

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>17 Apr 52</u>	2. LOCATION Ft. Eustis, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>18/0000Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE 5 Army officers		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical METEOR <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-2½ seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE From NE to NW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White s/green blue tail. Elliptical or spherical with tail. Straight and level maneuvers.		11. COMMENTS Tail was 10:1.	

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[redacted] had engaged in a game of tennis for one (1) hour. [redacted] stated that he had not partaken of any intoxicants prior to the sighting. [redacted] does not wear glasses.

6. [redacted] related details of the sighting in a clear, straightforward manner. In the opinion of Colonel MILLER and the writer [redacted] appeared to be a reliable witness.

- b. 1. Name: Sgt [redacted]
- 2. Address: Hqs Company, Transportation Training School, Fort Eustis, Va.
- 3. Occupation: Draftsman, Training Aids Dept
- 4. Pertinent Hobbies: Stamp Collecting

5. [redacted] had been watching the baseball game for approximately two (2) hours prior to the sighting and had played tennis for one (1) hour prior to the ball game. [redacted] does not wear glasses and stated that he had not partaken of any intoxicants prior to the sighting.

6. [redacted] related details of the sighting in a clear, straightforward manner. In the opinion of Colonel MILLER and the writer, [redacted] appeared to be a reliable witness.

- c. 1. Name: Sgt [redacted]
- 2. Address: 716 Transportation Operating Battalion, Ft Eustis, Va.
- 3. Occupation: Water Technician
- 4. Pertinent Hobbies: None

5. [redacted] had been watching the baseball game for approximately 45 minutes prior to the sighting. [redacted] had not been on duty on 17 April 1952. [redacted] stated that he had not partaken of any intoxicants prior to the sighting. [redacted] does not wear glasses.

6. [redacted] appeared to have difficulty in expressing his description of the object, and seemed hesitant about doing so. The writer believes that [redacted] did in fact observe the object, but does not believe [redacted]'s description of the object to be as accurate as that given by [redacted] and [redacted].

- d. 1. Name: Lt Colonel [redacted]
- 2. Address: Fort Eustis, Virginia

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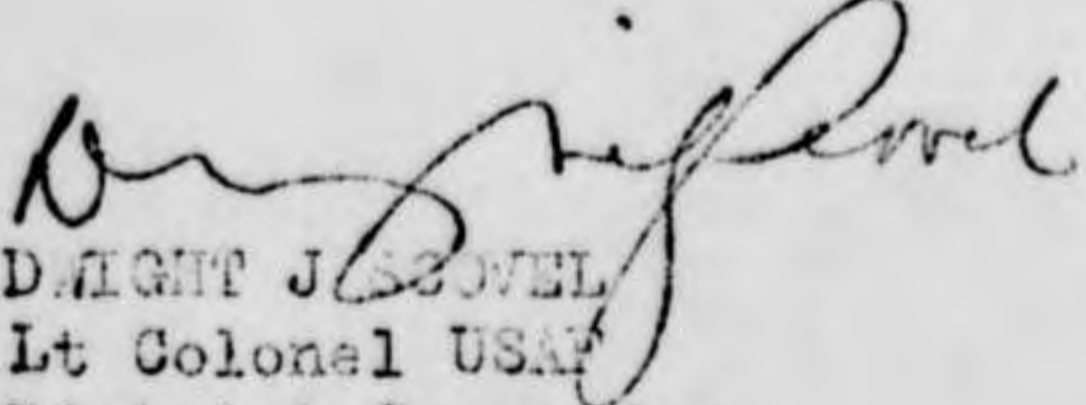
3. Occupation: Acting Provost Marshal, Ft Eustis, Va.

4. Pertinent Hobbies: None

5. Colonel [redacted] stated that he at one time held a pilot's license, but that he had not operated an aircraft for twenty (20) years.

6. Colonel [redacted] advised that his past experience included eight (8) years with the U. S. Secret Service and five (5) years with the New York State Police. Colonel [redacted] related details of the sighting in a clear straight forward manner. Considering Colonel [redacted]'s previous investigative experience the writer considers him to be a very reliable witness.

8. This office contemplates no further inquiry into subject sighting unless specifically requested by the Commanding General, AMC, or directed by Headquarters OSI, USAF.


DWAYNE J. SOVEL
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. TAC-IR-2-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
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SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Fort Eustis, Virginia	FROM (Agency) DCS/Intelligence, Hq Tactical Air Command	
DATE OF REPORT 12 May 52	DATE OF INFORMATION 17-18 April 52	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) Col. John M. Schweizer, Jr.	SOURCE 21st District, OSI (IG)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Ltr AFQ11-C/CC-2		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part 11.)

1. Inclosed are two (2) copies of report on unusual aerial sightings in the vicinity of Fort Eustis, Va., on 17 April 1952, as prepared by the commander of the 21st District, OSI (IG), at Langley AFB, Va.

2. The sightings were made by five (5) individuals, including Lt. Col. A. W. Lobb, of the Army Transportation Center, Ft. Eustis, formerly with the U. S. Secret Service, three (3) Fort Eustis sergeants, and the wife of one of the sergeants.

3. The witnesses substantially agreed the object was luminous, greenish-blue in color, slightly spherical or elliptical in shape, soundless. It appeared approximately 45 degrees above the horizon, traveling northeast to north west in a straight line, and traversed 90 degrees of the horizon in 2-2 1/2 seconds.

- a. Langley AFB weather station reported weather was clear, visibility 8 miles, at time of sightings.
- b. No jet aircraft or aircraft equipped with after-burner from Langley AFB or the U. S. Naval Air Station at Norfolk were in the vicinity of Ft. Eustis at the time of the sightings.

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J. E. ... Lt Col.
for JOHN M. SCHWEIZER, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Intelligence

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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28 April 1962

SUBJECT: Unusual Aerial Phenomenon, Vicinity of Ft. Eustis, Va., 17 April 1962
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: 1313

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Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to DO #31 FAX, CSI 292, dated 18 April 1962.
2. This report pertains to the observation of an unusual aerial phenomenon by five (5) persons at Fort Eustis, Virginia, at approximately 2125 hours 17 April 1962.
3. On 18 April 1962 Lt Colonel JEN W MILLER, O-403302, ACS G-2, Fort Eustis, Virginia, reported to this office that at approximately 2125 hours, 17 April 1962, five (5) persons at Fort Eustis, Virginia, had observed a luminous object, elliptical or spherical in shape approximately 45 degrees above the horizon, travelling northeast to northwest in a straight line, and that the object traversed 90 degrees of the horizon in 2-2 1/2 seconds.
4. On 18 April 1962 S/Sgt [REDACTED], was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident: [REDACTED] and Sgt [REDACTED] had been watching a baseball game at the Fort Eustis ball park for approximately two (2) hours when they observed S/Sgt [REDACTED] and his wife leaving the ball park. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] proceeded to the parking lot, located to the rear of the park, and overtook Sgt [REDACTED] and his wife. While conversing with Sgt [REDACTED] who was facing northeast, observed a luminous object in the sky approximately

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3. Occupation: Acting Provost Marshal, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

4. Partinent Hobbies: None

5. Colonel [REDACTED] stated that he at one time held a pilot's license, but that he had not operated an aircraft for twenty (20) years.

6. Colonel [REDACTED] advised that his past experience included eight (8) years with the U. S. Secret Service and five (5) years with the New York State Police. Colonel [REDACTED] related details of the sighting in a clear straight-forward manner. Considering Colonel [REDACTED]'s previous investigative experience the writer considers him to be a very reliable witness.

8. This office contemplates no further inquiry into subject sighting unless specifically requested by the Commanding General, AFB, or directed by Headquarters OSI, USAF.

/s/ Dwight J. Scovel
Dwight J. Scovel
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

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[REDACTED] had engaged in a game of tennis for one (1) hour. [REDACTED] stated that he had not partaken of any intoxicants prior to the sighting. [REDACTED] does not wear glasses.

3. [REDACTED] related details of the sighting in a clear, straightforward manner. In the opinion of Colonel MILLER and the writer, [REDACTED] appeared to be a reliable witness.

b. 1. Name: Sgt. [REDACTED]

2. Address: [REDACTED] Co., Transportation Training School, Fort Austin, Va.

3. Occupation: Draftsman, Training aids Dept

4. Pertinent Hobbies: Stamp Collecting

5. [REDACTED] had been watching the baseball game for approximately two (2) hours prior to the sighting and had played tennis for one (1) hour prior to the ball game. [REDACTED] does not wear glasses and stated that he had not partaken of any intoxicants prior to the sighting.

6. [REDACTED] related details of the sighting in a clear, straightforward manner. In the opinion of Colonel MILLER and the writer, [REDACTED] appeared to be a reliable witness.

c. 1. Name: Sgt. [REDACTED]

2. Address: 71st Transportation Operating Battalion, Ft Austin, Va.

3. Occupation: Water Technician

4. Pertinent Hobbies: None

5. [REDACTED] had been watching the baseball game for approximately 15 minutes prior to the sighting. [REDACTED] had not been on duty on 17 April 1968. [REDACTED] stated that he had not partaken of any intoxicants prior to the sighting. [REDACTED] does not wear glasses.

6. [REDACTED] appeared to have difficulty in expressing his description of the object, and seemed hesitant about doing so. The writer believes that [REDACTED] did in fact observe the object, but does not believe [REDACTED] description of the object to be as accurate as that given by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

d. 1. Name: Lt Colonel [REDACTED]

2. Address: Fort Austin, Virginia

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hours, Colonel [redacted] observed a luminous, greenish-blue colored object to the northeast, approximately 45 degrees above the horizon. The object appeared to have serrated contours and was approximately the size of a baseball. The shape of the object appeared to be spherical or slightly tear drop in shape. Colonel [redacted] did not observe any exhaust connected thereto. The object was moving in a straight line toward the northwest and traversed approximately 20 degrees of the horizon before it appeared to fade into the glare of the ball park lights. Colonel [redacted] advised that he observed the object from two to three seconds before it disappeared. Colonel [redacted] heard no sound in connection with the object nor could he estimate the distance, the speed of travel. Colonel [redacted] stated that he could not be certain of the exact time of the sighting, but that he was sure it was after 2000 hours and could have been after 2100 hours. Colonel [redacted] further advised that he thought the object was a large toy flying toward the ball park light, therefore, dismissed the incident from his mind.

4. On 12 April 1962 Langley Air Force Base Operations advised that there were no aircraft from Langley AF Base flying in the vicinity of Fort Eustis, Virginia, on the evening of 17 April 1962.

5. On 18 April 1962, the office of the District Intelligence Officer, 5th Naval District, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that subject sighting was typical of a Navy jet pilot's use of his After Burner for a quick burst of speed, but that no Navy aircraft equipped with an After Burner were flying in the vicinity of Ft Eustis on the evening of 17 April 1962.

6. Weather Sequence reports from Langley AF Base, which is located fifteen (15) miles southeast of Ft Eustis, for 2030 hours and 2130 hours 17 April 1962 are as follows:

a. 2030 hours: Clear; Visibility - 8 miles; Wind from South South East at 6 knots; Temperature - 60 degrees; Dewpoint 44 degrees.

b. 2130 hours: Clear; Visibility - 8 miles; Wind from South South West at 10 knots; Temperature 60 degrees, Dewpoint 43 degrees.

7. In relation to the witnesses of subject sighting, the following information is submitted to aid in evaluating their credibility:

a. 1. Name: S/sgt [redacted]
2. Address: Hqs Company, Transportation Training School, Ft Eustis, Virginia

3. Occupation: Administrative NCO

4. Pertinent Hobbies: Photography and Model Airplane Building

5. [redacted] had been watching the baseball game for approximately two (2) hours prior to the sighting. Prior to the ball game [redacted] had

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The size of a baseball, slightly elliptical in shape, luminous (incandescent) white in color with a roanish blue tail or exhaust, the length of which was approximately ten (10) times the size of the object. The tail or exhaust appeared to taper. The contours of the object appeared to be smooth. [REDACTED] heard no noise in connection with the object. The object traveled in a straight line from northeast to northwest covering 20 degrees of the horizon in approximately 2-2 1/2 seconds. The tail or exhaust appeared to be of constant length during the period of observation. After traversing 20 degrees of the horizon, the object disappeared as if it had gone behind an obstacle, although [REDACTED] did not observe any obstacle between himself and the object. [REDACTED] was not able to estimate the speed of travel, but stated that the object appeared to travel "very fast."

b. On 15 April 1952 Sgt [REDACTED], was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident: [REDACTED] attention was called to the object by [REDACTED]. During [REDACTED] period of observation the object traversed approximately 20 degrees of the horizon in approximately one (1) second before it disappeared. [REDACTED] description of the object coincided with that given by [REDACTED], except that [REDACTED] described the object as being spherical in shape and he could not recall whether the exhaust or tail tapered. Additional information given by [REDACTED] in relation to the sighting was identical to that given by [REDACTED].

c. On 13 April 1952 Sgt [REDACTED], was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident: [REDACTED] attention was called to the object by [REDACTED] described the object as being luminous, green in color, with smooth contours. The object had a luminous white tail or exhaust, the length of which was five or six times the size of the object. [REDACTED] stated that he had observed the object for approximately 2 seconds when it seemed to fade suddenly, with the exhaust disappearing first. Additional information given by [REDACTED] in connection with the sighting coincided with that given by [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED]

d. On 10 April 1952 Mrs. [REDACTED], wife of [REDACTED] was interviewed by Lt Colonel MILL and stated that the object appeared to be a bright round ball the size of an automobile headlight, with a bluish colored tail, approximately the same length of the object. Mrs. [REDACTED] further stated that the object appeared to be flying "low and straight." Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she observed the object for two or three seconds and that it disappeared suddenly. Mrs. [REDACTED] could not estimate the elevation of the object above the horizon.

e. On 21 April 1952 Lt Colonel [REDACTED], was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident. Colonel [REDACTED] was sitting in a stand located directly behind the backstop of Fort Rust's ball field on the evening of 17 April 1952. [REDACTED]

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 17 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 2125

LOCATION: Ft. Eustis, Va.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 2 Seconds

SOUND: None


SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Army Lt Col

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Description resembles that of a fireball or meteor.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Source observed bright white object with green trail East of Ft. Eustis at an elevation of 45°. Object traversed 90° in few seconds. Object traveled in flat trajectory. 

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TO : C/S HQS USAF WASH DC ATTN: DIR OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

INFO: CG AMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN: MCIS

NR : OSI 292

18 Apr 52 (DTG 182015Z)

Spot report details - Lt [redacted], Ft Eustis, Va
G-2 reported info unidentified object sighted 2125 hrs 17 Apr
1952. Object sighted east of Ft Eustis/45 degree elevation
for approximately 2 seconds in which time it traversed 90
degrees of horizon object described as both spherical and
elliptical giving forth magnesium white light with a greenish
exhaust ten times the length of object. Height, size and
distance undetermined speed rptd as very fast. Objects
flight path level and straight light disappearing suddenly as
the shut off or going behind a barrier. No noise noted.
Weather clear, no clouds. Spot report made by Col Miller
who requested OSI interview witnesses. Action taken - agents
dispatched.

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TO: CG ADC

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OFFICE <i>AFOIN</i>	ROOM NO. <i>44932</i>
INDIVIDUAL <i>W Martin</i>	PHONE <i>71072</i>

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FROM: HQ USAF

TO: CG ADC HNT AFB, COLORADO

/RADNOTE/ FOR CG ADC

FROM APOIN LT COL HARGRETT

1. FOLLOWING CABLE FROM 21st DISTRICT OSI IG LANGLEY AFB VA IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. SPOT REPORT DETAILS - LT COL [REDACTED], FT BUSTIS, VA C-2 REPORTED INFO UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED 2125 HRS 17 APR 1962. OBJECT SIGHTED EAST OF FT BUSTIS 45 DEGREE ELEVATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 SECONDS IN WHICH TIME IT TRAVERSED 90 DEGREES OF HORIZON OBJECT DESCRIBED AS BOTH SPHERICAL AND ELIPTICAL GIVING BRIGHT MAGNESIUM WHITE LIGHT WITH A GREENISH EXHAUST TEN TIMES THE LENGTH OF OBJECT. HEIGHT, SIZE AND DISTANCE UNDETERMINED SPEED RPTD AS VERY FAST. OBJECTS FLIGHT PATH LEVEL AND STRAIGHT LIGHT DISAPPEARING SUDDENLY AS THO SHUT OFF OR GOING BEHIND A BARRIER. NO NOISE NOTED. WEATHER CLEAR, NO CLOUDS. SPOT REPORT MADE BY COL [REDACTED] WHO REQUESTED OSI INTERVIEW WITNESSES. ACTION TAKEN - ACTWS DISPATCHED.

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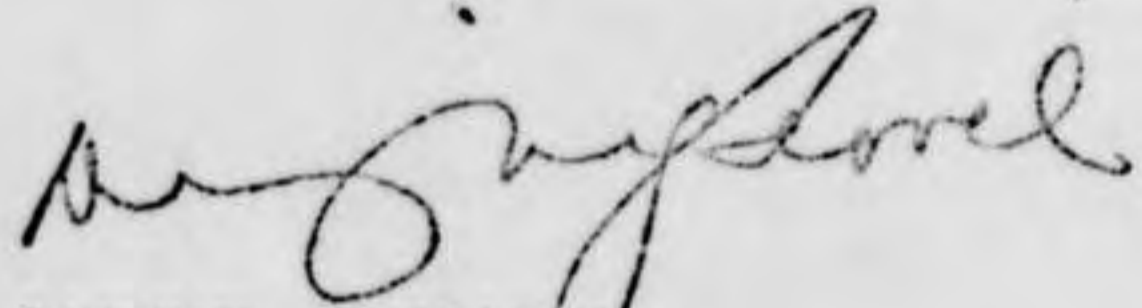
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SUBJECT: Unusual Aerial Phenomenon Vicinity of Fort Gustis, Va.
17 April 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to DO #21 TX, OSI 292, dated 18 April 1952.
2. Forwarded herewith is spot intelligence report, Subject as above.
3. This Office contemplates no further inquiry concerning this matter unless specifically requested by your Headquarters or directed by Headquarters OSI, USAF.

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DWIGHT J SCOVEL
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

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Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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3. On 18 April 1952 Lt Colonel [REDACTED], Fort Eustis, Virginia, reported to this office that at approximately 2125 hours, 17 April 1952, five (5) persons at Fort Eustis, Virginia, had observed a luminous object, elliptical or spherical in shape approximately 45 degrees above the horizon, traveling northeast to northwest in a straight line, and that the object traversed 90 degrees of the horizon in 2-2 1/2 seconds.
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28 April 1952

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TO: Commanding General
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ATTENTION: ACIS

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the size of a baseball, slightly elliptical in shape, luminous (magnesium) white in color with a greenish blue tail or exhaust, the length of which was approximately ten (10) times the size of the object. The tail or exhaust appeared to taper. The contours of the object appeared to be smooth. [redacted] heard no noise in connection with the object. The object traveled in a straight line from northeast to northwest covering 90 degrees of the horizon in approximately 2-2.5 seconds. The tail or exhaust appeared to be of constant length during the period of observation. After traversing 90 degrees of the horizon, the object disappeared as if it had gone behind an obstacle, although [redacted] did not observe any obstacle between himself and the object. [redacted] was not able to estimate the speed of travel, but stated that the object appeared to travel "very fast".

b. On 18 April 1952 Sgt [redacted] was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident: [redacted]'s attention was called to the object by [redacted]. During [redacted]'s period of observation the object traversed approximately 30 degrees of the horizon in approximately one (1) second before it disappeared. [redacted] description of the object coincided with that given by [redacted], except that [redacted] described the object as being spherical in shape and he could not recall whether the exhaust or tail tapered. Additional information given by [redacted] in relation to the sighting was identical to that given by [redacted].

c. On 18 April 1952 Sgt [redacted] was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident: [redacted]'s attention was called to the object by [redacted]. [redacted] described the object as being luminous, green in color, with sauted contours. The object had a luminous white tail or exhaust, the length of which was five to six times the size of the object. [redacted] stated that he had observed the object for approximately 2 seconds when it seemed to fade suddenly, with the exhaust disappearing first. Additional information given by [redacted] in connection with the sighting coincided with that given by [redacted] and [redacted].

d. On 18 April 1952 Mrs [redacted] CORE, wife of Sgt [redacted] was interviewed by Lt Colonel MILLER and stated that the object appeared to be a bright round ball the size of an automobile headlight, with a bluish colored tail, approximately the same length of the object. Mrs [redacted] further stated that the object appeared to be flying "low and straight". Mrs [redacted] advised that she observed the object for two or three seconds and that it disappeared suddenly. Mrs [redacted] could not estimate the elevation of the object above the horizon.

e. On 21 April 1952 Lt Colonel [redacted] was interviewed and gave in substance the following information concerning the incident. Colonel [redacted] was sitting in a stand located directly behind the backstop of the Fort Bustis ball field on the evening of 17 April 1952. Some time after 2000

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hours, Colonel [redacted] observed a luminous, greenish-blue colored object to the northeast, approximately 45 degrees above the horizon. The object appeared to have serrated contours and was approximately the size of a baseball. The shape of the object appeared to be spherical or slightly tear drop in shape. Colonel [redacted] did not observe any exhaust connected thereto. The object was moving in a straight line toward the northwest and traversed approximately 20 degrees of the horizon before it appeared to fade into the glare of the ball park lights. Colonel [redacted] advised that he observed the object from two to three seconds before it disappeared. Colonel [redacted] heard no sound in connection with the object nor could he estimate the distance away or the speed of travel. Colonel [redacted] stated that he could not be certain of the exact time of the sighting, but that he was sure it was after 2000 hours and could have been after 2100 hours. Colonel [redacted] further advised that he thought the object was a large bug flying toward the ball park lights, therefore, dismissed the incident from his mind.

4. On 13 April 1952 Langley Air Force Base Operations advised that there were no aircraft from Langley AF Base flying in the vicinity of Fort Eustis, Virginia, on the evening of 17 April 1952.

5. On 13 April 1952 the office of the District Intelligence Officer, 5th Naval District, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that subject sighting was typical of a Navy jet pilot's use of his After Burner for a quick burst of speed, but that no Navy aircraft equipped with an After Burner were flying in the vicinity of Ft Eustis on the evening of 17 April 1952.

6. Weather Sequence reports from Langley AF Base, which is located fifteen (15) miles southeast of Ft Eustis, for 2030 hours and 2130 hours 17 April 1952 are as follows:

a. 2030 hours: Clear; Visibility - 8 miles; Wind from South South East at 6 knots; Temperature - 60 degrees; Dewpoint 44 degrees.

b. 2130 hours: Clear; Visibility - 8 miles; Wind from South South West at 10 knots; Temperature 60 degrees, Dewpoint 42 degrees.

7. In relation to the witnesses of subject sighting, the following information is submitted to aid in evaluating their credibility:

- a. 1. Name: S/Sgt [redacted]
- 2. Address: Hqs Company, Transportation Training School, Ft Eustis, Virginia
- 3. Occupation: Administrative NCO
- 4. Pertinent Hobbies: Photography and Model Airplane Building
- 5. [redacted] had been watching the baseball game for approximately two (2) hours prior to the sighting. Prior to the ball game PATTERSON and

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