

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
21 October 1950

PREPARING OFFICE

P.O. #8, P.O. Box 978, Knoxville, Tennessee

SUBJECT

OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE,
TENNESSEE

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

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COMPLETELY RELIABLE A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION (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. These 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 report. 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, insect 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 harrassment 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 line of flight is either to or from the Northeast and Southwest, which directions parallel the terrain ridges in this locality.

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, Chic, indicate that the object is a water spot on the photograph. Because this object does not resemble other water spots 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

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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.

June 1947 - Mr. [redacted] 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. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] sighted three objects at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, similar to SUBJECT. (Inclosure # 9)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, March 1950 - Mr. [redacted] 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 Vicinity, 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. #1)

12 October 1950 - 234? Fighter aircraft was at the position of the radar target and made three perfect interceptions but could see nothing. (Incl. #1)

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

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

15 October 1950-151? hours. Fighter plane made unsuccessful passes at a good radar target four (4) miles from the East Boundary (Kerr Hollow Gate). (Inclosure # 4)

15 October 1950-1520 hours. SUBJECT seen at Kerr Hollow Gate by Troopers Rymer and Zarzecki, Mr. Hightower, and Mr. Moneymaker. (Inclosures #3, 10, 11)

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 report peculiar sounds. (Inclosure # 7)

Attached to the original only are two Knoxville CSI reports concerning SUBJECT.

CORRECTION on 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 Representatives; Special Agent CSI; Officials of Security Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Atomic Energy Commission Security Patrol; Security Troopers Rymer, Zarzecki, Briggs, Clark, and Isabell; John Moneymaker; E. W. Hightower; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Officials of Security Branch, NEPA, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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