

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 June 49 071710Z	2. LOCATION Springfield, Mass.	356
4. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON	
5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
7. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	<p>Object flew directly overhead at what appeared to be a very high altitude. Object appeared to be white, round in shape, apparently of metallic construction. When first sighted object was flying horizontally, then it took an abrupt vertical ascent and later descended to its former position.</p> <p>Information indicates weather balloon from Bedford AFB, Mass. could have been in that area during the time of the sighting. Observer was evidently off on his estimate of the duration of the sighting since it could not have gone through the motion he described in 5 seconds.</p>	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

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Name and address of observer: Mr. ██████████
██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Springfield, Mass.

Occupation and hobbies:

Writer

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Excellent character with high degree of intelligence, fair observer.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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FM JEBAB6A/CG ATLD MATS WESTOVER AFB MASS

TO JEDC/CG AMC WRIGHT PATTESON AFB DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCIAKO-3

INFO JEPC/DPTY C/S OPERATIONS HQ USAF WASH 25 DC ATTN DIRECTORATE
OF INTELLIGENCE

AF GRNC

ATLD OIN 4-101

FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED BY MR [REDACTED] CMA THREE
SEVEN PINEWOODS AVENUE CMA SPRINGFIELD CMA MASS PD WHILE AT
HOME AT ABOUT ONE TWO ONE ZERO EDST ON SEVEN JUNE ONE NINE FOUR
NINE HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROUNDISH OBJECT ABOUT SIZE
OF JET PLANE CMA BUT WITHOUT WINGS CMA TRAVELING IN EASTERLY
DIRECTION AT ABOUT SPEED OF JET PLANE CMA FOUR ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE
ZERO ZERO MILES PER HOUR PD OBJECT WHITE BUT NOT SHINY
FIRST TIME HE HAD EVER SIGHTED UNUSUAL OBJECT OF THIS TYPE CMA
THAT HE COULD NOT READILY IDENTIFY PD HE IS CERTAIN THAT OBJECT
WAS NOT WEATHER BALLOON CMA NOR CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT PD
DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN EXACT SIZE OF OBJECT BECAUSE OF EXTREME
ALTITUDE CMA BUT OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SPHERICAL PD

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TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

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MCIAKS/GWT/ano

FROM: AMC

DATE: 14 June 1949

TO: CO Westover AF Base, Massachusetts

MALCOLM D. SEASHORE
 Lt Colonel, USAF
 Acting Chief, Intelligence Department
 NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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TELETYPE NO: MCIAKS-6-2 Reference your teletype, 9 June 1949, ATID OIN 4-101,
 reporting unidentified aerial object. Request full written report as outlined in
 Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum No. 4, dated 15 February 1949.

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HEADQUARTERS, WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE
(1600TH AIR TRANSPORT WING, ATLD-MATS)
WESTOVER FIELD, MASS.

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17 June 1949

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

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

In compliance with request contained in TWX EDC 206 your Headquarters, dated 16 June 1949, the following information is submitted according to the requirements outlined in AF Memorandum #4, dated 15 February 1949:

A. GENERAL

1. Date of sighting - 7 June 1949.
2. Time of sighting - 1210 EDST.
3. Where sighted - In front of residence at 37 Pineywoods Avenue, Springfield, Mass. Unable to determine exact distance from the city.
4. Number of objects - one.
5. It is not believed that any observable celestial phenomena or planets could account for the sighting.
6. Observer unable to determine distance of object. Object flew directly overhead at what appeared to be an extremely high altitude.
7. Time of sighting - 5 seconds.
8. Object appeared to be white, round in shape, apparently of metallic construction, and approximately the size of a small jet fighter type plane.
9. Direction of flight - east and northeast from Springfield, Mass.
10. When first sighted the object was flying horizontally, then it took an abrupt vertical ascent and later descended to its former position.

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11. There was no evidence of exhaust of any kind.
12. It was a clear day with very few clouds. The object did not penetrate into nor fly near any clouds. Nor was it reflected on any clouds.
13. There were no visible lights.
14. There were no wings or other visible support of any kind, but the object could have been a rotating cylinder of some type.
15. The method of propulsion could not be determined from the observer's position.
16. The observer was unable to determine any facts regarding control and stability such as fins, stabilizers, etc.
17. There were no visible air ducts.
18. Speed was estimated by the observer to be somewhere between 400-500 miles per hour.
19. There was no sound emitted by the object.
20. The object faded from view.

B. RELATIVE TO OBSERVER

1. Name - Mr. [REDACTED]
2. Address [REDACTED], Springfield, Mass.
3. Occupation - writer.
4. Place of business - residence, same as above.
5. No pertinent hobbies.
6. Ability to determine:
 - a. Color - fair
 - b. Speed of moving object - fair
 - c. Size at distance - fair
7. Reliability of observer - excellent according to reports of neighbors and records of Police Department.

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8. a. First time that he had ever sighted an object of this type going at such a speed.
- b. Attention was drawn to object by the fact that a large plane happened to be passing at the same time at a lower altitude.
9. There were no other witnesses to the sighting.
10. The observer gave evidence of being a person of excellent character with a high degree of intelligence.

C. RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS: Negative.

D. GENERAL

1. Teletype sequence of local weather conditions :
 - a. CEE - 4,000 scattered.
 - b. Visibility - 15 miles.
 - c. Sea level pressure - 078 millibars.
 - d. Temperature - 72°
 - e. Dew point - 45
 - f. Wind from northwest - 20 miles per hour.
 - g. Altimeter setting: 974 inches
2. Winds aloft
 - a. 5,000 ft - wind from northwest - 15 knots
 - b. 10,000 ft - winds from southwest at 35 knots
 - c. 17,000 ft - winds from southwest 25 knots
3. Not applicable
4. There are indications that weather balloons released at New Bedford Air Base, Mass., could have been in the vicinity of the sighting and at the time indicated.
5. Does not apply.
6. Does not apply.

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7. No photographs available.
8. Signed statements not available, but could be obtained at a later date if desired.
9. No fragments or physical evidence available.
10. No radio antenna observed.

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ARCHIE F. ROY
Capt., USAF
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-17

21 June 1949

**SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY**

**TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MC LAXS**

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, subject and file as above, dated 7 June 1949, inclosing report of investigation by Special Agent LEO M. CHRISTIANSON, DO #16, dated 1 June 1949.
 2. Information has been received from the 16th OSI District (IG) that so much of paragraph 3 of referenced report as reads, "When GABEL located the airplane, he said it was an F-81...." should be corrected to read "When [REDACTED] located the airplane, he said it was an F-51...."

John J. Dusceel
J. W. O. J. G. USAF
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT: Ltr	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
R - 919	Project GRUMMAN CONF...	R-2294	
FROM: 5D-QSI	DATED 6/21/49	DATE	
TO: IAXS	NO. INCLs. 0		
RECORDING AXT-1	DATE 6/22/49	HOUR 1330	
DESK	RECORDED		
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION: | TRANSMITTAL
 AMC FORM NO. 10-2
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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT: TWX	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
R - 407	Info On Flying Object	R-106	
FROM: Westover Fld Mass	DATED 6/9/49	DATE	
TO: IAXS	NO. INCLs. 0		
RECORDING AXT-1	DATE 6/9/49	HOUR 1330	
DESK	RECORDED		
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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT: Ltr	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
R - 833	Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft	R-2043	
FROM: HQ Westover Fld Mass	DATED 6/17/49	DATE	
TO: IAXS	NO. INCLs. 0		
RECORDING AXT-1	DATE 6/21/49	HOUR 0800	
DESK	RECORDED		
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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT: TWX	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
R - 407	Info On Flying Object	R-1041	
FROM: Westover Fld Mass	DATED 6/9/49	DATE	
To: IAXS	No. INCLs. 0		
RECORDING AXT-1	DATE 6/9/49	HOUR 1330	
DESK	RECORDED		
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1. Date of Observation 7 June 1949 Date of Interview _____
- 2.. Exact Time (local) 1210 EDST
3. Place of Observation Springfield, Mass.
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object.
6. Number of objects 1 Noticed while watching plane in sky
7. Apparent size of jet plane.
8. Color of object White (not shiny).
9. Shape Spherical
10. Altitude Extremely high
11. Direction from observer Overhead
12. Distance from observer Unable to determine
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Easterly and Northeasterly
14. Time in sight 5 Seconds
15. Speed 100-500 MPH
16. Sound and oder None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers First horizontal flight, then abrupt vertical ascent, then returned to former level.
21. Manner of disappearance Faded from view.
22. Effect on Clouds Object not near clouds.
23. Additional Information concerning Object Information indicates weather balloon from Bedford AFB, Mass., could have been in area during time of sighting.
24. Weather Conditions. Visibility 15 Miles, 20 MPH, wind from N.W.

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