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ATIC NO. _____

DATE OF INFO April 1948

AP. NO. _____

LOCATION Springfield, Ill

REPORT NO. _____

SOURCE Amateur Astronomer

DATE OF REPORT _____

DATE IN TO ATIC _____

TIME OF REPORTING night

COLOR yellowish red

SHAPE spherical

SPEED 10/sec

Estimated

SIZE "twice mars"

ALTITUDE _____

Measured

Estimated

Measured

COURSE SW to NE

LENGTH OF TRAIL OBSERVED _____

NO. IN GROUP 1

TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

SOUND _____

MANIPULATIONS _____

PHOTOS _____ SKETCHES _____

Robert Lewis McLean

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Mr. [REDACTED]
Vice President & Chief Engineer
[REDACTED]
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Receipt of your letter, dated 9 June 1949, which has been forwarded this Headquarters is respectfully acknowledged.

Although the information submitted by your letter does not contain sufficient detail to definitely establish the identity of the object sighted, there is a marked similarity between the description submitted and that of a celestial phenomenon commonly referred to as bolides or fire balls. Further research on this subject at the local Public Library should confirm or deny this hypothesis.

This explanation would not hold true for the second sighting mentioned if as inferred the object was under observation for a period of 5 to 10 minutes.

Your action in reporting this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

Director Astrospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama	RETURN TO:	K243.6012-1 Apr - Jan 1948
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

JUL 25 1949

SUBJECT: Correspondence Pertaining to "Flying Saucers"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

The inclosed letters which have been referred to the Chief of Staff are forwarded to you for necessary action.

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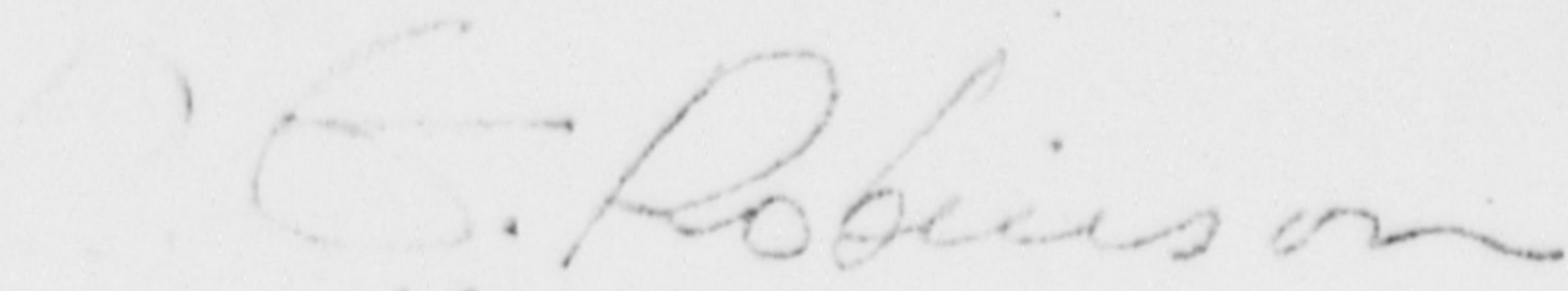
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July 18, 1949

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From: National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
 To: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, National
 Military Establishment, National Defense
 Building, Washington 25, D. C.
 Subject: Objects observed traversing night sky
 1. The attached letters are forwarded for appropriate
 action as a matter in which the Air Force has been active.


 R. G. Robinson
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Attachments

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Mr. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of June 9 furnishing information to the Government on objects observed traversing the night sky. This Committee has not been involved in the analysis of observations of this type. The United States Air Force has, however, been concerned and active in such analyses and is cognizant of the related defense aspects and we are therefore forwarding your letter to the Chief of Staff, USAF, for appropriate action.

The Committee is appreciative of your interest in the national defense.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR AERONAUTICS

R. G. Robinson
Assistant Director for Research

cc: Chief of Staff, USAF

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for Aeronautics
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Attention: Mr. J. F. Victory, Secretary

Gentlemen:

The following information is given primarily for the purpose of soliciting a probable answer to observations made over the last year and which the writer trusts will not be interpreted as representing "flying saucers" or similar unidentified observations of foreign origin. The reason for the inquiry arises from the fact that the objects in question have recently been observed by others and in all probability may be accounted for by routine flights of jet planes.

The writer operates a small astronomical observatory which contains a 6-1/2" refractor and suitable equipment for photographic recording. Specifically, a year ago in April while I was observing the night sky an object appeared in the southwest and crossed the sky in a northeasterly direction at a speed of something like 1° per second. The object appeared to be about twice the size of Mars and was yellowish red in color and spherical, though rather fuzzy in appearance. The speed was too great to be followed by the telescope and photographic equipment was not in readiness to record its true motion thru the sky.

It was not meteoric since its motion in general was too slow and it did not have the customary streamer tail which usually accompanies such an object. At that time it was assumed that it might be a jet plane in routine flight. A perusal of the newspapers the next morning made no mention of any record flight by jet planes and the incident was set aside only as a record memory.

Quite recently, however, a friend of mine in company with several other people reported a similar occurrence, this time moving from Northwest to Southeast at a somewhat lesser speed which was estimated such that it crossed the entire sky in something like five to ten minutes. A first-hand description indicated about the same color and size of the object but the two occurrences seemed to warrant our writing some authority closely associated with aviation with the thought of determining the probable nature of these objects and if associated in any way with our own national defense program.

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