

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. George Smith 8 Oct 68

Per our telecon this date

ATC. Art Hasbans
SS-3

To Lt Col Haskins SS-3

1. Thank you
2. Returned for your file or C/D as desired

GFS

Memo:

9 Oct 68

Talked to Geo Smith this date.
He stated that we should let this
go through the normal channels indicated
in TWX and not react until something
new is developed AMH.

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SUBJECT: SPACE MATERIAL COLLECTION

REF: DEPTTEL 245378

1. REFERENCE OBJECT WAS VIEWED BY EMBOFFICER ON OCTOBER 2 IN POLICE OFFICE AT PORT NOLLOTH. ACCORDING TO POLICE, OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN BY A GOATHEARD ABOUT JANUARY 1967 RPT 1967 BUT HE DID NOT REPORT IT AS THOUGHT IT PART OF AN OLD AUTOMOBILE. OBJECT WAS FOUND AT APPROXIMATE COORDINATES 17 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST, 29 DEGREES 23 MINUTES SOUTH. OBJECT IS ROUGHLY OBLONG WITH DIMENTIONS OF 45 INCHES BY 43 INCHES BY 39 1/2 INCHES BY 35 INCHES. THICKNESS VARIES FROM ABOUT 1/2 INCH TO ABOUT 3 INCHES, ALL EDGES BADLY SHREDDED. OBJECT HAS AN ODD-SHAPED FRAME APERTURE NEARLY IN CENTER MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 17 1/2 INCHES BY 20 INCHES BY 21 INCHES BY 23 INCHES. THE OVERALL OBJECT HAS A SLIGHT CONCAVE APPERANCE AND WEIGHS APPROXIMATELY 46 1/2 POUNDS. OBJECT IS MADE UP PRIMARILY OF THIN LAYERS OF BLACK SILVERISH CANVAS-LIKE MATERIAL. INSIDE THIS IN MAY PLACES IS ONE INCH THICK HONEYCOMB MATERIAL WITH SIDES OF HONEYCOMB BEING MADE OF SAME BLACK SILVER MATERIAL. HONEYCOMB FILLED BY APPARENTLY BLACK FIBERGLASS TYPE MATERIAL. MOST METAL PARTS ARE OF "POT METAL" APPEARING SUBSTANCE. ONE PLATE WHICH IS BOLTED TO OBJECT IN A CORNER GIVES APPEARANCE OF STEEL. BOLT HEADS APPEAR BE OF METAL WITH SOME BRASS CONTENT. THIS PLATE IS OBLONG IN SHAPE MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 8 AND 9/16 INCHES BY 5 AND 15/16 INCHES. FOUR OF BOLT HEADS ON THIS PLATE CARRY FOLLOWING MARKING, NAS 1005-4 WITH WHAT APPEARS BE TWO-LETTER DIEMARK COMPOSED OF SCRIPT LETTER "B" AND WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS LOPSIDED LETTER "M". NEXT FOUR BOLT HEADS ARE MARKED NAS 1004-17 WITH DIEMARK. NEXT FOUR CARRY MARK "SPL" WITHOUT DIEMARK. NEXT

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FOUR CARRY NAS 1005-28 WITH DIEMARK. NEXT TWO CARRY NAS 1005-24.
ANOTHER PLATE OF DIFFERENT CONSTRUCTION ON OPPOSITE CORNER HAVE BOLT
HEADS WITH MARKINGS NAS 1004-26 AND LETTERS "CPP" MOST MARKINGS
ON BOLT HEADS ON THIS PLATE WERE UNREADABLE.

2. TWENTY COLOR PHOTS OF OBJECT, FROM VARIOUS ANGLES, WERE TAKEN.
POUCHING FULL REPORT WITH ACCOMPANYING MAP AND UNPROCESSED FILM.

3. SA POLICE PORT NOLLOTH PREPARED HOLD OBJECT, WHICH SECURED IN
LOCKED STOREROOM, PENDING FURTHER WORD FROM US. EMBASSY AWAITS
DEPARTMENT 'S INSTRUCTIONS.

GP-3. ROUNTREE

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