



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

915 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98174
November 8, 1978

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mr. Robert Todd
2538 Belmont Avenue
Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

Dear Mr. Todd:

In response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act request received by the Seattle Office of the FBI on October 23, 1978, be advised that we have made a search of our records and have processed your request.

Enclosed please find copies of documents from our files which pertain to Unidentified Flying Objects. Excisions have been made from these documents in order to protect materials which are exempt from disclosure by the following sub-sections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552:

(b) (7) Investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:

(C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person

One document was received from the United States Air Force, Office of Special Investigations. This document has been referred to originating agency for processing, and they will be communicating with you directly.

You have 30 days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeals" or "Information Appeals."

Enclosures (43)

Very truly yours,

Paul L. Mack
Special Agent in Charge

By:

William Earl Whaley
William Earl Whaley
Supervisory Special Agent

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC SEATTLE

DATE: 6/22/54

FROM : SA [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS; Neah Bay 6/22/54 *100-18495*

At 11:10 PM this date Special Agent [REDACTED] OSI telephonically contacted this office to report that an identified flying object was picked up by the Radar station at Neah Bay between 1930 and 1945 this date. The object was 38 to 40 miles S.W. of Neah Bay at an Altitude of 1500 to 2000 feet. Two planes were "scrambled" from McChord Field to intercept and pisked up a "blip" on the radar scopes in their planes. The "blip" separated into two "blips" as they were watching. They chased the "blips" for 8 to 12 minutes. The "blips" faded from the scopes presumably ~~fff~~ because of fast air speed. The objects flew South then turned east when they faded. None of the pilots sighted the objects visually. The pilots were being interrogated by the intelligence officer at McChord. Other Radar stations were being contacted to ascertain if any further sightings were made. The 25th Air Division is submitting a report to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Field, Ohio. *b7c*

b7c [REDACTED] stated the report was received from the Intelligence Officer of the 25th Air Division. *b7c*

The above information was furnished to [REDACTED] of CIC at 11:25PM this date. Attempst to furnish information to DIO 13ND. were to no avail as no duty officer was available at DIO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO 80914



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DAD

20 December 1978

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

TO: Mr. Robert Todd
2528 Belmont Ave.
Ardmore, PA 19003

1. This is in response to your letter of 20 October 1978 addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Seattle, WA, in which you requested all records in the possession of the Seattle Office of the FBI of or relating to unidentified flying objects (UFOs).
2. As you know, the Seattle Office of the FBI released certain material to you; however, one document in their possession had been originated by a unit of this command. The document was classified, and in accordance with the FOIA it was referred, through other Air Force activities having an interest in it, to us for classification review and releasability determination. The document referred to us for review was an extract from a 25th Air Division Intelligence Summary dated 24 June 1954.
3. A determination has been made that the attached extract from the 25th Air Division Intelligence Summary is releasable under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Bill J. Brooks
BILL J. BROOKS, SMSgt, USAF
Chief, Documentation Sys Br
Directorate of Administration

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Summary, 24 Jun 1954

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0

24 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington

100-18945

Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Sir:

The following is quoted for your information from an Intelligence Summary, 25th Air Division to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, concerning Unidentified Flying Objects, as reported to Special Agent SULLIVAN, your office, on 22 June 1954:

"SUMMARY

"FLYING OBJECT REPORT GROUND AND AIRBORNE RADAR SIGHTINGS OF UNKNOWN BLIPS OR TARGETS

An unknown blip or target was picked up on TIMOTHY radar control scope in Georof IE 1604, estimated 200 knot speed, estimated altitude 15 angles, originally at 0314Z and intermittently thereafter for a total of three (3) sightings by TIMOTHY within a ten (10) minute period after which time blip or target remained off. Upon first pickup, TIMOTHY relayed information to MERCURY (Direction Center) who took immediate action to vector two fighter interceptors, Pronto Blue #1 and 2, (who were on CAP, at 0400Z) off CAP to vicinity of blip or target. Pronto Blue #2 obtained an airborne radar pickup lower left portion scope, approximately twenty-eight (28) miles from blip or target which separated into two "clear distinct" blips at 0435Z; altitude 25,000 feet. Blue #2 attempted to close on 30 degree port heading in attempt to center blip, descending from 25,000 foot to 6,000 foot and to within estimated six (6) miles with speed increasing from .85 to .9 Mach. Blip then slid off scope from 30 degree port to 60 degree port. Blue #1 obtained an airborne radar pickup at 30 degrees at approximately 0436Z at 20,000 foot altitude. Blue #1 held pickup for approximately twenty (20) seconds, or three sweeps, of AI 55 radar after which time blips or targets slid off scope from 30 degrees port to 60 degrees port.

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"Information for this report was received from Senior Controller, GCI Site, TIMOTHY; Senior Controller, Direction Center, MERCURY; Senior Controller, Division Combat Center, LAST CHANCE; the two F-86D pilots; a 25th Air Division pilot who was flying locally in T-33 and who heard all ground-air transmissions between F-86D pilots and ground stations.

"RELIABILITY

A. (Pronto Blue #2) 2nd Lt Edward E. McBride, 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1124C pilot; approximately 145 hours, of which over half has been in fighter-interceptor work; approximately 270 hours in fighter aircraft; for approximate total hours of 463.

B. (Pronto Blue #1) 2nd Lt Hilson L. Sewell, 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron; approximately 29 hours in F-86D aircraft; 80 hours (approximately) in fighter aircraft; 251 hours other type aircraft; for a total of 360 hours. The F-86D pilots were interrogated singly by Major Eugene L. Zechmeister, Director of Intelligence and CWO Odin E. Sorenson, Asst Director of Intelligence, within four (4) hours of incident.

C. At the time of first mode return picked up by TIMOTHY, question arose as to possibility of malfunction. The site Tech Representative was on hand and monitored scope. In his opinion, malfunction of radar was definitely ruled out.

D. All weather stations, as well as Seattle AMIS; Navy; Coast Guard; 5 ADDC at Vancouver, B. C. Canada, were checked with negative results, ruling out possibility of weather balloons; boats or ships; or aircraft. One Navy P2V was found to be flying at time, but over one-hundred (100) miles from location of incident. A slight 3 degree inversion at 5,000 feet was present at 1900, but would possibly affect only a limited area.

E. The F-86D pilots were queried at great length in reference to the size and general appearance of blips presented on scopes. Both pilots appeared to have a very clear and firm concept of the difference between the observed blips as opposed to seaborne blips and B-36, B-52 type blips previously encountered.

F. All statements were obtained individually either in person or by telephone, ruling out possibility of subconscious innocent collusion. Superficially, all statements appear to support one another and to coincide.

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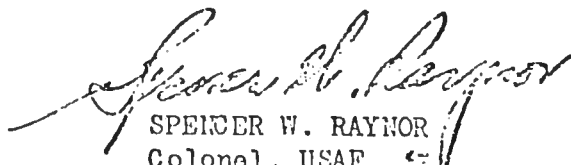
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"EVALUATION

The blips or targets observed are tentatively evaluated as true airborne targets, similar in presentation size and general configuration (on ground-based and airborne equipment) to B-36, B-52 type aircraft with an estimated pullout speed of Mach One or better."

At the present time the Director of Intelligence does not expect any further information concerning this incident. In the event there are further developments, your office will be immediately advised.


SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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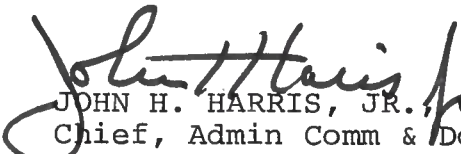
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11 DEC 1978

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2. A determination will be made in regard to whether the records you requested will be released or withheld from disclosure under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C., 552a, within 10 days (excepting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays).


JOHN H. HARRIS, JR., Capt, USAF
Chief, Admin Comm & Doc Division
Directorate of Administration

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