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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Department

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1. Reference is made to radnote, this headquarters, date time group 132056, concerning unidentified flying object sighting on 10 February 1951. The inclosed statements were obtained upon interrogation of the Naval personnel making this sighting.

2. Forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

LESTER S. HARRIS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Capabilities Branch
Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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1. Statement fr LT Kingdon
2. Statement fr LTJG Jones
3. Statement fr LT Koger
4. Statement fr LT Bethune
5. Statement fr LT Meyer
6. Statement fr ALC Shiever
7. Statement fr ABJ Daniels

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FROM JJ RODGERS MCIAXA-1A UNCLASSIFIED
TO COL HARRIS AFOIN-V/TC

REFERENCE RECENT RADNOTE MESSAGES FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IN THE VICINITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND BY NAVY AIRCREW. BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COME TO DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE SIGHTING. HOWEVER, THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL WITH AN ASTRONOMER ATTACHED TO THE AMC GRADUATE CENTER AS A RESULT OF THIS DISCUSSION IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT WHILE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF THE OBJECT SIGHTED BEING A METEOR OR FIREBALL, THE DESCRIPTION FURNISHED GIVES REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE AIRCREW SAW AN UNUSUAL "NORTHERN LIGHTS" DISPLAY. NO FURTHER ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED ON THIS INCIDENT UNLESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED WHICH WOULD TEND TO CHANGE OUR ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION.

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TO CGAMC WP AFB OHIO

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1/4 E S ~~1000~~ BY RADNOTE FOR MCISXD FROM AFOIN-C/DD-10/CAPT OSTREW THE FOLLOWING CABLE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: "VR-1 PILOTS OFF LIGHT N-125 ENROUTE KEFLAVIK TO ARGENTIA ON COURSE 225 TRUE AT 10,000 FEET REPORTED AN UNIDENTIFIED RED AND YELLOW OBJECT AT 100055Z INITIALLY BEARING 060 RELATIVE. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE CLOSE TO SURFACE. SHAPE INDEFINITE WHEN FIRST SIGHTED LATER APPEARING CIRCULAR. DIAMETER ESTIMATE EXCESS 400 FEET. OBJECT APPROACHED PLANE TURNED AND DISAPPEARED OVER HORIZON ON COURSE 290 TRUE AT TREMENDOUS SPEED. 100055Z POSITION LATITUDE 49-52 NORTH LONG 50-03 WEST. SIGHTING REPORTED TO GANGER ATC PLAIN LANGUAGE."

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FROM: NEAC PEPPERELL AFB NFLD

TO : CSAF WASH D C

NR : EN 0212

Unidentified object seen at 0055Z ^{10 Feb} at 49 degrees 50 min north, 50 degrees 03 min west by crew of Navy 6501, VRI, Petuxent River, MD. Originally seen as heavy light in distance on the surface as lights of city. The yellowish light, like a fire in color, approached rapidly and grew very bright and very large with a semi-circular shape. It was on a true course of about 125 degrees, plane on a true course of 225 degrees, as it approached the plane it suddenly turned about almost 180 degrees and disappeared rapidly over the horizon as a small ball. Speed "was terrific". Seen fr an angle of about 45 degrees looking down fr the plane. Crew all experienced North-Atlantic fliers Lt F.W. Kingdon, Lt. A. L. Jones, Lt. G.E. Bethune, Lt. N.G.P. Koger, Lt. J.M. Meyer, all saw object over a period of fr seven to eight min. Plane flying at 10,000 altitude.

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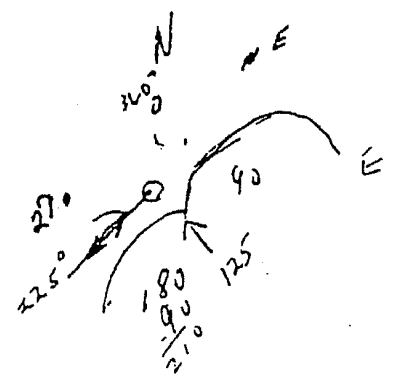
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