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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 5D 24-21L DATE 17 May 1949

TITLE

PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Gilchrist Beach,
Galveston, Texas

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REPORT MADE BY
PHILIP F. HOOKER emb

REPORT MADE AT
DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

PERIOD
16 May 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

STATUS
PENDING

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
NONE. This is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Information received reflects that Mr. [REDACTED], Beaumont, Texas released information on 4 March 1949 that sailing objects were observed over Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas.

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Acting District Commander.

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a Routing and Record Sheet, dated 13 May 1949 from W. R. CLINGERMAN, Colonel, Chief, Technical Intelligence Division (MCIAXS), Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who received information hereinafter set forth regarding the sighting of alleged flying objects in the vicinity of Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas in June 1948. This information was received by letter dated 4 March 1949 from Mr. [REDACTED], Beaumont, Texas.

2. Information received indicates that the observer, while swimming at Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas, heard a roaring noise and saw sailing object over telephone poles which ran by the highway which spanned approximately twelve or thirteen feet and about the same size in length. This sailing object descended toward the water at about a forty mile an hour speed.

INCLOSURE:

Photostatic copy of letter dated 4 March 1949 from Mr. [REDACTED] (without drawings).

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE #10, KELLY AFB

AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS

1. Will interview Mr. [REDACTED], Beaumont, Texas and any other person or persons having knowledge of this incident using the inclosed letter as reference.

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TITLE UNCLASSIFIED INCIDENT "GROUSE" Incident, Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas	REPORT MADE AT W-10, Kelly AFB	
	PERIOD 6 July 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN [Redacted], Wright-Patterson AFB	
	STATUS [Redacted]	

CHARACTER
[Redacted]

REFERENCE
Report of S/A Philip F. Hooker, 20 15, /R AFB, 17 May 1949.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of report of investi-
gation by Special Agent Philip F. Hooker, 5th OSI District (10), Wright
Patterson Air Force Base, 17 May 1949, setting forth that alleged fly-
ing objects were sighted in the vicinity of Gilchrist Beach, Galveston,
Texas in June 1948 by Mr. [Redacted], Seaside,
Texas. On 6 July 1949, Mr. [Redacted] in a written, signed
statement, retracted the statements made by him in a letter to the
editor of the Saturday Evening Post, 4 March 1949, wherein he reported
that he had observed a flying object in the vicinity of Gilchrist
Beach. Mr. [Redacted] further stated that his description of the object
was partly imaginative and based on articles which he had read of the
subject of flying missiles.

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DETAILS

1. This investigation was conducted as a result of a request for undeveloped lead from District Office #5, contained in report of Special Agent Philip F. Hooker, 17 May 1949, setting forth that alleged flying objects were sighted in the vicinity of Gilchrist Beach, Galveston, Texas in June 1948, reported by Mr. [REDACTED], Beaumont, Texas on 4 March 1949.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS

2. On 6 July 1949, Mr. [REDACTED], age eighteen (18), [REDACTED] Beaumont, Texas, stated that on 3 March 1949 he and several boys of approximately his age but unknown by name, were engaged in playing pin ball machines at a drug store in Beaumont, Texas when one of the group brought to his attention an article in the Saturday Evening Post entitled "What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers". Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that in order to impress the boys he related a fictitious story of having heard and seen an object similar to a flying saucer while at Gilchrist Beach in June 1948 and, on a challenge from the boys, wrote a letter to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post wherein he related having seen a flying object, describing and illustrating it from his conception of a flying saucer and from articles he had read in newspapers and magazines. Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that he did not realize the seriousness of the incident and in a signed, written statement retracted the information reported to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post in his letter of 4 March 1949.

3. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], parents of [REDACTED], advised that on several occasions their son had indicated tendencies to relate imaginative stories; further, that they were not aware of the above incident until it was brought to their attention at this time. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] cited as an example that during this interview their son had related eight versions concerning the flying object, prior to his final admission that he had not seen any such object.

4. The original signed statement referred to in this report was forwarded to 5th OSI District (IG), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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for [REDACTED]

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Signed statement by Mr. [REDACTED] 6 July 1949.

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STATEMENT

July 6, 1949

I [REDACTED], 13, residing at [REDACTED] Beaumont, Texas, make the following statement voluntary to special agent Frank J. Wasiewicz, a member of the Office of Special Investigation U.S.A.F., without threat, promise or duress. Special Agent Wasiewicz has advised me of my rights that I do not have to make any statement oral or written.

I wish to make the following statement in reference to a letter I wrote on 4 March 1949 to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post, wherein I had stated that around midnight during the early part of June 1948 I had observed an object flying at Gilchrist Beach which resembled a flying saucer, and at this time I want to deny the above mentioned statement and state it is untrue.

On the third of March 1949 several boys of my age brought to my attention an article, "What you can believe about Flying Saucers", in The Saturday Evening Post and I in turn made up this story, purely of my own imagination, and from information that I had learned by reading several articles in regards to flying saucers, as a dare I wrote this letter, while at this beach I had not seen or observed anything that resembled a flying saucer. The diagram and description which I enclosed in my letter to the editor of The Saturday Evening Post were merely copies of diagrams I had seen in other publications.

I hereby state the foregoing statements made and written in this statement consisting of four pages written in my own handwriting are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and accurate.

"A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY"

William S. A. Alley

WILLIAM S. A. ALLEY
Captain, USAF

[REDACTED]
Beaumont, Texas

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STATEMENT

We, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], parents of [REDACTED] reside at [REDACTED] Beaumont, Texas. Do hereby state that the forgoing statement consisting of four pages was made in our presence by our son voluntary without threats or promises, and to our knowledge is true and correct.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Witnessed by:

Frank J. Nasiewicz
Sp/Agt, OSI
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" CERTIFIED TRUE COPY "

William S. A. Alley
WILLIAM S. A. ALLEY
Captain, USAF