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DATE OF INFO ²¹ ~~22~~ Jan 52

AP NO. _____

LOCATION Mitchell AFB, N.Y.

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE Navy Pilot

DATE OF REPORT 22 Jan 52

DATE IN TO ATTC 22 Jan 52

TIME OF DAY 0950 LT

COLOR Light, like nylon chute canopy

SHAPE "Pancake" or disc

SPEED 300 to 500 knots

SIZE 20' to 30' dia. - 3:1 ratio

ALTITUDE 6,000

COLOR Varied

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

NO. IN GROUP One

• TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual-air

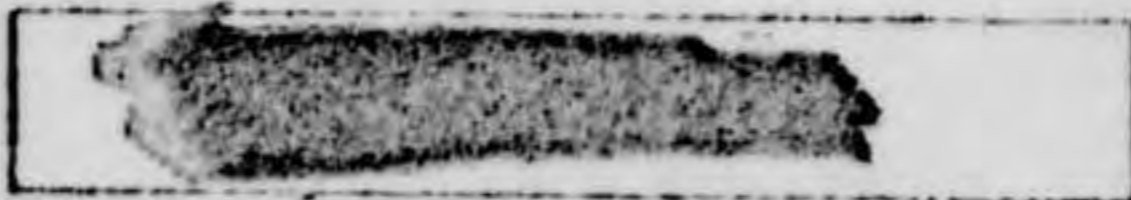
NOISE None


MANEUVERS Tight turns

SMOKE None SKETCHES None

Was able to get near the object "Cutting" inside on turns.

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WEATHER DETACHMENT 1-8
1ST WEATHER SQUADRON
MITCHEL AFB, NY

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21 January 1952

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following weather was recorded at this station 21 January 1952:

0925E - Record Observation

Sky Clear - Vsby 10 - Sea Level Pres 237 -
Temp 29 - Dew Point 10 - Wind NNW 15 - Gusts reaching 26 Kts
Alt 3022 - Remarks PRESRR

1025E - Record Observation

Sky Clear - Vsby 15 - Sea Level Pres 244 -
Temp 29 - Dew Point 15 - Wind NNW 17 - Alt 3024

William B. Hicks
WILLIAM B. HICKS
Major USAF
Detachment Commander

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COUNTRY: United States
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON: Near Mitchell Air Force Base, N.Y.
FROM (Agency): Headquarters, Mitchell Air Force Base, N.Y.

DATE OF REPORT: 30 January 1952
DATE OF INFORMATION: 23 January 1952
EVALUATION:

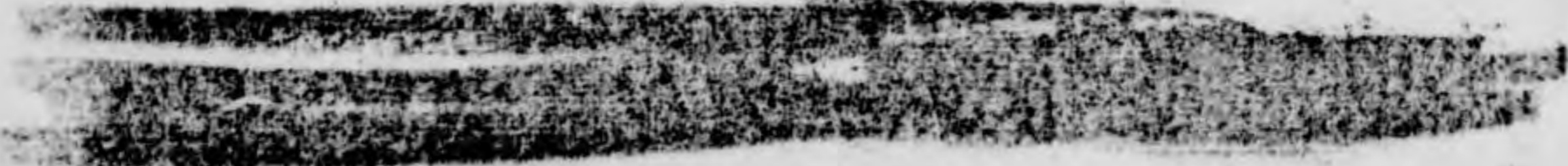
PREPARED BY (Officer): Major Francis E. Doherty
SOURCE:

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable):
ASOIN C/CC-2 Dept of the Air Force, HQ USAF Washington, D. C.

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.)

At 0950 EST, Lt J. R. Zeitvogel flying a Navy TBM at 6000 feet, approximately three (3) miles southeast of Mitchell Field noted an unconventional object between his aircraft and Mitchell Field at an altitude appearing to be considerably lower than his. When the object appeared to turn, Lt Zeitvogel gave chase but it seemed to elude him at a high rate of speed and climb, outdistancing him until it disappeared approximately two and one half minutes later.

Significance: The object was in a limited measure comparable to a balloon, a balloon was released at approximately this time, and the motion apparent between two airborne objects is extremely deceptive. In lieu of more precise information, the report remains a mystery.



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Date JANUARY 21, 1952

Tour of Duty 0800 - 1600

Senior Controller MR. HARRY J. FOLEY

C.O. MAJ. GRABNER S-3 CAPT. PERKINS

AIRCRAFT SIGHTS STRANGE OBJECT IN THE VICINITY OF MITCHEL FIELD.

WX AT 0930 E SKY CLEAR VSBY 10 MILES TEMP 29 DEW PT. 10
WIND WNW 15 GUSTS TO 26 ALTIMETER SET 30.22

0955E V 3894 TBM (BASED AT HEM) REPORTED THAT HE HAD SIGHTED AN OBJECT EAST OF MITCHEL FIELD, AT SEVERAL HUNDRED FT. ALTITUDE, SPEED APPROX 400 KNOTS. THE TOWER PERSONNEL ON DUTY DID NOT SEE THE OBJECT WHICH THE PILOT REFERRED TO.

1008 THE PILOT OF V3894 TBM GAVE A FURTHER DISCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT AS FOLLOWS: " ROUND, VERY LIGHT IN COLOR, APPEARED TO BE A PARACHUTE CANOPY, WITH A DARK COLORED OBJECT UNDERNEATH." THE PILOT FIRST OBSERVED THE OBJECT 2 OR 3 MILES EAST OF MITCHEL FIELD, COURSE APPROX 210 DEGREES AND HEADED TO A POINT 2 MILES SOUTH-EAST OF MITCHEL, IT THEN MADE A 260 DEGREE TURN TO THE LEFT AND THEN TO A NORTH-WESTERLY HEADING. AT A POINT APPROX 2 MILES EAST OF MITCHEL FIELD IT MADE A 360 DEGREE TURN AND BACK TO A 210 DEGREE HEADING, CLIMBING VERY RAPIDLY AT A SPEED ATLEAST 400 TO 500 KNOTS. THE OBJECT THEN DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT.

verified - checked with tower operator. Langlo, C.G. Super.

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YES

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REFERS TO MESSAGE:

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TO: **Commanding General
Eastern Air Defense Forces
Newburgh, New York**

RADNOTE

INFO: **D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.**

RADNOTE

For: Director of Intelligence

Request information as to whether or not any of EADP radar sites observed unidentified object reported by U. S. Navy pilot near Mitchell AFB, New York, on 21 January 1952, at 0950 EST.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT E. J. Suppelt/vs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL ATIAA-2c

TELEPHONE 54261

OFFICIAL TITLE

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INFO CS USAF WASH DC FOR DIRECTOR OF INTEL DCS-0

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- 2. [REDACTED]
- 3. AT/1
- 4. Central Files

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REF PAR 4D LTR DEPT AF SUBJ REPORTING OF INFO ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS FILE AFOIN-C-CC-2, 19 DEC 51. FOL REPT IS SBMD:

1 DESCRIPTION: A SHAPE CIRCULAR, IN A HORIZ PLANE PANCAKE SHAPED RR SIMILAR TO A OPEN PRCHT IN THE VERTICEE PLANE. B: SIZE: ESTD 20 TO 30 FT IN DIA, HEIGHT ABOUT 1/3 OF THE DIAM IN THE HORIZ PLANE. C COLOR: VERY LIGHT, AS ASILKORNYLON PRCHT CANOPY ON THE UPPER SURF. DUE TO THE HEIGHT RELATIONSHIP WAS UNABLE TO SEE THE UNDERSIDE VERY WELL HOWEVER HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE UNDERSIDE WAS A DARKER COLOR. D NO: 1. EAST FORMATION: NEGATIVE. F AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: NO APPARENT AERODYNAMIC FEATURES SUCH AS WINGS, TAIL OR ANY MEANS OFCONTROL. G TRAIL OR EXHAUST: NONE APPARENT. H PROPULSION SYSTEM: NONE APPARENT. I SPEED: WHEN FIRST SIGHTED ESTD AT 300 KNOTS, WHEN CIRCLING MITCHEL AFB THE OBJECT SEEMED TO BE SPEEING UP WHEN LAST SIGHTED BELIEVE OBJECT WAS DOING AT LEAST 500 KNOTS. WHILE THE OBJECT CIRCLED MITCHEL I WAS ABLE TO FLY FAIRLY CLOSE BY CUTTING ON THE INSIDE. I WAS DOING 160 KNOTS AND BY COMPARING THE SPEED TO MY OWN, THE ESTD 500 KNOTS SEEMS REASONABLE. J SOUND: NINE APPARENT. K MANUEVERS: TIGHT TURNS, SOUTH OF MITCHEL BEFORE

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HE CAME BACK TO MITCHEL L MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED ABOUT 7 MILES AWAY AND AFTER REACHING AN ALT GREATER THAN MY OWN 6000 FT. M OTHER PERTINENT FEATURES: WHILE FLYING LEVEL, NEIGHTER GAINING OR LOSING ALT THE OBJECT SEEMED TO HAVE A ROCKING OR OSCILLATING MOTION, 2 APROX 0950 EST. 3 VISUAL FR THE AIR. A SPEED: 160 KNOTS. B ALT 6000 FT. C TYPE ACFT: NAVY TBM-3W. 4 ABOUT 4 MILES DUE SOUTHEAST OF MITCHEL. 5 LT JR R XEITVOGEL, 304268 USN, NAVAL AVIATOR, ATTACHED TO AVY SPECIAL DEVICES CENTER PORT WASHINGTON NY. FLYING EXPERIENCE 8 YEARS FLYING IN NAVY WITH TOTAL TIME APRX 1600 HOURS. WEA MITCHEL AFB 0925 EST SKY CLEAR VISIBILITY 10 SEA LEVEL PRESSURE 237 TEMP 29 DEW .10 WIND NORTH NORTH WEST AT 50 KNOTS GUSTS REACHING 26 KNOTS ALTIMETER SETTING 30.22 REMARKS PRESSURE RISING RAPIDLY. 7 NEGATIVE. 8 NEGATIVE. 9 NEG

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TO: CO, Mitchell AFB, Hempstead, N. Y.
RADNOTEINFO: D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
RADNOTEEADP, Stewart AFB, N. Y.
RADNOTE

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Airmail to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attn: ATIA-20, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, as soon as possible. Above requests can be incorporated into AF Form 112. Please advise earliest possible date this can be expected.

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Lt E. J. Russell/rs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

WALTER I. PERCH, Capt, USAF
Asst Air Adjutant General

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ATIA-20

TELEPHONE

54261

OFFICIAL TITLE

4117A-20 File

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TO: **Commanding Officer**
Mitchell Air Force Base
Hempstead, New York
RADNOTE

INFO: **D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.**
RADNOTE

Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart AFB, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence
RADNOTE

For: Base Intelligence Officer

Cite your message MIL 1-3 ESBO dated 22 Jan 52. Additional information is requested on sighting of unidentified aerial object. Request that date of sighting be confirmed. In addition, request the following information be forwarded as soon as possible:

1. Length of time object observed.
2. Flight path of aircraft and object plotted on local area chart giving positions at approximately 30 second intervals.
3. Type of transient aircraft that departed Mitchell AFB at 0943 E, name of pilot and home station.
4. Exact time of launch of any balloons from Mitchell AFB.

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PROJECT LOGS RECORD CARD

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TIME OF STARTING 0950 EST COLOR Light, like nylon chute canopy
Estimated

SHAPE "Pancake" or disc SPEED 300 to 500 knots Measured
Estimated

SIZE 20' to 30' dia. - 3:1 ratio ALTITUDE 6,000 Measured

COURSE Varied LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

NO. IN GROUP One TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual-air

SOUND None MANEUVERS Tight turns

PROJECT None SKETCHES None Was able to get near the object "Cutting" inside on turns.

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21 January 1952 Mitchell AFB, New York

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APPROX.

LEGEND

— PATH OF OBJECT

— PATH OF AIRCRAFT

X APPROX. POSITION OF OBJECT AT INITIAL SIGHTING.

X APPROX. POSITION OF AIRCRAFT AT INITIAL SIGHTING.

1 — POSITION OF OBJECT 30 SECONDS AFTER SIGHTING.

2 — POSITION OF OBJECT 60 SECONDS AFTER SIGHTING.

(EACH ADDITIONAL NUMERAL IN RED = 30 SECONDS.)

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1 — POSITION OF AIRCRAFT 30 SECONDS AFTER SIGHTING

(EACH ADDITIONAL NUMERAL IN BLACK = 30 SECONDS.)

ALTITUDE CONVERSION SCALE

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INFO EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCE STEWART AFB NY ATTN DIR OF INTELL
 CG CONAC

CITE MTL 1-3 BSBO

REF PAR 5 CONAC LTR 200-1, FOL REPT IS SBMD: A DESCRIPTION
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 I CONTROL TOWER AND BASE OPERATIONS WAS INFORMED OF AVAILABLE
 INFORMATION. J NONE OTHER THAN NAVY TBM-3W ON LOCAL FLIGHT PLAN
 K TRANSIENT DEPARTURE AT 0943

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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| FROM (Agency) Headquarters Mitchel Air Force Base, N.Y. | REPORT NO. UNCLASSIFIED | PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES |
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1. Description:

- a. Shape: circular shape, in a horizontal plane, pancake shaped or similar to an open parachute in the vertical plane.
- b. Size: Estimated twenty to thirty feet in diameter, height about one-third of the diameter in the horizontal plane.
- c. Color: Very light, as a silk or nylon parachute canopy on the upper surface. Due to the height relation ship Lt Zeitvogel was unable to see the underside very well. However, he had the impression that the underside was a darker color.
- d. Numbers: One - no formations.
- e. No apparent aerodynamic features such as wings, tail or any means of control.
- f. Trail or exhaust - none apparent.
- g. Propulsion system: None apparent.
- h. Exhaust: None apparent.
- i. Speed: When first sighted, estimated at 300 knots, when circling Mitchel AFB the object seemed to be speeding up. When last sighted believed object was doing at least 500 knots. While the object circled Mitchel, Lt Zeitvogel was able to fly fairly close by cutting on the inside. He was doing 160 knots and by comparing the speed to his own, the estimated 500 knots seemed reasonable to him.
- j. Sounds: None.
- k. Manuevers: Tight turns, south of Mitchel before he came back to Mitchel.
- l. Manner of disappearance: The object disappeared about seven miles away and after reaching an altitude greater than the pilot, then at 6000 feet.
- m. Other pertinent features: While flying level, neither gaining or losing altitude, the object seemed to have a rocking or oscillating motion.
- n. Time sighted: Approximately 0957 EST.
- o. Length of time observed: Two and one half minutes (approx).

2. Manner of observation: Visual from the air. Speed: 160 knots, Altitude 6000 ft
Type of aircraft: Trainer TBM-3W Naval Torpedo Bomber.

3. Location of observer during sighting: About four miles northwest of Mitchel
Location of object and its relative movement about the time - Exhibit "A".

4. Information on observer: Lt (JG) Roger Zeitvogel, 304556 USN, Naval Aviator, attached to Navy Special Devices Center, Fort Washington, N.Y. Flying experience eight years flying in Navy. Total pilot time approximately 1600 hours. No other witnesses. Lt Zeitvogel seems rational, intelligent and reliable.

5. Weather and wind conditions: At 0925H observation - sky clear - vaby 10 - sea level was 237 - temp 29 - dew point 10 - Wind NEW 15 - gusts reaching 25 knots alt 3022 - remarks FESER. (See Exhibit "B").

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Headquarters
Mitchel Air Force Base, N.Y.

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7. Exact time of balloon launching at Mitchel AFB: AT 0950E. (See Exhibit "C")
A T-11 aircraft took off from Mitchel Field for Wheeler-Sack Airport at 0948
pilot Major J. C. Dunbar, AO-652109, 514th HHS Group, Mitchel Air Force Base
New York. No other transient or local aircraft in area.
8. No physical evidence available.
9. Interception action taken: Pilot attempted to overtake and further identify
object (see exhibit "D" - Pilot's statement and exhibit "A" where paths of
aircraft and object are drawn.)

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STATEMENT

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21 January 1952

The following is a statement made by Lt James R. Zeitvogel, USN, 304268, made in connection with the sighting of an unidentified flying object:

"At about 0950, 21 January 1952, while flying at 8000 feet, approximately three (3) miles southeast of Mitchel Air Force Base, I sighted an unknown object about one and a half (1½) miles from the end of runway 30. (This was almost directly between my aircraft and Mitchel Air Force Base.)

At time of sighting, the object was on a heading of southwest (about 210°), speed about 300 knots.

The object as seen from above and from the side appeared to be oval in shape, very much like an open parachute canopy. Estimated diameter 20 to 30 feet. The object appeared to be near the ground possibly, 200 or 300 feet altitude. After reaching a point about 3 or 4 miles south of Mitchel AFB, the object commenced a turn to port and appeared to increase speed. After completing his turn to a heading of north, the object proceeded to circle Mitchel, in a counter clock wise direction, staying approximately two (2) miles away from the field perimeter and remaining at a constant altitude. Upon reaching a point two (2) or three (3) miles northwest of Mitchel the object straightened out on a heading of approximately 210° and climbed rapidly. No estimate of its rate of climb was possible however his flight path seemed to be taking him up at an angle of about 10° above the horizontal. Last seen the object was on this course and at an altitude of between 5,000 and 10,000 feet at a point approximately six (6) or seven (7) miles southwest of Mitchel Air Force Base.

James R. Zeitvogel
JAMES R. ZEITVOGEL
Lt USN
304268

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WEATHER DETACHMENT 1-8
1ST WEATHER SQUADRON
MITCHEL AFB, NY

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25 January 1952

STATEMENT

On 21 January 1952 a weather balloon was released at 0950E from the Santini Area of Mitchel AFB, New York. This balloon is an M/L391C, white in color with an approximate diameter of three (3) feet at release time. Balloon would be approximately four and one half feet (4½) in diameter at eight thousand feet (8000). Attached to this balloon was an aluminum paper radar target two and one half feet (2½) square.

Winds observed from above release are as follows:
SFC 330/17, 2000 Ft 320/20, 4000 Ft 340/36, 6000 Ft 340/45,
8000 Ft 330/48, 10000 Ft 030/54.

William B Hicks

WILLIAM B HICKS
Maj., USAF
Detachment Commander

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