

HEADQUARTERS
315 AF BASE UNIT (RES TNG)
GODMAN FIELD, FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

A/hmg

15 January 1948

STATEMENT T/SGT QUINTON BLACKWELL

On the afternoon of 7 January 1948 I was on duty in the Godman Tower, Godman Field, as Chief Operator. We had been sighting an object in the sky which we were unable to identify from our position in the tower.

At approximately 1430 hours we sighted a 4-ship formation of P-51's approaching Godman from the southeast heading towards Louisville. As they crossed over Godman Field, I attempted to contact the flight of ships in the following manner:

"Godman Tower Calling the flight of 4 ships northbound over Godman Field. Do you read? Over"

I gave that call twice and finally after the second call-up the Flight Leader of the formation acknowledged "Roger Godman Tower. This is National Guard 869, Flight Leader of the formation. Over? "

"National Guard 869 from Godman Tower. We have an object out south of Godman that we are unable to identify, and we would like to know if you have gas enough; and if so could you take a look for us if you will. "

The Flight Leader acknowledged, "Roger, I have the gas and I will take a look for you if you give me the correct heading and any information you have on locating the object".

One of the four ships continued on towards Louisville. 3 of them swung around to the right and reversed their course, making good a heading of approximately 210° from Godman Field, and climbing steadily.

At about 1445 or 1450 hours, National Guard 869 notified Godman Tower he was approximately 15,000 feet.

"I have an object in sight above and ahead of me, and it appears to be moving at about half my speed or approximately 180 miles an hour."

When asked for a description of the object, he replied, "It appears to be a metallic object or possibly reflection of sun from a metallic object, and it is of tremendous size.

Approximately 1515 or 1520 hours, the Flight Leader reported the object as, "Directly ahead of me and slightly above, and is now moving at about my speed or better. I am trying to close in for a better look."

That was the last contact we had with the Flight Leader in any way.

Very soon after that National Guard 800 who was in the flight with National Guard 869, attempted to contact the Flight Leader and when he was unable to do so announced that he was returning to Standiford Field, as he was unable to contact or locate his Flight Leader.

Incl: #7

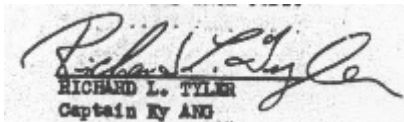
Page 41

The foregoing times mentioned are approximately only.

The conversation was not recorded. I have stated it in the way I remember it, to the best of my ability.

/s/Quinton A Blackwell
QUINTON A. BLACKWELL
Technical Sergeant
Serial No. 18162475

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:



RICHARD L. TYLER
Captain Ky ANG

1235000
-12-