

OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

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FAO #8, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee

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(Refer: Summaries of Information, Subject; as above, dated 13 and 17 October 1950)

Attached to this Summary is eleven (11) inclosures which tend to clarify information contained in the former two (2) Summaries of Information on SUBJECT. This inclosures are composed of witness statements; background information concerning previous sightings of peculiar objects over Oak Ridge; and radar reports. The most reliable sources available were utilized in the compilation of this reports. The employment records and the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports concerning the witnesses were inspected to ascertain their reliability, integrity, and loyalty to the United States Government.

The opinions of the officials of the Security Division, AEC, Oak Ridge; Security Branch, NEPA Division, Oak Ridge; AEC Security Patrol, Oak Ridge; FBI, Knoxville; Air Force Radar and Fighter Squadrons, Knoxville; and the OSI, Knoxville Tennessee, fail to evolve an adequate explanation for SUBJECT, however the possibilities of practical jokers, mass hysteria, balloons of any description, flights of birds (with or without cobwebs or other objects attached), falling leaves, insects swarms, peculiar weather conditions, reflections, flying kites, objects thrown from the ground, windblown objects, insanity, and many other natural happenings have been rejected because of the simultaneous witnessing of the objects with the reported radar sightings; because of the reliability of the witnesses; because of the detailed, similar description of the objects seen by different persons; and because of impossibility.

The trend of opinions seem to follow three patterns of thought. The first is that the objects are a physical phenomenon which have a scientific explanation; the second is that the objects are experimental objects (from an undetermined source) guided by electronics; and the third is similar to the second except that an intended demoralization or harassment is involved. The fantastic is generally rejected.

These objects have apparently followed only two patterns. The first is that they were sighted at the same hour on two consecutive days and the second is that the time of flight is either to or from the Northeast and Southwest, which directions parallel the terrain ridges in this locality.

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- 15 October 1950. 1520 hours. SUBJECT seen at Kerr Hollow Gate by Troopers Hymer and Zarzecki, Mr. Hightower. and Mr. Moneymaker
- 15 October 1950. 1520 hours. Radar scopes at McGhee-Tyson Airport indicate unidentified targets.
- 16 October 1950. 1455 to 1530 hours. Objects seen by Troopers Isabell, Briggs and Clark.
- 16 October 1950. 1520 hours. Radar scopes at McGhee-Tyson Airport giving unintelligible readings.
- 16 October 1950. 1956 to 2004 hours. NEPA Guards, Brown, Herron, and Davis, report peculiar sounds.
- 16 October 1950. 1655 hours. Visual sighting by Larry P. Riordan, Security Chief, X-10 Plant.
- 23 October 1950. 1630 hours. Visual sighting made by Francis J. Miller (Geiger counters in the vicinity had unexplainable readings at about this time)
- 24 October 1950. 1855 to 1900 hours. Visual sighting of a light by Major Dalveg, Mr. Frey, and the Radar Station.
- 25 October 1950. [text not recognized]
- 26 October 1950. Robert W. Lassell and five others sighted object from the Knoxville Airport, Knoxville , Tennessee.
- 5 November 1950. 1155 to 1200 hours. Visual sighting by Don Patrick.
- *25 May 1949. In the vicinity of Loudon, Tennessee, a flat, metallic object, accompanied by a "flapping noise", was seen by five people living in that area.

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List of Enclosures:

1. Statement by Robert F. Myers, Weather Section, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, concerning the peculiar sighting on May 25 1949.
2. Statement by William G. Frey, Security Section, NEPA Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, concerning "Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge" on 24 October 1950.
3. Statement by Major Lawrence H. Ballweg concerning "Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge" on 24 October 1950.
4. Interview with Mr. Don Patrick, Illustrator, NEPA Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, concerning "Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge" on 24 October 1950 and a sketch thereof.
5. Certified true tracing copies of the original notes and sketches made by Mr. Don Patrick at the time and place of observation.
6. Interview concerning objects sighted over Knoxville Airport on 29 October 1950.
7. Interview concerning the releases of balloons, the captive Blimp, and other weather data, and the release of radioactive particles in "Argon".
8. Interview with Francis J. Miller concerning "Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge" on 23 October 1950, and Geiger counter readings in that vicinity.
9. Knoxville Radar Site report concerning "Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge" on 25 October 1950.

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Attention is invited to the 1947 photograph of a flying object (inclosure #8). Atomic Energy Commission officials advise that the Air Force Laboratory at Wright Field, Ohio, indicate that the object is a water sport on the photograph.

Because this object does not resemble other water sports of the photograph; and because the object in the second photograph is following the dim trail left by the first object, some officials at Atomic Energy Commission question the veracity of this statement. They also believe it significant that the Air Force did not return the negative of this print.

Following is a chronological summary of the reported events which have occurred at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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June 1947 - Mr. W. R. Pressley photographed a flying object at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The street in the foreground has been identified as Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. (Inclosure #8)

20 June 1949- At 1900 hours Mr. and Mrs. E.H Anderson and Mrs. John A. White

sighted three objects at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, similar to SUBJECT. (inclosure # 9)

1,2,3,4,5,6, March 1950 - Mr Stuart Adcock reported peculiar readings on his "Ham Radar Scope. These objects reappeared at approximately the same time of day which is similar to SUBJECT. (Refer: Summary of Information, Subject; Unidentified Objects Over Oak Ridge

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dated 6 March 1950.)

12 October 1950 - 2325 hours - Knoxville Airport Radar Unit indicated a series of

unidentified targets over the "Restricted Zone" at Oak Ridge.

(Incl.#)

12 October 1950 - 234? Fighter aircraft was at the position of the radar target and

made three perfect interceptions but could see nothing. (Incl. #)

13 October 1950 - 0000 to 0100 hours. Additional Radar plots as before. (Incl. #1)

13 October 1950 - hours. Major L.E Ronniger, accompanied by his daughter, heard intermittent noises. (Inclosure #7)

15 October 1950- 151? hours. SUBJECT seen at Kerr Hollow Gate by Troopers Rymer and Zarzecki, Mr. Hightower, and Mr.Moneymaker. (Inclosures #3,10,..)

15 October 1950 -1520 hours. Radar scopes at McGhee-Tyson Airport indicate unidentified targets. (Inclosure #4)

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16 October 1950 - 1455 to 1530 hours. Objects seen by Troopers Isabell, Briggs and Clark. (Inclosures # 5 and # 6)

16 October 1950 - 1520 hours. Radar scopes at McGhee-Tyson Airport giving unintelligible readings. (Inclosure #4)

16 October 1950 - 1956 to 2004 hours. NEPA Guards, Brown, Herron and Davis register peculiar sounds. (Inclosure #7)

Attached to the original only are two Knoxville OSI reports concerning SUBJECT

CORRECTION: on the second page of the S/I, Subject as above, dated 13 October 1950, replace the word Oliver Springs for "Sulphur Springs".

SOURCE: Major R.C Care, Capt. W. Akin, Lt. Clevenger, (Knoxville Radar Site); Lt Wolf (Pilot of fighter aircraft); Eastern Air Defense Command Representative, Special Agent OSI; Officials of Security Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Atomic Energy Commission Security Patrol; Security Trooper Rymer, Zarzecki, Briggs, Clark and Isabell; John Money maker; E.W. Hightower; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Officials of Security Branch, NEPA, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

17 October 1950

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

OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE

(Refer: Summary of Information, Subject: as above, dated 15 Oct 1950)

On 13 October 1950 Atomic Energy Security Patrol Trooper, Edward D. Rymer, and a caretaker, John Moneymaker, from the University of Tennessee Research Farm, at Oak Ridge, saw an object at about 12,000 to 15,000 feet above Soloway Gate on the "Control Zone". This object appeared to be an aircraft which was starting to make an outside loop, trailing smoke behind. Soon these two men realized that the formerly described smoke behind the aircraft was a tail. This object continued to descend in a controlled dive, much slower than an aircraft would dive, and when it approached the ground it levelled off and flew slowly, parallel to the ground. This object came within two hundred and ten (210)

feet of the two observers and was paralleling the ground at approximately the speed that a man could walk, at a height of approximately six (6) feet. Trooper Rymer attempted to approach the object but as he approached the object became smaller and started moving in a southeasterly direction. This object is said to have approached a nine (9) foot cyclone chain link fence and made a controlled movement to clear the fence, then a Willow tree, then a telephone post and wire, after which the object gained momentum and altitude and cleared a hill at approximately one (1) mile away. The object appeared to be pear shaped. When this object was over the hill it was still visible as the same sized object that was observed when only fifty (50) feet away. (The explanation given was that this object grew larger as it gained altitude and speed.)

Approximately five minutes later the object appeared again having reappeared from approximately the same location from which it had disappeared. The object was seen again five minutes later for approximately ten second.

During the above happening, Mr. John Moneymaker had visual reference of this object during its first slight for approximately seven minutes. Trooper Rymer was interrupted twice during which times he called his headquarters in an attempt to get other observers. Also, during the fantastic flight of this object, Trooper Rymer stopped Mr. E.W. Hightower, who was on the highway in his vehicle, to verify what was being seen. Mr. Hightower's statement substantiates the description as before.

By the time the object appeared the second time, Joe Zarzecki, Capt. of the Atomic Energy Commission Security Patrol, was present and also witnessed this phenomenon.

Each of the observers described the object substantially as follows:

- a. When the object was first sighted it appeared to be an aircraft, trailing smoke, or better described as "smoke writing".**
- b. When the object was approaching the ground in its descent, it took the shape of a bullet with a large tail.**
- c. When the object was sighted from ground (from approximately two hundred and ten (210) feet) it appeared to be approximately the size of a 2x5 card, with a twenty (20)foot ribbon tail. The object and the and the tail was alternately moving up and down, and the ribbon appeared to be waving in the breeze. The color was a metallic grey.**
- d. When the Trooper Rymer came within fifty (50) feet of the object he described it similar to the above except that the two and one half feet (17 1/2) feetof the tail appeared almost transparent and was glowing, intermittently, in sections. The tail appeared to have four or five sections which would glow intermittently.**

Trooper Rymer's record is among the best of the troopers at the Atomic Energy Commission Security Patrol. Mr. John Moneymaker holds badge No. UT-1817, and is employed by the University of Tennessee Agricultural Research Farm as a caretaker for small animals. Mr. E.W. Hightower holds badge No. 6633 and is an employee of the Maxon Construction Company.

The Controller, Capt. W. Akin, of Detachment No. 2, 662 AC and W Sqd., McGhee-Tyson Airport, P.O Box 202, Maryville, Tennessee, at the Knoxville Airport Radar Site, made a report that he had seen peculiar readings on the radar scopes at approximately 1520 hours. Apparently the radar picture was indefinite, intermittent, and inaccurate, because the objects sighted by radar would only make a short "painting" on the scope and would then diisappear only to reappear at another location.

On October 16 1950, at approximately 1520 hours, five persons (as yet unknown) sighted objects hovering over the K-25 plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Further information and description is expected from this sources. However, the radar scopes at Knoxville Airport were giving an unintelligible reading. Apparently the Commanding Officer was reluctant to make any statement concerning these readings due to higher Headquarters doubting the event of the past few days.

Nevertheless, a fighter aircraft from the 5th Fighter Sqd. was sent to identify an object which was reported to be hovering over K-25. Upon approaching the area the radar equipment aboard the aircraft got an image on its scope and the pilot pursued this image and identified it a a light type aircraft. Ground observers state that the fighter plane passed beneath the object which they were observing. The Security Division, Atomic Energy Commission, will attempt to have the observers, or some of the observers, make these same statements while undergoing a polygraph test.

Further information will be submitted as soon as possible as soon as an adequate verification has been obtained.

SOURCE: Atomic Energy Security Patrol Trooper, Edward D. Rymer; John Moneymaker; Joe Zarzecki, Cap. of the Atomic Energy Security Patrol; E.W. Hightower; Officials of the Atomic Energy Commission, Security Division; Major Care, Capt. W. Akin, McGhee-Tyson Radar Site.

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25 October 1950

111th CIC Detachment, FAO #8, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee

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At 1655 hours, on 20 October 1950, Mr. Larry P. Riordan, AEC Badge No. 522, Superintendent of Security at X-10 in the "Control Zone" at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, while en route from X-10 to the Oak Ridge residential area, on Benton Valley Road, saw an object in the sky which appeared to be directly over the University of Tennessee Agricultural Research Farm. This object gave the general appearance of an aerial balloon which had lost its "basket". In other words, the object was generally round; appeared to come together at the bottom in wrinkles (rather indistinct), and something was hanging below. The balloon was described as being from eight to ten foot long; of a lead pipe or gun metal color; and seemed to be approximately one fourth (1/4) mile from the observer, at a thirty (30) degree elevation above the horizon. The object was apparently stationary but since the observer was in a moving vehicle, he did not verify that it was stationary. As the vehicle in which he was travelling changed position, and went around a curve, Mr. Riordan noticed that this object appeared to be thinner. He concludes that by reason of his changing position, or the object changing its altitude, he observed another angle of the object which appeared to be thinner than upon his first sighting.

At the time of the observation there was adequate light and the object was plainly visible. Mr. Riordan is a responsible person, as is indicated by his position, and he has been aware of the many instances of reported objects flying in the sky. He is also very familiar with the weather balloons which are sent up hourly each day over Oak Ridge between 6:00 am of one day until 1:00 am of the next day. The size of these balloons vary but, generally, they are similar to a circus balloon which is about twenty four (24) inches in diameter. Mr. Riordan is certain the object seen was not a weather balloon but his first impression was that this object was an experimental "gab" being utilized by the University of Tennessee Agricultural Research Farm.

Mr Riordan has been the Security Chief of X-10 since 14 July 1943. His vision is normal except that he has a negligible impairment of the right eye. Like many of the Atomic Energy Commission officials, Mr Riordan has hoped for the opportunity to see one of this objects, and under the circumstances, he visualized it as accurately as possible.

At 1845 hours, on 24 October 1950, Mr Williams B. Fry, Assistant Chief of Security, NEPA Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, while attending a Drive-in theater with his wife and child, at Oak Ridge, noticed an object in the sky North-Northwest of his position, at a thirty (30) to forty (40) degree elevation. This object was moving gently in a horizontal plane, back and forth, within thirty (30) degrees of his line of sight. This object emitted a glow, varying in color from red to green, to blue-green, to blue, and to orange. The variations were checked on the vertical window post of Mr. Fry's vehicle and were witnessed by Mr. Fry's wife. The attention of another observer, the projectionist at the Drive-in theater, was also called to the object and verification of this sighting was made. The object disappeared from his sight at 1920 hours.

At 1855 hours, on 24 October 1950, an Air Force Major, Lawrence Ballweg, NEPA Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, also saw from his residence an object which he described similarly. The object disappeared from the sight of Mr. Ballweg at 1920 hours, which coincides with the time of disappearance of the object from Mr. Fry's sight.

On 20 October 1950, at 1527 hours, aircraft No. AF-409, Pilot Wolf, 5th AW-Fighter Sqd., took off from the Knoxville Airport for a "local patrol". The Radar Unit at Knoxville Airport received readings on their Radar scope and sent the aircraft after this targets. The aircraft Pilot was unable to identify any flying object in the vicinity of the said targets. All targets were between eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25) miles from the Airport at 320 degrees. The aircraft was landed at 1713 hours. (Attention is invited to the fact that these targets were sighted at approximately the same time, and locality, that was reported by Mr. Larry Riordan.)

On 24 October 1950 , at 1823 hours, several small, slow targets were seen on the Radar screen at the Knoxville Airport Radar Site. These targets appeared in the Southeast sector of the "Restricted Flying Zone" and over the city boundary of the area. At 1826 hours, the fighter aircraft was "scrambled" and proceeded to the area where it was vectored among the targets but the pilot reported no visual contact with said targets. At 1920 hours the targets disappeared from the Radar Screen and the fighter was vectored toward another target believed to be one of three (3) aircraft en-route from Andrews Field to Stewart Field. (Note: 1920 hours is also the time that the object sighted by Mr. Fry and Major Ballweg disappeared from their view).

(Overall evaluation: C-3)

SOURCE: Mr. Larry P. Riordan, Security Superintendent, X-10; William M. Price, OSI, Knoxville, Tennessee; Major George Rathman, Security Division, AEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Major Raymond C. Care, USAF Area Defense Commander, Knoxville Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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On 26 October 1950, at approximately 500 hours, Col. Edwin W. Thompson, 0-340795, Camp Stewart, Georgia, heard a noise which he described as "similar to jet aircraft blast". This noise was intermittent and continued for several moments, Col. Thompson was on the turnpike at Oak Ridge for a morning walk at the time, and he believed that this noise was being emitted from a factory in the near vicinity. Although he was aware of some of the facts concerning "Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge" during the past two weeks, he stills did not contribute this as pertinent.

NOTES: Col. Thompson is unfamiliar with Oak Ridge, having arrived for the first time there on 25 October 1950. His description coincides with that of Major L.E. Ronniger who heard a similar noise on 17 October 1950, and also coincides with the description of the noise heard by Guards S.R Brown, H.C Harris, George E. Davidson between the hours of 1950 and 2004 hours on 16 October 1950.

On 23 October 1950, at 1630 hours, Mr. F.J Miller at the X-10 plant, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, saw an object generally referred to as "the flying saucer". He stated that this object was at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. The speed of the object was not determined.

The following is an article printed in the Clinton Courier News, dated 26 October 1950:

"Anderson county finally got into the act.

"After two years of reports from all over the nation concerning flying saucers, and after writers have made scads of money arguing the authenticity of flying discs back and forth and up and down, one of the "ships from Mars" has at last been reported seen in Anderson county.

"Moneymaker isn't talking, however. His family isn't talking. In fact the whole neighborhood is making like a bunch of professional clams. Other than to say he saw "something", he is saying nothing. His family also says he saw "something", but nothing more. The neighbors just say nothing.

This modesty of Mr. Moneymaker, his family and his neighbors is reportedly the result of a visit one night recently from several species of intelligent officers from heaven knows where.

"Pre- Intelligence- Officer reports that leaked out, however, state that the disc was large and that smoke was coming from it. There was no report as to whether the smoke was black, white or lavender blue. The same reports also indicated that the objects came close to the ground and that the men were unmistakable in their identity of it.

"No one will even say whether it was day or night, whether it was raining or the moon was shining when the three men happened to look up. However, Moneymaker works the day shirt."

NOTES: Neither of the incidents mentioned in this summary were verified by Radar screen sightings at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville , Tennessee.

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19 October 1950

The following accounts of activity at the Radar Operations Section of Detachment #2, 662nd AC &W Squadron, McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, is extracted from their official report dated 13 October 1950. Other pertinent information was submitted in a previous Summary of Information, Subject: Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge, Tennessee, dated 13 October 1950.

"The first target, H-47 at 2325 E.S.T., 12 October 1950, appeared as per diagram (Inclosure #2). Then in rapid succession, we had H-48, H-49, and H-51 appear.

"Called AEC; they had no report of an aircraft at this time--2325.

"Called Atlanta; they had no flight plane on anything coming from the North.

"Arrow (Fighter Aircraft) airborne at 2339 E.S.T. and vectored on 290 degrees, Angels (Altitude) 2500. There were three perfect intercepts on the scope on H-48, but no joy (Fighter aircraft made no contact). Height Finder gave approximate angels of target at 3000. This Angels varied from 1500 to 5000 feet on various targets throughout the evening. One intercept of H-48 was 14 miles at 270 degrees and from a stern approach; no joy.

"Pulled fighter off this target and sent him back into area at angels 5000. He made complete sweep of area and saw nothing.

"Notified Radar Maintenance, who checked the operation of the Radar and switched channels.

"By this time all targets had faded and area was clear. We steered Arrow back to base and he pancaked (landed) at 0014, E.S.T., 13 October 1950.

"Very shortly after pancake, various targets again appeared through the area. They gave good paints (images on the Radar Scope) but faded completely at times and then would reappear.

"AEC still had no report for us, but had alerted all guards and were beginning to get searchlights out in case they were needed.

We did not report these additional plots to Nobody (Call sign for Air Defense Command Control Center, Selfridge Field, Alabama) until 0100. Called Captain Summers at this time and explained that the same Rat Race (activity on the radar scope) had alerted again. He knew of no practice mission by higher headquarters but said he would call EAIF (Eastern Air Defense Forces)

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This objects appeared to be A/C small, traveling between 100-125 mph. AEC was notified but their guards didn't see a thing. 2339 E.S.T. our fighter was airborne to intercept H-48. Pass directly over one target. Pilot couldn't spot a thing. These targets appearing along the NW corner. One at a time. Some were very strong echoes. tracked from 15 to 20 minutes.

16 October 1950

Description of object seen by Atomic Energy Commission Security Patrol Trooper Edward D. Rymer; who approached thye object as close as Fifty (50) feet; at above 1520 hours on 15 October 1950, is substantially as follows: When first seen at an estimated altitude of twelve (12) to fifteen (15) thousand feet, the object appeared to be an aircraft starting to "skywrite". The "Streamer" left behind estimated to be approximately one forth (1/4) of a mile long. The object then started to descend, almost vertical, at a slower speed than an aircraft would dive, and the "tail" followed the object. "It" then appeared to take the shape of a large bullet with a streamer, or ribbon, as thick as the bullet traveling in the path of the object but connected to it. The object then levelled off parallel to the horizon, decreased its speed to less than a mans normal walk, Rymer attempted to approach the object, but when he got within fifty (50) feet of it, the object moved toward the Southeast at about six feet altitude above the terrain; made almost a mechanical maneuver to pass over a nine (9) foot cyclone chain link fence; then another similar maneuver to pass over a willow tree and a telephone line; and finally gained altitude and speed and went over a hill about one mile distance.

When Rymer was within fifty (50) feet of thye object it appeared to be a two (2) by five (5) card (similar to the ones issued to vehicles entering the "Conf. Zone" at Oak Ridge) with a twenty (20) foot ribbon tail, the first two feet of which were easily visible and the last eighteen (18) foot of which was almost transparent and divided into several sections. The sections of the tail would pulsate a dim "glow" alternately . Through the entire length of the tail, was a black line which might be described as a "wire". The entire color was a bluish-grey similar to the color of the top of a "wood cooking range". The "body" of the object was gently moving

up and down, and the tail waved in the breeze like a ribbon [not readable..] a worm and followed the path of the "body" of the object. There was no breeze at the time; (Knoxville Airport reports a high breeze of eight (8) miles per hour). Further from fifty (50) feet away, the object looked no bigger than it did from two hundred and ten (210) feet away, and when it disappeared over the hill, one (1) mile away, it still looked the same size that it had appeared at only fifty (50) feet, but the "body" was then "bladder" or "pear shaped".

When questioned further, Rymer stated that the object had to change size from the time they first observed it until it came near the ground; and it had got larger as it went over the hill or they would not have been able to see it such distances.

The object appeared two more times within the next ten (10) minutes and Rymer was able to get two observers to verify that they could see the same "thing"

The three observers, other than Rymer, [BLACK OUT.....]

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and Joe Zarzecki, Captain of the AEC Security Patrol, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At no time were any noises from this object heard.

AGENTS NOTES: Mr. George Rathman, AEC Security Division, stated that all these person's description of the object was substantially the same when questioned separately, except that Rymer had been the closest and was the only person to report the transparent portion of the "tail". [BLACK OUT/ERASED] stated substantially the same object except that he did not see the transparent portion of the "tail".

[BLACK OUT] was wearing his glasses at the time and his vision, with glasses, is 20/20 in the right eye, and 20/30 in the left eye. Rymer's vision is 20/20 in both eyes without glasses.

Rymer's records indicate that he is one of the "better" and more respected troopers on the AEC Security Patrol. Nothing in his record indicates any weakness or peculiar inclinations.

Rymer stated that he would not have reported this incident if there had not been a witness. Moneymaker was reluctant to give information because of the fantastic nature of the incident.

Captain Zarzecki saw the object for only a moment on its third appearance and stated that the object appeared to be round as it crossed the sky at a high rate of speed.

NOTES: The above information was obtained on 16 October 1950 from interviews with Trooper Edward D. Rymer; [BLACK OUT], George Rathman, Security Division, Atomic Energy Commission; John S. Davis, Chief of Atomic Energy Commission Security Patrol; and Captain Joe Zarzecki.

In addition, the Atomic Energy Commission Security Division took Geiger counters to the scene of the incident but could get no reading.

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18 October 1950

The following accounts of activity at the Radar Operations Section of Detachment # 2, 662nd AC &W Squadron, McGhee-Tyson Airport, Maryville, Tennessee is extracted from their official report, dated 15 October 1950. (Refer: Summary of Information, Subject; Objects Sighted Over Oak Ridge, Tennessee, dated 13 October 1950):

"Prior to this report, (report by AEC patrolman Edward Rymer) we had a recurrence of targets like Thursday night (Midnight 12-13 October 1950). We had sent one scramble (flight or aircraft) out and made several good passes at one target which painted (imaged on Radar Scope) very well. It was on a heading of 180 degrees (Magnetic compass heading) and approximately 4 (four) miles inside the Eastern boundary of the area (Restricted flying space where other aircraft are not supposed to fly). Our fighter worked from 2500 to 5000 feet but saw nothing. The speed of these targets varied from 2500 to 5000 feet but saw nothing. The speed of these targets varied from 40 to 100 miles per hour. Every characteristic was the same as before except that the speed was slower.

There was nothing on the scope (Radar Scope) at the location of this strange object (the location was called in by telephone from ground observers at Oak Ridge).

The strange visitor was reported to Captain Cole at Nobody (Call sign for Air Defense Command Control Center, Selfridge Field, Ala.) who carried through to EAIF (Eastern Air Defense Command). Their orders were to put a patrol over the area, which was done.

Lt. Guthrie, operating under my control and later Captain Duffy's saw nothing in the area except one large flock of birds, which were painting (giving images at Radar Scope). He estimated their number between 200 and 300. This was 7000 feet. His patrol up to until 1730 E.S.T., when I left duty, ranged from a low level pass over the gates to 7000 feet.

He was vectored after several well painted targets, but saw nothing.

EAIF sent a list of questions to be answered by the observers. These answers were forwarded. They concerned speed, time, sky, and terrain conditions, altitude, when smoke disappeared , etc."

This report was signed by Captain William Akin, Controller at the Radar Site, at the time of this occurrences.

CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT:

**/s/Wm B Gray
SAC, Knoxville**

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