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Incident #125

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AMT. TO. _____ DATE ON INFO 31 Oct 48

AM. NO. _____ LOCATION Goose Bay, Labrador

PROJECT NO. _____ SOURCE GCA Observer

DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF SIGHT 1515 Z _____ COLOR _____

CLASS _____ SPEED 25 kts _____

CIN _____ ALTITUDE _____

NUMBER 34 _____ LENGTH OF TRAIL 8 1/2 sec.

NO. OF STIP 1 _____ TYPE OF STIPWAGON On radar scope

NO. OF _____ HIGHLIGHTS Object appeared out of ground clutter and disappeared into it.

NO. OF _____ CIRCUMPS _____

ATIC Form 300

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HEADQUARTERS

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND - WRIGHT-PATTERSON AF BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

MCIAXO

MCIAXO-3/GWT/dw

SUBJECT: Request for Investigation

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

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DOD DIR 5200.10

TO: Commanding Officer
United States Air Force
APO 677
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to incoming messages 291600Z, 011930Z, 012045Z, and 022205Z from AAF Goose Bay, Labrador, reporting several radar sightings of unidentified aerial objects. It is suggested source Base Intelligence Officer be directed to initiate an immediate investigation of the reported sightings.

2. Pertinent information relative to the reported objects is desired as follows:

a. Was object apparently practicing radar evasive tactics when it disappeared from the scope periodically, or was it running into normal or skip "null" zones affecting appearances of all aircraft?

Five copies of Essential Elements of Information form are attached as an aid to the interviewing officer in obtaining the desired information.

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3. It is requested all pertinent material be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MCIAXD-3

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
EEI Form (Quint)

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

AFOIR-00-2 (A-3864)

1st Ind

20 Dec 1948

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

TO: Commanding Officer, 1227th Air Base Group, Newfoundland Base
Command, APO 677, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

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9 Nov 1948.

UNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVAL
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DOD DIR 2nd Ind

Hq, 1227th Air Base Group, Newfoundland Base Command, MATS,
APO 877, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y. 24 January 1949.

TO: CG, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3.

1. In compliance with basic letter, the attached re-
ports are submitted.

2. Message 291600Z contained three (3) sightings, which
were handled separately and are listed as inclosures #1, #2
and #3. Message 011930Z is listed as inclosure #4. There
are no records in this office, or at this station, of a
message 012045Z. It is believed that this number is in
error. Our message 021515Z, which was initiated by the
1932nd AAGB Sq, and addressed to their headquarters, was
probably delayed in Message Center and the date time group
changed to 022205Z. This message referred to a sighting
at 2145Z on 1 November 1948.

3. Our message 021515Z, referred to above, could not
be plotted on a sketch of the PPI scope or the base map
because:

a. By plotting a point three and three quarter
(3 3/4) miles from the station on a bearing of one hundred
and twenty-three degrees (123°) and following a flight path
on a heading of two hundred and forty-nine degrees (249°)
for a distance of seven and one half (7 1/2) miles where the
message states the object disappeared, would not put the
object's disappearing point one hundred and eighty-two de-
grees (182°) from the station.

b. This same message stated that the object tra-
velled the distance of four (4) miles in four (4) minutes
and seven (7) seconds timed by a stop watch. If this were
true, the object could not have disappeared from seven and
one half (7 1/2) mile scope on which it was sighted, neither
could it have disappeared at one hundred and eighty-two
(182°) degrees from the station, assuming that it did travel
on a heading of two hundred and forty-nine degrees (249°) as
stated.

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B/ltr fr CG, AMC, Subj: "Request for Investigation". dtd
9 Nov 1948. 2nd Ind cont'd.

c. The GCA Observer on this particular sighting was M/Sgt Francis H. Mills, AF 16134800 who has departed this station for Separation Point, Westover Air Force Base, Mass. His home address is:

1126 N. Pulaski
Chicago, Illinois

4. Referring to paragraph 2a, basic communication, these objects were not practicing evasive tactics but either faded from view as indicated on sketches #1 and #4 or disappeared into the normal ground clutter as indicated on sketches #2 and #3.

5. In the future, where possible, all sightings of this nature will be reported in the usual manner by TTX and a follow-up report made with sketches and plottings inclosed.

EDWARD R. JIRLES
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

5 Incls:

1. EEI
 - a. Sketch PPI scope
 - b. Map Goose Bay
 - c. Statement M/Sgt Boerngen
 - d. Statement S/Sgt Chelette
2. EEI
 - a. Sketch PPI scope
 - b. Map Goose Bay
3. EEI
 - a. Sketch PPI scope
 - b. Map Goose Bay
4. EEI
 - a. Sketch PPI scope
 - b. Map Goose Bay
 - c. Statement M/Sgt Boerngen
5. EEI

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Referring to our
message 021515Z.

1. Date of sighting - 1 November 1948.
 2. Time of sighting - 2145Z.
 3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) Goose Bay, Labrador
 - (2) On a bearing of 123° from the station, approximately 3 3/4 miles out.
 4. Number of objects - One.
 5. Distance of object from observer - approximately 3 3/4 miles.
 - a, b and c - could not be determined.
 6. Time in sight - 4 minutes and 7 seconds, timed by a stop watch.
 7. Appearance of object - Size of object as it appeared on the PPI scope was too small to be an aircraft and too large to be a bird.
 8. Direction of flight - 249°.
 9. Tactics or maneuvers - supposedly travelled in a straight line.
 10. Evidence of exhaust - None visible.
 11. Effect on clouds - None visible.
 12. Lights - None visible.
 13. Support - None visible.
 14. Propulsion - None visible.
 15. Control and stability - None visible.
 16. Air ducts - None visible.
 17. Speed - estimated at 60 MPH.
- [REDACTED]

18. Sound - None
19. None
20. Manner of disappearance
 - b. Disappeared from scope.

OBSERVER

1. M/Sgt Francis H. Mills, AF 16134800.
2. Address at the time of sighting - 1932nd AACCS Sq, Goose Bay, Labrador, APO 677, New York.
Present address - 1126 N. Pulaski, Chicago, Ill.
3. Occupation - GCA Operator
4. Place of business at the time of sighting - 1932nd AACCS Sq, Goose Bay, Labrador, APO 677, New York.
5. Hobbies - Not known because observer was not present at time of investigation.
6. Ability to determine
 - a. Color - good.
 - b. Speed of moving objects - good.
 - c. Size at distance - good.
7. Reliability of observer - good.
8. Notes relative to observer on
 - a. Sightings in general - good
 - b. Observer noticed the object when it first appeared and began to move on scope.
9. Witnesses - not known since observer was not present for interview.
10. Character and intelligence of all persons interviewed - Excellent.

RADAR

1. Re radars now operating on ground
 - a. Range - approximately 3 3/4 miles from the station.
Speed - estimated at 60 MPH.
Altitude - could not be determined.
Size - at first observation the object appeared to be the same size as an aircraft. When it disappeared from the 7 1/2 mile scope it appeared too small to be an aircraft and too large to be a bird.
 - b. Object did not turn.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions.

November 1, 1948

- 1720Z - High scattered cir, lower scattered cum at 3,500 ft, visibility 30 miles, pressure 1021.4 millibars, temperature 36 degrees F, dew point 23 degrees F, wind NW 10 MPH.
- 1820Z - High scattered cir, lower scattered cum at 3,500 ft, visibility 30 miles, pressure 1021.0 millibars, temperature 36 degrees F, dew point 26 degrees F, wind WNW 11 MPH.
- 1920Z - Clear 30 miles, pressure 1020.9 millibars, temperature 35 degrees F, dew point 25 degrees F, wind NW 10 MPH.
- 2020Z - 8,000 scattered, visibility 30 miles, pressure 1021.5 millibars, temperature 32 degrees F, dew point 21 degrees F, wind WNW 11 MPH. Alto C U .1.
- 2120Z - 8,000 scattered visibility 30 miles, pressure 1021.3 millibars, temperature 29 degrees F, dew point 16 degrees F, wind W 6 MPH. Alto C U .4/10.

2. Winds aloft report.

November 1, 1948

2100Z

Surface	290 degrees	9	MPH
1,000'	300 "	15	"
2,000'	300 "	14	"
3,000'	310 "	14	"
4,000'	330 "	15	"
5,000'	360 "	18	"
6,000'	010 "	22	"
7,000'	020 "	22	"
8,000'	020 "	25	"
9,000'	020 "	34	"
10,000'	020 "	40	"
12,000'	030 "	39	"
14,000'	030 "	47	"
16,000'	040 "	52	"
18,000'	040 "	50	"
20,000'	050 "	44	"
25,000'	050 "	55	"

3. Both USAF and RCAF Operations were checked and there were no aircraft in the area at the time of observation.
4. Releases of testing devices by Weather Unit, this station, are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Runs Taken</u>	<u>Height in Meters</u>
Nov 1	0300Z	Rawin	10,830
Nov 1	0900Z	Rawin	5,590
Nov 1	1500Z	Rawin	14,240
Nov 1	2100Z	Rawin	14,740

5. It is not known if object contacted earth.
6. It is not known if object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects to check for possible radioactivity.
7. It was not possible to plot on a sketch of PPI scope or on map of base.
8. Statement could not be secured as observer has been transferred to Separation Point.
9. It is not possible to obtain fragments or physical evidence of object.

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No. 196: Radar scope observation only; object travelling directly
into wind. Cannot determine if balloon, but unlikely.

HEADQUARTERS
AIR WEATHER SERVICE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply
Refer To: AFS DSS

11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAXO, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.

2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.

3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

2 Incls:
1 - Incident Summaries
2 - Comments 173 thru 233

/s/ W. A. West
W. A. WEST
Lt. Col., USAP
Adjutant General

1. Date of Observation 1 Nov 1948 Date of Interview 2145Z
2. Exact time (local) 2145 Z
3. Place of Observation Goose Bay Labrador
4. Position of observer Ground - GCA Radar Station
5. What attracted attention to object :- blip on radarscope
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Too large for bird and too small for aircraft
8. Color of object - object not seen
9. Shape Could not be determined
10. Altitude Could not be determined
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer 3-3/4 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) 249° Disappeared on bearing of 132° f/observer
14. Time in sight 4 minutes and 7 seconds - timed with stop watch
15. Speed estimated at almost a mile a minute - 60 mph
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None visible
18. Intensity N/S
19. Trajectories None visible
20. Maneuvers Traveled in a straight line
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared from scope on a 132° bearing f/observer
22. Effect on clouds N/S
23. Additional information concerning object Ravin Sende released at 0300Z 0900Z 1500Z & 2100Z miles
24. Weather observations 8,000 scattered - visibility 30 ~~xxx~~ Wind W 6 MPH

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Name: M/Sgt Francis H. Mills, AF 16134800
 1932 AACCS Sq, Goose Bay Labrador, APO 677, N. Y.
 Occupation and hobbies: GCA Operator

Contents of Interrogation relate to his intelligence and character of
 observer(s):

Good ability to determine color and speed of moving objects
 and good ability to determine size at distance. Reliability: good.
 Character & intelligence: excellent

EXHIBIT SUMMARY: Target picked up on GCA scope at 2145Z 1 Nov at
 3-3/4 miles from station on a bearing of 123° from station. Object
 traveled on a heading of approximately 249° and disappeared at 7-1/2
 miles on a bearing of 182° from the station. Blip traveled the 4 miles
 in 4 minutes and 7 seconds timed with a stop watch. (A speed of approximately
 60 mph) Operator stated blip was too small at 7-1/2 miles to be an aircraft
 and too large to be a bird. Wind was from 270° to 300° and at 5 to 10
 MPH. Target witnessed by 2 GCA Operators.

Discrepancy reported: 2d Ind dated 24 Jan 1949 f/Hq 1227th Air Base Gp,
 Newfoundland Base Command, MATS, para 3a & 3b
 states that

"By plotting a point 3 and 3/4 miles from the station on a bearing of
 123° and following a flight path on a heading of 249° for a distance of
 7-1/2 miles where the object disappeared would not put the object's
 disappearing point 182° from the station.

"This same message stated that the object travelled the distance of 4
 miles in 4 minutes and 7 seconds timed by a stop watch. If this were
 true, the object could not have disappeared from seven and one half mile
 scope on which it was sighted; neither could it have disappeared at one-
 hundred and eighty-two degrees from the station assuming that it did
 travel on a heading of 249° as stated."

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND 511 and 60a (4), AR 380-5
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM FT. ANDREW NEW FOUNDLAND 081610Z
TO AND WAFB

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HEREWITH CORR ON NR 2066E

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022205Z

WAS RECEIVED BY TWO GEORGE CHARLIE OPERATORS

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15:37
16:51

*1. MCAIA
2. MCAIA
3. MCI*

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

IN 091 77Z

FROM 55 AACG GROUP HQ FT WASHINGTON WFLD 0222 75Z

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TO AWCWPAFB

INFO AACG HQ GRAVELLY POINT VA

Cite - 0222 75Z

NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMD FT PEPPERELL WFLD

ATTN ACIAXO DASH THREE CMA AND CMA FASHEWT PD

FOL MSG FROM GOOSE BAY CMA LABRADOR QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO
TARGET PICKED UP ON GEORGE CHARLIE ARLE SCOPE AT TWO ONE FOUR
FIVE ZETA ON ONE NOV AT THREE AND THREE SLANT FOUR MILES FROM
STATION AT ABLE BEARING OF ONE TWO THREE DEGREES FROM THE STATION
PD BLIP TRAVELED AT ABLE APPROX HEADING OF TWO FOUR NINE DEGREES
AND DISAPPEARED AT SEVEN AND ONE HALF MILES AT BEARING OF ONE EIGHT
TWO FROM THE STATION PD BLIP TRAVELED THE FOUR MILES IN FOUR
MINUTES AND SEVEN SECONDS PAREN TIMES WITH STOP WATCH PAREN ABLE
SPEED OF APPROX SIX ZERO MILES PER HOUR PD OPERATOR STATED BLIP WAS
TOO SMALL AT SEVEN AND ONE HALF MILES TO BE AN AIRCRAFT AND TOO

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INCOMING MESSAGE

LARGE TO BE ABLE BIRD PD WIND WAS FROM TWO SEVEN ZERO TO THREE
ZERO ZERO DEGREES AND AT FIVE TO ONE ZERO MILES PER HOUR PD
THIS TARGET WAS WITNESS NSHKHMWO GEORGE CHARLIH ABLE OPERATORS
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