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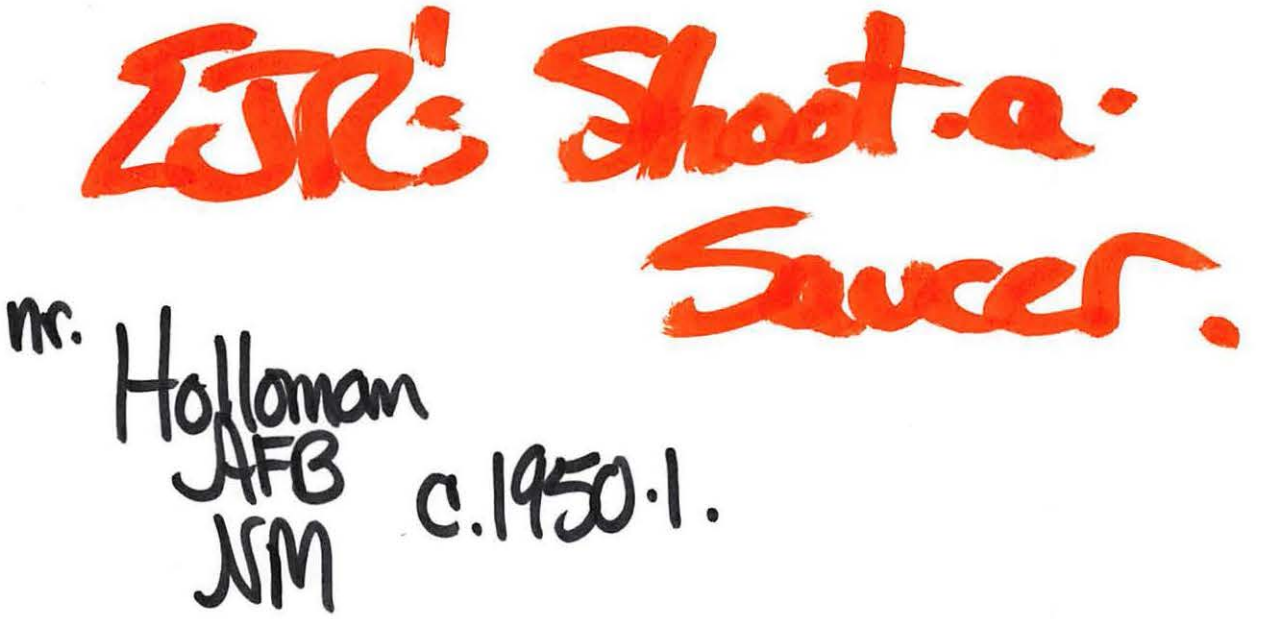
Gentlemen, a dozen more pages in and 20 more refs. The reason for this e-mail is that there is some totally understandable lack of information about how much Ruppelt believed the guy who told him about the shooting incident. The info that Ruppelt was so in belief of the truth of this incident that he took it to the Robertson Panel comes from the very esoteric source of Thornton Page's meeting notes, as he listened to Ruppelt talk. So, no one can be in anyway blamed for not knowing this. Page's notes say: Albuquerque F-86 AF pilot's report. "could shoot at it"[these are Page's own " "s] suppressed by C.O. (record destroyed to keep people out of trouble}.---end of notation by Page. The fact that Ruppelt was willing to talk about this in front of the CIA, General Garland, Hynek, Fournet, et al means to me that he believed this and reported what the guy told him. Now he may have been "hosed" by the guy for some reason, but I refuse to knock him on this for anything than being too trustworthy of a guy who you SHOULD have been able to trust. Maybe the incident happened, maybe not---but its not EJR's fault. All this fits my view of EJR; he seems to be a hard-working person with a sense of duty and some degree of talent. Likewise I see him as a little naive when it comes to the real world of what people, even Air Force people, are capable of doing. Hell, he was even briefly impressed with what George Hunt Williamson was trying to do with his electronic signalling gizmos until he got "the rest of the story". I hope that Jan can figure out whether the shooting thing happened or not because there's a mystery here and its Eddie who has gotten stuck with carrying the can if the event never occurred. Why would that guy lay something that elaborate on Ruppelt? What the hell was going on? mike



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