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AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

15 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
(Interview - Walter I. White)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information relative to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947, was received 10 September 1947 from Mr. Walter I. White, 19-57 79th Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

On 4 August 1947, Mr. White, Pan American Airways Inc., was the navigator of a Constellation type aircraft on a flight from Gander, Newfoundland to La Guardia Field, New York. At 1600, at a position approximately 10 miles NW of Boston, Mass., Mr White sighted a flying object which he was unable to identify. At this time Mr White was sitting in the co-pilots seat, and looking out the right side for other aircraft that might be in the vicinity. Mr White stated that when he first sighted the object, it appeared to be about 3 miles away, and at least 1,000 feet below the level of the Constellation. Mr White believes that he studied the object for almost 30 seconds before he called the pilot's attention to it. Mr White described the object as being a deep gold in color, and that its' surface reflected light. It appeared to be about 15 feet in length, and from 2-3 feet in depth; elliptical in shape and blunted at the ends. Mr White estimated the speed of the object as being 175 miles per hour, and that it was travelling in an easterly direction, on a course of approximately 110° magnetic. Mr White then told the aircraft commander that there was an unidentified object to the right, and again glanced out to observe the object, catching a momentary glimpse of it before the pilot banked the plane to the left. When the aircraft banked Mr White lost sight of the object. At this point, Mr Powell, the aircraft Captain, exclaimed that he was able to see a similar object on his side. Mr White was unable to see the object on Mr Powell's side. He stated that he does not believe that it was the same object that he had viewed inasmuch as the one he saw if it had remained on the same course would have been hidden from view by that time by the wings and tail section of the Constellation. Mr White stated that the pilot then righted the plane. The entire incident transpired in less than a minute and one-half.

Mr White describes the weather condition at the time of sightings as follows: about 5/10th scattered cumulus, with tops at 10,000 feet; visibility 10 miles; wind at flight level, West at about 15 mph. The flight level of the aircraft at this time was 8,000 feet, TAS 270, and the magnetic course was SW.

AGENTS NOTES: Mr Walter I. White has been employed by Pan American Airways for the past five years as a Navigator, and during the war worked with PAA

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