# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE  28 Jan 54  3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local 1715	28 Jan 54  Blackstone, Virginia  DATE-TIME GROUP  4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION  TO Ground Pades		0	CONCLUSIONS  Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon  Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft
S. PHOTOS	6. SOURCE civilian	9. COURSE stationary	000	Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 31 minutes	One		000	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular, baseball type, stationary at 30 deg ele also saw obj. Thought fl object became smaller br	ight gradually to N	Balloon observa		with wind at altitude

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 BEP 52)

181 ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

A NONE

'9' PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING

A NONE

'10' INTERCEPTION ACTION

A NONE

/11/ AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA OF SIGHTING

AIF REVS154

/12' PREPARED BY OPERATIONS OFFICER OLMSTED FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER

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/13/ NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE THIS CENTER

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B DUSK

## /5/ LOCATION OF OBSERVERS

A BLACKSTONE ARMY AIR FIELD

/6/ IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

DONCAMSON W B AIRWAYS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST CAA INSAC PO BOS 382

BLACKSTONE VA UNKNOWN

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'7/ WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

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	10000	310	25
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E THIN BROKEN AT 20000

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UFOB

'1/ DISCRIPTIONS

A CIRCULAR

B BASEBALL

C BRIGHT LIGHT

D ONE

E MEGATIVE

F MEGATIVE

G MEGATIVE

H NEGATIVE

I NEGATIVE

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/2/ DISCRIPTION OF COURSE

A NOTICED OBJECT NO PARTICULAR REASON

B 40 DEGREES IN EASTERLY DIRECTION

C STATIONARY THEN BEFORE DISSAPPEARING MOVED IN AN EASTERLY

DIRECTION

D MEGATIVE

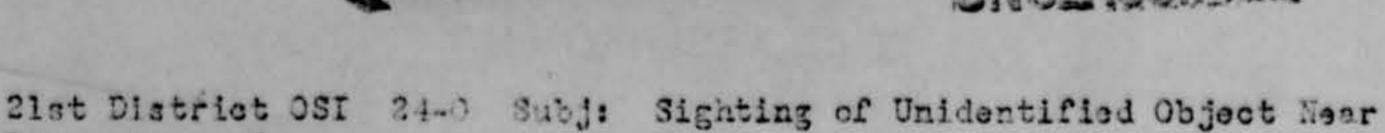
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3/ MANNER OF OBSERVATION

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C AIREVELS4 UNION ALTITUDE FWYING TOWARDS ANDREWS AFB SPEED 143 MNOTS HOME STATION BROOKLEY AFB



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Blackstone, Va.

Headquarters, 405th Fighter Bomber Wing, Langley AFB, Va. 17 FEB 1954

TO: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

- 1. The basic letter is forwarded for your information.
- 2. This report has not been made on an AF Form 112 because of special instructions from the Director, Office of Security Investigation to the 21st District Office of Special Investigations, giving their permission to submit such reports in letter form.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

HERBERT C. PINKERTON

Captain, USAE.

Info cy Air Technical Intel Center Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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23 February 1954

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, Hq USAF, Washington, 25, D. C.

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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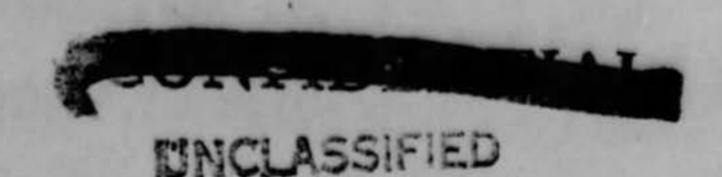
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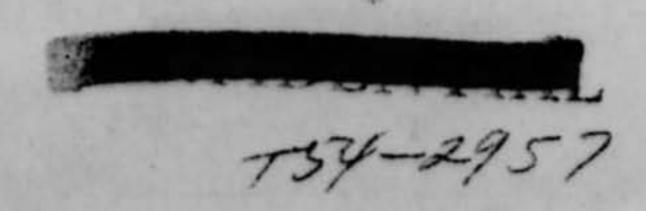
AFB when notified of the unidentified object by the 771st AC & W Squadron. OSBORNE advised that he was given directions by the AC & W Squadron, and requested to investigate the directed areas for the unidentified objects. Precalled that he had patrolled the areas directed by AC & W, but had failed to observe any unidentified objects. Purther advised from memory that he had first received AC & W notification at approximately 1800 hours on 29 January 1954.

CARL M BREMER Major, USAF

District Commander

Director OSI.

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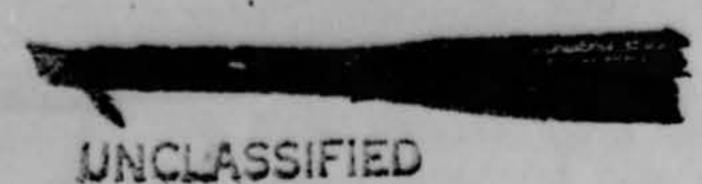
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since 1 January 1953 stated that at 1715 hours on 28 January 1954, while he was at home, he looked into the sky and noticed a bright, white, shapeless object which appeared to be at an altitude of between twelve (12) and fifteen (15) thousand feet. said there were a few white clouds in the sky and the sun was still shining. According to the object had a constant shine and remained stationary in the sky at about a thirty (30) degree angle above the horizon and due north of Blackstone. Advised that he watched the object for a couple of minutes and then drove to the CAA Interstate Aviation Communications Station at Blackstone Army Air Field and advised the two (2) CAA employees on duty of the observation. stated that all three (3) observed the unknown object in the sky. According to flew over the station. The pilot of the aircraft was notified of the object in the sky and he advised that he also saw the object. The pilot believed, however, that the unknown object was between thirty (30) and forty (40) thousand feet in altitude. The pilot reportedly did not know the nature or identity of the object. I dentified the aircraft as a USAF Air Evacuation Plane, Mumber 8154, enroute to Andrews Air Force Base. further advised that the CAA Office at Blackstone notified Washington Air Route Traffic Control, Mational Airport, and Military Flight, Middletown, Pennsylvania, of the sighting. Advised that he returned to his home and last noticed the object at 1745 hours. According to the object created no noise, no smoke, no vapor trail and he advised that it appeared to be a flat oval in shape. Stated that the object was much more prominent than any aircraft, due to its brightness. any knowledge of the size of the object nor of its exact shape.

6. On 29 January 1954, Chief of the Facility, Blackstone CAA Office, was interviewed at Blackstone Army Air Field. advised that he had been working for the CAA since 1936. dvised that he first saw the object at 1723 hours on 28 January when the CAA employees on the field called him at his home in Blackstone, and brought his attention to the sighting. According to unknown object appeared to have a bright metallic surface. According to the unknown object was between forty (40) and forty-five (45) degrees above the horizon and due north in direction estimated that the object was five (5) to ten (10) miles away at an altitude of approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) thousand feet. stated that behind the object was a light layer of cirro-stratus clouds. advised that these clouds usually occurred at an altitude of thirty-five (35) to forty (40) thousand feet and they thus helped him establish the approximate altitude of the object. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that the unknown object was elongated in shape and was stationary. He had no knowledge whatsoever of the size of the object, and he further advised that there was no noise, no smoke or vapor trail, or disturbance in the air near the object. He stated that the only way he could describe the object was as a bright shining object in "is sky." of the object at approximately 1745 hours as it appeared to be withdrawing to the north, becoming smalles and averred that he had never in his

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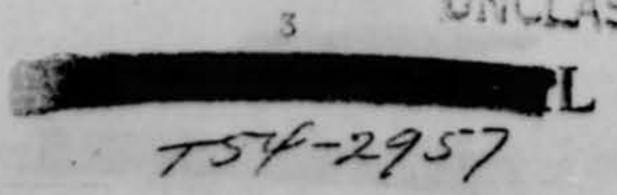
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appeared so large at such an altitude. further advised the OSI agents that Rosnoke, Virginia had reported three (3) loose weather balloons, on the morning of 28 January 1954. Rosnoke had noted that the balloons were drifting in a north, northeasterly direction. estimated that if the direction of drift continued, the balloons would have passed no closer than one hundred (100) miles (approximately) from Blackstone and that in such an event the object sighted was probably not one of the balloons. however, stated that the object could have been a balloon, but that he was unable to give my estimate of the nature of the object.

- Advised the following weather conditions for the late afternoon of 28 January 1954. Thin, broken clouds at twenty (20) thousand feet were reported at the approximate time of the sighting, with a north, north-easterly surface wind of six (6) miles per hour also recorded. SCHAFFSTALL gave the location of the Blackstone CAA Office as the following: 77 degrees, 55 minutes, no seconds, west longitude; 37 degrees, 4 minutes, 3 seconds, north latitude; elevation, 440 IAC.
- 8. On 1 February 1954, Captain MARVIN H. CASTLEBERRY, AO 814651, Operations Officer, 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Langley AFB, was interviewed concerning the unknown object. CASTLEBERRY checked the squadron records and advised that the 771st AC & W Squadron, Cape Charles AFB, Virginia, had notified a pilot of the 48th squadron of an unknown object sighted. Captain CASTLEBERRY identified the pilot as 1st Lt. DONALD R. OSBORNE, AO 1911312, and stated that the notification occurred sometime on Thursday evening, 28 January 1954. Captain CASTLEBERRY advised from the records that the AC & W Squadron had received two (2) reports of unknown objects, from the Ground Observer Corps Filter Center, Richmond, Virginia. The first report, received by AC & W at 1744 hours, stated that an unknown object had been sighted at approximately 78 degrees, 18 minutes, west longitude, and 37 degrees, 43 minutes, north latitude. CASTLEBERRY stated that the AC & W Squadron had received another report from Richmond at 1804 hours, of a sighting at 77 degrees, 15 minutes, west longitude, and 37 degrees, 49 minutes, north latitude. CASTLEBERRY stated that Richmond had not advised the AC & W Squadron of the origin of the reports. CASTLEBERRY surmised, however, that the sightings probably originated at GOC Command Posts. CASTLEBERRY stated that the AC & W Squadron had observed no unidentified objects within a radius of . two hundred fifty (250) miles, during this day. CASTLEBERRY stated that no further information was contained in the AC & W report.
  - 9. On 1 February 1954, 1st Lt DONALD R OSBORNE, 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, was interviewed concerning his actions in this



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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WASHINGTON

#### 21ST DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE. LANGLEY FIELD, VIRGINIA

File No: 24-0

11 February 1954

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object
Near Blackstone, Virginia

TO: Commander

405th Fighter Bomber Wing
Langley Air Force Base
Hampton, Virginia
ATTN: Director of Operations

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- 1. Reference Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.
- 2. The following is in written confirmation of a report telephonically transmitted to your office on 30 January 1954 by Lt Colonel DWIGHT J SCOVEL, District Commander.
- 3. On 29 January 1954, Lt Colonel SCOVEL received a telephonic report from the OSI Detachment Commander, Richmond, Virginia, in which Colonel SCOVEL was advised of a sighting of an unknown object in the sky, in the vicinity of Blackstone, Virginia. Colonel SCOVEL was advised that the sighting occurred sometime on the afternoon of 23 January 1954. Subsequently, Colonel SCOVEL contacted the Adjutant, 405th Fighter Bomber Wing and OSI was thereby directed to initiate an inquiry into this sighting.
- 4. The following is therefore the result of the inquiry into incident matter conducted by Special Agents ERNEST E HOARD and JAMES W WARD.
- Stuart Village, Blackstone, Virginia, was interviewed at Blackstone
  Army Air Field concerning the sighting of the unknown object.

  stated that, from August 1948 through July 1952, he had served in the
  Air Force, with duties as Control Tower Operator at Andrews and Bangor
  Air Force Bases.

  idvised that he had been discharged as a S/Sgt,
  that his Service Number was AF 14281719.

  been a CAA Airways Operation Specialist at Blackstone Army Air Field

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