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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

af 434443

SUBJECT
Sighting of Unidentified Object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Texas	Directorate of Intelligence, Ninth Air Force (Adv), Fort Hood, Texas

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
9 April 1952	3-6 April 1952	A-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Major Joseph W. Hensley, Exec Dir of Intel	20 Observers

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
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SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

Object was reported by 15 observers at Draughon-Miller Airport, Temple, Texas, 97°25'W 31°10'N; by 2 observers on flight near Evant, Texas, 98°10'W 31°28'N; 2 observers at Stephensville, Texas, 98°12'W 32°13'N; and 1 observer in Temple, Texas, 97°20'W 31°07'N, at approximately 2045 hours 2 April 1952 for a period of 10 - 40 seconds.

Object appeared to be round ball of fire giving off greenish glow and having a red and yellow tail of fire and sparks. Object emitted two or three smaller balls of fire which burned out. It traveled a straight South - North course West of Temple, Texas, at about 030 degrees heading and disappeared behind clouds. Speed estimated from 500 to 6,000 MPH. Altitude estimated 10,000 to 150,000 feet, flat trajectory. Sound reported similar to that of jet aircraft. All sightings visual.

Two observers at Evant, Texas, were in RB-26 at 4500' altitude flying South. All others were at ground level.

Weather sequence 2028 hours, clouds thin scattered 25,000'; visibility 12 miles, surface winds East at 4 knots.

PREPARED BY:

Joseph W. Hensley
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JAMES M. WINTERBOTTOM
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USAF MEMO 7/31/78
By W Lewis AKC Date 9/13/78

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3 April 1952

At 2045 on night of 3 Apr 52 I saw, what appeared to be, a ball of fire appearing on the horizon from the South and Disappearing on the horizon to the North. I have no idea whatsoever the altitude of the object; however, the speed was great. I would estimate the speed as well over 1500 miles/hr. During the time that I observed the "object", I saw two smaller balls of fire appear to leave the large one. Each at a different time, probably a second part. Since the "object" passed almost directly over my position, releatively speaking, and since I have no idea the size of it, I can not even venture an estimation of the height.

The time lapse observed for this whole event was an estimated 5 seconds.

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/S/ John L. Ferrier 1/Lt
AO 2070483

3 April 1952
Temple, Texas

I John F. Morin Capt , Air Force, AO 823920, at 2042 hrs, on the 2nd of April West of Temple Texas saw an object in the sky. It was moving very fast, red, yellow in color with a long tale. It was in sight for about 10 second and in that time small parts were falling off. Its path was from Southwest to Northeast. Not knowing the size of the object, I can not say how high it was.

/S/ John F. Morin
Capt, AO 823920

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3 April 1952

When returning from a Special Service Show on the night of 2 April 52 at approximately 2045 hours, I noticed in the sky what appeared to be a "falling Star", I kept watching this because of the length of time it stayed in view, during its flight there appeared to be two (2) parts fall behind this, they had trails of light but not as large as the first one. I estimate the object (the largest one) stayed in sight for 40 seconds.

To the best of my knowledge this is correct.

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/S/ Don L. Funkel
Sgt, AF 25792213
135th Tac Recon Sq

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Draughon Miller Airport
Temple, Texas
April 3, 1952

STATEMENT:

At approximately 2045 on 2 April an unknown object was observed moving from South to North across Draughon Miller Airport. Elevation of the object appeared to be approximately 20,000 feet. It was in sight for a period of about 10 seconds traveling in a straight line, then disappeared behind some thin stratus or cirrus clouds, speed is estimated to be in excess of 1,000 MPH.

The object appeared to have a shower of sparks following it giving the impression of a tail. The main body gave off a greenish glow. No sound of any sort accompanied the object.

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In that the object traveled in a straight line with no loss of altitude I do not believe it could have been a meteor.

/S/ Floyd L. Whiteley
Capt, USAF
16105A
185th Tac Recon Sq

3 April 1952

On the night of 2 April 1952 at approximately 2045 hours I saw an object in the sky coming from the South heading North. This object appeared to me as follows:

a. It appeared to be a ball of fire shooting red flame from its tail section.

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b. It was traveling at a high rate of speed.

c. It disappeared above the clouds, therefore I would say it was about 10,000 feet.

d. From the time I saw it until it disappeared it held the same altitude and its course.

/S/ John L. Gaia
M/Sgt AF 85339226
155th Tac Recon Sq

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Draughon-Miller Airport
Temple, Texas
April 3, 1952

STATEMENT:

On 2 April 1952 at approximately 2040 hours at Draughon-Miller Airport the undersigned observed an object moving through the air in the direction of North. It is estimated the object was moving at a speed of 1500 MPH or better and appeared to be at an altitude of 20,000 to 40,000 feet. All that could be seen was a streak of fire and at intervals the fire would brighton or flare up. Object appeared to maintain a straight course and maintain a constant altitude. There was no sound at all observed.

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/S/ Harold C. Hoy
1/Lt, USAF AF434443
AO 2070513
185th Tac Recon Sq

3 April 1952

About 2100 hours on 2 April I was talking to Lt Col Simpson behind his tent. He called my attention to an object in the sky. I saw what I believe to be a meteor, traveling at a very high rate of speed in a Northerly direction. It appeared as a ball of fire leaving a trail of flame. It burned for an unusally long time and finally disappeared. It was traveling in a straight line.

/S/ Clasen B. Saunders
Major, USAF
8513 A
155th Tac Recon AF434443

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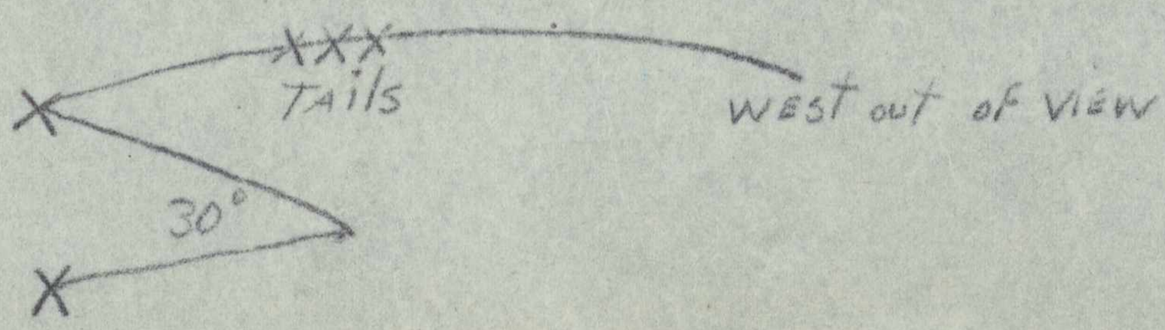
3 April 1952

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PLACE IN TEMPLE TEXAS ACROSS STREET FROM FIRE STATION

A Ball of fire with a tail crossed heavens from South to North as I faced West. At 3/8 of its course 3 individual balls with tails broke from main object and burned out the main light continued on at same speed and altitude till it faded from view.

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Characteristics: Maintained a constant speed and altitude as far as I could determine, through its entire orbit of my position. AF434443



/S/ Taylor L. Lamkin
Capt, USAF
185th Tac Recon Sq

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 1952
Drough-Miller Airport
Templ, Texas

Statement of a meteor or a light object flying threw the air. It came from the South on a heading of North. It flew in a stright line. It seamed to be holding it's altitude above the earth.

I saw it coming over the water tower from the South. It flew over head or a little to the west and out of sight heading North. It had a long streak of light or fire behind it. Right over head two balls of fire flew off of it. It did not seam to vary in speed. It must have been very high for there was no sound at all. It must have been large for it was so bright. The altitude must have been between 50,000 to 150,000 altitude. Speed from 4,000 to 6,000 MPH. Was in sight for one minute.

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/S/ Wayne E. Billig
1/Lt AO 1908498
185th T.R.S.
Temple, Texas

3 April 1952

AT APPROX. 8:45, April 2, 1952

Round shaped object, traveling very fast, pretty high altitude, going North and trailing fire and sparks for about what looked to be from 10 to 15 ft. long. Also this object was flying straight and level.

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/S/ Thomas L. Wood Jr.
S/Sgt AF 25339518
155th Tac Recon Sq

3 April 1952

At approximately 2045 on the 2nd of April I observed a flaming ball moving across the sky heading in a North direction at a high speed. It was leaving a bright trail behind it and appeared to be similar to a comet. I could not estimate its altitude or speed but it seemed to be flying level and not losing any altitude and maintaining a constant speed. From the ground where I stood it appeared to be approximately the sized of a base-ball.

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/S/ Robert L. Long
Sgt, AF 14374472
155th Tac Recon Sq

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Draughon-Miller Airport - 3 April 1952

From a position near Evant, Texas at 4500ft indicated altitude, on a heading of 180°, on the night of 2 April, 1952, at 2042 hours, the pilot, Capt John Morin and I together saw an object similar to a shooting star or meteor. The object started from the horizon to the South and passed over head on to the North. I approximate the heading of the object at 020°. When the object was directly overhead, or nearly so, two balls of fire came from the tail of it and immediately went out. The main body continued on as before.

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The fire was of a red orange color and had a tail, such as a rocket or shooting star. I could not make out the, if any, body in front of the tail. The speed was some where over 700 MPH. If it was a shooting star, it was the largest one I have ever seen.

I state that I have read this statement, and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

/S/ Robert P. Hurrelson Jr.
Lt, USAF
AO 1904487

3 April 1952

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STATEMENT

I swear that the following is a true statement of my observation.

At approximately 2000 hours on 2 April 1952 Lt Col Stanley Irons and I were standing on the west end of the ramp at Draughon-Miller Airport Temple, Texas. We observed a ball or teardrop shaped object which appeared to emit exhaust intermittently. This object appeared from the southern horizon and passed overhead at an altitude estimated to be 10,000 ft and continued out of sight over a bank of cumulus cloud on the northern horizon. The flight time of this object was under my observation was less than 10 seconds. No sound was emitted from the object. In my estimation this object traveled at a speed faster than a jet aircraft.

/s/ Ralph F. Newman
Lt Col, USAF
5212 A
155th Tac Recon Sq

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

I was standing in front of my operations tent talking with Maj Saunders when I happened to glance up. Directly overhead and heading in a northeasterly direction was what I assumed to be a meteor. It was the largest I have ever seen and lasted longer than any I have ever seen but never-the-less was similar in appearance. It seemed to diminish in size as it traveled until it eventually disappeared near the horizon. I have no idea how fast it was traveling nor how ligh it was. This took place at approximately 2045, 2 April 1952.

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/S/ John R. Auer
Capt, USAF

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3 April 52
185th Tac Recon Sq
Draughon-Miller Mun Apt
Temple, Texas

On 2 April 1952 while returning from the Stage Show below the Water tower at approximately 2040 hours I noticed what seemed to be a large ball of fire with a long "tail" behind traveling at a great rate of speed toward the North. It was my impression that it could have been a Star, because it seemed to disappear at a lower altitude than it was when I saw it at first.

The object lost part of it's "tail" just before it traveled out of sight. I can think of nothing outstanding about it except the speed that it traveled.

Encl 15

/S/ Heston R. Gumm
M/Sgt AF 20827297
185th Tac Recon Sq

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Draughon-Miller Airport
Temple, Texas

Approximately 2045 on the night of 2 April 1952 someone called my attention to an object in the sky approaching from the south on a northerly heading. This object passed above our position at a tremendous speed approximately 1500 MPH, and was visible for about 12 to 15 seconds.

This object can best be described as a ball of fire emitting an exhaust trail andwas flying a straight course and was neither losing nor gaining altitude. The altitude of this object could not be determined by the undersigned due to the deceptive appearance of the object at night. It is the opinion of the undersigned that this object was not a meteorite.

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/S/ William R. Harbin
1/Lt, USAF

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 1952

At approximately 2030-2045 hours, 2 April 1952 I observed a lighted object flashing across the sky from South to North. At the time I first observed it I was standing on the ramp at Temple Airport talking to Lt. Col Ralph L. Newman and drew his attention to the object.

The object closely resembled a meteor (or falling star) leaving a trail of fire except that it's motion appeared slower than a meteor and horizontal to the earths surface. Also, it appeared to travel out of sight rather than burn out. Its path was from South to North passing to the West of Temple. It's altitude connot be approximated and, therefore, neither can it's speed. It did, however, disappear behind a medium altitude layer of cloud for a few seconds.

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/S/ Stanley W. Irons
Lt Col, USAF
9717A
185th T R S

3 April 52
Mun Airport
Temple, Texas

I was in the Radar compartment of RB 26 - 271 at approx. 2045 2 April 52 and saw the object inquestion. We were in the traffic pattern at Temple Air Base at the time. The object passed behind us and the last time I saw it, it was passing the lights of Waco. All I could see of the object was the fire or exhaust coming from it, this fire appeared red to me. The object appeared to be traveling in a flat trajectory at not too great an altitude. I would say its speed was well over 500 MPH. I would estimate the object passed directly over some point between Temple and North Fort Hood on a heading of about 030°.

/S/ Cavel L. Humme
2/Lt, USAF
AO 1911758

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REPORT
OF
"FLYING SAUCER"

At approximately 2050 hours on 2 April 1952, Lt. Robert Baldwin of the 727th AC&W Squadron telephoned the Chief Duty Controller at Exceed that he had just seen a "flying saucer". Lt. Baldwin was inspecting the guard at an entrance to the area when he saw an object appear from a southwesterly direction and pass overhead continuing for some ten (10) seconds to the NE at which time it disappeared below the horizon.

In Lt. Baldwin's opinion, at no time did the object leave a trail such as a meteor gives off. Approximately half way along it's path it appeared to add speed, which was evidenced by an increase in the trail of fire, lasting approximately three (3) or four (4) seconds, then reverting to a slight glow.

In his estimation the speed of the object was between 1000/1200 mph. Immediately after the passage of the object, it was possible to hear it. The sound was the same as given off by a jet aircraft at high altitude and speed. The object was witnessed by Lt. Baldwin, Sgt. Carey and Pfc. Barnett.

Oscar E Rushing
OSCAR E. RUSHING
1st Lt., USAF
Chief Duty Controller

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At 2045 on night of 3-Ap-52 I saw, what appeared to be, a bree of fire appearing on the horizon from the South and disappearing on the horizon to the north. I have no idea whatsoever the altitude of the object; however, the speed was great. I would estimate the speed as well over 1500 miles/hr. During the time that I observed this "Objet" I saw two smaller bees of fire appear to leave the large one. Each at a different time, probably a second apart.

Since the "objet" passed almost directly over my position, relatively speaking, and since I have no idea the size of it, I can not even venture an estimation of the height.

The time lapse observed for this whole event was an estimated 5 seconds.

John I. Service 1/Lt.
AO-2070483

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John D. Neckerman
S/A OSI

Ed C. Poole
S/A, OSI

3 April 52
Temple Texas

I John F Acuna Capt Air Force A0823920 at 2042 hrs. on the 2nd of April west of Temple Texas saw an object in the sky. It was moveing very fast. red, yellow in color with a long tale. It was in sight for about 10 sec. and in that time small parts were falling off. Its path was from south west to north East. Not knowing the size of the object I can not say how high it was.

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John F Acuna
Capt. A0823920

Witness:

Norman L Haberman
S/A, OSI

Subscribed and sworn to before me. this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John G. Haberman
S/A OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 52

When returning from a Special Service Show
on the night of 2 April 52 at approximately
2045 hours, I noticed in the sky what
appeared to be a "falling star"; I kept
watching this because of the length of time
it stayed in view, during its flight
there appeared to be two (2) parts & fall
behind this, they had trails of light but
not as large as the first one; I estimate
the object (the largest one) stayed in sight
for 40 seconds.

To the best of my knowledge this is correct

Don L Fuentes
Sgt - AF26792213
185th Sac Recon Sq

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John D. Neckerman
S/A OSI

E.C. Poole
SIA, OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

DRAUGHON. MILLER AIRPORT
TEMPLE TEXAS
APRIL 3 - 1952

STATEMENT:

AT APPROXIMATELY 2045 ON 2 APRIL AN UNKNOWN OBJECT WAS OBSERVED MOVING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH ACROSS DRAUGHON MILLER AIRPORT. ELEVATION OF THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 20,000 FEET. IT WAS IN SIGHT FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 10 SECONDS TRAVELING IN A STRAIGHT LINE, THEN DISAPPEARD BEHIND SOME THIN STRATUS OR CIRRUS CLOUDS— SPEED IS ESTIMATED TO BE IN EXCESS OF 1,000 MPH.

THE OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE A SHOWER OF SPARKS FOLLOWING, IT GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF A TAIL - THE MAIN BODY GAVE OFF A GREENISH GLOW— NO SOUND OF ANY SORT ACCOMPANIED THE OBJECT.

IN THAT THE OBJECT TRAVELED IN A STRAIGHT LINE WITH NO LOSS OR ALTITUDE I DO NOT BELIEVE IT COULD HAVE BEEN A METEOR—

Lloyd L Whiteley
Capt USAF
16105A
185th Tac Recn Sq.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

Dale C. Poole
S/A, OSI

John H. Heckerman
S/A OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 1952

On the night of 2 April 1952 at approximately 2045 hours I saw an object in the sky ~~appearing~~ coming from the south heading north.

This object appeared to me ~~to~~ as follows:

a) It appeared to be a ball of fire shooting red flame from its tail section.

b) It was traveling at a high rate of speed

c) It disappeared above the clouds, therefore I would say it was about 10,000 feet.

d) From the time I saw it till it disappeared it held the same altitude and its course.

M/Sgt John L. Gara
AF 33 533226
15th Tac Recon Sqdn

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

E. C. Poole
S/A, 051

John D. Nickerman
S/A 057

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Draughon-Miller Airport
Temple, Texas
April 3, 1952

Statement:

On 2 April 1952 at approximately 20:40 hours at Draughon-Miller Airport, the undersigned observed an object moving through the air in the direction north. It is estimated the object was moving at a speed of 1500 M.P.H. or better and appeared to be at an altitude of 20,000 to 40,000 feet. All that could be seen was a streak of fire and at intervals the fire would brighten or flare up. Object appeared to maintain a straight course and maintain a constant altitude. There was no sound at all observed.

Harold C. Doty
1/Lt. USAF
AO-2078513
185TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

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E. C. Poole
S/A, OSI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John G. Neckerman
S/A OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 1952

Abaut 2100 hours on 2 April I was talking to Lt Col Simpson behind his tent. He called my attention to an object in the sky. I saw what I believe to be a meteor, traveling at a very high rate of speed, in a northerly direction. It appeared as a ball of fire leaving a trail of flame. It burned for an unusually long time and finally disappeared. It was traveling in a straight line.

Lt Col Samuel L Saunders
Major USAF
8513 A
155 T/Rcn Sq.

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 3rd Day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John D. Nickerman
S/A OSI

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S/A, OSI

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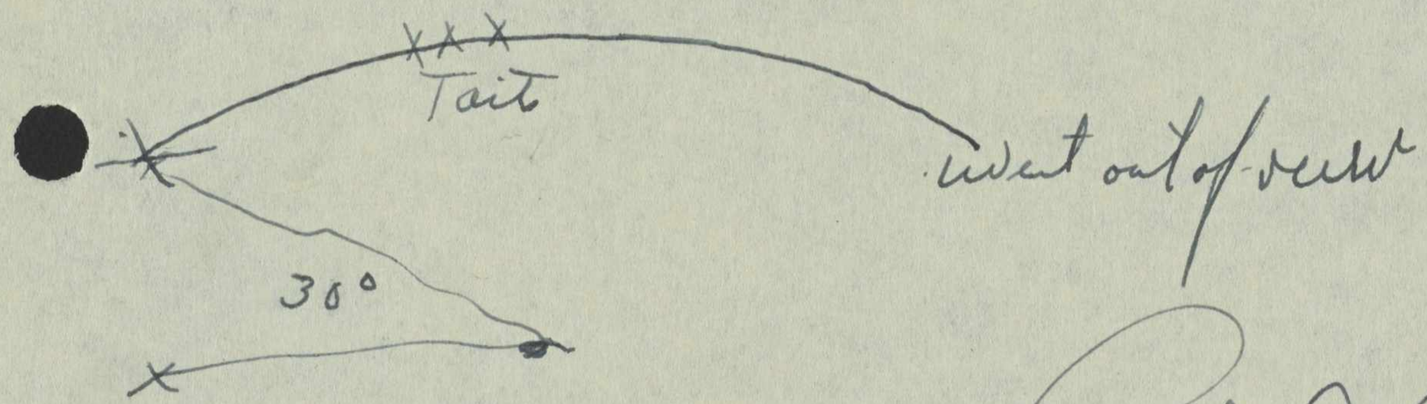
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Time Unk

Place In Temple Tepe accross strut from Fire Station

a Ball of fire with a tail crossed heaven from South to North as I faced West. At 3/8 of its course 3 individual Balls with tails broke from main objact and burned out the non light continued on at same speed & altitude. till it faded from view.

Charactoristics: Mantaind a constat speed & altitud as ~~fast~~ far as I could determine. through its entire orbit of my positon



Taylor L Rankin A0767290
Capt USAF
185 Tac Rec Sqdn

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple
Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas

John F. Nickerman
S/A OSI

C. C. Poole
S/A, 031

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 52
Drought-Miller
Temple, Airport
Temple, Texas

Statement of a meteor or a light object flying threw the air

It come from the south on a heading of north. It flew in a Stright line.

It seem to be holding it's altitude above the earth.

I saw it comming over the water tower From the South. It flew over head or a little to the west and out of sight heading north. It had a long streak of light or fire behind it. Right over head two balls of fire flew off of it. It did not seem to vary in spead. It must have been very high for there was no sound at all. It must have been large for it was so bright. The altitude must have been between 50,000' to 150,000' of altitude Speed from 4,000 to 6,000 m.p.h. Was in sight for one minute.

Wayne E Billy
1/Lt. AO 1908498
185 Th T.R.S.
Temple, Texas Ind 9

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Subscribed and sworn to before me This
3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal
Airport, Temple, Texas.

John G. Neiberman
S/A OSI

Ted C. Poole
S/A, OSI

3 April 1952

At Approx. 8:45, April 2, 1952

Round shaped object, traveling very fast, prety high altitude, going north and trailing fire + sparks for about what looked to be from 10 to 15 ft. long. Also this object was flying straight + level.

S/Sgt. Thomas L. Wood Jr.
AF 25339518
155TH Tac. Recon. Sqdn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John D. Nickerman
S/A OSI

[signature]
1LT, USAF

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3 april 1952

at approxpaimately 2045 on the 2nd of april I observed a flaming ball moving accross the sky heading in a north direction at a high speed. It was leaving a bright trail behind it and appeared to be similar to a comet. I could not estimate its altitude or speed but it seemed to be flying level and not losing any altitude and maintaining a constant speed. From the ground where I stood it appeared to be approximately the size of a baseball.

Sgt. Robert L. Long
AF 14374472
155th TAC. Recon. Sq.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John D. Neckerman
S/A OSI

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C. Poole
S/A. OSI

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Draughon-Miller airport — 3 april 1952 —

From a position near Evant, Texas at, 4500ft indicated altitude, on a heading of 180°, on the night of 2 april, 1952, at 2042 hours, the pilot, Capt John Marin and I together saw an object similar to a shooting star or meteor. The object started from the horizon to the South and passed overhead on to the north. I approximate the heading of the object at 020°. When the object was directly overhead, or nearly so, two balls of fire came from the tail of it and immediately went out. The main body continued on as before.

The fire was of a red orange color and had a tail, such as a rocket or shooting star. I could not make out the, if any, body in front of the tail. The speed was somewhere over 700 m.p.h. If it was a shooting star, it was the largest one I have ever seen.

I state that I have read this statement, and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written

Robert R Hurelson Jr.
2Lt. USAF AO1904487

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John H. Nickerman
S/A OSI

Witness
Norman L. Hoberman
S/A OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 1952

Statement

I swear that the following is a true statement of my observation.

At approximately 2000 hours on 2 April 1952 Lt Col Stanley Irons and I were standing on the west end of the ramps at Draughon-Miller Airport Temple, Texas. We observed a ball or tear-drop shaped object which appeared to emit exhaust intermittantly. This object appeared from the southern horizon and passed overhead at an altitude estimated to be 10,000 ft and continued out of sight over a bank of cumulus cloud on the northern horizon. The flight time of this object was under my observation was less than 10 seconds. No sound was emitted from the object. In my estimation the object traveled at a speed faster than a jet aircraft.

Ralph D. Newman
Lt Col USAF
5212A
155th Tac Recn Sqn
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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 3rd day of April, 1952
at Temple Municipal Airport,
Temple, Texas.

John D. Nickerson
S/A OSI

E. C. Poole
S/A. OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

I was standing in front of my operations tent talking with Maj Saunders when I happened to glance up. Directly overhead and heading in a northeasterly direction, was what I assumed to be a meteor. It was the largest I have ever seen and lasted longer than any I have ever seen but never-the-less was similar in appearance. It seemed to diminish in size as it traveled until it eventually disappeared near the horizon. I have no idea how fast it was traveling nor how high it was. This took place at approximately 2045, 2 April 1952.

John R Lee
Capt USAF

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AF434443

Witness:
Norman L. Hoberman,
S/A. OSI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.
John D. Heckerman
S/A OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 52
185th Tac Recon Sq
Brayton-Miller Mem Apt
Temple, Texas

On 3 April 1952 while Returning from the Stage show below the Water tower at approximately 2040 Hours I noticed what seemed to be a large ball of fire with a long "tail" behind traveling at a great rate of speed toward the North. It was my impression that it could have ben a Star, because it seemed to disappear at a lower altitude that it was when I saw it at first.

The object lost part of it's "tail" just before it traveled out of sight. I can think of nothing outstanding about it except the speed that it traveled!

Ageton R Thomas
MSgt AF20822297
185th Tac Recon Sq.

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple
Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John G. Neckerman
S/A OSI

Carl C. Poole
S/A, OSI

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Vaughn-Miller Airport
Temple, Texas

Approximately ~~0215~~ 2045 on the night of
2 April 1952 someone called my attention
to an object in the sky approaching from
the south on a northerly heading. This
object passed above our position at a
tremendous speed, approximately 1500 m.p.h,
and was visible for about 12 to 15
seconds.

This object can best be described as a
ball of fire emitting an exhaust trail
and was flying a straight course and was
neither losing nor gaining altitude. The
altitude of this object could not be determined by
the undersigned due to the deceptive appearance
of the object at night. It is the opinion
of the undersigned that this object was not a
meteorite.

William R. Harbin
1/4 USAF

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple
Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John G. Neiberman
S/A OSI

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3 ~~March~~ April 52

at approximately 2030 - 2045 hours, 2 ~~March~~ April 52
1952 I observed a lighted object flashing
across the sky from South to North. At the
time I first observed it I was standing on the
ramp at Temple Airport talking to Lt. Col. Ralph
F. Newman and drew his attention to the
object.

The object closely resembled a meteor (or falling
star) ~~this~~ leaving a trail of fire (bright
that it's motion appeared slower than a
meteor and horizontal to the earths surface.
Also, it appeared to travel out of sight rather than burn out.
Its path was from South to North passing
to the West of Temple. It's altitude cannot
be approximated and, therefore, neither can it's
speed. It did, however, disappear behind a
medium altitude layer of cloud for a few
seconds.

Stanley R. Jones
Lt. USAF
9717A
185th TRS

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John G. Nickerman
S/A OSI

C. Poole
S/A, OSI

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3 April 52
Mun Airport
Temple, Texas

I was in the Radar compartment of RB 26 - 271 at approx. 2045 2 April 52 and saw the object inquestion. We were in the traffic pattern at Temple Air Base at the time. The object passed behind us and the last time I saw it, it was passing the lights of Waco. All I could see of the object was the fire or exhoust coming from it, This fire appeared red to me. The object appeared to be traveling in a flat trajectory at not too great an altitude. I would say its speed was well over 500 m.p.h. I would estimate the object passed directly over some point between Temple and North Fort Hood ~~at~~ on a heading of about 030°.

Carl L. Hennie
2/Lt USAF #01911758

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd
of April of 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport.
Temple, Texas.

Witness:

Norman L. Hokerman,
OSI

John G. Nekerman
S/A OSI

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

of 434443

SUBJECT
Sighting of Unidentified Object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Texas	Directorate of Intelligence, Ninth Air Force (Adv), Fort Hood, Texas

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
3 April 1952	3-6 April 1952	A-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Maj. Joseph W. Hensley, Exec Dir of Intel	20 Observers

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
TWX 9AF (Adv) 0621152

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Object was reported by 15 observers at Draughon-Miller Airport, Temple, Texas, 97°25'W 31°10'N; by 2 observers on flight near Evant, Texas, 98°10'W 31°28'N; 2 observers at Stephensville, Texas, 98°12'W 32°13'N; and 1 observer in Temple, Texas, 97°20'W 31°07'N, at approximately 2045 hours 2 April 1952 for a period of 10 - 40 seconds.

Object appeared to be round ball of fire giving off greenish glow and having a red and yellow tail of fire and sparks. Object emitted two or three smaller balls of fire which burned out. It traveled a straight South - North course West of Temple, Texas, at about 030 degrees heading and disappeared behind clouds. Speed estimated from 500 to 6,000 MPH. Altitude estimated 10,000 to 150,000 feet, flat trajectory. Sound reported similar to that of jet aircraft. All sightings visual.

Two observers at Evant, Texas, were in RB-26 at 4500' altitude flying South. All others were at ground level.

Weather sequence 2028 hours, clouds thin scattered 25,000'; visibility 12 miles, surface winds East at 4 knots.

PREPARED BY:

Joseph W. Hensley
JOSEPH W. HENSLEY
Major, USAF
Exec Dir of Intel

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JAMES M. WINTERBOTTOM
Lt Col, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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By W Lewis NARS Date: 9/13/78
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3 April 1952

At 2045 on night of 3 Apr 52 I saw, what appeared to be, a ball of fire appearing on the horizon from the South and Disappearing on the horizon to the North. I have no idea whatsoever the altitude of the object; however, the speed was great. I would estimate the speed as well over 1500 miles/hr. During the time that I observed the "object", I saw two smaller balls of fire appear to leave the large one. Each at a different time, probably a second part. Since the "object" passed almost directly over my position, releatively speaking, and since I have no idea the size of it, I can not even venture an estimation of the height.

The time lapse observed for this whole event was an estimated 5 seconds.

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/S/ [redacted]

3 April 1952
Temple, Texas

I [redacted], Air Force, AO 823920, at 2042 hrs, on the 2nd of April West of Temple Texas saw an object in the sky. It was moving very fast, red, yellow in color with a long tale. It was in sight for about 10 second and in that time small parts were falling off. Its path was from Southwest to Northeast. Not knowing the size of the object, I can not say how high it was.

[redacted]

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3 April 1952

When returning from a Special Service Show on the night of 2 April 52 at approximately 2045 hours, I noticed in the sky what appeared to be a "falling Star", I kept watching this because of the length of time it stayed in view, during its flight there appeared to be two (2) parts fall behind this, they had trails of light but not as large as the first one. I estimate the object (the largest one) stayed in sight for 40 seconds.

To the best of my knowledge this is correct.

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/S/ [redacted]

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Draughon Miller Airport
Temple, Texas
April 3, 1952

STATEMENT:

At approximately 2045 on 2 April an unknown object was observed moving from South to North across Draughon Miller Airport. Elevation of the object appeared to be approximately 20,000 feet. It was in sight for a period of about 10 seconds traveling in a straight line, then disappeared behind some thin stratus or cirrus clouds, speed is estimated to be in excess of 1,000 MPH.

The object appeared to have a shower of sparks following it giving the impression of a tail. The main body gave off a greenish glow. No sound of any sort accompanied the object.

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In that the object traveled in a straight line with no loss of altitude I do not believe it could have been a meteor.

/S/ [redacted]

3 April 1952

On the night of 2 April 1952 at approximately 2045 hours I saw an object in the sky coming from the South heading North. This object appeared to me as follows:

a. It appeared to be a ball of fire shooting red flame from its tail section.

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b. It was traveling at a high rate of speed.

c. It disappeared above the clouds, therefore I would say it was about 10,000 feet.

d. From the time I saw it until it disappeared it held the same altitude and its course.

[redacted]

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Draughon-Miller Airport
Temple, Texas
April 3, 1952

STATEMENT:

On 2 April 1952 at approximately 2040 hours at Draughon-Miller Airport the undersigned observed an object moving through the air in the direction of North. It is estimated the object was moving at a speed of 1500 MPH or better and appeared to be at an altitude of 20,000 to 40,000 feet. All that could be seen was a streak of fire and at intervals the fire would brighton or flare up. Object appeared to maintain a straight course and maintain a constant altitude. There was no sound at all observed.

/s/ [redacted] 434443

[redacted] Sq

3 April 1952

About 2100 hours on 2 April I was talking to Lt Col [redacted] behind his tent. He called my attention to an object in the sky. I saw what I believe to be a meteor, traveling at a very high rate of speed in a Northerly direction. It appeared as a ball of fire leaving a trail of flame. It burned for an unusally long time and finally disappeared. It was traveling in a straight line.

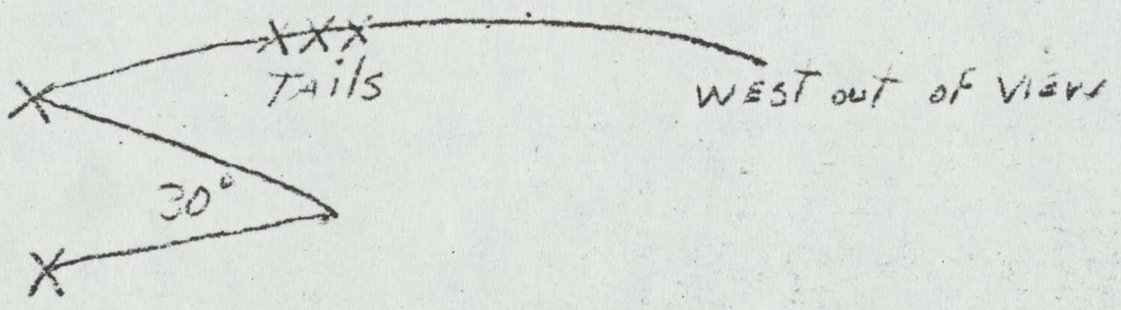
/s/ [redacted] 434443

3 April 1952

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PLACE IN TEMPLE TEXAS ACROSS STREET FROM FIRE STATION

A Ball of fire with a tail crossed heavens from South to North as I faced West. At 3/8 of its course 3 individual balls with tails broke from main object and burned out the main light continued on at same speed and altitude till it faded from view.

Characteristics: Maintained a constant speed and altitude as far as I could determine, through its entire orbit of my position. AF434443



/s/ [redacted]

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3 April 1952
Drough-Miller Airport
Templ, Texas

Statemant of a meteor or a light object flying threw the air. It came from the South on a heading of North. It flew in a stright line. It seamed to be holding it's altitude above the earth.

I saw it coming over the water tower from the South. It flew over head or a little to the west and out of sight heading North. It had a long streak of light or fire behind it. Right over head two balls of fire flew off of it. It did not seam to vary in speed. It must have been very high for there was no sound at all. It must have been large for it was so bright. The altitude must have been between 50,000 to 150,000 altitude. Speed from 4,000 to 6,000 MPH. Was in sight for one minute.

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/S/ [redacted]

3 April 1952

AT APPROX. 8:45, April 2, 1952

Round shaped object, traveling very fast, pretty high altitude, going North and trailing fire and sparks for about what looked to be from 10 to 15 ft. long. Also this object was flying straight and level.

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/S/ [redacted]

3 April 1952

At approximately 2045 on the 2nd of April I observed a flaming ball moving across the sky heading in a North direction at a high speed. It was leaving a bright trail behind it and appeared to be similar to a comet. I could not estimate its altitude or speed but it seemed to be flying level and not losing any altitude and maintaining a constant speed. From the ground where I stood it appeared to be approximately the sized of a base-ball.

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/S/ [redacted]

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Draughon-Miller Airport - 3 April 1952

From a position near Evant, Texas at 4500ft indicated altitude, on a heading of 180°, on the night of 2 April, 1952, at 2042 hours, the pilot, Capt John Morin and I together saw an object similar to a shooting star or meteor. The object started from the horizon to the South and passed over head on to the North. I approximate the heading of the object at 020°. When the object was directly overhead, or nearly so, two balls of fire came from the tail of it and immediately went out. The main body continued on as before.

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The fire was of a red orange color and had a tail, such as a rocket or shooting star. I could not make out the, if any, body in front of the tail. The speed was some where over 700 MPH. If it was a shooting star, it was the largest one I have ever seen.

I state that I have read this statement, and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

/s/ [redacted]

3 April 1952

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STATEMENT

I swear that the following is a true statement of my observation.

At approximately 2000 hours on 2 April 1952 [redacted] and I were standing on the west end of the ramp at Draughon-Miller Airport Temple, Texas. We observed a ball or teardrop shaped object which appeared to emit exhaust intermittently. This object appeared from the southern horizon and passed overhead at an altitude estimated to be 10,000 ft and continued out of sight over a bank of cumulus cloud on the northern horizon. The flight time of this object was under my observation was less than 10 seconds. No sound was emitted from the object. In my estimation this object traveled at a speed faster than a jet aircraft.

/s/ [redacted]

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I was standing in front of my operations tent talking with Maj [redacted] when I happened to glance up. Directly overhead and heading in a northeasterly direction was what I assumed to be a meteor. It was the largest I have ever seen and lasted longer than any I have ever seen but never-the-less was similar in appearance. It seemed to diminish in size as it traveled until it eventually disappeared near the horizon. I have no idea how fast it was traveling nor how ligh it was. This took place at approximately 2045, 2 April 1952.

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3 April 52
135th Tac Recon Sq
Draughon-Miller Mun Apt
Temple, Texas

On 2 April 1952 while returning from the Stage Show below the Water tower at approximately 2040 hours I noticed what seemed to be a large ball of fire with a long "tail" behind traveling at a great rate of speed toward the North. It was my impression that it could have been a Star, because it seemed to disappear at a lower altitude than it was when I saw it at first.

The object lost part of it's "tail" just before it traveled out of sight. I can think of nothing outstanding about it except the speed that it traveled.

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/s/ [redacted]

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Draughon-Miller Airport
Temple, Texas

Approximately 2045 on the night of 2 April 1952 someone called my attention to an object in the sky approaching from the south on a northerly heading. This object passed above our position at a tremendous speed approximately 1500 MPH, and was visible for about 12 to 15 seconds.

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This object can best be described as a ball of fire emitting an exhaust trail andwas flying a straight course and was neither losing nor gaining altitude. The altitude of this object could not be determined by the undersigned due to the deceptive appearance of the object at night. It is the opinion of the undersigned that this object was not a meteorite.

/s/ [redacted]

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 1952

At approximately 2030-2045 hours, 2 April 1952 I observed a lighted object flashing across the sky from South to North. At the time I first observed it I was standing on the ramp at Temple Airport talking to Lt. Col [redacted] and drew his attention to the object.

The object closely resembled a meteor (or falling star) leaving a trail of fire except that it's motion appeared slower than a meteor and horizontal to the earths surface. Also, it appeared to travel out of sight rather than burn out. Its path was from South to North passing to the West of Temple. It's altitude cannot be approximated and, therefore, neither can it's speed. It did, however, disappear behind a medium altitude layer of cloud for a few seconds.

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/s/ [redacted]

3 April 52
Mun Airport
Temple, Texas

I was in the Radar compartment of RB 26 - 271 at approx. 2045 2 April 52 and saw the object inquestion. We were in the traffic pattern at Temple Air Base at the time. The object passed behind us and the last time I saw it, it was passing the lights of Waco. All I could see of the object was the fire or exhaust coming from it, this fire appeared red to me. The object appeared to be traveling in a flat trajectory at not too great an altitude. I would say its speed was well over 500 MPH. I would estimate the object passed directly over some point between Temple and North Fort Hood on a heading of about 030°.

/s/ [redacted]

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REPORT
OF
"FLYING SAUCER"

At approximately 2050 hours on 2 April 1952, [redacted] the 727th AC&W Squadron telephoned the Chief Duty Controller at Exceed that he had just seen a "flying saucer". Lt. Baldwin was inspecting the guard at an entrance to the area when he saw an object appear from a southwesterly direction and pass overhead continuing for some ten (10) seconds to the NE at which time it disappeared below the horizon.

In [redacted] opinion, at no time did the object leave a trail such as a meteor gives off. Approximately half way along it's path it appeared to add speed, which was evidenced by an increase in the trail of fire, lasting approximately three (3) or four (4) seconds, then reverting to a slight glow.

In his estimation the speed of the object was between 1000/1200 mph. Immediately after the passage of the object, it was possible to hear it. The sound was the same as given off by a jet aircraft at high altitude and speed. The object was witnessed by [redacted]

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@ 2045 on night of 3-Ap-52 I saw, what appeared to be, a ball of fire appearing on the horizon from the south and disappearing on the horizon to the north. I have no idea whatsoever the altitude of the object; however, the speed was great. I would estimate the speed as well over 1500 miles/hr. During the time that I observed this "light" I saw two smaller balls of fire appear to leave the large one. Each at a different time, probably a second apart.

Since the "light" passed almost directly over my position, relatively speaking, and since I have no idea the size of it, I can not even venture an estimation of the height.

The time lapse observed for this whole event was an estimated 5 seconds.

[redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

C. Poole
3/A,051

3 April 52
Temple Texas

I [redacted] Capt Air Force [redacted],
at 2042 hrs. on the 2nd of April west
of Temple Texas saw an object
in the sky. It was moveing
very fast red, yellow in color with
a long tale. It was in sight
for about 10 sec. and in that time
small parts were falling off. Its
path was from south west to
north East. Not knowing the size
of the object I can not say how
high it was.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Witness:

[redacted]

Subscribed and sworn to before me.
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

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3 April 52

While returning from a ~~Special Service~~ Show
(on the night of 2 April 52 at approximately
2045 hours, I noticed in the sky what
appeared to be a "falling star"; I kept
watching this because of the length of time
it stayed in view, during its flight
there appeared to be two (2) parts & fall
behind this, they had trails of light but
not as ~~large~~ as the first one, I estimate
the object (the largest one) Stayed in sight
for 40 seconds.

To the best of my knowledge this is correct

[redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

E.C. Poole
JIA, 051

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

DRAUGHON MILLER AIRPORT
(EMPLE TEXAS
APRIL 3 - 1952

STATEMENT:

AT APPROXIMATELY 2045 ON 2 APRIL AN UNKNOWN OBJECT WAS OBSERVED MOVING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH ACROSS DRAUGHON MILLER AIRPORT. ELEVATION OF THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 20,000 FEET. IT WAS IN SIGHT FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 10 SECONDS TRAVELING IN A STRAIGHT LINE, THEN DISAPPEARED BEHIND SOME THIN STRATUS OR CIRRUS CLOUDS— SPEED IS ESTIMATED TO BE IN EXCESS OF 1,000 MPH.

THE OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE A SHOWER OF SPARKS FOLLOWING, IT GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF A TAIL - THE MAIN BODY GAVE OFF A GREENISH GLOW— NO SOUND OF ANY SORT ACCOMPANIED THE OBJECT.

IN THAT THE OBJECT TRAVELED IN A STRAIGHT LINE WITH NO LOSS OR ALTITUDE I DO NOT BELIEVE, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A METEOR—

[redacted]

Capt
USAF
AF434443

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

Lt C. Poole
S/A. OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 1952

(On the night of 2 April 1952 at approximately 1645 hours I saw an object in the sky ~~again~~ coming from the south heading North.

This object appeared to me to follows:

a) It appeared to be a ball of fire shooting red flame from its tail section.

b) It was traveling at a high rate of speed

c) It disappeared above the clouds, therefore I would say it was about 10,000 feet.

d) From the time I saw it till it disappeared it held the same altitude and its course.

[redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple,
Texas.

[redacted]

C. Poole
S/A, OSI

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O'Donaghue - Miller Airport
Temple, Texas
April 3, 1952

Statement:

On 2 April 1952 ab approximately 20:40 hours ab O'Donaghue - Miller Airport, the undersigned observed an object moving through the air in the direction north. It is estimated the object was moving ab a speed of 1500 M.P.H. or better and appeared to be ab an altitude of 20,000 to 40,000 feet. All that could be seen was a streak of fire and at intervals the fire would brighten or flare up. Object appeared to maintain a straight course and maintain a constant altitude. There was no sound ab all observed.

[redacted]

Robert C. Poole
S/A, OSI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

John G. Neckerman
S/A OSI

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3 April 1952

On 2 April
About 2100 hours I was talking to Dr Coe
Simpson behind his tent. He called
my attention to an object in the
sky. I saw what I believe to be
a meteor, traveling at a very high
rate of speed, in a northerly
direction. It appeared as a ball
of fire leaving a trail of flame.
It burned for an unusually long time
and finally disappeared. It was
traveling in a straight line.

[redacted]

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Sworn and subscribed to before
me this 3rd Day of April, 1952
at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple,
Texas.

[redacted]

C. C. Poole
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C.I.A.-RDP

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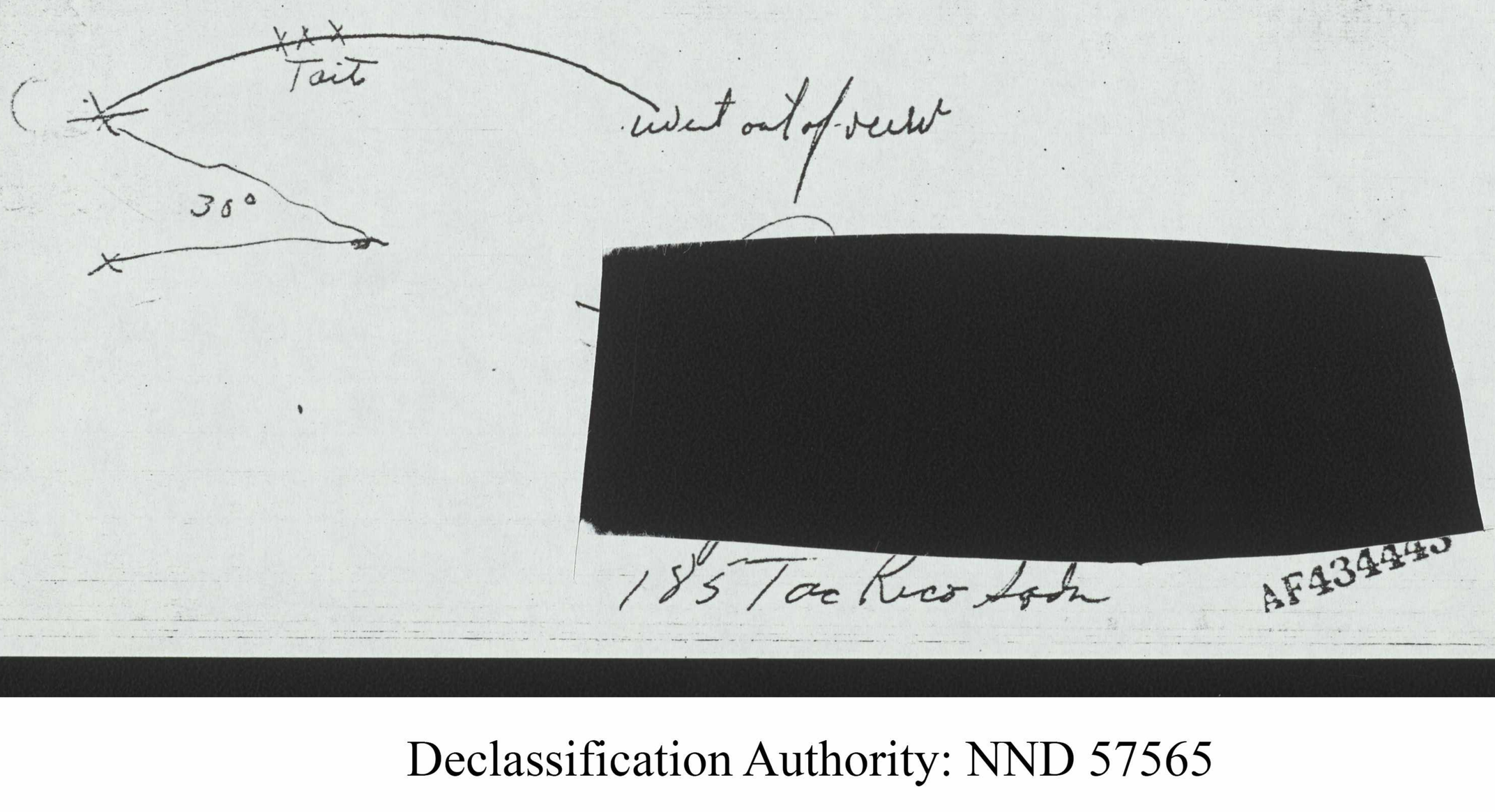
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Time Unk

Place In Temple Tex across street from Fire Station

a Ball of fire with a tail crossed heaven from South to North as I faced West. At 3/8 of its course 3 individual Balls with tails broke from mass object and burned out the sun light continued on at same speed & altitude. till it faded from view.

Charactoristics: Maintaind a constant speed & altitud as ~~far~~ far as I could determine. through its entire orbit of my position



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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple
Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas

[redacted]

C. Poe
5/A, 031

3 April 52

Draught-Master

Temple, Texas

Statement of a meteor or a light object flying ~~threw the air~~

It came from the south on a heading of north. It flew in a stright line. It seem to be holding it's altitude above the earth.

I saw it coming over the water tower from the south. It flew over head or a little to the west and out of sight heading north. It had a long streak of light or fire behind it. Light over head two balls of fire flew off of it. It did not seem to vary in spead. It must have been very high for there was no sound at all. It must have been large for it was so bright. The altitude must have been between 50,000' to 150,000' altitude Speed from 4,000 to 6,000 m.p.h. Was in sight for one minute.

[redacted]

Temple, Texas

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Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Subscribed and sworn to before me This
3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal
Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

S/A OST

Ted C. Poole
S/A, OSI

3 April 1952

(A Approx. 8:45, April 2, 1952

Round shaped object, traveling very fast, pretty high altitude, giving off with a red trailing fire + sparks for about what looked to be from 10 to 15 ft. long. Also this object was flying straight + level.

5/S [redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

Ord C. Cook

51A, 051

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3 april 1952

at approximately 2045 on the 2nd of april I observed a flaming ball moving across the sky heading in a north direction at a high speed. It was leaving a bright trail behind it and appeared to be similar to a comet. I could not estimate its altitude or speed but it seemed to be flying level and not losing any altitude and maintaining a constant speed. From the ground where I stood it appeared to be approximately the size of a baseball.

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[redacted]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

E.C. Poole
1/A.051

S/A OSI

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

Drayton-Miller airport — 3 april 1952 —

From a position near Evant, Texas at, 4500ft indicated altitude, on a heading of 180°, on the night of 2 april, 1952, at 2042 hours, the pilot, [redacted] and I together saw an object similar to a shooting star or meteor. The object started from the horizon to the south and passed overhead on to the north. I approximate the heading of the object at 020°. When the object was directly overhead, or nearly so, two balls of fire came from the tail of it and immediately went out. The main body continued on as before.

The fire was of a red orange color and had a tail, such as a rocket or shooting star. I could not make out the, if any, body in front of the tail. The speed was somewhere over 700 m.p.h. If it was a shooting star, it was the largest one I have ever seen.

I state that I have read this statement and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written

[redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

Witness

[redacted]

S/A OSI

[redacted]

S/A OSI

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3 April 1952

Statement

I swear that the following is a true statement of my observation.

At approximately 2000 hours on 2 April 1952 Lt Col [redacted] and I were standing on the west end of the ramp at Draughon-Miller Airport Temple, Texas. We observed a ball or tear-drop shaped object which appeared to emit exhaust intermittantly. This object appeared from the southern horizon and passed overhead at an altitude estimated to be 10,000 ft and continued out of sight over a bank of cumulus cloud on the northern horizon. The flight time of this object was under my observation was less than 10 seconds. No sound was emitted from the object. In my estimation the object traveled at a speed faster than a jet aircraft.

[redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 3rd day of April, 1952
at Temple Municipal Airport,
Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

C. Toole
5/A.051

Declassification Authority: NND 57565

3 April 52
185th Tac Recon Sq
Drawyhon-Miller Mem Apt
Temple, Texas

On 3 april 1952 while Returning from the Stage Show below the Water tower at appropimately 2040 Hours I noticed what seemed to be a large ball of fire with a long "tail" behind. traveling at a great rate of speed toward the North. It was my impression that it could have ben a Star, because it seemed to disappear at a lower altitude than it was when I saw it at first.

The object lost part of it's "tail" just before it traveled out of sight. I can think of nothing outstanding about it except the speed that it traveled.

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I was standing in front of my operations tent talking with Maj [redacted] when I happened to glance up. Directly overhead and heading in a northeasterly direction was what I assumed to be a meteor. It was the largest I have ever seen and lasted longer than any I have ever seen but never-the-less was similar in appearance. It seemed to diminish in size as it traveled until it eventually disappeared near the horizon. I have no idea how fast it was traveling nor how high it was. This took place at approximately 2045, 2 April 1952.

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Witness:
Norman L. Holcorman,
S/A. OSI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

[redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple
Municipal airport, Temple, Texas.

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S/A OSI

Earl C. Poole
J/A.051

Vaughn - Miller Airport
Temple, Texas

Approximately ~~2045~~ 2045 on the night of
2 April 1952 someone called my attention
to an object in the sky approaching from
the south on a northerly heading. This
object passed above our position at a
tremendous speed, approximately 1500 mph,
and was visible for about 12 to 15
seconds.

This object can best be described as a
ball of fire emitting an exhaust trail
and was flying a straight course and was
neither losing nor gaining altitude. The
altitude of this object could not be determined by
the undersigned due to the deceptive appearance
of the object at night. It is the opinion
of the undersigned that this object was not a
meteorite.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of April, 1952 at Temple
Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

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April 52
3 March 1952

at approximately 2030 - 2045 hours, 2 April 52
1952 I observed a lighted object flashing
cross the sky from South to North. At the
time I first observed it I was standing on the
porch at Temple Airport looking to [redacted] and drew his attention to the
object.

The object closely resembled a meteor (or falling
star) [redacted] leaving a trail of fire (light
that it's motion appeared slower than a
meteor and horizontal to the earth's surface.
Also, it appeared to travel out of sight rather than burn out.
Its path was from South to North passing
to the West of Temple. Its altitude cannot
be approximated and, therefore, neither can its'
speed. It did, however, appear behind a
medium altitude layer of cloud for a few
seconds.

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this 3rd day of April, 1952 at
Temple Municipal Airport, Temple, Texas.

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S/A OSI

C. Pool
S/A, OSI

3 April 52
Muroc Airport
Temple, Texas

I was in the Radar compartment 2 April 52
of RB 26 - 271 at approx. 2045 and saw
the object in question. We were in the
traffic pattern at Temple Air Base at
the time. The object passed
behind us and the last time I
saw it, it was passing the lights
of Waco. All I could see of the
object was the fire or exhaust
coming from it. This fire appeared
to be traveling in a flat
trajectory at not to great
an altitude. I would say its
speed was well over 500 m.p.h.
I would estimate the object
passed directly over some point
between Temple and North
Fort Hood. ~~It~~ on a heading
of about 030°.

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of April of 1952 at Temple Municipal Airport.
Temple, Texas.

Witness:

Norman L. Hokerman, [redacted]
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