1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION .
16 April 53 16/2110Z	East Prairie, Missouri
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION AMCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBSECTS Seven	The 85th Fighter-Intercepter 30 flies intercept missions with SAC a/c in the area. At 1000 CST, 16 Apr 53, B-36 a/c were
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 linute Period	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	approx 230 ft in diameter. Speed 400-600 mph in maneuver an 600 mph in level flight.
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?	2. Time of day: 3 10 Minutes (Circle One): A.M. or P.M.
3. Time zone: (Circle One): a, Eastern (Control c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other	(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving Standard
Additional remarks:	HARLESTON MO. State or Country
5. Estimate how long you saw the object. Hours	30-35 Seconds
	ertain you are of your answer to Question 5. Not very sure Just a guess
6. What was the condition of the sky?	
(Circle One): (a) Bright daylight b. Dull daylight c. Bright twilight	d. Just a trace of daylight e. No trace of daylight f. Don't remember
7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT the object?	HT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at
(Circle One): a. In front of you in back of you c. To your right	d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember

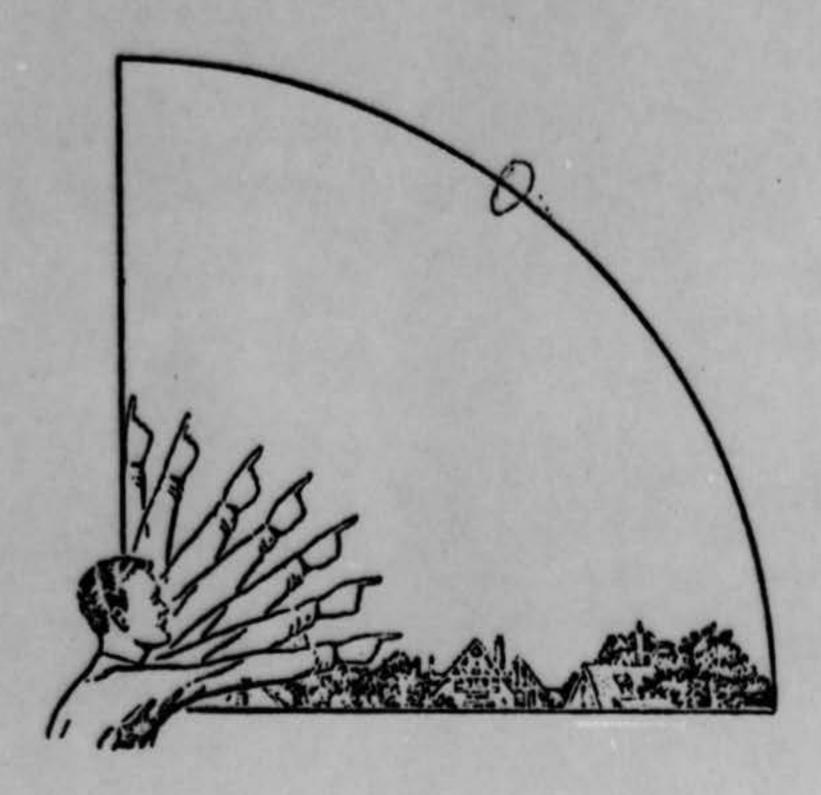
8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN,	what did you notice concerni	ng the STARS and MOON?	
8.1 STARS (Cirele One):	8.2 MOON (Circle One):		
a. None	a. Bright moonlight		
b. A few	b. Dull moonlight		
c. Mony	c. No moonlight	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	
d. Don't remember	d. Don't remembe		
9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?			
(Circle One): 6. 405 b. N	e c. Don't rem	ember	
10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was t	he brightness like that of an a	outomobile headlight?:	
The stanger this (Circle One) a. Am	ile or more away (a distant ca	1)?	
Hart to answer this (Circle One) a. Am because of objects quat (Circle One) b. Sove distance.	ral blocks away?		
distance.	ock away?		
	ral yards away?		
e. Other			
11. Did the object:	(Circle One for eac	h question)	
a. Appear to stand still at any time?	(Yes) No	Don't Know	
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes No	Don't Know	
c. Break up Into parts or explode?		Don't Know	
d. Give off smoke?	Yes (No)	Don't Know	
e. Change brightness?	Yes (No)	Don't Know	
f. Change shape?	Yes (No	Don't Know	
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	(Yes) No	Don't Know	
12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particular of the Circle One): (Circle One): It mayed behind: The part trail left at the circle of th		red YES, then tell what	
13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime,	particularly a cloud?		
(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't K	(now. IF you answe	red YES, than tell what	
14. Did the object oppear: (Circle One): (a. Solid	b. Transparent?	c. Don't Know.	
15. Did you observe the object through any of the followin	9?		
a. Eyeglasses Yes (No)	e. Binoculars Yes		
b. Sun glasses Yes (No)	f. Telescope Yes		
c. Windshield Yes No	g. Theodolite Yes	s No	
H. d. Window glass Yes No	to 4 from ins	:/./.	
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6. Tell in a few words the following things about the object. a. Sound Mone b. Color Silver					
17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving. The shape of the object was a perfect circle. The many - no persturious. The trails.					
0			Other		
9. IF there was MORE TI Draw a picture of how port supplied Payed	AN ONE object, then they were arranged, a 30THE BY Myself	de put an arrow of Discontinues of the services of the service	awing 2 is abject. Of white tight directions relighted of	the fig. 2 they are to the former of plane. 5.E.	there in shis

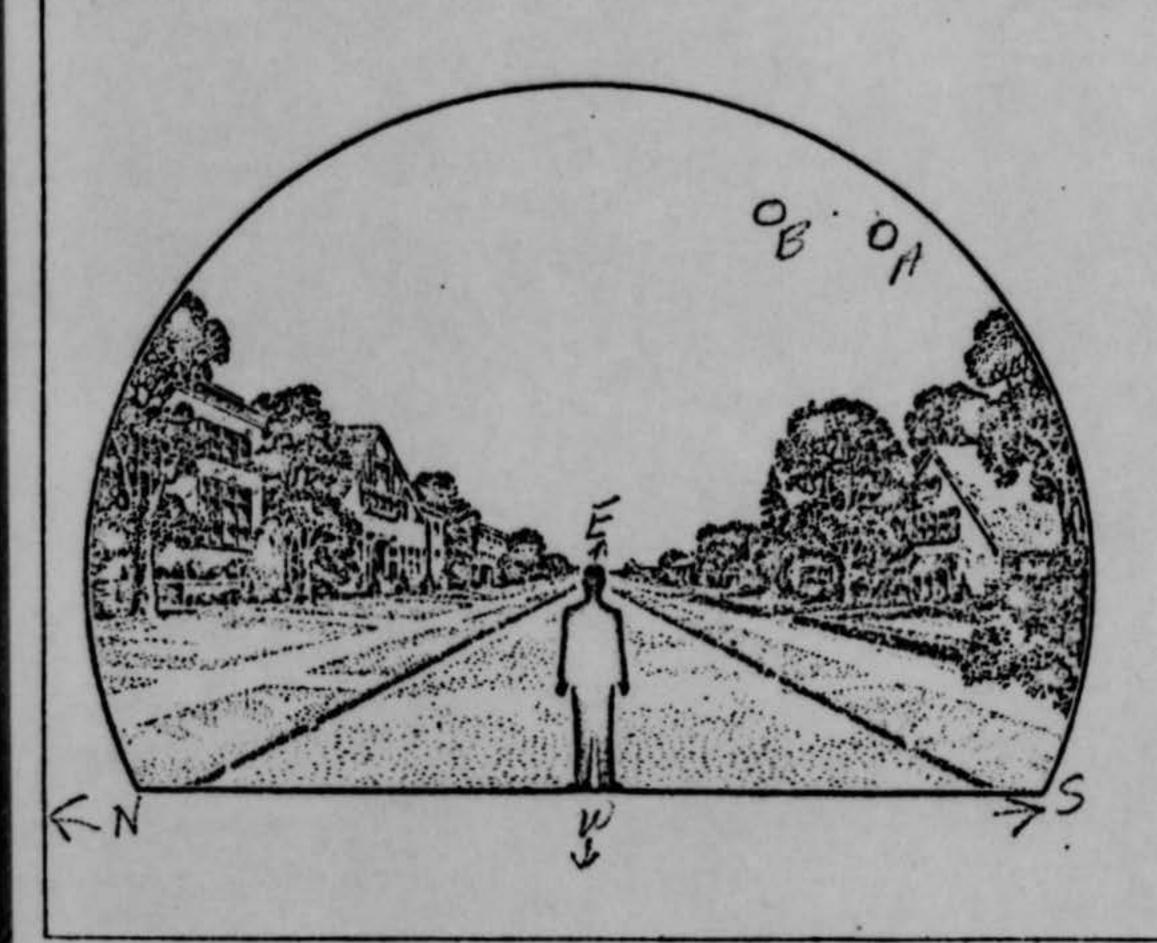
of the path, a "B" at	the end of the path, and show	bject or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning any changes in direction during the course. The months of the man time of the face of the man time. The soldiers,	
21. IF POSSIBLE, try to	feet. Wandle Alle	I size of the object was in its longest dimension.	
	oject or objects appear as comp	ared with one of the following objects held in the hand	
(Circle One):	a. Head of a pin b. Pea c. Dime d. Nickel e. Quarter f. Half dollar	g. Silver dollar h. Baseball i. Grapefruit j. Basketball k. Other	
22.1 (Circle One of th		ain you are of your answer to Question 22.	
	b. Fairly certain	c. Not very sure d. Uncertain	
23. How did the object	or objects disappear from view?	Heined speed terriber rates	
would it have? Descrisame appearance as the	that you saw. Of what type motorial the in your own words a common of the object which you saw.	of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape offect or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the rineway. Circular object of the ball in the sky, is the large ball in the sky would have a similar to the large a	

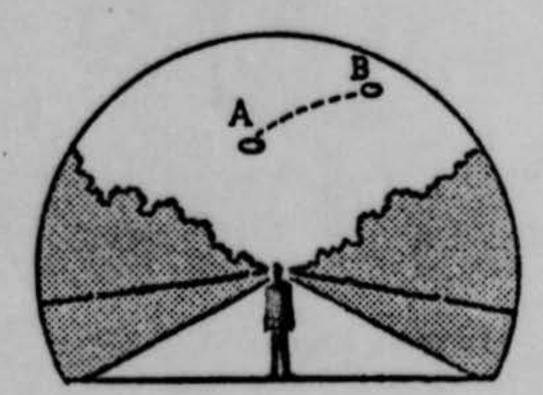
25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One): a. Inside a building b. In a car C. Outdoors d. In an airplane e. At sea f. Other	26. Were you (Circle One) a. In the business section of a city? b. In the residential section of a city? c. In open countryside? d. Flying near an airfield? e. Flying over a city? f. Flying over open country? g. Other		
27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and	and the second s		
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place but abeady disapprensed	. we then say	Ithe Kither	
20 1F MOVING IN AN AUTOMORIU F			
28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other veh	icle at the time, then comp	lete the following questions:	
28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)			
a. North b. Northeast d. Southeast	e. South f. Southwest	g. West h. Northwest	
28.2 How fast were you moving?	miles per hour.		
28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking (Circle One) Yes	g at the object?		
29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the	object? (Circle One)		
a. North b. Northeast C. East Southeast	e. South f. Southwest	g. West h. Northwest	
30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the fact to fact. a. North b. Northeast d. Southeast	object? (Circle One)		
a. North b. Northeast d. Southeast	e. Southwest	g. West h. Northwest	
D. Normeast a. Soumeast	1. Journwest		
31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction from true North and also the number of degrees it was a 31.1 When it first appeared: a. From true North	a), try to estimate the numb opward from the horizon (el	er of degrees the object was evation).	
a. From true North 150 degrees. b. From horizon degrees.			
31.2 When it disappeared:			
a. From true North 100-110 degrees. b. From horizon 50 degrees.			
b. From horizon degrees.	Market Billion		

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





34. What were the weather conditions at the	he time you saw the object?
34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)	34.2 WIND (Circle One)
(a) Clear sky	o No wind
b. Hazy	(b) Slight breeze
c. Scattered clouds	c. Strong wind
d. Thick or heavy clouds	d. Don't remember
e. Don't remember	
34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)	34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)
(G. Dry	a. Cold
b. Fog, mist, or light rain	b. Cool
c. Moderate or heavy rain	G Warm
d. Snow	d. Hot
e. Don't remember	e. Don't remember
35. When did you report to some official the APR Month	
36. Was anyone else with you at the time	you saw the object?
(Circle One) (es	No
36.1 IF you answered YES, did they	see the object too?
(Circle One) (Yes	
36.2 Please list their names and add	East Prairie, Inco.
	dharlestere, mo.
mas repase name	I do not remember levet com find suit.
37. Was this the first time that you had so (Circle One) (Yes) 37.1 IF you answered NO, then when	No , where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?
38. In your opinion what do you think the Other than an unit	object was and what might have caused it? enseur object in controlled flight

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39.	Do you think you can estimate the speed of the old (Circle One) Yes No IF you answered YES, then what speed would you		600	ı.p.h
40.	Do you think you can estimate how far away from (Circle One) Yes No	you the object was? ou say it was?	veuld be a g	ecce.
41.	Please give the following information about yours	elf:		
	NAME Lost Name	First Name	_ Mid	die Name
	ADDRES	EFST 180	iPiE Zone	State
	TELEPHONE NUMBER			
	What is your present job? POST OFFICE	CLERK		
	Age 34 Sex MALE			
	Please indicate any special educational training			
	a. Grade school	e. e. Technical scho	ol Q.M. ScHo	01-4.5 NADY
	(b.) High school	(Type)	enine Inhard	included
	c. College	Denne ye	raining Sahard	
		27	MAV	1953
42.	Date you completed this questionnaire:	Day	Month	Your

East Prairie, No. April 17, 1953

Commanding Officer, Air Intelligence, Spott AFB, Ill.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday afternoon I, along with three others sighted several strange objects in the nir. They were in controlled flight. We wanted them for about 30 minutes.

Please advise me if the Air Porce is interested in such sightings.
If so I will be happy to furnis a detailed description of our sighting from notes I made during the time they were visible.

I can be found at the Post Office at any time.

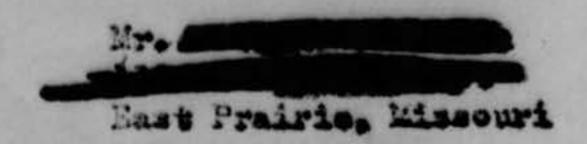
Yours truly,

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Major, United States Air Porce

HEADQUARTERS
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE
and
SSLOth Tochnical Training Wing
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

20 April 1953



Donr Mr.

Thank you for your latter of April 17. We are very much interested in the sightings of unusual objects and would like you to make a detailed report.

This report should include a brief description of the object's shape, size, color, number, formation if more than one, aero-dynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, speed, sound, maneuvers, manner of disappearance and other pertinent or unusual features, time of sighting and length of time observed, location of object during sighting in relation to the observer and to the sun if possible, distance from object and an estimate of speed and altitude.

We would also like to have the names of the other observers and a brief description of the weather at the time of sight. Hindly implude in this report a paragraph of your own describing what you saw and your evaluation of same.

Any information in relation to the above may be helpful in determining what the sightings were. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Tours truly,

/s/ James H. WESB JAMES H. WESB Major, USAF Wing Intelligence Officer

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Major, United States Air Force

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James H. Nobb Hajor, USAP Wing Intelligence Officer Scott AFB, Ill.

Rear Major Webb,

I shall attempt to give you detailed information you asked for in your letter of April 20.

Time of sightin was about 3:10 P.M. until about 3:35 P.M.

The objects appeared to round. Circular surface.

Altitude 10,000 feet up.

Position from me 3.% à E.S.M.

Color- Silver.

14 to 7 objects.

No cound.

No evidence of propulation systems.

No trail or enhaust visible.

Size-diameter as large as the wing span of 836.

Speed-based on speed of 836 at 600MPH. Objects in maneuvers 1,00 to 600 MPH. Speed in flight far in excess of 600 MPH.

Neather clear, no clouds and visibility unlimited.

The first object was seen entering the trail of 356. It made a sharp left turn and was joined by three more while still turning. The three joined the first and all four circled once in tight formation then formed abreast. After forming abreast they seemed to gain speed at a tremendous rate of increase. They left and disappeared paralell to the trail left by plane. After disappearance of the four described three were sighted north of the position. This was ESE of my position. These three maneuvered around in the general vicinity of their first appearance. One of these three was motion-less for about 10 min. The others moved around but not fare

At one time two seemed to be flashing signals. This could not have been a usual sun reflection because of the two being so close together. The flashing was alternate. It was not Morse Code. The signaling is very pussling. I know of course, our Air Forces use voice radio for Communication.

It is my opinion that these objects were in controlled flight. They could not have been free flight weather ballons. If these objects were flat or semi-flat they were on edge. I could only see one side and it was a perfect circle. No wings, tail or other breaks in the body visible. I can not identify that I saw but I am convinced they were strange, unknown objects in controlled flight.

The people who saw thes objects were my wife, my mother-in-law, Mr. Stella Shorts and a man whose name I don't know. I would not recommend a statement from Mrs. Shorts because of her very poor eye sight. Although she said at the time

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she saw them it is quite possible she saw spots ocused by the sun glare. By wife and I had the sun spots but I checked my sight by looking away from the objects. Then when I looked back the objects were still there.

of any further assistance pleas write.

Yours turly,

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THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

JAMES H. HERS

Major, United States Air Force

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FROM (Apriley) 112 Intelligence Officer

Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

DATE OF REPORT

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28 April 1953

EVALUATION

V-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)

Major James H. Webb

SOURCE

(Civilian)

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

APL 200-5, 29 April 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concies summary of report. Gies significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118-Part 11.)
Inidentified, unconventional flying objects were signified by

were also observed by Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. and a fourth unidentified persone

Objects were observed for 25 minutes between 1510 and 1535 hours (Central Standard Time) at estimated 40,000 feet. Position of objects were SE to ESE of observers and appeared to be in trail of USAF B-36. (distance in trail unknown). By comparison with B-36 objects were circular and approximately 230° in diameter and silver in color. No visible propulsion system was observed and no exhaust gases or sound was evident. "peed was estimated at 1,00 to 600 miles per hour in maneuvers and in excess of 600 MPH in normal flight. Weather conditions were ideal with visibility unlimited.

A total of seven objects were seen during the 25 minute period. Initially only one object was seen to be trailing a 3-36 for an unknown time or distance. After making a sharp turn to the left it was joined by three additional similar objects. The feur objects then completed a tight 360° maneuver coming out abreast and continuing on the original heading, 88, (in trail of 3-36) at a greatly increased speed. The four objects disappeared parallel to the trail of the 3-36.

Soon after the original four disappeared, three more were seen to be maneuvering to the ESE of observers. For a ten minute period one of the objects remained motionless while the remaining two were in motion in the general vicinity. Mr. Natson further reported observing what seemed to be alternate flashing signals; but were not in Morse Code.

Our investigation shows that the 85th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, often flies interception missions with SAG aircraft in this vicinity. He mission was flown at 1500, but there was a mission flown at 1000 hours 16 April 1953, however, the log of the 85th Fighter Interceptor Squadron fails to show the exact location. The weather report for Farmington, Missouri at 1500 to 1650 Central Standard Time was "broken clouds at 25,000 feet, visibility fifteen (15) miles". No definite conclusions can be arrived at by this Office.

-Paster ded 17 Apr 53

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3. Ltr dtd 28 Apr 53

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JAMES H. HESS

Major, USAF

Chief Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTM: ATIAN-20, Wright Patterson AFB, Chie Commanding General, Technical Truining Air Force, Gulfport, Mississippi Commanding General, Air Training Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET (SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

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In do not thent there objects were weather balland unles it is a secret bat line. They certainly were notice free flight. I, lit so many ather printe, have pende about the so called - Thying sauce and have net declined much of what has deen witters So, when I snow there I made notice on time, queather forthe fine - speed - shaper seems. I even true looking in the graphete directions and I diffil see them, I looked throughthe winhshiell of my car, They were stilly is the. In short I maile enery check 2 could think of trying to die anditwhat the men seeing. I couldn't. The ruce not surreports, wither, I sincerely hope that this hit of information will be by some help. I consteven govern what the appear were but I am definitely convinced are saw them. as I do met want any publicity ofany soit I forbid the use of my information or my except for military use, I shalf be heggy to co-operate further in any way possible

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE OHIO Multiple 7 May 1953 18/2 Ether in East Prairie, Missouri Dear Mr. Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence. Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated. Sincerely yours, 2 Incls ROBERT C. BROWN a/s Major, USAF Air Adjutant General