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TRENTON N J

22/2150 EST
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2 Civilian women

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Oval, star-like object observed by two
civilian women and a civilian man near
Trenton, N. J.

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FM CO 568TH ABG MCGUIRE AFB TRENTON NJ

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJ SIGHTED 22 JUL 52 BY FOLG PERSONS CLN MR AND MRS
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~~REDACTED~~ CMA ~~REDACTED~~ CMA TRENTON CMA N J PD FOLG INFO SBM FR
PRELIM INTERROGATION OF OBVRS PD SIZE CLN UNK BUT APPEARED TO BE VERY
LARGE SMCLN SHAPE CLN ROUND LIKE BALLOON PD COLOR CLN ORANGE PD NO
CLN SEVEN OBJ WERE SEEN PD TIME OF SIGHTING CLN 2150 HRS CMA 2225
HRS CMA AND 2305 HRS PD TRAIL OR EXHAUST CLN NONE PD METHOD OF
PROPULSION CLN UNK PD LENGTH OF TIME OBVD CLN 2-3 MIN EA TIME PD
APPROX LOC OF OBVRS CLN 40 DEG N AND 74 DEG W PD LOC OF OBJ W/RESPECT

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TO OBVRS CLN APPEARED FR N AND TRAVELLED S AND SWW PD OBJ APPEARED TO BE AT APPROX 75 DEG ANGLE FROM OBVRS PD MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE CLN OBJS TRAVELLED UNTIL THEY WERE OUT OF SHIGHT PD ALT OF OBJ CLN UNK CMA BUT EXTREMELY HIGH PD ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY OF WITNESS CLN UNDETERMINED BUT INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED PD WEATHER CLN CLEAR WITH LIGHT BREEZE ACTIVITY METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHERWISE WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING CLN NONE PD INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN CLN NONE PD AIR TRAFFIC IN GENERAL AREA CLN UNK PD SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED PD AF FORM 112 BEING COMPLETED AND WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP PD 23/1930Z JUL JEPME

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took place at approximately 17 miles NW of McGuire Air Force Base.

STATEMENT BY STAFF SERGEANT WASHBURN CONCERNING RELIABILITY OF WITNESSES

I would judge all witnesses to be fairly reliable in reporting what they thought they saw. However, I would like to emphasize the fact that none of the witnesses possess any previous experience which would qualify them as reliable observers. I have been given to understand that neither Mr. Sandhoff nor Mr. [redacted] have been members of any branch of the Armed Services.

Mrs. [redacted] works for a used car dealer in Bordentown as bookkeeper. The other three women can be described best as housewives.

On the knowledge I now possess concerning all witnesses I would give the report a C-3 rating. I would judge the witnesses to be fairly reliable and the report to be possibly true.

STATEMENT BY MAJOR JOSEPH H. KING:

I have coordinated with S/Sgt Washburn during all phases of this investigation and concur with his evaluation of the information and with his judgment in regard to the reliability of the sources.

Joseph H. King
JOSEPH H. KING
Major, USAF
Dir Opr & Eng

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Report of Investigation of Unidentified Objects Sighted in the Air over Bordentown, New Jersey 22 July 1952. Report Rendered by S/Sgt Dennis G. Bushman

On 25 July 1952 at approximately 1100 hours I received instructions to investigate a report of unidentified objects in the air over Bordentown, New Jersey from Major Joseph H. King, Director of Operations, 58th Air Base Group. The person who reported the sighting was Mrs. R. Sandhoff, and I contacted her immediately by telephone and received a brief description of the sighting, dispatched an electrical transmission according to instructions in Air Force Letter 200-5, and made an appointment for a personal interview of all witnesses on the night of July 25 1952.

At about 1900 hours 25 July 1952 I interviewed and interrogated all witnesses of the incident and obtained the following statements:

"Tuesday night July 22nd I saw four lighted objects flying in the sky. They were of amber color the size varied. The first three were like baseballs, the last one was larger. The first three appeared very high in the sky. The last one was lower - The first one came from the north to southwest direction, the second and third came together from the north then separated, one went southeast the other southwest, the fourth the largest one coming from north heading direct south. They were traveling at a speed of 200 to 250 miles per hr. These objects came at different intervals about 9:45 - 10:15 - 11 P.M. They seem to take a straight course. You could hear no sound or see any vapor or left any trail. You could see them from 2 to 3 miles or as far as your eyes could see them, they did not stop but appeared to keep on moving. In a distance on Tuesday night you could see aircraft going or coming but none appeared around these objects. It was a very clear starlight night. This is my statement how I seen and they appeared to me.

/s/ Mrs. [REDACTED]
Bordentown, N. J.

This Statement also was my Own Story of Events written above.

/s/ Mr. [REDACTED]
Bordentown "

STATEMENT BY [REDACTED]

"On Tuesday night July 22nd I saw five lighted objects flying in the sky. In conversation they were the size of a baseball and the color of an orange light. My husband spotted the first one and I quickly spotted it sailing thru the sky coming from the north and traveling toward the south. The next two came in almost perfect formation directly from the North and separated and one went directly west and the other south west - The next two also came separately from the north and both headed in south west direction. I should say they went over in 20 minute intervals the first one about 9:45 until about 10:15 till 11:30. They flew or sailed in a straight course - The night was very clear and the stars were shining bright.

/s/ [REDACTED], Bordentown, N. J.

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STATEMENT BY [REDACTED]

"On Tuesday night July 22nd I saw four lighted objects, flying in the sky there about the size of a baseball an orange in color. they all came from the north an flying in a straight line south the next two came from the north an there they separated one going south an one going south east flying very straight at about 250 mi per hr. an seemed to be as high as the stars it was a very clear nite

/s/ [REDACTED]
Bordentown, N.J."

STATEMENT BY [REDACTED]

"To whom it may concern:

On Tuesday evening, July 22, I saw a very strange object travelling through the sky. I would not have seen, or believed such a thing, if my neighbors had not called my attention to it. This object seemed to come from out of the North and was going toward Philadelphia. It looked like a star and was travelling at a rapid speed. It seemed to me that its speed was controlled and that it had a definite course. Later we saw others, which seemed to be the same going back, from their destinations, to the North. None of these objects made a sound.

/s/ [REDACTED]
Bordentown, N. J."

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STATEMENT OF MRS. [REDACTED]

"To Whom it May Concern:

On Tuesday evening, July 22, between ten and ten-thirty, the neighbors called to tell me they had seen three flying saucers. I didn't believe such a thing was possible. My daughter and I went out in the yard. In a few minutes they called our attention to another one. This one they said was much lower than the rest. What appeared to be a huge light or object, coming from the North, and going in a straight line, in the direction of Philadelphia. It was going at great speed, "App. 300 miles an hour") and there was no sound at all. It gave you a very strange feeling to see it. About eleven-thirty there appeared coming from the South and headed North, four of the very same objects. First one came, then two travelling together and finally a fourth one.

/s/ Mrs. [REDACTED]
Bordentown
New Jersey"

TRANSCRIPTION OF INTERVIEW OF ALL OBSERVERS OF THE INCIDENT

S/Sgt Washburn: Mrs. [REDACTED] what color were these objects that you noted?

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Mrs. [REDACTED]: The objects appeared to be of amber color and a little brighter than any of the stars.

S/Sgt Washburn: Can you give any idea as to the size?

Mrs. [REDACTED]: The size varied - the first three were about the same size as a baseball, but the fourth one was more like a grapefruit, but all of them were round.

S/Sgt Washburn: Can you tell me in what direction the objects were travelling?

Mrs. [REDACTED]: Well, I think the first one came from the north and went south-east; the second and third were travelling together coming from the north until they got overhead, then they separated - one went south, and the other southwest. The last one I saw came from the north and went directly south.

S/Sgt Washburn: How fast do you think the objects were travelling, Mrs. [REDACTED]?

Mrs. [REDACTED]: I would think they were travelling about the same speed as the average commercial aircraft that we see passing over at almost any hour of the day or night.

S/Sgt Washburn: Mrs. [REDACTED], how long did you observe each object as it passed over?

Mrs. [REDACTED]: Well, I would guess that we watched each one from three to four minutes, but perhaps it wasn't that long.

S/Sgt Washburn: Do you think there was any set interval in the time the objects appeared?

Mrs. [REDACTED]: Yes, it seemed to me that they came over in about approximately twenty minute intervals.

S/Sgt Washburn: Give me some idea as to how the objects appeared to you.

Mrs. [REDACTED]: Well, they looked to me as though they might have been oranges up in the sky, just sailing along, and the second and third one seemed to travel in some type of formation.

S/Sgt Washburn: Mrs. [REDACTED], how many objects did you see?

Mrs. [REDACTED]: Oh, I thought I saw five.

S/Sgt Washburn: You know your companions report seeing only four of these objects, while you report seeing five. How do you account for that?

Mrs. [REDACTED]: There is no way I can account for it - I just thought I saw five.

S/Sgt Washburn: Were the objects flying in an arc, a straight course, in a dive, or what?

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Mrs. [redacted] They were flying in a straight course and appeared to me as though they had made up their minds to go somewhere.

S/Sgt Washburn: Mr. [redacted], can you give me an idea as to the altitude of these objects?

Mr. [redacted] No, they seemed to me to be just about as high as the stars are and flying much higher than any aircraft I have ever seen.

S/Sgt Washburn: How many objects did you view, Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] I only saw four. All of them were about the size of a baseball or an orange and looked like an orange in color.

S/Sgt Washburn: Miss Nelson, can you add any comments to those of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] that might aid us in successfully completing this investigation?

Miss Nelson: The only thing I can say is the objects looked like stars and were really travelling along. I thought it awfully strange that they seemed to be flying such a straight course.

S/Sgt Washburn: Mrs. [redacted], did these objects that you observed make any sound whatsoever?

Mrs. [redacted] No, they were completely soundless.

S/Sgt Washburn: You know your house is situated very close to the highway, Mrs. [redacted], and I wonder if noises from passing automobiles and trucks could have prevented you from hearing any sound the objects might have made?

Mrs. [redacted] Well, I guess it could have, but I don't think it did.

S/Sgt Washburn: What was your impression of the objects - were they lights or actually objects moving along?

Mrs. [redacted] They seemed like lights to me because we couldn't detect any body to them at all.

S/Sgt Washburn: Mr. [redacted], how was the weather on the night of this sighting?

Mr. [redacted] It was a very clear night with no clouds and many stars in the sky.

S/Sgt Washburn: Were there any aircraft in the area at the time of this sighting?

Mr. [redacted] Yes - we can almost always look up and see an airplane going overhead, but these things were not airplanes.

S/Sgt Washburn: What makes you say that, Mr. Sandhoff?

Mr. [redacted] Several things: first of all, the objects did not have several

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lights on them like airplanes do, and the lights did not flash like the lights of airplanes do; next, the objects did not make any sound while going overhead.

S/ Sgt Washburn: If the objects had created some type of sound, do you think you would have been able to hear with the noise of the traffic of the highway which is three to four blocks away?

Mr. [redacted]: I think that we could have detected any sound that the objects made.

S/ Sgt Washburn: Did the objects leave any vapor or trail of fire, or anything of that nature, Mr. [redacted]?

Mr. [redacted]: We could detect nothing like that.

S/ Sgt Washburn: Mr. Davis, I understand you were the first one to note the first object. What made you notice it?

Mr. [redacted]: I do not know - I was just looking up and saw the thing moving across the sky in a straight line.

S/ Sgt Washburn: Is there anything that any of the observers would like to add which has not been fully covered thus far?

All observers: (in unison) No.

END OF INTERVIEW

SUMMARY

The next item to appear in this report of investigation will be a brief summary of everything I have discovered in the course of the investigation and the various impressions that I have formed.

On the night of 22 July 52 these six witnesses apparently observed several objects slightly larger than a star travelling through the sky. The objects are reported to have been orange colored and all of them seem to have been travelling at about the same speed as a large commercial airliner. All observers report that the objects appeared from the north and travelled south, southeast, southwest. Five of the observers claimed to have seen four objects, while one observer claims to have seen five. The descriptions given by all observers appear to be quite accurate in fact that all descriptions parallel one another. The time of the first sighting was at approximately 2145 hours, the second sighting 2215 hours and the third sighting 2300 hours. The observers all remarked upon the fact that the objects travelled in a perfectly straight line, following a definite course across the sky.

The statement of Mrs. [redacted] appears to be quite different from the statements of the other witnesses. She lists the objects as travelling in different directions, and during the same time the other observers claimed to have seen four unidentified objects, she reports that she sighted five. She was with the other observers during the whole course of the sighting. This sighting

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