

Ltr fr Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell AF Base, Ala dtd 2 Jan 49
Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects

f. Object Sighted, description:

- (1) Number: One.
- (2) Shape: Cigar-shaped, with short stubby wings, resembling a rocket, also reported later as resembling a sleeve tow-target.
- (3) Size: Estimated sixty (60) feet long.
- (4) Color: Dark Blue or black.
- (5) Speed: Initially estimated as 200 mph, then increasing to 5-600 mph.
- (6) Heading: West when first sighted, then southwest when last sighted.
- (7) Maneuverability: Apparently very maneuverable.
- (8) Altitude: 1500 feet.
- (9) Sound: Similiar to a helicopter.
- (10) Exhaust trail: None visible.

g. General remarks:

- (1) When the object was first sighted and reported to Flight Service at Maxwell AF Base at 1735G by the Jackson Operations Office, an attempt was made to investigate the object by calling all military airfields in the area from which a jet or rocket flight may have originated, or at which the object may have been sighted.
- (2) The following stations were contacted:
 - (a) Eglin AF Base, Florida
 - (b) Pensacola NAS and Chevalier Field NAS, Florida
 - (c) Whiting NAS, Florida
 - (d) New Orleans NAS, Louisiana
 - (e) Memphis NAS, Tennessee
 - (f) New Orleans Air Route Traffic Control Center was also contacted.