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PROTECTED RECORD CARD

ATIC NO. --- ✓ DATE OF INFO 27 Oct 1947  
AF NO. --- LOCATION Guntown, Miss.  
REPORT NO. --- SOURCE Female Civilian  
DATE OF REPORT --- DATE IN TO ATIC ---  
TIME OF SIGHTING --- COLOR Shiny like aluminum  
SHAPE Oval SPEED --- Estimated  
SIZE --- ALTITUDE --- Measured  
COURSE --- LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---  
NO. IN GROUP 2 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground  
SOUND --- MANEUVERS ---  
PHOTOS --- SKETCHES --- REMARKS: Woman saw ovals in sky dropping material which looked like spider webs.

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# UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

29 October 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

CIC FAO #8, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Objects  
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1602 hrs:

<u>Altitude (feet)</u>	<u>Direction (degrees)</u>	<u>Knots per hour</u>
8000	210	17
9000	220	18
10000	230	25
12000	220	30
14000	220	30

2203 hrs:

<u>Altitude (feet)</u>	<u>Direction (degree)</u>	<u>Knots per hour</u>
Surface	Calm	
2000	150	7
3000	160	6
4000	180	7
5000	190	10
6000	190	17
7000	190	19
8000	200	18

AGENT'S NOTE: A report of the release of weather ballons and other meteorological instruments on 27 October 1949, by the weather section of Plant "X-10", Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is forthcoming.

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FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

AJAC1-3 360.33

4 November 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, dated 31 October 1949, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," with summary of information re flying objects sighted near Knoxville, Tennessee.
2. Inclosed herewith is summary of information containing additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*G. L. Overton*  
for JOHN LEADE Major WAC  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

1 Incl:  
S/I dtd 1 Nov 49

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Reference is made to Paragraph 2, Summary of Information, this office, subject same as above, dated 29 October 1949. The following additional information is furnished in regards to the interview with Mrs. Minnie Lytle: Mrs. Lytle stated that the objects were approximately twenty-four (24) inches in circumference; that the position of the objects in flight was in the horizontal position with the nose forward; that there was no evidence of propellers on either of the objects, and that both objects appeared to be perfectly straight with no tapers or curves. Mrs. Lytle explained that her estimate of the dimensions of the objects was based on their appearance aloft and not their actual size. (E-2)

On 1 November 1949, this office was informed by an Official of Security Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, that the Officials of the Weather Station of Plant "X-10", Oak Ridge, Tennessee, reported that one (1) thirty-two (32) inch weather balloon was released at that station every hour, approximately on the hour from 0800 to 2400, on 27 October 1949, but that no other meteorological instruments were released on that date. (E-2)

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MCIAXA-1

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Mrs. [redacted]  
Guntown, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of 3 November 1949, is hereby acknowledged.

The information you provided has been included in our study of aerial phenomena.

Your action in writing this Command is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

CARL B. LINDSTRAND  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Actg Chief, Technical Analysis Div  
Intelligence Department

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Quntown, Miss.

Nov 3, 49

Technical Intelligence Division  
Air Materiel Command Headquarters  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

On Oct 27, about 12:30 o'clock P.M. I was in my yard when I happened to look up and saw something in the sky coming from the North. There were two of them—each one of them was two oval shaped objects. The ovals were fastened together with a fastener that seemed to be flexible. They were high and going fast. They shined brightly like new aluminum would in the sunlight. The fastener shined like the oval objects. I could see the fastener sag between the ovals when they changed position. They would fly. One oval over the other one a few seconds with the fastener in a vertical position between the ovals. Then they would change again. The fastener would be in a horizontal position. The ovals appeared to be about one foot in size to me. The fastener seemed to be about one inch wide.

I could see them plainly as it was clear and bright in the north, east, and south that day.

They made no sound. I had been looking at them a minute or two when one of them seemed to jar or jerk then it vanished; the other one went on south. In a minute, or a half minute something resembling pieces of ashes came down. It was drifting lightly in the wind. It seemed to be lighter in weight than ashes from the way it floated in the wind. It was a whitish color. It was coming from the north towards the south; some of the pieces were half as large as a feather. Most of them were much smaller. I saw one piece six or seven inches long. I started to get the large piece. It was about ten feet high; it looked like it would come on down in a minute. I was following the large piece intending to get it when it came down. I happened to look towards my barn which was north of where I was standing. There was something like spider web coming down. It was coming down from the north. They were coming down fast and think they were catching on the leaves of the trees. Uneopin Places were thick with them. There were millions of them, the air seemed to be full of them. Single strands shining in the sunlight. They had a Golden tint. There were some pieces that seemed to be large pieces of spider web that had tangled together. Some of the pieces had a long tail of single strands with heavy pieces at one end. The heavy end would lift the piece up, and let it down. It seemed to be controlling it.

The large pieces were gray-white, like common spider web. They seemed to be much lighter in weight from the way they floated in the wind. Some of the pieces were fairly large to stay up like they did.

In about ten minutes I saw another oval coming from the east. It was a single oval. It was only an oval shaped object. It was going

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faster than the ovals I had seen fastened together. It seemed about a foot in size. It would turn the end in the direction it was going. In 3 or 4 seconds the side would turn in that direction. It did not turn all the way around. It just seemed to swing half way around. It had passed overhead. I saw it jar, seemed like it stopped. I thought it was going to change its course, but it did not. A small bright something shot from the oval. It went southeast. It went much faster than the oval. It was about the size of a large star. It was bright like a star. It was not large enough for me to see the shape it was.

I looked from the star-like object back to where the oval was. It had vanished. I did not see it again.

In a minute the stuff like ashes was drifting among the trees. It seemed to be coming down. I did not see a piece come to the ground. I thought it was landing on the leaves. Then the something like spider web came down when it came down in the open I could see it go to the ground; in the trees it caught on the leaves and shined. I could see it hanging in the trees.

When I looked up again there was another one of the ovals; it was going in a southwest direction. I did not see what direction it came from. It was overhead when I saw it. I watched it. It too would swing half way around and then back. I saw it jar and jerk like the other one did. Then the star-like object shot from the oval. It went in a southeast direction; very fast. It was some distance from the large oval. Bright things no larger than single strands of spider web came from each side of the large oval. They came from the oval in a curve. They were so bright and so many of them it hurt my eyes to look at them. There seemed to be millions coming from the oval. They shined like spider web in sunlight. In a minute or less the ashes, or what looked like flakes of ashes, were coming down. They were like the other pieces I had seen. Then the spider web stuff came down. It looked like Xmas decoration on the trees where it came down in the open. I could not see it after it got to the ground. It seemed like it covered everything as far as I could see there was as much shining web as there would be rain in a big rain. All the afternoon the single ovals went over. I would see one every ten or fifteen minutes. They were single ovals. I did not see any more fastened together. They came from the east and north.

While I was watching it a plane was coming from the west. When the plane was not very far from the oval, I saw the oval jar or jerk the star-like object shot from the oval; it went west. I looked at the plane to see if it would change course or speed as it was not very far from the oval. I hoped the pilot would see the oval, but the plane did not change speed. I looked back to where the oval was but did not see it.

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At 3 o'clock I looked up again. There were two of the ovals almost overhead. Each one of them had a tail not anything like a plane, just a shining something that looked to be about one inch wide to me. It was flexible. I could see it plainly. The ovals were going over each other, then around each other; then one of them would go under the other one as they moved I could plainly see that each one of them had a tail. I watched them maybe 3 minutes, while I watched, I decided they were trying to get in position to hitch together. If those tails had been fastened together they would be exactly like the first ones I saw coming from the North. I did not watch to see which way they went. I had to meet the school bus. My daughter came home about 3 o'clock. We watched for ovals and saw 3 or 4 after she got home. All of them came from the east. They were single ovals.

The ashes and spider web stuff came drifting. After each one of them passed, it went on until about 4:30 o'clock.

We got one small piece of the web. It seems to be nothing but common spider web. I am sending it with the letter. Next morning the webs were gone from the trees. It was just like nothing had happened.


I told my daughter to listen at school to find out if any one else saw the ovals. She said there was no talk of anyone seeing anything.

So far as I know my daughter and I were the only ones that saw them. On Nov 1st about 1 o'clock, I looked up and saw another one of the ovals. It was going south. A few flakes of the ashes stuff and spider web came drifting down from the north. It seemed like I could taste a bitter taste in my mouth, the bitter taste seemed to go on down in my throat. I could not get rid of the bitter in my mouth and throat for 2 days.

On Oct 27th when I saw the ovals, I tasted that bitter taste in my mouth. That day I thought perhaps I imagined the bitter taste, because I was scared. The ovals, ashes and webs frightened me.

But after I saw that one on Nov 1st, and tasted the bitter taste again, I knew I had not imagined it. I live in northeast Mississippi about 25 miles northeast of Tupelo, Miss. If it will not be a lot of bother, would you let me know if there were any rockets or anything like that streaking over northeast Miss. that day. I was scared when I saw all I saw that afternoon, and please don't turn this over to the papers. I do not wish to lead another flying saucer scare.

Yours truly





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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY  
FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

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27 Oct 49  
KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
31 October 1949

AJACI-3 360.33

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is summary of information re flying objects sighted near Knoxville, Tennessee.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*John Meade*  
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Colonel, GSC  
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S/I dtd 29 Oct 49

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On 28 October 1949, THE KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL carried an article which stated that a Mrs. Minnie Lytle, Old Maryville Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee, reported that about 1530 hours on 27 October 1949, she sighted two (2) bright looking objects flying high and fast over her home. The newspaper quoted Mrs. Lytle as saying that the objects were tube shaped, noiseless and about a yard in length, and that they looked like airplanes when the sun shined on them. (C-2)

On 28 October 1949, Mrs. Minnie Lytle, Housewife, Old Maryville Pike, Route #3, Knoxville, Tennessee, was interviewed and stated that while standing in her back yard at approximately 1530 hours, 27 October 1949, she sighted two (2) objects which were flying toward the South (180 degrees) at approximately the same altitude and speed as commercial type aircraft. She said that she sighted the first object by coincidence while looking up at the sky. When she first sighted the object it was directly overhead, and was flying in a level flight. She said that the object was shaped like a straight tube, and that no openings either in the side or rear were visible. There was no evidence of vapor trails or exhaust, nor was there any sound from the object. The Informant said that she kept this object in sight for approximately one (1) minute before it disappeared from her vision at approximately a forty-five (45) degree angle. Mrs. Lytle continued by saying that immediately after the first object disappeared, she again looked overhead and sighted another object which was identical to the first one in shape and size, and that it was flying at the same altitude, in the same direction and at the same rate of speed as the first object. This object was also kept in sight for approximately one (1) minute before it disappeared. The Informant stated that from the reflection of the sun on these two objects, they appeared to be constructed of metal similar to that used in airplanes. She said that the sky at the time was void of clouds. Mrs. Lytle further stated that she was alone at the time the objects were sighted. (B-2)

AGENT'S NOTES: Mrs. Lytle is approximately fifty-five (55) years of age, and of at least average intelligence. All her answers were made without hesitation.

An attempt to report the above incident to Headquarters by telephone met with negative results since the information was not obtained until about 1715, on 28 October 1949, and no personnel were in the office at that time.

On 29 October 1949, Officials of the United States Weather Bureau, McGee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, were contacted and stated that weather balloons were released by that Bureau on 27 October 1949, at 0405, 1000, 1602 and 2203; but that no other meteorological instruments were released. They said that the balloons were approximately thirty (30) inches in diameter, and that the color of the first balloon was red, the second was orange, the third was yellow and fourth was orange. The officials furnished the following information relative to winds aloft on 27 October 1949:

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1000 hrs:

<u>Altitude (feet)</u>	<u>Direction (degrees)</u>	<u>Knots per hour</u>
Surface	50	11
2000	60	6
3000	120	4
4000	160	10
5000	190	14
6000	220	13
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16000	220	21
18000	230	24

1602 hrs:

<u>Altitude (feet)</u>	<u>Direction (degrees)</u>	<u>Knots per hour</u>
Surface	Calm	
2000	30	4
3000	60	4
4000	120	4
5000	170	9
6000	180	11
7000	190	14

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