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ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 6 Jan 1950

AF NO. --- ✓ LOCATION Howard, Kansas

REPORT NO. OSI Report SOURCE 3 Officers (two pilots)

DATE OF REPORT 18 Jan 1950 DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF STARTING 1410 CST COLOR Bright Silver-Red Nose  
Estimated

SHAPE Football SPEED 300-500 mph  
Measured

SIZE 30'-60' long ALTITUDE 2000'  
Estimated

COURSE 90°-100° magnetic LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED less than 2 min

NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial

SOUND --- MANEUVERS ---

PICTURES --- SKETCHES ---

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DETAILS:

AT OLATHE, KANSAS

On 25 January 1950, Lt. (JG) W. C. KINCANNON, Weather Officer at the Olathe Naval Air Base, Kansas, advised that no reports concerning any unconventional aircraft have been received at the Base. He further stated that the weather on 6 January 1950 was clear with visibility at 12 miles, and that no weather balloons of any type had been released on that date, nor had any flares of any type been released.

It is believed all logical leads in this matter have been developed and it is considered closed in the files of this Office.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

FILE NO.

24-68

DATE

18 January 1950

REPORT MADE BY

CASS W. RIDDLE

TITLE

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT  
Howard, Kansas

REPORT MADE AT

DO #13, Offutt AFB

PERIOD

6 January 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO #13, Offutt AFB

STATUS

CLOSED

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None - this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 13th OSI District, upon receipt of a request from the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC, to make inquiry into the incident. On 6 January 1950, Captain ROBERT E. ZIMMERMAN, Captain FREDERICK E. HOWARD, and 1st Lt HAROLD G. SIMPSON, while enroute by air from Carswell AFB, Texas to Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, saw an unidentified object near Howard, Kansas. The object, 30 to 60 feet in length, shaped like a football and bright silver in color, was proceeding in straight level flight at approximately 2,000 feet, with an estimated speed of 300 to 500 miles per hour. The object was in sight for less than two minutes and then faded from view. The weather was reported as CAVU.

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Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton,  
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*Earl E. Sparks*  
for MATTHEW THOMPSON USAF  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska  
EES/hdg  
18 January 1950

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT NEAR HOWARD, KANSAS

TO: Commanding General  
Air Material Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIAX ~~4-5~~

1. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the report of Special Agent CASS W. RIDDLE, of this office, dated 18 January 1950, reflecting the closed investigation of UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT NEAR HOWARD, KANSAS.
2. With the submission of this report it is believed all logical leads have been covered and reported.
3. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

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Report of Investigation  
(in dup)

*Earl E. Sparks*  
EARL E. SPARKS  
Captain, USAF  
Acting District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of request from the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC.

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included as Inclosure #1.

INCLOSURES:

Check Sheet - "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry"

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- 1. [faded] N/A
- 2. [faded] N/A
- 3. [faded] N/A
- 4. [faded] N/A
- 5. [faded] N/A
- 6. [faded] No clouds - CAVU
- 7. [faded] N/A
- 8. [faded] N/A
- 9. [faded] N/A
- 10. [faded] Entire object reflected light, as would an aluminum aircraft.
- 11. [faded] None
- 12. [faded] None
- 13. [faded] None
- 14. [faded] None
- 15. [faded] N/A
- 16. [faded] None visible
- 17. [faded] None visible
- 18. [faded] None
- 19. [faded] None visible

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft

c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne Had been airborne less than two hours.

9. Witnesses:

- a. Addresses N/A
- b. Occupation N/A
- c. Reliability N/A

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. \_\_\_\_\_

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

- a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A
- b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (100°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A
- c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted:

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits? \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

General

- 1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Winds aloft report \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other \_\_\_\_\_
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils \_\_\_\_\_
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:
  - a. Object.
  - b. Surrounding terrain where observed.
  - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).
  - d. Maneuvers.
  - e. Formation if more than one object.
8. Secure signed statement, if possible
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or excursions that might presumably be construed as such). None noted

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Special Agent, OSI



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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

LT/FRS/dmb  
27 January 1950

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (WITNESS)

SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT)

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

1. Forwarded for your information are two (2) copies of the report of Special Agent LAWRENCE A. APPLIBEE, of this office, dated 27 January 1950, reflecting closed investigation of subject case.

2. With the submission of this report it is believed all logical leads have been covered and reported. No further action will be taken by this office unless so requested by your headquarters.

3. This office is the depository office for the complete file of the investigation of subject case.

4. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of the information to unauthorized persons.

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*Matthew Thompson*  
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District Commander

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