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ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 6 Dec 1950  
AF NO. --- LOCATION Westover AFB, Mass.  
REPORT NO. IR-372-50 SOURCE Civilian  
DATE OF REPORT 21 Dec 50 DATE IN TO ATIC ---  
TIME OF STARTING 0816 EST COLOR Silvery outline  
SHAPE Half moon SPEED Greater than known A/C Estimated  
SIZE --- ALTITUDE 10,000' - 20,000' Measured  
COURSE S LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED Less than 45 sec.  
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground  
SOUND Continuous whistle with some resemblance to jet noise. MANEUVERS Accelerated flight  
PHOTOS --- SKETCHES (1)

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COUNTRY USA-MATS	REPORT NO. IR-372-50	(LEAVE BLANK) 257617-1
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object near Westover AFB, Massachusetts		
AREA REPORTED ON US (Massachusetts)	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 21 December 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 6 December 1950	EVALUATION P-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) A. G. Love, Captain, USAF	SOURCE West Springfield, Massachusetts	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

Report contains information on the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, on the morning of 6 December 1950. A sketch of the object is inclosed.

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In accordance with USAF Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum Number 4, dated 15 February 1949, and USAF File Letter AFOIC-CC-1, subject: "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 September 1950, the following information is submitted:

A. General:

1. Date of Sighting: 6 December 1950
2. Time of Sighting: 0816 EST
3. Where Sighted: Over West Springfield, Massachusetts, from yard of residence at ██████████, West Springfield, Massachusetts.
4. Number of Objects: One
5. It is not believed that any observable celestial phenomena or planets could account for the sighting.
6. The observer was unable to determine distance from object due to unknown size of object. Object first was sighted at estimated 60 degree angle above horizon and altitude was estimated at from 10,000 to 20,000 feet, if object was of similar dimensions as C-54 transport plane. Object was above and to the right of the angle of the sun.
7. Time of Sight: Less than 45 seconds.
8. Appearance:
  - a. Color: Silvery outline with shadow line above.
  - b. Half moon appearance with rounded edge downward.
  - c. Apparent Construction: Possibly metallic..
  - d. Size:
    - (1) Observer reluctant to estimate.
    - (2) See attached sketch.
9. Direction of Flight: Southerly
10. Tactics: Straight flight until disappearance, appearing to accelerate.
11. Evidence of exhaust: None
12. Effect of clouds: No clouds visible.
13. Lights: None
14. Support: Unable to determine
15. Propulsion: None visible.
16. Control and visibility: None visible.

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- 17. Air Ducts: None visible.
- 18. Speed: Appeared to far exceed that of known aircraft.
- 19. Sound: Continuous, whistle, described as a wind blowing over wires or objects of slight resistance, and maintaining some resemblance to the sound of jet propulsion.
- 20. Manner of Disappearance: Disappeared suddenly without apparent reason, at estimated 45 degree angle above horizon.

B. Relative to the Observer:

- 1. Name: Mr. [REDACTED]
- 2. Address: [REDACTED], West Springfield, Massachusetts
- 3. Occupation: Service man for Remington Rand Company
- 4. Place of Business: Springfield, Massachusetts
- 5. Pertinent Hobbies: Observer is a member of the Air National Guard at Westfield, Massachusetts, and is an aircraft mechanic with experience as such in World War II.
- 6. Ability to Determine:
  - a. Color: Poor
  - b. Speed: Poor
  - c. Size at Distance: Poor
- 7. Reliability of Observer: Unknown
- 8. Attention was drawn by sound. Observer did not sight object on first search, but sighted object immediately upon looking up the second time a few seconds later.
- 9. Witnesses: None reported.
- 10. Comments by interrogator: Observer appeared sincere and requested no publicity. He was nervous during interrogation and slightly reluctant on details for fear of giving misleading information and stated he wanted no one to think him carried away by the "flying disc" theory but had been instructed by Air National Guard officers to report anything unusual to proper authorities.

C. Relative to Radar Contacts:

Westover Approach Control Radar was inoperative at time of reported sighting and position of sighting was beyond range of Westover GCA scopes. Unable to determine possible sighting by North East Radar Net.

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D. Additional Information:

1. Weather Conditions:

- a. Sky: 20,000 - 30,000 Cirrus
- b. Visibility: Over 15 miles
- c. Sea Level Pressure: 30.53
- d. Temperature: 27 degrees Fahrenheit
- e. Dew Point: 20 degrees Fahrenheit
- f. Wind: 12 mph NNW
- g. Altimeter Setting: 30.51

2. Winds Aloft:

- 0400 hours 5,000 ft. 40°/25-30kns
- 1000 hours 10,000 ft. 210°/15kns
- 20,000 ft. 220°/50kns
- 25,000 ft. 240°/40-50kns
- 30,000 ft. 260°/60kns

- 3. One T-33 jet aircraft departed Westover AFB 0811 and returned 0930. At least three C-54/R5D type aircraft were flying in the vicinity of Westover Air Force Base at the time object was sighted. The number and type of commercial aircraft in vicinity at time is unknown.
- 4. No testing devices had been released prior to sighting.
- 5. Interrogator: Capt Lloyd A. Olsen, Wing Intelligence Officer, Westover Air Force Base.

E. Interrogator's Comment:

The attracting noise may possibly have been caused by some commercial vehicle or apparatus in vicinity of observer and object sighted may have been false vision due to bright sun or other reflecting object nearby. The observer appeared sincere in reporting the incident but was unable to furnish specific details due to the short time object was in view. Although the observer stated the object was in view approximately 30 seconds, it is the interrogator's opinion the time was much less, probably 5 to 10 seconds. The observer stated that he was familiar with the sounds of all types of conventional and jet aircraft and that the sound which attracted his attention was different from these.

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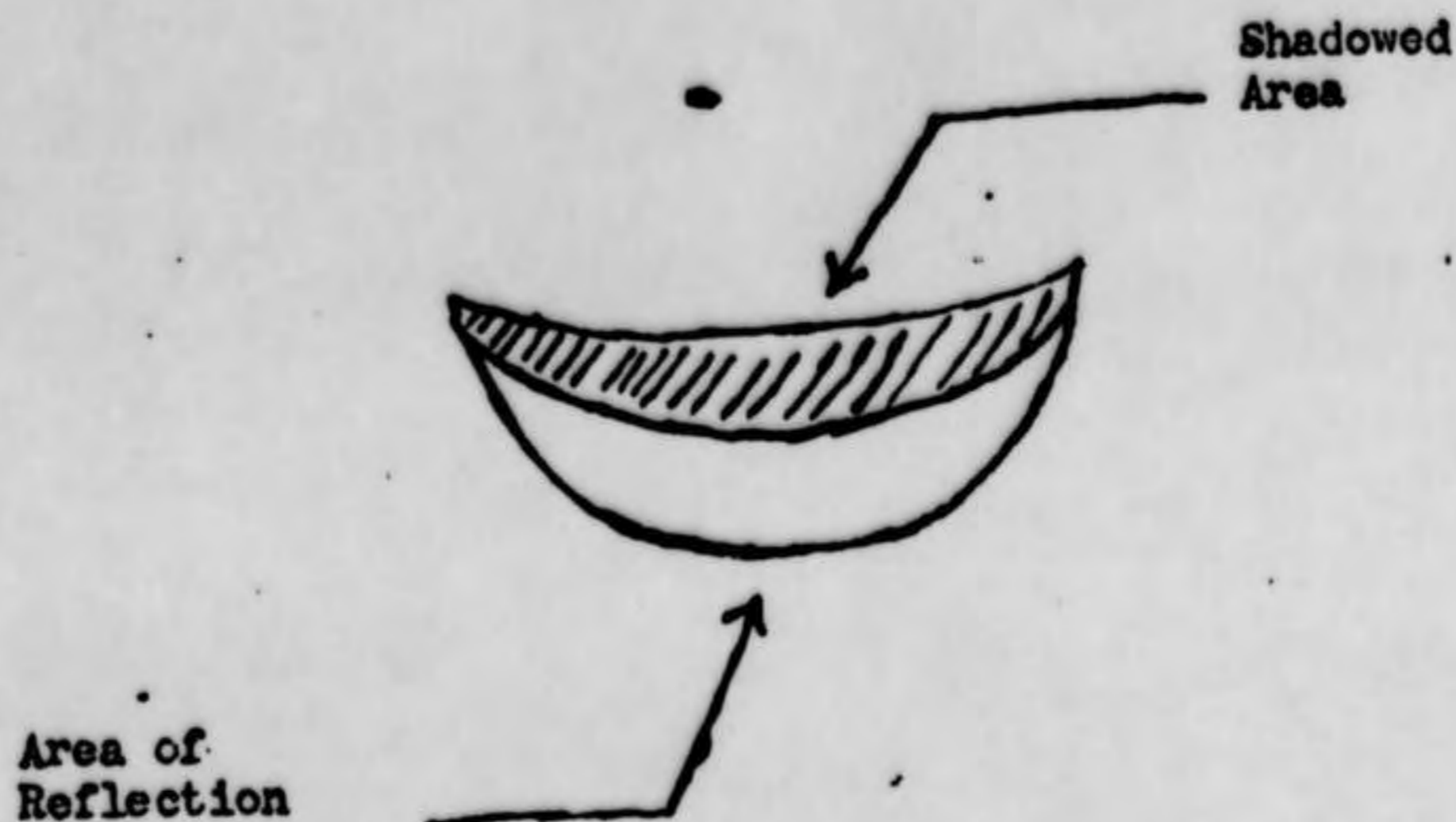
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Note: The observer was hazy on size and appearance but indicated the above sketch, stating that it appeared about that size in the sky.

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