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Incident #202

DATE OF INFO 8 Nov 48

ATTIC NO.

AF NO.

REPORT NO.

DATE OF REPORT

TIME OF REPORTING 1850 EST

SHAPE Disc with little or no depth

SIZE Relative to moon

COURSE SSE

NO. IN GROUP 1

LOUD

PHOTOS SKETCHES

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

MANEUVERS Made arc toward SSE

LOCATION Newark AFB, Newark, N.J.

SOURCE Ex-USAFR Capt (pilot)

PERIOD OF REPORT

COLOR

ALTITUDE

SPEED 800 mph

MASS

ALTITUDE 5000'-6000' Meters

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 1 second

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Basic: Ltr, Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, dated 29 Nov 48, subj:  
"Project 'Sign'"

2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 2102D AIR WEATHER GROUP, Mitchel Air Force Base, Mitchel Field,  
New York., 15 December 1948.

To: Commanding Officer, Newark Air Force Base, Newark, New Jersey.  
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer.

1. Reference paragraph 4 of basic correspondence. It is requested that  
Base Intelligence Officer, Newark AFB conduct the interview and investigation  
and forward all data directly to Commanding General, AMC, ATTN: MCIAKO-3, as  
outlined in paragraph 5, basic letter.

2. Original letter reporting sighting of "flying disc" at Newark AFB on  
8 November 1948 was submitted by 1st Lt. [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Newark AFB on 9 November 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



ARTHUR W. ANDERSON,  
Major, USAF,  
Executive Officer.

1 Incl:  
n/c

3rd Ind.

HQ, 2231st AF Reserve Training Center, Newark Municipal Airport, Newark  
5, New Jersey, 29 December 1948.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base,  
Wright Field, Ohio, Attn: MCIAKO-3.

Attached herewith completed investigation requested in basic  
communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



GLENN T. BAGGETT  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Acting S-2

Incl 1: n/c

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Basic: Ltr, Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, dated 29 Nov 48,  
Subj: Project "Sign"

1st Ind.

TO: HQ, 52D FIGHTER WING, ALL WEATHER, MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE, MITCHEL FIELD, N.Y.  
TO: Commanding Officer, 2102nd Air Weather Group, Mitchel AF Base, N.Y.

1. For necessary action in view of inclosure #1.
2. Direct communication between your headquarters and Headquarters, Air Materiel Command is authorized on this matter.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL TATES:

*J. E. Warren*

1 Incl:  
Message from AMC

J. E. WARREN  
Capt. USAF  
Asst Adjutant

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TO AMG WAFB ATTN COL HOW INTE INTEG CHIEF INTELL DEPT

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REGARDING LETTER YOUR OFFICE DATED TWO NINE FIVE ZERO ONE ONE  
FOUR EIGHT QMA SUBJECT PROJECT JUOTE SIGN UN JUOTE CMA THIS  
HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OR CONTEXT  
OF MESSAGE QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH ONE PAPER COPY OF THIS  
MESSAGE WHICH WAS INITIATED FROM THIS STATION AND BLAIS.  
FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT WOULD  
ENABLE US TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER MORE THOROUGHLY.

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(Rev 25 Oct 48)

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COMMAND, ATTENTION FOL-  
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HEADQUARTERS  
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
DAYTON, OHIO

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding Officer  
Mitchel Air Force Base  
New York, New York  
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to incoming message 151944Z from Mitchel Field to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, regarding sighting of unidentified aerial object.

2. This office is engaged in a continuing investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena, and has been authorized direct communication with pertinent military installations.

3. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer interview all the available witnesses to the incident reported in referenced communication and obtain signed statements of the observed phenomena.

4. Inclosed herewith is a copy of our Essential Elements of Information form as an aid to the investigation officer in recording desired data.

5. All collated data and accomplished Essential Elements of Information form should be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAKO-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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*William J. Davis, Major*  
H. M. McCLOY  
Colonel, USAF

Chief, Intelligence Department

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Commanding General  
Air Defense Command  
Mitchel AF Base  
Mitchel Fld, N. Y.  
ATTN: 52d AACG Gp, Hempstead  
L. I., N.Y.

C. A. GRIFFITH  
Chief,  
Operations Section

W. R. CLINGERMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Actg Chief  
HWS/jjs 65310 Intelligence Department

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HEADQUARTERS  
52D FIGHTER WING, ALL WEATHER  
Mitchel Air Force Base  
Mitchel Field, N. Y.

10 December 1948

SUBJECT: Project "Sign"

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

ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Department

Reference letter your headquarters, subject as above, dated 29 November 1948 together with TWX #AT 5191, dated 9 December 1948. This matter has been referred to the CO, 2102nd Air Weather Group, this station, for necessary action inasmuch as subject report was originally submitted by them.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. E. WARREN  
Capt. USAF  
Asst Adjutant

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION  
(Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of Sighting: 8 November 1948.
2. Time of Sighting: 1850 hours.
3. Where Sighted:
  - a(1) Newark, New Jersey
  - a(2) Approximately three (3) miles southeast of downtown section of Newark
  - a(3) South side of Hangar #7, Newark Air Base
  - a(4) Latitude 40° 42 min. north  
Longitude 74° 10 min. west
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.
4. Number of objects: Single object.
5. Distance of object from observer:
  - a. Horizontally
  - b. 45° above the horizon
  - c. Five to six thousand feet
6. Time in sight: A second or less.
7. Appearance of object:
  - a. Pale luminous object about one third the brightness of a bright moon.
  - b. Perfectly round in shape.
  - c. Solid object.
- d(1) About the same diameter of the moon.
- d(2) Flat, with little or no depth.

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8. Direction of Flight: Object appeared in an arc from the north north-west toward the south south-east.
9. Tactics or maneuvers: None. Comparatively horizontal course.
10. Evidence of exhaust:
  - a. None
  - b. Could not determine
  - c. None
  - d. None
  - e. There was no sound
11. Effect on clouds: There were no clouds.
12. Lights:
  - a. None
  - b. Object appeared to be luminous
  - c. Maintained steady luminosity.
13. Support: Not applicable.
14. Propulsion: No visible means of propulsion.
15. Control and Stability:
  - a. None
  - b(1) None
  - b(2) Solid disc-like object
  - b(3) Not applicable
16. Air ducts: None visible.
17. Speed: Estimated to be going about 600 mph.
18. Sound: There was no sound.

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19. Was any radio antenna to be observed: No.
20. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind hangar immediately in front of the observer.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name: [REDACTED]
2. Address: [REDACTED]
3. Occupation: Civilian Dispatcher.
4. Place of business: 2231st AFRTC, Newark Municipal Airport, Newark 5, N. J. (Civilian employee).
5. Hobbies: Regular participant in Reserve flying activities.
6. a. Excellent  
b. Excellent  
c. Excellent
7. Mr. [REDACTED] is a very reliable employee.
8. a. Not applicable.  
b. How attention was drawn to object: Preparing to scan the sky when object appeared from the position it started, and followed it through in the arc of motion.
9. Witnesses: Observer inquired from the tower, but they did not notice or sight anything unusual. There were only two men on actual duty and they reported that it was a slow night. Air traffic at that particular time was very slow.
10. Mr. [REDACTED] is a highly intelligent individual, of excellent character.

Relative to Radar Sightings

Not applicable.

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions. Inclosure #1.
2. Winds aloft report. Inclosure #2.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time: None reported.
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: None reported.
5. Not applicable.
6. Not applicable.
7. Not applicable.
8. Signed statement. Inclosure #3.
9. Not applicable.

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Incident #202 -- Newark AF Base, New Jersey -- 8 November 1948

In everything but the luminosity, the object reported here answers to the description of a slow-moving fireball. Since it was in sight "one second or less," the first quarter moon and, presumably, the lights of the city and the airport, providing background and foreground illumination, may have tended to diminish the brilliance of the object. The time of day was most propitious for a slow-moving meteor. Unless a more likely explanation is forthcoming, this incident can be tentatively ascribed to the flight of a fireball.

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THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE SEQUENCE REPORTS WERE RECEIVED  
AT NEWARK AFB WEATHER STATION AT THE TIMES INDICATED:

8 NOV 48 11 45 1730E -0/5K 281/55/4318/035

8 NOV 48 1830E -0/6K 284/52/4219/036

1930E -0/8 274/49/4018/033

CERTIFIED CORRECT ACCORDING TO RECORDS OF THIS WEATHER  
STATION:

*Thomas J. Heavey, Jr.*  
THOMAS J. HEAVEY, JR.  
1ST LT., USAF  
STATION WEATHER OFFICER

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THE FOLLOWING WINDS ALOFT REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AT NEWARK ON 8 NOVEMBER 1948;  
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<u>TIME</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>SPEED (MILES/HR)</u>
1500Z (1000E)	4000 FT MSL	280 DEG	1-3
	6000 "	280 "	8-12
	8000 "	280 "	13-18
	10000 "	250 "	19-24
0900Z (0400E)	2000 FT MSL	320 DEG	13-18
	4000 "	300 "	19-25
	6000 "	290 "	25-31
	8000 "	290 "	32-38
	10000 "	280 "	39-46

CERTIFIED CORRECT ACCORDING TO RECORDS OF THIS  
WEATHER STATION:

Thomas J. Heavey, Jr.  
THOMAS J. HEAVEY, JR.  
1ST LT., USAF  
STATION WEATHER OFFICER

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23 December, 1948

S T A T E M E N T

At 1850 hours, 8 November, 1948, I was standing just outside hangar #7 at Newark Air Force Base, on the south side of the hangar. It was a perfectly clear night. I looked up toward the moon and noticed a pale luminous object race across the sky. It was about 1/3 the brightness of the moon, round like a disk, with little or no depth(thickness) to it. It appeared to be about the same relative diameter as the moon. It travelled from the north-northwest, in an arc, toward the south-southeast in about one second or less, passing out of sight over another hangar. I heard no sound from the object. I estimate the speed of the object at 800 miles per hour, and its altitude at five to six thousand feet. I have seen jet aircraft make tactical approaches at this field at approximately 600 miles per hour, and judging from them, the speed of the object I sighted was at least 200 miles an hour faster. From where I stood, I could see approximately 75% of the path of the object. The peak of its arc was approximately 45 degrees above the horizon to the west-southwest of my position.

Civilian Dispatcher  
(Capt., USAF)

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DR HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,  
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,  
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,  
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,  
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192,  
199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,  
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,  
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,  
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,  
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,  
125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,  
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 62, 63, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,  
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,  
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,  
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

HEADQUARTERS  
AIR WEATHER SERVICE  
Andrews Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply  
Refer To: AFS DSS

11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

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

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAKS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first endorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.

2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.

3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

2 Incls:

1 - Incident Summaries  
2 - Comments 173 thru 233

/s/ W. A. West  
W. A. WEST  
Lt. Col., USAF  
Adjutant General

*Snowy*

No. 202; Time of sighting was five hours after last scheduled release time for any rawin or pilot balloon sounding, thus discounting a balloon leak, would put it far too high for easy sighting. Definitely not a weather balloon.

**[REDACTED]**  
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At 1850 hours, 8 Nov 48, [REDACTED] was standing just outside Hanger #7, Newark AF Base, when glancing up toward the moon he perceived a pale luminous object race across the sky. It was about 1/3 the brightness of the moon, round like a disc with little or no depth (thickness). It appeared to be about the same relative diameter as the moon and was traveling from the north northwest in an arc toward the south southeast. Object was seen about one second or less. It passed out of sight over another hanger. No sound was heard. Speed was estimated at 800 MPH. Observer states that he had observed jet aircraft make tactical approaches at approximately 600 mph and judged the speed of the object was at least 200 mph faster. From where he stood [REDACTED] could see approximately 75% of the path of the object. The peak of its arc was approximately 45° above the horizon to the west southwest of his position. Altitude was judged to be 5,000 to 6,000 feet.

Mr [REDACTED] is a very reliable employee, highly intelligent and of excellent character.

There were no reports of commercial, private and military craft flying in the vicinity at the time.

No reports were received relative to possible releases of testing devices in the vicinity.

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## ( ) INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET ( )

Incident No. 202

1. Date and Time of Observation: 8 Nov 48 1850 EST
2. Where Sighted: Newark AF Base, Newark, N. J. 40° 42' N 74° 10' W
3. Observer's Position: ground  
(i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
4. Name and Address of Observer: [REDACTED] Jamaica, Long Island
5. Occupation and/or hobbies: Civilian Dispatcher, Newark AF Base. Regular participant in Reserve flying activities. Former Capt, USAFR.
6. Attention Attracted by: Was preparing to scan the sky when object was observed
7. Number of Object(s) Seen: 1
8. Size of Object(s): Same relative diameter as the moon but with little or no depth (thickness)
9. Color of Object(s): pale luminous - 1/3 brightness of moon
10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) disc - round with little or nor depth
11. Nature of Luminosity: Appeared as luminous object  
(directed beam of light?)
12. Altitude of Object: 5,000 to 6,000 ft  
(estimated)
13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: Appeared at 45° angle above horizon.
14. Estimated Speed of Object: 800 MPH
15. Time in Sight: one second or less
16. Tactics: made arc toward south southeast - performed comparatively horizontal flight
17. Sound Made by Object(s): no sound
18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) south southeast
19. Apparent Construction: N/S - luminous
20. Effect on Clouds: N/S
21. Exhaust Trail (Color of): N/C
22. Manner of Disappearance: ~~wink~~ Passed out of sight over another hangar.
23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: Moonlit night - clear
24. Peculiarities Noted: Object seemed to have no depth and maintained a steady luminosity
25. Summary of Incident: (over)  
(See attached page)

FROM MITCHELL FIELD, NEW YORK, ~~XXXXXX~~  
TO AMC WPAFB ATTENTION MCLAXO-3  
CITE 2102 AND 424

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REPORT OF INFORMATION OF FLYING DISC. LOCATION, NEWARK, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AFB, NJ.  
TIME, 1850 EST, 8 NOV 48.

WEATHER, CLEAR.

NAME, ██████████ CIVILIAN DISPATCHER, BASE OPERATIONS, NEWARK AFB.

OBJECT SIGHTED: ONE, ROUND, LUMINOUS, ONE THIRD BRIGHTNESS OF MOON, LITTLE OR NO  
DEPTH, TRAVELED FROM NORTH NORTHWEST IN ARC TO SOUTH SOUTHEAST, APPROX 800 MPH,  
ALTITUDE ~~XXXXXX~~ ESTIMATED 5,000 to 6,000 FT., NO SOUND.

LETTER TO FOLLOW.

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HEADQUARTERS 2102D AIR WEATHER GROUP  
MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE  
MITCHEL FIELD NEW YORK

17 November 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Information on Flying Discs.

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATIN: MCIAKO-3

1. In accordance with paragraph 1, letter, Headquarters, USAF, subject as above, 6 February 1948, the inclosed statement on sighting of Flying Disc at Newark Air Force Base on 8 November 1948, is forwarded.

2. The following additional information was determined in an interview between the Station Weather Officer, the Officer of the Day and [REDACTED] at Newark AFB on 9 November 1948:

a. Mr. [REDACTED] civilian dispatcher, was on duty in the operations section, Newark AFB, on 8 November 1948.

b. Mr. [REDACTED] was in full control of his faculties at the time.

c. He is a former Air Force pilot and actively participates in the reserve program.

d. He is thoroughly dependable and alert.

e. No corroboration of Mr. [REDACTED] report could be obtained. However, Newark AFB is normally almost deserted after 1800 hours daily and there were few personnel who might have seen this phenomena.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1 - Statement

Arthur J. Anderson,  
Major, USAF,  
Executive Officer.

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**STATEMENT**

9 November 1948

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Civilian Dispatcher

(Capt., USAFR, [REDACTED])

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