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METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, N.H., JULY SEVEN, FORTYSEVEN,

SECURITY MATTER-X. [REDACTED], SECURITY OFFICER, M.I.T.,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED THAT TODAY HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF WEST RINDGE, N.H., A RETIRED [REDACTED] OF THE NEW

ENGLAND TEL. AND TEL.CO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY THREE

PM ON JULY SEVEN LAST SEVERAL PEOPLE SITTING ON A PORCH OBSERVED ON THE

LAWN OF [REDACTED] ROUTE [REDACTED] WEST RINDGE, N.H., LITTLE CURLS

OF SMOKE, WHICH ON INSPECTION DISCLOSED SMALL BURNED SPOTS ABOUT ONE

AND ONE HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER ON THE GREEN LAWN. ALSO IN THE LONG DRY

GRASS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN A CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FEET

IN DIAMETER SEVERAL LITTLE BLAZES HAD STARTED AND THE FIRE DEPT. WAS CALLED.

FIRES WERE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY METALLIC FRAGMENTATIONS

WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO [REDACTED] OF MIT, BY A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED [REDACTED]

THAT THEIR GENERAL APPEARANCE ARE SIMILAR TO THE LINING OF

V DASH TWO BOMBS, WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED AT NEW MEXICO. [REDACTED]

PROFESSOR [REDACTED] AN OUTFITTER METALLURGIST AT MIT, STATED

THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY THE REMAINS FROM A JET TURBO PLANE. AT PRESENT

TIME HE IS IN PROCESS OF ANALYZING TWO OF THESE PIECES. THESE

SCIENTISTS IN ROUGHLY RECONSTRUCTING THE METALLIC OBJECT STATE

APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, THREE

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SIXTEENTHS OF AN INCH THICK, AND MACHINE TOOLED, AND SOME FRAGMENTS INDICATED THEY WERE BURNED AND [REDACTED] APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO TERRIFIC HEAT. THESE SCIENTISTS ARE TREATING THIS MATTER AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. MR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT WEST RINDGE, N.H. IS ALSO ENDEAVORING TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL FRAGMENTS AND HAS STATED THAT THE FIRE CHIEF AT WEST RINDGE HAS ALSO SEVERAL FRAGMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE IS SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED FEET EAST OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS. [REDACTED] STATED HE WILL MAKE THE RESULTS OF M I T RESEARCH AVAILABLE IF SIGNIFICANT. OPINIONS OF SCIENTISTS AS SET FORTH ABOVE SUGGEST POSSIBLE MILITARY INTEREST. MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT BOSTON HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED.

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*Info to attention
Linn S.C. Jacobs m.i.d.
8/11/40 [initials]*

cc - Mr. Ladd

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7-29-47

FROM : SAC, Boston

Conner (m)

SUBJECT: METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, JULY 7, 1947
SECURITY MATTER (X)

Reference is made to Boston teletype to the Bureau dated July 18, 1947.

Dean [redacted] the original informant, has advised that a spectographic examination has been completed of the metal particles referred to. They were determined to be of ordinary cast iron which had been subjected to a very high degree of heat. The heat caused scales to be formed on the cast iron which were originally thought to be of some metallic alloy.

The scientist examining the particles concluded that if they had come through the air from any great altitude in as small pieces as they were found then most of the heat would have been taken from them by the time they reached the ground and fires would not have resulted. It is noted they landed approximately 700 feet from a railroad track and inquiries were conducted by MIT to determine whether or not the particles could have been originally a part of a liner in a smoke stack or some other part of the steam engine. These inquiries resulted in positive information that the particles did not come from a train or locomotive. Measurements of the four pieces examined revealed that they had most likely been originally all part of one hollow cylinder, eight inches in diameter and three sixteenths of an inch in thickness. It was felt that one piece falling from a great height would have still retained a good part of its heat and probably would have smashed when it hit the ground.

A scientist, whom [redacted] did not identify by name, recalled that cast iron cylinders of similar measurements had been used in New Mexico on research work on a guided missile project. However, this unidentified scientist did not so conclude to the exclusion of all other possibilities.

It is interesting to note that the examination at MIT was actually conducted by [redacted] who furnished the Boston Office with an informal report similar in all major details to that supplied by [redacted] above. The men at MIT are gathering through friends all additional pieces of the original cylinder available. These will be turned over to the Boston Office. No further examination is being conducted by MIT and no effort is being made to reconstruct the original cylinder.

Unless advised to the contrary by August 15, 1947 the Boston Office will destroy these specimens. In the interim they will be transmitted to the Bureau on specific Bureau instructions.

HANDLED BY [redacted]

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It is noted that the original Boston teletype reflected that this inquiry was being treated as "secret" matter at MIT. [REDACTED] has advised that the comparatively small number of research scientists at MIT during the summer are all cognizant of the incident and the results of the research. However, no publicity has been given and it is not anticipated that any will result. The Bureau's interest is not known to the scientists at MIT. There has been no speculation that a guided missile originating in a foreign land landed in New Hampshire.

As indicated above, unless the Bureau requests specifically further investigative action, this case is being closed in the Boston Office.

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