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DATE: 4-22-49

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
WALTER H. HARRISON - INFORMANT  
LITTLE ROCK  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS (44-10-2)

WALTER H. HARRISON, residence address Route 1, Box 203, Fort Smith, Arkansas is employed as a special delivery messenger by the Fort Smith Post Office Department.

HARRISON stated that at 5:25 p.m., Saturday, April 16, 1949, while delivering special delivery mail in Fort Smith, he stopped his automobile at a street light located at the intersection of North Eleventh Street and Grand Avenue. He glanced up at the stop light and observed a brilliant object moving in a southerly direction. He presumed the object was approximately 2 miles high. He got out of his automobile and looked up with the suspicion that other automobile drivers, stopped for the signal light, could see the object. He does not know who any of the other people are or what they saw. He was obliged to move on after the light changed and the drivers began honking their horns. He watched the object until it was obscured by the line of trees in that section. He estimated he watched it travel some 3 or 4 miles before he lost sight of it. He stated the weather was clear, visibility was good, and there were no clouds near the object. The object made no noise perceptible to HARRISON. However, he estimated that he was stopped at an intersection where the traffic was heavy and there was considerable noise. He first thought possibly he had seen some type of a reflection on an airplane, but could not locate or hear a plane anywhere.

HARRISON drove to the 1400 Block of North "C" Street, where he observed an Army officer, wearing the insignia of a Major or Lieutenant Colonel, standing back of the officer's automobile. He stopped and asked the officer if he had observed the flying object. The officer, named without to the informant, answered negatively and then remarked, "I am glad other people are also reporting seeing flying objects." The officer then related that the day previous, Friday, April 15, 1949, while the officer was driving out of Oklahoma City toward Fort Smith, his wife observed a flying object and very similar to that described by HARRISON. He stated he saw the object too, but furnished no more information.

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