1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
30 Harch 53 31/03052	Lyle, Washington
Givilian  4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	BALLONI Hoby Dick balloon was released at Chehalis, Mash., 114 miles In of place of observation. Wirds aloft were 280 deg, 25 knots at
One XECCEXXECTE	10,000 ft., 300 deg, 30 knots at 20,000 ft., 320 deg, 50 knots
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  Not Reported  6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  Ground-/lenal	Bright object with a red trail moved N-3 disappearing behind some clouds.
7. COURSE N - S 8. PHOTOS	
D Yes D No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

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JEPFF/COMDR MATS WASH 25 DC

ATTN ATIAA-2C ATTN INTELLIGENCE DIV PD

FSC 3Ø-C-2 PD FLYOBRPT

A. 1 OBJ SCML SHAPE AND SIZE UNKN SCML BRIGHT COLOR SCML OBSERVED
OBJECT UNKN SCML NO OBSERVED PROPULSION SYSTEM CMA EXHAUST TRAIL CMA
RED\_SCML SPEED AND SOUND UNKN SCML NO MANEUVERS OBSERVED SCML MOVED
FROM NORTHEAST OF LYLE CMA WASH PD TO A POSITION OVER ROWENA CMA ORE PD
OBJ VANISHED DID NOT GO BEHING CLOUDS PD

- B. OBJT SIGHTED 1905 PST 30 MAR 53 PERIODS OF TIME UNKN PD
- C. OBJ WAS OBSERVED VISUALLY FROM THE GROUND PD WITH 8 POWER GLASSES PD
- D. OBSERVER SIGHTED OBJ AT LYLE CMA WASH PD 45 DEG 40 MIN NORTH 121 DEG

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E. OBJ OBSERVED PASSED FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AT AN AZIMUTH ELEV OF 400 DEG PD

F. MR CMA WAS PD RELIABILITY OF INFO SUBMITTED CANNOT BE JUDGED PD

G. WEATHER IN GENERAL AREA SCAT CLDS BASES APPROX 4000 FEET VSBY
UNRESTRICTED SCML WNDS ALOFT SCML 280 DEG 25K 10000 FEET ŞCM 300 DEG
30K 20000 SCML 320 DEG 50K 30000 SCML FEET PD

H. MOBY DICK WEATHER BALLOOHN MQ DA BEING PLOTTED IN GENERAL

VICINITY AT 1900 PST PD

- I. NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR FRAGMENTS AVAILABLE PD
- J. INTERCEPTION ACTION ATTEMPTED UNKN PD

K. AIR TRAFFIC SCML TWO CIVIL AIRCRAFT SOUTH AND WEST BOUND FROM
YAKIMA CMA WASH PD TO PORTLAND CMA ORE CMA SCML ON JET INTERCEPTER
ON PATROL IN VICINITY OF THE DALLES CMA ORE PD AT 1845 PST 35200 FEET.

L. INFO WAS RECD FROM THE DALLES INSAC VIA TELETYPE AND FROM SEATTLE

ARTC VIA INTERPHONE PD

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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Near Lyle, Washington 30 March 1953

States of Tashington and Oregon, USA

Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

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Frank W. Allen, It Colonel, USAF

Mr. Strie, Washington

Teletype FIXOBRPT 310618Z Harch by DeChord Flight Service Center

An observer at Lyle, Washington sighted a bright colored object, at 1905 PST 30 Warch 1953. Object moved southward from Northeast of Lyle to the vicinity of Rowena, Orogon, then vanished.

FRANK M. ALLEN Lt Colonel, USAF Intelligence Officer

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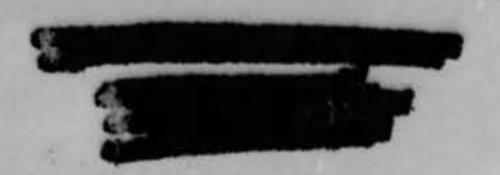
Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATTAA-20

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The following teletype report was received from McChord Flight Service Center, McChord AF Base, Tacoma, Washington:

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- a. One object; shape and size unknown; bright color; observed object unknown; no observed propulsion system, exhaust trail, red; speed and sound unknown; no maneuvers observed; moved from Northeast of Lyle, Washington to a position over Rowena, Oregon. Object vanished did not go behind clouds.
  - b. Object sighted 1905 PET 30 March 1953, periods of time unknown.
  - c. Object was observed visually from the ground, with eight power glasses.
  - d. Observer sighted object at Lyle, Washington. 150 40' North 1200 16' West.
  - e. Object observed passed from North to South at an azimuth elevation of 1,00.
- f. Mr. Market, Tashington. Peliability of information submitted cannot be judged.
- g. Weather in general area scattered clouds bases approximately 1000 feet visibility unrestricted; winds aloft 280° 25 knots at 10,000 feet; 300° 30 knots at 20,000 feet; 320° 50 knots at 30,000 feet.
- . h. Moby Dick weather balloon NQ DA being plotted in general vicinity at 1900 PST.
  - 1. No photographs or fragments available.
  - 1. Interception action attempted unknown.
- k. Air traffic; two civil aircraft South and West bound from Yakima, Washington to Portland, Oregon; one jet interceptor on patrol in vicinity of The Dalles, Oregon, at 1845 PST 35,000 feet.
- 1. Information was received from The Dalles Interstate Airways Communications station via teletype and from Seattle Air Route Traffic Control center via interphone.

#### Comments of Preparing Officer:

- 1. Tyle, Washington is located on the North side of the Columbia River, approximately six and one half miles Northwest (330° true bearing) of The Dalles, Oregon. Rowens, Oregon is located across the Columbia River from Lyle (1.5 miles, true bearing 190°).
- 2. There is a Moby Dick balloon launching site at Chehalis, Washington, which is like miles Northwest (true bearing 310°) of Lyle. A balloon launched from this site, affected by the winds aloft indicated in the message, would have passed near the Lyle area, as indicated by the message. Balloon would have been at an altitude which would render an estimate of its course by a ground observer at least unreliable. Experience has proven that a balloon at altitude can be easily lost when using glasses in a marmer which leads to a belief that it has burst or disappeared.

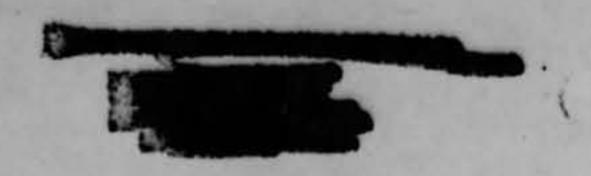
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. 3. The area in which sighting occurred is in an Air Defense Identification Zone, and any aircraft of flying objects should have been under radar surveillance. Positive statement that radar sites had not observed the incident is not included. The presence of an intercepter patrol in the area, however, indicates that radar surveillance in this area is inadequate.

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# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY HOWARD L. BEVIS, President COLUMBUS 10

EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

19 May 53

1st Lt. Robert Olsson Wright-Patterson AFB.

Dear Lt. Olsson;

This is a belated report on the last batch which I received at the end of April.

Just as soon as our plans for employing Miss Gluck officially go through, I shall be able to send you a sheet with comments on each individual case, so that you will have my comments on each folder. The letter method in has obvious drawbacks. But until that time comes and she can handle my typing and completion of forms, I had better stick to this letter method.

In this latest batch we have only 4 really interesting cases. I might mention a 5th, 28 March 53, Scott AFB, which is the 1st report I've seen of an honest to goodness mirage. 6 Cases have only one observer and I'M following my usual rule of discounting those.

8 April was a meteor. The Great Falls 3 April case was Venus if reported times was in

error.

28 March Albrook AFB was pr/obably Venus.

31 March Honshu, and 30 March Lyle, Wash., are puzzling but could possibly have been balloons.

The 8 April Greenland case was an obvious meteor.

This brings us to the interesting cases:

25 March San Antonia could hardly have been a mirage and I'm surprised there was no radar pickup. Was there any aircraft like helicopters that mint explain this. Anything more come in on this one? Don't think this is good enough for a pinch-bottle but it should be listed as Nocturnal meandering Right.

29 March Spooner, "isc: Duration times needs checking here. Hand to to believe that object could have done all that in 15 seconds. An interesting case

and one of the regular questions wes should be sent to Mr. Gilette.

Next is the 12 April Stead AFB. I think this is the most interesting case of the batch, and I hope you receive more dope on it. Questionaires should be sent. I'd like to see Menzel explain this one! Is there any possibility that these could have been aircraft? Apparently ducks have been eliminated.

As for the 26 Match, Equasseur AFB although NML, the data are toon-tradictroy and insufficient. Perhaps this was a helicopter? We ought to but have

much more information on this one. Has this been received?

Vincerely, alle / April