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Interrogation of JOHN W. MEHRMAN, JR., Supervisor and Mechanic, Trans World Airways, Harmon Field, Newfoundland, taken at 1430 HFT, 16 July 1947, by Captain William H. Smith, AC, Intelligence Officer.

- Q. How long have you been associated with aircraft and aviation?
A. Since approximately 1935.
- Q. Were you in the Army during the War?
A. Yes.
- Q. What did you do in the Army?
A. Aerial Gunner.
- Q. Did your job during the war entail you to be able to judge distances and sizes of objects and ranges?
A. Yes.
- Q. On the evening of 10 July 1947, did you see one of the so called "Flying Disks" or an object in the sky?
A. Yes, we were coming up over the mountain between here and Stephenville Crossing. The car was going up hill and we could see the sky through the windshield. Mr. Woodruff said "look at the cut in the sky". I looked up and saw a blueish black vapor trail.
- Q. Did you see the object?
A. No, I just saw the trail as it was left behind.
- Q. Can you describe the effect the object had on the cloud formation?
A. The clouds were very scattered and were about from 5000 feet to 10,000 feet, the object passed through and cut the cloud leaving a gap where you could see the blue sky, like a knife had cut it. The edges were feathered similar to a weld, as if you cut a weld in half.
- Q. Did the object appear to be descending, ascending, or horizontal?
A. It was horizontal and seemed to remain on a true course.
- Q. What was your estimate of the course?
A. Approximately North North East.
- Q. Can you give any estimate as to the size of the object?
A. I did not see the object.

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