

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

<p>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</p> <p>7 June 49 07/1710Z</p>	<p>2. LOCATION</p> <p>Springfield, Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">356</p>
<p>4. SOURCE</p> <p>Civilian</p>	<p>10. CONCLUSION</p> <p>BALLOON</p>
<p>6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</p> <p>One</p>	
<p>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>5 Seconds</p>	
<p>3. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>Ground-Visual</p>	<p>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</p> <p>Object flew directly overhead at what appeared to be a very high altitude. Object appeared to be white, round in shape, apparently of metallic construction. When first sighted object was flying horizontally, then it took an abrupt vertical ascent and later descended to its former position. Information indicates weather balloon from Bedford AFB, Mass. could have been in that area during the time of the sighting. Observer was evidently off on his estimate of the duration of the sighting since it could not have gone through the motion he described in 5 seconds.</p>
<p>7. COURSE</p> <p>E and NE</p>	
<p>8. PHOTOS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS, WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE  
(1600TH AIR TRANSPORT WING, ATLD-MATS)  
WESTOVER FIELD, MASS.

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17 June 1949

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

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

In compliance with request contained in TWA EDC 206 your Headquarters, dated 16 June 1949, the following information is submitted according to the requirements outlined in AF Memorandum #4, dated 15 February 1949:

A. GENERAL

1. Date of sighting - 7 June 1949.
2. Time of sighting - 1210 EDST.
3. Where sighted - In front of residence at 37 Pineywoods Avenue, Springfield, Mass. Unable to determine exact distance from the city.
4. Number of objects - one.
5. It is not believed that any observable celestial phenomena or planets could account for the sighting.
6. Observer unable to determine distance of object. Object flew directly overhead at what appeared to be an extremely high altitude.
7. Time of sighting - 5 seconds.
8. Object appeared to be white, round in shape, apparently of metallic construction, and approximately the size of a small jet fighter type plane.
9. Direction of flight - east and northeast from Springfield, Mass.
10. When first sighted the object was flying horizontally, when it took an abrupt vertical ascent and later descended to its former position.

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11. There was no evidence of exhaust of any kind.
12. It was a clear day with very few clouds. The object did not penetrate into nor fly near any clouds. Nor was it reflected on any clouds.
13. There were no visible lights.
14. There were no wings or other visible support of any kind, but the object could have been a rotating cylinder of some type.
15. The method of propulsion could not be determined from the observer's position.
16. The observer was unable to determine any facts regarding control and stability such as fins, stabilizers, etc.
17. There were no visible air ducts.
18. Speed was estimated by the observer to be somewhere between 400-500 miles per hour.
19. There was no sound emitted by the object.
20. The object faded from view.

**B. RELATIVE TO OBSERVER**

1. Name - Mr. [REDACTED]
2. Address [REDACTED], Springfield, Mass.
3. Occupation - writer.
4. Place of business - residence, same as above.
5. No pertinent hobbies.
6. Ability to determine:
  - a. Color - fair
  - b. Speed of moving object - fair
  - c. Size at distance - fair
7. Reliability of observer - excellent according to reports of neighbors and records of Police Department.

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8. a. First time that he had ever sighted an object of this type going at such a speed.
- b. Attention was drawn to object by the fact that a large plane happened to be passing at the same time at a lower altitude.
9. There were no other witnesses to the sighting.
10. The observer gave evidence of being a person of excellent character with a high degree of intelligence.

C. RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS: Negative.

D. GENERAL

1. Teletype sequence of local weather conditions :

- a. CEE - 4,000 scattered.
- b. Visibility - 15 miles.
- c. Sea level pressure - 078 millibars.
- d. Temperature - 72°
- e. Dew point - 45
- f. Wind from northwest - 20 miles per hour.
- g. Altimeter setting: 974 inches

2. Winds aloft

- a. 5,000 ft - wind from northwest - 15 knots
- b. 10,000 ft - winds from southwest at 35 knots
- c. 17,000 ft - winds from southwest 25 knots

3. Not applicable

4. There are indications that weather balloons released at New Bedford Air Base, Mass., could have been in the vicinity of the sighting and at the time indicated.

5. Does not apply.

6. Does not apply.

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7. No photographs available.
8. Signed statements not available, but could be obtained at a later date if desired.
9. No fragments or physical evidence available.
10. No radio antenna observed.

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ARCHIE F. ROY  
Capt., USAF  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF  
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-17

21 June 1949

**SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY**

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

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, subject and file as above, dated 7 June 1949, inclosing report of investigation by Special Agent LEO M. CHRISTIANSON, DO #16, dated 1 June 1949.

2. Information has been received from the 16th OSI District (IG) that so much of paragraph 3 of referenced report as reads, "When GABEL located the airplane, he said it was an F-81...." should be corrected to read "When  located the airplane, he said it was an F-51...."

*John Jussell*  
*for WDSG USAF*  
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR  
Captain, USAF  
Acting District Commander

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CONTROL NO. **R - 919** SUBJECT: **Ltr Project GRUDGE** DECIMAL FILE NO. **R-2794** FOLLOW UP ON  
**CONF...** DATE  
 FROM: **5D-OSI** DATED **6/21/49**  
 TO: **IAXS** NO. INCLS. **0**  
 RECORDING **AXT-1** DATE **6/22/49** HOUR **1330**  
 DESK RECORDED

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS			
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DATE OF REPLY OTHER DISPOSITION: TRANSMITTAL  
 AMC FORM NO. 10-2  
 (20 NOV. 47)  
 SEE OTHER SIDE FOR REMARKS

CONTROL NO. **R - 407** SUBJECT: **TWX Info On Flying Object** DECIMAL FILE NO. **R-1061** FOLLOW UP ON  
 DATE  
 FROM: **Westover Fld Mass** DATED **6/9/49**  
 TO: **IAXS** NO. INCLS. **0**  
 RECORDING **AXT-1** DATE **6/9/49** HOUR **1330**  
 DESK RECORDED

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS	<i>W/A</i>		
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 AMC FORM NO. 10-2  
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CONTROL NO. **R - 833** SUBJECT: **Ltr Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft** DECIMAL FILE NO. **R-2043** FOLLOW UP ON  
 DATE  
 FROM: **HQ Westover Fld Mass** DATED **6/17/49**  
 TO: **IAXS** NO. INCLS. **0**  
 RECORDING **AXT-1** DATE **6/21/49** HOUR **0800**  
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1 IAXS	<i>N/R</i>	<i>FWT</i>	<i>21 June</i>
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**R - 919** | **Project GRUME** | | |  
 | **CONF...** | **R-2294** | | |  
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CONTROL NO. | SUBJECT: **TWX** | DECIMAL FILE NO. | FOLLOW UP ON  
**R - 407** | **Info On Flying Object** | | |  
 FROM: **Westover Fld Mass** | DATED **6/9/49**  
 TO: **IAXS** | NO. INCL. **0**  
 RECORDING **AXT-1** | DATE **6/9/49** | HOUR **1330**  
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CONTROL NO. | SUBJECT: **Ltr** | DECIMAL FILE NO. | FOLLOW UP ON  
**R - 833** | **Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft** | | |  
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1. Date of Observation 7 June 1949 Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_
2. Exact Time (local) **1210 EDST**
3. Place of Observation **Springfield, Mass.**
4. Position of observer **Ground**
5. What attracted attention to object.
6. Number of objects **1** **Noticed while watching plane in sky**
7. Apparent size **of jet plane.**
8. Color of object **White (not shiny).**
9. Shape **Spherical**
10. Altitude **Extremely high**
11. Direction from observer **Overhead**
12. Distance from observer **Unable to determine**
13. Direction of flight of object(s) **Easterly and Northeasterly**
14. Time in sight **5 Seconds**
15. Speed **400-500 MPH**
16. Sound and odor **None**
17. Trail **None**
18. Luminosity
19. Projections **None**
20. Maneuvers **First horizontal flight, then abrupt vertical ascent, then returned to former level.**
21. Manner of disappearance **Faded from view.**
22. Effect on Clouds **Object not near clouds.**
23. Additional Information Concerning Object **Information indicates weather balloon from Bedford AFB, Mass., could have been in area during time of sighting.**
24. Weather Conditions. **Visibility 15 Miles, 20 MPH, wind from N.W.**

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Name and address of observer:

Mr. [REDACTED],  
Springfield, Mass.

Occupation and hobbies:

**Writer**

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

**Excellent character with high degree of intelligence, fair observer.**

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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FM JEBAB6A/CG ATLD MATS WESTOVER AFB MASS

TO JEDC/CG AMC WRIGHT PATTESON AFB DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCIAXO-3

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FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED BY MR. ██████████ CMA THREE  
 SEVEN PINEWOODS AVENUE CMA SPRINGFIELD CMA MASS PD WHILE AT  
 HOME AT ABOUT ONE TWO ONE ZERO EDST ON SEVEN JUNE ONE NINE FOUR  
 NINE HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROUNDISH OBJECT ABOUT SIZE  
 OF JET PLANE CMA BUT WITHOUT WINGS CMA TRAVELING IN EASTERLY  
 DIRECTION AT ABOUT SPEED OF JET PLANE CMA FOUR ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE  
 ZERO ZERO MILES PER HOUR PD OBJECT WHITE BUT NOT SHINY  
 FIRST TIME HE HAD EVER SIGHTED UNUSUAL OBJECT OF THIS TYPE CMA  
 THAT HE COULD NOT READILY IDENTIFY PD HE IS CERTAIN THAT OBJECT  
 WAS NOT WEATHER BALLOON CMA NOR CONVENTIAONAL AIRCRAFT PD  
 DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN EXACT SIZE OF OBJECT BECAUSE OF EXTREME  
 ALTITUDE CMA BUT OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SPHERICAL PD

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**TELETYPE MESSAGE**

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FROM: **ANC**

DATE: **14 June 1949**

TO: **CO Westover AF Base, Massachusetts**

**MALCOLM D. SEASHORE**  
**Lt Colonel, USAF**  
**Acting Chief, Intelligence Department**  
NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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TELETYPE NO: **MC IAXS-6-2 Reference your teletype, 9 June 1949, ATLD OIN 4-101,**  
**reporting unidentified aerial object. Request full written report as outlined in**  
**Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum No. 4, dated 15 February 1949.**

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