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FINAL REPORT OF SIGHTING

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by *WHS* ATC *6 Aug 47*
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1. Organization: 1388th AAF Base Unit
APO 864, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
2. Sighting : Strange intermittent flashes that may tie in
with "Flying Discs".
3. Place : Harmon Field, Stephenville, Newfoundland.
4. Time : 0345Z, 23 July 1947.
5. Altitude : Approximately 10,000 feet high.
6. Weather : High scattered condition; visibility better
than fifteen (15) miles.
7. Heading : From South, heading NNE (approximately 30°)
8. Speed : High velocity; stated to be faster than a
conventional airplane.
9. Description : The observers saw a light which at first appeared
to be a shooting star or airplane. It appeared
again, and a number of intermittent flashes were
seen for a period of approximately three (3) minutes.
The flashes were reddish in color. Observers said it
was not a falling star because it did not appear as
such; nor was it an airplane, because manoeuvres were
too abrupt and there was no noise of a motor.
10. Reported by: Miss Patricia Abbott, (Newfoundland National) Government
Employee and Lt. Hammaker, Navigator and Public Relations
Officer.
11. General : The informants (noted in Par.10) were walking when they
noticed a peculiar reddish light. Both Miss Abbott and
Lt. Hammaker stated that at first, they thought it was
a falling star, but it left no streak. It appeared
again; they thought it might be a plane flying at a
very high altitude. After observing its manoeuvres,
they concluded, because of the silence (no hum of motor)
and abrupt darts of the light, it was definitely not
an airplane. Neither Miss Abbott nor Lt. Hammaker had
seen anything like it before.

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