

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| <p>1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br/>19 June 1949 19/1700Z</p>   | <p>2. LOCATION<br/>Oak Ridge, Tennessee 380</p>  |
| <p>3. SOURCE<br/>Civilian</p>   | <p>10. CONCLUSION<br/>BALLOON</p>  |
| <p>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br/>Three</p>   |  |
| <p>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br/>12 - 15 Minutes</p>   |  |
| <p>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br/>Ground-Visual</p>   |  |
| <p>7. COURSE<br/>SE to NW</p>   | <p>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br/><br/>Appeared as a rectangular object. Bright metal on top, dark underneath. Flat circular object, color of frosted glass. Rectangular objects moved in wave-like fashion. Circular object level flight.</p> |
| <p>8. PHOTOS<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>            |  |
| <p>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |  |

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

27 June 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

CIC FAO #8, P.O. BOX 379, Knoxville, Tennessee

SUBJECT

Flying Saucers at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

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 USUALLY RELIABLE . . . . . B  
 FAIRLY RELIABLE . . . . . C  
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 RELIABILITY UNKNOWN . . . . . F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1  
 PROBABLY TRUE . . . . . 2  
 POSSIBLY TRUE . . . . . 3  
 DOUBTFULLY TRUE . . . . . 4  
 IMPROBABLE . . . . . 5  
 TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED . . . . 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 22 June 1949, Officials of the OSI, Knoxville, Tennessee, informed this Agent that on Sunday, 19 June 1949, at 1200 hours, a "flying saucer" was sighted at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The "flying saucer", consisting of three objects, was sighted at approximately 1000 ft. altitude proceeding from the southeast in a north-westerly direction by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], Biologist at Oak Ridge, 102 Vance Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from their yard. After watching the "flying saucer" for about five minutes, Mrs. Anderson, a School Teacher at Oak Ridge, notified Mrs. [REDACTED], wife of a member of the Security Division, AEC, [REDACTED] St., Oak Ridge, whose backyard is adjacent to that of Mrs. [REDACTED]. Together these three people observed the "flying saucer" for about twelve to fifteen minutes until it disappeared. It was described as consisting of two identical rectangular-shaped objects which appeared to be coordinated in movement and which moved in a wave-like motion. The third object was circular in shape and appeared to be in level flight between and above the two rectangular objects. The rectangular objects appeared to be bright metal on top but dark underneath, while the color of the circular object was the same as that of frosted glass. The "flying saucer", when last sighted, was in level flight and was flying in a northwesterly direction. The weather was clear with high cumulus clouds. The "flying saucer" flew at a speed of from 10 to 15 mph over an area just about the center of Oak Ridge. The Weather Section of Plant X-10 reported that they did not release any weather balloons or any other meteorological instruments on that day. The Weather Bureau at Knoxville Airport reported having released a weather balloon at 1005 but no meteorological equipment. Their balloon was followed by sighting instruments until it had reached an altitude of 4530 meters and was last sighted at 6300 meters moving in a south-southwesterly direction at 196 degrees, after having been released twenty-three minutes. Weather charts at Knoxville Airport showed the wind at Oak Ridge to be at a speed of 4 to 7 mph up to an altitude of 2000 ft. in an easterly direction. The surface winds at Knoxville Airport were at a speed of 3 meters per second at fifty degrees; at 1000 ft., 3 meters per second at 80 degrees; at 2000 ft, 6 meters per second at 120 degrees.

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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

30 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident at Oakridge, Tennessee  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

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| UNITED STATES AIR FORCE<br>THE INSPECTOR GENERAL |      |
| OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS<br>5TH DISTRICT |      |
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1. Inclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary is report of investigation by Special Agent ARTHUR J. DALE, District Office No. 8, dated 23 June 1949.

2. Investigation was not requested through this District Office.

*Thomas F. Doyle, Jr.*  
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR  
Captain, USAF  
Acting District Commander

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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THRU: The Inspector General, USAF, 5th District Office of Special Investigations, WPAFB, Dayton, Ohio

TO: The Inspector General, USAF, 8th District Office of Special Investigations, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

1. A distinct similarity exists between the objects reported and that of a meteorological or research balloon with its associated equipment. It is, therefore, desired that other weather and research agencies in this area be contacted for possible releases of this nature.

2. Other sources list Knoxville Municipal Airport Weather Bureau wind readings at 1000 feet as 3 meters per second at 80 degrees, and

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subi: Project Grudge, Incident at Cambridge, Tennessee, Special Inquiry

at 2000 feet 6 meters per second at 120 degrees. A discrepancy of  
10 degrees exists between these readings and those submitted by your  
office. Confirmation of your wind readings is desired.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl: w/d

*W.R. Clingerman*  
W. R. CLINGERMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, Intelligence Department

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5th OSI District (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, 13 July 1949

TO: District Commander, 8th OSI District (IG), Maxwell Air Force Base,  
Maxwell Field, Alabama

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

*for Jerome M. Braun*  
*WOSC, USAF*  
JEROME M. BRAUN  
Acting District Commander

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B/L fr 5th District OSI, Wright-Patterson AFB, to CG AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 30 June 1949, Subj: Project Grudge, Incident at Oakridge, Tennessee, Special Inquiry

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Headquarters, 8th OSI District IG, Maxwell AFB, Alabama 31 August 1949

THRU: District Commander, 5th OSI District IG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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

1. Reference paragraph 2, first indorsement, wind readings of the Knoxville Municipal Airport Weather Bureau have been re-checked, and readings as shown in report submitted are confirmed. Knoxville Municipal Airport is 1000 ft altitude. Wind readings are computed at Mean Sea Level. It is believed that this has not been taken into consideration; otherwise, the readings would have been the same.

2. A check of the records of the U. S. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for 19 June 1949, revealed reports as follows:

Chattanooga, Tennessee: (Balloon)

|            |           |             |          |
|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| 0300 hours | 3000 mtrs | 110 degrees | 4 knots  |
| 0900 hours | no run    |             |          |
| 1500 hours | 5000 mtrs | 80 degrees  | 16 knots |
| 2100 hours | 2000 mtrs | 70 degrees  | 8 knots  |

Spartanburg, South Carolina: (Balloon)

|            |           |             |          |
|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| 0300 hours | 4000 mtrs | 80 degrees  | 4 knots  |
| 0900 hours | 7000 mtrs | 90 degrees  | 10 knots |
| 1500 hours | 8000 mtrs | 100 degrees | 19 knots |
| 2200 hours | 7000 mtrs | 90 degrees  | 7 knots  |

Greensboro, North Carolina: (Radiosonde)

|            |            |             |          |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| 0300 hours | 14000 mtrs | 110 degrees | 7 knots  |
| 0900 hours | 9000 mtrs  | 100 degrees | 18 knots |
| 1500 hours | 14000 mtrs | 80 degrees  | 10 knots |
| 2100 hours | 4000 mtrs  | 90 degrees  | 3 knots  |

Raleigh, North Carolina: (Balloon)

|            |           |             |          |
|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| 0300 hours | 8000 mtrs | 100 degrees | 12 knots |
| 0900 hours | 4000 mtrs | 130 degrees | 2 knots  |
| 1500 hours | 8000 mtrs | 80 degrees  | 4 knots  |
| 2100 hours | 8000 mtrs | 110 degrees | 9 knots  |

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation requested by Colonel C. D. GASSER, AMC Engineering Field Officer, Oakridge, Tennessee, on 20 June 1949.

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

2. At 1640 hours, 20 June 1949, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Knoxville, Tennessee, reported to the Knoxville Detachment, 8th District OSI IG, Knoxville, Tennessee, that residents of Oakridge, Tennessee, had reported sighting unidentified objects flying over Oakridge, Tennessee.

AT OAKRIDGE, TENNESSEE

3. At 1900 hours, 20 June 1949, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oakridge, Tennessee, stated that at approximately 1200 hours, 19 June 1949, they sighted three unidentified objects flying from the southeast, over Oakridge, Tennessee. Mrs. [REDACTED] first sighted the objects and called Mr. [REDACTED] attention to them. They watched the objects until they came into closer view. They described two of the objects as being rectangular in shape, and identical. The third object was described as circular in shape, and flying either in between or slightly above the two rectangular objects. The two rectangular objects appeared to be flat and flexible. The third object was flat but did not have a flexible appearance. The rectangular objects in traveling, followed a wave-like course, and appeared to be dark in color underneath, and of bright metal finish on top. Their movements were coordinated, and their reflection in traveling was light and dark. The rectangular objects seemed to have an area of from four to ten square feet. The circular object was described as being the color of frosted glass. This third object did not follow the wave-like movement of the rectangular objects, but maintained a level flight. There was no noise to indicate how these objects were being propelled. They remained in view from 10 to 15 minutes after being sighted, and when last seen were traveling in a northwest direction. During this time the objects did not appear to either gain or lose altitude. The weather was clear with the exception of high scattered cumulus clouds, and the wind which was from an easterly direction was very slight.

4. At 2000 hours, 20 June 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED] Oakridge, Tennessee, stated that Mrs. [REDACTED] neighbor, called her attention to the three flying objects sighted by the [REDACTED] at approximately 1200 hours, 19 June 1949, and that she watched them for approximately 10 minutes. Mrs. [REDACTED] description and details regarding the objects were the same as Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED].

5. The witnesses of these objects are reputable people, and their statements are considered reliable. Mr. [REDACTED] is a biologist with the Oakridge National Laboratories, Mrs. [REDACTED] a school teacher, and Mrs. [REDACTED] the wife of one of the members of the Security Division, A.E.C., Oakridge, Tennessee.

AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

6. At 0900 hours, 21 June 1949, Mr. RUSSELL J. YOUNKIN, Assistant Official in charge of the Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, stated that their records indicated that a balloon was released by them at 1005 hours, 19 June 1949. This balloon was followed with a theolite to an altitude of 4530 meters, and was last sighted 23 minutes after release at an altitude of 6500 meters, SSW (196) of the station. This balloon did not carry any attachments. The following is the wind recording for 19 June 1949:

|         |             |                   |
|---------|-------------|-------------------|
| Surface | 50 degrees  | 3 Meters Per Sec  |
| 2000    | 80 degrees  | 3 Meters Per Sec  |
| MSL     |             |                   |
| 4000    | 240 degrees | 4 Meters Per Sec  |
| 6000    | 260 degrees | 5 Meters Per Sec  |
| 8000    | 260 degrees | 11 Meters Per Sec |
| 10000   | 240 degrees | 12 Meters Per Sec |
| 12000   | 190 degrees | 11 Meters Per Sec |
| 14000   | 200 degrees | 12 Meters Per Sec |
| 16000   | 200 degrees | 19 Meters Per Sec |
| 18000   | 190 degrees | 24 Meters Per Sec |
| 20000   | 170 degrees | 20 Meters Per Sec |

The wind at Oakridge, Tennessee, was from an easterly direction, and the velocity up to 2000 ft. was from 4 to 7 miles per hour.

AT OAKRIDGE, TENNESSEE

7. It was verified through the Security Division, A.E.C., that X-10 weather division at Oakridge, Tennessee, did not release any balloons or other weather instruments on 19 June 1949.

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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

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/s/ John E. Morrill, WO Jg, USAF  
for THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR  
Captain, USAF  
Acting District Commander

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl: w/d

W. R. CLINGERMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, Intelligence Department

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1. Date of Observation 19 June 49 Date of Interview 22 June 49
2. Exact Time (local) **1200**
3. Place of Observation **Oak Ridge, Tennessee**
4. Position of observer **Ground**
5. What attracted attention to object.
6. Number of objects **3**
7. Apparent size **Rectangular appeared to have area of 4-10 square feet**
8. Color of object **Rectangular object appeared. Bright metal on top, dark underneath. Flat circular object, color of frosted glass.**
9. Shape **2 Rectangular, flat circular.**
10. Altitude **1000 feet**
11. Direction from observer **South East**
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) **Southeast-Northwest**
14. Time in sight **12-15 minutes**
15. Speed **10-15 MPH**
16. Sound and odor **None**
17. Trail **None**
18. Luminosity **apparently reflected**
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers **Rectangular objects moved in wave-like fashion. Circular object, level flight.**
21. Manner of disappearance **Last seen in Northwesternly direction.**
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions. **Clear, high cumulus clouds, slight easterly wind.**

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Name and address of observer:

Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] 102 [REDACTED] Oak  
Ridge, Tenn.

Occupation and hobbies:

Mr. [REDACTED] St., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Biologist  
School Teacher

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

Considered reliable

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is "Summary of Information" dated 27 June 1949.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*John Meade*

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Colonel, GSC  
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