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ATIC NO. _____ DATE OF INFO 15 Oct 50

AP NO. _____ LOCATION Pope AFB, North Carolina

REPORT NO. _____ SOURCE Airline Pilot

DATE OF REPORT _____ DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF SIGHTING 1620 EST COLOR Shiny

SHAPE _____ SPEED _____

SIZE 100' Diameter ALTITUDE _____

COURSE _____ LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

NO. IN GROUP 4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial

REMARKS _____ MANEUVERS Defended slowly then took off in burst of speed.

PICTURES _____ SKETCHES _____

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24 October 1950

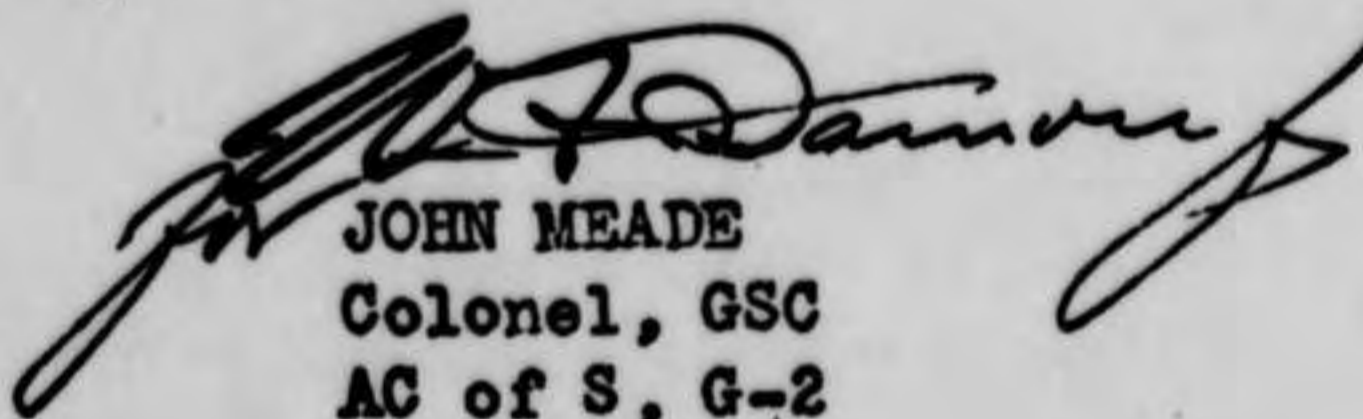
SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is newspaper clipping re objects sighted over North Carolina.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


JOHN MEADE
Colonel, GSC
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Clipping fm "News and Observer", Raleigh, N.C.
dtd 17 October 1950

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Miami Pilots Saw 'Saucers' Around Bragg

Miami, Fla., Oct. 16.—(AP)—What Capt. George A. Woodward of Miami saw while flying a Miami Airlines, Inc., DC-4 over North Carolina yesterday might not have been flying saucers but he doesn't know what else to call them.

Woodward and Co-Pilot Williams Bradsley of Miami reported seeing four shiny objects which they couldn't identify. The Civil Aeronautics Administration office at Florence, S. C., said it had received similar reports, the latest about three weeks ago.

"We took off from Raleigh for Miami at 4 p. m. (EST) and 20 minutes later I saw four shiny objects that looked like balloons," Woodward said.

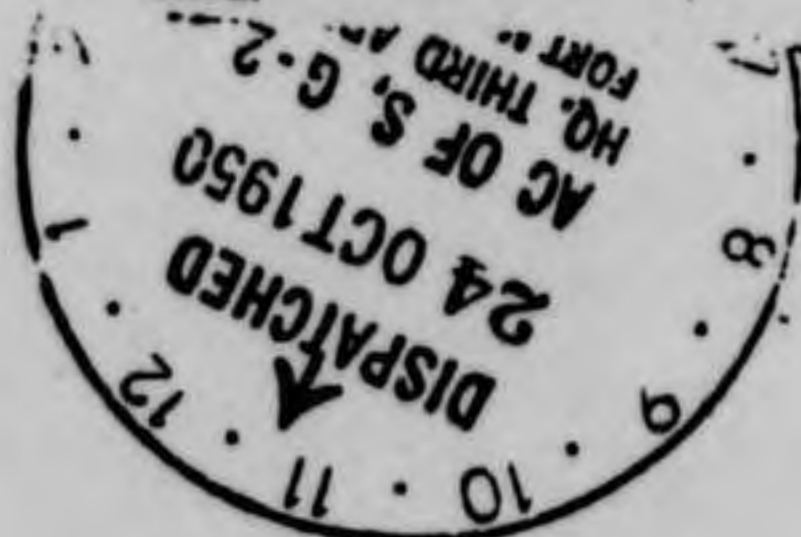
"My co-pilot looked at me and said: 'Do you see what I see?'"

"I told him I did and we headed toward them. They appeared to be about 100 feet in diameter, of some shiny substance like aluminum or chrome. They were thicker in the middle and tapered off, like two saucers fitted together.

"They were in line about 25 feet apart and about five miles away. We chased them but they backed away, descending slowly, then took off in a burst of speed."

Woodward said he had been flying 12 years and had never seen such objects. He said he wasn't sure what were but they weren't planes or balloons.

He sighted them near Pope Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, N. C., and reported it to the CAA offices in Lumberton, N. C., and Florence, he said.





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on
Unconventional Aircraft

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

Thru NCIA to AXA

Inclosed letter from the Office of Special Investigations
is forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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SUBJECT: Report of unconventional type a/c.

TO: Director of Intelligence United States Air Force.

1. The following report of observation of unconventional type aircraft is submitted in spite of the termination of inquiry into this subject.

2. On Oct. 15, 1950, at 1625 EST, the undersigned observed a jet plane(s) moving in a Northeasterly direction at an altitude of 35-40,000 feet. Plane(s) not visible but characteristic sound accompanied flight as well as an easily observed and clearly defined contrail.

3. At 1625.40 while observer was following the flight of the jet plane(s) an object oblate and spheroid in shape crossed the line of flight of the jet plane(s) and continued its movement in a Northwesterly direction. Total length of observation, 10-12 seconds.

4. Object appeared to be constructed of aluminum or like substance.....Speed unknown.....Altitude unknown.....Trail none. Object followed a perfectly straight line of flight.

5. Observer realizes that paucity of detail in this report makes it unsuitable material from an intelligence standpoint, but there is a strong likelihood that the object sighted is the same or one of the same objects sighted and reported by a Commercial air lines pilot of the Miami Air Lines. He reported sighting a group of saucer-like objects (four in number) in the vicinity of Pope AFB, N.C., at 1620 EST. Pilot pursued objects for period of time before losing them.

6. If certain assumptions are made, the following conclusions are well within the realm of possibility:

Pilot's time of observation - 1620 EST

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Length of pursuit (estimated) - 3 minutes

Speed of pursuing a/c (estimated) - 180 mph.

If pursuit is made in a Northerly direction and broken off at end of three minutes, this would place the objects sighted about 10 miles North of Pope AFB at 1623 EST.

Airline distance from point of his observation to Chapel Hill, N.C. (assumed to be the point of next observation) is approximately 47 miles.

Time elapsed from point of last observation to point of next observation 2 minutes 20 seconds, distance traversed 47 miles. Speed of object 19 plus miles per minute, or roughly 1200 miles per hour.

7. Observer recognizes that conjecture is not a suitable basis for inquiry and offers the analysis in paragraph 6 only as a suggested method of evaluation.

8. The undersigned regards the above material to be of a classified nature and will so regard it.

Capt. Inf. (Res.)
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