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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

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1. (Deleted) 2. Possible Unidentified Flying Object 3. (Deleted) Document Number (FOIA)/ ESDN (Crest): 0000015252

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COUNTRY	Ukraine)	REPORT NO.	CS -3/414,903
SUBJECT	1. Military, Scientific, and Miscellaneous Observations in the Ukraine.	DATE DISTR.	22 October 1959
	2. Possible Unidentified Flying Object Sighting of Hip-Roofed Freight Car	NO. PAGES	6
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DATE OF INFO. Late August - Early September 1959

PLACE & DATE ACQ. Germany, Berlin

FIELD REPORT NO.

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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE:

[Redacted]

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Kiev

1. On the civilian airfield at Kiev were two or three single-engine jets in an obscure corner of the field. There were also a line of CRATES and a line of observation aircraft.

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[Redacted] the military airfield at Kiev was used for civilian jet airliners. [Redacted] there were plans to expand the civilian field to accommodate jets.

A locked double gate with red stars and a sentry (possibly in air force uniform) was located at No. 4 ulitsa Vorovskogo.

[Redacted] from the district of Chokolivka, a column of brilliant white smoke was observed. The smoke was coming from a wooded ridge about 1000 yards to the west, apparently just beyond Novo Hreshenskaya ulitsa. The column was about 30 feet high and dispersed at the top. During the ten or fifteen minutes this column was under observation, no flame was seen and no noises were heard. No buildings were seen nearby.

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4. A military school and an aviation mechanics school were located near the intersection of Prechislenskaya ulitsa and [Redacted] ulitsa. A bomber carcass, three MiG-19s, and three MiG-17s were observed here. In addition there were also two large [Redacted] measuring about 15 feet from tip to tip. They were [Redacted] top to bottom and each had a dipole (sic) in the center.

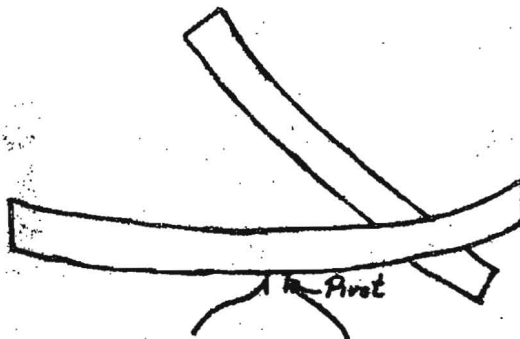
5. A battery of light field artillery (105 mm) and [Redacted] similar to the 105 mm) was [Redacted]

6. Southwest of [Redacted] were seen. [Redacted] warning lights.

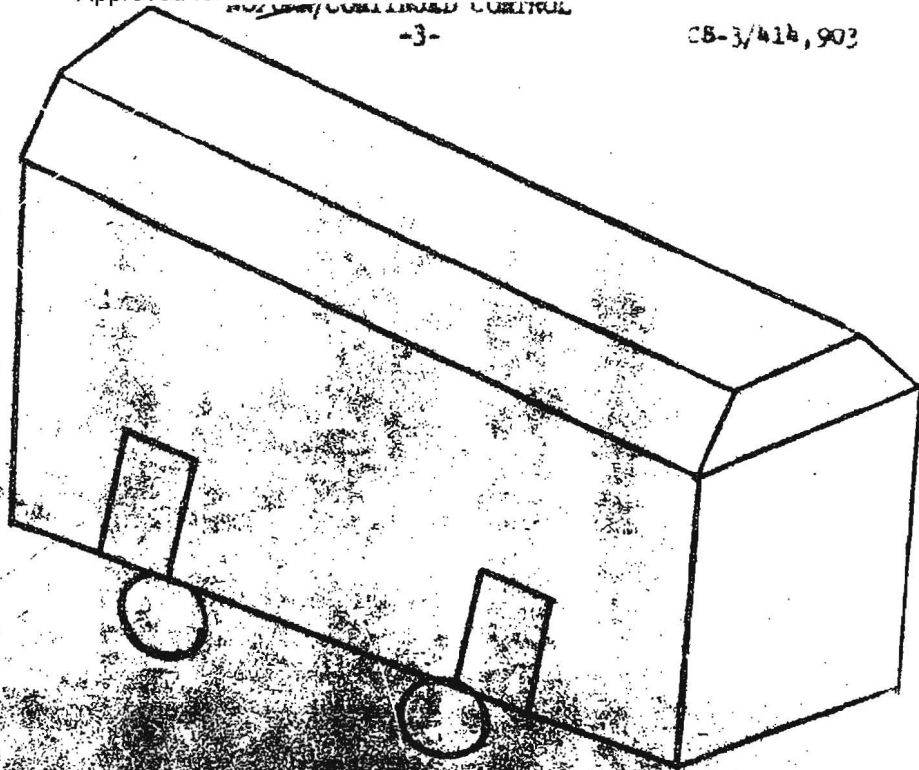
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Chernovtsy

The airfield at Chernovtsy was a broad, curving, grass field. An unusual radar antenna was seen on the field (see sketch below). It consisted of a horizontal curved piece mounted on a pivot, to which a vertical piece was attached at an angle. The vertical piece curved forward. The antenna was khaki in color and was made of a mesh or screen material. It was in the northeast corner of the field and was seen during landing. It was not visible from the terminal.



8. [redacted] at a distance of three to four miles northeast of the town, a bare swath of flat, unplowed earth was observed. The swath was located on a level section close to the crest of a grassy hill. The lower portion of the swath was obscured by the town but what could be seen was approximately 1500 yards long and rose slightly toward the right where it ended in a small circle with a dot (sic) in the center. 3.3(h)(2)
9. The rail yard at Chernovtsy was fenced from the street by a wooden fence six to eight feet high, but it was possible to see through the fence in places. The yards were very large and contained many trains, but no construction or anything resembling missile activity was observed. Four conventional tank cars and one larger one painted white or light yellow with two hatches, were observed.
10. The rail line from Chernovtsy to Kolomyia was double-tracked. Between Kolomyia and Lvov it was single-tracked. [redacted] at approximately 2010 an installation was observed on the left side of the train. This installation was set back one-half to three-quarters of a mile from the railroad. The area was illuminated by lights on poles, regularly spaced in a circular pattern. No details of the area could be seen, but next to the track were two long low buildings with prominent "No Smoking" signs. 3.3(h)(2)
11. At about 2030 hours a luminous orange ball was sighted on the left of the train. It appeared to be in flight and vanished while in the air. It was visible for a short time only and no additional information was obtained concerning it.
12. [redacted] an aircraft was observed on the right side of the train, close to the tail end. [redacted] gas jets. 3.3(h)(2)
13. [redacted] between Khodorov and Lvov, 30 unusual freight cars along with many tank cars were observed parked on a siding to the left of the train. The freight cars appeared to be standard with a hip roof modification and were in good condition (see sketch at top of next page). No markings were noted and no personnel were seen nearby. Of the tank cars seen, three had the word огнеопасно obliterated. Two of them had two hatches, were marked 70-ton capacity and were cream colored. In the same area and on the opposite side of the train was a fence running along the tracks. Inside the fence appeared to be an elaborate brick building and troops. Better observation was not possible because at this point the track bed was depressed considerably below the level of the surrounding terrain. 3.3(h)(2)



Lvov

14. Approaching either from the [redacted] 3.3(h)(2)
 a freight car was seen loaded with a bright blue mineral. The freight car was parked on a siding to the left of the train and resembled a coal car, but with sides only about half as high. The full length of the car was filled to about half its depth with light blue or turquoise crystals or lumps. They had a glassy appearance, were roundish but jagged and measured six to eight inches across. There was no cover over the cargo, which appeared to be pure to the extent that there did not seem to be any dirt or other substance mixed with the crystals. It was broad daylight at the time, and it was possible to observe this car for about 30 seconds while the train was passing it. None of the other cars on the same siding appeared to be of interest, and there were no personnel seen in the area. Later at a museum in Prague, what appeared to be the same mineral was seen. It was exhibited in a case with chemical compounds and was labelled "fluorite". The crystal seen in the museum was smaller than those seen in the freight car and had other mineral matter adhering to it.

15. The Polytechnical Institute in Lvov emphasized electrical engineering and, [redacted] 3.3(h)(2)
 It had a technical library second only to Moscow and Leningrad. Many of the students of the institute were in military uniform, and there was a military school nearby. Several officers in dress uniform were observed in the area, being taken in charge. There was a tall radio tower very near the institute.

16. On the way from Lvov to Uzhgorod, the train passed another train headed in the opposite direction. An artillery piece, similar to a 155 mm gun, was observed on a flat car of this train. There were two soldiers on the flat car. No other military items were noted on this train.
17. Along this route a tent camp of soldiers who were working on a small railroad bridge was also noted.

Uzhgorod

18. At Uzhgorod, after crossing the footbridge, turning left (south) and traveling for one to two miles, a circular installation was observed half-way up a hillside (see sketch at top of next page). The installation was 200-300 yards in diameter and had two white buildings inside the circle. At night the entire area was ringed with lights.

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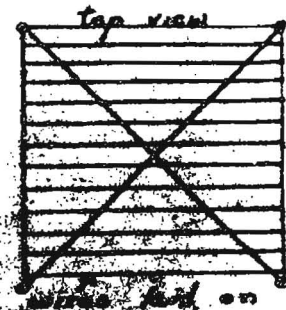
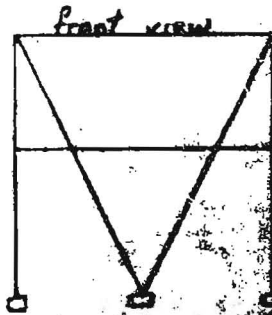
- 19. Going toward Mikachevo, [redacted] at the town limits of Uzhgorod. [redacted] area large [redacted] wearing military [redacted] trees. No [redacted]
- 20. The football stadium in Uzhgorod was in the northwest corner of the town. To the south of the stadium, at a distance of about 300 yards, was a group of eight to ten communications poles approximately 20 to 25 feet high, interconnected with a network of wires. On a ridge to the northeast of the stadium, at a distance of 2000 to 3000 yards, was another group of poles.
- 21. The highway from Uzhgorod to Srednyy (halfway to Mikachevo) was a two-lane black-top road in good condition. The terrain to the west of the road was low and flat; to the east were wooded ridges. There were no indications of radar installations on the ridges or of clearings in the woods.
- 22. Near Perechin, north of Uzhgorod, was a castle used as a recreation area. The road to Perechin was also a good two-lane road with a black-top surface. The area was a valley with high ridges on both sides. [redacted] during World War II, partisans were able to eliminate the rail line from the castle. There was a large stone quarry near the recreation area, from which heavy blasting could be heard. Some clearings were noted near the top of the ridges but no signs of military activity or of trails leading up to them were seen. 3.3(h)(2)
- 23. The highway from Uzhgorod to [redacted] was a two-lane black-top road in good condition. The trip could be made by [redacted]
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- 24. The border [redacted] plowed strip [redacted] fence with diagonal [redacted]

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the ground (see sketch below).



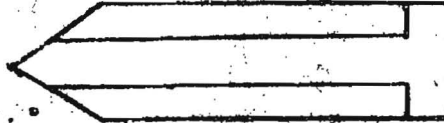
The outer fence was about two feet high and had a diagonal piece at the top to prevent climbing the fence from the Soviet side (see sketch below). No insulators were observed on either fence.



It could not be determined whether there was any movement in the fences where the trains passed through. The fences were closed by movable barriers. The train was stopped at the barrier and searched at that time. It was guarded

Reversible Shoulder Boards

25. On one occasion, a Soviet Army enlisted man was seen wearing reversible shoulder boards with different colors on the two sides. The shoulder boards were tilted so that the underside could easily be seen. It was possible to verify this while walking behind the soldier for about one and a half blocks. The soldier's uniform was otherwise unremarkable. The shoulder board had a "T" on the upper side (see sketch below) which was bright red on a khaki field; on the underside the "T" was yellow on a royal blue field.

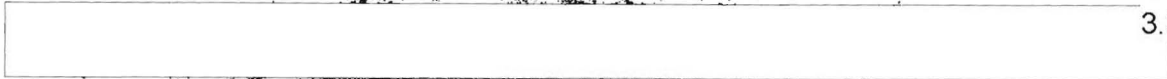


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