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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Primary Report: TWX 12-177			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 119—Part II.)			
1. Unidentified flying objects were observed on radar by personnel of Detachment "2" 737th AC&W Squadron. The return varied in shape from a V shape to W shape to M shape. It faded after several minutes of observation. 2. It is the opinion of electronics personnel in this Division that such a return might have been caused by: a. Anomalous Propagation b. Ship-Borne radar jamming Detachment "2" radar c. Geese or Storks in flight. 3. Logical deduction is that one of above mentioned possibilities is the cause for this radar return.			
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The following report is rendered in compliance with AFR 200-2. Reference paragraph six (6) of this regulation for formats.

1. Description of the Objects

- (a) Varying shapes, series of V's, W's, and M's.
- (b) Size- N/A as referred to in this regulation. Approximately two (2) or three (3) degrees wide.
- (c) Color-N/A
- (d) Number-Varied with sweep from one (1) to twelve (12).
- (e) Formation-Straight line on azimuth of 25° from 20 to 40 miles out (Approximately Geo-ref MJPF 1535).
- (f) N/A
- (g) N/A
- (h) N/A
- (i) Frequent change in shape. Each object was more distinct at times.

2. Description of course of objects:

- (a) Scope presentation.
- (b) 25 degrees azimuth. Height finder was out so information concerning angle of elevation was not available.
- (c) Last observed on azimuth of 25 degrees.
- (d) Comparatively stationary.
- (e) Faded out.
- (f) Several minutes.

3. Manner of observations:

- (a) Observed by radar TPS-1D
- (b) Optical aids N/A
- (c) N/A

4. Time and date of sighting:

- (a) 16/1754Z/Dec 53
- (b) Night

5. Location of Observations:

Geo-ref MJNF 4105

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6. Identifying information of all observers:

- (a) N/A
- (b) A/3C V.A. Key, AF 12 437 411, Air Surveillance Operator, Detachment 2, 737th AC&W Squadron.
Capt T.S. White, Detachment Commander.
Lt V. Baker, Controller.

7. Weather conditions:

- (a) Overcast with limited visibility but no rain.
- (b) Negative.
- (c) Ceiling-8000' (estimated)
- (d) Five (5) miles visibility
- (e) Amount of cloud cover 9/10
- (f) Thunderstorms: negative

8. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.
Negative.

9. Existence of physical evidence of sighting, such is photography.
Negative.

10. Negative.

11. Negative.

12. Chief of Intelligence, 316th Air Division (Defense).

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Although radar maintenance personnel at the Site of observation have offered no possible cause for the sighting, it is the opinion of several qualified electronics personnel at this division that the return may have been caused by one of the following:

- a. Anomalous propagation.
- b. Ship-borne radar jamming Detachment 2 radar.
- c. Geese or storks in flight.

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