1. DATE

JUL 52

2. LOCATION

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

3. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

XX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

4. TIME

01/0130 MDT

01/1020 Z

5. SOURCE

Civilian woman

6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

7. DURATION OF OBSERVATION

3-4 min

8. COURSE

SW

9. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon

☐ Probably Balloon

☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft

☐ Probably Aircraft

☐ Possibly Aircraft

XX Was Astronomical METEOR

☐ Probably Astronomical

☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other

☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation

☐ Unknown

10. DESCRIPTION

11. COMMENTS

Ball of fire flew across sky in shallow arc.

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Phoenix, Arizona 127th Pilot Training Wing (Intelligence)

10 July 1952 2 July 1952 F-6

Captain Stephen D. Rockstroh, Intel. O. Base Provost Marshal and [redacted]

AFL 200-5, FLYOBRPT, Message Form GB 331G

Report submitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, Department of the Air Force, dated 29 April 1952.

Observation of unidentified flying object by civilian inhabitant of Phoenix, Arizona.

Significance of this report is undetermined.

APPROVED:

Stephen D. Rockstroh

STEPHEN D. ROCKSTROH
Captain USAF
Intelligence Officer
127th Pilot Training Wing

One (1)
Overlay for Sectional Aeronautical Chart "Phoenix"(Q 3) - 6 cys

Original - D/I, DCS/O, Headquarters USAF, ATTN: AFOIN-C/CC
1 cc - Chief, ATIC, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright -Patterson AFB, Ohio
2 cc - CG, Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois
1 cc - CG, Crew Training Air Force, Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas

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Lt. Duane K. Miller, AO 776373, Assistant Base Operations Officer, was contacted by telephone by Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted], Phoenix, Arizona (phone: [redacted]) on 2 July 1952. Mrs. [redacted] reported sighting an unidentified flying object. Previous efforts to contact subject were unsuccessful.

A follow-up investigation by this office produced the following information:

1. Sighted object was "ball of fire" shaped like a "flattened out grapefruit" with a platter cutting across its diameter. Object appeared 7 to 8 inches in diameter to naked eye. Color was "like the yellow flame of a candle". A trail of flame extended six to eight feet astern. Trail was broad as the object itself at the base, growing narrower and thinning down astern. Speed seemed "a little faster than searchlights (reflected) on clouds." Object flew in shallow arc and disappeared when a house obstructed vision.

2. Object was sighted at about 0420 hours on 2 July 1952 for 3 to 4 minutes including observation of burning trail after object had disappeared.

3. Observation was made visually from the ground.

4. Subject viewed phenomenon from front walk of residence at [redacted] Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Object was observed in flight through 90° of compass, appearing first northwest and disappearing southwest. Various angles of elevation from the horizon are as follows:

Northwest	- 40°
West	- 30°
Southwest	- 10 to 15°

Distance of object estimated at 7 to 10 miles.

5. Subject volunteered information that she is far-sighted, has lived near many air bases, frequently scans the sky as she likes to know what is passing overhead. Subjects' husband, Colonel [redacted], USA, Ordinance, had planned a trip with his wife. She had set her "mental alarm clock" to get up early. She went outside for air because she had had trouble sleeping.

6. Weather conditions at the time of the sighting were reported as follows:

2 July 1952

Hour	Ceiling	Visibility	Wind
0330	Clear	15 + miles	4 knots north
0430	Clear	15 + miles	4 knots north
0530	25000 feet very light scattered overcast	60 miles	calm

7. No meterological phenomenon reported.

8. None

9. A search of areas indicated on inclosed overlay has been requested of base Operations. Presume from angle of flight that object contacted ground. Object of search is scars or burn marks on ground. No observations reported yet.

10. No military or commercial air traffic was in vicinity at time of sighting.

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No ballons were released in local area at time of sighting.

Crowell Crop Dusting Company based at Air Haven had a Cessna "170" or Navion take-off toward east between 0400 and 0430 hours. Climbed to 1500 feet immediately. Steady navigating lights - red, green, and white. About 18 inches of blue flame would be observed from exhaust.

Attached overlay is to be used with Sectional Aeronautical Chart, "Phoenix (q 3)", United States Air Force Edition.

Stephen D. Rockstroh

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Captain USAF
Intelligence Officer
127th Pilot Training Wing

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MAP OVERLAY

Scale 1:500,000

Sectional Aeronautical Chart
PHOENIX (Q-3)

33° 45' +

40° eL

Limits of observation

Estimated direction of flight

10 mi

10 mi

30° eL

Primary Search Area

Estimated Line of Ground Contact.

15 eL

Secondary Search Area

+ 112° 45'

32° 45'

+

X BIRDS

driving to Parkland, Oregon,
saw 10-12 objects in sky. Objects were sources
of light or highly polished surface. Observer
exposed 30 feet of 16 mm color motion pict.
film. Objects seemed to be rolling about in
rough formation.

1. Source is naval photographic
considered an expert.

2. Possible mirage effect.

3. Possible migratory birds.

See Also: Film
7-3745-345

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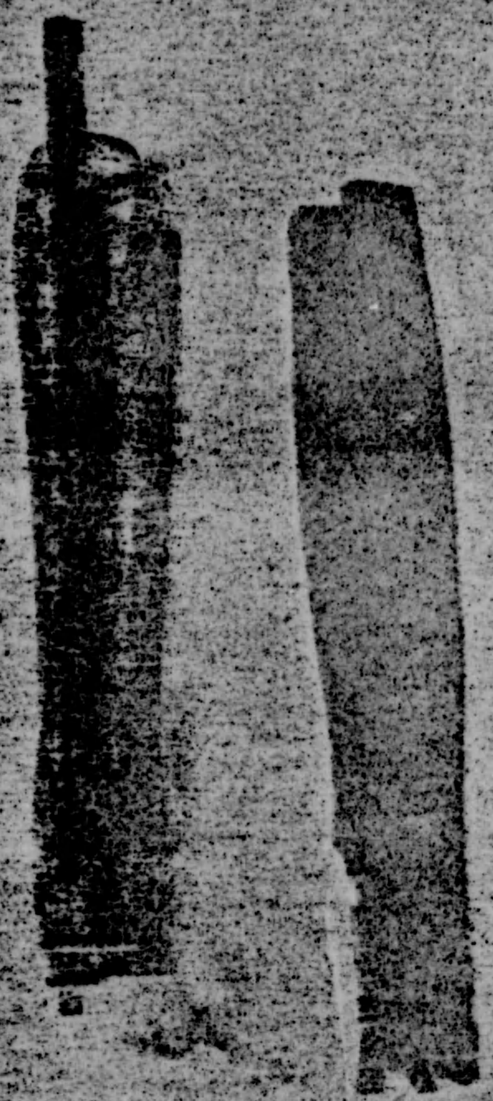
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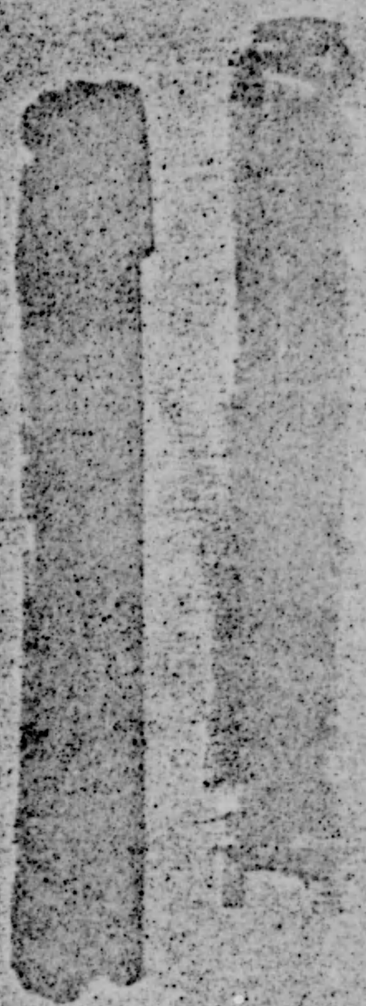
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PAGE THREE OF 20F [redacted] INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE [redacted]

EYESIGHT. 10. NO FILTERS USED. 11. ONE LOW HILL 2 OR 3 MILES TO RIGHT OF US HWY 30 DASH S WITH OBSERVER FACING NORTH.LOCATED APPROX 10 MILES NORTH TREMONTON, UTAH. 12. OTHER PERSONS SIGHTING OBJECTS WERE: MRS [redacted] WIFE [redacted]. [redacted] JR, SON, AGE 14 [redacted] DAUGHTER, AGE 12. WHOLE [redacted] FAMILY INCLUDED IN INTERVIEW. 13. CPO [redacted] AND FAMILY HAVE NEVER SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS BEFORE [redacted] STATED THAT HE NEVER BELIEVED HE WOULD JOIN RANKS OF THOSE REPORTING SUCH OBJECTS PRIOR TO THIS OBSERVATION. CPO [redacted] AND MRS [redacted] APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY HONEST AND RELIABLE PERSONS. CPO [redacted] STATED HE HAS BEEN IN THE NAVAL SERVICE FOR OVER 19 YEARS WITH SERVICE AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER DURING WW 2. [redacted]S GRADUATE OF NAVAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SCHOOL IN 1935 AND CLAIMS OVER 1000 HOURS IN THE AIR AS A PHOTOGRAPHER ON ACTUAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH MISSIONS. [redacted] ALSO DOES CONSIDERABLE GROUND PHOTOGRAPHY. IT IS BELIEVED [redacted] COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS AN EXPERT PHOTOGRAPHER.

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FM JUPIL/CG 25TH AIR DIV (DEF) HAMILTON AFB, CLAIF.

TO JEDUP/CHIEF, ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

INFO: JUPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

HEADQUARTERS USAF, WAHSINGTON 25,D.C.

[redacted] 9171 IN REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2 FOLLOWING INFORMATION REQUESTED BY HQ. USAF HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CPO [redacted], [redacted] AVN SUP DEP, NAVAL SUP CENTER, OAKLAND, CALIF. REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION ABOUT MOVIE FILM ON UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTING ON 2 JULY 1952. QUESTION: WAS TRIPOD USED TO PHOTOGRAPH MOUNTAIN SCENE IN IDAHO WHICH APPEARS ON FINAL FOOTAGE OF FILM IN QUESTION? ANSWER: NEGATIVE; ENTIRE ROLL OF FILM WAS HAND HELD.

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09/2326Z OCT JUPHQ

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/[redacted]GB331G. ATTN:ATIAA-2C. FLYOBRPT
(1) SEVEN INCH BALL OF FLAME WITH EIGHT FOOT TRAIL SIGHTED. NO SOUND OR LIGHTS RESEMBLING KNOWN FLYING OBJECTS.
(2) SIGHTED AT 0420 ON 2 JULY 1952 FOR 3 TO 4 MINUTES.
(3) VISUAL OVSERVATION FROM GROUND.
(4) FROM [redacted], PHOENIX, ARIZ. OBJECT APPEARED NORTHWEST, TRAVELED ARC TO SOUTHWEST. A GLE OF ELEVATION 40 DEGREES NORTHWEST, 30 DEGREES WEST, 15 DEGREES SOUTHWEST. ESTIMATED DISTANCE SEVEN TO TEN MILES.
(5) OBSERVER MRS [redacted] WIFE OF ARMY ORDNANCE COLONEL.

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(6) WEATHER AT Ø43Ø CEILING CLEAR: VISIBILITY 15 PLUS MILES: WIND 4 KNOTS FROM NORTH.

(7AND 8) NONE

(9) PRESUME OBJECT MADE GROUND CONTACT SOUTHWEST OF PHOENIX. SEARCH HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

(1Ø) NO AIRCRAFT OR BALLONS REPORTED. POSSIBILITY OF CROP DUSTERS.

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DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT: 35mm Film and Analysis

TO: AFOIN-2A2
Attn : Major Fournet

FROM: ATIC

DATE: 15 OCT 1952

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Ruppelt/jos
65365/B263D/PD28

1. As per your request inclosed herein for your inspection is the 35mm film from Tremonton, Utah, showing unidentified aerial objects.

2. Also inclosed is a photostatic copy of an analysis performed by the Photo Reconnaissance Laboratory, Wright Field.

3. The 35mm roll is the original film and no duplicate has been made.

4. It is the opinion of ATIAA-5 that the film should be submitted to an ornithologist, perhaps at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, to obtain an opinion as to whether the objects may not possibly be birds in flight.

2 Incls
a/s

Robert E. Kennedy

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General
Air Technical Intelligence Center

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Re movies by CPO Newhouse
2 July 52, 7mi N. of Tremonton, U.

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INFO HQ USAF, WASHDC

AUTIC (Info)

TO CG MADF
HAMILTON AFB, CALIF

AFOIN 57264

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CHIEF ATIC
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO
ATTN: DIR OF INTELL

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND ENCLOSED MOVIE FILM ON SIGHTING 2 JUL 52 NEAR TREMONTON, UTAH RECEIVED THIS HEADQUARTERS 5 SEP 52 FROM CIO [redacted] USN, STATIONED AT AVIATION SUPPLY DEPOT, NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER, OAKLAND, CALIF. REQUEST HE/SHE BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS PRACTICAL BY AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED:

(1) ANY SOUND HEARD DURING OBSERVATION? IF SO, DESCRIBE.

(2) ANY EXHAUST TRAILS OR CONTRAILS SEEN AT ANY TIME DURING OBSERVATION? IF SO, DESCRIBE.

(3) WERE ANY AIRCRAFT, BIRDS, BALLOONS OR OTHER IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS SEEN IN AIR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE, DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER OBSERVATION? IF SO, GIVE DETAILS.

(4) DID SINGLE OBJECT WHICH DETACHED ITSELF FROM GROUP HEAD IN DIRECTION OPPOSITE TO ORIGINAL COURSE AND DID IT DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW WHILE STILL TRAVELLING IN THIS DIRECTION?

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(5) AT APPROXIMATELY WHAT ELEVATION AND IN WHAT DIRECTION (BEARING) WAS CAMERA POINTED DURING EXPOSURE OF FILM?

(6) WHAT WAS POSITION OF SUN RELATIVE TO OBJECTS AND TO HIM?

(7) WHAT WERE WEATHER CONDITIONS? APPROXIMATE TEMPERATURE? HAZY OR CLEAR? WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED?

(8) ANY METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY NOTICED DURING THAT DAY?

(9) DOES HE HAVE ANY OPINION REGARDING FOLLOWING:

(a) WAS LIGHT FROM OBJECTS CAUSED BY REFLECTION OR WERE THEY SOURCES OF LIGHT?

(b) SHAPE OF OBJECTS?

(c) WERE THEY ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SHAPE?

(d) COLOR OF OBJECTS?

(e) WERE THEY ALL SAME COLOR?

(f) TYPE MOTION ATTRIBUTABLE TO OBJECTS, BOTH ABOUT OWN AXES AND AXIS OF FLIGHT PATH?

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(g) DID ALL OBJECTS HAVE SAME TYPE MOTION?

(h) HOW DID OBJECTS DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW?

(10) WAS ANY FILTER USED ON CAMERA?

(11) REMEMBER ANY LANDMARKS AROUND LOCATION WHICH WOULD FACILITATE FINDING IT IN FUTURE?

(12) KNOW OF ANYONE ELSE WHO SIGHTED OBJECTS?

(13) EVER SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS BEFORE? IF SO, OBTAIN DETAILS IAW PAR 7e OF AFL 200-5.

ADDITIONALLY, DESIRE INTERVIEWING OFFICER FURNISH ESTIMATE RELIABILITY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC PROFICIENCY OF WITNESS. AFL 200-5 MAY AID IN CONDUCTING INTERVIEW. REQUEST INFORMATION BE FURNISHED BY ELECTRICAL MEANS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE TO ATIC WITH INFORMATION THIS HEADQUARTERS. IN REFERENCE REPLY TO AFCIN-2A2.

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FROM: HQ USAF 7 Oct 53 [redacted]
ACTION: ROUTINE INFO: ROUTINE

TO: CG 28th AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF CRYPTOPRECAUTION: NO

INFO: CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO IDENTIFICATION: 9171 is
CAF IN 65202
(13 Sep 53)

CLASSIFICATION: [redacted]

FROM: AFOIN 59782

ATTENTION: Director of Intelligence. Reference your message 9171 dated 13 Sep 53. Request CPO [redacted] be asked following additional question: Was tripod used to photograph mountain scene in Idaho which appears on final footage of film in question? Forward information by electrical means to ATIC with information this headquarters. In response reply to AFOIN-2A2

COORDINATION: AFOIN-2A2 _____ AFOIN-2A _____

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DRAFTSR'S NAME:

Maj. Dewey J. Fournet

AFOIN-2A2

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE:

DONALD H BEBBE, Captain, USAF
Executive Officer, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

TELEPHONE: 75990

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CAFIN 74096

FM JWPML/CG 28th AIR DIV (DEF) HAMILTON AFB, CALIF.

TO JEDWP/CHIEF, ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

INFO: JWPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HQ USAF, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

/[redacted] 9171 IN REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2 FOLLOWING INFORMATION REQUESTED BY HQ USAF HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CPO [redacted] [redacted], [redacted] AVN SUP DEP, NAVAL SUP CENTER, OAKLAND, CALIF. REGARDING AN ADDI TIONAL QUESTION ABOUT MOVIE FILM ON UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTING ON 2 JULY 1952. QUESTION: "WAS TRIPOD USED TO [redacted] PHOTOGRAPH MOUNTAIN SCENE IN IDAHO WHICH APPEARS ON FINAL FOOTAGE OF FILM IN QUESTION"? ANSWER: NEGATIVE, ENTIRE ROLL OF FILM WAS HANDHELD.

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CAF IN: 74096 (10 Oct 52)

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HQ USAF, WASHDC

ROUTINE (Info)

CO HILL AFB, OGDEN, UTAH

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CHIEF AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO
ATTN: WEATHER OFFICER

REQUEST WEATHER SEQUENCE NEAREST 1810Z HOURS 2 JUL 52 FOR AREA INCLUDING TREMONTON, UTAH. PARTICULARLY DESIRE WINDS ALOFT AND TEMPERATURES FROM SURFACE TO MAXIMUM ALTITUDE AVAILABLE. ALSO ANY METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF 8 TO 12 UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS WHICH APPEARED TO BE ROUND AND RATHER HIGHLY POLISHED BODIES OR SOURCES OF LIGHT TRAVELLING WEST ABOVE TREMONTON IN LOOSE FORMATION GENERALLY NORTHEAST. FORWARD INFORMATION BY ELECTRICAL MEANS TO AMC WITH INFO THIS HEADQUARTERS. IN RESPONSE REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2.

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DEWEY J. [illegible], JR., Major, USAF

AFOIN-2A2

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To L/C Adams w/orig film return

Requirements

1. 2 color duplicates and 1 black & white print (exclusive of portion with sound track whish is spliced to the end of the film).

2. Request the original be handled with utmost care (it is already in fairly poor condition, and we are very anxious that it suffer no further damage).

3. Request the original be cleaned as carefully as possible prior to duplication.

4. Request utmost effort in controlling duplication to extent that resulting copies will be as identical to original as possible in image and color reproduction.

5. The loose (unspliced) portion of 17 frames belongs at the end of the footage having a deep blue background and no sound track. The last frame of this loose portion is immediately adjacent to the splice with the broken frame having the sound track.

6. Can the stripped sprocket holes in the loose portion of the original (see 5) be repaired in any way - sufficiently to make it possible to run this part along with the remainder of film without malfunction?

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TO JWPML/CG28TH AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

INFO JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WPAFB OHIO

/[redacted] FROM CLN AFOIN 59782 ATTENTION CLN DIRECTOR

OF INTELLIGENCE. REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE 9171 DATED 12 SEP 52.

REQUEST CPO[redacted]BE ASKED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL QUESTION CLN

WAS TRIPOD USED TO PHOTOGRAPH MOUNTAIN SCENE IN IDAHO WHICH APPEARS

ON FINAL FOOTAGE OF FILM IN QUESTION QUES FORWARD INFORMATION

BY ELECTRICAL MENNS TO ATIC WITH INFORMATION THIS HEADQUARTERS.

IN RESPONSE REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2.

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JKR/vs
15 Sept
E.W. Gregory, II
A TIAA
Lt Col Kennedy/ll
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ATIAA-5/JKR/vs

In reply refer to
ATIAA-5

15 September 1952

CPO [redacted] USN
Aviation Supply Depot
Naval Supply Center
Oakland 4, California

Dear [redacted]

Your 16 mm film of unidentified aerial phenomena has been forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for analysis. The final footage of mountain scenery will be detached and returned to you as soon as possible.

If it is agreeable to you, a duplicate of the aerial phenomena will be made and forwarded to you in lieu of the original. It is desired to retain the original for analysis. Please notify us immediately whether this arrangement is agreeable to you.

Your cooperation and desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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AC Form 8 (Rev 17 May 50) Supersedes AMC Form 8, Rev 1 Apr 48, which will be used. Air Force-WPAFB-L-23 JUL 52 3800M

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FM JWPML/CG 28TH AIR DIV (DEF) HAMILTON AFB, CLAIF.

JEDWP/CHIEF, ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

TO:JWPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

HEADQUARTERS USAF, WAHSINGTON 25,D.C.

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Officers to Fremonton, Utah
2 Jul 52

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FM HQ CCAMA HILL AFB UTAH

TO CG ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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PROJECT BLUE BOOK 1 WEA BLN EA RELSD ØØØØ AND ØØØØ 2 JUL 52

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2JUL52 RE UNIDENTIFIED OBJS

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Requested info on balloons launched

1110 MST
3 Jul 52

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Hold - File under Fremont, Utah, 2 Jul 52

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FROM: (Originator)

CG ATIC

TO: CG, HILL AFB, UTAH

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP	SE[redacted]
102400Z NOV 52	
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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-11-3-E FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICE

ATIAA-7

Request all available information, including flight tracks, of any balloons launched from area of your base on 2 Jul 52. This information is necessary for the analysis of a sighting of eight unidentified flying objects which occurred at 1110 MST on 2 Jul 52. Photographs of sighting indicate possibility that objects may be a cluster of balloons.

In reply cite Project Bluebook.

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ATIAA-3	ROBERT H. KENNEDY, MAJOR, USAF
SYMBOL / TELEPHONE	OFFICIAL TITLE ASST ADJUTANT GENERAL

DD FORM 1 MAY 49 173 REPLACES WD AGO FORM 11-168, 15 JUN 1945, AND WD AGO FORM 0998, 1 APR 1946, WHICH MAY BE USED.

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TO: Whom it may concern ATIAA-5/Lt Flues/jos/65365/ 15 Dec 52

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM:

Tremont, Utah, sighting.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION:

On 15 Dec 52 Lt A. G. Flues telephoned Lt Malcom Ross, USN, at the Office of Naval Research, University of Minnesota. The purpose was to determine whether pillow balloon releases could account for the Tremont, Utah, incident of 2 Jul 52.

Lt Ross had seen the Tremont movies and it was his opinion, as well as that of Lt Lewis, ONR, that the objects photographed were pillow balloons. However, Lt Ross said that the Navy had not released any pillow balloons in or near that area at that time. Lt Ross pointed out that General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, is, in so far as he knows, the sole manufacturer of pillow balloons and suggested that ATIC contact Mr [redacted] of General Mills to determine what organizations and agencies had purchased pillow balloons. Lt Ross also stated that in the winter of 1952, the "Crusade for Freedom" purchased many pillow balloons from General Mills. These were sent to various cities in the United States and released periodically. Lt Ross did not know the exact times, dates, or points of these releases, but he suggested that ATIC contact the "Crusade for Freedom".

RECOMMENDATION:

That ATIAA-5 contact Mr. J [redacted] and the "Crusade for Freedom".

TO: Whom it May Concern

SUBJECT: Tremonton, Utah, incident of 2 Jul 52

On 16 Dec 52 Lt A. G. Flues called [redacted], Director, Balloon Research, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, to determine whether or not a pillow balloon release could have caused the Tremonton incident.

Mr [redacted] pointed out that in the winter of 1951, his company, the only known manufacturer of this type balloon, produced a large number of pillows for the "Crusade for Freedom". These balloons were distributed to both national and local offices of that organization and GMI was unable to say exactly what the organization did with them after receipt. However, GMI did say that they were released sporadically for publicity purposes from widely separated areas in the United States.

In the "Crusade for Freedom" organization there have since been 100% personnel shifts, top to bottom and [redacted] was not too encouraging when Lt Flues suggested contacting the organization. However, he agreed to forward all shipping lists which will tell ATIC who the consignees were and just what numbers each received.

Mr. [redacted] pointed out that in 1951 and until Nov 52, helium and hydrogen gasses were in short supply. The two companies which furnish these gasses are Air Reduction Company and The Linde Company. Mr. [redacted] suggested contacting their distributors in the area of the sighting.

Recommendations: That ATIC follow-up with the lists Mr [redacted] will provide and that ATIC check distributors of hydrogen and helium in the Utah area.

Travel Report - Minneapolis, Minnesota

29, 30, 31 December 1952

On 29 Dec 52, Lt A. G. Flues went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to contact the Field Representative of ONR and the General Mills Corporation there. The purpose was to determine if the UFO's in the Tremonton, Utah, movies of 2 July 52 might be pillow balloons.

On 30 Dec the films were run off in the balloon room of the Physics Building, University of Minnesota. The following were in attendance:

Lt Malcolm Ross, USN
S2C Leroy Harger, USN
CPO Lewis, USN
Dr. Nye, U. of Minn. Balloon flights and geophysics
Dr. Winkler, U. of Minn. Balloon flights and geophysics
Frank C. Jewett, Exec. Vice-President, Research Dept., General Mills, Inc.
J. R. Smith, Chief, Meteorology Dept., General Mills, Inc.

There were various others present all of whom have had experience in flying pillow balloons.

The films were run off eight times, at various speeds, and were frequently stopped at good frames. All were informed of the background data.

It was the consensus of opinion that the objects resembled pillow balloons in flight very closely and did nothing that pillows would not do in similar circumstances. J. R. Smith was the least convinced of this hypothesis; however, he felt that the objects were a bit too bright and maneuvered a bit too fast.

The head meteorologist of GMI pointed out that winds to 8,000 ft. at Hill AFB would probably be different from those at Tremonton because of topography and land-sea effect. The extreme stability of the atmosphere on that day would, he added, make ascent very slow and would tend to stabilize a pillow at a given altitude. Additionally, wind direction is capable of a 180° shift within perhaps

500 ft. of altitude which could account for a high or low balloon, with relation to the group, to proceed in an apparently opposite direction.

If the objects are pillows, the consensus was that they are not over 6,000' altitude, probably much less. If this is so, they cannot possibly have been aloft for more than 12 hours, and this only if filled with warm air or underinflated with gas or ballasted for a given altitude. There is a much greater probability that they are ascending and have been released from a nearly point not over 1/2 hour before.

None of the persons present placed much faith in the computations of angular velocity, since all were predicated upon Newhouse's holding the camera still.

Lt Flues went over to GMI later on and obtained from J. R. Smith the names and addresses of consignees who received pillow balloons during the period Sep 51 - 2 Jul 52. Also Lt Flues picked up some photos of pillow balloons and the flight tracks of three Navy Skyhooks released in Sept 52 from Tillamook, Ore. General Mills had no movies of pillows which approximated the Tremonton films as GMI's footage seemed to be shot against cloud background and when the balloons were lower. However, they will be launching pillows from Wendover, Utah, in Feb 53 and will make movies then.

The course of action recommended was for ATIC to check all persons in the western U.S. who received pillows. There were some other shipments to GMI home and farm appliance stores, and [redacted] agreed to send ATIC the names and addresses of such consignees.

List of consignees:

[redacted]

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ITEM @ AMC /[redacted]

INFORMATION

FROM: CAPT E J RUPPELT ATIAE-5
TO: CAPT HARRY SMITH, AFOIN-2A2
SECURITY INFO: REFERENCE TELEPHONE
CALL FROM CAPT RUPPELT TO CAPT HARRY SMITH ON 2 FEB 53
REGARDING DATA FRO PRESS RELEASE ON
TREMONTON MOVIES.REQUEST FINAL OF
PRESS RELEASE BE FORWARDED BY
TELECON TO ATIC FOR COORDINATION.
MOVIES WERE TAKEN SEVEN MILES NORTH OF
TREMONTON, UTAH, ON US HGHWAY 30S
AT 1110 MST ON 2 JULY 52. CAMERA
USED WAS A BELL AND HOWELL AUTO MASTER
WITH THE THREE INCH TELEPHOTO LENS.
CAMERA WAS HAND-HELD. FIRST FEW FEET
OF FILM WERE TAKEN AT F-8; BALANCE
AT F-16. SIXTEEN FRAMES PER SECOND
WERE USED. MOVIES WERE TAKEN BY CHIEF PETTY
OFFICER [redacted], 177273 AVIATION
SUPPLY DEPOT, NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER, OAKLAND,
CALIF. [redacted] WAS DRIVING FROM WASHINGTON,
DC TO PORTLAND, OREGON, ON THE MORNING
OF 2 JULY 52 WHEN HIS WIFE NOTICED A
GROUP OF OBJECTS IN THE SKY THAT SHE
COULD NOT IDENTIFY. SHE ASKED [redacted] TO
STOP THE CAR AND LOOK. THERE WERE A
GROUP OF OBJECTS THAT BORE NO RELATION
TO ANYTHING HE HAD SEEN BEFORE.
HE STATED, MILLING ABOUT IN A ROUGH
FORMATION AND PROCEEDING IN AN APPARENT
WESTERLY DIRECTION. HE OPENED THE LUGGAGE
COMPARTMENT OF HIS CAR, GOT A MOVIE CAMERA
OUT OF HIS SUITCASE AND TOOK THE PICUTRES.
THERE WAS NO REFERENCE POINT IN THE SKY
SO IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE ANY
ESTIMATES AS TO SIZE, SPEED, OR DISTANCE.
TOWARD THE END OF HIS OBSERVATION
ONE OF THE OBJECTS REVERSED
COURSE AND PROCEEDED AWAY FROM
THE REST OF THE GROUP. HE HELD THE CAMERA
STILL AND ALLOWED THIS SINGLE
OBJECT TO PASS ACROSS THE FIELD OF
VIEW OF THE CAMERA PICKING IT UP
AGAIN LATER IN ITS TRAVEL. HE REPEATED
THIS FOR TWO OR THREE PASSES. BY THIS TIME
ALL THE OBJECT HAD DISAPPEARED.
THE MOVIES HAVE BEEN STUDIED BY THE

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PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE LABORATOR, WRIGHT
AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER, WRIGHT PATTERSON
AFB, OHIO, AND BY THE US NAVY PHOTO INTERPRETATION
CENTER, WASHINGTON, DC. SINCE THERE
WAS NO KNOWN OBJECT SUCH AS A CLOUD,
TREE, OR MOUNTAIN IN THE FILM, IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE EVEN A ROUGH ESTIMATE
AS TO THE SPEED, DISTANCE, OR SIZE.
THE SIZE OF THE IMAGES ON THE MOVIE
FILM WERE TOO SMALL TO SHOW ANY
DETAILS. THE MOVIES HAVE BEEN STUDIED BY
PERSONS ENGAGED IN WORK WITH BALLOONS.
THESE BALLOONS ARE CALLED PILLOW
BALLOONS DUE TO THEIR SIMILARITY
RPTING FROM 3RD LINE BACK

PERSONS ENGAGED WORK WITH BALLOONS
AND THE APPEARANCE AND ACTION OF
THE OBJECT ARE SIMILAR TO THAT
OF PILLOW BALLOONSXM .

ED
THESE BALLOONS ARE CALLED PILLOW
BALLOONS DUE TO THEIR SIMILARITY
TO A PILLOW. HUNDREDS OF THESE
BALLOONS WERE MADE AND FLOWN IN THE US AND
OVERSEAS DURING THE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM.
ATTEMPTS TO TRACE THESE BALLOONS TO
DETERMINE WHETHER ANY LEFT OVER
FROM THE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM COULD HAVE
BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE TREMONTON AREA
WERE NEGATIVE. ANOTHER STRONG POSSIBILITY
IS THAT THE OBJECTS WERE SEA GULLS
SOARING THERMAL AIR CURRENT. MOVIES
OF SEA GULLS TAKEN UNDER SIMILAR LIGHTING
CONDITIONS SHOWED THE SEA GULLS APPEARING
AS BRIGHT SPOTS OF LIGHT VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE
IN THE MOVIES. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE AIR
FORCE CONTEMPLATES NO FUTURE ACTION WILL BE
TAKEN TO IDENTIFY THE OBJECTS.

END ITEM 2 AMC /[redacted]

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (*Originator*)

CG ATIC

TO: CG 25TH AIR DIV (DEF)
HAMILTON AFB CALIF

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
031500Z FEB 53	[redacted]
PRECEDENCE FOR: ROUTINE	ACTION
☐ BOOK MESSAGE	☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE
☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:	
IDENTIFICATION 9171	CLASSIFICATION [redacted]

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-2-1-E FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

Reference your message 9171 dtd 121650Z Sep 52 which replied to a request from Hq USAF for an interrogation of Chief Petty Officer [redacted] Aviation Supply Depot, Naval Supply Center, Oakland, Calif. Request you again contact [redacted] and determine whether he wants his original film back or whether he will accept a copy of the original. It is contemplated that the fact that the Air Force has this movie will be released to the press in the near future and ATIC plans to return these film so that if he has any offers from the press he can sell it. Movies will be shown to the press but not released to them. Also request that you determine whether Newhouse has any objection to using his name in the official release. Request answer be obtained immediately.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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CAPT E.J. MUFFLEY/ms	
SYMBOL ATIAE-5	TELEPHONE 59926
	OFFICIAL TITLE ROBERT J. FRIEND, MAJOR, USAF

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O CG AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

26TH OID 01176. CITE: PROJECT BLUE BOOK. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

REQUESTED BY AFOIN-ATIAE-2-1-E HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY TELEPHONE

CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER [redacted] AVN

SUP DEP, NAVAL SUP CENTER, OAKLAND, CALIF., REGARDING ADDITIONAL

QUESTIONS ABOUT MOVIE FILM ON UNIDENTIFIED SIGHTING ON 2 JULY 1952.

QUESTION: "DOES [redacted] DESIRE HIS ORIGINAL FILM RETURNED OR WOULD

HE ACCEPT A COYP OF THE ORIGINAL?" ANSWER: HE WILL ACCEPT A COPY

OF THE ORIGINAL. QUESTION: "IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO USING

YOUR NAME IN THE OFFICIAL RELEASE?". ANSWER: NEGATIVE, BUT DESIRES

HIS CORRECT OFFICIAL TITLE USED. CORRECT TITLE STATED BY [redacted]

ATIC

AFOIN-ATIAE-2-1-E 3 FEB 53 8:05

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IS CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER, A COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICER IN USN.

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TELECONFERENCE MESSAGE FORM

(See instructions on reverse side of this page)

1. ITEM NO.	2. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	3. DATE TRANSMITTED
		12 February 1953

4. FROM: (Name & Symbol)	5. TO: (Name & Symbol)
Capt E. J. Ruppelt, ATIAE-5	Capt Harry Smith, AFOIE-AI2

SECURITY INFORMATION. For your information I am forwarding answers to questions we received on Tremonton movies. This is a wire from 28th Air Div. (Defense), Hamilton AFB, Calif., in response to query we sent them. Quote. The following information requested by AFOIE-ATIAM-2-1-6 has been obtained by telephone conversation with Chief Photographer [redacted], Aviation Supply Depot, Naval Supply Center, Oakland, Calif., regarding additional questions about movie film on unidentified sighting on 2 July 1952. Question: Does [redacted] desire his original film returned or would he accept a copy of the original? Answer: He will accept a copy of the original. Question: Is there any objection to using your name (ATIC Comment: Meaning [redacted]) in the official release? Answer: Negative, but desires his correct official title used. Correct title stated by [redacted] is Chief Photographer, a Commissioned Warrant Officer in USN. Unquote. Copy of film will be sent to [redacted] within three days.

(If more space is needed, continue on a plain sheet of paper.)

7. ORIGINATED BY: (Name, Symbol, Date)	8. COORDINATED BY: (Name, Symbol, Date)
Capt E.J. Ruppelt, ATIAE-5, 12 Feb 53	
9. AUTHORIZED BY:	
Air Adjutant General, ATIPA	

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ATIC Form 200 (11 Dec 51)

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Block 9. Air Adjutant General Enter signature.

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Memorandum for Record

1. During a trip to Washington, D. C., on 29 Jan 53 Capt Ruppelt was informed that the press had learned about the Tremonton, Utah, movies and that Mr. Al Chop of the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, Col Teaberg of AFOIN-2, and others believe that the movies should be released in accordance with the promise made this summer to the press that no information on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects would be withheld. Capt Ruppelt agreed with this point and it was decided that the factual data on the incident would be sent to Capt Harry B. Smith, AFOIN-2A2, who would pass it on to Mr. Chop who in turn would write the release. The telecon also requested that the release beforwarded to ATIC for coordination. The subject telecon is TT15, 5 Feb 53, Item 2.

2. On 9 Feb 53 Mr. Chop called that he had written the release and showed it to Col Smith of AFOIN-2A. They believe that there would be a question asked as to the findings of the Air Force and Navy photo labs and that these reports would have to be released. If they weren't released, the press would begin to think they contained some "hot" material and that the Air Force was holding back some important data. ATIC concurred that this could happen., and that if it did happen it could create a great deal of excitement.

3. The Air Force lab analysis concludes that:

a. They are reasonably certain that the brightness of the images on the film exceeds that of any bird.

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b. The objects are not spherical balloons.

c. The objects could be aircraft. (Note: the absence of sound almost rules out aircraft. Aircraft in a "dogfight" can be heard at almost any altitude. In addition, the area of the sighting was not a restricted air space area and it is doubtful that such flying would be carried on in the airways.)

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The Navy report says the objects are:

a. Self-luminous or light sources

b. Could not be aircraft or balloons

c. No bird is known is reflect enough light to cause the images shown on the film.

It can be noted that the Navy people deduced this from their analysis of the brightness* of the image on each frame. This required about a 1,000 manhours. It was brought out by two astronomers who heard a Navy briefing on the analysis of the movies that the method used to measure the brightness of each spot was wrong, therefore, the results of the entire study were wrong.

4. The subject of the release was discussed with Lt Col Johnston and Col McDuffy and it was decided that the movies would be released without comment as to what they were and hope that no questions were asked about the Navy report. This is a "calculated" risk of another big "flap".

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b. Using special funds, have General Mills release a group of pillow balloons arranged in the same sequence as the objects are in the movies and measuring the distance at which the movies were taken.

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[redacted]

c. Have two aircraft do maneuvers at various altitudes and photograph them.

d. Request that the Navy re-do the study using the methods of density measurement that are prescribed by the astronomers.

Conclusion

6. If it is deemed advisable to release the movies quickly, state that the Air Force cannot positively identify the objects but they are reasonably sure that they are balloons or gulls consequently no further effort is going to be put into the incident. If the Navy and Air Force reports are requested, state that due to the meager data they used, the reports must be discounted. It would be rather poor policy to state that the Navy had made an error in the beginning of their analysis.

7. If it is too much of a risk to do this (suggestion in paragraph 6) immediately go ahead with items a, b, and c of paragraph 5 on a high priority basis.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that the above plan be given to AFOIN-2A2 and let them confer with the Director of Intelligence on the subject of a release.

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The Navy report says the objects are:

a. Self-luminous or light sources

b. Could not be aircraft or balloons

c. No bird is known is reflect enough light to cause the images shown on the film.

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CSAF ITEM 2 ([redacted]

FROM: CAPT HARRY B SMITH AFOIN-2A2

TO: CAPT ED RUPPELT , ~~AFIAA-5~~

RELEASE OF TREMONTON FILMS STILL BEING STUDIED HERE. WILL FORWARD NEXT TELECON.

END CSAF ITEM 2 ([redacted]

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CSAF ITEM 2/ [redacted]

TT-27
26 Feb 1953
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[redacted] GENERAL GARLAND from COLONEL YOUNG

Reference Item 2 ATIC Telecon 15, 5 Feb 53 the following statement is for ATIC coordination prior to release to PIO:

1. This color film provides an instance of a sighting being substantiated by motion pictures and confirms the faith of the USAF in the veracity of the many citizens who have reported sightings of unidentified objects or phenomena in the air. 2. The film was forwarded to the USAF by Warrent Officer [redacted], Aviation Supply Depot, Naval Supply Center, Oakland, California. 3. Warrent Officer Newhouse stated that the film was exposed 7 miles North of Tremonton, Utah, on the U.S. Highway 30 at 11:00 a.m. MST, 2 July 52: and that he was using a Bell and Howell Auto Master(hand-held) with a three inch telephoto lens at F/8 for the first few feet of the film and the balance at F/16 all at sixteen frames per second.

4. Examination of the film to date allows a deduction that the images were caused by surfaces having good reflective qualities, [such as seagulls or balloons], or by bodies or substances possessing high intensity light sources. Images appearing on the film are nonsufficiently defined to permit identification or determination of form or substance and should have been caused by unknown objects or undetermined known objects. The absence of any reference points, even clouds, in the background has made it impossible to estimate the distance of the objects from the camera, thus precluding a determination of size and linear speed. Measurements of angular

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velocity have not indicated true linear speed as the apparent motion is shown in only two dimensions.

To date the evidence on unidentified phenomena has shown no threat to the United States, and the majority of the sightings have been directly tied to known causes.

End CSAF ITEM NBR 2//[redacted]//

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Memo ATIAE 13 Feb 53
Ltr Thru Capt ATIA 16 Feb 53

ATIAE-5/EJR/vs

In reply refer to
AFOIN-ATIAE-5

17 FEB 1953

Warrant Officer [redacted]
177273
Aviation Supply Depot
Naval Supply Center
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

A copy of the original movie film taken by you near Tremonton, Utah, on 2 July 1952 is being returned.

This Center and the Air Force wish to thank you for submitting the film, answering the many additional questions that arose during the analysis of the film, and for allowing the Air Force to keep the original film.

Yours very truly,

1 Incl
Movie film

ROBERT C. BROWN
Major, USAF
Air Adj. Gen.

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U. S. NAVAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER
U. S. Naval Receiving Station
Washington 25, D. C.

In reply refer to
Code 082
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MAR 18 1954 326
Serial:

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Subj: Tremonton, Utah Film

Ref: (a) ATIC W-PAFB Ohio ltr AFOIN-ATIAE-5 dtd 27 Jan 1954

1. Reference (a) requested information concerning the disposition of the original Tremonton, Utah film and whether or not any copies of the film are currently held by the Center.

2. It is advised that this Center has never had possession of the original film and does not have information concerning its whereabouts. However, it is suggested that Major Fourney, an AF Special Investigator who was formerly stationed in this area, be contacted regarding this matter. Major Fourney at one time advised that the original would be made available to this Center for spectrophotometric analysis. This analysis never materialized, therefore the original was not requested.

3. This Center is presently holding one 16mm color film copy which was received from the Air Force. In addition, 35mm color positive and 35mm black and white negative duplicate blowups are held.

4. Reference (a) referred to the original film as being 35mm. It is understood that the photography was taken with a Revere, 16mm, magazine loading type, with an F1.9 wide-angle, telephoto lens.

B. C. WHEATLEY
Acting

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In reply refer to
AFOIN-ATIAE-5

27 JAN 1954

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Tremonton, Utah Film

TO: Chief
Office of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The Air Technical Intelligence Center is attempting to locate the original of a 35 mm film of unidentified flying objects taken by a [redacted] Tremonton, Utah, on 2 Jul 52. This film was analyzed by the USNPIC during the early part of 1953.

2. In a report issued by USNPIC, Subj: "Interpretation of Movies of Unidentified Objects", serial number 0105, dated 4 May 53, it is stated in part, "The film exposed in Utah is in very poor condition; dry, brittle, and with a tendency to break. After initial viewing, duplication of the film was performed in order to preserve the film." There appears to be no reference as to whether the original film was destroyed or returned.

3. It is requested that any available information be furnished to the Air Technical Intelligence Center as to the disposition of this film after the interpretation was completed.

4. Information is further requested as to whether or not any copies of this film are on hand there.

FOR THE COMMANDER

BARBARA M. CONNERS
1st Lt. USAF
Assistant Adjutant.

COORDINATION:
ATIAE-5 C.A. Hardin : DATE 26 Jan 54
CAPT HARDIN
ATIAE H.E. Johnston DATE 25 Jan 54
LT COL JOHNSTON
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23 FEB 1954

Mr. [redacted]
Chief Photographer, USN
[redacted]
Berkeley, California

Dear [redacted]

We are forwarding as Inclosure 1 one copy of your Tremonton, Utah, film as promised in our letter of 27 January 1954.

The Air Technical Intelligence Center hopes this will fulfill your requirements.

Sincerely,

R. C. SCHUM
CWO, USAF
Asst. Adj.

1 Incl
Env containing
ref film
COORDINATION:

ATIAE H.C. Johnston DATE 17 Feb 54
LT COL JOHNSTON

ATIA Hullstrand DATE 19 FEB 54
COL O'HERN

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27 JAN 1954

[redacted]
Chief Photographer, USN
[redacted]
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

The Air Technical Intelligence Center is not in immediate possession of the original of your Tremonton, Utah, film; however, correspondence has been initiated to recover it. It appears that the original may have deteriorated beyond the point where it could be successfully copied.

There are two copies of the film here. One of these has been sent to the Photographic Laboratory with a request for additional copies. Upon completion, which will take about three weeks, one of the copies will be mailed to you. It is hoped that this will fulfill your requirements.

The Air Technical Intelligence Center wishes to express again its appreciation to you for your cooperation throughout the entire investigation of the case.

Sincerely,

GEO. L. WERTENBAKER
Colonel, USAF
Commander

COORDINATION:
ATIAE-5 C.P. Hardin DATE 22 Jan 54
CAPT HARDIN
ATIAE H.L. Johnston DATE 22 Jan 54
LT COL JOHNSTON
COL O'HERN-ATIA [illegible] DATE 25 JAN 54
cc: William A. Adams
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AFOIN-2A

29 December 1953

Brigadier General William M. Garland
Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear General Garland:

Inclosed is a copy of the letter sent, this date, to Mr. [redacted] who provided us with the Tremonton, Utah, unidentified flying object pictures.

Our records show that the original of the film is in your files. If the original film is still of value to you, it may be more desirable to give [redacted] another duplicate rather than to risk the loss of it by loan.

With best personal wishes to you and your staff for a very successful and Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Bill

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

1 Incl
cy of ltr dtd
29 Dec 53 to
Mr. Newhouse

AFOIN-2A 29 December 1953

Mr. [redacted]
Chief Photographer, USN
[redacted]
Berkeley, California

Re: File No. 177283

Dear [redacted]

The original of 16mm Kodachrome film taken of the unidentified flying objects near Tremonton, Utah, was forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center with the understanding that they would provide you with a good reproduction copy since the original had been damaged somewhat by numerous showings. General Garland has custody of the film and I am sure that you will hear from him in response to your letter of 17 December.

May I take this opportunity of expressing to you once again how much we in the Air Force appreciate your cooperation in making the film available to us. It still remains one of the most interesting incidents that we have investigated.

Very truly yours,

cc: Brig Gen Garland

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

to Photo

17 December 1953

Colonel W.A. Adams, U.S.A.F.
Topical Intelligence Division, U.S.A.F.
Room 4D863, The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

About a year ago I mailed for evaluation a 16mm Kodachrome original film to the Commanding Officer, Hill Air Force Base in Utah. The film was of unidentified flying objects sighted by my wife, my children and myself near Tremonton, Utah on 2 July 1952. It was forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio; and, later, to your office.

I gave the Air Force permission to retain the original for use in the investigation of UFOs and a duplicate copy was forwarded to me. My copy of the film has been damaged by showing in a defective projector.

If the Air Force has completed its evaluation of the film and has no further use for it, I would appreciate the return of the original to me at this time. If, however, there is a continuing need for the film, I would like to "borrow" the original film for a period of about four weeks to enable me to make a good duplicate print from it.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the office of General Garland, in case the film is now located there.

Your early attention to this request will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

R. O. Newhouse

Chief Photographer R.O. Newhouse
File Number 177263
United States Navy
1243 Derby Street
Berkeley, California

cc: Major General Garland
Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

(1) Definite flight pattern

(2) [illegible] dimensional objects seeming to escape event behind other.

(3) Undulating flight. (ox)

(4) Angular velocity = 2.3°/sec. ~

@ 500 yds = 41 mph

@ 1000 yds = 82 mph

@ 5000 yds = 410 mph

@ 10,000 yds = 820 mph

(5) Controlled flight.