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From: COMGENARMYTHREE Ft McPherson Ga  
To: Dept of Army for Dir of Intelligence  
Nr: AJACI 1-2

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Telephone call received from Lt Col Nunamaker  
Tennessee Military District 1130, 2 March. He stated that

A. There is a radar station near Knoxville which has  
been in operation about 3 weeks. This radar station is being  
operated by station WROL of Knoxville.

B. On 1 March at 2135 hours the station picked up  
an object 340 degrees and 18 miles from Knoxville altitude  
40,000 feet. Direction and distance put the object directly  
over Oak Ridge. AEC Security Division Chief at Oak Ridge  
checked with Smyrna Air Base Nashville which reported it had  
no flight plan for any plane being in that vicinity and  
altitude.

C. On 2 March at 1105 station picked up object at  
335 degrees and 18 miles from Knoxville altitude 40,000  
feet. AEC Security Div Chief checked with Smyrna Air Base  
with negative results.

D. AEC Sec Div Chief is not certain as to operational  
efficiency of radar unit and requested Smyrna AB to send  
qualified radar operator. Smyrna has no personnel so  
qualified. Smyrna commander suggested Third Army send  
qualified radar operator to check equipment.

E. Data from radar was limited to:

1. Bearing, distance and altitude on each object.

2. Third Army queried 14th Air Force to determine  
if 14th AF had training flights over the Knoxville area on  
1 and 2 March. Answer was no.

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