

## FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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## 12 CONCLUSIONS

- Very Unlikely
- Probably Unlikely
- Possibly Unlikely
- Very Likely
- Probably Likely
- Possibly Likely
- Very Astronomical
- Probably Astronomical
- Possibly Astronomical
- Other
- Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- Unknown

17 Nov 52

FLORENCE, S.C.

## 13 OBSERVERS

17/1715 EST

## 14 TYPE OF OBSERVATION

261 Ground Radar

2 Ground Radar

Very Unlikely

17/2215

3 Airplane

3 Airplane Radar

Probably Unlikely

C Yes

4 SOURCE

Airline pilot, Weather Observer

Possibly Likely

NO

5 ATTEMPT OF CONTACT

No attempt made

Very Astronomical

6 Min.

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Other

Insufficient Data for Evaluation

Unknown

## 15 DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Bright object, thick at center and tapering at edges sighted by several experienced observers: Airport manager, airline pilot, weather observer and radio and Tower operators.

## 16 CONCLUSION

1. Jet aircraft due over Florence at the time; object in question had no sound, was moving slowly and could have been jet at high altitude. No contrails reported.

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FM LT R. M. OLSSON, ATIC  
TO CAPT HARRY SMITH, AFOMN-2A2.  
SECURITY INFORMATION. ATIC HEREBY FORWARDS

29 Jan 53

INFORMATION ASKED FOR IN TELEPHONE  
CONVERSATION 23 JAN 53. SUBJECT:

SIGHTING IN FLORENCE, S. C., 17 NOV 52.  
ORIGINAL TWX MESSAGE BASED ON AF LETTER  
200-5 FOLLOWS: QUOTE, 1. BRIGHT OBJ.,  
ELLIPTICAL IN SHAPE. THICK IN CENTER AND  
TAPERING TO EDGES. SLOW IN SPEED.

EXHAUST, SOUND, PROPULSION SYST, UNKNOWN.

2. FIRST SIGHTING - 1713/E; SECOND  
SIGHTING - 1715/E; THIRD SIGHTING

- 1721/E. FIRST OBSERVER WATCHED OBJECT  
FOR SIX MINUTES AFTER SIGHTING. 3. METHOD  
OF SIGHTING - VISUAL. 4. FLORENCE  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, S. C. 18 TO 20 MILES  
NORTH DARLINGTON, S. C., CITY OF FLORENCE,  
S. C., SIGHTED BY DRIVER ON HIGHWAY  
BETWEEN MARION, S. C. AND SUMTER, S. C.

5. SEVERAL QUALIFIED OBSERVERS: I. E.  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MANAGER; CAPTAIN OF  
EASTERN AIRLINES, WEATHER OBSERVER, RADIO  
OPERATOR AND TOWER OPERATOR FROM FLORENCE

MUNIC. AIRPORT. 6. WX - CAVU. WINDS OVER  
FLORENCE 310 DEGREES, 20 KNOTS. 7.

UNKNOWN, 8. UNKNOWN, 9. NONE. 10.

JET A/C RPTD DUE TO RPT OVER FLORENCE

RADIO AT APPROX SAME TIME. UNQUOTE

ATIC EVALUATION: JET AIRCRAFT DUE OVER FLORENCE  
AT THE TIME; OBJECT IN QUESTION HAD  
NO SOUND, WAS MOVING SLOWLY AND COULD HAVE  
BEEN JET AT HIGH ALTITUDE. NO CONTRAILS  
REPORTED.

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 18 YEARS  
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FM CO THREE SIX THREE TACRECONWG SHAW AFB SC

TO JEPHQ/DI HQS USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ✓

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO (

INFO JEPLG/CG TAC LANGLEY AFB VA

JESDF/CG AF NINE POPE AFB NC

~~RECORDED~~ PWOPS 0483 FLYOBRT. REF AFL 270-5, PAR C.

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4. FLORENCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, S.C. 18 TO 22 MILES NORTH DARLINGTON, S.C. CITY OF FLORENCE, S.C. SIGHTED BY DRIVER ON HIGHWAY BETWEEN MARION, S.C. AND SUMTER, S.C.
- 5 SEVERAL QUALIFIED OBSERVERS: I.E. MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MANAGER:

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CAPTAIN OF EASTERN AIRLINES, WEATHER OBSERVER, RADIO OPERATOR, AND TOWER OPERATOR FROM FLORENCE MUNIC AIRPORT.

REF ID: A6542

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7. UNKNOWN
8. UNKNOWN
9. NONE
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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY  
CanadaREPORT NO.  
IR-61-52

## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT  
Unidentified Flying Object (FUDOBRPT)AREA REPORTED ON  
Newfoundland

Dir/Int, NEAC

DATE OF REPORT  
1 December 1952DATE OF THE SIGHTING  
17 November 1952

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PREPARED BY (Officer)  
NATHAN J. MEYERSON, Captain, USAF

CO, McAndrew AFB, Nfld.

REFERENCES (Control number, direct or previous reports, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give sufficient detail for analysis per graphs. Information will be used in the final intelligence report.)

1. The Following information was reported to the Director of Intelligence, Northeast Air Command, and is of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-A2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

2. The Commanding Officer, McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland made the following report on an unidentified flying object. *• 1172*

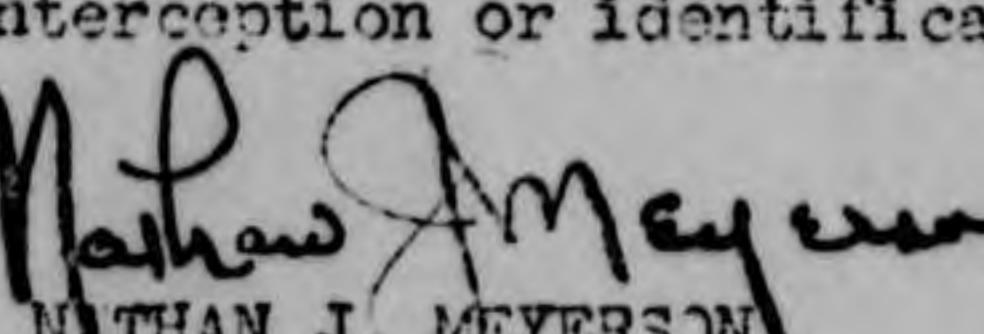
3. On 17 November 1952 at 0917Z, S/Sgt Canny reported seeing an object. It was sighted moving over McAndrew towards Red Island, 4723N/5410W, with an unknown altitude. Object was going in which he believed to be a circular motion and climbing at a terrific speed. Object was of a white color at that time. Object then started moving southeast towards Placentia, 4714N/5358W, and then took about a 160° left angle turn towards Fox Harbor, 4713N/5355W, before disappearing at 0942Z. Object during this time seemed to change from a white color to an orange-like color and then to a green color. A/26 [REDACTED], A/1C [REDACTED] and S/Sgt [REDACTED] also witnessed the same phenomena.

## COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Weather conditions prevailing during the period of sighting: estimated 2000 feet overcast, 10 miles visibility, temperature 33 degrees, wind from the northeast at 6 knots.

2. There was no activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

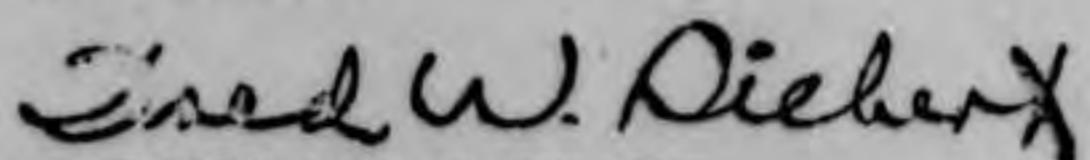
3. No interception or identification action was taken.



NATHAN J. MEYERSON  
Captain, USAF  
Ch, Service Division

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## APPROVED:



FRED W. SIEBERT  
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Director of Intelligence

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