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FROM: Sec \& Lavi Enforce Div, HIll AFB SUNAPY:

At 19162 hours on 2 October 1961 a report of a UFO sighting was received from civilian sources at the Utah Valley dirport, Salt Lake City, Utan, via Flight Operations Division, Hill AFB, Utah, and the Salt Lake City Uten Air National Guard Control Tower. Six of the eig persons who reported seejng the object were available and were interviewed at the Central Valley Airnort and tape recorded staterents obtained. All six of the persons arreed that the object hed no similiarity to manned aircraft, either in configuration, speed, or maneuversbility. The sixth ferson Ettempted to make an irterception of the object and stat=d he flew within three to five miles of the object before it rose rapidly, started off in an upward southerly direcion, paused and then disareerred to the west at a speed $k=l i e v e d$ in excess of 1,000 miles ner hour. Federal Aeronautics and Utah Air National Guard personnel at the Salt Lake Manicipal Airport were contacted and reported that no radar contacts had been made with the object. Wind velocities at various altitudes in the arca discounted the possibility that the object could heve been a weather balloon zoved rapidly at times by the wind, and no balloons released during that neriod locally hed assumed such a direction or path. No unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions were present winch zizht account for the sighting. Visibility was 40 miles with ceiling unlimited at the time the civilian pilot of the intercept plane reported he approached within three to five miles of the object and was within 1,000 feet of its aititude. A telerronic reoort of this siohtine was made to the Command Post Duty Officer, Air Force Iocistics Command, Wrirht-Patterson AFB, Ohio, at 2134 hours VS? ( 0434 Zu ), who advised that the taped statements of cbservors and a tanod reort of investigetion be forwarded DISTREUTION BY QRIGINATOR: FTD-E 3 cys, $w / 1$ Attachment: Tane recording of statements of observors.

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to FTD-E via Air Mail. As of the date of rerort it is believed that all lofical leads have been exhausted in an effort to identify the object.

1. At 19162 hours on 2 October 1961 the Flight Operations Division, Hill AF3, relayed a report from the Salt Lake City Utah National Guard Control Tower that approximately eight civilians at the Utah Central Airport ( $4038 \mathrm{~N}, 11158 \mathrm{~W}$ ), 3200 West 21 st South, Solt Leke City, Utah, had observed an unidentified object in the sky which reportediy hovered above the Provo, Utah, OMNI ( $4015 \mathrm{~N}, 11155 \mathrm{~N}$ ), located twenty-three ailes south of the Utah Central Airport, and that one of the observers had attempted an air intercept of the object and had approached within three to five miles of the object before it roved off and disappeared.
2. At approximately $1910 Z$ the Salt Lake City Air Traffic Control Center rerouted a transient $\mathrm{F}-100$ aircraft to the area of the reported sighting to make a search. At 1940Z the aircraft landed at Hill AFB and reported no contact with the item.
3. At 2200 z on 2 Cctober 1961 Mr Utah, Aircraft attendant at the was interviewed at that location, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information and answers received to guestions is prefaced by the paragraph number of items of information reqyested in paraersph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 14 Sentember 1959.

159(1) Share - At distance he observed object he could not determine shape.
15a(2) Size - Couldn't compare size to any known object, but stated it zust have been large and couldn't have been an aircraft because you couldn't see an eircraft at approximately eight miles, and tris object was at least thirty miles aws , anproximately over the Provo OMNT.

15a(3) Color - A distinct silver color.
259(1) Number - One
15a(5) Formetion - None
15a(6) Discernible features - None
15a(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - Could see none. It was suspended there and not Even moving.

159(8) Sound - No sound heard.
159 (9) Pertinent features - None observed.

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15b(1) What called attention to object - Report on object over UNICOM from pilot tho was attempting to intercept object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation, azimith - Estimated 2,500 feet above the ground (Altitude at Utah Central Aircort is 4240 feet), at an azimuth of 180 degrees.

15b(3) Angle, elevation and azizuth at time of disappearance - Slightly higher than 2,500 feet above the ground at the same azimuth.

15b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - Did not see it move, but would see it in one place then it would disappear and reappear in another place away from where it had first been seen.

15b(5) How did object disappear - Object faded out in the same location.
15b(6) How long object visible - For approximstely fifteon minutes.
$15 c(1)$ Nanner of observation - Naked eye.
15e(2) Optical aids - None.
15c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A
15d(1) Zulu time, date group - 1700Z, 2 October 1961.
15d(2) Light conditions - Dayti=e
$15 e$ Location of observer - Pront of office of Utah Central Airport ( 40 3 8 N , 21158 W ), 3200 West 21 st, South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

15 f Information on observer - From observation and interview WOODS appears to be a mature and stable person, ani this opinion is shared by his employers. WOODS holds a private pilot license with Eifty-five hours flying time. He has worked around aircraft for approximately eight years.
$15 \mathrm{~g}(2)$ Weather and winds stated the weather was clear with no cloud cover, and there was very little surface tris.


Industria? Banker, was interviewed at the Utan Central Airport, with the interview -ecorded on tape. The following irforration and answers to questions was obtained:

25a(1) Shape - Had an oval shape when sun was shining on object. When it disappeced to those watching without binoculars, it looked to him like it was dark and more or less cigar shaped. That the oval shape was like a football.

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15a(2) Size - At the distance he compared the object with the size of a baseball (hardiball).

15a(3) Color - It was dark, and whon the sun was shining on it, it reflected silver or aluminum. It did not have a shimering effect like it was vibrating, and the edges were clear.

15a(4) Number - One
$15 \mathrm{a}(5) \mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$
15a(6) Features or details - No protruiing wings or tail section that he could see.

25a(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None that he could see.
15a(8) Sound - None
15a(9) Pertinent features - None.
15b(1) What called attention to object - The pilot of the intercep plane renorting the object from the air.

15b(2) Angle, elevation, azimuth - Could not estimate any of those.
15b(3) Angle, elevation, and azinut: at time of disappearance - Was not watching object at the time it disappeared.

15b(4) Fligit path and maneuvers - Did not observe any flight path at the time he was watching with binoculars. Object was stationary and appeared to hang suspended $2 l l$ the time.

15b(5) How did object diseppear - has not watching at the time object disappeared.
15b(6) How long object visible - So-ewhere between ten and fifteen mimites.
$15 \mathrm{c}(1)$ Manner of observation - Naksd eye and binoculars.
15c(2) Optical aids - Binoculars.
15c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A
15d(1) Zulu time, date group - Time unknown, 2 October 1961.
15d(2) Light conditions - Daytime.

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15e Location of observer - Front of office of Utah Central Aircort ( 4038 N , 111 58W), 3200 West 2lst South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

15f appeared to be a mature person in his early fifties and was consistent in his answers with regard to the above questions. Althourh he has no pilots license or connection with aviation, CỉD has considerable flying time as a passenger in private and commercial aircraft.
$15 \mathrm{~g}(1)$ stated the weather was bright and clear with no clouds, and that there was very little wind.
5. At approximately 22452 on 2 October 1961 Mca
the resulting information recorded on tape. interviewed at the Utah Central Airport, with
15a(1) Shape - Couldn't determine any definite shape when observing the object with the naked eye.

25a(2) Size - Could not estimate size.
15a(3) Color - With the sun shining on it, it looked silver. It looked like a solid color, with no shimering like it was vibrating.

159(4) Number - One
25a(5) Formation - N/A
15a(6) Features or details - None from his observation.
15a(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None that he observed.
25a(8) Sound - None
15a(9) Pertinent features - None observed
$25 \mathrm{~b}(1)$ What called attention to object - The radio report from the civilian pilot wioo first sighted the object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation, azimuth - Appear to be between three and five thousand feet elevation when first sighted, and about thirty miles out. Due south of the Utah Central Airport. West of Provo OMNI.

15 b (3) Angle, elevation, and azimuth at time of disappearance - Was talking on the VITCOM and did not watch the object disappear.

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$15 \mathrm{~b}(4)$ Flight path and maneuvers - I saw it in one position low on the horizon, and the second time it was to the right and higher, maybe eight to ten thousand feet variation. It was approximately five minutes between the two sightings.

15b(5) How did object disappear - Was not watching at time the object disappeared as he was talking on UNICOM.

15b(6) How long object visible - About five to seven minutes.
15c(1) Naked eye.
$15 \mathrm{c}(2)$ Optical aids - None.
15c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A
15d (1) Zulu time, date group - Did not note time on 2 October 1961.
15d(2) Light conditions - Daytime.
15e In office of Utah Central Airport ( $4038 \mathrm{~N}, 11158 \mathrm{~W}$ ), 3200 West 21 st South,
15 f Information on observer
and to be a mature individual in license, with approximately he saw was a tangible object.
$15 g(1)$ Weather and winds - Clear with very little surface wind. 6. At approximately 2325 Z hours on 2 October 1961 Mc that location, with the interview recorded. information:

15a(1) Shape - Could not determine a definite shape.
15a(2) Size - Compared size of object with a basketball at that distance.
15a(3) Color - Without the light shining on it, it appeared to be gray, and the shiny part would be a bright brilliant flame color

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15a(4) Numbor - One
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15a(5) Formation - N/A

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15a(6) Features or details - None observed.
15a(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None observed.
25a(8) Sound - None heard.
15a(9) Pertinent features - None
15b(1) What called attention to object - Radio report from the civilian pilot first observing object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation, azi-uth - Altitude at lower point was about 15, 0CO feet and it extended on up about 20,000 feet, at different times after it had moved un. The distance awsy was about fifteen to twenty miles.

150 (3) Angle, elevation, azi-uth at time of disannearance - Climbed at an upward angle from approximetely 20,000 feet altitude and disappeared to the west.

15b(4) Flight anth and manevvers - It was climbing end changing altitude. It seemed to co to the east for some time and hover in one mosition, then the last he remembered it was going west, climbing and going west. Some of the maneuvers were at rapid speed, and some were slow. At one time it climbed auite fast, with abrurt changes of direction.

15b(5) How did object disenpear - Faded avay rapidiy to the west.
15b(6) How lonc obiect visible - Close to fifteen minutes.
15c(1) Manner of observation - Binoculars and naked eye.
IEc(2) Optical aids - Binoculars.
15c(3) Airborne signting - N/A
15d(1) Zulu time and date group - Right close to 1900 Z hours on 2 October 1961.
15d(2) Light conditions - Deytire.
$15 e$ Front of office of Utah Central Airport ( $4038 \mathrm{~N}, 11158 \mathrm{~W}$ ), 3200 West 21 st South, Selt Lake City, Utah.
$15 f$ Information on observer
ppears to be a logical, mature nerson in his onrly fifties, and has been a private pilot for approximately twenty years, with aproxingtely 2,000 hours flying time. His report of the sighting was very coherent.

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$15 \mathrm{~g}(1)$ Weather and winds - Clear in every quadrant, with little surface wind.
7. At 2355 on 2 October 1961 Vr Salt. Lake City, Utah, informstion wilich was recorded on tape:

15a(1) Shape - Appeared to be a metal object, but he could give no description of the shape.

15a(2) Size - Through the binoculars it appeared to be about the size of a dinner plate.

159(3) Color - Appeared to be silver in color and was flickering to a certain extent, probably due to the reflection of the sun.

15a(4) Muber - One
25a(5) Porration - N/A
15a(6) Festures or deteils - Not thet he could see.
15a(7) Tail, trail, or exneust-Couli see none.
15e(8) Sound - None
15a(9) Pertinent features - None observed.
$15 \mathrm{~b}(\mathrm{x})$ What called attention to object - Radio renort from civilian pilot who first sighted object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation, azimuth - Approximately two to four thousand feet above the ground (plus 4210 elevation at area of sighting). Approximately over the Provo OMNI, 30 miles south of the airport on a 180 degree heading.

15b(3) Angle, elevation, and azimuth at time of disappearance - Raised upward slightly and diseppeared.

15b(4) Fligint path and maneuvers - \#oticed a flight path of straight up and also to the west. Fligint upward was at a rapid soeed, the flight to the west was fairly slow. No abrupt change in flight.

15b(5) How did object diseppear - Just blotted out. Raised altitude, but the last he saw was just a blotting out of the object, to the west.

15b(6) How long obiect visible - Approximstely five minutes.

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25c(1) Manner of observation - Binoculars and naked eye.
15c(2) Optical Aids - Binoculars.
15c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A
15d(1) Zulu time and date group - Unknown on 2 October 1961
150(2) Light conditions - Daytime.
15 e Location of Observer - Front of office of Utah Central Airport ( 4038 N , 111 58W), 3200 West, 21st South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

15 f Information on observer - aprears to be a mature, reliable person in his early thirties, and has been working around girports for some time. He has a student pilot's license, with fifty-five flying hours, and appeared very proficient in the identification of conventional type aircraft.
$15 \mathrm{~g}(1)$ Weather and winds - with very little surface wind.
8. At anproximately 00452 on 3 October 1961 Nr

Lake City, Utah, Real Estate Broker, was interviewed and gave the following information and answers which were recorded on tape:

159(1) Shape - Appeared to be circular or eliptical in shape. When it rocked up it appeared to be a nerfect circle. Disked shaned rather than full circular like a balloon, like a saucer.
$15 e(2)$ Size - Between thirty-five and fifty feet, half again as large as the wing span on the "Mooney" (Mark 20A), and about four feet thick. Maybe a little thicker in the center.

15a(3) Color - Cray (light) when there was no sun reflected on it, and when the sun reflected in it, it was bright like a mirror.

159 (4) Number - One
15a(5) Formation - N/A
15a(6) Features or details - There was no wing surface, tail surface, or any protruding points from the smooth surface. No ports or exhausts, or windows visible.

15a(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None, and he reported watching closely for exhaust trails when the object moved off.

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15a(8) Sound - None above the noise of his encine.
15a(9) Pertinent features - None observed in addition to $15 a(6)$ above.
15b(1) What called attention to object - First saw it when he was making take-off run at Utah Central Airport.

15b(2) Angle, elevation, azimuth - Object first sighted directly south of Utah Central Air-ort on a 180 degree heading. At closest point object was due south of him and at approximately a ten degree angle above him when he was within three to five miles of the object. His altitude was 6,000 feet and he estimated the altitude of the object at between 6,500 and 7,000 feet.

15b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - After maneuvering the object climbed to the west on a 245 or 250 degree hesding at a twenty degree upwerd ancle and disappesred out of sight in a second or two.

15b(1) Flight path and maneuvers - When he got within three to five miles of the object he ooserved the object standing still in the sk with a little rocking motion. There would be times it would rock up so the sun would shine on it, then it would rock down flat so that it looked almost straight like a pencil. Whon it becan to move it went straicht up like an elevator for a little then moved off toward the south, still climbing at a fairly steep ancle, possibly a thirty degree anele, and then stopped again or seemed to stand still, in the neighborhood of the Utah Lake (Provo) OMNI, or almost directly over the OMNI. Stayed in that position for a minute or two and then made a turn toverd the west on a 245 or 250 degree heading and still climbins on possibly a twenty degree angle, disappeared out of sight in a sec nd or two.

15b(5) How did object diseprear - Climbed toward the west on a 245 or 250 derree heading and climbing on about a twenty degree angle, disanpeared out of sight in a second or tho. Estimated speed at time of disappearance in the thousands of miles per hour. Acceleration was extremely fast. Faded out of sight.

15b(6) How long object visible - Five to seven mimutes.
15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.
15c(2) Optical aids - None.
15c(3) Airborne sighting - Flying a Mooney Mark 20A, Serial Number 8393E, at an altitude of 6,000 feet on a heading of 180 degrees at an indicated air sreed of 140 miles per hour. The aircraft is based at Utah Central Airport.

15d(1) Approximately 1900z, 2 October 1961.
15d(2) Light conditions - Daytime.
15 e Location of observer - Flying at 6,000 feet altitude on a 180 degree heading toward the object. Reportedly flying within three to five miles of object

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Radar Analysis (AFCIN-LE1) $\qquad$ $N / \mathrm{s}$
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before it moved off. Stated object was almost directly over Provo OMNI ( 4015 N $111=5 \%$ ).

Isf Information on observer
 ppeared to be an emotionally stable nerson in his late forties, and pave a consistent and coherent account of the sighting. He holds a private pilot's license and has approximately six hundred hours flying time. Fellow pilots at the airport described as reliable and very truthful.
$25 g(1)$ Weather and winds - Stated the weather was clear on all quadrants, with no cloud cover. Could not determine wind conditions while flying.
9. Following is the balance of information forwarded in compliance with AFR 200-2, dateci 11 Sentember 1959:
$25 \mathrm{~g}(2)$ Woather and winds - The US Weather Bureou at the Salt Lake City Airport re-ortad conditions at $1900 Z$ as 11 knot surface winds from $\$ \%, 5$ knot wind at 12 degrees at 6,000 feet, 10 knot winds from 33 degrees at 10,000 feet, 20 knot wind from 360 degress at 26,000 feet, and 20 knot wind from 350 degrees at 20,000 feet. No information ava:lable above 20,000 feet.

25e(3) Ceiling - Weather bureau renorted ceiling clear.
$25 z(4)$ Visibility - Reported 40 miles.
25s(5) Cloud cover - None.
$15 \varepsilon(6)$ Thunderstorms - None reported by Weather Bureau.
$2: g(7)$ Temperature Gradient - 61 degrees F, Dew Point 32 Degrees $F$.
ISi Unusual activity or condition - None.
15i Interception or identification - One of the observers interviewed rerorved attemptine an air intercept and approaching within three to five miles of the object before it rose suddenly, sloped upward to the south, and hovered before disarpearing rapidly to the west. Salt Lake Air Traffic Control diverted a transient F-1 $2:$ inter type aircraft to the location of the sighting approximately ten minutes after the report of sighting. Air Search was conducted with negative results.
:5: $\quad$ dir traffic and balloon releases - Two balloon relesses were reported fro: - - Salt Lake Airnort at 1700 Z with the winds at 2 knots from the SF , and at 300 with 5 knot winds from NW. Prevailine winds at release time would not have carrise the balloons into the area of the sirhtine. Salt Lake Air Traffic Control Centen renorted no air traffic in this area in a direction which would account for the sizhting.

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#### Abstract

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15k The preraring officer is a Security Specialist, GS-9, Security and Law Enforcenent Division, Hill AFB, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates that each of the six observers interviewed were logical, mature persons, five of whom had some connection with aviation, and that esch person was convinced that he had observed some tancible object not identifiable as a balloon or conventional type aircraft. The observer who attempted the interception and reported closing within three to five miles of the object and within one thousand feet of its altitude gave a definite and coherent description of the size and shape of the reported object, and emphatically and consistently described the maneuvers and flight path of the object. No leads or clues were developed which would lead to the identity of the object or explain the sighting. The Hypothesis that the object was a weather balloon launched from some other geographical location was exnlored and discarded on the basis of the description of size and shape by most of the observers and their account of the upward flizht peth and reported speed of the object. No winds aloft were present at the time of sightine with sufficient velocity to account for the retorted speed, and there was no terrain deemed capable of causine an undraft which would cavse a balloon to rise in the manner genemally described. The theory that the object was a manned aircraft $\quad$ :as abandoned for the same reasons and the reports that the object seemed to hover or hang suspended for considerable neriods of time without movement. The complete absence of cloud cover in the area precludes the possibility that the sighting was due to the roiection on clouds of an imape on the ground. No unusual meteorolocical on astronomicel conditions were nresent wich would furnish an ex lanetion for the sighting, especially since this was a daytime sighting and generally agreed thet the object was below 9,000 feet altitule. There are no known manufacturors or operators of experimertal type aircraft in this area, and no missile or test firines are conducted in the ares othar than static tests. With the completion of this initial investigetion, it is kelieved that all local efforts to explain the sighting and identify the object have beon exnausted. 

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Now with regard to this investigation on Unidentified Flying Objects; would you give your name please?

And what was your address?

And your occupation?
I work here at the airport.
Is that a mechanic?
No, just taking care of the aircraft.
Do you have a pilot's license?
Yes, $I$ do.
About how many hours flying time do you have?
About 55.
With regard to this object, about how long did you watch it?
I would say that before it went out of sight, about 15 minutes.
Would you describe the shape?
It was too far away to see the shape. I could see it glisten. It was silver in color. It would go out of sight and then it would come back and the sun would shine on it again and we would see it for 2 or 3 minutes and then it would go out of sight again.

Then you couldn't compare the size to any known object?
No, I couldn't compare the size, but as far away as it looked it must have been awful big because it couldn't have been any large aircraft because you can only see as you know a regular aircraft, a large aircraft, approximately 5 miles. And this was at least 30. I would say that it was approximately over Provo Omni in the mountain range out there.

You say approximately 30 miles?
I would say approximately 30 miles.
And you wouldn't have any idea as to color?
All I could see was that it was silver. I didn't look through the binoculars, but I could see it very distinctly.

And were there any features you get from manned aircraft such as vapor trail or anything?

Nothing whatsoever. It was suspended there. It wasn't even moving.
And you didn't hear any sound during this time?
No sound; the only thing that I actually heard was the pilot talking to us on the Unicom that he had it in sight and he was trying to follow it trying to get close to it.

Could you estimate the angle or elevation? Altitude?
At that distance I would estimate, just guessing, I would say 2500 ft above the ground, just guessing, that is quite a distance.

2500 ft altitude?
Yes, above the ground.
Is that 2500 or 25,000 ?
2500. And at times it was lower than that and at times it was a little bit higher than that. It didn't stay in the same place. It seemed to go out of sight and then it would come back and it would be in a differnet place all together.

What direction would that be from the office here?
Due South.
With regard to flight path, did you see it move at any time?
I did not see it move. If it would have been moving, it would have been moving away from us. But like I say, we would see it in one place and then it seemed like it would go out of sight and then the sun would hit it and we could see it for 2 or 3 minutes and it would be in an all together different place. It would be away from where it had been in the first place.

But at the time you were viewing it you couldn't determine any direction of travel?
No, not unless it was going away from us.
How long did you watch this?
About 15 mimutes.
15 minutes. Did you watch it until it disappeared?
Yes, I did.
Did it travel at that time or did it just fade out?
It just faded out.

At this time you weren't using binoculars?
No, I did not use binoculars. I didn't look through them at all. I was just using the naked eye.

OK sir, I think that will be all.

Would you give me your name and address, Sir?
Ny name is


May we have your address in


And what is your occupation, Sir?
I'm an industrial banker.
And do you have a private license?
No, I do not have a license.
You don't have any flying time?
I have no flying time but I fly a good deal in private planes with rentals and sometimes hire a pilot such as this trip $I^{\prime} m$ on now. I do have a lot of time in the air as a passenger.

When you observed the object was that from the office here?
Yes.
And could you describe the shape?
Well, it's a little hard to describe. I did watch it for a few minutes through binoculars. And it appeared that at times the sun would shine on it and at that time it had an oval shape and then it would--I watched it first without binoculars and I could see it--as I say it looked like the sun was reflecting on it and it was hard to determine any shape at all without the binoculars but when I watched it with binoculars it seemed to have an oval shape when the sun was shining and then as it disappeared to those people who were watching without binoculars it looked to me like a dark and more or less cigar shaped.

At the time when it looked like an oval would that have been a full oval or a dise shape?

That would be what I would call an oval like a football.
Can you compare this with any known object? Such as a football or something like that?

It was shaped like a football when the sun shone on it and I saw it one time when
the sun was not shining on it and it looked dark and it was cigar shaped.
With regard to the size of the object what would you compare that to at that distance?

I'd have no-oh, you mean at that distance? I see what you mean. Oh, I would say, oh what would I compare it with? The size of a baseball.

And with regard to color, you said when the sun was out it was rather dark.
It was just dark, yes. And when the sun was shining on it, it looked like it reflected silver or alumimu.

When the sun was on it, did it have a shimmering effect like it was vibrating?
No, it didn't, it was--edges were clear.
It was a steady color then?
Yes.
Did you notice any distinguishing features like you see on manned aircraft with an exhaust or vapor trail?

No. None.
Did it have any protruding points like a tail section or wing?
Not that I could see.
At that time there was no sound?
Ho sound.
What would you estimate the distance as?
I'd have no idea. I'm not faniliar with the country. I did hear the pilot that was in the plane talking and he said it was approximately over the Provo ami and I didn't have any idea where the Provo Cani is and I'd have no estimate as to distance.

Could you estimate the altituade or the angle from the ground?
No, I couldn't.
During the time that you watched it, was there any specific flight pattern? Does it move in any direction?

While I was watching it through the binoculars it was just suspended in the air. There was no movement up, down, or sideways. It seemed to remain stationary.

You think at this time the dise was rotating?

I couldn't say.
But it was stationary?
It was stationary.
Were you watching it at the time when it disappeared?
No, I wasn't. I had a little business with a gentleman here and I left before it disappeared. The others were still out watching it when I came back to the office.

About how long did you watch it?
I would estimate sometrhere between 10 and 15 minutes.
You have any idea what time that was?
No, I don't.
OK sir, and thanks very much.

Would you state your name and address?


What is your occupation?
I worked for (?) up until a week ago and now I'm selling aircraft and insurance.

What type of license do you have as a pilot?
Private Pilot's license.
And about how many hours flying time?
600 hours.
With regard to this flying object report, would you describe the shape of this object as you saw 1t?

Well, actually the shape to me--I got the description from a guy in a Moony Mark 20. He said it was pencil shaped and to me it seemed like it - I never did view it through binoculars. I viewed it with the naked eye and with the sun shining on it I couldn't tell its shape really.

Then all the time you were watching it you were--
I was on the phone--I called the Air National Guard and got ahold of a Mr. Jones I believe and then I was talking on the Unicom to the pilot of this Moony Nark 20 that we flew in here 2 days ago.

Then as far as the actual observation, you couldn't determine a distinct shape?
Not myself. Now I took the shape from what the pilot was talking to me about over the Unicom.

From your own observation, could you determine any color?
Well, with the sun shining on it, it looked silver. The pilot described it from the air as being very reflective and having a dull gray color. And accelerating rapidly to the right after he pulled up to within $3-5$ miles of it.

From your own observation, this silver color--Was it shimmering as if it were going back and forth, or was it solid silver?

It looked solid to me. He said it seemed to tilt. And I think maybe the sun shining on it, if it was very high reflective, it would--it looked solid color to me. It didn't seem to be shimmering any.

From your observation, was there any features such as you would find on manned aircraft such as a vapor trail?

No, from my observation there wasn't and from what he said there was no exhaust. There was no tail section; there was no wing. It was pencil shaped, according to his--

What would you say the angle or altitude would be?
Well, I would say that it was--the first time we sighted it, I would say that it was right at between 3 and 5,000--I mean it would be hard to say at that distance because it seemed to be about 30 miles out over this--west of this--Omil down here-what is it--Provo cani. It was west of that. Now when he pulled up to within $3-5$ miles of it he was at 6000 I believe--I mean he'll verify that when he--

And you say it appeared to be about 30 miles away?
Right.
Which direction would that be?
South. I was looking out the window when I saw it, talking on the phone, and at the same time trying to taik on the Unicom to him.

And it would be due South of the Central Aviation?
Right.
With regard to the flight path of the object--did you see it move at any time?
I saw it in this one position; the first time it was low on the horizon and the second time it was to the right and higher. I'd say maybe $8-10,000 \mathrm{ft}$ variation. I mean it's hard to say at that distance.

How much time would there have been between the two sightings?

That's hard to say too. Itshouldn't have been over 5 minutes though.
What would have been the total time that you observed this on the two occasions?
The total of the time-Well actually these other people had it spotted with binoculars and I probably only saw it the first time for a minute or two and the second time for a minute or maybe more than that.

Were you watching it when it disappeared?
No, I wasn't. I was talking on the Unicam I believe.
About what time was this? Do you recall?
I don't know the time. I should know; I should have looked at my watch-but I didn't. You should be able to get it from one of these other--

With regard to weather, was there any cloud cover?
No, it was clear but it was slightly hazy. The mountains were in the haze but this was, in my estimation, a very tangible object. I mean, I don't believe it was a weather balloon.

OK, I think that will do it. And thanks very mach.

Would you give your name and address, sir?
My name is Lake City, Utah.
What is your occupation?
I'm an operator of
And how long have you been in this business?
I've been in this business a couple of years at this location.
How long have you been a pilot?
Twenty years.
About how much flying time do you have?
Probably close to 2000 hours.
Did you notice any definite shape to this object?
No, I wasn't able to see a definite shape.
What did it appear to you like?
I could see the object with my naked eye--the glow of it and through the binoculars
I could see that it was just a bright shiny object.

Could you compare it in size to any known object? A baseball or a pea or anything?

Oh, I would say that it was much bigger than that. I would say it was up in 25 ft in diameter or something like that.

I mean at the distance, what would you compare the size with?
Oh, a basketball, probably.
Could you determine any color?
The color without the light shining on it would appear to be gray. The shiny part would be a flame color-a bright brilliant flame color.

Was there anything that you would associate with a manned aircraft such as a vapor trail, or an exhaust or a tail section or a wing section?

No, nothing that way.
Was there any sound at this time?
No.
What would you estimate the altitude and the distance to be?
I would estimate the altitude at the lower part of it to be around $15,000 \mathrm{ft}$ and it extended on up to maybe 20,000 .

That was a different time when it moved up?
Yes.
And could you estimate the distance?
My estimation of the distance from here would be $15-20$ miles.
Could you describe the flight path or maneuvers?
During my observation it would be climbing, changing altitude, it seemed to go to the east for some time and hover in one position then the last I remember it was going vest--climbing and going west.

Would these maneuvers be at a rapid speed?
Some of them. Some of them would be slow. I recall one time that it climbed quite fast.

And there would be abrupt changes of direction?
Yes.
And about how long did you observe this?


I would say we were watching this for close to 15 minutes.
Do you know what time this was?
This would be between--right close to 12:00.
And in regard to the weather, was there any cloud cover?
Perfectly clear-not a cloud in the sky.
OK sir I think that's very good.

Would you give me your name and address please?
Salt Lake City, Utah.
And what is your occupation?

How long have you been in this business?
I have been employedmer almost 2 years.
Do you have a pilot's license?
I have a student pilot's license.
And how much flying time do you have?
Approximately 50 hours.
In regard to this unidentified object, do you have any shape--Could you give any description of the shape of the object?

I can't give you any description or shape of the object other than the sun was reflecting off the object. It appeared to be a metal object. But I cannot--it was at such a distance that I cannot give you any description of shape.

How would you compare the size to any known object, for instance a pea or a baseball?

It was about the size of a dinner plate from where I was looking through the glasses.

Could you determine the color?
The only color I could determine was silver.
Was this a solid silver color or did it appear to be vibrating or flashing?
It appeared to be flickering to a certain extent. I guess it was due to the sun-the reflection off the sun.

Did it have any features comparable to a manned aircraft such as exhaust or vapor trail or any wing or tail surface?

Not to my knowledge. Not that I could see. It did not.
Was there any sound at this time?
I could hear no sound.
Could you give me an idea of the altitude or the angle from the ground?
It looked like from where we saw it--it looked to me like it was epproximately $2-4000 \mathrm{ft}$ above the ground, the surface at Provo. The location that was given to us was approximately over Provo Omni and from this distance it looked approximately 4000 ft .

What is the--do you know what the elevation is here?
At this airport? The elevation at this airport is 4240 ft .
Then this would be around 8000 ft?
Approximately 8000 at sea level.
And what would you estimate the distance from here?
The distance from here was approximately 30 miles.
And what direction would that be from the office here?
It would be directly south.
Due south?
Due south.
As you watched this, was there any flight path from east to west, up or down?
I noticed a flight path. I was watching it for approximately 5 minutes through the glasses and I noticed a flight path of straight up. And also to the west.

Was this flight at a rapid speed?
The flight upward was at a rapid speed. The flight to the west was fairly slow.
Were they rapid changes in direction?
The fligint up was very rapid; the change to the west was not too rapid.
It wasn't an abrupt change?
No.

Did you watch this until it disappeared?
I watched it through the glasses for approximately 5 minutes and then went back to the hangar to work and watched it for another approximately 5 minutes until it disappeared. Yes.

How did it disappear? Did it appear to move off or was it just blotted out?
Well, more or less blotted out. It raised a slight amount from the time we started watching it out in the hangar--the altitude--it raised altitude. But the actual-the last part that I seen--it was just more or less a blotting out.

At the time of the sighting, was there any cloud cover?
No cloud cover whatsoever.
It was clear?
It was clear.
I think that will about do it.

Would you give me your name and address?
My name is I live atherne Salt Lake City, Utah.
What is your occupation?
Real Estate broker.
What type of pilot's license do you have?
Single engine land.
And about how many hours do you have?
Approximately 600.
In regard to this unidentified object, when did you first sight it?
Just as I was making my takeoff run on Utah Central Airport.
From the best observation you had, could you describe the shape of this object?
Well, it appeared to be circular or elliptical in shape, and it seemed to rock up to one side, it looked to be a perfect circle. It was still about 3-5 miles away from me at the closest point, so I couldn't swear it was circular, but at least it was in that shape.

Would this be called circular or would it be a disc shape?
Well, it was disc shaped, it wasn't like a balloon. It was more like a saucer. Thicker in the center and thinner toward the edges.

What would you estimate the size to be?
Well, I would say somewhere between 35 and 50 ft . I would say it was about half again as wide as the wing span on the Moony.

What is the wing span on the Moony?
35 ft . It would be a good 50 ft across.

## And how thick?

Well, I would guess about 4 ft . Maybe a little thicker than that in the center, but not much more than that.

In regard to the color, how would you describe that?
A gray, of course now I was looking toward the right part of the sky in the south and it was a light gray when there was no sun rellected on it, and when the sun reilected, it was bright like a mirror.

Were there any, as compared to a manned aircraft, vapor trail, exhaust, etc?
Hothing that I could observe and I was looking closely for that because when it began to move I was wondering if there wouldn't be some kind of exhaust, fume, trail or something, but there seemed to be none that I could see.

Did this have any of the characteristics of a manned aircraft such as wing section or tail section?

No wing section or tail section or any protruding surface out of this smooth circular disc-shaped surface.

Were there any ports such as exhaust pipes?
Couldn't see any portholes of any kind, no windows, nothing, but again I was looking toward the light part of the sky and it's possible that there were some that weren't visible.

Did you hear any sound at this time?
No, I was in the airplane and of course ny own engine was making enough noise that I wouldn't have heard anything outside--not unless it was considerably louder than Hy own.

At the closest point, at what angle was the object from you?
I would say about a $10^{\circ}$ above my level and straight ahead, $0^{\circ}$. relative bearing.
You were flying south at the time?
I was flying on a $180^{\circ}$ heading.
And that would be directly south?

Right.
Do you recall what your altitude was at this time?
6000.

And what was the altitude of the object?
Between 6500 and 7000 .
And at this time how close do you estimate you were?
I would guess between 3 and 5 miles.
During the complete observation, in regard to the flight path,--was it--did it travel from one side to the other--up or down?

Well, it was standing practically still in the sky. It seemed to be in a little rocking motion. There would be times when it would rock up so that the sun would reflect on it and there were other times when it would rock down flat to where it looked almost straight like a pencil. So I was looking at the side view of it. It seemed to be a little wobbling motion while it was standing almost still. When it began to move, it went straight up like an elevator for a little and then moved off toward the south, still climbing at a fairly steep angle, possibly a $30^{\circ}$ angle, going up and then stopped again, or seemed to stand still, in the neighborhood of the Utah Lake Cmin, almost directly over the position of the Utah Lake Omni as near as I could tell from where I was. It stayed in that position for possibly a minute or two, maybe a little longer than that, and then made a turn toward the west on a heading I would imagine about 245 or $250^{\circ}$ heading and still climbing on an angle a little less sharp--possibly a $20^{\circ}$ angle and disappeared out of sight in just a few seconds--a second or two.

At this time could you get an estimate of the speed, or was it too fast?
Way too fast. When it did decide to go, it really went; and it was clearly visible and disappeared going away from me in a period of a second or two at the very outside.

In relation to the speed of manned aircraft, say possibly 300 mph , would it be faster than that?

Oh, much faster. I would say probably up in the thousands. The acceleration was extremely fast. Almost like it was being fired by a rocket or something, except that there was no trail, no vapor, nothing visible in the way of our planes.

Was that the case both when it moved straight upward and then when it moved out of sight?

When it moved straight up it went much more slowly, and it seemed to move at a steady rate. It didn't seem to be accelerating greatly as it was moving straight up but as it began to move off on an angle it was moving quite rapidly. In fact I would say that it covered the area from the inside the point of the valley to
ore the Utah Lake cmni in a matter of one or two seconds. It was moving rapidiy and seened to ccme to a stop quite suddenly and yet there didn't seem to be any jerkiness to it at all. It was a very smooth controlled maneuver. I would say it was controlled by something or some one -- I don't know.

When this object disappeared, which direction would that be?
It vas going toward the west. I vould say a: about a 245 or 250 heading.
And did it disappear suddenly or just fade out of sight?
Just iaded out. It didn't disappear suadenly. It just faded out. I kept ny eje gined right on it, because it was--I mean I could see it was roving away at a great speed and I wanted to see just how long it would take and it was just a sescnd or two until it had faded completely. And it was getting smaller all the time, you could see it was moving away.

It vas climing all the time?
Yes, it was climbing. At a less sharp angle than it went at first. It was probably no more than a $20^{\circ}$ angle and maybe even less than that.

What do you estimate the lengih o? time it was under observation?
5-7 Iinntes.
Was that Prom the time you first signted it or when you saw it within 5 miles?
Well, that was Prom the time I first sigiteit. Ny eyes were on it practically all that tive except for just a brief moment or two right after takeoff when $I$ was raising the gear and checking the instrumerts inside the ship. When I first sigined it, I dian't think it was anything more than an airplane crossing. I sa\% the sum reilecting on something up there and I made my takeoff run and when I got up to where I started to pake my crosswind leg?? I was planning on just coming around one time in the pattern. I wasn't planning on flying out of the pattern at a11. But when I started to make ny turn I noticed it was in the same position and I thougin this was a little odi for an airplane--it should have moved on. When I took another look at it, I realized it had no tail, no wing, or anything else and I :as close enougi by then that I should heve been able to identify an aircraft. I meen even to the make and model. So, I turned out of the pattern then and headed dorn south and I didn't call in until I got close enough to be sure that it wasn't an airplane and then I got on Unicon and called Utah Central and also raised Provo Unicca and conversed with both or these groups on it. But Provo said that they coulen't see it from the ground but the Utah Central group could see it all right.

And as Par as you know no one in Provo say it?
They reported that they couldn't see it. They said they had the field glasses ant zere looking exactly where I told thea it ias but couldn't see anything. I don't know if the light was bad for them at that angle or what the score was, I don'た know.

With regard to your own aircrapt, what type is it?

Moony Mark 20A.
And do you recall the number?
8393 Echo.
You said before your altitude was--
6000.

Your heading was $180^{\circ}$ ?
Right.
Your air speed at the time?
240 indicated. Out about 160 or something like that.
And the aircraft's base was Utah Central?
Right.
Do you have any idea as to the time?
It was right close to noon. Your Salt Lake radio could give you the time I am sure if they monitor these things because I phoned on the radio--Salt Lake radio-and made the report to them, irmediately after the first sighting. I talked to Provo and they suggested I call Salt Lake Radio; I was talking to Utah Central and Provo all at the same time and Provo said that I should give the report to Salt Lake radio so I switched over to Salt Lake frequency and made my report and then came back on Unicom frequency and headed back toward the field. So they would have a report on the time exactly.

At the time was there any cloud ceiling?
No cloud cover of any kind. The sky was completely blue.

This concludes the taped interviews of six observers of a reported unidentified flying object at the Utah Central Airport at Salt Lake City, Utah, on 2 Oct 61. The interviews were conducted by Security Specialist Douglas M. Krodge(?), Security and Law Eniorcement Division, Hill AFB, Utah. This tape will be forwarded to FTD-E, Wright-Patterson AFB along with AF Form 112 covering the sighting.

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and the sun had the same bearing from the pursuing plane as in the Salt Lake City incident. With the information now available there can be little doubt thativas actually chasing a Skyhook balloon. But in 1948 when so many of the relevant facts were not known, the sundog theory was a reasonable solution and may still be the correct one.

One of the most recent sightings of this type occurred on October 2, 1961, a few minutes after noon [1]. A civilian pilot who was just taking off from the Utah Central Airport at Salt Lake City noticed a bright silvery disk in the air ahead of his plane. He supposed it to be another aircraft crossing his course. When he was air-borne, he was surprised to find that the object, now an elongated pencil shape, still appeared in the same position where he had first seen it and hence could not be a plane. Puzzled, he radioed the control tower and reported the UFO. Looking south as directed by the pilot, the tower operator easily found the object, a bright spot in the sky about 23 degrees directly below the sun and apparently hovering over the town of Provo, forty miles to the south.
Deciding to investigate, the pilot left the traffic pattern and started directly south after the LFO. It seemed to be standing practically still in the sky, with a little rocking motion, at an altitude of 6500 to -000 feet. He seemed to have approached within three to five miles when the UFO suddenly shot up "like an elevator" and retreated rapidly south, as though taking evasive action. The acceleration was tremendous, almost as though the UFO had been fired from a rocket, but there was no vapor trail and no sound. It then disappeared, gradually. "It just faded out. I kept my eyes glued right on it because I could see it was moving away at a great speed. I wanted to see how long it would take and it was just a second or two until it had faded completely. And it was getting smaller all the time, you could see it was moving away." The speed of departure, the pilot estimated, must have been thousands of miles an hour.
Alerted by the pilot's message to the control tower. several persons on the ground at the Salt Lake City airport, most of them with experience as pilots, had also been watching the UFO. Ground observers at the Provo airport, also alerted, were not able to locate the unknown, even though they had been told it was almost directly overhead.
Investigators from a nearby Air Force Base interviewed the witnesses, who were obviously competent and reliable. All agreed that the unknown had been a bright, silvery, metallic-looking object that seemed to glisten or flicker in the sun; that it was roughly oval or indeterminate in shape; that it was solid and tangible, but not a conventional aircraft or balloon; that it made no sound, showed no
exhaust or vapor trail; that it was in view roughly fifteen minutes, and disappeared gradually by "blotting out" or fading. All but one of the witnesses agreed that the skies had been absolutely clear and cloudless; one stated that, although the day was clear, a very slight haze existed over the mountainous region where the UFO appeared.

In spite of this general agreement, certain significant discrepancies became evident. The pursuing pilot stated that the object had moved up and away from him at incredible speed, as though it were controlled. The ground observers, however, did not see any movement by the UFO. Most of them reported that it remained stationary as though it were suspended in the air; a few said that it vanished at intervals, only to reappear a few seconds later in another place. Most of the time, they agreed, it just hung in the sky until it faded from view.
By analysis of these clues, ATIC was able to solve the mystery. According to the local weather bureau, the sky had been clear with visibility unlimited, but there had been very thin cirrus clouds, a layer of minute ice crystals suitable for producing a mock sun. A sundog would also account for the contradictory statements about the UFO's motion. Since the ground observers remained in one place, their position relative to the sundog did not change and it seemed to remain stationary. The pilot, however, was in a moving plane and changing his position relative to the UFO; hence it seemed to move rapidly away from him. In the same way a rainbow seems stationary to a person who merely stands and watches it. But if he begins to chase it. hoping to catch up and perhaps find the legendary pot of gold, the rainbow seems to move away and elude its pursuer. The pilot's belief that the UFO had exhibited fantastic speed was, according to his own statement, an inference based on the fact that the UFO quickly dwindled, became very small, and vanished. It disappeared, however, not because it was speeding away at thousands of miles an hour, but because of a change in the relative positions of sun and ice clouds that produced the sundog in the first place. One final point nailed down this explanation. The UFO had been 23 degrees from the sun-the distance at which mock suns appear.
The details of this sighting obviously show a striking resemblance to some of those in the Mantell case (p. ooo), in which the UFO

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - 2 Oct 61: About 1:00 P.M., a private pilot, spotted a gray, apparently metallic, disc-shaped object as he was taking off from the Utah Central Airport. He first though it was an airplane but hwen he got airborne, he saw that it was in the same position and had no rings or tail, so began watching it elosely.
further described the object as being at least fifty feet across and four feet thick, with no visible openings, trails, or exhaust. He flew toward the object, only to have it move upward "like an elevator", then to the south at high speed. temporarily lost sight of the object, picking it up again as it hovered al. most directly over the Utah Lake Omani Radio Station (a radio-directional station for aviation). After hovering a short while, the disc moved straight up again, then disappeared to the west.

Two Utah Air National Guard jets were scrambled in an intercept attempt that failed.

The object was also seen from the ground by airport officials and other observars. One, a mechanic, watched it through binoculars and said it was like dull alum invar in appearance except when it turned toward the sun. Then the disc shone brim.

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THE Fwor radioed back to Utah Central Airport that he had sighted what be thought to be a "flying saucer" and was going to attempt to get a cioser view
Mr. Harris told officiais that he estimated the distance be tween his plane and the ob ject at about five miles at the

## By Darlene Gaibralth

 Tribune Correspondent What began as a routine fight Monday noon for a Salt Inike City pllot turned into an exciting chase and launched an investigation by Alr Force officials into a report of a "flying saucer."pILOT waldo J. Harris, 631 Garfield Ave. (1831 S. State), was the first to sight an "unidentified object" while he was preparing for takeoff on a flight from Utah Central Airport, 3200 W. 2100 South. At peast, seven other witnesses least seven other sighted the same object from the ground.
Mr. Harris, a Salt Lake real estate and insurance salesman, and veteran pllot, told Hill Air Force Base security officials that he first sighted what he thought was another alrplane when he turned onto the alrport runway ready to begin his flight.
"AT FIRST I thought it was another plane south of the fieid" Mr Hartis sald, "but fleid, I was airborne I was surWhen I was airborne I wast was prised to find the object was
still in the same position as still in the same position
when I had first sighted it."

IT was then, Mr. Harris reported, that he decided to investigate.
"I changed my heading." Mr. Harris continued," and flew toward what appeared to be a large disc, hovering with a rocking motion at an alt. tude of between 6,500 and 7,000 feet."
time of the sighting.
HE HAD REACHED a poi:about three miles from is about three miles from it
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gan to move south."
His observations of the ob ject, he reported, showed it $\tau$ be a light gray dise which be estimated to measure at leass 50 feet across and about foar feet thick at the widest point
-THERE WERE no openings visible, no vapor trall or exhaust smoke, yet I am sur it was a controlled cratt trom the performance during my observation," Mr. Harris con tinued.
The pilot followed the "savcer" when it began tis figz: and then was able to observe $\pi$ again when ft suddenly baiter and began hovering at a poisr almost directly over the t'ah Lake Omni station.
"AFTEB HOVERING there; Mr. Harris said, "it moved straight up, then began to move west at an extremely accelerated rate of speed and disappeared within a few sec onds."
During his entire filghr M: Harris maintained radio com munlcation with both the Clzi Central Airport and the Prove Airport.
In addition, he relayed the information to the FAA coms munications tower at the Saly Lake Municipal Airport.

salt Lake City, had just landed and reported:
"It wasn't there when I came m."

OTHER WTTNESSES, some of whom used binoculars to watch the object, were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Galbraith, 1564600 East, owners and operators of the airport; Clyde Card and Duane Sinclair, both of Lin eoln, Neb., who were preparing for a flight; Robert Butler 1274 E. 6600 South, an employe of Ute Aeromotive, based at the field, and Russ Woods, 291 E. 700 North, Provo, an airport employe.

ALL OF THE witnesses reported watching the object for more than 15 minutes."
Mr. Redmond reported that "whatever it was seemed to be rociking while hovering almost stationary just south of the field. At times, as it turned, it almost looked like a zepplin.
WE PASSED the field glasses around," Mr. Redmond continued, "and all of us had a good view."
All the witnesses agreed that when the object moved, it was at a terrific rate of speed.
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The next weather balloon was sent aloft at 4 p.m. whes the winds at the 7,000 level were registered as being from the northwest and about five miles an hour.)

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Salt Lake City and UtahFair with little change in temperature but warmer in east portion. Map, Page 6.


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THE OBJECT HAD THE APPEARANCE OF *SAND-BLASTED* ALUMINUM. THERE WERE NO 23 CLOUDS OR GROUND HAZE, AND VISISILITY WAS EXCELLENT. JUDGING FROM THE ACTUAL 24 DISTANCE OF THE HILLS TO THE SOUTH, ESTIMATED THAT THE OBJECT WAS ABOUTZS FIVE MILES SOUTH OF THE FIFLD WHEN SPOTTED AND THAT HE GOT WITHIN THREE MILES $2 O$ OF IT OEFORE IT MOVED AWAY. THE DFPARTURE WAS STRANGE. IT REGAN A VERTICAL 27 CLIMB AND THEN HEADED SOUTH. IT APPEARFD TO BE ABOUT FIFTY FEET, IN DIAMETER 283 AND FIVE TO TEN FEET THICK AT THE CENTER. THERE WERE NO PROTRUSIONS, PORTHOLES, WINGS, ETC.. ANQ IT HAD THE APPEARANCE OF TWO SHALLOW DISHES JOINED $3 O$ TOGETHER AT THF RIM. FOLLOWED THE CBJECT WHEN IT BEGAN ITS FLIGHT AND 31 OBSERVED IT AS IT SUDDENLY HALTED AND HOVERED AT A POINT ALMOST DIRECTLY AEOVE 32 THE LAKE OMN! STATION. THEN IT MOVED STRAIGHT UP AND BEGAN TO MOVE WEST AT AN 33 EXTREMELY ACCELERATED RATE OF SPEED AND DISAPPEARED IN A FEW SECONDS. DURING 34 I THE CHASE MAINTAINED COMMUNICATION WITH BOTH UTAH CENTRAL AIRPORT AND THE PROVO AIRPORT. IN ADDITION, HE RELAYED INFORMATION TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. 361



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## Pilot Chases 50 -foet "Sascer"

The recent pur sult of a "fiyting saucer" by 2 tiah pilor, fully confirmed by other pibts and airport personnel, is being investiquted by $A F$ Intelligenice. The chase oocurred about noon, Oct. 2, near Utah Central Alrport. Salt Lake Ctry.
Two National Air Guard jets were scrunbied after the private plloc radived a report. But the strange machine elieved chem in a swift vertical ascent
The disc-shaped UFO was first seen by wiloo J. Farris, veleran pilot, as he :axied out for a take-off. Cllmbing toward the object, which was hovering it $6500-700$ feer, he closed in 20 abour three rales.
t: appeared to be a large disc." farits later reportod. "it was shaped Itike a pair of saycers, one turned upside Jown oo the acher. The object wis in ht iray, aad it was at last 50 fret across and four feet thick. There were no visibie openings, notraits or exhast.
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Because of the disc's speed. Harris temporarily lost contact, but he sighted the object apain. Abruptly stopping, the UFC held position almost directly over the Uran Lake Cmani Radio Station, as Eoinsmasondexpife \#ifecrignal trans-
mitter. (Omni-range is used to guide pilots on any selected course.)
"After hovering there," said Harris,
"it moved straight up, then went west at an extremely accelerated speed. It disappeared in a few seconds."
Meantime, the flying disc and the chase by Harris were watched by seven observers at Utah Central Airport, in cluding pilots Virgil S. Redmond and Clyde Card, the airport operators-Mr. and Mrs. Jay Galbraith--and aircraft mechanic Robert Butler. Seen through binoculars, the "ssaucer" appeared metallic, like dull aluminum. When it turned toward the sun it showed a brilliant reflecting light. Witnesses agreed on the disc's rocking motion when it hovered, and on its "terrific" acceleration.
AF investigator teams from Hill AFB questioned all observers, and a spokesman said it was the "best report from this area." No explanation was given for the sighting.
Unusual interest also was shown by the Navy. A separate investigation was made by Lieut. John Lee, Naval Intelligence.
Pilot Harris, revealing he had previously "made, fun of people who saw flying saucers," released a public statement:
"I am sure from its performance that what I saw was a controlled craft. I now definitely believe these objects come from other planets."

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1. Reference is made to message TD-E 5-10-85 dated 5 October 1961.
2. AF Form 112, together with taped recordings of interview of six observers of UFO at Utah Central Airport, will be forwarded on or about 9 October 1961. Also reports of initial investigation concerning three other sightings in the Utah area.

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