MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief,

SUBJECT: Observation of Flying Object Near

During my trip inside the train, there was a number of passengers on board. I was one of four people who observed an unusual flying object in the darkness. Following are my notes on what I observed:

1. Our trip from [redacted] to [redacted] was planned according to timetables available in [redacted], and we were originally scheduled to leave at about 6:00 p.m. However, apparently the officials responsible for planning did not know about certain changes that had been made in the train schedule, and our schedule was altered to arrive about 10:00 p.m. Our accommodations were in a "soft" sleeping car of the international type, consisting of six two-person compartments. The car was occupied as follows:

- Compartment 1: [redacted]
- Compartment 2: [redacted]
- Compartment 3: [redacted]
- Compartment 4: [redacted]

The car was arranged with compartments all on one side, the left side as one faced forward, with an aisle on the right side. There were windows in the compartments and on the outside of the aisle, but not in the aisle wall of the compartments. However, during the time of the observation, the door to my compartment was open, so that movement of persons in the aisle would have been observable. My recollection is that the window of my compartment was open a little way from the top. Before the time of observation, we were all together in Compartment 4.

2. From Compartment 4, the train traveled slowly along until shortly after about 10:00 p.m. in a generally southerly direction. Before the train turned at a [redacted] curve, a man went to his own compartment to rest and turned off the light in Compartment 3. At this time the train turned westward.

3. About ten minutes after we had passed this curve, Compartment 4 returned to Compartment 5, and, with great excitement, said, "I just saw a flying saucer!" The time was then about 10:10 p.m. When asked where he had

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seen it. I turned around and said to the attendants, "Turn on the lights." The attendants also went to the window and I looked over their shoulders. A man said, "I just saw it coming up." When the lights were on, I saw through the window, to the south of the train, an object resembling a searchlight at the end of the horizon, perhaps a little above the horizon. It did not throw a beam but instead glowed with a reddish light, something like the glowing of an electric hot plate. It looked like a circular light standing on edge, facing the train, and perhaps tilted slightly downward. I had the impression that the searchlight was at a distance of perhaps four to six miles. There was flat and open land, no buildings, no special vegetation. At the time of observation, twilights had fallen and the first few stars were out but it was still light enough to see for some distance. The sky was clear with no clouds.

4. At this point I said, "I don't see it." A man said, "Sure, it's coming again." and the others said, "Yes, it's coming up. It's whirling." I then noticed an object slightly to the right of the searchlight. It had two shining eyes and seemed to be rising vertically. It then seemed to change course and to approach the train on one of a horizontal course but still ascending slightly (travelling northward). I am not certain whether the body of the object changed position, but the eyes, which seemed to be fixed on the side of the object facing the train during the ascent, continued to face toward us. The eye on the left was brighter than the other but both gave a white light, glowing like a firefly rather than casting a beam. On the horizontal course, the object gave the impression of gliding. No noise was heard and no exhaust glowed or trail was seen by me. When the object appeared to be about to pass over the train, I ran to the other side of the train in order to look out the window on the aisle side, but I saw nothing. The observation lasted about six or seven seconds, maybe less. The porter was standing in the corner of the aisle, forward, near Compartment 6, but did not seem to be looking out the window at the time.

5. After the object had passed, we turned on the lights in the compartment, and one of the porters said, "We saw a flying saucer.

I wanted you boys to see it so that I would have witnesses." Everyone in the compartment was convinced that we had seen something real and unusual. I asked if it could have been some kind of airplane and the others replied, "No, there was no resemblance."

6. A few minutes later, the porter returned to his compartment. He suggested that I, as interpreter, ask the porter the name of the last station which we had passed. I was reluctant to do so for fear of arousing the porter's suspicion. However, about an hour later, on the way about five to seven minutes after the observation, I approached the porter in the aisle and in a roundabout way approached the question of the names of the last and next stations, whether they were large, and how long we
would stop at the next station, explaining that we should like to obtain some water or tea. The porter answered in a very general form, not saying the stations, but saying, "The next station will be a longer stop and you will be able to get off to buy something." I returned to the compartment and told [illegible] that the porter seemed a little reluctant to give any details. A few minutes later the porter came into Compartment 4 and pulled down the window shade, saying (in a [illegible] way). He also pulled the shades on the aisle windows, but I do not recall his entering the compartment to pull the shades. After the stop at the next station, he gave me the names of the stations as [illegible]. The porter may have shown some slight excitement when he pulled the shades, but I do not believe that his excitement was connected with our observation. I believe that the case may have been his failure to follow the standard rule on trains to pull the shades as soon as it became dark. He was late in doing this, and no doubt we were passing through some restricted area where such instructions must be observed strictly. I do not believe that either of the other two passengers in the car tipped off the porter that something important had happened. Before dark, the comforter in Compartment 5 had asked the porter to prepare his bed because he had to get up at 0200 hours to get off the train. As far as I know, he went to bed quite some time before the occurrence. The civilian from Compartment 6 was seen in the aisle sometime after the occurrence but not at the time of the occurrence.

7. I cannot describe the shape of the object which we observed, as much as I observed no silhouettes. I had the impression of a short object, probably shorter than an airplane, but in no way did I obtain an impression of the silhouette of an airplane. Perhaps the object could have had short wings. I am not certain whether it was or was not disc-shaped or circular. It appeared to me that the object at first was further from the train than the searchlight. At all times, the searchlight appeared to be larger than the object and stationary. I cannot estimate the altitude reached by the object, but it was very high. I cannot estimate the speed at which the object traveled. It did not seem to be traveling very fast. On its horizontal course, it seemed to be gliding smoothly, and it seemed to be moving more slowly as it approached the train than when first observed. It definitely did not move by at an unusual speed. I did not hear any noise which might have been associated with the object, and I believe that the sound of an airplane engine would have been heard over the train noise. I have observed the eyes of the object when the object approached the train. They were distinctly two in number, set apart at a fixed distance, but I cannot estimate how far apart they were. I observed no other, small lights on the object. I do not recall seeing any military traffic or installations of significance within half an hour on either side of the point of observation.

8. Only [illegible] and I were debrriefed immediately at that briefing, but the principal secretary I provided only a few supplemental
details, I was not debarred on the subject. Except for the debarment in, I have not discussed this matter with other members of the party since the occurrence.
1. The train was about one hour and ten minutes out of The train had traveled for about 10 minutes after it turned east away from the The time was about 7:10 PM.

2. The object was sighted out the left side of the train. The landscape was a bare plain to the horizon.

3. The train was moving at about 30 mph.

4. The lights had been turned on in the train but it was not yet completely dark outside.

5. The sky was clear.

6. was resting in the compartment which was dark.

7. were in second compartment with 12.

8. into compartment and announced that he had seen a flying saucer.

9. The lights were extinguished and all looked out the window.

10. saw a search light which was described as a glow. There was no beam.

11. When the object was pointed out to him he saw two white lights, like eyes, rise vertically and then move rapidly over the train. He looked out the opposite side of the train but could see nothing.

12. The body of the object appeared only as a darkened object against the sky. It may have been square or round, he was not sure.

13. The lights were not quite equally spaced on the span of the object, being somewhat closer together than the distance to the tips.

14. There appeared to be stub wings on the object.

15. The object appeared to be about 1/3 the size of the searchlight.

16. It was not possible to estimate the distance to the object.

17. The total time of sighting was estimated to be about 5 seconds.

18. About 10 minutes after the sighting, the steward came in the compartment and pulled the shade down. When they protested he said it
was better this way. Source got the impression that they were passing a restricted area, however, he stated that it was customary to lower the shades when the lights were on.

19. Source went to see if he could learn the name of the station they had passed about 10 minutes before, but had no success.
Note on interview with

1. The train left about 6:00. It was still dark enough to take color plates. After cameras had been on the conveyer belt for ten minutes at the station after the train had traveled away from the sea, the subject asked:

4. The subject related that all had agreed that he

had seen a floating object against a grey sky slightly closer to the horizon moving upon the object appeared to rotate slowly. It was composed of lights or jet visible on the
light on top of the object. The object was a flat circular
shape with a double-pronged tail, as seen in the
photograph. The object moved upward
slightly, then stopped, before moving
rapidly over the train. It did not
appear to increase in size
during its movement.
There were no reports of
other objects in the
area. It was about 4
miles away from the
train. The object
was seen to have
eight lights to the left
with the beam
horizontal. The lights appeared
to be diffused. The lights were
certainly not thought to be associated
with the object.
The object appeared to be
about 38° above the line of
sight of the train at about
90°. The train was moving
Light on top of the object. The object was a flat circular silverish object, described as similar to a partially inflated balloon. The object moved upward and slightly to the left, rotating and moving rapidly over the trees. It did not appear to accelerate in size as it moved over the trees. There were no organisms or object that were said to be a conventional airplane. No estimate of distance could be made. Its size was thought to be about one large passenger plane. There were two search lights to the left of the beam vertical. The lights appeared to be diffused. No lights were thought to be associated with the object.

The object appeared to be about 36 degrees ahead of the trees and across the trail at about 90 degrees. The tree was moving fast 20 miles per hour.
The object was a flattened, elongate shape with a long, slender body, described as similar to a partially inflated balloon. The object moved upward and rotated slowly, stopped, rotated slightly, moved rapidly over the terrain, halted and appeared to increase in size as it moved over the terrain. There was no noise from the object, and it was said to be a conventional airplane. No unusual distance could be made. Its size made it difficult to determine its size accurately. There were two searchlights to the left with the beam directed. The lights appeared to be diffused. The lights were not thought to be associated with the object.

The object appeared to be about 35° uphill of the observer and 90° to the left of the train at about 100 miles. There was no movement.