

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 June 1949 22/1610Z	LOCATION Fort Bliss, Texas 388
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT (TARGET PLANES)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2 - 5	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer first observed 4 then 5 then 3 then 2. Appeared 3 inches wide X 12" long X 12" deep at distance. Silver on underside, reddish tinge on top. Square shape. Appeared to rock, but maintained altitude. Object disappeared due to distance.
7. COURSE North	
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:

~~Incident, Hq 3try,~~
12th AAA Group, Fort Bliss, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Army Officer (Battery Commander).

Appears reasonably intelligent and reliable.

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

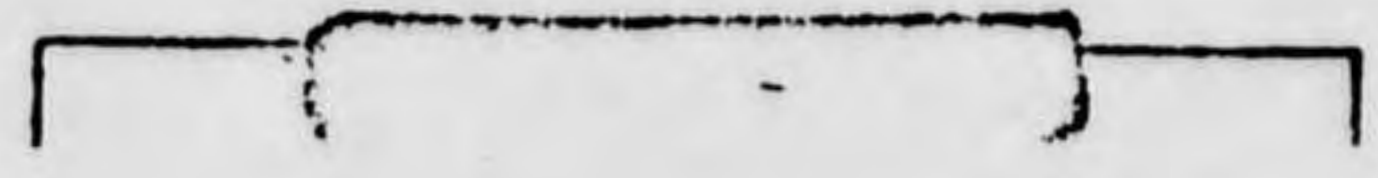
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ATIC NO. _____ ✓ DATE OF INFO 23 June 1949
AP NO. _____ LOCATION Toledo, Ohio
GROUP NO. _____ SOURCE Male Civilian (Psychiatric Disorder)
DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC ---
TIME OF OCCURRENCE 0432 COLOR Stainless steel and bluish cast
SHAPE "PEAR" SPEED 600-650 mph and up
SIZE 30' long, 45-50' wide ALTITUDE 8000'
COURSE NE LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 4 1/2 or 5 min.
NO. IN GROUP 4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
SOUND "Whiny" MANEUVERS Landed and took off.
PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES (1)

other (psychologic)

Temporary ATIC Form 329
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.

5D 24-21V

DATE

28 June 1949

REPORT MADE BY

PHILIP F. HOOKER

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TITLE

PROJECT "GRUDGE"

Incident - 1 1/2 miles from Lake
Erie Shoreline near Point Place and
Naval Armory on U. S. Route 25, be-
tween Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio

REPORT MADE AT

DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

PERIOD

23, 24 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

STATUS

CLOSED

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D. C., thru Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Information received that ~~_____~~, Toledo, Ohio claims to have seen four strange objects, one of which landed on an island 1 1/2 miles from shore in the vicinity of Point Place and the Naval Armory, U. S. Route 25, between Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio. ~~_____~~ interviewed, reiterated claim, drew sketch and gave description of objects, including dimensions. Toledo police records list ~~_____~~ as AWOL from U. S. Navy on 30 October 1944 and apprehended 20 December 1944. Toledo Veterans Administration records list ~~_____~~ service-connected disability as 30% psychoneurosis, anxiety state and 10% fracture, left carpal navicular, post operative. Statements verifying this attached.

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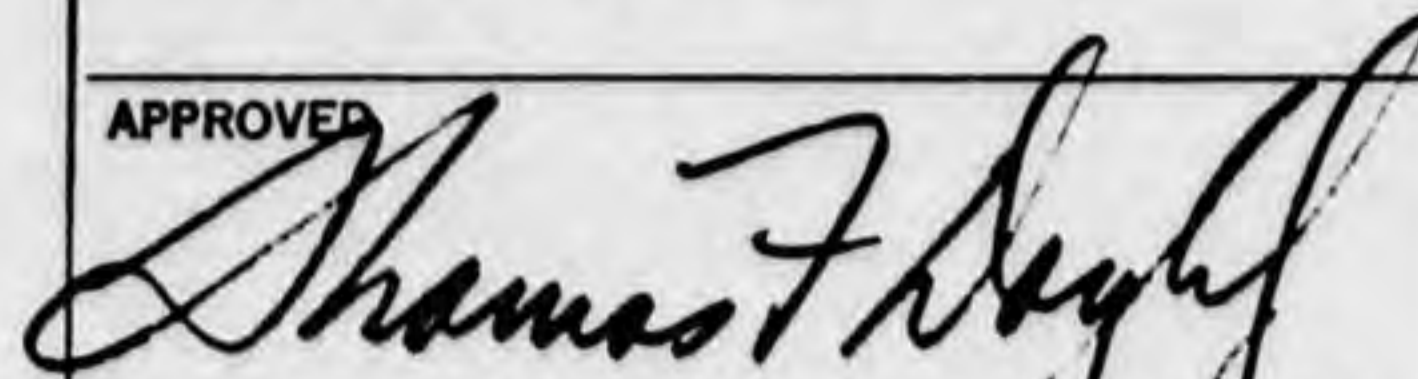
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Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

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THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR.
Captain, USAF

Acting

DISTRICT COMMANDER

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon a telephone conversation between Mr. G. T. TOWLES, Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio and Mr. JOHN E. MORRILL of 5th District, Office of Special Investigations, regarding the claim of Mr. RALPH K. GASS, to the effect that he had seen four strange objects, one of which landed on an island extending 1 1/2 miles from the shoreline near Point Place and the Naval Armory on U. S. Route 25, between Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio.

2. On 23 June 1949, Mr. RALPH K. GASS, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio was interviewed regarding strange objects he claims to have seen while enroute from Monroe, Michigan to Toledo, Ohio and which he reported to the Research and Development Section, Department of the Navy on 23 June 1949. Mr. GASS stated in substance regarding the above mentioned incident with quotations as follows:

a. After attending a gathering of his old shipmates at Monroe, Michigan he was returning to his home in Toledo, Ohio on U. S. Route 25 when he happened to look to the rear of his car and noticed an "object" in the air coming from a north-northeasterly direction. This object startled him and he looked again and then stopped his car, after which he observed three other similar objects. This occurred at 0432 hours on 23 June 1949. After stopping his car, he took his binoculars from the glove compartment and tried to the best of his ability to observe every detail of the "craft". Shortly after 0432 hours one of said "craft" landed on an unoccupied island which extends 1 1/2 miles from the shoreline into Lake Erie, between Point Place and the Naval Armory on U. S. Route 25.

b. According to his observation, the "craft" had a "long extension landing gear built like a tripod, but with two units forward of the main spar and one aft. The craft that landed did not have 'wheels' but hoof-shaped gear in place of wheels, with one hoof on each hydraulic landing gear. Each unit when extended seemed to be approximately eight feet long and while on the ground the craft set approximately five feet above the ground."

c. "After the one craft landed a hatch opened from the port side of the craft" and two men were observed to get out of the craft, one seeming to be a military officer since he wore "shoulder-boards" on his uniform; the uniforms of the men appeared to be of a blue-gray color, one man wearing an officer's cap and the other an overseas cap; and the men wore "Russian or military type" boots. Upon alighting from the craft, the man, observed by Mr. GASS to be an officer, held a sack which the second man filled with two "handfuls of soil", after which both men re-entered the craft and closed the hatch, which appeared to be "hydraulically operated". After the hatch was closed the craft remained still for 30 seconds and then took off. The craft was on the ground for a "total of 4 1/2 or 5 minutes." Mr. GASS said that

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while the one craft was on the ground he observed a "whiny" sound, but could not determine whether it came from the craft on the ground or the three craft hovering above.

d. While the hatch was open he observed "a number of tubes running at an angle of 70° to 80° down to the bottom of the craft. The tubes were located inside the hatch and seemed to be reaction chambers of some type, or expansion chambers."

e. The craft "took off in a northwesterly direction with a 70° angle of ascent and was slow at the beginning with a sudden burst of speed upward." After the craft had reached an altitude of "approximately 1200 feet" it joined the three other craft which had been hovering above the island while the first craft landed and the four aircraft then flew off, continuing in the northwesterly direction "at an approximate speed of 600-650 miles per hour, comparable to an American jet aircraft. Their speed increased at a rate which could not be judged any further, but as a layman I judged the speed at approximately 1600-1900 miles per hour, or that of a super-sonic speed. The (four) craft disappeared above the horizon at an altitude of approximately 8000 feet, and were climbing at a steady rate" before they went out of sight.

f. From his observation, two of the three craft in the air were made of stainless steel and the third was of a "bluish" cast, while the fourth craft which landed was also made of stainless steel; the dimensions of these objects or craft were "approximately 80 feet in length and 45 to 50 feet in width; the profile of the craft resembled a "wing section of an aircraft, the thickness of which was eight to ten feet at the widest part", and the weight of the aircraft was approximately 40 to 60 ton.

g. "The control of the craft from a propulsion standpoint was handled internally" and there was "no external trace of any jet or reciprocating engines."

h. The weather conditions were clear and the clouds were high, with a ceiling of approximately 4000 feet.

i. He had called the city desk of the New York Daily Mirror, New York City, at 0530 hours, 23 June 1949 and tried to relate his story to them and was told that they were not interested in his story; he then called the Research and Development Section of the Navy at Washington, D. C.

j. He held the rating of Fireman 1/c in the Navy on an L.S.T. during the war; his serial number was 7232106; he was discharged on 3 December 1947 with a 40% disability which was due to a nervous condition which he said had improved since that time. He is a general machinist by trade but is unemployed and is living on his disability pension.

3. During this interview, Mr. GASS was requested by this agent to make a sketch of the object or craft which he claims to have seen. Mr. GASS attempted

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to make a sketch of the craft at this time, but apparently didn't seem satisfied with his efforts and requested this agent to call back the next morning for the sketch. Mr. GASS displayed the binoculars he used to observe the objects. They bore the following information: "Monarch, Made in Tokyo, Japan, 8 x 25, 61613".

4. This agent requested Mr. GASS to accompany him to the location where the strange object was supposed to have landed, and tentative arrangements were made. It was agreed that Mr. GASS would call this agent the next morning (24 June 1949) when he was ready to proceed to that vicinity.

5. On 23 June 1949, after conducting the above interview with Mr. GASS, this agent made a check of the Bureau of Identification and Records, Toledo Police Department, Toledo, Ohio. Records revealed that RALPH K. GASS, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio was listed as AWOL from the U. S. Navy on 30 October 1944. Filed with the records were fingerprint card and U. S. Navy Circular requesting arrest as a deserter offering \$50.00 reward and giving his serial number as 7232106. Also filed was another Navy circular stating that RALPH K. GASS was apprehended 20 December 1944 by the U. S. Navy. Records also revealed that RALPH K. GASS was born 26 August 1924 at Toledo, Ohio.

6. At approximately 0300 hours, 24 June 1949, Mr. GASS made a telephone call to the Lorraine Hotel, 12th & Jefferson Streets, Toledo, Ohio and informed this agent that he would not be able to accomplish the sketch as requested since he had broken the compass to his drawing set and would not be able to replace it until the next morning. At this time Mr. GASS inquired whether it would be suitable to wear "dungarees" on the previously mentioned trip to the island where the objects were supposed to have landed.

7. On 24 June 1949, at 0830 hours this agent again contacted RALPH K. GASS by telephone at his residence, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio and informed Mr. GASS that it would be impossible to make the trip to the vicinity where the strange objects were supposed to have landed. During the conversation this agent asked Mr. GASS if he had been able to make a sketch of the object he claimed to have seen and Mr. GASS replied that he hadn't, but that he could have one ready by 1130 hours that day.

8. On 24 June 1949, this agent interviewed Mr. L. E. GREER, Training Specialist, Veteran's Administration, 501 Huron Street, Toledo 4, Ohio regarding Mr. RALPH K. GASS. Mr. GREER stated that Mr. GASS had been in enlisted status in the Navy from 10 November 1942 to 3 December 1947 and had spent two years of this time overseas; that Mr. GASS had joined the Navy after completing his tenth year of school; that his disability at the time of separation from the Navy was 10%; that his Claim Number was 12173224; his Social Security Number was 271-20-1006; and that he had been receiving training at the University of Toledo Junior College under Public Law 346. Mr. GREER further stated that Mr. GASS had enrolled 2 February 1948 at the University of Toledo Junior College and was taking an engineering course (day school, 12 hours per day); that his attendance at the school was bad; that he had

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to be reinstated at two different times by two different professors; and that GASS finally left school at his own request on 15 April 1948. Mr. GREER referred this agent to Dr. H. A. RICHARDSON, Chief, Out-Patient Service, Veterans Administration, also at that address, for further information. Attached is an extract from VA Form 7-1902i, dated 9 March 1948, regarding RALPH K. GASS, C-12-173-224, which was obtained from Mr. GREER.

9. On 24 June 1949, this agent interviewed Dr. H. A. RICHARDSON, Chief, Out-Patient Service, Veterans Administration, 501 Huron Street, Toledo 4, Ohio, who reviewed his files on RALPH K. GASS and found that Mr. GASS had a service-connected rating, dated 1 February 1949, by the Veterans Administration of "30%, Psychoneurosis, anxiety state; and 10% Fracture, left carpal navicular, post operative". Attached hereto is Veterans Administration letter dated 24 June 1949, signed by Dr. H. A. RICHARDSON, bearing the reference number 66SR10, C-12 172 224, GASS, RALPH KENNETH, to that effect.

10. On 24 June 1949, this agent interviewed Dr. CHARLES A. BOHNENGEL, Psychiatrist, Veterans Administration, 501 Huron Street, Toledo 4, Ohio, who reviewed the files on RALPH K. GASS and found that Mr. GASS had a moderate psychiatric disability. Attached hereto is "Transcript of N. P. Examination Conducted at V.A. Office on December 20, 1948" on RALPH K. GASS, Claim No. C-12 173 224, which was obtained from Dr. BOHNENGEL.

11. On 24 June 1949, at 1130 hours, this agent proceeded to Mr. GASS's residence and upon arriving there found Mr. GASS had not made the sketch as promised, and after much persuasive discussion Mr. GASS consented to prepare the sketch which is attached hereto.

INCLOSURES:

1. Photostatic copy of sketch prepared by RALPH K. GASS, 812 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio.
2. Photostatic copy of SUMMARY OF MEDICAL DATA AVAILABLE IN C-FOLDER AND NOT OF RECORD ON RATING SHEET, extracted from VA Form 7-1902i, dated 3-9-48
3. Photostatic copy of Veterans Administration Letter bearing RALPH K. GASS's service connected disability rating dated 24 June 1949.
4. Photostatic copy of TRANSCRIPT OF N.P. EXAMINATION CONDUCTED AT V.A. OFFICE ON DECEMBER 20, 1948, regarding RALPH K. GASS.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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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:

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28 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident - 1 1/2 miles from Lake Erie Shoreline
near Point Place and Naval Armory on U. S. Route
25, between Monroe, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to Routing and Record Sheet, your office, dated 24 June 1949, requesting investigation be conducted on the "flying objects" at Toledo, Ohio.

2. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the final report of Special Agent PHILIP F. HOOKER, of this office, dated 28 June 1949.

3. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

Incl:
Rpt of SA PHILIP F. HOOKER
dtd 28 June 49 (in dup)

Thomas F. Doyle, Jr.
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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other (psychological)

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**ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND GUIDED MISSILE CENTER
FORT BLISS, TEXAS**

AKBAAL 452.1

23 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AG of S, G-2

In compliance with letter, Headquarters Fourth Army, AG 452.1 AKBAAL, subject as above, dated 4 April 1949, the following report is submitted:

1. Date of Observation: 22 June 1949 Date of Interview: 22 June 49
2. Exact time of observation: 1010 hours MST
3. Place of observation: South end of Bldg 4100 Fort Bliss, Texas
(See inclosure #1)
4. Position of observer: Standing on steps, one step up.
5. What attracted attention to object: Just happened to be looking in that direction.
6. Number of objects: At first observed four (4) objects; (See inclosure #2.). Then looked away to be sure that I was not imagining seeing something and when I looked again about five (5) seconds later I could only see three objects; (See inclosure #2). Then looked away again for about five (5) seconds and when looking at objects again I only saw two objects for nearly two (2) minutes; (See inclosure #2).
7. Apparent size: Objects appeared to be about three (3) inches wide and twelve (12) inches long and about twelve (12) inches deep as they came up in a rocking motion. I would judge they were approximately a mile and a half from me.
8. Color of object: Silver on the under side and a reddish tinge on the top.
9. Shape: About square.
10. Altitude: 45 degrees.

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Ltr Hq AAA & GM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, ANBAR 452.1, dtd 23 Jun 49, subject,
Unconventional Aircraft

11. Direction from observer: 05 de rees.
12. Distance from observer: About a mile and a half.
13. Direction of flight of object: North
14. Time in sight: Two (2) minutes.
15. Speed: 60 miles per hour.
16. Sound or odor: None
17. Trail: none
18. Luminosity: Reflected.
19. Projections: None

20. Maneuvers: One was a rocking, halting, straight flight and one was a rocking, halting, dipping, straight flight. When the rocking motion was away from me it seemed to climb and when rocking toward me it seemed to drop, but at the balance it appeared to be at a constant altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared in the distance.

22. Effect of clouds: No effect on clouds

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear, bright.

25. Name and address of witness: [REDACTED],
Hq Btry, 12th AAA Group
Fort Bliss, Texas

Occupations and hobbies: Battery Commander - Sports.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer.

Subject listed seems reasonably intelligent and reliable. No Reports.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material: No glasses used; Vision is normally 20-15 in both eyes.

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Ltr Hq IMA & GM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, AMBMB 542.1, dtd 23 Jun 49, subject,
Unconventional Aircraft

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: 1010 hours MST 22 June 1949; Clouds, overcast 30,000 feet, scattered layer 14,000 feet; Visibility, 30 miles; S-SW 7 knots; temperature 81°; dew point, 54°.
2. Winds aloft report: West-northwest at 10 knots per hour.
 - a. Adiabatic chart for period in question: None available.
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at time: Reports from White Sands Proving Ground and Holloman Air Force Base were negative. (See paragraph 4 below).
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: Biggs Air Force Base was contacted and stated that O. I. target planes were released at approximately 1000 hours, 22 June 1949.
5. Did object contact the earth: No
6. Photographs or sketches: No photographs; See inclosure #2 for sketch.
7. Signed statements: Signed statement is being retained by this headquarters.
8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: Not possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


J. W. ROSS,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

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Overlay of Map, 1/25,000, Ft Bliss, Texas
Sketch of objects

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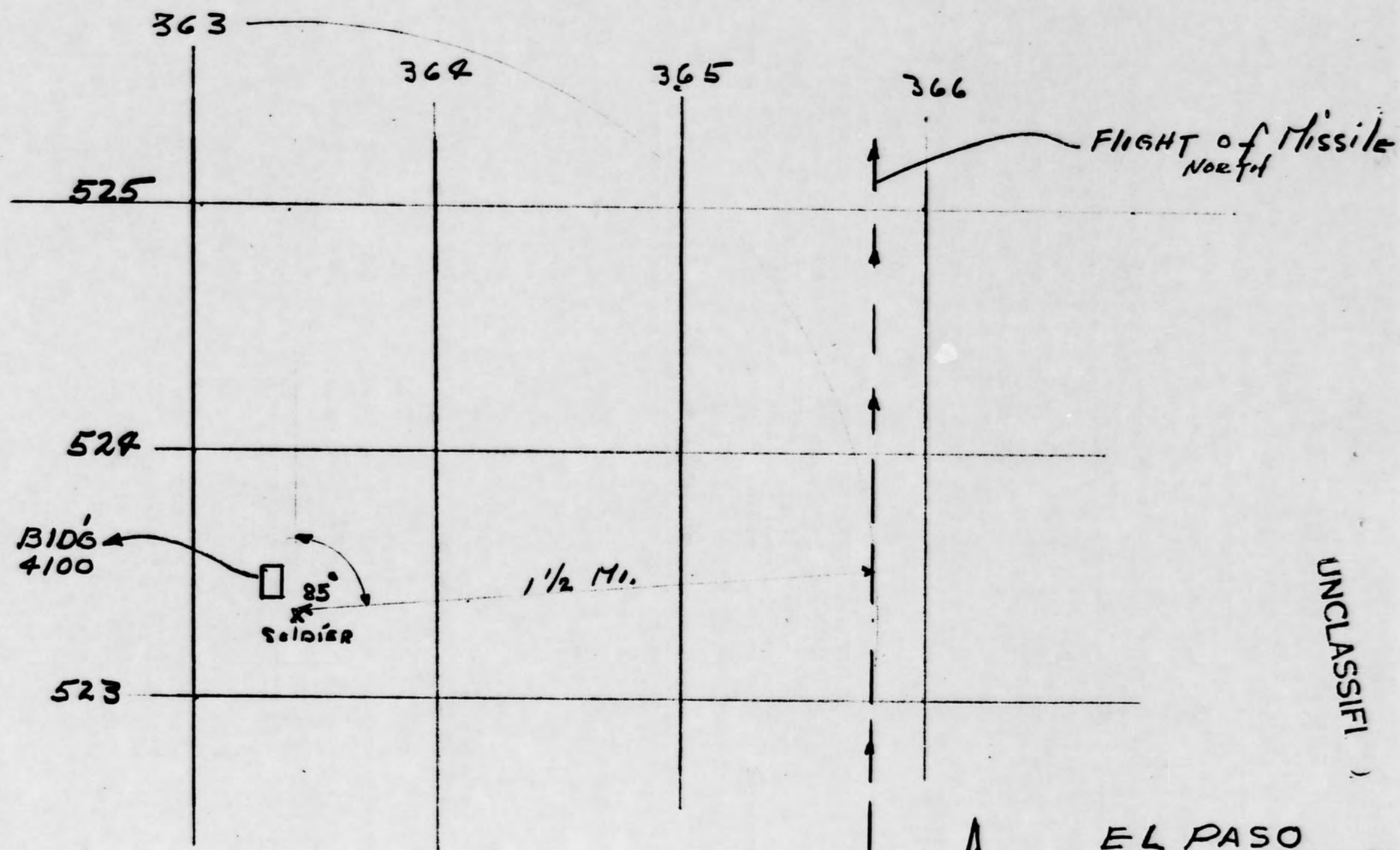
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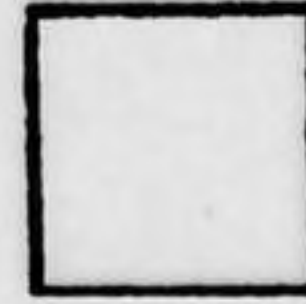
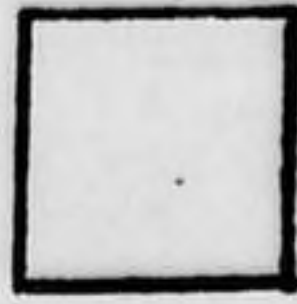


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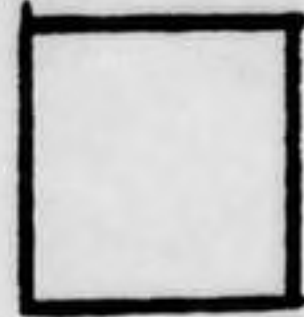
Objects seen at first observation:



Objects seen at second observation:



Objects seen at third observation:




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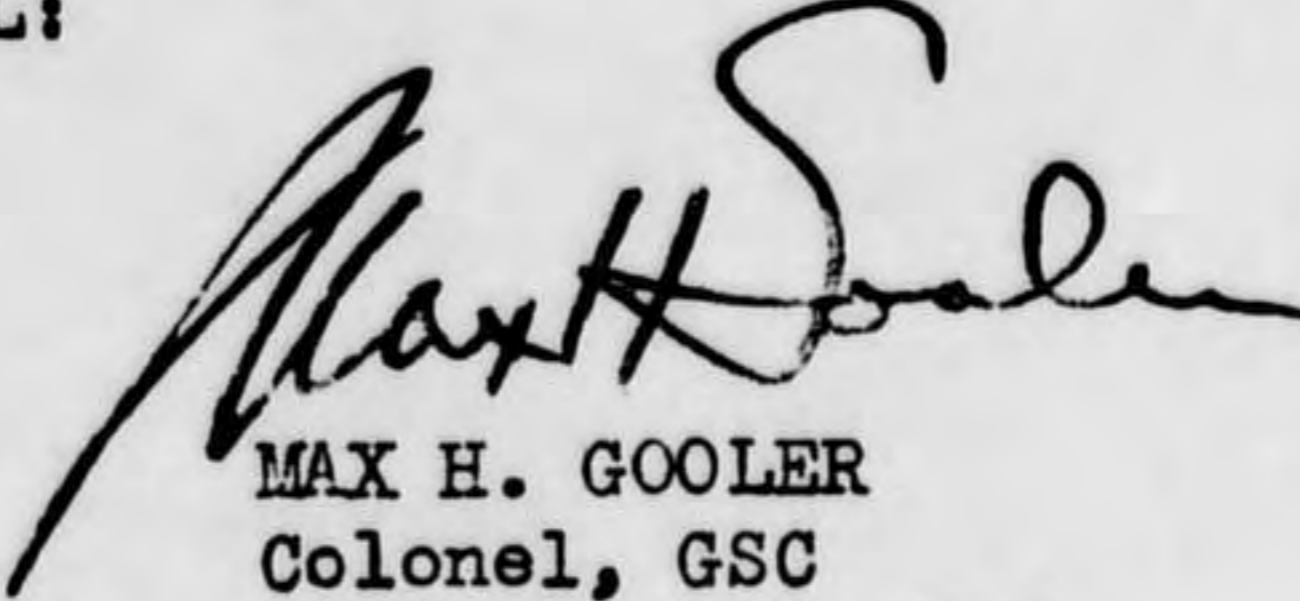
SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

Inclosed report, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," AKBAAB 452.1, dated 23 June 1949, submitted by Headquarters Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, re observation on 22 June 1949, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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As stated w/2 incls


MAX H. COOLER
Colonel, GSC
Actg AC of S, G-2

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1. Date of Observation 22 June 1949 Date of Interview 22 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1010
3. Place of Observation Fort Bliss, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Was looking in that direction
6. Number of objects First observed 4 then 5 then 3 then 2
7. Apparent size Appeared 3 inches wide X 12" long X 12" deep at distance.
8. Color of object Silver on underside, reddish tinge on top.
9. Shape Square
10. Altitude 45°
11. Direction from observer 85°
12. Distance from observer 1 1/2 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) North
14. Time in sight 2 Minutes
15. Speed 60 MPH
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Reflected
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Appeared to rock, but maintained altitude
21. Manner of disappearance in distance
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object Target planes were released at 1000 from Biggs AFB
24. Weather Conditions Clear and bright, winds from NNW at 10 MPH.

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other (O. Q. Target planes)

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