

INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET

Incident No. 217

1. Date and Time of Observation: **9 Dec 48 at 15:20 (Zonal by 24 hr clock)**
2. Where Sighted: **8 to 12 miles SE of Pittsburgh on heading of 300°**
3. Observer's Position: **Air on a heading of 300°**  
(i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
4. Name and Address of Observer: **Col J. K. Brown & Capt E. G. Mulling**
5. Occupation and/or hobbies: **Guided Missile Group, DCS/O Hq, USAF, Washington**  
**Pilot and co-pilot**
6. Attention Attracted by: **Capt Mulling called attention of Col Brown to the object**
7. Number of Object(s) Seen: **1**
8. Size of Object(s): **Appeared slightly smaller than a quarter on windshield of aircraft**
9. Color of Object(s): **chalky white but not shiny**
10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) **appeared perfectly round**
11. Nature of Luminosity: **Was observed to shimmer - possibly due to (directed beam of light?) extreme speed and to distortion of light waves**
12. Altitude of Object: **Undetermined - 12 to 16,000 feet**  
(estimated)
13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: **Unknown - thought to be 4 to 5 miles when first sighted.**
14. Estimated Speed of Object: **Unknown, but evidently very fast as during the 7 minutes of the sighting it moved from 60° above horizon in a straight line to 10° (time of disappearance)**
15. Time in Sight: **7 minutes**
16. Tactics: **Moved in straight line - horizontal flight**
17. Sound Made by Object(s): **Could not be determined**
18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) **On a course of 270°**
19. Apparent Construction: **Undetermined**
20. Effect on Clouds: **N/S**
21. Exhaust Trail Color of: **A slight shimmer was observed - could have been exhaust**
22. Manner of Disappearance: **Last seen 10° above horizon - became too small to see**
23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: **Alto-stratus clouds around Akron**
24. Peculiarities Noted: **A jittery motion or horizontal shimmer was noticeable at all times**
25. Summary of Incident: **(over)**  
(See attached page)