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STATEMENT

9 December 1948

I, Eugene S. Montag, AF 16208708, Sergeant, USAF, am a Weather Observer assigned to the 16th Weather Squadron, Chanute Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, and do hereby make the following statement to Capt. Rush T. Kelsy, Assistant Base Weather Officer, Chanute AFB:

On 8 December 1948 at approximately 1816 hours, I was walking with Sgt. James E. Doty, also of the 16th Weather Squadron, towards the Base Weather Station when I noticed what appeared to be a sky rocket or meteor. This object was heading upwards about a 15 degree angle, moving from the north east to the south south west. The object was white in color, very bright and moved about two to three tenths of the sky and then disappeared.

This object did not appear to me to be a falling star.

I immediately went to the Duty Forecaster at the Base Weather Station and reported seeing this.

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