PROJECT BLUE BOOK CARD Incident 249

ATIC NO. —

AF NO. —

REPORT NO. —

DATE OF REPORT —

TITLE OF SIGHTING —

SHAPE Circular

SIZE Morning sun with 40' - 50' of flame

COURSE —

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND None

PHOTOS — SKETCHES —

DATE OF INFO 11 Feb 49

LOCATION Curling East, Newfoundland

SOURCE Civilian Male

DATE IN TO ATIC —

COLOR Dull red

SPEED Slow

ALTITUDE Low

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 2-3 min.

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual - Ground

MANEUVERS S and L

Remarks: 314° from observer.
Photos of area in folder.

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(1 Jun 52)

Astro (Star/Planet)

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1st Ind 5/19,(3-7 p)Unidentified Aerial Photographs-2/5.

INCLOSURES: #1 Ltr 4-28(1-2 p)#2 Rpt 4/D(1-1 p) #2,Ltr to 4/D (2-2 p)#3, Statement 4/D (Total 5 p) #4, Statement 4/D (total 5 p)

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INCIDENT NO. 219

1. Date of Observation ~~11 Feb 1949~~ Date of Interview ~~25 April 1949~~

2. Exact Time (local) 0655

3. Place of Observation Curling East, Newfoundland 48° 57' 30" N 58° 29' 00" W

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object.

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size Size of sun when it rises (but not as bright)

8. Color of object dull red or orange when first seen

9. Shape ball or circular

10. Altitude 1000 ft. 20° at 13 1/2 miles

11. Direction from observer 314°

12. Distance from observer 13 1/2 miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) S then SW

14. Time in sight 4 min.

15. Speed Traveled 11° at 13 1/2 miles in 4 minutes (calculated 40 MPH)

16. Sound and odor None noted

17. Trail Estimated to be 100 yds. long after burst looked like blow/torch flame.

18. Luminosity Glowing - faded then flamed.

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers Faded from sight then flamed and disappeared.

21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared behind 2,000 ft. hill.

22. Effect on Clouds None

23. Additional Information Concerning Object- Aerial search of area made with negative results.

24. Weather Conditions. CAVU

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Page 2 Incident _____

Name and address of observer: [redacted] Georgestown, Newfoundland

Occupation and hobbies: Paper finisher

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s): Illiterate and very inarticulate considered reliable by Police.

NARRATIVE [redacted] do hereby make the following true statement to Captain Wm. H. Smith of the United States Air Force.

At 5 minutes to 7 on the morning of February 11th, 1949, I was standing on the corner by Simmon and Furlong's store in Curling East, Newfoundland, waiting for the Bus to go to work when I saw a dull red or red orange ball over the Blow-Me-Down Light, then it died out and then I saw it again. She spread open in a long flame shaped something like a blow torch flame. When I saw it it looked about the size of the Sun when it rises only not as bright, it was red purple or bluish when it flamed out long with little bits of flame on it like Fuel Oil when it burns. It was about 3 miles North West of Blow-Me-Down Light when I saw it headed towards St. George's, then it seemed to turn and head west over Lark Harbour and go down and disappear. It was high over the Head, it looked like it was 6 inches above the land which means it was quite high actually. I called Jim Byrnes attention to it and said to him "Jim what do you think of that?" I told him that I thought it was an Airplane crashing or a ship in distress and shooting off flares and that I was going to report it to the Police when I got to work. I did report it to the Police. When we got on the Bus the driver said he saw the ball of fire in the sky at 25 minutes to 7. I don't know who the driver was.

s/ [redacted]

WITNESS.
s/ H. Merrigan

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16 May 1949 1st Ind

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249

HQ, NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND, MATS, APO 862, c/o PM, NY, 19 May 49

TO: CG, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Attention is invited to basic communication. Report of Investigation referred to in Par 1, basic communication was forwarded as Inclosure #1 to 3rd Indorsement, this Headquarters, dated 4 May 1949, to letter, your Headquarters, dated 31 March 1949, Subject: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249.

2. An additional copy of Ernest Harmon AFB report of investigation dated 28 April 1949, just received, is attached hereto.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Marion C. Miller
MARION C. MILLER
Major, Inf (USAF)
AC/S, Intelligence

1 Incl:
Rpt of Inves dtd
28 Apr 49

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Date 19 MAY 49 [illegible]
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HEADQUARTERS
ERNEST HARMON AIR FORCE BASE
(1226th AIR BASE GROUP, NBC-MATS)
APO 864, % Postmaster
New York, New York

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16 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249

THRU : Commanding General
Headquarters Newfoundland Base Command
Military Air Transport Service
APO 862, % Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

TO : Commanding General
Headquarters Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAXO-3.

1. Reference Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249, and Paragraph 7 Report of Investigation, this Headquarters, dated 28 April 1949, an aerial search of the area was conducted from 2 through 6 May 1949 with negative results.

2. Reference Appendix #1 of above report, the following bounded area was searched with a total of 12:05 hours of aerial search: 49°05'N Latitude - 58°09'W Longitude; Northwest to 49°09'N - 58°23'W; South Southwest to 48°48'N - 58°37'W; East to 48°48'N - 58°12'W; then North to first position.

3. The following types of aircraft were utilized in the search:

a. One (1) SA-10 - 4:35 hours flying time
b. Two (3) L-5 - 5:20 " " "
c. One (1) H-5 - 2:10 " " "

4. Results were negative, the area of the object's probable contact with the surface, 49°01'W - 58°23'N, was most thoroughly searched.

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The terrain throughout the area covered is exceptionally rugged and most elevations above five hundred (500) feet are barren of vegetation and heavily snow covered.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WILLIAM H. SMITH
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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New York, New York

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28 April 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249

1. For details of observation of "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249" see statements of observers and their interrogation attached hereto as appendices Nos 3 and 4.

2. Mr. W[redacted]s and Mr. [redacted] were contacted at Bowater's pulp and Paper Company, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, through the aid of the local police and Bowater's Pulp and Paper Company.

3. The Investigator visited the scene of the observation twice with the two observers and obtained signed statements from them. The statements were considered to vague due to the length of time involved since the incident, 11 February 1949, and the lack of education, and intelligence of the observers; therefore, the investigating officer interrogated each observer thoroughly. The results of each interrogation is covered on the Guide to Investigation for each party.

4. All leads uncovered were traced with negative results. The bus driver, who also observed the phenomena, could not be located. The buses used in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, are private cars, individually owned and do not operate on a set route or schedule.

5. Both observers were very inarticulate, and cannot read or write, except for signing their names; however, each observer appears to be an average Newfoundlander - a hardy, trustworthy type of individual, tending to be more on the conservative side when stating facts; that is, it has been this Officer's experience that a Newfoundlander of the types interrogated is straight forward, truthful and does not tend to exaggerate as much as some more literate and intelligent peoples.

6. Photographs were taken at the scene of the observation, on 26 April 1949, Curling East, Newfoundland and also at Petries, Newfoundland, to show the terrain and position of the phenomena. Appendix 2.

7. The terrain on which the object appeared to land is very rugged and inaccessible and will have to be searched by air. The undersigned will conduct a search as soon as the weather permits.

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8. Each observer was interrogated regarding flares and rockets. Neither observer has ever seen a ship's rocket, flare or toy rocket fired. The possibility of the object being a meteorite exists. According to both observers, it was day light when the object was sighted. The sunrise for the local area was 1110/Z, 11 February 1949.

9. Both men seemed to be in good physical and mental health. Mr. [redacted] stated that his eyes were not as good as they were when he was younger, and that he did need glasses.

10. The following additional contacts were made concerning the incident with negative results:

a. Corner Brook Police.

b. Taxi driver, who operates in Corner Brook - Curling area.

c. Harbor Master, Captain Dykes, Chief Pilot and Harbor Master for the Port of Corner Brook. Captain Dykes stated that the Bay of Islands, St. Lawrence Gulf, and Humber Arm were covered with sea ice during early February 1949, and that he did not have knowledge of any ships in distress or in the vicinity of the Bay of Islands at that time.

(EVALUATION F-3 - Overall Report)

WILLIAM H. SMITH
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

4 Appendices:
1 - Photostat of Map of Bay of Islands
2 - Photographs - taken at Curling East & Petries, Nfld
3 - Statement & interrogation of Wm [redacted]s
4 - " " [redacted]

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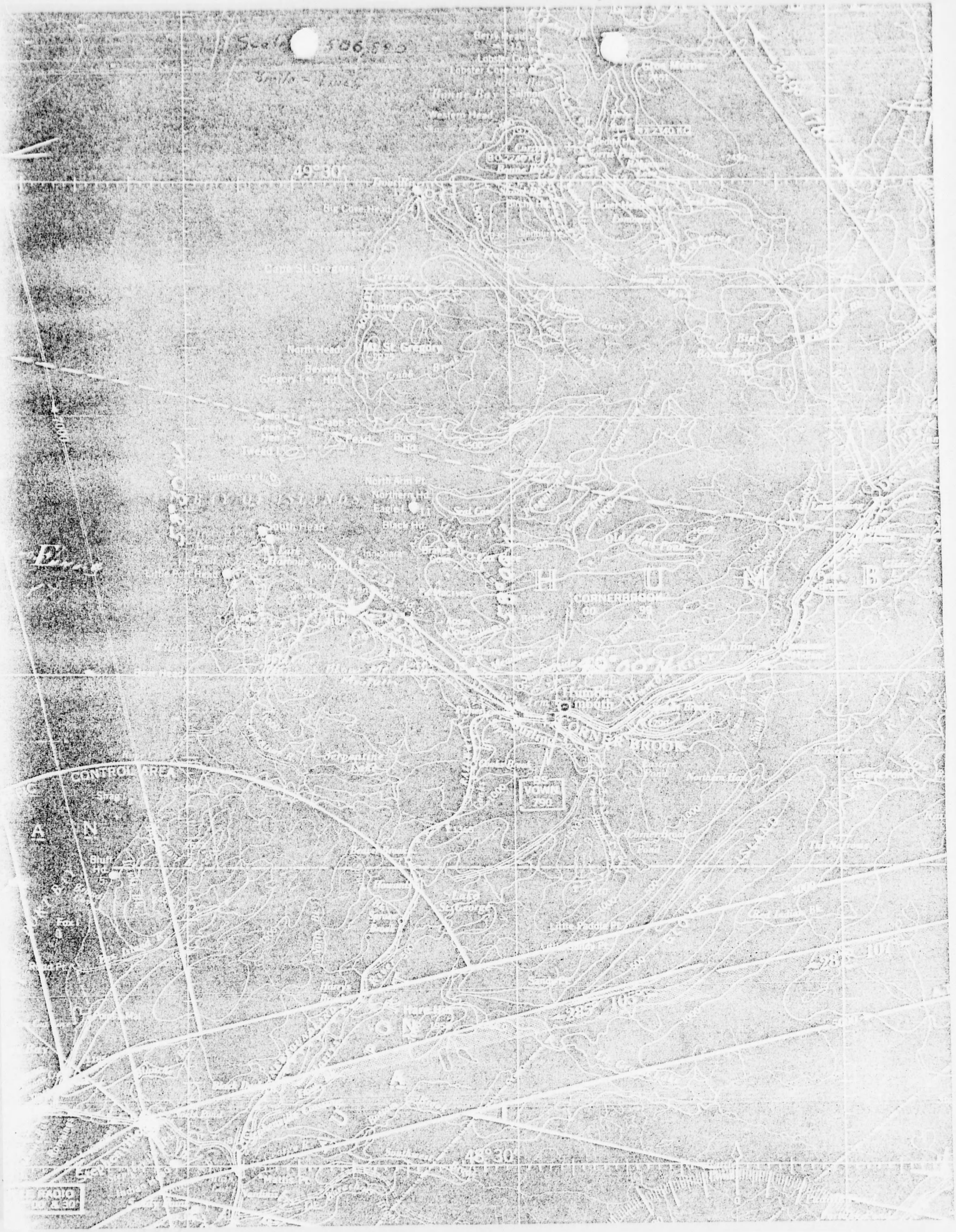
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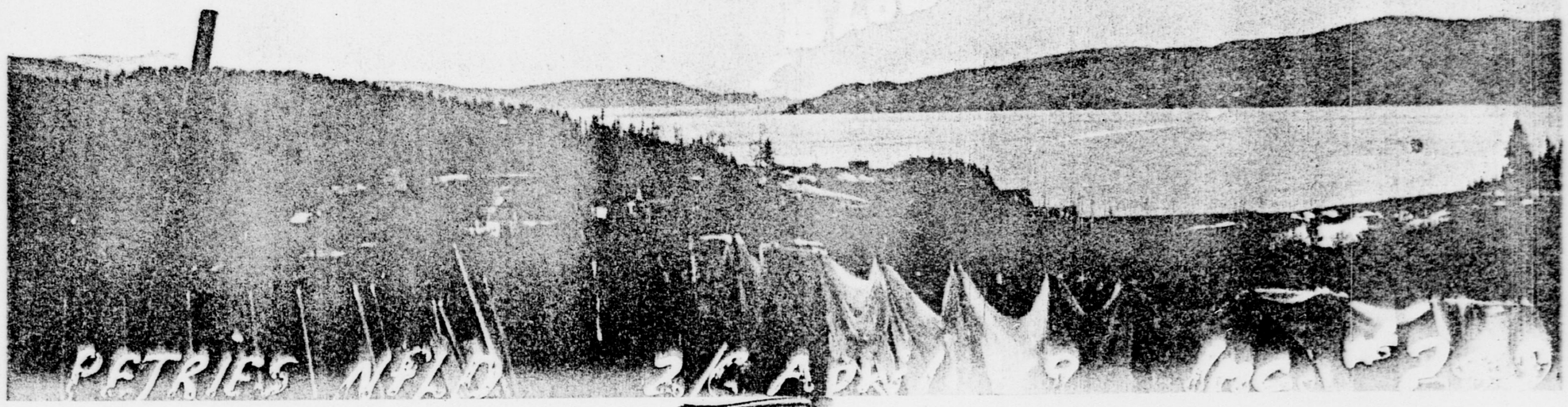

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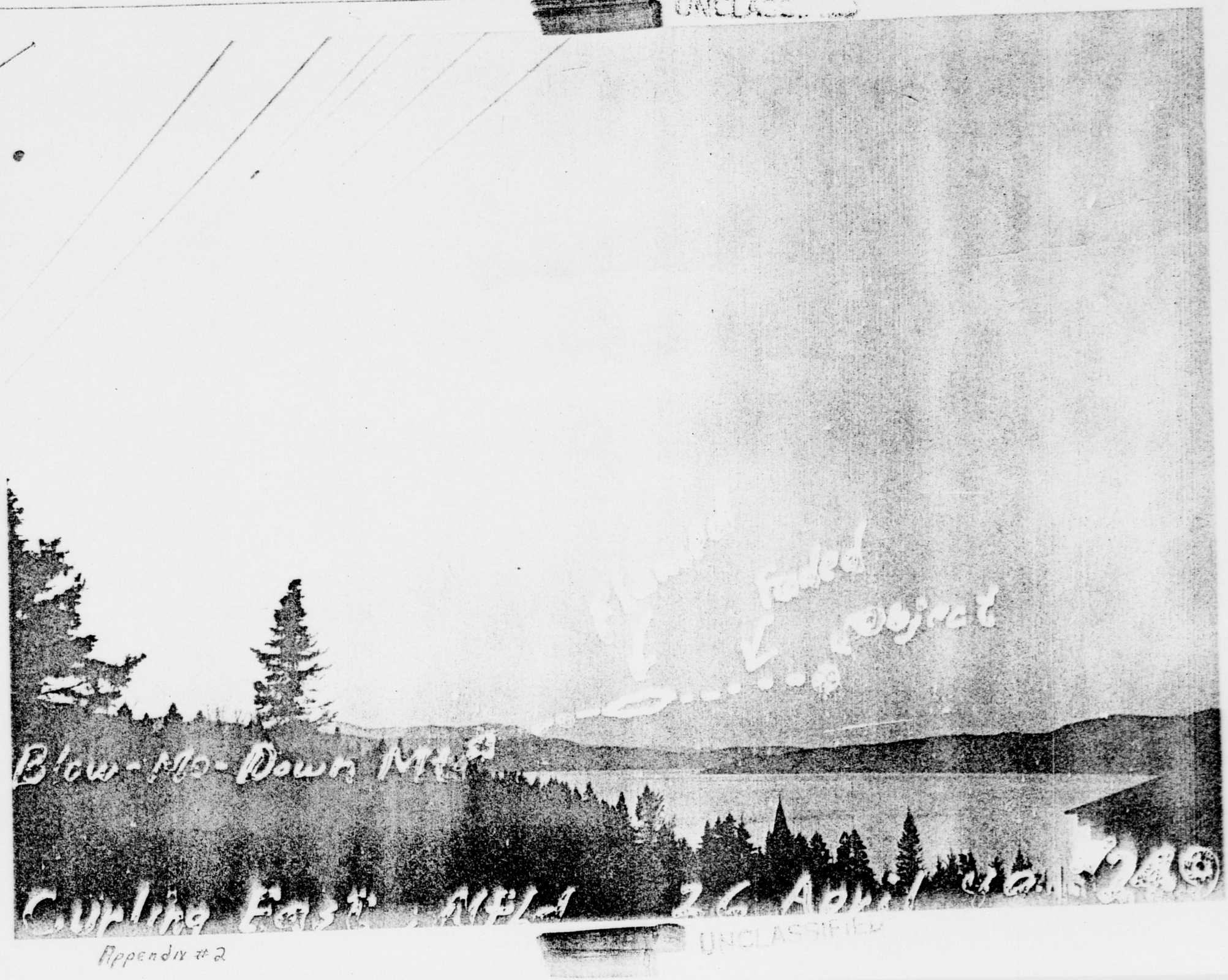

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I [redacted] do hereby make the following true statement to Captain Wm. H. Smith of the United States Air Force.

At about 5 minutes to 7 on February 11th 1949 while I was waiting on the bus at Curling East, to go to work [redacted] a friend of mine called my attention to a red ball of fire in the sky. We were just looking down the river at the time and saw it, it was dull red not bright and over Frenchams Head. I didn't notice whether it moved or not, the reddish ball was about like the morning sun in size, and then it faded out and then flamed long with little flickers of flame on it like oil burning. It looked very long when it flamed about 40 or 50 feet as I would measure right here. I'd say it was 10 mile on the other side of Frenchmans Head.

When it flamed long it seemed wider in the middle than at the ends. I watched it for maybe a total of two or three minutes then it seemed to just go out slowly. Mr. [redacted] said he was going to report it. The Bus Driver said he saw it too. I don't remember who he was, if I can find out I will let you know.

s/ [redacted]

Witnessed.
s/ M. Merrigan

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Incident No. 249

1. Date of Observation 11 February 1949 Date of Interview 25 April 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0655/L

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) Lat. 48°57'30"N - Long. 58°29'00"W (Curling East, Newfoundland)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details): On ground at Simmons and Furlongs Store, Curling East, Nfld, waiting for bus. Observer was looking Northwest down the Humber Arm.

5. What attracted attention to object: Just looking down Humber Arm when object was sighted; Mr. Wells had called observer's attention to it.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or groupings: One - First observed as circular, then it faded and then flamed.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Compares it to a barrel or about the size of the morning sun. After it flared or flamed, the flame was described as very long about 40 to 50 ft., as he would look at such distance if it were directly in front of him. (NOTE: Observer was not able to comprehend the use of the fingers, thumb or fist for measurements).

8. Color of object: First observation - sort of red, dull not bright; second observation - when the object flamed it looked like oil on fire with little bits of flame on it.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): First observation - Round like a ball; second - long elliptical flame, wider in the center than at the ends with little tits or flickers of flame in it.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): Looked 40 to 50 ft high over the land at about 20 miles distance. (Observer not qualified to estimate the angular altitude).

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): Approximate due Northwest.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): 20-3/4 miles from observer.

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13. Direction of flight of object(s): Observer didn't notice the object move.

14. Time in sight: About two (2) or three (3) minutes.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Observer did not notice movement of object.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc): None, except flame as described in Par. 7, 8 and 9.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Like fire dull red, and when the object flamed it was bluish, like oil when it burns.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc): None, except the little flickers of flame projecting in the second observation.

20. Maneuvres (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): None.

21. Manner of disappearances: Slowly the flame went out and disappeared.

22. Effect of clouds: None, weather CAVU.

23. Additional information concerning object: Bus driver saw the object at 0635/L as a red ball in the sky, when he was out on the road between Curling East and Corner Brook Lat. 48°57'N - Long. 57°57'W. (Buses are private cars operated by private individuals). Mr. Byrns does not know who the bus driver was.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: CAVU.

Name and address of observer: [redacted]; [redacted]; 44 years old; unmarried.

Occupation and Hobbies: Laborer; never attended school; illiterate; very inarticulate and of little intelligence.

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Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc): Mr. [redacted], foreman of the Town Department, Bowaters Company, stated [redacted] has worked for him and he has known [redacted] for over ten (10) years and rates him as reliable and of excellent character.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses, at the time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? No.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Mingan 015 172/-15/-23 NNW10, received 1127/Z, 11 Feb. 49
Gander QX E200 25 15 118/5/4/ 10 983 919 FC2 AS2CS6 AS150, received 0935/Z, 11 Feb 49.
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Ernest Harmon JT E70 30 10 112/12/19 985 324 SCLAS6, received 0935/Z, 11 Feb 49.
Goose YR 030 130/18/2 17 989 105 RANDI, received 0946/Z, 11 Feb 49.

2. Winds aloft report:

Mingan 18803 RAWIN 03210 13113 22814 32715 42718 52725 62730 72935 82739 92743 99991 02750 02655 42664 62671 82671 99992 02653 52670 received 1028/Z, 11 Feb 49.
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Gander QX10 03209 3214 23216 3514 43217 2716 62617 2818 82824, received 1110, 11 Feb 49.
Argentia AR10 PIFI, received 1110/Z, 11 Feb 49.
Harmon JT09 RAWIN 03610 0216 20113 3611 43411 3218 63029 2927 82832 2736 99991 02737 22538 42542 62554 82785 99992 02591 57320

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time; (Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None. Reported by 1. Moncton Oceanic Control
2. Ernest Harmon Base Operations
3. Bowaters Airstrip, Little Rapids, Nfld.
4. Newfoundland Airways, St. John's, Nfld.

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4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other:

None.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils:

Investigator has not been able to search terrain due to its inaccessibility, and poor flying weather. An aerial search will be made and the results forwarded.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

a. Photographs were taken at site of observation. Negatives and photographs attached hereto.

7. Secure signed statements: Appended hereto.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. None.

s/ William H. Smith
WILLIAM H. SMITH
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5. What attracted attention to object: Just looking down Humber Arm when object was sighted.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or groupings: One dull red object which faded from sight, then flamed and disappeared.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Size of a barrel head up close or approximately the size of sun or moons disk as it rises (NOTE: Observer's intelligence was not sufficient to comprehend measuring the object with his hand, fingers or thumb held at arms length) when it flamed only the trail or flame could be seen, estimated to be approximately 100 yards long or more and shaped like a blow torch flame with little flickers of flame through it.

8. Color of Object: Dull red ball when first sighted. Flame on second sighting was red, purple or bluish.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Ball or circular shaped like a barrel head. Faded from view, then flamed with flame resembling a blowtorch flame with flickers or tints of flame through it.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): About 6 inches over the horizon. Observer showed this officer a small cloud in the same area at the altitude of the object which was approximately 20 degrees above the horizon at 13½ miles.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): 314°T

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): First sighted 3 miles NW of Blow Me Down light; Lat. 49004'N - Long. 58o 10'W (13½ miles on map). Disappeared 4 miles West of light (14½ miles on map) behind Blowmedown Mountain, which is 2,125 ft elevation at that point.

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13. Direction of flight of object (s): Heading South toward St. George's then veered to Southwest.

14. Time in sight: Estimated four (4) minutes.

15. Speed (time to cover angular distance): Observed through approximately 11° of horizon at approximately 13½ miles.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.): Does not remember. Object when first sighted had no trail, faded and when it reappeared and flamed, the flame travelled and was approximately 100 yards or longer.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Visible by object's exhaust or incandescence; was dull red ball then faded and flamed, long flame red, purple or bluish with flickers of flame similar to fuel oil burning. Reflections of flame could be seen after object disappeared behind Blowmedown mountain.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None observed, only dull red ball then flame.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): Turned from a Southerly Easterly direction to Westerly. It was in a gentle curved course to the ground when observed.

21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind Blowmeddown Mountain - Lat. 49°00'N - Long. 58°15'W.

22. Effect on clouds: None. Weather was CAVU.

23. Additional information concerning object: Observer figured the phenomena was a burning airplane or rockets fired by a ship in distress. Bus driver saw the object at 0635/L. Wells cannot remember who the bus driver is. (Buses in this area are private cars operated by individuals totalling over 50 separate buses).

24. Weather conditions and light at the time of sighting : CAVU.

Name and Address of observer: [redacted], in Georgestown (near Petries), Nfld. [redacted].

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Occupation and hobbies: Paper Finisher at Bowaters Paper Company, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Lat. 48°57'N - Long. 57°57'W. Observer is 45 years old, married, and went thru the second grade in school; cannot read or write and is very inarticulate.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Rated as reliable and trustworthy by police and employers. Taxi owner, [redacted], knew him for three years, and says same as foregoing. Worked for Mr. [redacted] foreman of Bowaters Company, for approximately ten (10) years. Reliable and of good character. Investigator notes observer is very confident of his sighting; says he could have described it better if we had contacted him right after he had reported it. His intelligence quotient would be quite low.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at the time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No - object was viewed from ground.

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Goose YR 030 130/18/2 17 989 105 RANDI, received 0946?Z, 11 Feb 49.

2. Winds aloft report:

Mingan 18803 RAWIN 03210 13113 22814 32715 42718 52725 62730 72935 82739 92743 99991 02750 02655 42664 62671 82671 99992 02653 52670 received 1028/Z, 11 Feb 49.
Goose 81603 RAWIN 02922 12931 22931 33030 43031 53032 62941 72943 82943. 92943 99991 02943 2284 42766 62(71 82769 0 received 1028/Z, 11 Feb 49.
Gander QX10 03209 3214 23216 3514 43217 2716 62617 2818 82824, received 1110, 11 Feb 49.
Argentia AR10 PIFI, received 1110/Z, 11 Feb 49.
Harmon JT09 RAWIN 03610 0216 20113 3611 43411 3218 63029 2927 82832 2736 99991 02737 22538 42542 62554 82785 99992 02591 57320

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time; (Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None. Reported by 1. Moncton Oceanic Control
2. Ernest Harmon Base Operations
3. Bowaters Airstrip, Little Rapids, Nfld.
4. Newfoundland Airways, St. John's, Nfld

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other:

None.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils:

Investigator has not been able to search terrain due to its inaccessibility, and poor flying weather. An aerial search will be made and the results forwarded.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not secure sketches of:

Photographs were taken at site of observation. Negatives and photographs attached hereto.

7. Secure signed statements: Appended hereto.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: None.

s/ William H. Smith
WILLIAM H. SMITH
Captain, USAF
A-2

A TRUE COPY:

JEROME S. ARNOLD
Colonel, USAF
Executive Officer

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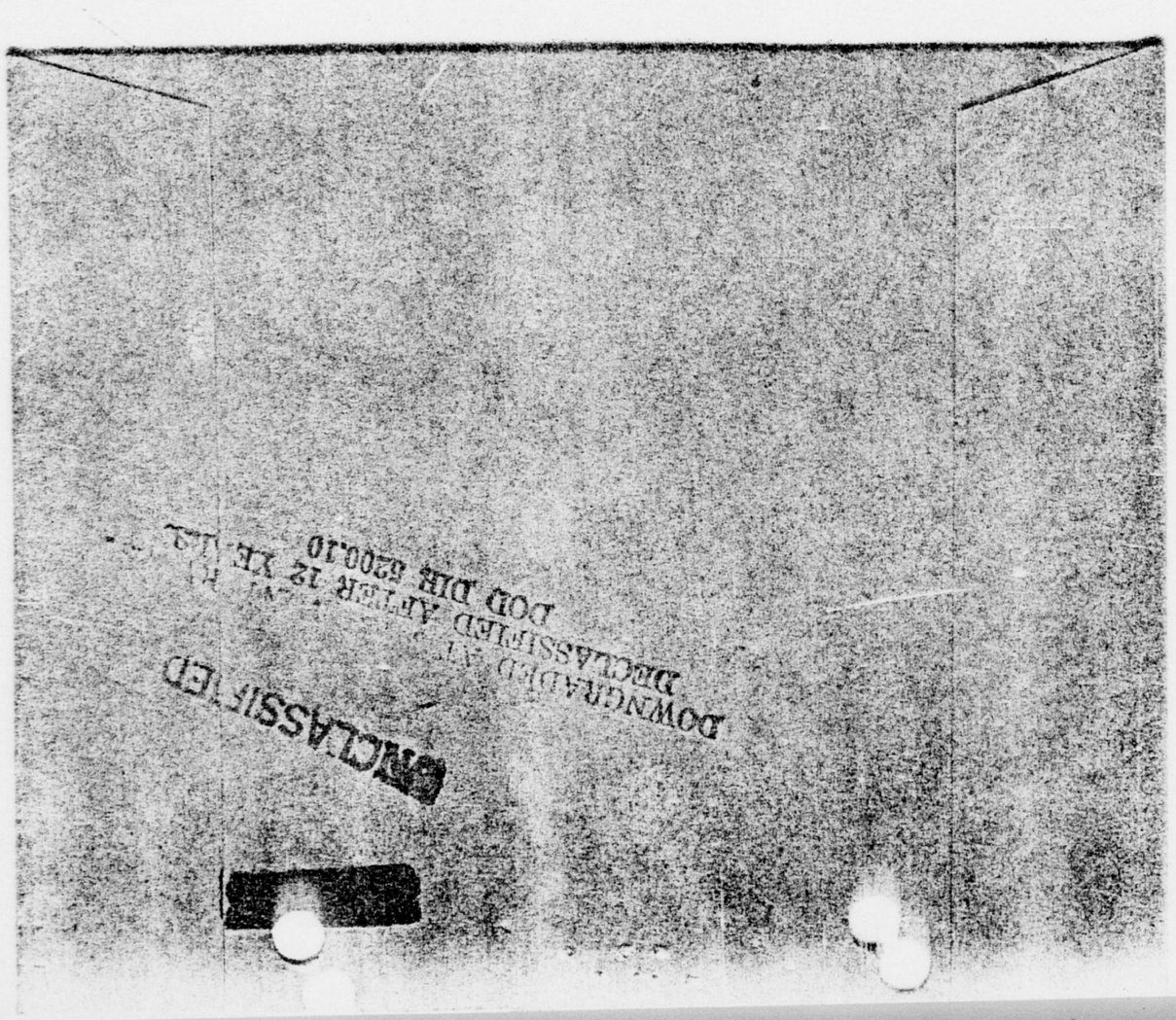
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Mar 31 1949 4th Ind

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249

HQ, NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND, MATS, APO 862, c/o PM, NY, NY, 4 May 49

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAXO-3

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement and attached report of investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Marion C. Miller

MARION C. MILLER
Major, Inf (USAF)
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FROM: Northeastern Sea Command TO: CG AAC HP Attn: [redacted]

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Mar 31 1949 2nd Ind.

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249

HEADQUARTERS, ERNEST HARMON AIR FORCE BASE, (1226th Air Base Group, NBC-MATS), APO 864, % Postmaster, New York, N.Y. 28 April 1949.

THRU: Commanding General, Headquarters Newfoundland Base Command, APO 862, % Postmaster, New York, N.Y. ATTN: AC/S, A-2.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAXO-3.

1. Basic communication and Par. 2, 1st Indorsement, dated 19 April 1949, complied with.

2. Transmitted herewith investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena - 249, in quadruplicate.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

William H. Smith

WILLIAM H. SMITH
Captain, USAF
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2 Incls:
W/D Guide to Investigation (dup)
1. Summary of Information (1 cy)
2. Report of Investigation Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249.

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Mar 31 1949 1st Ind

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249

HQ, NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND, MATS, APO 862, c/o PM, NY, NY, 19 Apr 49

TO: CO, 1226th ABG, APO 864, Ernest Harmon AFB, Stephenville, NF
ATTN: Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation on 18 April 1949 between the Intelligence Officer, your station, and the Deputy AC/S, A-2, this Headquarters, concerning the matter contained in basic communication.

2. Request investigation of the incident be conducted by your Headquarters and report prepared in accordance with existing instructions be forwarded through this Headquarters to Commanding General, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio Attention: MCIAXO-3.

3. Attached hereto as Inclosure #2 is a Summary of Information reflecting all known information concerning this incident.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HAYNES:

Marion C Miller
MARION C. MILLER
Major, Inf (USAF)
AC/S, Intelligence

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1. Guide to Investigation (dup)
2. Summary of Information

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Air Materiel Command

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

MAR 31 1949

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND ENVELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

MCIAXO

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 249

TO: Commanding General Base Command
APO 862, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to February incoming message XC-018 regarding sighting of an unidentified aerial phenomena 11 February 1949 by [redacted] and [redacted].

2. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed signed statements of the phenomena reported in referenced communication.

3. As an aid to the investigating officer in obtaining the desired information, three copies of our Guide to Investigation are forwarded herewith as Inclosure 1.

4. Results of investigation should be directed to Commanding General, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. J. Henebert Jr.
Lt. Col. USAF

1 Incl
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W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Intelligence Department

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena - 219

TO: Commanding General Base Command
ASC 262, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to February Incoming message XC-013 regarding sighting of an unidentified aerial phenomena 11 February 1949 by [redacted] and [redacted].

2. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed signed statements of the phenomena reported in referenced communication.

3. As an aid to the investigating officer in obtaining the desired information, three copies of our Guide to Investigation are forwarded herewith as Inclosure 1.

4. Results of investigation should be directed to Commanding General, Headquarters Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention MCIAXO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Intelligence Department

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Bsc Ltr fr Hqs., MBC, dtd 19 May 1949, Subj:"Unidentified Aerial Phenomena"

1st Ind. D/PL/INT/JAH/cva

HQS., MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

JUN 7 1949

TO: Headquarters, USAF, Director of Intelligence, ATTN: Air Intelligence Requirements Division, Washington 25, D. C.

1. A supplementary report attached to basic correspondence is forwarded for your information .

2. The letter of 5 May 1949, subject: "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena", was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement on 11 May 1949.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl:
n/c

H. S. HARRIS
Lt. Col., USAF
Actg. Chief, Intelligence Division

AFOIR-CO-5 2nd Ind

13 JUN 1949

Dept. of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAX

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HEADQUARTERS
NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND
FORT PEPPERRELL, ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.
APO 862, c/o POSTMASTER, N.Y., N.Y.

19 May 1949

IN REPLY
REFER TO .....

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commander
Military Air Transport Service
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Intelligence Division

Reference is made to letter, this Headquarters, dated 5 May 1949, subject as above. Attached hereto is supplemental report covering results of aerial search, results of which were negative.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Marion C. Miller

MARION C. MILLER
Major, Inf (USAF)
AC/S, Intelligence

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