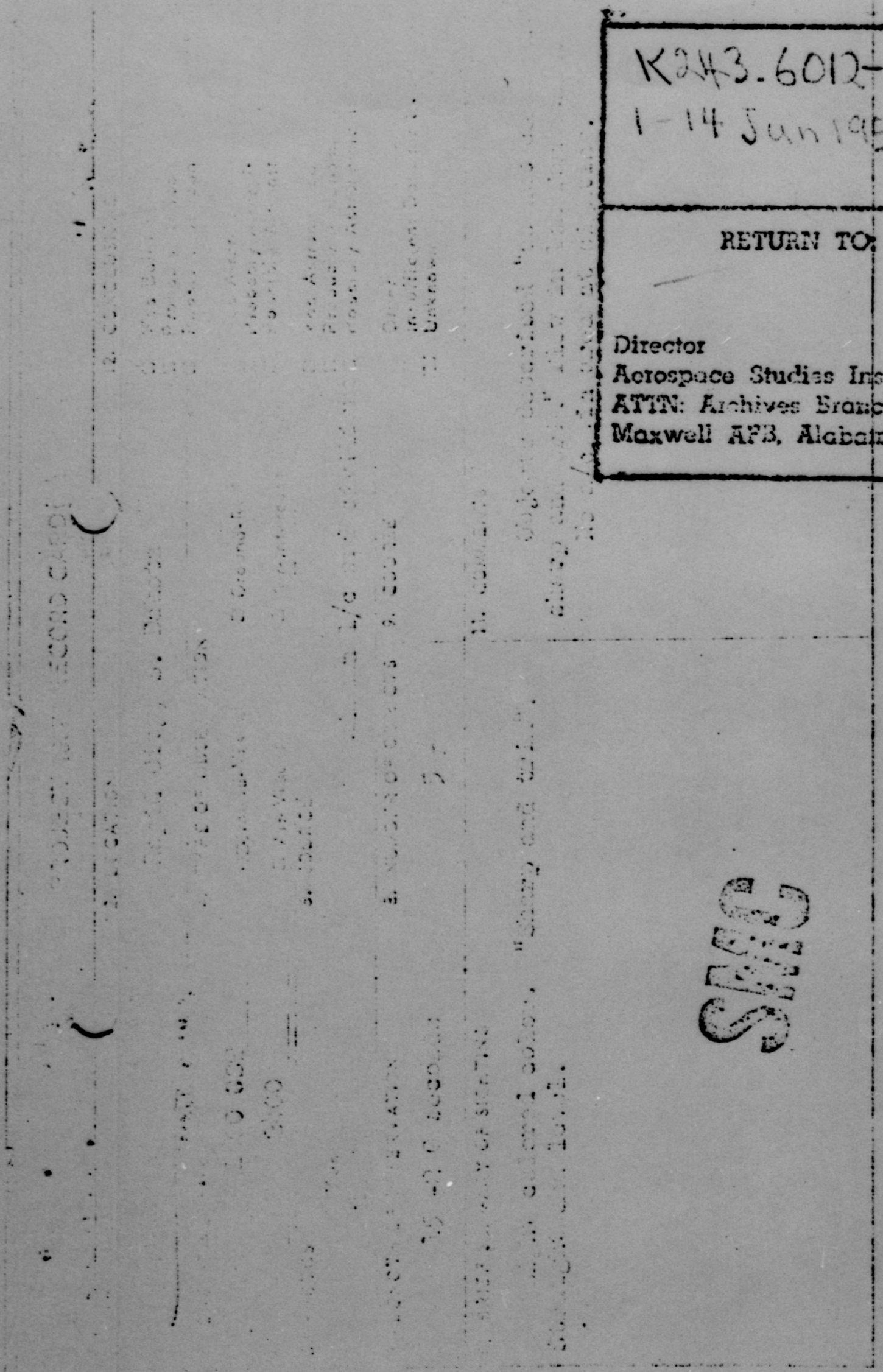
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLIGHT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Rapid City, South Dakota	Wing Intelligence Office

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
12 June 1952	12 June 1952	B-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
GEORGE H. HARKOVENKI, Lt. Col., USAF	Interview of M/Sgt William Beatty

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

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

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At about 1200 hours, 1 June 1952 [redacted] was walking south on West Blvd, Rapid City, South Dakota and as he entered the bridge crossing Rapid Creek he noticed two (2) civilians looking and pointing to the eastward. M/Sgt Beatty turned his head to see what they were looking at, noticing five (5) or more objects in the sky. He did not recognize them as airplanes but long and thin, silver colored objects speeding across the sky. The objects were in a sort of box-like formation with a leader in front. The formation was neat in appearance, no smoke or exhaust was visible. The objects were traveling at a high rate of speed. M/Sgt Beatty stated that he kept the objects in view for about 15 to 20 seconds; they disappeared rapidly. The sky was partly cloudy, approximately four to five tenths broken. M/Sgt Beatty was unable to determine the altitude of the flying objects, other than the remark: "they were rather high". The objects were traveling in a southerly direction; elevation from the observer to the objects was approximately fifty (50) degrees. Approximately at the same time, small civilian aircraft were noticed at a lower altitude, north and east of the city. After the objects disappeared he overheard the two civilians remark that the objects were probably "flying saucers". M/Sgt Beatty did not discuss the incident with the two civilians.

[redacted] is a mature and serious person, who has nine (9) years military service, with six (6) years in the Air Force. His supervisor states that M/Sgt [redacted] is reliable, serious, dependable and highly trustworthy airman. M/Sgt Beatty affirms that he can recognize practically all types of USAF aircraft. He admitted that he was at first reluctant to talk about the incident because he thought people would call him crazy. He is steadfast in stating that they were not conventional aircraft. Airman's present duty assignment is chief teletype operator at Base Communications Center.

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26 JUN 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of SAC IR-25-52.

TO : Chief,
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2c

Transmitted herewith is copy of SAC IR-25-52. Subject: Flyobrpt. The original of this report has been dispatched to Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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/R E S.T R I C T E D/I, 574. WRIGHTPAT ATTN: ATIA 2C. SAC ATTN: DIR OF INTEL. 5TH ATTN: DIR OF INTEL. FLYOBRPT X ONE X LONG, SHARP AND TRIM, NOT CONVENTIONAL IN DESIGN. LENGTH OF C-47. LIGHT COLOR, SILVER. FIVE OR MORE IN ORDERLY FORMATION APPEARING TO BE BOX LIKE FORMATION WITH LEADER. NO SOUND OF EXHAUST. HIGH RATE OF SPEED. NO MANEUVERS. DISAPPEARED RAPIDLY. X TWO X 1530 HOURS, 1 JUNE 52; OBSERVED FOR 15 TO 20 SECONDS. X THREE X VISUAL SIGHTING FROM GROUND. X FOUR X OBSERVED IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON WEST BLVD, ON BRIDGE SPANNING RAPID CREEK. OBJECTS WERE EAST OF OBSERVER TRAVELING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. OBSERVER UNABLE TO ESTIMATE ALTITUDE OTHER THAN

THEY WERE VERY HIGH. X FIVE X OBSERVER CONSIDERED TO BE STABLE, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND RELIABLE. NINE YEARS SERVICE EXPERIENCE WITH CAPABILITY OF RECOGNIZING USAF AND COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT X SIX X FIVE TENTHS CLOUDS, SLIGHT WIND. X SEVEN X NONE X EIGHT X NONE X NINE X NO X TEN X SMALL CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT AT LOW ALTITUDE NORTH AND EAST OF TOWN.

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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

CLOUDY COLOR. Pulsing and level.
NOTE - DATE VERY VAGUE.

11. COMMENTS

1. Date object was observed 1 JUNE 52

2. Time object was first seen 2100 Central Stan. Time.

3. Place from which you observed the object Backyard of Pers. Home

4. How was object observed (naked eye, binoculars, etc.) Naked eye.

5. What were you doing when the object was first observed? In the house boy yelled to her and she came out

6. What attracted your attention to the object? Her ~~son called boy~~ son Cage — yelled to her)

7. Path of object.

a. Direction from which object appeared (degrees or direction) vague.

b. Direction in which object disappeared (degrees or direction) straight west

c. Elevation object appeared (degrees above horizon) very high.

d. Elevation object disappeared (degrees above horizon)

e. Shape of flight path of object (straight and level, arched, etc.)

f. How did object disappear (grow dimmer, go out suddenly, etc.)

8. Length of time the object was observed

9. Description of object.

a. How many objects were seen? One

b. Apparent size of object?

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c. Apparent speed of object? very fast

d. Apparent altitude of object? _____

e. Shape of object? _____

f. Color of object? Radium color - glowing

g. Did object perform any maneuvers, if so describe _____

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h. Did object make any sound, if so describe _____

_____

i. Were any tails or trails seen? _____

j. Draw sketch.

10. What type of day was it (hazy, clear, etc.)? Describe. dusk,

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11. Clouds.

a. Were any clouds in sky at time of observation? _____

If so, how much of sky was covered (overcast, scattered, etc.)

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b. Did object pass above, below, or near any clouds? _____

c. Did object reflect light on the clouds? _____

12. What is your occupation? _____

13. Any details that cannot be fully explained by the above questions.

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Name Mrs [redacted]

Address [redacted]

Date Indianapolis, Indiana

Reported by [redacted]

Pledge 10

9. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

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10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING

11. COMMENTS

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT

FLYOBRPT Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by Observer at Walla Walla, Washington

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
State of Washington, USA	Flight Service, MATS, 3300 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
10 June 1952	1 June 1952	F-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Frank M. Allen, Major, USAF	[redacted] USAFR, Walla Walla, Washington, USA

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) FLYOBRPT submitted via electrical means by McChord Flight Service Center 4 June 1952 (FSC 04-F-4)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Report contains information reference sighting on 1 June 1952 of an unidentified flying object near Walla Walla, Washington.

Single object was sighted by USAF Reserve Officer from his home at 1300PST, and observed for seven seconds. Weather at time of sighting was exceptionally good.

Report was relayed several times, and witness could not be interrogated. Information submitted is incomplete, but indicates possibility of obtaining more information by interrogation or correspondence.

FRANK M. ALLEN
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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FROM (Agency) Flight Service, MATS [redacted], N. W. Washington 25, D. C.	REPORT NO. IR-277-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

1. Sighting of one small, oval object, with a "definite airfoil," but with no visible propulsion system, exhaust, or contrail is reported. Object moved rapidly from Southeast of viewpoint to easterly, climbing rapidly, and disappeared in the east. Altitude estimated between 10,000 and 15,000 feet. Sighted at 1300PST 1 June 1952, and visually observed for seven seconds.

2. [redacted], observed the object from his home, which is East-Northeast of Walla Walla, Washington (Telephone 841LW). Reliability of witness cannot be judged.

3. Report was submitted to McChord Flight Service Center, McChord Air Force Base, by Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center (Civil Aeronautics Administration), at 2136PST 1 June 1952. McChord Flight Service Center submitted FLYOBRPT, via electrical means, in accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5.

4. Walla Walla weather at time of sighting was reported clear, with thirty (30) miles visibility and cumulus clouds to the East. No aircraft was reported in the general area at the time of sighting.

Comments of the Preparing Officer:

1. While the reliability of the witness cannot be judged, his rank and serial number indicate that he has been on active duty as a rated pilot, probably from 1942 to 1945. (Serial numbers of that series were allotted to pilots graduated from Air Force Flying Schools, classes 42A or 42B, in the first quarter of calendar year 1942.) He should be qualified to recognize aircraft movement.

2. Without more accurate definition of size or an estimate of the distance from the observer, the estimate of altitude is considered unreliable. Color of object was also not reported.

3. Observer's use of the term "definite airfoil" indicates a clear impression of the object's shape which has not been otherwise conveyed. The exact meaning of the expression cannot be conjectured.

4. Movement from South to East quadrant during the estimated seven (7) seconds of observation, assuming an average elevation angle and a 20,000 foot altitude, would indicate a speed of movement in excess of 1,800 miles per hour.

5. Report was probably submitted in the following manner:

a. Witness reported to the Interstate Airways Communications Station (Civil Aeronautics Administration) at City County Airport, Walla Walla, Washington, by telephone.

b. CAA Communicator relayed report, via Service "F" interphone, to Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center.

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FS
Wash 25, D.C.

Commander
MATS
ATTN: Intelligence Div.
Wash 25, D.C.

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A. One object; oval shape; small size; color unkn; obj was reported to possess a definite airfoil; no propulsion system observed; exhaust trail or contrail; speed reported as rapid; sound unkn; obj maneuvered from a SE heading to an Easterly direction climbing rapidly and disappeared in the East.

B. Obj sighted 1300PST, 1 Jun 52, for period of approx 7 seconds.

C. Obj was observed visually from ground.

D. Observer sighted object from his home which is located ENE of Walla Walla, Wash. Observed altitude of object was estimated to be between 10000 & 15000 ft; distance from observer unkn.

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McChord AFB, Wash.

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E. Information received via Seattle Air Traffic Route Control Office, 1 Jun 52.

Witness was: [redacted], Major AFRes AFO[redacted], Walla Walla, Wash, Phone: 8414W. Reliability of info submitted cannot be judged.

F. Weather Walla Walla, Wash. clear with 30 miles visibility, cumulus East.

G. Conditions which might account for sighting unkn.

H. No photographs or fragments available.

I. Interception action attempted unkn.

J. No acft was reptd in general area at time of sighting.

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AIR FORCE BASE OHIO
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JEPRS/COMMANDER FLIGHT SERVICE WASH DC
JEPFF/COMMANDER MATS ATTN INTELLIGENCE DIV WASH DC
[redacted] FSC 04-F-4FLYOBRPT

A. ONE OBJECT OVAL SHAPE SMALL SIZE COLOR UNKN, OBJ WAS REPORTED TO POSSESS A DEFINITE AIRFOIL NO PROPLSION SYSTEM OBSERVED EXHAUST TRAIL OR CONTRAIL SPEED REPORTED AS RAPID SOUND UNKN OBJ MANEUVERED FROM A SE HEADING TO AN EASTERLY DIRECTION CLIMBING RAPIDLY AND DISAPEARED IN THE EAST.

B. OBJ SIGHTED 1300 PST , 1 JUN 52, FOR PERIOD OF APPROX 7 SECONDS.

D. OBSERVER SIGHTED OBJECT FROM HIS HOME WHICH IS LOCATED ENE OF WALLA WALLA, WASH. OBSERVED ALTITUDE OF OBJECT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN

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1ØØØØØ & 15ØØØ FT, DISTANCE FROM OBSERVER UNKN.

E. INFORMATION RECEIVED VIA SEATTLE AIR TRAFFIC ROUTE CONTROL OFFICE

1 JUN 52. WITNESS WAS W[redacted]

WALLA WALLA, WASH, [redacted] RELIABILITY OF INFO SUBMITTED CANNOT

BE JUDGED

F. WEATHER WALLA WALLA, WASH. CLEAR WITH 3Ø MILES VISIBILITY , CUMULUS

EAST.

G. CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNG FOR SIGHTING UNKN.

H. NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR FRAGMENTS AVAILABLE.

. INTERCEPTION ACTION ATTEMPTED UNKN.

J. NO ACFT WAS REPTD IN GENERAL AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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USA-MATS	IR-276-52	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT. Unidentified Flying Objects Sighted by Civilian Observer Near Soap Lake, Washington

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
State of Washington, USA	Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
13 June 1952	1 June 1952	F-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
FRANK M. ALLEN, Major, USAF	M[redacted]shington (T[redacted]4)

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): FLYOBRPT (FSC 04-F-3) transmitted via electrical means by McChord Flight Service Center 4 June 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Report contains information reference sighting of an unidentified flying object near Soap Lake, Washington on 1 June 1952.

Three objects were sighted at 1545PST, and observed for approximately ten minutes. Weather at time of sighting was excellent for observation.

Information was relayed several times between observer and reporting unit, and is incomplete.

FRANK M. ALLEN
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
~~Flight Service, MATS~~ UNCLASSIFIED 3800 Newark Street, N. W. Washington 25, D. C.	IR-276-52	

1. Sighting of three objects with a glimmering color, but with no observed propulsion system, exhaust, or contrail is reported. Objects were flying toward the East (azimuth 90°) and disappeared in that direction. Elevation angle was approximately 60°. Sighted at 1545PST 1 June 1952, and visually observed for approximately ten minutes.

2. Mr. R[redacted], of Ephrata, Washington observed the objects at Soap Lake, Washington. Observer claims he recently sighted similar objects in French Morocco. Mr. [redacted] Reliability of witness cannot be judged.

3. Report was submitted to McChord Flight Service Center, McChord Air Force Base, by Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center (Civil Aeronautics Administration), at 1956PST 1 June 1952. McChord Flight Service Center submitted FLYOBRPT, via electrical means, in accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5.

4. Weather at time of sighting was reported as follows:

a. Ephrata, Washington - thin scattered clouds at 25,000 feet, visibility 15 miles.

b. Moses Lake, Washington - thin scattered clouds at 25,000 feet, visibility 30 miles, with cumulus clouds in all quadrants.

5. One jet aircraft was reported in the general area at time of sighting.

Comments
Comments of the Preparing Officer:

1. Routing of information, between the observer and Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center was not reported, but was probably through the Interstate Airways Communications Station (Civil Aeronautics Administration) at Ephrata, Washington.

2. The City of Soap Lake, Washington is 5½ miles from Ephrata, Washington, on a true compass bearing of approximately 35°. Whether observer was actually in Soap Lake at the time of the sighting, or whether he was in Ephrata and noted that the objects were in the vicinity of Soap Lake, is indefinite.

3. Witness was not contacted or interrogated. Additional information can probably be obtained by correspondence or interrogation.

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Wash 25, D. C.

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MATS
ATTN: Intelligence Div.
Wash 25, D. C.

FSC 04-F-3 FLYCBRPT - RESTRICTED

A. 3 objs; shape and size unkn; glimmering color; observed formation of objs unkn; no observed propulsion system, exhaust trail, vapor or contrail; speed and sound unkn; no maneuvers observed; objs flying towards the East and disappeared in that direction.

B. Objs sighted 1545PST;1 Jun 52, for a period of approx 10 minutes.

C. Objs were observed visually from the ground.

D. Observer sighted objs at Soap Lake, Wash. Observed at altitude approx 60°, azimuth 90°. Altitude & distance of objs from the observer is unkn.

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E. Mr. [redacted], Ephrata, Wash, [redacted]. Reliability of info submitted cannot be judged, however, observer claims he had recently sighted similiar objs in French Morocco.

F. Weather: [redacted] 25,000 thin scattered, 15 miles visibility. Moses Lake, 25,000 thin scattered, 30 miles visibility with cumulus in all quadrants.

G. Conditions which might account for sighting unkn.

H. No photographs or fragments available.

I. Interception action attempted unkn.

J. One jet acft was reptd in general area at time of sighting.

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/R E S T R I C T E D/ FSC 94-F-3 FLYOBRPT-RESTRICTED

A. 3 OBJS; SHAPE AND SIZE UNK; GLIMMERING COLOR; OBSERVED FORMATION OF OBJS UNK; NO OBSERVED PROPULSION SYSTEM, EXHAUST TRAIL, VAPER OR CONTRAIL; SPEED AND SOUND UNKN; NO MANEUVERS OBSERVED, OBJS FLYING TOWARDS THE EAST AND DISAPPEARED IN THAT DIRECTION.

B. OBJS SIGHTED 1545PST; 1 JUN 52, FOR A PERIOD OF APPROX 10 MINUTES.

C. OBJS WERE OBSERVED VISUALLY FROM THE GROUND.

D. OBSERVER SIGHTED OBJS AT SOAP LAKE, WASH. OBSERVED AT ALTITUDE APPROX 60 DEGREES AZIMUTH 90 DEGREES. ALTITUDE AND DISTANCE OF OBJS FROM THE OBSERVER IS UNKN.

E. [redacted] EPHRATA, WASH, [redacted] RELIABILITY OF INFO SUBMITTED CANNOT BE JUDGED, HOWEVER, OBSERVER CLAIMS HE HAD RECENTLY SIGHTED SIMILIAR OBJS IN FRENCH MOROCCO.

F. WEATHER: EPHRATA, 25,00 THIN SCATTERED, 15 MILES VISIBILITY. MOSES LAKE, 25,000 THIN SCATTERED, 30 MILES VISIBILITY WITH CUMULUS IN ALL QUADRANTS.

G. CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING UNKN.

H. NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR FRAGMENTS AVAILABLE.

I. INTERCEPTION ACTION ATTEMPTED UNKN.

J. ONE JET ACFT WAS REPTD IN GENERAL AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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PROJECT [illegible] RECORD CARD

1. DATE

2. LOCATION

3. CONCLUSIONS

PR Equatorial Africa

TYPE OF OBSERVATION

X Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. SOURCE

☐ Yes
☒ No

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6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

7. DURATION

3 to 4

8. SHAPE

☐ Disc
☐ Sphere
☐ Cylinder
☐ Triangle
☐ Chevron
☐ Diamond
☐ Egg
☐ Rectangle
☐ Cigar
☐ Boomerang
☐ Crescent
☐ Unknown
☐ Other

9. WEATHER

0200

10. NATURE OF OBSERVATION

DAY

11. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

An aerial soldier at anchor in port Cantil observed a large "machine" coming in the direction of land and, after doing a double loop, proceeded toward the sea at a very rapid speed. Luminous, orange color. Est. as large as a planet.

12. COMMENTS

Poss. Meteor.

☐ Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☒ Possibly Astronomical Meteor
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data or Evaluation
☐ Unknown

FORM 329 (REV 20 SEP 52)

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FROM : AMCONGEN, DAKAR, FWA — A-264 — DESP. NO.

TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

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June 24, 1952 — DATE

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SUBJECT: "Flying Saucer" Sighted at Port Gentil, FEA

As of possible interest, the Dakar press now carries a story to the effect that on June 1, 1952, the personnel of a merchant vessel anchored at Port Gentil, French Equatorial Africa, sighted a large "machine" (engin) coming from the direction of the land and, after doing a double loop, proceeding toward the sea at a very rapid speed. This phenomenon was supposed to have occurred at 2: 0 a.m. This luminous object was described by the first mate as phosphoroscent, of an orange color and very bright. The captain declared that the object in question was different from any celestial phenomenon such as a flying star or meteor or any flying machine of conventional type that he had ever seen in 20 years at sea, six of them in war service. He said no noise could be heard and he estimated the object's altitude as about 3000 or 4000 meters. Its diameter appeared about the size of a planet.

The press account states that on the night in question no airplane was scheduled to arrive at or fly over Port Gentil.

M. Williams Blake
American Consul General

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PROJECT DATA RECORD CARD

2. LOCATION

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Airborne ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. SOURCE

☐ Ltr/Dsptch/Memo/Rpt

☐ Other

☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation

☐ Unknown

7. DATE OF OBSERVATION

Day Hour

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE

12. CONCLUSION

☐ Was Astronomical

☐ Probably Astronomical

☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Was Aircraft

☐ Probably Aircraft

☐ Possibly Aircraft

X Was Balloon

☐ Probably a Balloon

☐ Possibly a Balloon

(9P)

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Details of the object. Unidentified according to description. Show how object was first sighted and its final disposition.

11. COMMENTS

Unconfirmed by ground observers. Other - Type Balloon (?)

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DEC 4 PM 12:59

ACTION

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PP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEPRS JEPFF 555

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P 041635Z

FM MCCHORD FLTIGHT SERVICE CENTER MCCHORD AFB WASH

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JCS94-T-2FLYOBRPT

A. IRREGULAR SPHERE SIZE UNKN BLUISH WHITE OR SILVER NO EXHAUST TRAIL NO OBSERVED PROPULSION SYSTEM SPEED UNKN OBJECT WASH APPARENTLY STATIONARY NO SOUND WAS HEARD NO MANEUVERS OBSERVED MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECT UNKN

B. OBJECT SIGHTED 1445PST FOR PERIOD OF ONE HOUR

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL BOTH FROM GROUND AND AIR

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D.OBJECT SIGHTED WHILE OVER MOON ISLAND HOQUIAM WASH

E. WESLEY H PARKS MAJOR USAF MCCHORD FSC

JOE W DONALDSON CAPT USAF MCCHORD FSC

ORON C LOTT T/SGT USAF MCCHORD FSC

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RICHARD CHRISTION STUDENT GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE HOQUIAM WASH

ROBERT ERICKSON STUDENT GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE HOQUIAM WASH

E DIGGINS MOON ISLAND AIRPORT HOUQIAM WASH

INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY OBSERVERS CONSIDERED RELIABLE

F.WEATHER CAVU

G. POSSIBLILITY OS OBJECT BEING A PLANET IS BEING INVESTIGATED THROUGH FACILITIES OF UNI VERSITY OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE WASH

H. PHOTOGRAPHS NONE.

I. INTERCEPTION OF IDENTOFOCATION ACTION WAS ATTEMPTED BY FLYING C-45 ACFT OVER MOON ISLAND ON MAG HEADING 270 DEG FOR DISTANCE OF APPROX 25 MILES OFF THE PACIFIC COAST AND OVER PACIFIC OCEAN

J. NO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC WAS IN GENERAL AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING

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PM 12:59

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Colorado Springs, Colo.

Commander
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Commander
MATS
ATTN: Intelligence Div.
Wash 25, D.C.

FSC C4-F-2 FLYOBRPT

A. Irregular sphere, size unkn, blueish white or silver, no exhaust trail, no observed propulsion system, speed unkn, object was apparently stationary, no sound was heard, no maneuvers observed, manner of disappearance of object unkn.

B. Object sighted 1445PST for period of one hour.

C. Manner of observation was visual both from ground and air, C-45 acft, 12000 ft speed approx 150 Knots. Ground observation was made by the theodolite at the Weather Station, Moon Island, Hoquiam, Wash. Altitude reading 39° Azimuth reading 270° mag.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Flight Service, MATS

3800 Newark Street, N. W. Washington 25, D. C.	REPORT NO. IR-278-52	PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES

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2. Weather at the time of sighting was described as "ceiling and visibility unlimited."

3. University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, was queried, and advised that the object was, in all probability, the planet Jupiter, which is visible during daylight hours at this time of year.

4. Statement of Captain Joe W. Donaldson AO 724719, Clearance Officer, McChord Flight Service Center:

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"Approximately 1515PST, 2 June 1952, we departed from the scene and the object was still there."

5. Statement of T/Sgt Oren C. Lott AF 39187859, McChord Flight Service Center (Aircraft Crew Chief):

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6. Statement of A/1c William C. Callison, AF 15288624, 1905th AACS Squadron, McChord Air Force Base:

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7. Statement of A/1c Bobbie J. Lunsford AF16230690, 1905th AACS Squadron, McChord Air Force Base:

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT, Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by Air Force and Civilian Observers Near Hoquiam, Washington

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
State of Washington, USA	Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
13 June 1952	2 June 1952	A-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Frank M. Allen, Major, USAF	Air Force personnel assigned to McChord Flight Service Center and civilian observer of Hoquiam, Washington.

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): FLYOBRPT (FS 04-F-2) submitted via electrical means by McChord Flight Service Center 4 June 1952.

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118—Part II.)

Report contains information reference sighting of unidentified flying object near Hoquiam, Washington, 2 June 1952.

Single object was sighted by USAF officers and airmen, and by civilian observers, and was observed for one hour. Interception was attempted. Weather at time of sighting was excellent for observation. Astronomical data indicates possibility that object was the planet Jupiter.

Report is considered very reliable, and on-the-spot investigation was made by the observers.

FRANK M. ALLEN
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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"On the 2nd of June 1952, at approximately 1445PST at Moon Island Airport, Hoquiam, Washington, a large bluish-white sphere was spotted by one of the residents. The heights is unknown, sound and speed unknown to me. The party and I returned to the C-45 and attempted to intercept this object if possible. After going all the way to 12,000 feet and approximately 20 miles around in a circle, the pilot decided it could not be reached so we returned to our home base. The time that we watched it was almost an hour and it stayed in a small radius."

8. Statements were not obtained from the following observers:

a. [redacted] West Coast Airlines, Hoquiam, Washington.

b. [redacted] Student, Grays Harbor College, Hoquiam, Washington.

c. [redacted] Student, Grays Harbor College, Hoquiam, Washington.

d. [redacted] Moon Island Airport, Hoquiam, Washington.

e. Major [redacted] 2483A, Operations Officer, McChord Flight Service Center (Absent on leave).

9. Major [redacted] was in charge of the group of military personnel whose statements are included. He was flying a C-45 type aircraft, and had landed at the Moon Island Airfield for the purpose of an airfield facilities survey. Object was observed visually and by theodolite by Major Park's group, and also by the witnesses noted in 8 above. After an undefined period of observation, Major Parks, accompanied by the military personnel, attempted to intercept the object with the aircraft, at an airspeed of approximately 150 knots. At 1545PST, one hour after the original sighting, attempt was terminated. Object has not changed apparent position since first observation, even though aircraft had flown over 20 miles.

10. [redacted] was not submitted in this instance, due to original sighting from ground position, and no evidence of hostile possibilities.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. The officers who observed this object are well-known to me, are part of this organization, and are considered very reliable.

2. The possibility of the object sighted being a planet was further investigated. The U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C., provided the following information:

a. Jupiter was the only planet which could have been near the indicated position, and visible, at the time of sighting. (Mars and Venus were too near the sun).

b. From the observation point (46[redacted]° 58' 30" North Latitude and 123° 55' West Longitude), Jupiter should have appeared in the following positions (Compared to the sighting information) Atmospheric refraction could have caused visible displacement of less than 3° elevation.

TIME	JUPITER POSITION	OBJECT POSITION
1400 PST	29° elevation, 262° true bearing	
1500 PST	19° elevation, 269° true bearing	39° elevation, 293° true bearing

3. Azimuth (270°), reported as magnetic, could have been true (Winds aloft observations, for which the theodolite is normally used, are reported in terms of true azimuth), which would coincide with the 1500 PST Jupiter position azimuth.

Cannot give exact degrees visibility

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ACTION

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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Bright white. 2 1/ [illegible]
a jump flight of an Air Force. Some [illegible]
Air [illegible] should carry a little [illegible]
weight.

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759TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
25th Air Division (Defense)
Naselle, Washington

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4 June 1952

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General, Air Material Command
Attention: MCIS
Commanding General, Air Defense Command
Attention: Director of Intelligence
Commanding General, 25th Air Division (Defense)
Attention: Director of Intelligence
Commanding Officer, 635th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Attention: Capt. Mills

1. In accordance with Air Defense Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951, subject: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft, the following report is attached as inclosure Number 1.

2. In accordance with Air Force Regulation 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, this letter may be downgraded upon removal of inclosure.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

EDWIN J. SWIENTONIEWSKI
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

1 Incl:
Rpt of Unconventional Acft (dup)

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REPORT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

[redacted]

[redacted]

1. The initial report of the first sighting of an object described it at a high altitude and no direction or speed was given. The only physical observation of the object was that the color was purple.

2. The report of the object was received at 1702 hours PST, 2 June 1952.

3. The object was observed from the ground by an individual without optical or electronic aid.

4. The observer was located at Bayview, Washington (latitude 46° - 41' N. Longitude 123° - 45' W).

5. This information was reported by Mr [redacted] of Bayview, Washington, [redacted] of Raymond, Washington. The [redacted] relayed this information to the [redacted] of this station. The degree of credibility of observation is unknown.

6. Teletype sequence at time of the observation is attached as an inclosure.

7. No activity or conditions, meteorlogical or otherwise was evidenced which might account for the sighting.

8. No physical evidence of the sighting was observed.

9. No intercept or identification action was taken.

10. Local aircraft were airborne at time of sighting.

[redacted]

[redacted]

REPORT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

1. Object [redacted] Yelland of Tongue Point Naval Station, Oregon, was elongated or sausage shaped at time of first sighting but appeared later to be somewhat spherical. Its color was white or incandescent. No aerodynamic features, trail, exhaust or propulsion system were in evidence. Its speed may be estimated from 10 to 20 knots and no audible sound was heard. No maneuvers were observed other than a constant movement in a westerly direction.

2. The object was first sighted at 2020 hours PST 2 June 1952.

3. The object was viewed from the surface and [redacted] employed the aid of Navy Binoculars.

4. The observer was located at Tongue Point Navel Station, Oregon. (Latitude 46° - 11' N - Longitude 123° - 52' W). The observer took several azimuths (magnetic) ranging from 320° to 330°, the altitude was estimated at eight to twelve thousand feet, the range was estimated at from ten to fifteen miles.

5. The observers rank and position places a strong degree of credibility on his observation.

6. Weather and wind conditions are listed on enclosed teletype sequence.

7. The proximity of the time of the observation to the time of last light poses the possibility of an early star. [redacted] stated that at the first observation he believed that he had sighted an object. At 2245 hours PST, he believed the object was in the position of the star Cappella. It was at 331° azimuth and its elevation was 10° 10'. It was in the first magnitude.

8. No physical evidence of the sighting exist.

9. Intercept action was taken. A fighter was directed visually toward the object and Tally-Ho was made at 2129 hours PST., but no contact made. At time of Tally-Ho fighter was at 25,000 feet and level with the object, but at a range of about 50 miles. Fighter aborted for lack of fuel and an order from Fighter Group Commander.

10. Local aircraft were airborne at time of sighting, but not in immediate vicinity.

[redacted]

[redacted]

REPORT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVATION

1. The object sighted was spherical in shape, somewhat larger than a star, the color appeared to be white or incandescent. It possessed no aerodynamic features, trail, exhaust or apparent means of propulsion. Its speed is estimated from 10 to 20 knots, was unaudible and didn't maneuver. It disappeared after the weather obscured it from view. It had a high degree of luminosity but did not scintillate.

2. The object was sighted at 2025 hours PST 2 June 1952, until 0200 hours PST 3 June 1952.

3. The object was observed from a 2,000 feet elevation without aid of optical equipment. The electronic equipment did not track the object.

4. The observer was located at Latitude 46° - 25' - Longitude 123° - 47' W. The object was observed periodically from an approximate magnetic azimuth of 160° and traversed to about 190°. The angle of elevation waw about 20° initially and at last sighting about 30°.The range was estimated initially at about 15 miles and at last sighting about 25 miles. The altitude appeared to be about 10,000 feet but when last seen was very high.

5. [redacted], Controller on duty at this station during this period was able to observe periodically the reported object.

6. Weather and wind conditions are as indicated on teletype sequence.

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AREA FORECAST

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(1) SYNOPTIC SITUATION
RIDGE FROM PACIFIC HIGH EXTENDING OVER AREA. AIR MASS DRY & STABLE
(2) FREEZING AND ICING LEVEL:
1000 FT NW SCTR SLOPING TO 11000 FT NE SCTR & 12000 FT SRN SCTRS.
(3) CLOUDS AND WEATHER:
NORTHWEST SECTION: 2/10 CLDS BASE 16000 FT TOPS 17000 FT WITH HIER
2-5/10 CLDS BASE 23000 FT TOPS 25000 FT BECOMING CLEAR BY END OF PERIOD
VSBY 10 MILES.
SW SECTOR: SAME AS NW SCTR.
NE SCTR: SAME AS NW SCTR EXCEPT 3-6/10 CUMULUS WRN SLOPE ROCKIES. BASE
5000 FT TOPS 10000 FT.
SCTR: 4-6/10 CIRRUS, BASE 22000 FT TOPS 24000 FT. VSBY 15 MILES.
(4) WIND AND TEMPERATURE:

	NW SECTOR	SW SECTOR	NE SECTOR	SE SECTOR
5000 FT	290/10 08	260/05 15	1-MCC	
5000 FT	290/10 08	260/05 15	170/05	210/05 15
10000 FT	300/10 00	320/05 02	200/05 02	200/10 05
20000 FT	250/25 18	250/15 16	230/25 - 17	220/20 15
30000 FT	250/45 38	240/30 34	240/30 41	210/10 37
40000 FT	240/55 47	240.30 57	230 /45 57	230/20 54

(5) TERMINALS
EVE: 25000 FT SCTD VSBY 15 MILES. WIND NW 5 KNOTS.
WYI: 25000 FT SCTD VSBY 15 MILES. WIND WSW 5 KNOTS.
TCM: 25000 FT SCTD VSBY 15 MILES. WIND NW 5 KNOTS.
PDZ: CLEAR, VISBY 15 MILES. WIND NW 2-5 KNOTS
MSK: 15000 FT SCTD & 22000 FT BRKEN VRBL SCTD. VSBY 15 MILES. WIND NW
5 - 10 KNOTS
SKA: 5000 FT SCTD & 22000 FT BRKN VRBL SCTD, VSBY 15 MILES. WIND 5 - 10 KNOTS
END OF AREA FORECAST
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1/ SYNOPTIC SITUATION/RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE OVER AREA. AIR MASS STABLE EXCEPT SE SECTION.
2/ FREEZING AND ICING LEVEL: 9000 FT NW SCTR SLOPING TO 1000 FT NE SCTR AND 11000 FT SRN SCTRS. ICGIC SE SCTR IN CUMULUS BUIKDS-UPS.
3/ CLOUDS AND WEATHER: / CLOUDHEIGHTSMSL?
NORTHWEST SECTION 3-5/10 CLDS BASE 16000 FT TOPS 18000 FT WITH HIGHER CIRRUS BASW 25000 FT TOPS 26000 FT. CLDS DECREASING AND BECMG CLEAR BY 2000 PD VSBY 10 MILES 10/10 CSLT STRATUS, BASE 1000 FT.
SW SCTR: SAME AS NW SCTR EXBIPT CSTL STRATUS NOT FORMING UNTIL 2300P
NE SECTOR: 3-6/10 CIRRUS, BASE 22000 FT TOPS 24000 FT BECOMING CLEAR BY 2000P VSBY 15 MILES.
SDE SCTR: 3-5/10 HEAVY CUMULUS OVER MTNS, BASE 6000 FT TOPS 20000 FT, DISPTING BY 1930P. 4-6/10 CIRRUS BASE 25000 FT TOPS 26000 FT BCMG CLEAR UNTIL 1930P.
4/ WIND AND TEMPERATURE:

	NW SECTOR	SW SECTOR	NE SECTOR	SE SECTOR
5000 FT	360/10 08	230/05 13	240/05 11	310/05 13
10000 FT	230/05 01	190/05 01	210/05 01	220/25 03
20000 FT	220/25 18	230/10 16	240/15 17	210/23 37
30000 FT	230/40 40	220/25 40	230/35 41	220/25 35
40000 FT	220/70 58	220/40 56	220/50 57	220/35 54

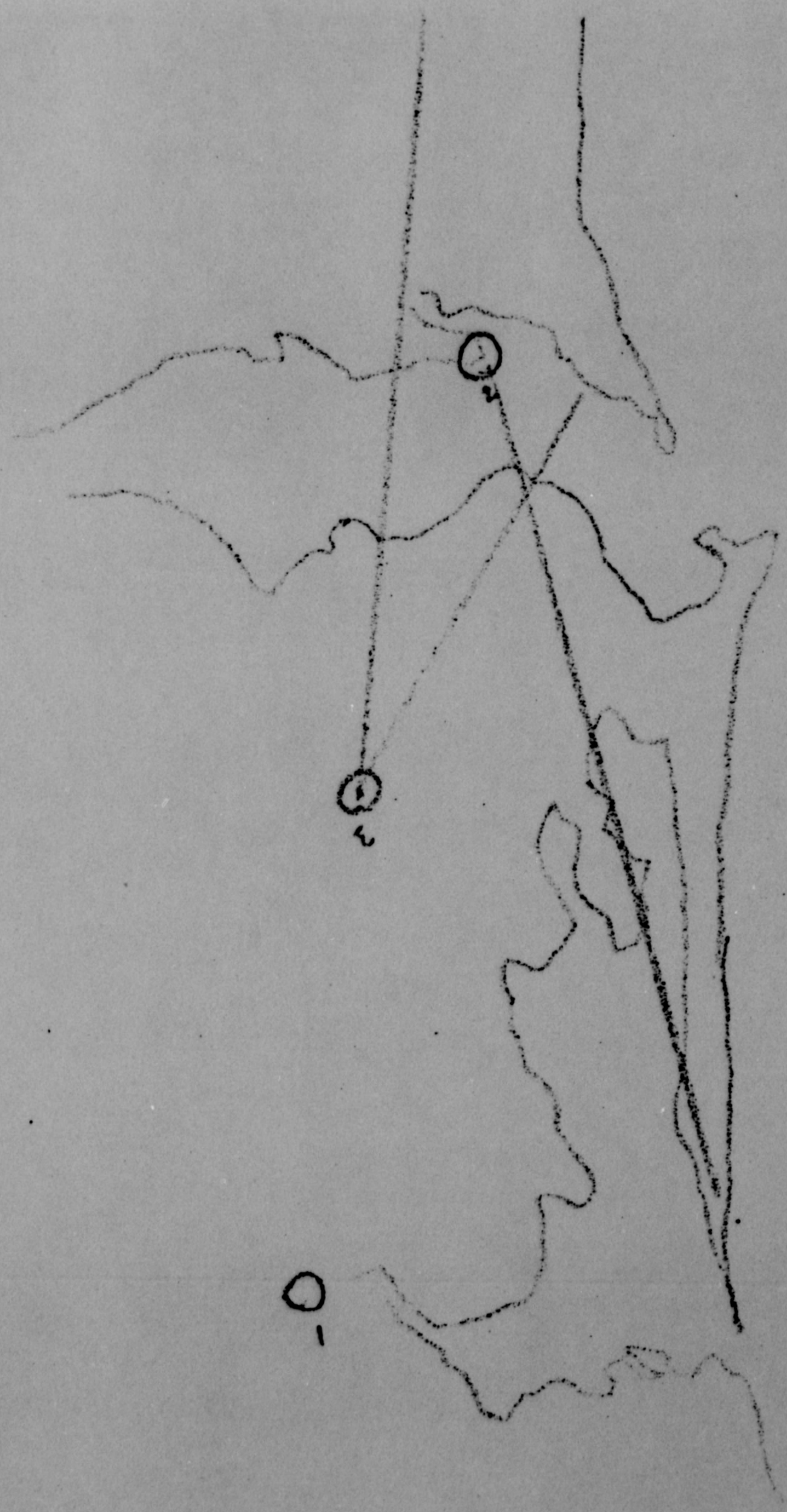
5/ TERMINALS: CLDS BASES ABOVE STATION/
EVE: 15000 FT SCTD & 25000 FT BRKN. 2000P. A CLEAR VSBY 10 MILES. WIND NW 5 KNOTS.
WYI SAME AS EVE WX
TCM: 15000 FT SCTD & 23000 FT BRKN VRBL SCTD. 2000P CLEAR BSBY 10 MILES WINDS NW 5 KNOTS BCMG CALM END PERIOD
PDX: CLEAR, VSBY 15 MILES. WIND LGT NW.
MSK: CLEAR. VSBY 15 MILES. WIND SW 5 KNOTES
SKA: 2000 FT BRKN VRBL SCTD BECOMING CLEAR 2000P VSBY 15 MILES.
WIND SW 5 KNOTS

6/ OUTLLK: 030000 TP 040000P
PATCHES GROUN FOG WRN SCTRS EARLY MRNG HOURS CLEARING BY 0800P.
INCREASING HIGH CLOUDINESS WRN CSCTRS ABTER 1200P.
NO CHANGE IN SCTRS.
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
FULDA AREA - SEE MAP	112TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
10-6-52	2-6-52	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
JAMES W. BROWN	FLIGHT CREW

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

While participating in a joint Air Force - Army Photo Mission on 2 June 1952, in the North East Sector of the US Zone of Germany (Fulda Area) [redacted] Photo-Navigator of the 112th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron sighted an unidentifiable flying object. It was observed from an RB-26C type aircraft which was being flown at 12,500 feet on a heading 200 degrees.

The object was moving at a high rate of speed in a northerly direction on what appeared to be a non-deviating heading of about 15 degrees. The observer stated that the rate of closure between the object and the plane was similar to that experienced during a head on attack by an F-84.

The object appeared to be circular or spherical. Its porcelain white color gave no indication of the type of material of which it was constructed. Also; there was an absence of any exhaust or vapor trails denoting the type of propulsion or speed. The size of the object was estimated as being 6 to 8 feet in diameter. This may be unreliable due to any error in the altitude of 7000 feet, at which the object was assumed to be traveling.

At the time of observation the weather was CAVU with scattered cumulus at 6000 feet. The temperature was recorded as minus 5 degrees centigrade at 12,500 feet. The wind was from 240 degrees at 40 knots.

The sudden nature of the sighting, coupled with the concentration of the crew upon the successful completion of the photo run, is responsible for the lack of effort in securing a photo of the object.

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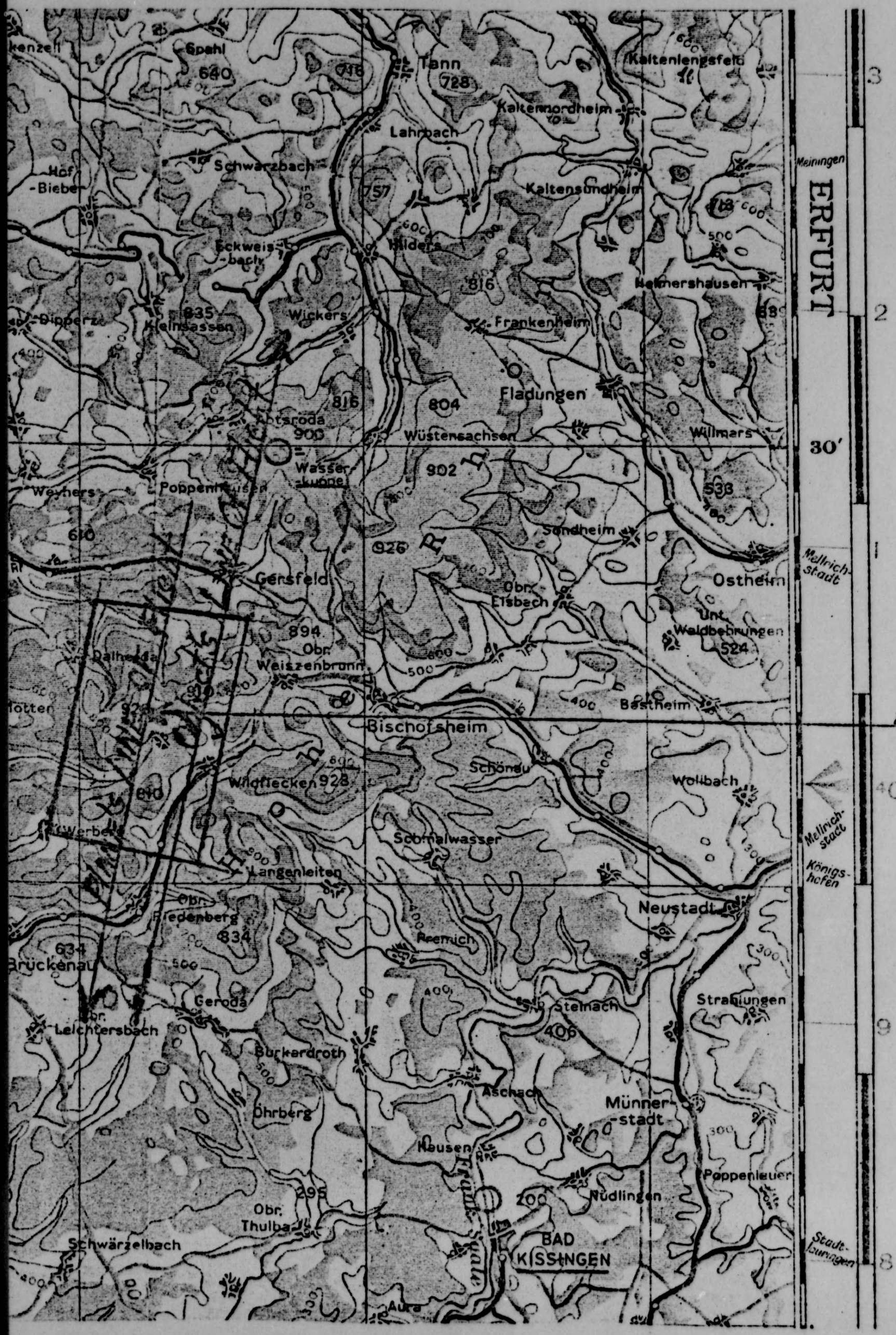
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