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REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-15-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-20-49	REPORT MADE BY JAMES L. KIRKLAND
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, FIRE , SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, UNKNOWN DATE GEORGE KINGTON, COMPLAINANT			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FREDERIC ~~MARQUARDT~~ submitted ash residue to Fire Marshal's Office, Philadelphia, Pa., which made chemical analysis. MARQUARDT of opinion that fire may have been caused by military flare or "flying saucer".

Flying Saucer

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a letter received from the office of the Fire Marshal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated May 19, 1949, advising that ashes had been received from one F. MARQUARDT, purportedly from a fire which had continued to burn for twelve hours. A chemical analysis of the ashes had been requested. The Fire Marshal's Office noted that MARQUARDT had at one time worked for the Atomic Energy Commission.

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Captain MICHAEL HANNAN, Fire Marshal's Office, advised that there had been received through the mail on April 21, 1949, an ash sample with a request for analysis. In the letter of transmittal, MARQUARDT had pointed out that the fire had continued to burn twelve hours after water had first been applied. The original letter of transmittal was examined and reflected that an object had entered the roof of the building, caused an explosion, and threw people out of bed.

Captain HANNAN said he attempted to locate MARQUARDT at his residence, 127 South 16th Street, but had been unsuccessful. He added that at the time the building manager had commented that MARQUARDT had been employed by the Atomic Energy Commission. MARQUARDT was then requested by letter to appear at the Fire Marshal's Office.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>L. V. Boardman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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