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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
404 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota
August 12, 1948

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Captain Charles L. Victor
Area Intelligence Officer
Office of AC of S, G-2
Room 1032, Post Office Bldg.
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Captain Victor:

On August 11, 1948, this office received a letter from Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster, Hamel, Minnesota, which reads as follows:

"A farmer, who lives a short distance from this village, reported to this office that his two sons, ages 8 & 10, had seen a 'flying saucer'. This object which looked like two plates inverted drifted to the ground about eight feet from one of the boys. When it hit the ground it rebounded very rapidly and disappeared.

"This object came in from the northwest & disappeared to the northeast. It was a silver colored object. Evidently this farmer believes that his sons saw some object and I have no reason to doubt his word. For your information."

This matter is being referred to you for whatever action you deem advisable. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

Very truly yours,

/s/ M. B. Rhodes
M. B. RHODES
Special Agent in Charge

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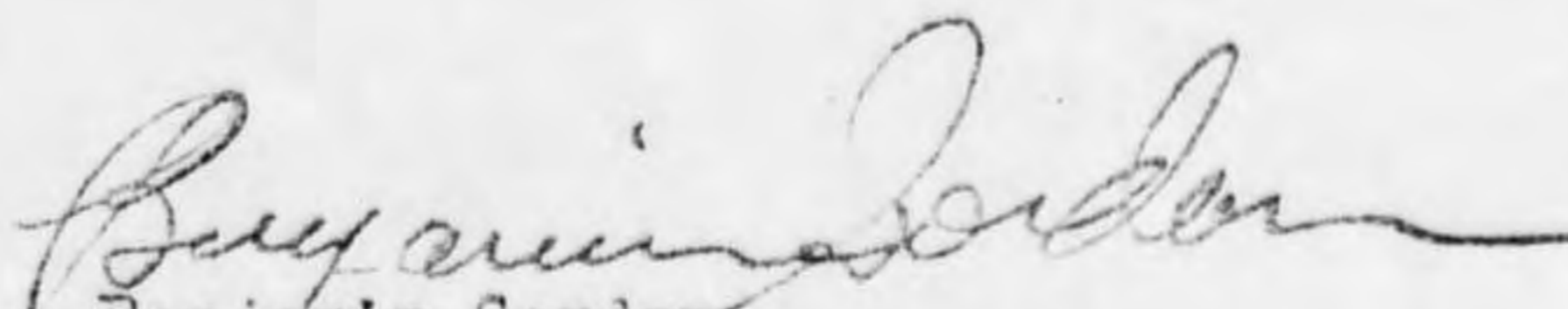
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ACTION TAKEN ON HAMEL, MINN. INCIDENT

Reference letter 17 Aug 1948 from Hq 5th Army, received MCIAXO-3 on 20 August 1948, pertaining to incident in Hamel, Minnesota, the following action has been taken:

On 20 Aug 48 a call was placed to Hq, 5th Army, contacting Lt Col William B. Allison, Executive Officer, G-2. Colonel Allison informed this Headquarters that action would be taken to resurvey the incident and to accomplish photographic and earth-sample investigations of the area in which the incident occurred.

On 21 August (Saturday) a call was received by Capt Gordon from a Major Morgan of Hq, 5th Army, informing Capt Gordon (MCIAXO-3) that the indentation occasioned by the missile had been covered since the incidence. Unfortunately, however, since the occurrence there had been two or three heavy rainfalls and the depression in the ground previously noted was found to be 1/3 full of water. Photographic coverage was made, however, and samples of rocks and earth in the depression were extracted. This evidence was being forwarded to 5th Army Hq Area as of Tuesday the 24th and would be forwarded this office (MCIAXO-3) immediately upon receipt, and should arrive this Hq. by the end of the week.



Benjamin Gordon
Captain, USAF
Project Engineer

Letter to HQ 5th Army, 24 Aug 48, regarding Hamel, Minn. incident. See also on 30 Aug 48.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
1660 S. Hyde Park Blvd.
Chicago 15, Illinois

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28 August 1948

ALFGF-I

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Wright Patterson Airforce Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: NCI AXO Project: Sign

1. Reference is made to letter this headquarters, subject as above, dated 17 August 1948, and telephone conversation between Major Prentice G. Morgan, this headquarters, and Captain Ben Gordon on 23 August 1948.

2. Attached are samples of gravel and dirt taken from a depression made by an unknown object near Hamel, Minnesota on 20 August 1948. Also inclosed are four (4) photographs and negatives of the same area before samples had been removed.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incls.
Smpls/gravel & dirt
4 Photos & Negs.

WILLIAM B. ALLISON
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Executive Officer - G-2

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Wright-Patterson AF Base
XXXXXXXXXXXX
9 September 1948

PCIAZD-3

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: FBI Laboratory

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

Gentlemen:

Accompanying this letter is a small sample of soil. This soil was taken from a depression reputed to have been caused by a "flying saucer" described as being approximately two feet in diameter and one foot thick which supposedly settled gently to the ground, rebounded to a height of about twenty feet and then continued on its journey. Although the declivity was immediately covered by a large wastub a heavy rain subsequently filled the depression about one-third full of water before any sample of dirt could be taken.

In an effort to approach this incident objectively to determine every possible clue, it has been deemed advisable to have this soil sample analyzed and tested. Upon inquiry, your Dayton representative stated that the FBI Laboratory would accomplish the required tests.

It is the desire of this Headquarters to ascertain, in particular, if there are traces of unusual elements or alloys adhering to the surface of the particles, or if any abnormality in structure exists showing that the soil was subjected to intense heat, gases or radio-active substances, etc. Unfortunately, in this regard, no one thought to forward a sample of the soil surrounding the depression so no comparison of soils can be made at this time. Should the subsequent test show anything unusual some arrangement could be made to procure some of the surrounding soil so that a comparative analysis could be made. The accompanying sample has not been tested by any other agency, nor will it be.

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Project "SIGN"
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

9 Sept 1943

In the event the tests show nothing warranting further investigation you may dispose of the sample. The report should be addressed to this Command marked for the attention of MCIAND-3. This Division will appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Incl

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Intelligence
Division
Intelligence Department

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UNITED STATES DEPT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 17, 1948

Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCIAXO-3

Re: Project "SIGN"
Examination of Soil

Dear Sir:

The Bureau acknowledges receipt of the evidence which you have submitted in the above-entitled case for examination in the FBI Laboratory. This material is being given appropriate attention and your office will be subsequently advised.

I am Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in these matters,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director

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TELECON SENT BY SMITH TO HUNNICUTT IN WASHINGTON ON 12 OCT 48

REFERENCE IS MADE OUR LETTER FBI 9 SEPT REQUESTING SOIL SAMPLE
ANALYSIS RE PROJ "SIGN" AND THEIR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 17 SEPT. WILL YOU
CALL FBI AND GIVE US STATUS OF ANALYSIS NEXT TELECON. ACKNOWLEDGE LETTER
SIGNED BY HOOVER

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RESULTS OF SOIL ANALYSIS FORWARDED BY FBI ON

7 OCT. IF NOT RECEIVED AS YET I WILL PICK UP

A DUPLICATE COPY AND FORWARD.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 7, 1948

To: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: NCIAXO-3

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 17, 1948.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Project "SIGN"
Examination of Soil

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 62-83894
LAB. NO. PC-23142 CO

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated September 9, 1948

Examination requested: Microscopic (Petrographic-Geologic)

Specimens:

Q1 Sample of soil.

Results of Examination:

The sample of soil designated as specimen Q1 consisted of various sized pebbles, sand and dirt. This material was examined for the presence of unusual elements or alloys adhering to the surface of the particles, evidence of intense heat and radioactive substances.

Nothing unusual was noted on the pebbles or in the sand and dirt that would indicate a metallic object had rubbed or scraped against this sample. No abnormality was noted in the structure of the various pebbles and rocks, nor was there any indication of extreme heat or the presence of radioactive substances.

The specimen designated as Q1 will be returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
404 N. Y. Bldg
St. Paul, Minn.

C. A. GRIFFIN
Chief
Operations Section

W. R. CLINGERMAN, Col, USAF
Actg Chf, Intelligence Dept.

RRS/aw 6-5310

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CONCERNING QUOTE FLYING SAUCER UNQUOTE INCIDENT CMA REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION AT
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HOAX CMA AFFILIATION AND ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECTS WHICH WOULD SUPPORT COMMUNISTIC
OBJECTIVES CMA OTHER INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH OR DISCREDIT ORIGINAL REPORT PD
REQUEST REPLY DIRECT HQ AMC APTN MIKE CHARLIE ITEM ABLE XRAY OBOE DASH THREE PD

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
404 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated 12 Aug 48 to Capt Charles L. Victor, Area Intelligence Officer, Room 1032, Post Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota, regarding the reported sighting of a "flying saucer" at Hazel, Minnesota.

This Headquarters desires to enlist your cooperation at the earliest possible moment to determine the following: (1) possibility of communist-inspired hoax, and (2) affiliation and activities of subjects which would support communistic objectives, and to establish or discredit facts contained in original report.

Reply should be made to Hq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MOIAXO-3.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div.,
Intelligence Department

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to Capt Charles L. Victor, Area Intelligence Officer, Room 1032, Post Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Incident No. 162 -- 11 August 1943, 1200 Hours, Hamel, Minnesota.
Two children, ages ten and eight, described a dull gray object two feet in diameter and one foot thick, shaped like two plates together which settled gently to the ground. It clanked when it touched down. On the ground it emitted a whistling noise and "shot" up to twenty feet where it hesitated, whistled once more, "shot" up to thirty feet, then "shot" off in a northeast direction.

AAC Opinion: This apparent bit of fantasy is hardly worth further consideration.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
404 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota
November 2, 1948

Colonel W. R. Clingerman
United States Air Force
Intelligence Department
Headquarters
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: MCIAXO-3

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26, 1948 concerning the sighting of a "flying saucer" at Hamel, Minnesota, which was originally referred by us to Captain Charles L. Victor, Area Intelligence Officer, St. Paul, Minnesota.

As pointed out in my letter of August 12, 1948, to Captain Charles L. Victor, this matter was referred for informative purposes only and we are unable to make any investigation.

Very truly yours

/s/ M. B. Rhodes

M. B. Rhodes
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Captain Charles L. Victor
Area Intelligence Officer
Office of AC of SG-2
Room 1032, Post Office Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

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10 OCT 1948

Project "SIGW"

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR

1. Reference is made to teletype conference message CSAF1 of 7 October 1948 and AMO4 of 14 October 1948.
2. A request for desired investigation was forwarded to the Special Agent of the FBI in St. Paul, Minnesota, who had made the initial report. His reply is forwarded as inclosure 1.
3. Further action seems obviated by a satisfactory reliability statement received from Special Agent Charles L. Victor, 113th CIC Detachment, in report of investigation dated 16 August 1948. See inclosure 2.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls

1. Ltr f/M. B. Rhodes
d/2 Nov 48
2. Rpt of Investigation

H. H. MCCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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B/L fm Dept. of the Army, CMLWR-P 3¹/₈, dtd 29 Oct 48, subj:
Unconventional Aircraft.

AFOIR-CO-5 (I-11-26)

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio.

ATTN: MCI

1. Basic letter from Office of The Chief, Chemical Corps, to Director of Intelligence, Dept. of the Army, together with copy ~~copy~~ of disposition form which forwarded basic letter from Director of Intelligence, Dept. of the Army, to this Headquarters, is forwarded for necessary action.

2. It is requested that reply be made direct to: Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: Chief, Plans & Collection Branch.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

2 Incls:

1. Ltr dtd 29 Oct 48
fr OCCC
2. D/F dtd 9 Nov 48
fr CSGID

ROBERT [unclear] [unclear]
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, CHEMICAL CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FIELD OFFICE OCCm1C
Army Chemical Center, Md.

CMLWR-P 381/8

29 October 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Intelligence, GSUSA
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Groups

1. This office has recently reviewed intelligence report by the Area Intelligence Officer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 16 August 1948, Serial O486166, regarding the investigation of a reported "flying saucer" in the vicinity of Hamel, Minnesota.
2. The report has aroused the interest of some of our scientists who would like to have more details of the reported occurrence.
3. Photographs of the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" landed, and samples of the surface material of the dented spot are desired if practical to obtain them at this time.
4. Request photographs and samples be sent to this office for examination and analysis.

FOR THE CHIEF, CHEMICAL CORPS:

/s/ WILLIAM M. CREASY
Colonel, Cml C
Chief, Cml C Res & Eng Div

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FILE No. CSGID 452.1	SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft
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TO Hq, USAF, AFOIR-CO ATTN: Lt. Col. G. D. Garrett, Jr.	FROM Chief, Plans & Collection Branch, CSGID	DATE 9 Nov 48	COMMENT No. 1 Maj. Seeley/73825/mf
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1. Your attention is invited to attached letter from Chief, Chemical Corps, United States Army, dated 29 October 1948. Copy of intelligence report mentioned in paragraph 1 of attached letter was forwarded to you on 31 August 1948.

2. The letter from Chemical Corps is forwarded for information on which to base reply.

1 Incl:
Ltr fm Ch, CML,
dtd 29 Oct 48

For C. V. BROMLEY
Colonel, GSC
Chief, Plans and Collection Branch

TO: Chief, Plans & Collection Branch, CSGID	FROM: Hq, USAF, AFOIR-CO.	DATE: NOV 19 1948	COMMENT No. 2 Lt. Col. Garrett/ab/4544
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1. Basic letter inclosed with Comment 1 has been forwarded to Headquarters Air Materiel Command, for action.

2. Reply from Air Materiel Command will be made direct to your Office.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Robert Taylor 32

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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Subject: Unconventional Aircraft

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Hq AMC Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, DEC 17 1948

TO: Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Plans and Collection Branch

1. This office is gratified by the interest shown by the Chemical Corps in the matter referred to in basic communication.

2. A check list including a summary of the incident occurring at Hazel, Minnesota, 11 August 1948, is inclosed, together with a soil sample taken from the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" landed; a copy of Report of Examination of the soil by FBI Laboratory and a set of photographs of the area from which the soil was taken. Unfortunately, a sample of soil from the surrounding area for purposes of comparison was not taken.

3. It is requested that results of analysis be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

4 Incls

1. Check List
2. Soil Sample
3. Report of Exam (FBI)
4. Photographs

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Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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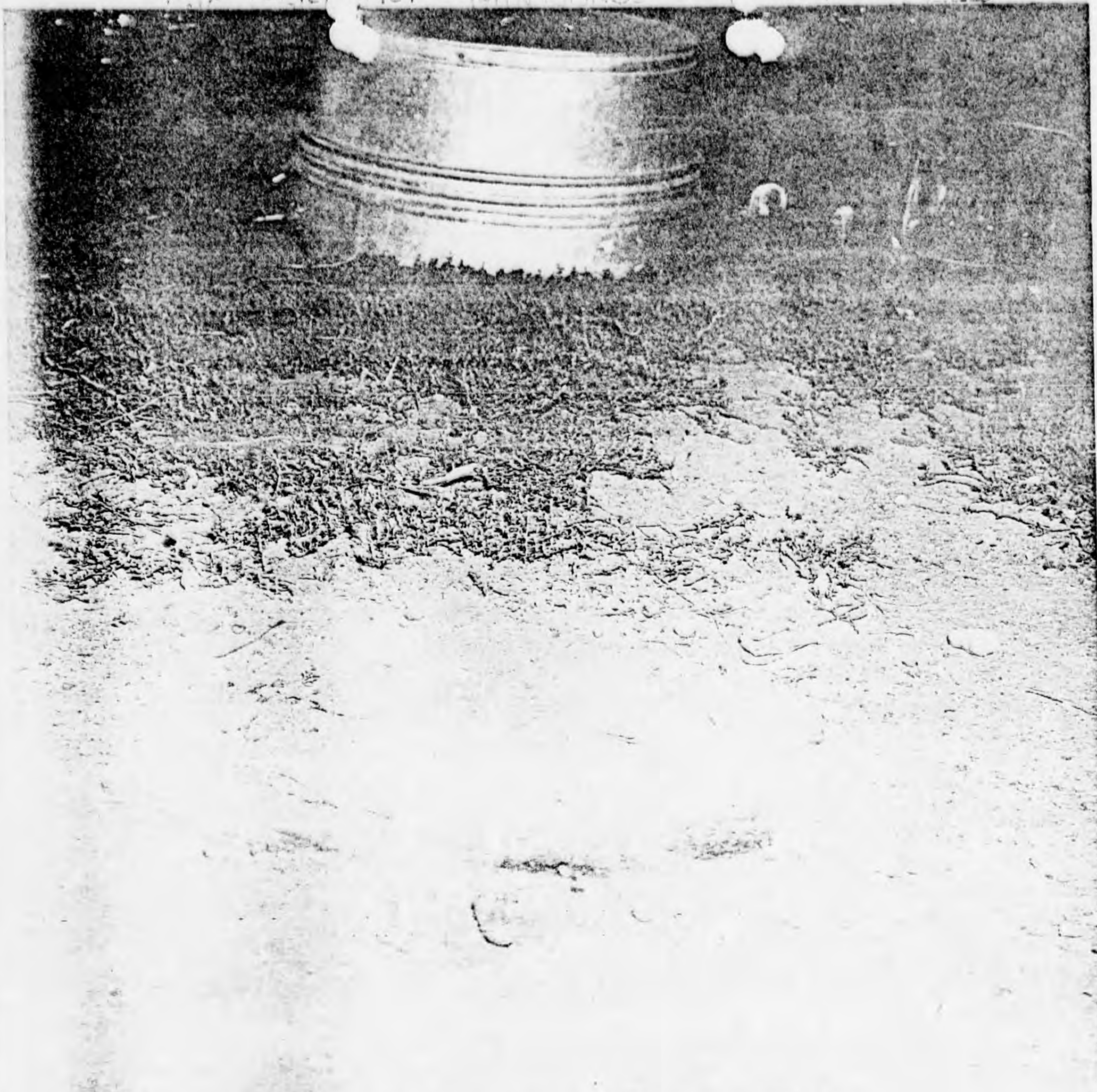
SIGHTING AT

HAMEL, MINNESOTA

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Incident #162 -- Mamel, Minnesota -- 11 August 1948

No astronomical explanation is possible for this incident. A meteorite would not have descended so gently, nor would it have risen again.

It seems incredible that this could have been an actual physical occurrence, but if it was, it is doubly unfortunate that no mature observers were at hand. If the object did land just a few feet away, one would think that even children would have given a more detailed description. Is it known whether the children have normal vision? To one with myopic vision, even a buzzard or hawk gliding to a landing might appear as a strange object.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES
FROM

HAMEL, MINNESOTA
SIGHTING

11 AUG 1948

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11 Aug 48

With 124 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Pitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "C").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Pitts)
(12 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports. It probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX X

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Summary of AIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AIC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibit a few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters, could not have been made had the witnesses not read of the 1st. Rand incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally disparage the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and these should not be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the category number of the incident in the project files.

- I, 11, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 53, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,
- 111, 132, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 236.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #162

1. Date 11 Aug 48
2. Time 1200 and 1215 hours CST
3. Location Hamel, Minnesota
4. Name of observer ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (age 10) and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (age 3)
5. Occupation of observer children
6. Address of observer ~~XXXXXX~~ Hamel, Minnesota
7. Place of observation As above - back yard
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer a matter of a few feet
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude rested on ground -
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight After resting on ground it ascended to a height of 30 feet and shot off in a northeasterly direction
14. Tactics spun once, made whistling noise, shot straight up 20 ft, halted and again made whistling noise. Maneuvered around tree branches & tele wires.
15. Sound whistling noise - like steam whistle
16. Size 1 ft thick - 2 feet wide
17. Color dull gray
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction metallic
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance into northeast
26. Remarks: (over)

Informants stated that on 11 Aug 48 between 1200 and 1215 hours, CST, ~~John~~ and ~~Robert~~ were playing in the back yard and noticed an object in descent approximately twelve feet from the ground which was descending between the two of them. It settled to the ground gently - much as a balloon. Upon hitting the ground the object spun once, made a sort of whistling noise, described by the two boys as resembling a steam whistle, and then shot straight up into the air approximately 20 feet, halted and again made a whistling noise. The object then shot upward to a height of about 30 feet, and, in this ascent, maneuvered around tree branches and telephone wires. Upon reaching a height of approximately 30 feet the object shot off in a northeasterly direction. The object approached from the northwest.

The boys described the object as "approximately one foot thick, two feet side and round." The object had no windows, wires, or any visible appurtenances. It was a dull gray in color and when it hit the ground, it made a slight clanking noise, much as metal hitting against metal.

~~John~~ and Mrs ~~Robert~~ stated the boys were visibly frightened when they ran into the house and were afraid to tell what they had seen. Upon close questioning, the boys related the above story to them.

Mr. ~~Robert~~ advised that he then had notified Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster at Hazel, Minnesota (who subsequently notified the proper authorities)

AGENTS NOTES: Agent noted that the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" had landed was approximately 2 feet in diameter and appeared as though some heavy object had landed there or had been set down - as the ground was dented and protruding rocks had been leveled. The spot was covered by a washtub.

Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster, advised that he had no reason to doubt the story of the boys or of Mr. and Mrs. ~~Robert~~, and for this reason had reported the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minn.

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HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard
Chicago 15, Illinois

Incident 162

ALPCF

17 August 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Wright-Patterson Airforce Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Attached is Special Agent's report re reported flying saucers in vicinity of Hamel, Minnesota.
2. Attached information has been forwarded to Director of Intelligence.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl.
Report, subj as above

WILLIAM B. ALLISON
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Executive Officer -G-2

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"Flying Saucer"
Hamel, Minnesota

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13 August 1948

1. On 13 August 1948, this Agent interviewed

Mr. [REDACTED]
Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Age 10)
[REDACTED] (Age 8)

at their home at [REDACTED], Hamel, Minnesota.

Informants stated that on 11 August 1948 between 1200 and 1215 hours, CST, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were playing in the back yard and that they noticed an object in descent approximately twelve feet from the ground, which was descending between the two of them. This object settled to the ground gently, much as a balloon. Upon hitting the ground, the object spun once, made a sort of whistling noise, described by the two boys as resembling a steam whistle, and then shot straight up into the air approximately twenty feet, halted, and again made a whistling noise. The object then shot upward to a height of about thirty feet, and, in this ascent, maneuvered around tree branches and telephone wires. On reaching a height of approximately thirty feet, the object shot off in a northeasterly direction. The object approached from the northwest.

The boys described the object as "approximately one foot thick, two feet wide, and round." The object had no windows, wires, or any visible appurtenances. The object was a dull gray in color, and when it hit the ground, it made a slight clanking noise, such as metal hitting against metal.

[REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] stated the boys were visibly frightened when they ran into the house and were afraid to tell what they had seen. Upon close questioning, the boys related the above story to them.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he then notified Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster at Hamel, Minnesota, of the incident.

When this Agent arrived on the scene, he was taken to a spot covered by a washtub, which Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] advised was the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" had landed. This spot was approximately two feet in diameter and appeared to this Agent as though some heavy object had landed there or been set down there, as the ground was dented and rocks protruding from the ground had been leveled.

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AGENT'S NOTES: This Agent advised the [REDACTED] family that the matter would be reported to higher Headquarters and requested them to keep the matter confidential.

2. On 13 August 1948, this Agent interviewed Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster, Hamel, Minnesota, who substantiated the above information and advised that he had no reason to doubt the story of the boys or Mr. and Mrs. Leuer. For this reason Sheridan reported the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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AGENT'S NOTES: This Agent thanked Mr. Sheridan for his interest in the matter

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and assured him the matter would be referred to higher authority, and also requested that he keep the matter confidential.

3. Attached is letter received from M. B. Rhodes, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minnesota.

CHARLES L. VICTOR
113th CIC Detachment.

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