

# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Report of unidentified flying objects

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FROM (Agency)

142d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron

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EVALUATION

26 July 1952

23 July 1952

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

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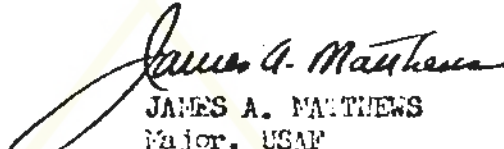
REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Reference report ESCO 0197 dtd 23/2130

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113-Part II.)

Three unidentified objects in formation stacked up one directly above the other were sighted on 23 July 1952 at approximately 1250 Eastern Daylight Time estimated at between 50,000 and 80,000 feet and reported by the observer as above the general area of Altoona, Pa. The objects did not appear to maneuver out of this area. One pilot reported that the center object appeared to move outward on a horizontal plane to an estimated 20 feet from its position, remained there for approximately 45 seconds, then returned to its point of origin. Objects were under surveillance for approximately 20 minutes. Their appearance was reported as cylindrical to rectangular. All were approximately of the same size with an estimate of 80 feet in diameter. All objects were bright and reflected light as with metallic or silver surfaced material.

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cc. Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952, the following report is submitted.

a. Three unidentified objects were observed in a formation stacked up vertically, one above the other, at approximately 1650 on 23 July 1952. The top object was reported by all four observers as being cylindrical and oblong in shape. However, a difference of opinion exists between the four observers as to the shape of the two lower objects. [redacted] pilot, describes them as flat with very little depth and at times appearing flat and rectangular, then, when sighted from a different position they appeared to be flat and oblong. See sketches below.



[redacted] pilot, believes the two bottom objects to have been almost square, and to illustrate sketches them as follows:



[redacted] a radar observer, saw the objects as shown below:



[redacted] radar observer, describes the top object as oblong and the two objects below as egg shaped but flat.



It was agreed that all three objects were of approximately the same size. All four observers also agree that, assuming there existed a distance of 5,000 feet between the observers and the objects, the diameter of the objects would measure 80 feet with a distance of 40 feet between. This, of course, is based upon their experience in sighting acft of known dimensions at 5,000 foot distances. The sighted objects were shiny and reflected light as would bright metallic or silver finished surfaces. They appeared to hover in the same area and hold the same relative position with the exception of the report by Lt. Patterson that at one time the middle object appeared to move out slightly on a horizontal plane away from the other two objects, remaining there for approximately 45 seconds and then returning to its original position. There was no indication of contrails, exhaust, propulsion methods, sound or maneuvers other

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than as reported above by Lt. ██████████

b. Objects were first sighted at 1250 Eastern Daylight Time (1650Z) and were under continuous observation for approximately 20 minutes.

c. Observation was made by visual means from two F-94B aircraft at an indicated airspeed of 150 to 130 knots and altitudes of 35,000 feet up to 46,500 feet indicated.

d. Location of observing aircraft was reported by the area controller as PK5040 and PK2058. Objects were estimated by the observers to be from 5,000 feet to 30,000 feet above the aircraft.

e. The total flying experience, including cadet training, of the four observers is as follows:



Pilot	5 Years
Pilot	1 1/2 Years
Radar Observer	1 Year
Radar Observer	9 Years

f. Weather at the time of sightings was reported to be clear with the exception of a squall line which was in the vicinity of the sighted objects but in no way limited the sightings.

g. It is believed by the observers that no activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, can account for this sighting.

h. No photographs could be taken since it was impossible to elevate the nose of the aircraft high enough at 46,500 feet to get the objects in the camera sights.

i. The area controller was kept advised of the sightings by voice.

j. Our aircraft report that there were other fighters and a bomber in the area of the sightings.

2. Statements by the four observers to be attached as inclosures have not been prepared since the above information has been prepared in cooperation with the persons making the observations.

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1st Lt., USAF  
Intelligence Officer

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39433. FLYOBRPT MR H G BARNES SR CONTROLLER AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT OBSERVED THE FOLG FROM 2400 HRS 19TH THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT PAREN THIS INFO RECD FROM MR THOMAS AT THE WASHINGTON CENTER PHONE RE 6131, EXT 291, WHO WAS READING FROM MR BARNES REPT 0745 PAREN. CAPITOL AIRLINES FLT 807 REPTD TO WASHINGTON TOWER THAT 7 LIGHTS NO DEFINITE SHAPE- WERE FOLLWOING HIM FROM MARTINSBURG W VA TO WASHINGTON. MOVEMENT NOTED UP AND DOWN AND HORIZONTALLY AS WELL. ONE NOTED OVER HERNDON VA. FOLLOWED CAPITAL AIRLINE TO WITHIN 4 MILES OF TOUCHDOWN. CAPITOL PILOT ESTIMATES ALTITUDE OF OBJECT 5000 FT. WASHINGTON CENTER RADAR SUBSTANTIATED ELECTRONICALLY THAT OBJECT WAS FOLLOWING AS PILOT OBSERVED. PARA. WASHINGTON CENTER MONITORING ANDREWS FLT SERVICE HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT OBJECT MOVE ACROSS FIELD AT ESTIMATED 4000 FT, DESCRIBED AS DOME-SHAPED, VERY HIGH SPEED. MR THOMAS WILL SEND COPY OF REPORT TO AFOIN-2A2.

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REQUEST YOU FORWARD AFCIN-1A1 FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTINGS IN WASHINGTON D. C. DURING YEAR ONE NINE FIVE TWO. (1) TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS REPORTED. (2) RESULTS OF FINAL ANALYSIS IN EACH CASE.

REQUEST THIS INFORMATION BE IN UNCLASSIFIED FORM SUITABLE FOR RELEASE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.

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ATTN CLN ATIC CMA ATIAA-5 FROM AFOIN 41626 FOLG MSG RECF FROM FLT  
SV OLMSTED AFB PA CLN \*CIRVIS. POSITION OF OBJECT DIRECTLY EAST  
NEW BURLINGTON OHIO. APPEARED TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HOUSE  
LAMP MORE BRILLIANT THAN A STAR. ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET CMA  
HOVERED ABOUT TEN MINUTES THEN MOVED SOUTHWARD AT A TERRIFIC RATE  
OF SPEED.

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