible] July 19[illegible].

It appeared to [illegible] transport. The object was [illegible] and was [illegible] of [illegible] brilliance. It stopped over the edge of the city of Miami, where it hovered [illegible] for almost [redacted] minutes. Mrs. [illegible] called here two [illegible] and watched it with her.

The object [illegible] to green [illegible] every two seconds; while it was green a white [illegible] was observed [illegible] the [illegible]. When the object started [illegible] a [illegible] at first and then faster. [illegible] was observed. There was no noise, no trails. [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] the wife of a Naval officer. [illegible] she and her daughter observed a [illegible] over Jacksonville, Florida, which she described as [illegible] top. She further described it as [illegible] like a [illegible] Christmas top". She said the object was quite low, clearly visible, and reflected like sunlight from an auto windshield. Her husband was thought to have made a report on this observation to Naval authorities.

Sincere Fam

The [illegible] - [illegible] from red to green at approximately every two seconds would permit the possibility of a conventional aircraft; however the intensity (brilliance) of the [illegible], circular shape, hovering, and [illegible] weakens the aircraft hypothesis. The interviewing officer [illegible] that Mrs. Miller [illegible] to imaginative thinking or [illegible].

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1 August 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Film Taken of Unusual Phenomena in the Sky

AF 484222

TO: Director of Intelligence USAF
Attn: AFOIN - 1A1
Attn: Major D. A. Hoe
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with instructions via phone this date, transmitted herewith is the film released to this office by the Commander Ops Locks Marine Base and five inclosures relating to the subject.

2. Pfc Ralph Mayher was interviewed 31 July and stated substantially as follows:

a. This object was sighted 2130 hours 29 July 1952. It was described as being orange to yellow, of extreme brilliance and irradiant glow. The object was moving at a tangent to the earth of 45 degrees above the horizon from east to west. The sky was cloudless. From the beginning of observation to fading away in the distance not more than 3-1/2 minutes elapsed. There was no trail, no noise, and no blinking. The intensity of glow remained constant. This object passed between the observer and the crescent moon and was considerably brighter than the moon in the background. There was no aura surrounding the edges of the circular shape. The exposures were made on super XX film in a Cine-Kodak with F.27 aperture, infinity setting, 24 frames per second, using a 2-1/2 inch anastigmatic 63 mm telephoto lens. This film is a negative, not positive. DK 60 developer was used. The exposures of this object are on the first three feet of the film as it comes off the roll.

3. This office has released no information to the public regarding this particular sighting nor any other.

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WILLIAM J. FRAZIER
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Gilbert - AFOIN-4F
Mr. Arsler, - AFOIN-4X

SUBJECT: UFO Matter Reported to DCI, AFOIN-X

1. The following incident, and action taken as a result thereof, is reported as a matter warranting the attention your office:

a. At approximately 1530 hours Friday, 7 August 1956, this office received a telephone call from Mr. Ralph C. Mayher, affiliated with KYW-TV, Cleveland, Ohio. According to Mr. Mayher, the station was preparing a TV presentation entitled, "The Close Approach of Mars to Earth".

b. Mr. Mayher demanded the detailed results and analysis of a "flying saucer" film which he took in July 1952, and subsequently turned over to the CIA and USAF Intelligence. This information was, somehow, to be used as part of the TV presentation.

c. Mr. Mayher was informed that we could not release information on UFO cases from our files, and that authority from Headquarters USAF would be required. He was, therefore, advised to contact the PIO, Headquarters, USAF.

d. Indignant and somewhat angry, Mr. Mayher pressed the matter by demanding the information, stating that he had a contract deadline to meet. The undersigned reiterated our policy regarding release of information to the public. In closing, Mr. Mayher demanded the names of "PIO chiefs and officials in the Pentagon", and was advised that referring his queries to the Air Force Public Information Office would be sufficient.

e. In compliance with established policy on matters of this nature, Col. Johnson was immediately contacted since the matter would eventually be referred to him, and it was requested that we provide his office with comments and details at a later date.

f. Our records reveal that some newspaper publicity was given this sighting and that the evaluation given this case was "unknown". This appears inappropriate as there is considerable data upon which to formulate a conclusion. A brief summary of re-evaluation relative to this sighting, as submitted per telephone conversation with AFOIN-X, is attached (Incl. #1). Also attached is UFO case file (Incl. #2).

g. As a matter of record, this telephone conversation was being tape recorded by Mr. Mayher's office.

2. Since completion of telephone conversation was after duty hours, the undersigned was unable to coordinate and bring the matter to the attention of your office. However, since the Pentagon had to be informed immediately the uncoordinated action is believed warranted, under the circumstances.

3. All material referred here will be made a part of the UFO case file.

George T. Gregory

GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain, USAF

2 Incls
1. Summary, Eval--Mayher case
2. UFO case file - 29 Jul 52

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10 Sept 56

SUBJECT: Brief Summary of Re-Evaluation - Mayher Sighting July 29, 1952
(Transcript of evaluation, per telephone conversation to AFOIN-4, 7 Sep 56)

The following are those points and data of significance which lead to a final conclusion:

1. Three (3) Navy fliers stated that they observed a similar object at approximately the same time and location and their impression was that the object was a 'meteor.' (Miami Herald dated July 31, 1952)

2. We should like to point out that an annual meteoric shower, the Aquarids, are at their peak of intensity between July 28th through August 5th. These meteors, which are very fast and brilliant, originate in the constellation Aquarius. This constellation is located in the eastern part of the sky at that time as is the moon. (Reference Mr. Mayher's statement that is so-called 'flying saucer' passed near or across the moon.)

3. In his personal statement, Mayher states that the unidentified flying object was three times more brilliant than a star. Also, newspapers which published blow-ups of his picture pointed out that the object had a small tail.

4. Psychological Aspects: Strange part of the story is from Mayher's own statement that "I had a hunch I would see a saucer". Also, "I went to a Mr. Stern's apartment to wait on the possibility that a saucer may appear again as did in the Washington case." This statement definitely establishes, at least, anticipation or confidence on Mayher's part that a saucer would appear for him. Strange! (Captain Gregory's comment): Saucer's just don't appear just because you wish one to be there).

5. Also, his statement: "I began shooting pictures because I might be the only person on earth to get a motion picture of this." (Comment: A question arises: was this an unconscious admission to the interrogator interviewing him that he was striving toward this end?)

6. Conclusion: If we discount the statement that he observed the object for 3-1/2 minutes (and it has been proven by psychological tests that most people under stress and excitement greatly overestimate time), then the object, on the basis of other correlated and supported data given above, was possibly a meteor.

7. Colonel Johnson: This is submitted in the event that the matter which we discussed late Thursday afternoon may come to a head or result in a potential controversy (public relation's wise) as far as the Air Force is concerned. It is offered for whatever action or use you may deem necessary. No action or information will be released without specific approval or authority from you regarding this matter.

GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain, USAF

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29 JULY 1952

SAFIS-3/Maj Tacker/jmd/74966

30 January 1958

Dear Mr. Mayber:

In reply to your telegram of 13 January 1958, I have little information to report.

The U. S. Air Force has no record of a receipt for the photographs you gave the CIA officer in Cleveland. Therefore, suggest you again contact Mr. John Mason, the individual mentioned in your telegram, to find out the correct name of the agency receiving the film.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. Ralph C. Mayber
Director of Newsreel Pictures
KYW-TV
Cleveland, Ohio

COMEBAK-SAFIS-3
READER-SAFIS-1
STAYBACK-SAFIS-3

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

'Flying Saucer' Film Elusive, Too

[illegible] HIRSCHFELD

[illegible] Miami [illegible] night [illegible] dated [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] to [illegible] about the [illegible] be shot in Miami [illegible] July 29, 1952 [illegible] the Department [illegible] White [illegible] Department. The [illegible] claimed the film [illegible] Mayher [illegible] its top

RALPH C. MAYHER

[illegible] investigation of flying saucers.

Shooting 40 feet of film that [illegible] night, Mayher said he managed to catch the flying saucer on 18 frames.

He described it as a brightly shining object, disk-shaped and changing in size and form. He said it was about 2,000 feet distant.

[illegible] he said he interviewed three [illegible] who saw the mysterious object that night.

Hoping for another chance to capture the mystery traveler on film, Mayher kept rigid many nights on the ocean beach camera in readiness. But he never saw it again.

He believes that the flying saucers have been dispatched from another world which has become curious about our V-2s and atomic explosions.

Next month PIC magazine will carry an article about his experience with flying saucers, Mayher said.

He is now employed as a film editor for Television Station WNBK. He lives at 3471 W. [illegible]

What Is It?

Ralph Mayer, photographer for a Cleveland TV station, said he made this picture of an unidentified flying object while he was serving in the Marine Corps in 1950. Mayer described the [illegible] as about 50 feet long and [illegible] [illegible]

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From The Miami Daily News 30 July 52

Copy of cutlines, which did not reproduce well:

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MIAMI'S SAUCER?

Marine Here Snaps 'Disc'

By LARRY BERGER, Miami Daily News Staff Writer

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Only eight frames of the film.

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Officials at the Marine Corps Air Station in Opa-locka released the pictures and information at 2 p. m. today without comment.

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The film showed a bowl-shaped image with a projection on top.

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He had requested permission of the Sterns to watch the sky from their home. Along were his wife, Eleanor, and a friend. They arrived at the Stern home about 9:05 p. m.

Neighbors Shouted

About 9:30 p.m. they heard neighbors shout "Look there, in the sky!"

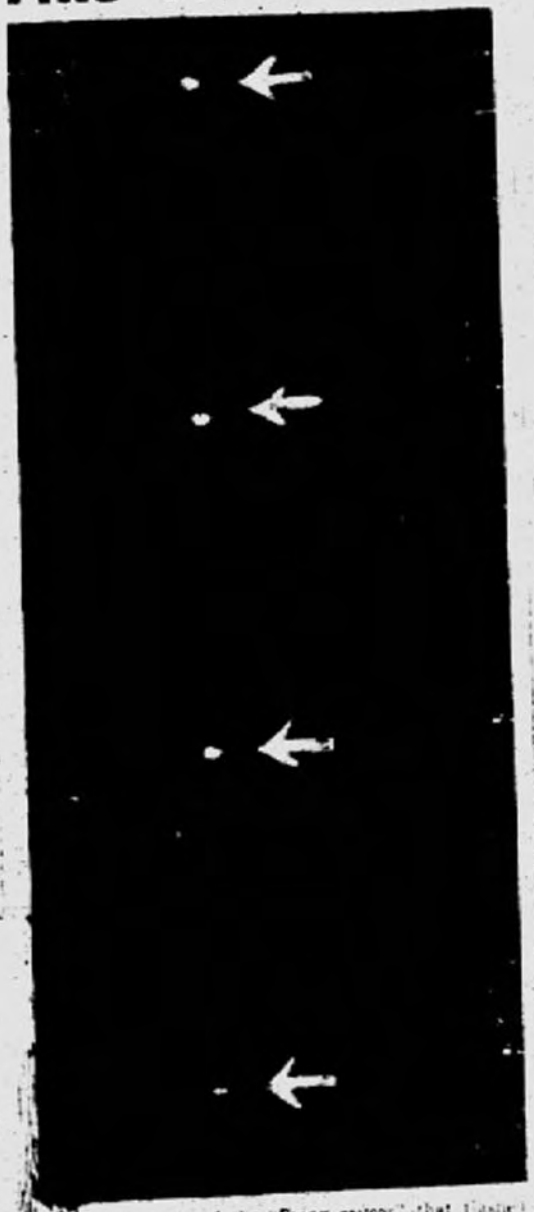
For several seconds Mayher recalled, "We saw nothing. Then an orange, yellowish shaped object appeared. I pulled out my camera and shot about 40 feet of film."

After more than three minutes the object disappeared. Mayher said his wife and the friend saw the object, along with other residents in the area.

The Marine then called the officer-of-the-day at Opa-locka, and he and a Public Information Office sergeant went to the Stern house and obtained the film.

Marine officials at the Air Station had no comment to make on the photos. They stressed the fact that Mayher was acting in a non-official capacity. All he did was process the film, one officer commented.

This A Saucer?



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TO Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio

FROM Dept of the Air Force Hq USAF - AFOIN-2

DATE OCT 2 1952

COMMENT NO. 1 Maj Fournet/dbv/75990

1. Reference report of sighting Miami, Florida on 29 July 52 and related 16 mm movie film previously forwarded to you. The inclosed document, obtained from CSD-OPI, contains additional information on this incident. It is for your information and retention.

2. Also inclosed for your retention are photostatic copies of selected documents in the Marine Corps personnel file on D.S. Des Vergers. These photostats were supplied by the Marine Corps with the understanding that the information therein would not be divulged to anyone who does not require it for intelligence analysis of the incident in which Des Vergers was a principal.

5 Incls
1. Ltr USMC, Miami, Fla dtd 4 Aug 52 w/attachments
2. Photostat cy of review of discharge of D.S. Des Vergers
3. Photostat cy of ltr fr Board of Review to The Commandant of the MC, 7 Aug 52
4. Photostat cy of ltr to Navy Dept fr Fed Reform, Chillicothe, O. dtd 14 Oct 44 re Des Vergers
5. Photostat cy of ltr to JAG, Navy fr US Attorney, Southern Dist of Fla dtd 16 Oct 44

for WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
MIAMI, FLORIDA

IN REPLYING REFER TO NO
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A7-1/JM/clg/PIO
Serial [illegible]
AUG 4 1952

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Florida
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: Report of Public Information incident

Encl: (1) Statement of PFC R. C. MAYHEW 1288824/4600 USMC-35
(2) Photographs taken by PFC R. C. MAYHEW

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded herewith to substantiate the report contained in the following paragraphs.

2. On the evening of 29 July 1952, Private First Class Ralph C. MAYHEW 1288824/4600 USMC-35, attached to and serving with Station Operations Squadron-3, Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Florida, was at Miami Beach, Florida, during his off-duty hours with a 16 millimeter movie camera which he had checked out for practice purposes from the Marine Corps Air Station Photo Laboratory. At 2135 on the same evening Private First Class MAYHEW, while sitting with a group of civilians outside a home at Miami Beach owned by a Mr. STEIN, reportedly saw what is commonly referred to as a flying saucer streaking from east to west over Miami Beach. Using the 16 millimeter camera with a telephoto lens, he proceeded to take pictures of the object.

3. After photographing the object, Private First Class MAYHEW immediately called the Marine Corps Air Station Officer of the Day and informed him of what had happened. In the meantime, a civilian had called the Miami newspapers and press services giving them the story concerning the object's being sighted. Within a short time members of the press and a television reporter were on the scene. Private First Class MAYHEW, on instructions from the Officer of the Day, gave no statement to the press and held the film until an officer arrived to take the film back to the Air Station. The reporters at the scene were aware that Private First Class MAYHEW had taken pictures.

4. The next morning the film was turned over to the Public Information Officer for development. The film was processed under the supervision of the Public Information Officer. All during the morning, members of the press were calling requesting what the distribution would be and what it contained.

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5. Since there was so much interest shown in the film by the press, this Command decided to make the photographs public to avoid having the press build up the story to a point where the general public would think that the Marine Corps had some very spectacular pictures.

6. During the morning of 30 July 1952, the two Miami newspapers, the Herald and the Daily News, made calls requesting prints of the object which had been filmed. They were told at that time by the Public Information Officer of the Marine Corps Air Station that this Command had a statement to make regarding the pictures and that they had been taken in the off-duty hours of the photographer, Private First Class [illegible]. This Command gave no official sanction to the pictures. They were merely released in the public interest.

7. A Miami Herald staff writer, [illegible] called the Public Information Officer and asked whether or not this Command had any statement to make. He was told that they did not. He informed the Public Information Officer at that time that he was going to call Washington to find out what they thought about it, and he was informed by the Public Information Officer that that was his privilege. Mr. SMITH apparently called Colonel [illegible] of Air Force Intelligence in Washington, D. C. He was quoted in the Herald story as saying that the Air Force was interested in all such evidence and would take steps immediately to get copies of the film.

8. During the afternoon of 31 July 1952, Captain John [illegible], Public Information Officer of the Marine Corps Air Station, contacted the Naval Intelligence Officer in this area, Lieutenant Commander [illegible]. The Public Information Officer gave him the reasons for releasing the information in the manner in which it was done. Lieutenant Commander [illegible] then informed Captain [illegible] that he would like to have the prints turned over to him on 31 July 1952, and that he would forward them to Headquarters, Sixth Naval District, for evaluation.

9. In the afternoon of 31 July 1952, a conference was held in the office of the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, with Major William J. FRAZIER Jr., United States Air Force Intelligence, Mr. [illegible] of the Office of Naval Intelligence, and a Mr. HAMILTON of the United States Air Force Special Investigations. Private First Class [illegible], was interrogated by the Air Force personnel. The film was turned over to Major [illegible] Jr. for forwarding to proper Air Force authorities. The prints of the film, enclosure (2), were made by television station [illegible]. These prints were released by that station upon request of this Command. They are forwarded for such action as the Commandant may desire to take.

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1. A copy of the [illegible] was furnished Mr. [illegible] of the Office of Naval Intelligence. The original has been retained in the files of this station.

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31 July 1952

STATEMENT OF PFC. Ralph C. [illegible] 1288824, SOS-5, [illegible], Miami, Fla.

After hearing talk of flying saucers for the past two years or more and then hearing that a so-called saucer had been seen over Miami beach by Mr. Goldstein on the 28th of July, 1952, I decided to take home a camera and there just might be more excitement. The Navy camera, a Cine Kodak was checked out through my NCO in charge.

I was sitting in my home and turned my T.V. on and heard more talk of flying saucers by W.T.V.J. Then and there I decided to go over to see Mr. Goldstein and actually talk to some one who had seen one. I had a hunch that if he actually saw something Monday, it might reappear just as those saucers reappeared in Washington, D. C.

I took my wife, Elean and Richard Roswell over to Miami beach. We began to look for Mr. Goldstein. We finally located him and I got my story from him. The time was about 9:05 p.m. After hearing his story I was very skeptical. It seemed rather fantastic. I asked Mr. Stern if he would mind if we went to the back of his apts., and wait. Mr. Goldstein was visiting Mr. Stern. I identified myself and told them I had a hunch, his permission was granted. This was nearly a hunch I was working on; there was no official business involved.

I finally was seated in Mr. Stern's patio. From 9:10 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., nothing happened and I made a little joke out of it, said no flying saucer man yet. At 9:35 it was far from a joke. The object appeared, it was startling. The object or saucer was a bright orange disk shape. I was not the first one to see it, people on the next band of the river said there it is again! Immediately I jumped to my feet and screamed to them - is there anything in the sky? They said yes. I didn't see it immediately, an apartment was in my view. I stoped back about 10 feet and saw it. The object was moving from east to west. It was at a tremendous altitude. I couldn't approximate because there were no clouds to give me my approximation. But it was the size of a pin head compared to a half dollar piece. After [illegible] 20 seconds, of being startled, I began shooting movies of the object. It was so small through my range finder that I could hardly see it. Knowing I might be the only person on earth to get motion pictures of this, I began shooting by approximating its location and by naked eye. The object moved across the horizon on a perfectly straight course at tremendous speed. I took 40 feet of film aprox. 12 frames have an image. The photographs show change in shape and surface. I was surprised that it wasn't visible when it flew over, only visible on the actual film. It was so much more brilliant than a star about 5 times as bright.

Ralph C. Mayer
RALPH C. MAYER
PFC. SMC-SS

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AF 18422

Maj. Rae,

Info copies of this letter of transmittal are being sent to Hqs 18th AF Intel & TAC Intel to indicate disposition.

This office has not made any public statements relative to this or other observations.

We are being overwhelmed with calls from local citizens reporting observations. A visit was made by me to the U.S. Weather Office, Miami International Airport where complete data on color, type, and schedules of ~~blk~~ balloon releases has been obtained. All reports have been evaluated in the light of this data and where

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relatively sure of correlation ~~of~~ we have dismissed some reports as such.

One striking factor is reported in almost every ~~observation~~ report regarding the nature of motion ie no power source indicated, which would lead one to believe that rather than internal propulsion that the object operates on a reaction power principle such as magnetic force upon matalic objects. You know how a magnet repells a like pole in another magnet and attracts the opposit pole.

I do not mean to imply that these sightings are of metal nor that they operate

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on a magnetic principal, for I am no physicist (!) and I don't know what type of external forces could be applied — ie light, magnetic, etc.

Well, anyway, good luck to you folks up there in the study of these reports.

Thanks for your phone number, and we'll ring you should anything come in of special significance. In the meantime we will continue to strive for factual reporting in the proper procedures.

Sincerely
Maj Frazier.

P.S. The film has obviously not

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1 August 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Film Taken of Unusual Phenomena Over this City

AF 184223

TO: Director of Intelligence USAF
Attn: AFOIN - 1A1
Attn: Major R. A. Lee
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with instructions via phone this date, transmitted herewith is the film released to this office by the Commander [illegible] Marine Base and five inclosures relating to the subject.

2. Pfc Ralph Mayher was interviewed 31 July and stated substantially as follows:

a. This object was sighted 2130 hours 29 July 1952. It was described as being orange to yellow, of extreme brilliance and irradiant glow. The object was moving at a tangent to the earth of 45 degrees above the horizon from east to west. The sky was cloudless. From the beginning of observation to fading away in the distance not more than 3-1/2 minutes elapsed. There was no trail, no noise, and no blinking. The intensity of glow remained constant. This object passed between the observer and the crescent moon and was considerably brighter than the moon in the background. There was no aura surrounding the edges of the circular shape. The exposures were made on super X film in a one-foot with F.27 aperture, infinity setting, 24 frames per second, using a 2-1/2 inch anastigmatic 63 mm telephoto lens. This film is a negative, not positive. DK 60 developer was used. The exposures of this object are on the first three feet of the film as it comes off the roll.

3. This office has released no information to the public regarding this particular sighting nor any other.

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WILLIAM J. FRAZIER
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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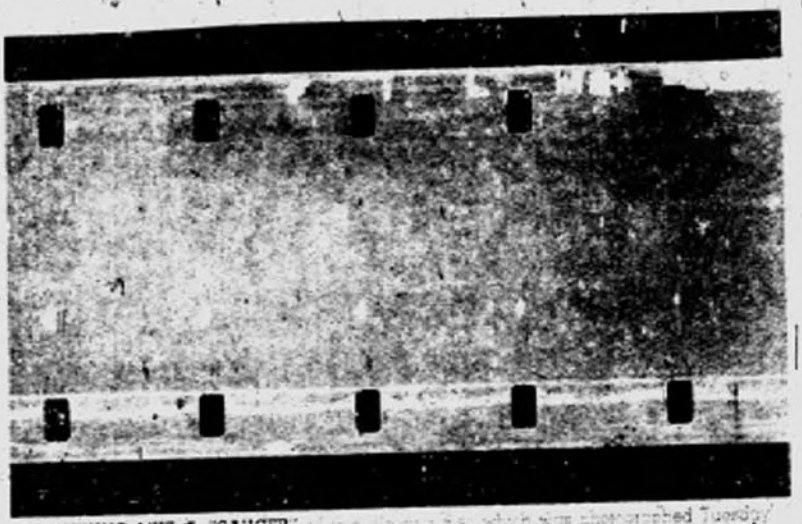
Navy Fliers See Similar Sky Object

MAYHEW



SOMETHING LIKE A "SAUCER"

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Miami Herald
7 Aug. 1952

Blown up to 10 times its size from a 16-millimeter film negative, this is an unretouched photograph of an object seen by a Marine cameraman who was hunting for "flying saucers" at Miami Beach Tuesday night. The Air Force soon will scrutinize the picture.

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Photographed Object Is Called Plane's Light

The latest theory about the "orange, yellowish object" seen and photographed over Miami Tuesday night is that what was spotted was the front light of an airplane coming in for a landing at International Airport.

John L. King, a second gunner during World War II, said today he is certain that what he saw in the vicinity of where the object was photographed by a Marine was the light from a plane.

Films To Washington

A Miamian who works in the control tower at the field reported that a plane was due to land in Miami about 10 minutes after the object was seen in Surfside. It was coming from the east, he added.

Pfc. Ralph Mayher, who was looking for "flying saucers" when he went to the home of Herman Stern, 8800 Byron Ave., shot about 40 feet of film on the object. He only caught it in eight frames, however.

[illegible] reported [illegible] plus statements by Lt. Cmdr. Joe Gardner, Lt. Joe Nells and Lt. J. M. Blum, Navy pilots who also said they saw the object, will be turned over to the Air Force in Washington.

"On A Hunch"

"On a hunch" Mayher went to the Surfside home of Stern who two nights earlier had reported seeing an object in the sky traveling at great speed. Mayher photographed the object on 16-millimeter film. He said it was traveling "more than 2,000 miles an hour."

Marine officials in Miami refused to comment on the photos. Mayher said the object was "crystal clear" and had "definite shape."

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1. NAME OR TITLE: Col. Weinbrenner
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION: AFCIN-4A
INITIALS: [illegible]
DATE: 17/[illegible]
CIRCULATE
COORDINATION
FILE
INFORMATION ✓
NECESSARY ACTION ✓
NOTE AND RETURN
SIGNATURE

2. [illegible]

3. [illegible]
[HAND CARRY]

4. MAJ. TACKER
SAFIS

REMARKS

1. Secretary of the Air Force - Special Office of Information section submitted this telegram
2. I should like to make a thorough check before a reply, remembering the results of the "agency - wire recording" case of last year
3. Also attached is copy of material from this individual's case file in my possession
4. Over the years he has repeatedly made a nuisance of himself, contacting high level AF people, accusing the Air Force of having "stolen" or "lost" his [illegible]

FROM NAME OR TITLE: Capt. [illegible]
DATE: 16 Jan 57
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION: 404
TELEPHONE: 6-944

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and 1 Feb 50 Form 11, 30 Nov 42, which may be used.

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COVER SHEET

SUBPENSE

ORIGIN OF BASIC: [illegible]

DATE

ASSIGNED BY:

NO.

DATE

TYPE

SUBJECT: Telegram from R.C. Mayher - TV Representative Re WFO Film.

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DATE

TO: SAFIS attn: Major Tacker

COMMENT NO. 1

FROM: AFCIN-4E

COMMENTS (USE REVERSE, IF NECESSARY)

1. Reference attached Telegram from subject person
2. Wishes record of receipt of photographs given to CIA.
3. To assist the Air Force Office of Information Services in taking a more positive, firmer action against this individual, attached herewith are certain items of information which are considered significant.
4. It should be pointed out that subject person has been a particularly demanding and outspoken critic of the Air Force. He has repeatedly hounded numerous USAF officials regarding the film which he states that the Air Force "lost" or "stole" for him.

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Judged a "publicity hound" by evaluator 25 Apr 54

'Flying Saucer' Film Elusive, Too

BY WILSON HIRSCHFELD

[illegible] controversy over the [illegible] of some purported [illegible] film was related [illegible] by a 21-year-old Cleveland [illegible] who believes saucers are [illegible] another world.

[illegible] Mayher has brought [illegible] Plain Dealer conflicting [illegible] about the whereby [illegible] him to shot in Miami [illegible] July 29, 1952.

[illegible] from the Department [illegible] dated April 13, 1954 [illegible] Mayher.

[illegible] Air Statement Miami [illegible] was stationed as a [illegible] the night [illegible] A [illegible] dated [illegible] last Tuesday, says.

[illegible] 31, 1952.

[illegible]

DALPH F. MAYHER

[illegible] Investigation [illegible] saucers.

[illegible] Mayher said he [illegible]

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What Is It?

Ralph Mayer, photographer for a Cleveland TV station, said he made this picture of an unidentified flying object while he was serving in the Marine Corps in 1952. Mayer described the object as about 10 feet long and reddish orange in color. He made movies of it, using a [illegible] lens and turned over all of the film except one frame from which this picture was made, to the Air Force, who, he said, declined to comment on the object.

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29 Jul 5[illegible] Mayher Film