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DATE OF INFO 24 April 50

CHARLESTON, S.C.

Columbia, S.C.

SUMTER, S.C.

Various Civilians

GREENVILLE S.C.

Red, Blue or Orange

1-50 Diameter

Ground

reported to be meteor in newspaper article

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ASTRO (METEOR)

**HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY  
FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA**

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28 April 1950

**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 newspaper clipping from the COLUMBIA RECORD, Columbia, South Carolina, 25 April 1950, re meteor seen in Carolina cities.

**FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:**

*G. L. Overton*  
for JOHN MEADE  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

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Clipping dtd 25 Apr 50

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"THE COLUMBIA RECORD" Newspaper  
Columbia, South Carolina  
25 April 1950

## Meteor Seen In Carolina Cities

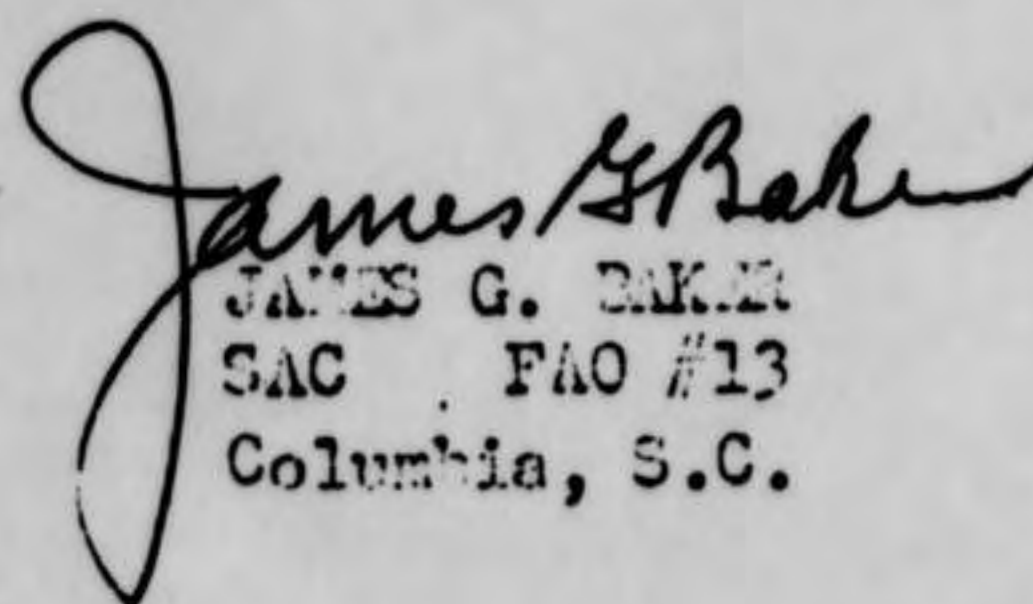
By United Press

Observers in three South Carolina cities reported seeing a huge flaming object shooting across the heavens last night. Residents of Greenville, Columbia and Charleston all reported seeing the object probably a meteor, about 8 p. m. (EST). The altitude of the "ball of fire" was reported at various places from 300 to 4,000 feet.

Mrs. Archie Knight of Charleston said it was "very bright and very large, and had sparks trailing for at least 15 feet. It was about as big as a 10-quart bucket."

Jeff B. Braid, also of Charleston, said the object appeared to be about 19 inches in diameter and "the tail looked as if red hot coals were falling off of it. The whole thing died out in the distance."

Columbia residents estimated the size of the fire ball from five to 50 feet across and said it was traveling eastward. At Greenville, the object was described as red, blue or orange, with a tail in back, front or on both ends.

  
JAMES G. BAKER  
SAC . FAO #13  
Columbia, S.C.

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WEATHER DETACHMENT 25-9L  
25th Weather Squadron  
Shaw Air Force Base  
South Carolina

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25 April 1950

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: All Concerned

1. In compliance with letter, Department of the Air Force, subject as above, dated 6 February 1948, the following information is submitted pertaining to an object believed to be a "Flying Discs" that was seen in this area on the night of 24 April 1950.

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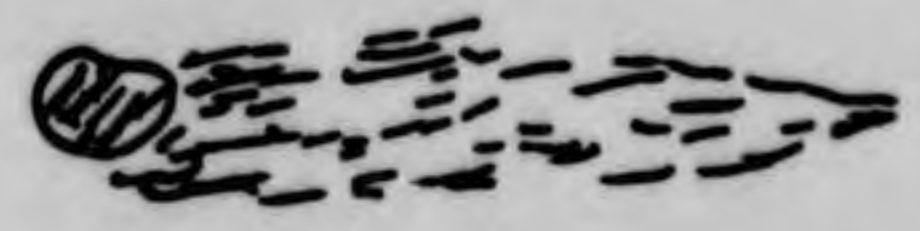
a. Location and time of sighting: Seen over Sumter, South Carolina suburbs about 7:50 P.M. on the 24th of April.

b. Weather at the time: Weather was clear.

c. Sgt. ~~REDACTED~~, Weather Observer.  
Weather Detachment 25-9L, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina.

d. No photographs available.

e. Sketch of object's configuration:



f. Object sighted: It seemed to be a large ball of fire with a long stream of sparkes following the object or whatever it was.

(1). Number: One (1)

(2). Shape: Sort of cylinder shaped at front then tapering off in rear.

(3). Size: About fifty (50) ft in length and possibly five (5) feet in diameter.

(4). Color: Firing Red

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Basic Ltr: Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs" 25 Apr 50

- (5). Speed: Approximately 140 miles per hour
- (6). Heading: From West to East
- (7). Maneuverability: Moving on a straight line
- (8). Altitude: Between 1000 and 1500 feet
- (9). Sound: No noticable sound
- (10). Exhaust trail or not: The only trail was a long trail of sparks. No exhaust could be seen.

g. General remarks: I was astonished when it first appeared and couldn't imagine what it could have been. It was nothing like anything I had seen before. It dosen't seem possible that it could have been a plane as no sound could be heard and no object could be seen other than the fire and sparks.

  
Sgt.,

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