

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE 17 October 1950

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

SUBJECT
OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE

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COMPLETELY RELIABLE A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION (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 of 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 seconds.

During the above happenings, Mr. John Moneymaker had visual reference of this object during its first sight 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."

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- b. When the object was approaching the ground in its descent, it took on the shape of a bullet with a large tail.
- c. When the object was sighted on the 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 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 Trooper Rymer came within fifty (50) feet of the object he described it similar to the above except that the first two and one-half feet of the tail appeared more solid, but the last seventeen and one-half (17½) feet of the tail appeared almost transparent and was glowing, intermittently, in sections. The tail appeared to have four or five sections which would glow intermittently.

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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., McGee-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 disappear only to reappear at another location.

On 16 October 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 these 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 as a light type aircraft. Ground

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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. Eyster; John Moneymaker; Joe Zarzecki, Capt. of the Atomic Energy Security Patrol; E. W. Hightower; Officials of the Atomic Energy Commission, Security Division; Major Care, Capt. W. Akin, McGee-Tyson Radar Site;

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