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STATEMENT

9 December 1948

I, James E. Doty, Sergeant, USAF, AF 17171564, Weather Observer, 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, do hereby make the following statement to Captain Hugh T. Kelley, Assistant Base Weather Officer.

On 8 December 1948 at approximately 18:16 hours, I was walking with Sgt. Eugene S. Montag towards the Base Weather Station when I happened to look up at the sky and noticed what appeared to be either a sky rocket or meteor. I tapped Sgt. Montag on the arm and called his attention to it.

The object did not appear to be a star because it was three or four times as large as a star and it seemed to be closer to us than a star would be. It was heading from the north east toward the south south west and was moving upwards at about 15 or 20 degree angle. As it moved it seemed to get larger, and it was leaving a trail. In about two or three seconds it disappeared. The object was round, white and moved very fast.

We went into the Weather Station and reported this to the Duty Forecaster whose name is M Sgt. Robert W. Fillman.

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