

STATEMENT

Following is a report of the sighting of an unidentified object in the Oak Ridge Area by the undersigned. On the morning of 18 December 1950, the following personnel were riding to their work at NEPA Division, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., in the S-50 Area at Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

Lt. Col. John R. Hood, USAF
Cdr. E. W. Hribar, USN
Major James L. Steele, USAF
Jamor Walter L. Carss, USAF
Mr. James R. Gray
Mr. William G. Frey

Mr. Gray, Commander Hribar, and Major Steele were riding in the front seat; Col. Hood, Major Carss, and Mr. Frey were in the rear.

At approximately 0827, while riding southwest on the turnpike just outside the restricted area, Col. Hood sighted a very bright reflection through the windshield of the car. Major Carss, who was sitting beside Col. Hood and whose attention was attracted by Col. Hood's looking at the sky, sighted the same reflection. Col. Hood then called the attention of the remaining occupants of the car to the reflection. Of these, Commander Hribar also sighted the reflection, but Mr. Gray, Mr. Frey, and Major Steele did not sight it.

The reflection was visible through the front windshield of the car only for a moment because, shortly thereafter, the road turned to the right. The corresponding turn of the car so placed the relative position of the reflection that it could not be seen through the left front window, which was frosted. The windshield, however, was not frosted and permitted excellent vision.

The object appeared only as the bright reflection of the sun from an apparently metal surface, much as might be expected from an aircraft at a great distance. No accurate estimate of the objects size or range could be made from the observation. It appeared to be west-southwest of Oak Ridge Townsite at an angle of elevation of about 25 degrees from the level.

s/John R. Hood, Jr.

s/Edward W. Hribar

s/Walter L. Carss

t/JOHN R. HOOD, JR., Lt. Col. USAF

t/EDWARD W. HRIBAR, Commander, USN

t/WALTER L. CARSS, JR., Major, USAF

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