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Hq Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

TO: Commander, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your organization.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER:

Glenn M. Tanner
Lt. Col. USAF
for JOEL E. MALLORY
Colonel, USAF
Command Inspector General

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TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFOIN 4E4, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

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TO: Commander
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1. Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed necessary are two (2) copies of report by S/A DONALD E. RIELLY, DO #9, file 24-208, dated 15 May 1957.

2. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-208

DATE 15 MAY 1957

REPORT MADE BY
DONALD E. RIELLY, S/A lf

REPORT MADE AT
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Investigation requested by Commander, Barksdale AFB, La. Mr. HARRY J. ROBERTSON, civilian, reported in letter to Commander, Barksdale AFB, La., that at 0230 hours, 25 April 1957, he saw a large, red, crescent-shaped object descend from the sky into a grove of trees near Ringgold, La. Results of interview with ROBERTSON set forth. Local Agency Check negative concerning ROBERTSON. Barksdale officials report no weather phenomena or aircraft activity which could be attributed to sighting. No additional witnesses located. Air search conducted in vicinity of sighting with negative results.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was verbally requested by the Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, on 2 May 1957; and confirmed in letter signed by Lt. Col. R. C. STECHMAN, Deputy Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, dated 6 May 1957; and is based upon information received in a letter dated 27 April 1957, signed by HARRY J. ROBERTSON, Civilian, 810 Chautauqua Street, Ruston, Louisiana, in which ROBERTSON reported that he observed a large, red, crescent-shaped object descend from the sky as he was driving near Ringgold, Louisiana, at 0230 hours, 25 April 1957.

AT BARKSDALE AFB, LOUISIANA

2. On 1 May 1957, Major LOWELL D. PYLE, 15619A, Base Operations Officer, furnished Headquarters, 9th District Office of Special Investigations, a letter addressed to "The Commanding Officer, Barksdale Field, A.F.B., Shreveport, La," postmarked Ruston, Louisiana, on 27 April 1957, with return address "HARRY ROBERTSON, 810 Chautauqua St., Ruston, La." The contents of this letter are set forth as follows:

"Ruston, La
April 27th

"Dear Sir:

"I would like to tell you about something I saw at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning - April 25th. I had gone fishing to the dam at Lake Bisteneau. A storm came up with terrific lightning and I decided to go to Ringgold, La. until morning. Six miles from Ringgold I was driving slowly because of the torrential rain and as I started up a hill I noticed a huge thing in the sky just ahead. It was shaped like a half moon - like this"(drawing). "It was red like blood and I stopped the car and rolled the window down and could see it more clearly. It slowly drifted down and settled in a grove of trees approximately a half mile away. I couldn't estimate the size until I saw the trees and it covered several of them. It continued to glow as it rested on them. I rushed to the top of the hill and aroused a family. I asked the man in the house to go over to it with me but he refused because of the down pour of rain.

"My wife said I should report it to the proper authorities so if you are interested, contact me. I believe I can take you to it as I tried to mark the spot.

"Respectfully yours

"HARRY ROBERTSON
Manager Turners 5 & 10¢ Store
Ruston, La

"P. S. I don't drink and this was definitely 'something'."

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3. On 2 May 1957, Major DON H. L. ANDERSON, AO 421734, Commander, Detachment 19, 26th Weather Squadron, was interviewed and from records available in his office furnished the following information concerning weather conditions at time of the reported sighting:

Moon at one-quarter, rising at 0100 hours
Overcast at 9,500 feet
Scattered clouds at 8000 feet
Visibility ten (10) miles
Temperature 65 degrees
Dewpoint 62 degrees
Numerous thunderstorms in area
Pressure unsteady
Winds at surface, South 2 - 16 Knots, variable; 6,000 feet, 240 degrees, 20 knots; 10,000 feet, 50 degrees, 40 knots; 16,000 feet, 260 degrees, 25 knots; 20,000 feet, 280 degrees, 35 knots; 30,000 feet, 210 degrees, 25 knots; 50,000 feet, 250 degrees, 30 knots.

ANDERSON related that above data pertained to conditions at Barksdale Air Force Base, which is twenty-five (25) miles WNW of Ringgold, Louisiana; that he had received no information concerning unusual activities or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. ANDERSON mentioned the possibility of a hydrogen-filled weather balloon being struck by lightning and igniting, but he did not know whether or not the U. S. Weather Bureau was using hydrogen in their balloons.

4. Mr. J. E. LUNNEY, Meteorologist at Shreveport, Louisiana, office, U. S. Weather Bureau, was interviewed telephonically on 2 May 1957. LUNNEY advised that helium, not hydrogen, is currently being used in their weather balloons and therefore it is impossible for them to ignite. LUNNEY informed the writer that a radisonde release was made from his station at 0234 hours, 25 April 1957; that the run was normal with descent at approximately 0400 hours.

AT RUSTON, LOUISIANA

5. ROBERTSON, previously identified, was interviewed on 3 May 1957 and furnished information which was substantially the same as stated in his letter of 27 April 1957. ROBERTSON related that this was the first time he had ever witnessed anything of this nature and he was positive that what he saw was real; he was certain he could find the spot where he saw the object settle on the ground; that he had reported the incident to the radio operator in the Marshal's office at Ringgold, Louisiana. When asked by the writer to accompany him to the location of the sighting, ROBERTSON explained that he could not leave his duties as manager of the store (Turner's 5 & Dollar Store) as the owner was out of town and a sale was in progress; that he had intended to return to the location of this object with the writer on Sunday, 5 May 57, but his wife had made plans for a dinner engagement. ROBERTSON stated that he had gone back to the dam at Lake Bisteneau to go fishing the day following the sighting but did not return to the location. ROBERTSON gave the writer a detailed description of the location where he saw the

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object settle on the ground, which was in a grove of trees one-half mile from the main highway six (6) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, behind a small white house near a church located on the left side of the road driving from Ringgold. ROBERTSON 200-2:

a. Shape: Crescent.

b. Size: Large as 4 or 5 room house, covered 12 or 15 trees.

c. Color: Bright red - scarlet.

d. Number: One (1).

e. Formation, if more than one: N/A.

f. Any discernible features or details: Solid color not affected by lightning flashes.

g. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

h. Sound: None.

i. Other pertinent or unusual features: Hung in sky like cradle and did not change position during descent.

j. What first called the attention of the observer to the object: While driving automobile toward Ringgold, Louisiana, in torrential rain, appeared all of a sudden directly ahead in sky. ← Traffic light seen through downpour?

k. Angle of elevation when first observed: Approximately 45 degrees.

l. Angle of elevation upon disappearance: Ground level.

m. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Steady but slow descent at about sixty degree angle from south to west of observer. Path - To North West winds - from West. See par. 5

n. Manner of disappearance of object: Disappeared while observer was attempting to summon residents of house at roadside.

o. Length of time in sight: Approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

p. Time and date of sighting: 0230 hours, 25 April 1957 (250830Z APR)

q. Light conditions: Night.

r. Position of observer: At house next to church, six (6) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, on State Highway 154.

s. Name of observer: HARRY JAMES ROBERTSON; Age: 42 years (DOB: 9 Aug 15); Mailing Address: 810 Chautauqua St., Ruston, La.; Occupation: Variety Store Manager.

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6. On 3 May 1957, F. B. WILDER, Deputy Sheriff in charge of criminal records, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, informed the writer that he had no information concerning ROBERTSON.

7. On 3 May 1957, records made available by BETTY B. KENDALL, Clerk of City Court, contained no information concerning ROBERTSON.

AT RINGGOLD, LOUISIANA

8. Mrs. G. B. McCOY, Route 1, was interviewed by the writer on 3 May 1957. McCOY stated that a man had awakened her husband and her in the early morning hours of 25 April 1957 and asked her husband to accompany him to the area behind their house where he stated he had seen a large red object settle in the trees from the sky; that her husband refused because it was raining very hard at the time. McCOY informed the writer that her husband, who was not at home at time of interview, had looked for the object from the house, but did not see anything. McCOY said her husband had expressed curiosity about this matter and was going out in the area and look around at the first opportunity but had not yet attempted a search as recent rains had flooded the ground upon which the object was reported to have landed. McCOY took the writer's name and phone number and agreed to call if anything was found in that locale. The writer observed the terrain from a rise on the ground adjacent to the McCOY home, but could detect no unusual feature in the area upon which the object was reported to have landed. A detailed search on foot was not considered practical because of the flooded condition in that area.

9. On 3 May 1957, JOE H. McCOY, Night City Marshal, stated in interview that a man had reported seeing an unusual object out on Highway 154 early in the morning of 25 April 1957, but he had not recorded this person's name and had not investigated. McCOY related that he heard a jet aircraft fly over the town about 0130 hours the same night and associated the sighting with the exhaust flare of the aircraft. McCOY informed the writer that his office had received no other reports of anything unusual being observed in that vicinity.

10. ERNEST W. REES, Work Unit Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, was interviewed by the writer on 3 May 1957. REES displayed a large aerial photographic grid map of the section in which the object was reportedly sighted and pin-pointed the location as described by ROBERTSON. REES stated that he owned some land near that location and had been out there since 25 April 1957, but had not observed anything unusual. REES took the writer's name and phone number and stated that he would instruct personnel in his department to be on the lookout for anything unusual in that area and would call the writer if anything was found. According to the map in REES' office, the grove of trees in which the object was reported to have landed was four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, one-half mile south of Louisiana State Highway 154.

AT BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA

11. On 6 May 1957, Major LOWELL D. PYLE, Base Operations Officer, was furnished information to be reported by his office in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2 and contained in paragraphs 3 and 5, supra. PYLE stated that he had checked and ascertained that the sighting could not be attributed to air operations.

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12. On 10 May 1957, Lt. Col. JAMES T. BROTHERS, 10045A, Staff Operations Officer, informed the writer that an air search conducted on 9 May 1957 in the vicinity of the reported sighting did not reveal evidence of anything on the ground which could be connected with the incident reported by ROBERTSON.

13. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

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SUBJECT: UFO Sighted 15 August 1960 Six Miles Southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Back Levee Canal

TO: Commander
Keesler Technical Training Center
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

1. The following information is furnished to your command in accordance with provisions of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

2. On 17 August 1960, Mr. JOSEPH LANDRIEU, 6960 Virgilian Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that on 15 August 1960, at 0400 hours, he and a friend (ALBERT HAGER), while boating down "Back Levee Canal", seven miles southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, La., noticed a bright yellow round object, in a stationary position in the sky at approximately 60° to 70° to the horizon in a northeast direction. LANDRIEU estimated the object to be as large as a medium sized grapefruit. According to LANDRIEU, the object's shape was round for about two minutes after which it elongated and changed its color to a silvery yellow. After ten minutes elapsed, a dark thunder cloud formation covered the object and subsequently neither he nor HAGER saw the object again that day.

3. JOSEPH G. LANDRIEU, JR was interviewed on 17 August 1960 by the Detachment Commander, Detachment 907, 9th District OSI(IG), New Orleans, Louisiana, at which time he furnished the following information in reply to specific questions outlined in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959:

a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round
(2) Size - size of grapefruit (medium)
(3) Color - color of moon (bright yellow)
(4) Number - one (1)
(5) Formation - N/A
(6) Any discernible features or details - Glowed like moon - bright. Round for approximately two minutes than it elongated and changed color to silvery yellow.

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(7) No trail or tail
(8) Sound - no sound
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - Object was similar looking to cloud and not metalic or solid.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: Observer happened to look up at sky and brightness of the object attracted his attention.
(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: 60° to 70° from the horizon - NE direction. Observer was unable to furnish a factual or approximate distance or height of the object.
(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance - 60° to 70° NE. Object was covered by cloud after having been seen ten minutes and was not subsequently seen by observer that day.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - Object appeared in same location during entire period of sighting.
(5) How did the object disappear - Covered by cloud formation.
(6) How long was the object visible? Approximately ten minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground visual
(2) Optical Aids - none
(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) Between 0400 - 0430 hours (CST) 15 August 1960
(2) Light conditions - dark

e. Location of observer:

(1) Six miles SE of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on "Back Levee Canal" 89° 40' longitude, 29° 35' latitude. Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, is located approximately 38 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) JOSEPH G. LANDRIEU, JR (Age 32)
6960 Virgilian Street (Pines Village)
New Orleans, Louisiana
Occupation - Part owner Marine Business
Phone: WH 7-8138

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(2) ALBERT W. HAGER (Age 40)
205 Norton Avenue
Arabi, Louisiana
Occupation - Locomotive Fireman

g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observer described weather conditions as cloudy, dark rain clouds, fair visibility. Wind blowing from easterly direction at approximately 25 MPH. Temperature estimated at 80-85° F.

(2) According to U. S. Weather Bureau Office, weather conditions at Alvin Callender Field (10 miles from Pointe-a-la-Hache) at 0400 hours, 15 August 1960, were reported accordingly:

(a) Winds - Direction 045°, 2 knots velocity
(b) Ceiling - High scattered clouds
(c) Visibility - Unrestricted, 10 miles visibility
(d) Amount of cloud cover - three tenths of sky covered
(e) Thunderstorms in area - None reported
(f) Temperature - 81° F.

h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None

j. The Operations Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Station advised that there is no record of flights of any type from the Naval Air Station by any units during period of sighting of unidentified object.

k. It is the opinion of the New Orleans Detachment Commander that the object in question appears to be the reflection of Echo I and/or disturbance in the atmosphere caused by same.

l. None

4. The New Orleans Detachment Commander advised that LANDRIEU expressed himself calmly and factually in describing the sighting and that he has no reason to question the sincerity or reliability of the information reported.

Frank M. Clark

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: UFO Sighted 15, 16 August 1960 Twleve Miles Southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Back Levee Canal

TO: Commander
Keesler Technical Training Center
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

1. The following information is furnished to your command in accordance with provisions of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

2. On 17 August 1960, Mr. ALBERT W. HAGER, 205 Norton Avenue, Arabi, Louisiana, reported that on 15 August 1960, at 0400 hours, he and a companion (JOSEPH LANDRIEU), while boating down "Back Levee Canal", approximately 12 miles southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, noticed a bright yellow round object, in a stationary position in the sky at 60° to 70° to the horizon in a northeast direction. The object, which appeared to be the size of a basketball, was first seen by LANDRIEU who subsequently attracted HAGER's attention to it. According to HAGER, the object's shape was round for one minute, after which it changed to an elongated shape. The color appeared the same after the object changed shape. After five minutes elapsed, a dark thunder cloud formation covered the object and subsequently neither he nor LANDRIEU saw the object again that day.

a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round
(2) Size - size of a basketball
(3) Color - Bright yellow - similar to the moon
(4) Number - One (1)
(5) Formation - N/A
(6) Any discernible features or details - Initially appeared round and after one minute changed into an elongated shape.
(7) No trail or tail
(8) Sound - no sound
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - Fleecey looking object - not metalic or solid,

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b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: Observer's companion pointed object out to him.
(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: 60° to 70° to horizon. Distance and altitude not known.
(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance: 60° to 70° to horizon in NE direction. Distance and altitude not known.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Stationary.
(5) How did the object disappear: Dark thundercloud covered it.
(6) How long was the object visible: Six (6) minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground visual
(2) Optical Aids - none
(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0400 hours 15 August 1960
(2) Light conditions - Dark, just before dawn

e. Location of observer:

(1) Twelve miles SE of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on "Back Levee Canal" 89° 40' longitude, 29° 35' latitude. Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, is located approximately 38 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) ALBERT W. HAGER (Age 40)
205 Norton Avenue
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Occupation - Locomotive Fireman

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g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observer described weather as clear, ten per cent dark clouds in sky, easterly winds at eight (8) MPH, temperature 72° F.

(2) According to U. S. Weather Bureau Office, weather conditions at Alvin Callender Field (10 miles from Pointe-a-la-Hache) at 0400 hours, 15 August 1960, were reported accordingly:

(a) Winds - Direction 045°, 2 knots velocity
(b) Ceiling - High scattered clouds
(c) Visibility - Unrestricted, 10 miles visibility
(d) Amount of cloud cover - three tenths of sky covered
(e) Thunderstorms in area - None reported
(f) Temperature - 81° F.

h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None

j. The operations Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Station advised that there is no record of flights of any type from the Naval Air Station by any units during period of sighting of unidentified object.

k. It is the opinion of the New Orleans Detachment Commander that the object in question appears to be the reflection of Echo I and/or disturbance in the atmosphere caused by same.

l. None

4. In addition to the "sighting" reflected above, HAGER, in interview with the Detachment Commander at New Orleans, advised that he saw a similar object at the same time and location on 16 August 1960. According to HAGER, the same characteristics, conditions, and elements set forth in paragraph 2 above concerning the first sighting are also applicable to his second sighting on 16 August with the exceptions that (1) LANDRIEU was not with him, and (2) he actually saw the object appear. HAGER related that, while he was boating down Back Levee Canal in a SE direction at 0400 hours on 16 August 1960, he looked up at the sky in the same direction in which he and LANDRIEU had seen the object the day before. At first glance he saw

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nothing unusual in the sky, and then suddenly he saw an explosion which immediately formed a bright round yellow object similar to that which he and LANDRIEU had seen on 15 August 1960. The object changed shape within four minutes and elongated into a "mustache" shape. After ten minutes, the object was covered by a dark thunder cloud and was not seen subsequently. HAGER advised that he had no idea what the object was. He concluded that he was certain it was not Echo I as he had seen Echo I go by about an hour prior to the appearance of the object in question.

5. The New Orleans Detachment Commander advised that HAGER expressed himself calmly and factually in describing the sighting and that he has no reason to question the sincerity or reliability of the information reported.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
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SUBJECT: UFO Sighted 15 August 1960, at Lake Hermitage, Louisiana

TO: Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

1. The following information is furnished your Command under the provisions of Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, as amended by AFR 200-2A, dated 3 July 1958.

2. At 1430 hours, 15 August 1960, Mr. GUY R. McDONALD, 1942 Manor Heights Drive, Marrero, Louisiana, employed as an insurance salesman for the National Life Insurance Company, telephonically advised the OSI Detachment Commander, New Orleans, Louisiana, that at approximately 0400 hours, while launching his boat in preparation for a fishing trip at the Friendly Fisherman's Camp, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, he noticed a bright yellow object coming down through the overcast sky, traveling from a south-southeast direction approximately 45° to 50° from the horizon. McDONALD advised that this object was moving toward him rapidly and as it came closer it became larger and elongated. McDONALD estimated the original size to be about the size of a basketball, and that it eventually became four or five times its original size. McDONALD advised that it elongated into a silvery cloud which he continued to see until he departed the lake area at approximately 0445 hours. McDONALD stated that when he first observed this object, he called to other people in the area and that three other persons besides himself saw this object. These people were Mr. CANNON FAULKNER, owner of the Friendly Fisherman's Camp, Mr. ROSENDO VASQUEZ, 2713 Hero Drive, Gretna, Louisiana, and Mr. FALUKNER's son, name unknown. McDONALD stated that during the period of his observation there was a slight overcast and cloudy sky, however, he recalled seeing the moon and stars through the break in the clouds.

3. McDONALD was interviewed on 16 August 1960, at the OSI Detachment Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, and furnished the following information in reply to specific questions outlined in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

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a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round
(2) Size - size of a basketball
(3) Color - yellow
(4) Number - one (1) with one tail
(5) Formation - N/A
(6) Any discernible features or details - Yellow ball of fire. Appeared brighter than the moon. Grew in size and elongated. Subsequently changed in color to a bright silver.
(7) Trail - No trail. Tail - the tail appeared to be three times the length of the object.
(8) Sound - No sound.
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - Appeared similar to a barrage baloon.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: The brightness of the object.
(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: Approximately 45° to 50° from the horizon. It was located at the opposite end of the lake from the observer, approximately two miles distance.
(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance: Approximately 45° to 50° from the horizon. Object remained in that position at the time the observer departed the lake area.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: When initially seen by observer, the object appeared to move toward him in a very slight snake-like manner. This movement was not pronounced or readily discernible.
(5) How did the object disappear: Observer stated that the object was still visible in its elongated manner and silver in color.
(6) How long was the object visible: Approximately 40 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground visual
(2) Optical Aids: None
(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0400 hours (CST), 15 August 1960
(2) Light condition: Dark with a slight illumination from the East. Observer described the condition as a combination of night and dawn.

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e. Location of Observer:

Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, five (5) miles southeast of Myrtle Grove, Louisiana. 89° 50' longitude and 29° 35' latitude. Lake Hermitage is located 32 miles South of New Orleans, Louisiana.

f. Identifying Information on Observers:

(1) GUY RALPH McDONALD
Age 27
1942 Manor Heights Drive
Marrero, Louisiana
Insurance Salesman, National Life Insurance Agency

(2) Mr. ROSENDO VASQUEZ
Approximately 35 years of age
2713 Hero Drive
Gretna, Louisiana
Employee of Crescent City Typewriter Exchange,
New Orleans, Louisiana

(3) Mr. CANNON FAULKNER
56 years old
Friendly Fisherman's Camp
Lake Hermitage, Louisiana
Proprietor

(4) Mr. FAULKNER's son (name unknown)

g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting. Observer described weather condition as partly cloudy, a slight overcast and fairly good visibility. He estimated the wind to be blowing from the East at approximately four knots. Temperature estimated by observer to be 76 degrees F.

Weather conditions obtained from U. S. Weather Bureau Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, are as follows:

(1) According to U. S. Weather Bureau Office, weather conditions at Alvin Callender Field (10 miles from Lake Hermitage) at 0400 hours, 15 August 1960, were reported accordingly:

(a) Winds - Direction 045°, 2 knots velocity
(b) Ceiling - High scattered clouds
(c) Visibility - Unrestricted, 10 miles visibility
(d) Amount of cloud cover - Three tenths of sky covered.
(e) Thunderstorms in area - None reported
(f) Temperature - 81° F.

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h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None.

j. None reported.

k. The Operations Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Station advised that there is no record of flights of any type from the Naval Air Station by any units during period of sighting of unidentified object. In view of the preceding information, a determination could not be made of the possible cause of the sighting.

l. None.

4. McDONALD appeared to be of above average intelligence and judgement. He expressed himself calmly and factually in describing the sighting.

FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Col., USAF
Commander

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Sighted 25 July 1959 Approximately Twenty-five (25) Miles East Northeast of New Orleans, Louisiana, on Highway 90

24-185-9-17? (37-b-57)

TO: Comdr, Keesler AFB, Miss

1. Reference AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, and Amendment thereto, dated 3 July 1958.

2. At 1035 hours, 27 July 1959, Lt. EARL NORTON, Eighth Naval District, Director of Intelligence, Foreign Section, telephonically reported to the New Orleans Detachment, this office, that a Mr. KELLER, 2918 Gentilly Road, New Orleans, Louisiana, had informed that office that four (4) Negroes had seen an object fall into the swamp near the Rigolets Bridge, approximately twenty-five (25) miles east of New Orleans on Highway 90. According to NORTON, Mr. KELLER was convinced of the sighting as related by the Negroes and had rented a boat to look for the object. However, the area in which the object was seen to fall is not navigable by boat and inaccessible by foot. According to NORTON, KELLER identified GUS ISADORE, 7424 Panola Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, as the person from whom he had received the information and one of the persons who had sighted instant object.

NORTON further advised that he had reported the matter to Naval Operations, U. S. Naval Air Station, Alvin Callender Field, but they had received no additional information concerning the sighting, nor could they report any operations in that vicinity which would account for the sighting.

NORTON stated that he had also reported the matter to Mr. CARTER of the U. S. Weather Bureau, New Orleans, Louisiana, and that CARTER had advised that there was no unusual weather phenomenon in the area that would account for the sighting.

3. At 2130 hours, 27 July 1959, ISADORE, supra, was interviewed by an agent of this office and furnished the following information in reply to specific questions outlined in referenced Air Force Regulation:

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a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round.
(2) Size - of baseball.
(3) Color - bright red.
(4) Number - one (1).
(5) Formation - N/A.
(6) Any discernible features or details - Glowed like fire. Appeared like a piece of a star that did not disintegrate after breaking off.
(7) Trail - Gray smoke extending behind for at least a mile.
(8) Sound - None.
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - "A ball of fire."

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: Mrs. ISADORE noticed it appear in sky to right while riding in car toward New Orleans on Highway 90, and called attention to other passengers.
(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: Appeared to be off a great distance at approximately 70 degree angle.
(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance: Fell almost straight down into marsh. Horizon level.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Straight flight path - rapid descent.
(5) How did the object disappear? Fell into marsh. Exhumed a cloud of smoke or steam upon contact with ground. Disappeared instantly.
(6) How long was the object visible? Thirty (30) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground visual.
(2) Optical aids - none.
(3) N/A.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 1835 hours (CST), 25 July 1959.
(2) Light conditions - dusk.

e. Location of observers:

Two and one-half (2½) miles east of Rigolets Bridge on U. S. Highway 90, approximately twenty-five (25) miles ENE of New Orleans, Louisiana. Object appeared to fall into marsh at a point half-way between Fort Pike on west end of bridge and a lighthouse on a point five (5) miles to right of highway approaching New Orleans, Louisiana.

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f. Identifying Information on Observers:

(1) AUGUST J. ISADORE, age 54, 7424 Panola Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Chauffeur - Ponchartrain Motors, New Orleans, Louisiana.

(2) LIZZIE ISADORE, approximately 50 years of age, wife, 7424 Panola Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

(3) BEATRICE SIMS, Adult - 3525 Florida Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

(4) "ROSE" (Last name unknown), 2515 Danneel Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting:

Agent did not refer to Weather Bureau as Lt. NORTON had previously done so. Observers described weather condition as cloudy with intermittent heavy rain showers. Good visibility at time of sighting.

h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None.

j. None witnessed by observers, or reported by Naval Air Station.

k. The agent is of the opinion that the object could have been a rocket launched by one of the many "Rocket Clubs" practicing their hobby on weekends.

l. None.

4. ISADORE and his wife appeared to be of average intelligence and judgement. Both expressed themselves calmly and factually in describing the sighting, and the interviewing agent had no reason to question the sincerity or reliability of the information as reported.

5. This information was not previously submitted to you by electrical means in view of the time lapse between the original sighting and the time it was reported to this office.

DWIGHT J. SCOVEL
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object sighted in the sky over CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA, 26 MAY 59 by ALVIN M. SMITH, 313 RIESS Place, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA.

TO: Comdr, Keesler AFB, Miss.

1. Reference AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, and amendment thereto, dated 3 July 1958.

2. On 3 June 1959, ALVIN M. SMITH, 313 Riess Place, Chalmette, Louisiana, telephonically reported to Special Agent DONALD E. RIELLY, Detachment Commander, New Orleans Detachment, this district, that he had sighted a mysterious object in the sky on 26 May 1959. SMITH was contacted at his place of employment, Smith Brothers, Auto Glass Works, 2720 St Claude Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, at which time he gave the following specific answers to questions outlined in paragraph 15 of referenced Air Force Regulation:

(1) Description of Object:
- a. Shape - round
- b. Size - of basketball
- c. Color - orange-yellow
- d. Number - one (1)
- e. N/A
- f. No discernible features or details
- g. No exhaust, tail or trail observed
- h. No sound was heard
- i. No other pertinent or unusual features

(2) Description of Course of Object:
- a. First observed while sitting on a levee looking at horizon
- b. Appeared to be almost level with horizon (10 degree angle) when first observed
- c. Object maintained the same angle while traveling from east to west until it disappeared on horizon
- d. Maintained a straight flight path
- e. Appeared to vanish over horizon
- f. In sight ten (10) minutes (estimated)

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(3) Manner of Observation:
a. Ground - visual
b. No optical aids used
c. N/A

(4) Time and Date of Sighting:
a. 2000 - 2100 hours, 26 May 1959
b. Light conditions - night

(5) Location of Observer:
a. On levee at St Bernard Highway and Paris Road, Chalmette, Louisiana

(6) Identifying Information of Observer:

Name: ALVIN M. SMITH
Age : 313 Riess Place, Chalmette, Louisiana
Employment: Auto glass installer

(7) Weather and Winds-aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:
a. Observer stated sky was clear with no wind
b. U.S. Weather Bureau information furnished by W. O. SISK, U. S. Weather Bureau, Moisant Airport, Kenner, Louisiana

Wind Direction: ESE
Velocity: Five (5) knots at surface
Winds aloft: (Available at Burwood, Louisiana, Station, located 100 miles from New Orleans. Will be furnished if necessary)
c. Ceiling - unlimited
d. Visibility - 10 to 15 miles
e. Amount of Cloud Cover - 2/10ths
f. Thunderstorms in area - none

(8) No unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise which might account for the sighting.

(9) N/A

(10) Not obtained

(11) SMITH appeared immature for his age and did not seem to be well educated. SMITH showed an inclination to be imaginative in his description of the sighting and in subsequent general discussion at the time of interview. SMITH was accompanied by an uncle (SMITH'S employer)

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who told several imaginative stories of sightings he had witnessed in previous years, and it is felt that SMITH'S version was influenced, to a certain extent, by his uncle's descriptions.

(12) No photographs or other physical evidence available.

3. This information was not previously submitted to you by electrical means in view of the time lapse between SMITH'S sighting and reporting the alleged object (26 May - 3 June 1959).

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PALMER S. McCLELLAN, Major, USAF
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FREDRIC W. SHOOK
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-233

DATE 25 June 1958

REPORT MADE BY
ALFRED T. KEITH, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
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Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object, 1815-20 Hours, 12 June 1958, by Mr. PAUL J. GERACI, 1131 Clouet Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th District OSI (IG), predicated on information furnished by Mr. GERACI that he had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object at approximately 1815-20 hours, 12 June 1958. GERACI was lying on his back atop building at 222 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, La., when object was observed. GERACI described object as similar in size to head of pin. U. S. weather bureau reports balloon in area visible over New Orleans at 1820 hours date of sighting. Balloon burst at height of 35,400 feet.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th District OSI. Investigation based upon information furnished by Mr. PAUL J. GERACI, 1131 Clouet Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, who reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object on 13 June 1958 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

2. On 13 June 1958 Mr. GERACI, previously identified, voluntarily appeared in the offices of the New Orleans Detachment, 9th District OSI, and reported his sighting of an object which he believed to be of interest to the United States Air Force.

3. Information provided by Mr. GERACI is set forth as follows in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 15, AFR 200-2.

1. Description of Object:

a. Object appeared to be slightly V shaped at first, but as it moved through the sky, was adjudged to be round.

b. Object appeared to be the size of the head of a pin.

c. Color: white

d. Number: one

e. Not applicable.

f. No discernible features of details.

g. No tail, trail or exhaust was noted.

h. No sound detected.

i. No other pertinent or unusual features were observed.

2. Description of Course of Object:

a. Observer was lying on his back on top of a building located at 222 N. Rampart Street. While looking at the sky, interviewee noticed the object, which at first appeared to be stationary, move slowly in a NNE direction.

b. Angle of elevation and azimuth when first observed: 90 degrees.

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c. Angle of elevation and azimuth upon disappearance: Approximately 45 degrees.

d. Object moved in NNE direction for approximately 50 to 60 seconds, stopped briefly, then proceeded in approximately a NNW direction for approximately 5 to 10 seconds and then disappeared.

e. Disappeared, suddenly, from view and did not reappear.

f. Object was in view for 60 to 70 seconds.

3. Manner of Observation:

a. Ground - visual

b. No optical aids utilized.

c. Not applicable.

4. Time and Date of Sighting:

a. 1815 to 1820 hours on 12 June 1958
Zulu Time: 2400Z

b. Dusk

5. Location of Observer:

222 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

6. Identifying Data of Observer:

PAUL J. GERACI, 1131 Clouet Street, New Orleans, La. Age: 28, Bank teller at Hibernia National Bank.

7. Weather and Winds Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

a. Observer stated weather was clear.

b. TILLMAN GLADNEY, Aviation Weather Service, Moisant Airport, Kenner, La., telephonically provided the following data for approximately 1830 hours, 12 June 1958:

Height	Wind Direction	Wind Velocity
Surface	ESE	12 knots
6,000 feet	100 degrees	10 knots

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10,000 feet	90 degrees	15 knots
16,000 feet	90 degrees	12 knots
20,000 feet	40 degrees	15 knots
35,400 feet	90 degrees	27 knots

GLADNEY stated that a white weather balloon was released from Burwood, Louisiana, at approximately 1800 hours on 12 June 58 and advised that this balloon could have been visible over New Orleans at approximately 1820 hours on that date. He further stated that the expanded diameter of this weather balloon is six to eight feet and that the balloon attained a height of 35,400 feet at time of burst.

c. Ceiling: unlimited

d. Visibility: excellent

e. No cloud cover.

f. No thunderstorms in the area.

8. No other unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting was proposed or determined.

9. Not applicable.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL in the interests of protecting information contained herein from unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.)

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9th Dist OSI (IG), Barksdale AFB, La.; File 24-225; SUBJECT: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Sighted by WARREN J. KNAPP (Civilian), 0720 Hours, 10 April 1958, CST.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual.
(2) No optical aids (no eye glasses).
(3) N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) Approximately 0720 hours, 10 April 1958, Central Standard Time.
(2) Day.

e. Location of Observer:

Object was sighted above the 800 block of Ryan Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Observer was crossing from west to east side of Ryan Street, and was in the approximate center of the block. Observer sighted object for approximately 30 degrees of flight across and above Ryan Street, until it disappeared behind buildings on the east side of Ryan Street.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Name: WARREN J. KNAPP
(2) Address: 1801 20th Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana
(3) Age: 36
(4) Occupation: Engineering Aid (Chief Draftsman) for D. W. JESSEN and Associates, Civil Engineers, Room 18, Kaufman Building, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Telephone 6-4421.
(5) Length of Time with Firm: 10 years.
(6) Immediate Supervisor with above Firm: Mr. D. W. JESSEN.
(7) Marital Status: Married.
(8) Children: 1 child.

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g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear sky, little or no surface wind, and the sun was shining.

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2. This case is considered CLOSED in the files of this office.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL in that it contains investigative information which requires protection against unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1).

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted on 9 November 1957
by Mr. J. H. ROYAL, Red River Arsenal,
Texarkana, Texas

TO: Commander
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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1. Reference telephone conversation 12 November 1957 between Lt. Colonel DWIGHT J. SCOVEL, District Commander, 9th District OSI, and Lt. Colonel RUPERT STECHMAN, your Headquarters, concerning above subject.

2. The following confirms information verbally furnished Major WILLIAM C. PETERS, AO 704734, Base Operations Officer, on 9 November 1957 by an agent of this office:

At 2137 hours on 9 November 1957, Mr. CHESTER S. JOHNSON of Texarkana, Texas, contacted the 9th District OSI Duty Agent for the purpose of furnishing information concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. J. H. ROYAL. JOHNSON stated that he had received information from ROYAL, who is an employee of Red River Arsenal, that at approximately 2105 hours, 9 November 1957, while working at the Arsenal, which is located approximately six (6) miles east of New Boston, Texas, ROYAL observed a long bluish light traveling at a high rate of speed, going east to west at a 45° angle toward the earth. ROYAL was unable to estimate the altitude at which the object was flying, but estimated the length of the object to be two-hundred (200) feet; however, the exact size could not be determined due to its brilliance. According to JOHNSON, ROYAL stated that the object was within his view for only a few seconds.

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In conclusion, JOHNSON stated that, insofar as he could determine, ROYAL was the only person who had seen the object.

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9th OSI District
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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
Greenville Air Force Base
Mississippi

1. This is to confirm, in writing, information verbally furnished Colonel FRANCIS J. SHUCK, your Wing Executive Officer, by Special Agent LOUIS E. OLIVERO of the Greenville Detachment, this District Office, on 23 August 1957.

2. On 22 August 1957, ANDREW C. BALDRIDGE, 1st Lt., AO 3006519, 3505th P.T. Group, Greenville Air Force Base, Miss., reported the following incident regarding an unidentified flying object: "Shape of lights directly overhead was a rectangle, approximately 30 feet to 50 feet wide, and 50 feet to 75 feet long. The lights seemed to be a white color with a faint yellow or orange tint. The shape of the carrier of the lights could not be determined. The size of the lights is compared in relationship to a T-33 aircraft seen giving chase about one to one and a half miles behind. Elevation of object was directly overhead, about 8,000 to 10,000 feet, judging from the size and sound of the jet following. The lights seemed to be in four (4) rows. The object seemed to have no jet trail or fire tracer. The sound of the jet following was quite clear and distinct, but the object made no sound or vibration. The object was first sighted about 2142 hours, 21 August 1957. The object appeared stationary and to be round and a bright orange with hazy edges but not glowing like a fire ball, with size about the same as a silver dollar at arms length. About one minute later, my wife noticed the object was moving. The object was about 30 degrees above the horizon when first sighted and it traveled an arc of about 40 degrees in a matter of about a half minute. A jet was seen to give chase before object passed overhead. Estimated altitude of jet, judging from sound and size of lights, was about 8,000 to 10,000 feet. The jet seemed to be carrying 100% power and followed the object to the southwest until both were no longer visible. Total time object was visible was about 3 to 4 minutes. Speed was not excessive, 350 to 400 knots, and no changes in course were made during visible time."

Lt. BALDRIDGE, USAF pilot, and his wife, MARY E. BALDRIDGE, 1024 Wasson Drive, Greenville, Miss., witnessed the sighting. The object was seen at night, ground visual, no viewing aids. The observers were on the northeast edge of the city of Greenville.

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3. No further OSI action in this matter was requested by Colonel SHUCK.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3 Feb 57

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: Civilian person, New Orleans, La., reported observing two (2) unidentified flying objects 1845 hours (CST) 3 Feb 57. (OSI, F-6)

2. DETAILS: On 4 February 1957, Mr. LESLIE H. BREWER, 3115 DeSoto Street, New Orleans, La., reported to representatives of this District that he had observed two (2) unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of New Orleans at about 1845 hours 3 Feb 1957. The following pertinent information was obtained through interview of BREWER:

a. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS:

(1) Shape: Circular and flat.

(2) Size: Appeared approximately size of tennis ball.

(3) Color: Bright with greenish tinge; appeared to have aura of light around them.

(4) Number: Two (2).

(5) Formation: Parallel, with one slightly above the other.

(6) Discernible Features: Besides the aura of light, the objects appeared to have two (2) round lights in the body.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

(8) Sound: None.

(9) Speed: BREWER calculated the speed of the objects at 8,312 miles per hour, estimating that they were at 20,000 feet altitude and remained within a 120 degree arc of his sight for three seconds.

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b. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS:

(1) How noted: Attention brought to objects during casual observation of sky.

(2) Angle of elevation and azimuth: When first observed, the objects were above observer, about 8 or 9 degrees to the east of vertical and proceeding at an azimuth of about 182 degrees. When last observed, the objects had moved out of his line of vision over the horizon on the same azimuth as when first observed.

(3) Flight path and maneuvers: Flight path was straight and no maneuvers were observed.

(4) Manner of Disappearance: Out of sight over the horizon.

(5) Length of time in sight: Estimated three (3) seconds.

c. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) Manner: Ground-visual.

(2) Optical aids: None.

d. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) Time of sighting: 040045Z Feb 57.

(2) Light conditions: Dark.

e. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) Latitude: 29 degrees 58 minutes.

(2) Longitude: 90 degrees 5 minutes.

f. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) Name: LESLIE H. BREWER

(2) Age: 49

(3) Mailing Address: 3115 Desoto St., New Orleans, La.

(4) Occupation: Electrical Engineer

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g. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) Weather (per BREWER): Clear

(2) Weather (per files of U. S. Weather Bureau, New Orleans, La.)

(a) Wind Direction: South, Southwest

(b) Wind Velocity:

1 Surface: Nine (9) knots per hour as of 1905 hours observation.

2 Aloft: Only reading available was taken at 1500 hours at maximum altitude of 8000 feet where winds were 21 knots from 250 degrees. By interpolation on a map recording readings from other sites at 1830 hours 3 February, it was estimated that winds at 10, 20 and 30 thousand feet altitude would have been from the same general direction at about the same velocity.

(c) Ceiling: Generally unlimited.

(d) Visibility: Twelve (12) miles.

(e) Amount of cloud cover: .2

(f) Thunderstorms and precipitation: None.

h. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AREA: None

i. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: None

j. AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

None other observed by Mr. BREWER.

3. OSI COMMENT: The agent who interviewed Mr. BREWER reported BREWER as very coherent and articulate in explaining his sighting. BREWER appeared to be above average in intelligence. Because this office has no further information as to BREWER's background or veracity, his evaluation as a source cannot be made.

4. ACTION: By copy of this letter, the Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi is being informed of this matter. No

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further action is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested or directed.

cc: Dir OSI
Comdr, Keesler
AFB, Mississippi

DWIGHT J. SCOVEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Office of Special Investigations

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

16 DEC 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted 8 and 9 November 55
By Third Officer Aboard
S. S. MATHERAN - North Atlantic

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached is copy of entry made in the log of the S. S. MATHERAN, which belongs to the Cunard Steamship Company, and is forwarded for your information and/or any action deemed appropriate.

2. The attached was furnished an Agent of this office by Mr. CHRISTIE S. LARSEN, Office Manager, Funch, Edye & Co., Inc., 1002 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. LARSEN advised that his company are agents for the Cunard Steamship Company, and that the information contained in attached entry was turned over to him by Mr. H. G. MacGREGOR, Master of the above ship. LARSEN stated that MacGREGOR is a sober, well-educated person and that MacGREGOR had requested that LARSEN turn this information over to the Air Force, inasmuch as the incident occurred near an Air Force station in the Azores.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

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S.S. "MATHERAN",

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November 8th. '55. 2I30 Hrs, Pos 35 38'N I4 I7'W.
Co. 266(t), Spd I3 Kts.
Phenomena witnessed by Third Officer and Q.M. Etherington at the wheel:- Bright yellow light in air approx. I50 ft. high, which cast a circular pool of light, on the water. It approached vessel to within 3 cables, from a S'ly direction, and remained stationary for 30 secs. Brg 4Pts.
Contact attempted with Aldis lamp. Bright light directed at ship and moved away in a W'ly direction.
NO ENGINE NOISE DETECTED THROUGHOUT.

November 9th. '55. 2II5 Hrs, Pos 35 I6'N 20 44'W.
Co. 266(t), Spd I3 Kts.
Again yellow light observed by Third Officer, at approx I0 degrees alt. 2Pts. for'd of star'd beam. Light remained visible and stationary for I5 minutes. In this case, light was seen by Master for 30 secs, before disappearing.

Weather in both cases was Calm, Fine, and Clear with long moderate WNW'ly swell.

J. H. Thomas Burgess
Master

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

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22 SEP 1954

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object
(Sighted by Mr. Gordon W. Pixler
308 Magnolia Drive, Metairie, La.,
at approximately 2100 hours,
9 August 1954)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. On 10 August 1954, agents of the New Orleans Detachment received a call from Mr. JERRY GOTSCHALL, Assistant Agent in Charge, New Orleans Field Office, FBI, to the effect that a Mr. GORDON W. PIXLER, 308 Magnolia Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, had called the FBI at approximately 2100 hours on 9 August 1954, stating that he had just observed an unidentified flying object traveling at a tremendous speed. The above call from the FBI to the OSI office in New Orleans, Louisiana was confirmed in letter to the District Commander, 9th District OSI, dated 10 August 1954.

2. On 11 August 1954, in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, paragraph 4b (2), Special Agent RICHARD V. TERRELL interviewed Mr. PIXLER for any data concerning the unidentified object sighted by Mr. PIXLER. Mr. PIXLER advised that he was working in and around his yard between 2000 and 2100 hours, 9 August 1954; that visibility was clear with mackerel cloud ceiling of approximately .6 coverage at 8,000 feet, estimated. The moon was shining. PIXLER stated that upon hearing an aircraft overhead with a reciprocating type engine which suddenly stopped, his attention was directed toward the sky. Upon looking at the sky, Mr. PIXLER observed an object at approximately eighty degrees from the horizon having a yellow side light and a green light moving rapidly from West to East. PIXLER stated the object made no sound, but he does not believe it was the aircraft that he had heard just prior to sighting the object. PIXLER could not estimate the altitude of the object nor could he estimate the speed, but he stated that the object was out of sight within a minute. No unusual shape or iridescent qualities were noticed, nor was any exhaust noted. PIXLER could not describe the shape. PIXLER stated that he did not believe that the object was a reflection on the base of the clouds. In conclusion, Mr. PIXLER stated that he is

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a former member of the U. S. Navy and is now a member of the U. S. Naval Reserves, and is familiar with aircraft of the reciprocating type and jet type.

3. With regard to the sighting reported by Mr. PIXLER on 9 August 1954, a check of appropriate sources within the New Orleans, Louisiana area revealed that no other reports were made on unidentified flying objects that date.

4. In view of the fact that as of this date, Air Force Letter 200-5 as referred to in AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953, has not been distributed either to this office or Command authorities at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, the above is forwarded for your information and/or any action deemed appropriate.

Louis J. Schiavo

LOUIS J. SCHIAVO
Major, USAF
District Commander

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Office of Special Investigations

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

7 JUN 1954

SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED)
Alleged Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object
3 June 1954, 1830 Hours
at DeKalb, Texas

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana

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1. At approximately 2010 hours, 3 June 1954, the Staff Duty Officer, Captain ELVA D. BROWN, telephonically advised Special Agent ALPHONSO T. WAGNER that a Mr. DON JOHNSON, Route 4, DeKalb, Texas, had reported, via telephone at approximately 1930 hours, stating that he had observed what he believed to be a "flying saucer" over DeKalb at approximately 1830 hours. Mr. JOHNSON related that he was in the company of Mr. JOE JOHNSON and Mr. GEORGE PETERS, both of DeKalb, Texas, at the time the object was seen. JOHNSON related that the object appeared to be about one-third to one-half (1/3 to 1/2) the size of a dime; that it seemed to be low and flying fairly fast on a course of approximately east southeast, and was silver in color; that the object, when cited, was about ten (10) miles northeast of DeKalb. Mr. JOHNSON could furnish no information as to actual size, speed, altitude, or even a close approximation of this object. Capt BROWN stated that Mr. JOHNSON talked very intelligently over the telephone and answered his questions freely and without reserve. Capt BROWN further stated that shortly after JOHNSON called him a TWX was received from Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, advising that an unknown object had been observed over Ramey, at about 1930 hours.

Capt RALPH HARRIS, forecaster, Base Weather Station, advised that the weather in the vicinity of DeKalb, Texas, at 1830 hours on 3 June 1954, was clear and that the visibility was at least fifteen (15) miles.

2. This office contemplates no further investigative activity in this matter.

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25 June 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
19 May 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

24-185-9-13

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of closed Report of Investigation, of Special Agent JOE H. TUCK, 9th OSI District, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, File No. 24-142, dated 2 June 1954.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
19 May 1954

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by the Commander, Keesler AFB, Miss., after resident of Bay St. Louis, Miss. reported seeing unidentified flying objects 19 May 54. EDWARD HOELZEL, fishing camp operator, reported that at about 2030 hours, he saw three reddish glowing objects over bay; that objects bobbed and weaved, moving gradually out of sight and made no sound. Mrs. HOELZEL also reported seeing objects. Mrs. WINKLEPLECK stated HOELZELS brought her attention to object which she observed for several minutes, but that she saw only one.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, orally, through Colonel JAMES C. BEAM, 7544A, Wing T/O on 20 May 1954, and predicated on information furnished by Keesler Detachment 9th District OSI, (IG), Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

2. Special Agent LOUIS H. COLEMAN assisted in this investigation.

AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

3. At 0920 hours 20 May 1954, Special Agent COLEMAN received a telephone call from Special Agent RICHARD V. TERRELL, New Orleans Deatchment, 9th District OSI (IG), New Orleans, Louisiana, in which Special Agent TERRELL related that at 0850 hours 20 May 1954 he received information from Mr. ROBERT COOPER, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, concerning a report of an unidentified flying object. Mr. COOPER informed Special Agent TERRELL that Mr. EDDIE HOELZEL had telephonically informed him that at approximately 2030 hours 19 May 1954, he had observed three large objects which appeared to be large balls of fire, flying in a weaving and bobbing manner at a low altitude over the water near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. HOELZEL further reported that the objects made a loud humming sound and were definitely not conventional aircraft; that he observed these objects for approximately 20 minutes before calling the FBI and they were still visible during his conversation with the FBI in NewOrleans; that he knew the objects were not conventional aircraft and that the light from the objects was plainly reflected in the water of the bay, and other persons beside himself had seen the objects. HOELZEL related that he was a veteran of the Air Force and was familiar with all types of conventional aircraft but had never seen anything similar to this before.

AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI

4. On 20 May 1954, Mr. EDWARD W. HOELZEL, General Delivery, North Beach, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, stated that he operates a fishing camp at the mouth of the Jordan River on Bay St. Louis; that he has been in Bay St. Louis a relatively short time and formerly resided in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. HOELZEL described the incident concerning the unidentified flying objects as follows:

a. Shape: Appeared to be stars but had a reddish-yellow glow.

b. Size: Appeared to be about twice as large as other stars.

c. Color: Reddish-yellow hue

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e. Formation: Two of the objects appeared to be 6-8 feet apart from the observation point and the third object appeared to be 16-20 feet from the first two.

f. Discernible features: None

g. Tail trail or exhaust: None

h. Sound: None

i. Other pertinent or unusual features: None

Mr. HOELZEL stated that at approximately 2030 hours 19 May 1954, he went out to the pier to check the water and sky and noticed two objects reflected in the water; that the two objects appeared to be similar to a light from the objects shining down on the water; that he followed these rays up from the water until he saw the objects in the sky; that he then noticed a third object in the sky which was a considerable distance away from the other two; that he observed these objects for approximately forty-five minutes; that he would estimate the objects were approximately 30° above the horizon and were in a northeasterly direction from the point of observation; that the three objects moved in an up and down and side to side pattern but did not seem to have any regular pattern nor did the objects move in unison; that the objects seemed to fade away in a northeast direction as if they were going away from the observer until they finally disappeared; that he could not estimate the altitude or distance of the objects except they appeared to be a great distance from him. Mr. HOELZEL stated that the sky was clear and visibility was unrestricted.

Mr. HOELZEL stated that his wife and a Mrs. WINKLEPLECK had also observed these objects.

5. On 21 May 1954, Mrs. EDWARD W. HOELZEL gave substantially the same information concerning the unidentified objects as related by her husband. Mrs. HOELZEL stated that at the time she observed the objects the water in the bay was calm.

6. On 21 May 1954, Mrs. LUCILLE WINKLEPLECK, 108½ Carroll Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, stated substantially the same as Mr. and Mrs. HOELZEL except that she reported seeing only one object. Mrs. WINKLEPLECK related that she drove up to Mr. HOELZEL's fishing camp and Mr. and Mrs. HOELZEL were out on the pier; that they pointed the object out to her and she observed it for approximately 15 minutes. Mrs. WINKLEPLECK further related that she noticed that the moon appeared to be very red that night.

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7. Due to the short time HOELZEL has resided in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, no one could be located who could establish reputation and credibility of HOELZEL.

AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

8. On 22 May 1954 the writer briefed Captain NORMAN C. BAUSCH, AO 567236, Wing Training Officer, with all the available information concerning the unidentified flying objects referred to above.

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Attached for your information are two copies of Spot Intelligence Report concerning captioned subject, dated 25 November 1950. No further action is contemplated unless so requested by your Directorate.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
25 November 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Reports of Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Recent reports of sightings of unconventional aircraft in Mississippi are, briefly, as follows:

a. Managing Editor of the Meridian Star, who is a major in the Mississippi National Guards, sighted an unconventional aircraft while flying an F-47 aircraft and flew in pursuit of the object.

b. Three (3) Mississippi National Guards enlisted members sighted an uncoventional flying object from the ramp at Key Field, Mississippi.

c. Two (2) weather forecasters at Key Field, Mississippi, gave reported weather conditions for period that unconventional aircraft was sighted.

d. Two (2) Control Tower employees of Key Field, Mississippi, sighted an unidentified aerial aircraft or object that could have been a conventional aircraft.

e. McComb Radio reported course of object.

f. Monroe Radio reported an object.

g. The Clarion Ledger carried an account of folks in Brookhaven seeing another "flying saucer" moving across town.

h. The Vicksburg Evening Post carried an account of Major Stephens sighting an unidentified object over Mississippi resembling the edge of a bright tilted plate.

i. The Jackson Daily News carried an account of a "mysterious streak of light" in the sky being sighted by local citizens.

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2. DETAILS:

a. BUNYAN DUDLEY STEPHENS, Managing Editor of The Meridian Star, and a Major in the 153d Fighter Squadron, Mississippi National Guards, residing at 3401 Grandview Street, Meridian, Mississippi, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (IG), on 16 November 1950 and reported the sighting of an unconventional flying object, during a flight he was performing in an F-47 type aircraft USNG, over Mississippi. Details as submitted by STEPHENS:

(1) Time: 1650 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

(2) Location: STEPHENS was flying at an altitude of 8,000 feet, about eight (8) miles east of Meridian, Miss., when he first saw the object as it was silhouetted against the sky by the sun, traveling due west at a location west southwest of Meridian. After sighting, STEPHENS started to pursue the object, climbing to 21,000 feet at an indicated air speed of two hundred and ten (210) miles per hour (estimated three hundred (300) MPH ground speed). At 21,000 feet over Forest, Mississippi, STEPHENS estimated the object's altitude to be 55-60,000 feet, with a conservative estimate of its speed being six hundred (600) MPH ground speed, without variation in course and with negligible change in altitude. During this observation the object was about forty (40) to seventy (70) miles west of STEPHENS.

(3) Manner of Observation: As indicated in paragraph 2a(2) above.

(4) Description: Color of milky white, resembling a daylight type neon bulb. About four hundred fifty (450) to five hundred (500) feet long, and fifty (50) feet in width, comparable to a horizontal bar held lengthwise, with one end slanting downward, traveling at an elevation of fifteen (15) degrees to the horizon. No exhaust, lights or vapor trail observed. Wingless without visible means of support or propulsion. Controls or airducts not evident. No reflection was cast because of sun. STEPHENS flew north and south of the object and it did not change in perspective.

(5) No celestial phenomena reported as present. Sky reported clear.

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(6) STEPHENS is physically fit for flying and is an active pilot. At time of sighting, STEPHENS had been in the air for thirty (30) minutes, denying any feeling of fatigue.

(7) While over Forest, Mississippi, at 21,000 feet, STEPHENS radioed to all aircraft and radio stations within range to draw attention to the object. The broadcast was received by Jackson Radio, McComb Radio, Maxwell Air Force Base, and Monroe Radio.

(8) Neighbors and Police Department gave STEPHENS as being of excellent reputation and reliable.

b. T/Sgt CHARLES M. MACGRACE, NG-20452128, residing at 1007 8th Avenue, S/Sgt ROGER CLAYTON MACINTOSH, NG-24899958, residing at 2211 14th Street and S/Sgt ROBERT H. BUIE, NG-42900049, residing at 1703 37th Ave., all being mechanics of the 153d Fighter Squadron, Mississippi National Guards and all residing in Meridian, Mississippi, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (IG), and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unconventional flying object. Details as submitted by the three (3) men:

(1) Time: About 1650 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation until 1710 hours, when they lost interest in it.

(2) Location: All three men sighted object from ramp at Key Field, located near Meridian, Mississippi.

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual from the ground.

(4) Weather Condition: Clear sky. No clouds.

(5) Description of Object: All three men stated that the object was at an azimuth of approximately fifteen (15) degrees with the horizon. Diminishing size was only indication that object was moving. Other information coincided with that of STEPHENS.

(6) No meteorological condition was indicated which might account for sighting. No physical evidence was obtained.

(7) All three men have recently received a USAF physical examination and found fit for duty status.

(8) Major STEPHENS vouched for reliability of MACGRACE, MACINTOSH and BUIE.

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c. Mr. W. B. BENSON and J. V. CARMICHAEL, Weather Forecasters, Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi, stated that the weather report for 1730 hours, 13 November 1950 was as follows:

(1) Meridian: Clear; eight (8) miles; 247/53/39 calm; altimeter setting 025.
Jackson: Clear; fifteen (15) miles; 247/56/26; north two (2); altimeter setting 025.
McComb: Clear; fifteen (15) miles; 244/53/39; east south-east five (5); altimeter setting 024.
Monroe: Clear; twelve (12) miles; 247/53/33; east six (6); altimeter setting 025.

(2) Meridian spot check at 1703 hours, 13 November 1950, clear; fifteen (15) miles; east north-east three (3); altimeter setting 025.

d. Mr. C. R. CANNADA, Jr, 4290 Johnson Court and KENNETH O. HARBOUR, 1 Garden Circle, Control Tower Operators, Jackson Air Field, Jackson, Mississippi, both residing in Jackson, Mississippi, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (IG), and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unidentified aerial aircraft or object. Details as submitted:

(1) Time: 1635 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation for forty (40) minutes.

(2) Location: From Control Tower, Jackson Air Field, south of Jackson at an estimated altitude of about forty (40) degrees to horizon.

(3) Manner of Observation: From Jackson Air Field Tower, sighted through six (6) power binocular.

(4) Weather Conditions: Not reported.

(5) Description of Object: Object could have been an aircraft. First sighting revealed object and vapor trail. Object resembled wing of aircraft, with vapor trail obscuring fuselage, empennage and opposite wing. Vapor trail remained a constant length until it suddenly disappeared. Object a dull white, which did not cast reflections from the sun. No lights were visible.

(6) CANNADA and HARBOUR stated that their radio intercepted messages from Memphis ATC which revealed that no flights were scheduled which would be in that area at that time.

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e. McComb Radio reported object north of McComb on a westerly course.

f. Monroe Radio reported object south of Monroe at 1650 hours.

g. The CLARION-LEDGER, (Jackson, Mississippi), of 16 November 1950, carried the following account of a "flying saucer," reportedly signted by several persons:

"FOLKS IN BROOKHAVEN SEE FLYING OBJECT"

"Brookhaven - Several persons have reported to the Leader-Times of seeing another 'flying saucer' moving across Brookhaven about 5 p.m. Monday afternoon. Some described it as resembling an 'air sock' or 'air sleeve' towed by pilots in target practice.

Other persons speculated that it was merely a vapor trail made visible by the setting sun in the late afternoon skies or left by a trail of smoke from a passing plane.

A. C. Sample, owner of the Yellow Cab Co., said he and Tom Lofton drove out to U. S. Highway 51 and watched the object for about 15 minutes. Sample said he thought it was a blimp or an airplane.

J. A. Smith reported seeing what he described as a 'flying saucer' at about 5:15 p.m. Monday on North Jackson Street. He said several persons observed the strange object moving across the sky in a north westerly direction. He said it left a light pink fire in its path."

h. The Vicksburg EVENING POST (Mississippi) carried the following account of a mystery object, sighted in sky by Major B. D. STEPHENS:

"MYSTERY OBJECT SIGHTED IN SKY"

"Meridian, Miss., Nov 14- An unidentified object was sighted over Mississippi at an altitude of about 35,000 feet, according to Major B. D. Stephens, National Guard pilot who said he chased it for 65 miles.

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> Stephens, of the 153rd Fighter Squadron of the Mississippi Air National Guard, said the object was reported in Jackson, McComb and Meridian. He said he fles 300 miles per hour and reached an altitude of 21,000 feet in his pursuit.
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> Stephens said the object resembled the edge of a bright tilted plate and could have been the vapor effect of a high-flying B-36."

i. The Jackson DAILY NEWS, (Jackson, Mississippi), 14 November 1950, carried the following account of a "Mysterious streak of light," reportedly sighted by local citizens:

> "'Could Be,' Jacksonians Say, Seeing Vapor Trail"
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> "A 'Mysterious streak of light' in the sky here late Monday startled local citizens and cause newspapers, radio stations and the Weather Bureau to be swamped with calls.
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> Officials at the control tower at the airport said it probably was a vapor trail from a jet plane, but Jacksonians who saw it thought otherwise, with many of them saying it had a 'burning tail.'
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> The same light was reported seen in Florence and Vicksburg also.
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> It was described as changing in color from orange to lemon and then to white as it disappeared toward the horizon.
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> An the Weather Bureau, officials, said the light first was seen directly over the city and that it moved from east to west at a height of 'well above 30,000 feet.' They said they didn't know what it was.
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> West Jackson residents reported they watched the light for some time before it disappeared. Their guesses as to what it was ranged from 'a flying saucer' to 'something from another world.'
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> It was described as having an oblong shape.

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In Meridian, Maj. B. D. Stephens of the Mississippi Air National Guard said he chased an unidentified object for 65 miles at 300 miles an hour, but never got near it. He said it did not have a vapor trail and that it resembled the edge of a bright tilted plate, bar or flattened out new moon.

Two mechanics at Key Field, in Meridian watched the light with binoculars and said it could have been vapor trails from a B-36.

Mrs. Eugenia Massey 24, who resides between Jackson and Clinton, said she and other members of her family saw the object about 4:45 p.m., They said it was flying at a very high altitude and traveling very fast directly west.

She added that she could not see the front of the object but the rear end looked like a cylinder of flame about five or six feet long.

Mrs. Massey said she called the observation tower at the Jackson Air Base who confirmed her report of seeing the strange object, but officials there would not attempt to identify it."

3. ACTION: None contemplated by this Headquarters.

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Attached for your information is a Spot Intelligence Report concerning captioned subject, dated 7 November 1950. No further action is contemplated unless so requested by your Directorate.

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
7 November 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Reports of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Recent reports of sightings of unconventional aircraft in Louisiana are, briefly, as follows:

a. A simultaneous sighting by father and son, residents of New Orleans, on 10 October 1950, of a noiseless, bright object at a great altitude.

b. Twelve (12) bright, round, diving and spinning objects seen from a window in New Orleans, on 10 or 11 October 1950.

c. The Shreveport Times of 7 November 1950, in a special report from Jonesville, described hovering objects seen by members of a farmer's family on 5 November 1950.

A letter to the Editor of The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 19 October 1950, described the sighting of the "flying saucers" in 1947. The New Orleans Item, on 17 October 1950, editorially, commented about "flying saucers" observed by two (2) Miami Airlines, Inc., pilots on the preceding Sunday, and by Commander ROBERT B. McLAUGHLIN, USN, last February.

2. DETAILS:

a. LIONEL LARRIEU, Sr., and his son, CONRAD LARRIEU, both residents of 1817 Agriculture Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, on 13 and 24 October 1950, respectively, and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unconventional flying object. Details as submitted by the LARRIEU's:

(1) Time: 0715 hours, 10 October 1950. Object was under observation from five (5) to ten (10) minutes.

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(2) Location: Observers were in the neighborhood of the LARRIEU residence in the northeast portion of New Orleans. Observation was first seen at an azimuth of approximately 45 degrees True and was traveling in a northerly direction. The observers estimated that the object was flying at an altitude of at least one (1) mile.

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual from the ground.

(4) Weather Conditions: Bright sun, no clouds.

(5) Description of Object:

(a) According to LIONEL LARRIEU: Size and shape of a joint of stove pipe, 2½ feet by 3 to 4 inches.

(b) According to CONRAD LARRIEU: Shaped like the side view of a saucer, 30 to 40 feet long and 3 to 4 feet thick.

(c) Object glowed bright with a whitish-blue light. Both observers saw "peculiar" spots before their eyes for one to two minutes after staring at the object. LARRIER Sr., reported that the object was composed of bright lights which glistened like facets on a diamond. The object made no noise and left no visible exhaust trail. No estimate of speed was made. The object faded in the distance until it was a minute speck of light and then disappeared - not below the horizon. Domestic ducks of the LARRIEU's, although accustomed to the appearance of normal aircraft, indicated alarm at the noiseless flying object.

(6) No meteorological condition was indicated which might account for the sighting. No physical evidence was obtained.

(7) CONRAD LARRIEU advised that he has been in military service and is familiar with the appearance of normal aircraft.

b. Mrs. PHYLLIS MARKOPOLAUS, 1831 Iberville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 13 October 1950, reported unidentified flying objects seen by her as follows:

(1) Time: 10 or 11 October 1950 (hour unknown).

(2) Location of Observer: Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Objects circled in a northerly direction

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from the Hospital. They were more than a mile distant, but "not extremely high".

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual from a window of Hospital. Observed for approximately two (2) hours.

(4) Description: Twelve (12) shiny, apparently mettalic, diving, spinning objects with round bodies and short wings. Objects were noiseless and left no visible exhaust trails. They appeared to be constantly spinning. No definite pattern of formation was maintained. Color was bright gray to opalescent.

(5) MARKOPOLAUS advised that she has flown as a passenger on private airplanes many times.

(6) No physical evidence was obtainable. No meteorological conditions were reported which could have accounted for this sighting.

c. The Shreveport Times of 7 November 1950, carried the following account of "flying discs" reportedly sighted by members of a family of Jonesville, Louisiana, on 5 November 1950:

"Jonesville, Nov 6 (Special) * 'Flying saucers' made their first reported appearance over Catahoula Sunday - at the little river farm of C.S. Peyton six miles southwest of Jonesville.

"About 1:45 p.m. Judy Bell, the family cook, was on her way home after washing the dinner dishes. She rushed back into the Peyton house shouting, 'there's ghosts done come after me right in the broad open daylight. They's hovering right out there over the tractor shed.'

"Six members of the Peyton family rushed outside to see the saucer, which by that time had risen to an estimated height of 50 feet above the ground. E.Y. Peyton said what they saw was 'so bright and shiny we couldn't tell anything about its shape or size.'

"As they watched, he said, the saucers went up to the northwest. There were twin exhausts, such as made by jet planes, but the exhausts did not stay parallel, he said.

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"Peyton said he got a pocket telescope and watched the saucer but could never see plainly what was ahead of the vapor trails. The object did not hurry; 'it took its time and disappeared from sight in about five minutes.' At the last, he stated, the vapor trail appeared to be red and then bluish.

"The Peyton cook declared that there were two of them things over the tractor shed and they were long and round like a cigar."

d. The New Orleans States, on 10 October 1950, carried the following report of the observations made by the LARRIEU's: "It wasn't shaped like a saucer", the elder LARRIEU recounted. "It was shaped like a loaf of bread." He said it was loafing along, "away, 'way up." LARRIEU said the slow-flying object had no wings and made "no noise whatever". "It was extra bright, not like the sun was shining on a plane," LARRIEU said. "It was blinking like a star. From where we were standing, it appeared to be 20 to 24 inches long. It was extremely high." LARRIEU said they watched the object for about five minutes. It was moving in a northerly direction, he said. He didn't say whether it was shaped like a loaf of French bread or the American style rectangular loaf.

e. The following letter was printed in the New Orleans Times Picayune, of 19 October 1950:

"Editor, The Times-Picayune - 'I read again this morning of those two pilots who didn't believe in 'flying saucers' but who actually saw them and now believe.

"Some time ago a soldier in Arizona said he saw a rocket ship. Well, you can tell that soldier that he wasn't seeing things because I believe I saw it too.

"You see it was this way. Back in 1947 we were out on the lake shrimping. It was just before sundown. I was lying on my back on the top step of the seawall, when I had the feeling that somebody was staring at me. Well, I turned my head and looked around me, but nobody was looking at me.

"All of a sudden I looked up at the sky and there was this object. It looked to me, at the moment like a big rock. I kept my eyes on it and called to the others to look at it, but all of a sudden it made two puffs of flame and smoke and was gone. It traveled a little way with the first puff, but with the second puff it was gone.

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"I have kept quiet about it all this time, but now I felt I must write and tell you about it. Signed MRS. JESSE J. VON HOVER"

f. The New Orleans Item of 17 October 1950, editorially, speculated concerning the sighting on the preceding Sunday, of four "saucers" in formation by Miami Airlines, Inc., pilots, GEORGE A. WOODWARD and WILLIAM BARDSLEY. The editorial commented on the claims of sights last February by Commander ROBERT B. McLAUGHLIN, a USN Missile Expert, and concluded, "... is it possible that the three groups of expert observers could have been mistaken about seeing them? The Air Force, which claims to have spent two years investigating such reports, has said 'definitely mistaken.' We hesitate to call the Air Force Investigators liars. Likewise, we hesitate to question the expert opinion of trained aerial observers and airplane pilots. In fact, we don't dare say what we believe about flying saucers."

3. ACTION: None contemplated by this headquarters.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
Stuttgart, Ark. "Flying Saucer"

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. This Spot Intelligence Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950, and AFCSI Letter 106, dated 18 October 1949.

2. SYNOPSIS: The Shreveport Times of 21 March 1959, reported an interview with two (2) pilots of the Chicago and Southern Airlines, Inc., who claimed to have sighted a "flying saucer" over Stuttgart, Arkansas, at 2129 hours on the preceding day, while they were flying at 2,000 feet, en route to Houston, Texas, from Memphis Tennessee. C-6

3. DETAILS: The following front-page news item is quoted from the 21 March 1950 edition of The Shreveport Times, morning newspaper of Shreveport, Louisiana:

Two Chicago and Southern airline pilots last night reported seeing a "flying saucer" about as big as a DC-3 over Stuggart, Ark.

G.W. Anderson, co-pilot, said he and pilot Jack Adams sighted the saucer at 9:29 p.m. while flying at 2,000 feet en route to Houston from Memphis.

They noticed the saucer, Anderson said, because of its terrific speed and a rapidly-blinking light on its top. The object approached from the south flying north about 1,000 feet above the DC-3 airliner, he related.

Anderson, a 30-year-old vet of five years flying the 'hump' in China during the war, said the object definitely was not a planet or other celestial body, but "strictly an airborne object of some description." He said that he and Adams, who has flown with C & S for seven years, are used to seeing unusual celestial sights and jet planes and that the object they saw was none of those.

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Upon sighting the object, Anderson said, he blinked the airliner's landing lights to signal the other craft, but got no response. Instead, he said, the saucer crossed the path of the DC-3 and sped out of sight with terrific speed.

Anderson, a native of Gate City, Va., and a pilot for C & S for five years, said from the quick look he had he guessed the saucer apparently had a diameter equal to the wing span of a DC-3, about 95 feet.

He said as far as he knows he and Adams, whose home is Little Rock, Ark., were the only ones aboard the airliner to see the saucer. He told the story to The Times during a brief stopover here last night.

4. ACTION: No action contemplated by the District Commander, 9th District OSI (IG).

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NOTE: Paragraph 3, quoted news item, indicates that the "saucer" was sighted over Stuggart, Ark., which is probably a misspelling of Stuttgart, Ark.

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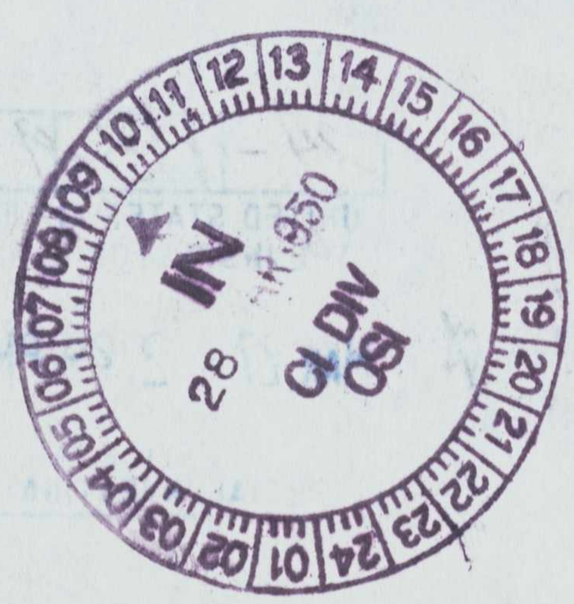
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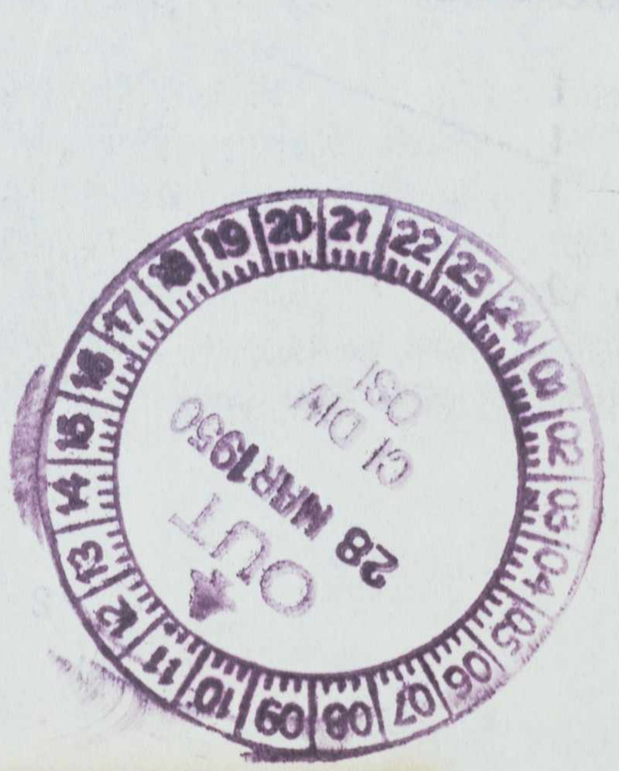
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Information received from G-2, 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, revealed that on 12 April 1950 Mr. HAROLD RIELLY, 123 Choctaw Street, New Orleans, La., reported the sighting of an unconventional aircraft over New Orleans, La., at approximately 2330 hours.

2. DETAILS: Report reflected that Mr. RIELLY sighted the unconventional aircraft from his residence at approximately 2330 hours on 12 April 1950. Mr. RIELLY was interviewed by a CIC Agent on 12 April 1950. Copy of report of interview is attached hereto as Inclosure No. 1.

3. ACTION: No action taken by the 9th District OSI.

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1. Interview with Mr. Harold Rielly
2. Map of New Orleans, La.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 17 April 1950

PREPARING OFFICE: 112th CIC Detachment, Headquarters Fourth Army

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY: MR. HAROLD RIELLY NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 13 April 1950, Mr. Harold RIELLY, 123 Choctaw Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 12 April 1950. Date of Interview: 12 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): Approximately 2330 hours.

3. Place of observation: 123 Choctaw Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. (Mr. RIELLY's residence, the place of observation, is located directly behind the levee of Lake Pontchartrain).

4. Position of observer: Viewed through screen of open window of residence at 123 Choctaw Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. (Hammond road).

5. What attracted attention to object: Mr. RIELLY was lying in bed and had just dozed off when he was awakened by his wife who saw the object first and drew his attention to it.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation of grouping: One (1). (See sketch of object).

7. Apparent size: Approximately three (3) feet in diameter.

8. Color of object: Dark orange or red. Looked like a sunset over water.

9. Shape: Completely round. Appeared to be shaped like a ball.

10. Altitude: Approximately 300 feet. Mr. RIELLY observed the object to be at a thirty (30) degree angle.

11. Direction from observer: Northwest.

12. Distance from observer: Approximately two (2) miles.

13. Direction of flight of object: Moving from north to south. First saw at 275 degrees northwest. Last saw object at 260 degrees southwest.

14. Time in sight: Approximately ten (10) seconds.

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15. Speed: Approximately the speed of an airplane landing.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: None.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Sailing steadily toward shore of Lake Pontchartrain, gradually losing altitude until it landed. After landing, it appeared to hesitate a second or two and vainly tried to rise, lifting itself a little distance, then falling back to earth (or water), hesitated another second and tried to rise again. It fell again and seemed to more or roll a short distance and come to a standstill.

21. Manner of disappearance: There was a faint reflection, appearing as though from behind the levee, and then all went dark.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: Mr. RIELLY, after seeing the object, traveled approximately four (4) miles up the lakeshore in an automobile trying to locate the object. At no time during the time Mr. RIELLY observed the object did it lose shape or color. Observer is of the opinion that the object may have been made of plastic and in the shape of a balloon as the color was very uniform and the object appeared to be a perfect ball of orange or red, with no glare of light emanating from it.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; clear; no moon observed; no wind; lots of stars; no clouds.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 2330 hours, on the night of 12 April 1950, the wind was blowing west four (4) miles per hour; sky was thinly overcast; lower broken clouds at 9000 feet; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observer: Mr. Harold RIELLY, 123 Choctaw Street, New Orleans, Louisiana (Hammond road). Mr. RIELLY's wife observed the object also, and her observation of the object was the same as that of Mr. RIELLY.

Occupation and hobbies: Clerk, Sewerage and Water Board, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 17 April 1950

PREPARING OFFICE: 112th CIC Detachment, Headquarters Fourth Army

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY: MR. HAROLD RIELLY NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Did observer wear glasses: Both Mr. and Mrs. RIELLY usually wear ordinary reading glasses, but were not wearing glasses during their observation of the object. Mr. RIELLY stated that last fall (1949) he was lying in bed gazing out of the same window from which he observed the object on the night of 12 April 1950, and noticed what he first thought was a light from a plane flying at an altitude of approximately 1500 feet. He remembered that lights on planes go on and off. Since the light he saw was continuous, he did not believe the object to be the light of a plane. He watched the object until it went out of sight. No report was made of that object by Mr. RIELLY.

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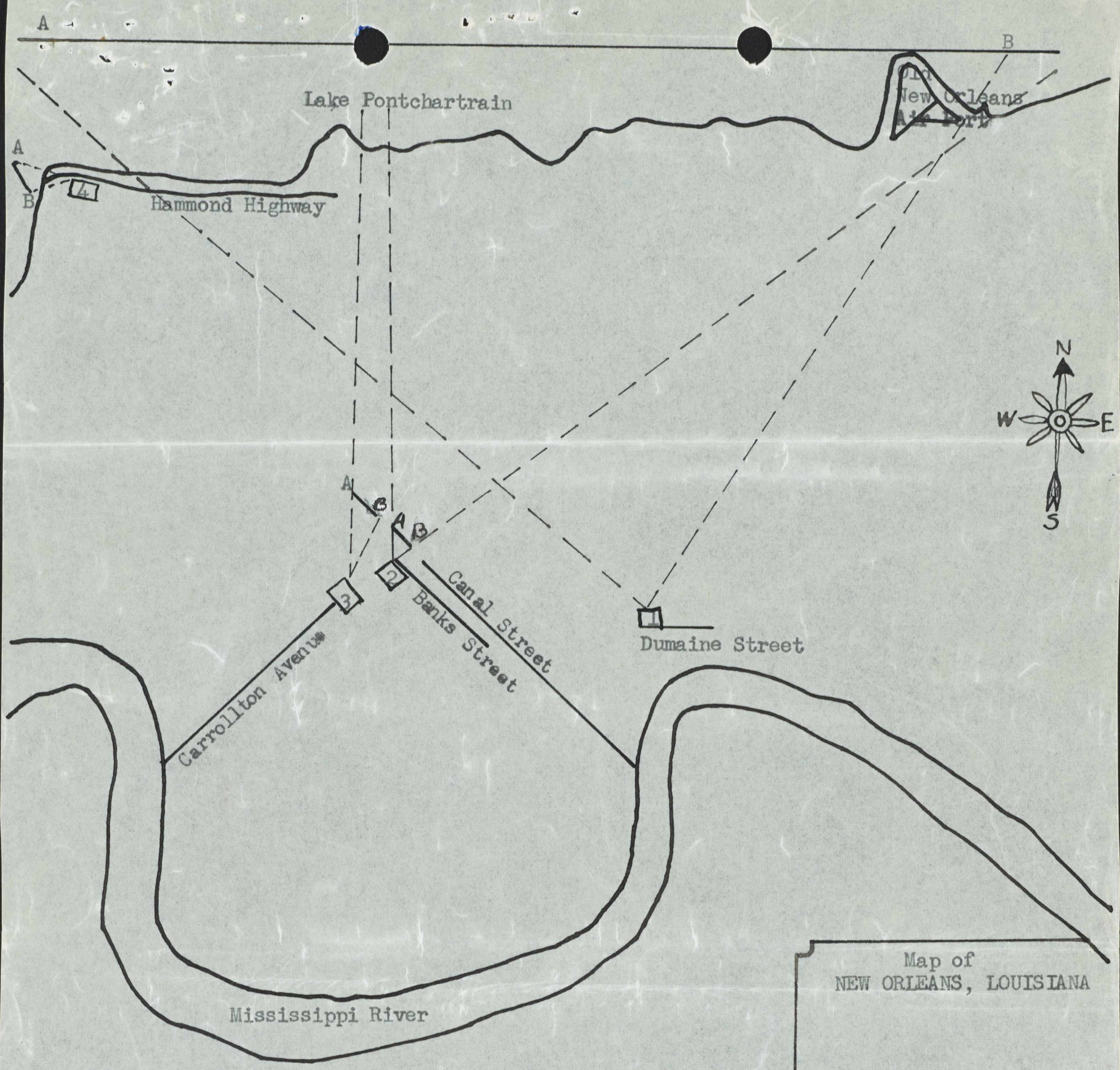
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Information received from G-2, 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, revealed that on 10 April 1950 Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH T. SHEA, Sr., 3826 Banks Street, New Orleans, La., Mrs. L. B. CHARITAT, New Orleans, La., and Mr. J. B. THOMPSON, 616 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, La., reported the sighting of an unconventional aircraft over New Orleans, La., at 2005 hours, between 2000 and 2015 hours, and 2002 hours, respectively.

2. DETAILS: Report reflected that observers sighted the unconventional aircraft from their respective residences at approximately the same hour on 10 April 1950. All individuals were interviewed by CIC Agents and reports of each interview are attached to this report as Inclosures 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

3. ACTION: No action taken by the 9th District OSI.

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1. Interview with Mr. & Mrs. Joseph T. Shea, Sr (in dup)
2. Interview with Mrs. L. B. Charitat (in dup)
3. Interview with Mr. J. B. Thompson (in dup)
4. Map of New Orleans, La.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 17 April 1950

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY: MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH T. SHEA, SR. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 11 April 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Shea, Sr., 3826 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, were interviewed after stating they had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of Interview: 11 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): 2005 hours by radio time. (Observer checked time by radio).

3. Place of observation: 3826 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

4. Position of observer: Sitting in chair, on front porch of residence.

5. What attracted attention to object. Happened to be gazing at sky. Approximately thirty (30) minutes before object appeared stars dimmed, and observers remarked to each other that it looked as though it might cloud up and rain.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (Sketch attached).

7. Apparent size: Approximately twenty-four (24) inches in diameter. Approximately twice the size of a basket ball.

8. Color of object: Firey, greenish purple.

9. Shape: Egg shape.

10. Altitude: Eighty- (80) degree.

11. Direction from observer: North.

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12. Distance from observer: Altitude appeared to be approximately 2,000 feet and appeared to be approximately three (3) city blocks away, moving in line with Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

13. Direction of flight of object: West to east. First saw at 360 degrees north, last saw at 60 degrees northeast, moving in straight line horizontally across the sky.

14. Time in sight: Ten (10) to twelve (12) seconds.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY: MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH T. SHEA, SR. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

15. Speed: Between 600 and 800 miles per hour.

16. Sound and odor: Buzzing sound that resembled that of an exhaust of a large engine. No odor.

17. Trail: Trail was gold, silvered, and firey red that resembled the trail of a toy rocket used for celebrations. Width was same as object and tapered away from object to almost a point. Trail was in straight line with object and appeared to be approximately 100 feet in length.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Judged to have disappeared into the clouds. Disappeared suddenly like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observers, approximately thirty (30) minutes before object was sighted, the stars were not as bright as usual; the weather was fair but dark, no moon was observed.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observers: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Shea, Sr., 3826 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Mr. Shea is a former United States Deputy Marshal (retired). Mr. Shea was wearing ordinary reading glasses. Mrs. Shea was not wearing glasses. Their age is judged to be approximately seventy (70). Mr. and Mrs. Shea were in the open on sighting the object and there was nothing to impair their vision, with the exception of the glasses worn by Mr. Shea. The hearing of both Mr. and Mrs. Shea is thought to be slightly impaired.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY: MRS. L. B. CHARITAT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 12 April 1950, Mrs. L. B. Charitat, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that she had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of Interview: 12 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): Between 2000 and 2015 hours.

3. Place of observation: Carrollton Avenue, approximately 3800 block, New Orleans, Louisiana.

4. Walking northeast on sidewalk.

5. What attracted attention to object: Was looking at the sky when object appeared.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (See sketch of object).

7. Apparent size: Approximately the size of a salad bowl. (Observer is near-sighted; therefore, may not have observed object size as it appeared to other persons. She indicated that she did not usually observe objects, concerning their size, as other persons would, as objects in the sky usually appeared smaller to her than their actual appearance).

8. Color of object: Firey yellow, almost white.

9. Shape: Completely round. Appeared to be in shape of ball.

10. Altitude: Between sixty (60) degrees and seventy (70) degrees. Approximately 2,000 feet high.

11. Direction from observer: North.

12. Distance from observer: Altitude appeared to be approximately 2,000 feet, and the object appeared to be approximately three (3) blocks away, moving in line with Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

13. Direction of flight of object: West to east, in a straight line horizintally across the sky. First saw object at approximately 360 degrees north, and last saw object at approximately twenty-five (25) degrees northeast.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

14. Time in sight: Approximately twenty (20) seconds.

15. Speed: Faster than any plane she has ever seen in the sky. (She has never observed a jet plane in flight).

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Trail was approximately twenty-five (25) times longer than object. The trail appeared to be a dotted line spaced evenly. Trail was in a direct line with object and appeared to be approximately one-fourth (1/4) as wide. Color of trail was bright yellow, the same color as object but not as bright.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared suddenly, like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; clear; observed no moon, stars or clouds.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. L. B. CHARITAT, principal, McFadden Home, school for boys, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr

Occupation and hobbies: Principal, McFadden Home, school for boys, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Did observer wear glasses: Mrs. CHARITAT was wearing ordinary reading glasses. She was with her young son at the time of observation, and both she and her son observed the object at the same time. There was nothing between observers and object that would have impaired their visions.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
MR. J. B. THOMPSON
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 11 April 1950, Mr. J. B. THOMPSON, 616 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of interview: 11 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): Approximately 2002 hours.

3. Place of observation: 616 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

4. Position of observer: Standing on balcony of residence, on second floor.

5. What attracted attention to object: Bright spot in sky.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (Sketch of object attached).

7. Apparent size: Approximately size of fist.

8. Color of object: White, resembling a white flare, or white egg-shaped ball of fire.

9. Shape: Egg shape.

10. Altitude: Approximately eighty (80) degrees. The North Star appeared to be over its center.

11. Direction from observer: North.

12. Distance from observer: Appeared to be a great distance. (Actual distance could not be judged).

13. Direction of flight of object: Moving from west to east in a straight line horizontally across the sky. First saw object 315 degrees northwest, and last saw it thirty (30) degrees northeast.

14. Time in sight: Approximately seven (7) seconds.

15. Speed: Approximately that of a jet plane.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Vivid red sparks; could not judge length but noted it to be tremendously long. The width of the trail appeared to be that of the object. Looked like trail left by toy rocket used for celebrations.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Got very bright, then changed to normal brightness and disappeared like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; stars in sky; no clouds observed; and no moon observed, making it a dark night.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Mr. J. B. Thompson, 616 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Photographer. (Has photography business at 616 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Did observer wear glasses: The observer is a person approximately thirty-five (35) years of age, wore no glasses and viewed the object in the open. There was nothing between observer and object that would have impaired his vision.

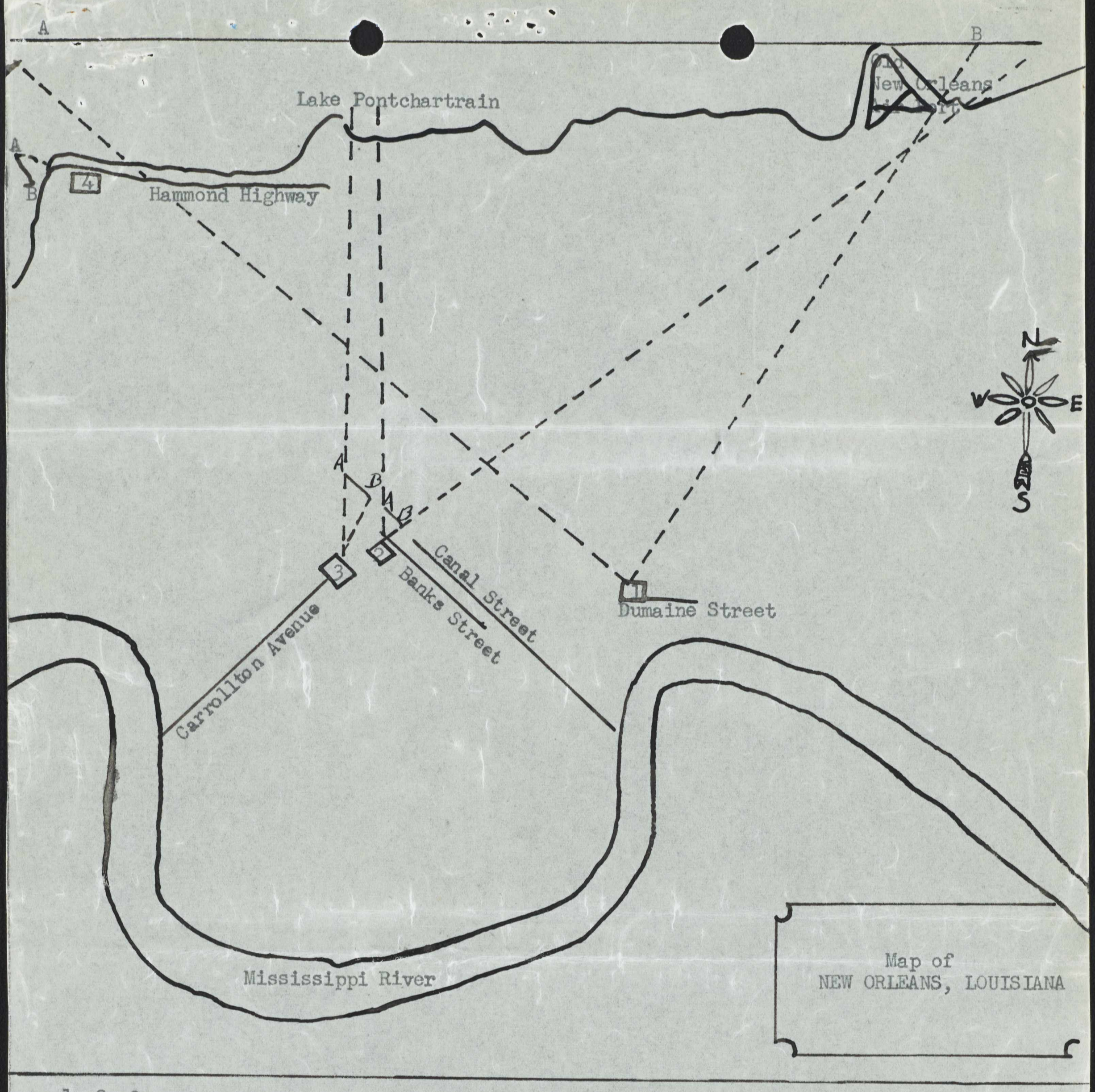
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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

21 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 16 March 1950, the Baton Rouge, Louisiana newspaper, the Morning Advocate, reported that a resident of Baton Rouge, claimed to have sighted five (5) "flying saucers." C-6

2. DETAILS: The following news item is quoted from the 16 March 1950 edition of the Morning Advocate, a newspaper of Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

> "Flying saucers" have come back to Baton Rouge, and this time in formations of five.
>
> Donald Allen of 925 Louisiana Ave., reported last night that he saw five eliptically or circular shaped objects traveling at a high rate of speed in a southeasterly direction. He said the saucers appeared to be white or aluminum colored and were in sight for about 10 seconds. He said they were flying in formation.

3. ACTION: No action contemplated by the District Commander, 9th District OSI (IG).

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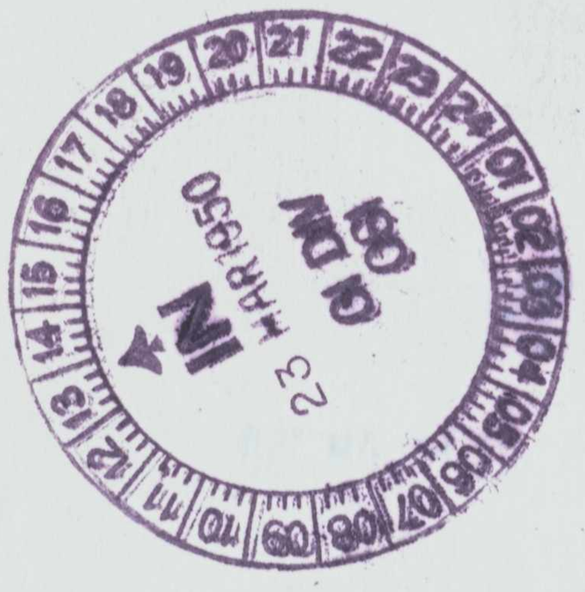
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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED AT RACELAND, LOUISIANA, 18 November 1949, by Mr E.N. FOLSE

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

NONE. This is an initial Report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 9th OSI District (IG), Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. Investigation failed to establish the identity of unconventional aircraft sighted at Raceland, Louisiana, on 18 November 1949, by Mr E.N. FOLSE and four other witnesses.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 9th OSI District (IG), Barksdale AFB, La., upon receipt of clipping from the Times-Picayune newspaper, New Orleans, La., indicating that Mr E.N. FOLSE had sighted an unconventional aircraft in the vicinity of Raceland, La., on 18 November 1949.

AT RACELAND, LOUISIANA:

2. Mr E.N. FOLSE, a retired insurance agent of Raceland, La., advised during an interview that at approximately 0930 hours, 18 November 1949, he had observed an object in the skies from a point approximately one mile south of Raceland, La. The "Essential Elements of Information" obtained from Mr FOLSE are included in Paragraph #3.

3. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:

a. Date of sighting: Friday, 18 November 1949
b. Time of sighting: 0930 hours
c. Where sighted: The object was sighted in the air from a point on the ground approximately one (1) mile south of Raceland, Louisiana.
d. Number of objects: One (1)
e. Distance of object from observer: Observer was unable to determine or estimate, due to lack of experience in such matters
(1) Angle of elevation from horizon: Observer unable to determine or estimate due to lack of experience in such matters
f. Time in sight: Approximately thirty (30) minutes
g. Appearance of object:
(1) Color: Shiny, aluminum type appearance
(2) Shape: Similar to fuselage of aircraft, without protruding appendages of any type. (See attached sketch, labeled Exhibit "A".) Observer insisted object was not a blimp or dirigible.
(3) Apparent construction: Unable to establish though appeared to be similar to aircraft.
(4) Size: Estimated larger than large cargo type aircraft.
h. Direction of flight: Southwest when first observed, executed 90 degree turn to Northwest, then another 90 degree turn to Northeast and proceeded in that direction until disappearance.
i. Tactics or maneuvers: Object proceeded on level plane except when executing turning maneuver. Tail section seemed to be split when object entered turning maneuver. (See attached sketch.)
j. Evidence of exhaust: No exhaust was observed.
k. Effect on clouds: No clouds were in the area at the time of sighting.
l. Lights: No lights were visible. Object was observed in daylight hours.
m. Support: No wings or any other type of support were discernible.

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n. Propulsion: Observer was unable to determine the type of propulsion.
o. Control and stability: Control apparently very good. No stabilizers could be observed.
p. Air ducts: No ducts were observed.
q. Speed: Estimated same as large plane.
r. Sound: No sound was heard.
s. Manner of disappearance: Faded from view gradually in distance as object proceeded from the area.

4. The following background information was obtained concerning the observer, Mr E.N. FOLSE:

a. Name: Mr E.N. FOLSE
b. Address: Raceland, Louisiana
c. Occupation: Retired insurance agent
d. Place of business: Formerly Raceland, Louisiana
e. Pertinent hobbies: None
f. Ability to determine: Observer's sight, hearing and intelligence appeared to be above average, indicating no reason to question his ability to determine.
g. Reliability of observer: Mr FOLSE'S maturity, intelligence, and community standing indicated no reason to question his reliability.
h. Notes relative to observer: Mr FOLSE'S attention was drawn to the object when he walked from his residence and casually glanced to the sky. He then called the attention of the other witnesses.
i. Witnesses: Mrs E.N. FOLSE, Housewife, Raceland, La
Miss FRANCE FOLSE, Artist, Raceland, La
Mr DIDIER D. TOUPS, Attorney, Raceland, La
Mr ROY J. MARTIN, Grocery Clerk, Raceland, La

5. Interview with the four witnesses listed above substantiated the information given by Mr FOLSE. The witnesses could furnish no additional information. To the interviewing agent, the witnesses appeared to be stable, reliable persons.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

6. The reporting agent contacted the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Moisant International Airport, New Orleans, La. This agency advised that its records indicated no aircraft of any type maneuvering in the vicinity of Raceland, La., on 18 November 1949. These records further indicated that on 18 November 1949, the visibility of the air in the vicinity of Raceland, La., was fifteen (15) miles and the ceiling was unlimited.

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INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND:

Sketch of object observed over Raceland, Louisiana, on 18 November 1949, by Mr E.N. FOLSE, and other witnesses. This sketch shows object as observed in level flight and also as observed entering turning maneuver.

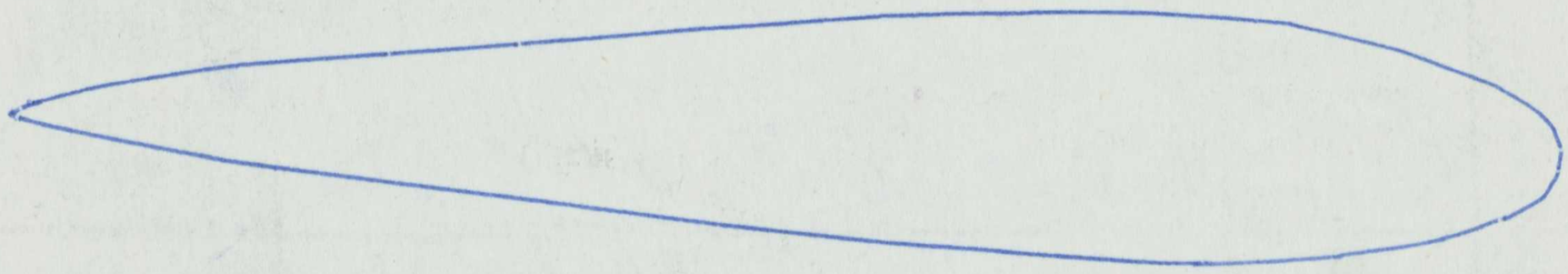
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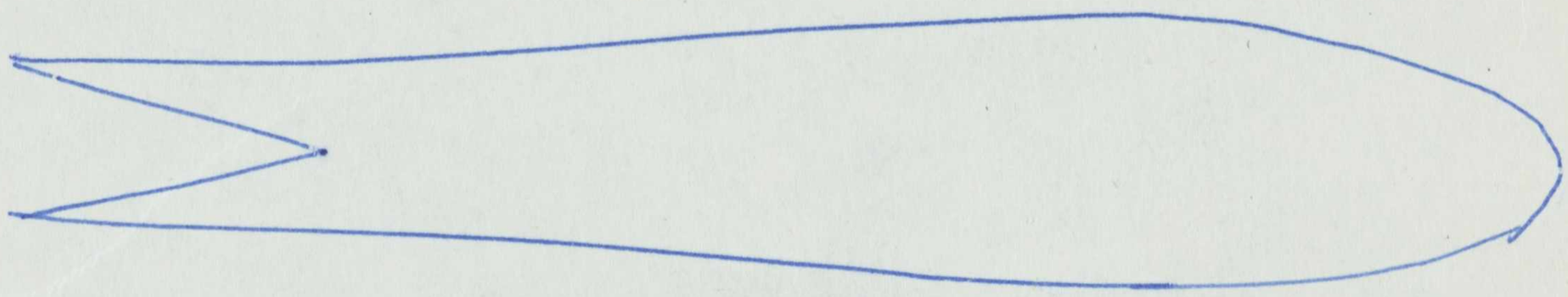
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SKETCHES DRAWN FROM ROUGH DRAWING BY MISS FRANCE FOLSE, ARTIST AND WITNESS, AND FROM DESCRIPTIONS BY OTHER WITNESSES



OBJECT AS OBSERVED IN LEVEL FLIGHT



OBJECT AS OBSERVED ENTERING TURNING MANEUVER

Exhibit "A"

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-41

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TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighting of "Flying Cigar" on 18 November 1949 at Biloxi, Mississippi, by JAMES C. RICE, ALVA P. ST JOHN, and ELMER A. STEVENS.

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

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SYNOPSIS

A flying object of unusual nature was observed 18 November 1949 at 1000 hours due south of the Biloxi Veterans Hospital, Pass Road, Biloxi, Mississippi, by Chief Guard JAMES CICERO RICE and Guards ELMER A. STEVENS and ALVA P. ST JOHN.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated upon receipt of letter, 9th OSI District, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, File 24-41, dated 9 December 1949.

AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI:

2. An unidentified aerial object was observed 18 November 1949, at 1000 hours directly south of the Biloxi Veterans Hospital, Pass Road, Biloxi, Mississippi, by Chief Guard JAMES CICERO RICE and Guards ELMER A. STEVENS and ALVA P. ST. JOHN, according to information received during interviews with aforementioned persons on 15 December 1949. Guard ST. JOHN first sighted the object while on duty at the Hospital Main Gate and notified his superior, Chief Guard RICE. At this first appearance, the object was approximately over Ship Island, which lies off the Biloxi coast about ten (10) miles to the south. There was only one (1) object. At the distance of ten (10) miles, the altitude of this object appeared to be between 2500 and 3000 feet. The object remained in sight for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. It was white and reflected the sunlight. The shape was similar to a cigar. Nothing could be determined as to the type of construction. Chief Guard JAMES C. RICE stated that, using similar type planes and aerial objects as a guide, the size of the object appeared to be approximately two hundred feet (200') in length and a proportionate diameter to that of a cigar of that size. The line of flight was from New Orleans, La., to Mobile, Alabama. It maintained a steady flight with no change of altitude while in the view of these observers. There was apparently no exhaust or any engine sound. The day was clear and no clouds were viewed near this object. Being daylight at the time the object was sighted, no lights of any type were observed in connection with the object. No wings or normal control surfaces were observed. The method of propulsion could not be determined as there was no sound of any power or any visible evidence of engine and exhaust. Control and stability was apparently excellent, however, the method of control could not be determined. The speed was approximately fifty (50) miles per hour and this object was completely silent in its passage through the air. It finally passed from sight behind the trees surrounding the area from which the object was observed, after having remained within view for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

3. Observers, Chief Guard JAMES C. RICE and Guards ALVA P. ST. JOHN and ELMER A. STEVENS, are employed by the Biloxi Veterans Hospital, Pass Road, Biloxi, Mississippi. All of these men, in connection with their assigned duties, are trained to observe and report unusual incidents. The Executive Officer of the Veterans Hospital, Mr. ELSWORTH J. SACKS, was interviewed regarding the reliability of these observers and stated that, in his opinion, they were entirely reliable personnel, that all had been employed

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at the hospital for several years with no bad marks of any kind on their records. According to the personnel records of these men, they had all passed their physical examinations without any trouble and, while two (2) of the men, RICE and ST. JOHN, wear reading glasses, they have no difficulty in determining true color and both drive automobiles. Their estimate of speed of moving objects and size at a distance appears reliable to the average degree. This Agent has known Chief Guard JAMES C. RICE for approximately two (2) years and considers him to be an entirely reliable person who has a responsible position at the local Veterans Hospital. Mr. RICE is charged with the responsibility of Ground Safety and Fire Prevention and Control in addition to his duties as Chief Guard at this facility. Mr. RICE has vouched for the reliability of his two (2) men, ALVA P. ST. JOHN and ELMER A. STEVENS. On the day that this observation was made, the weather was clear. Two (2) of the observers are familiar with the derigible type aircraft, having in their lifetime observed Air Force equipment of most types. They positively state that this object was not an aircraft of such nature. There was no projection on the underside of the cigar-shaped object which would indicate a cabin or other such space. The object was even in contour throughout its length according to Mr. RICE.

INCLOSURES:

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO:

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TITLE
Sighting of Flying Disc on 16 November 1949, at Oxford, Mississippi, by Messrs. CHARLES HUGH COFFEY, ALEX COFFEY, JAMES ARTHUR BRITE, and LOUIS SILVER.

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was ordered by the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of ~~information from~~ "The Jackson Daily News" and "The Commercial Appeal" to the effect that a "flying cigar" had been sighted in the vicinity of Oxford, Mississippi. Investigation, on 1 December 1949, revealed that on 16 November 1949, between the hours of 0915 and 0945, Messrs. CHARLES HUGH COFFEY, ALEX COFFEY, JAMES ARTHUR BRITE, and LOUIS SILVER, all of Oxford, Mississippi, had sighted an object approximately one to two hundred feet (100-200') in the sky which they described as being a whitish-gray, cloud-like substance formed in a cylindrical shape approximately two to three feet (2-3') in diameter and forty-to fifty feet (40-50') in length. This object did not appear to be a man-made device or constructed of a material substance and was described as a freak of atmospheric conditions that had never been sighted in this vicinity before.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was ordered by the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of quotations from "The Jackson Daily News", Jackson, Mississippi, dated 16 November 1949, and "The Commercial Appeal", Oxford, Mississippi, dated 16 November 1949, (Copies of which are attached to this report as inclosures), to the effect that Messrs. CHARLES HUGH COFFEY, Mr. ALEX COFFEY, Mr. JAMES ARTHUR BRITE, and Mr. LOUIS SILVER, all of Oxford, Mississippi, had observed a cigar shaped aerial phenomenon in the area of Oxford, Mississippi, at approximately 0930 hours on 16 November 1949.

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI:

2. This investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM E. BAKER.

3. Mr. CHARLES H. COFFEY, general store clerk at the Alex Coffey Store, Oxford, Mississippi, stated, during an interview on 1 December 1949, that at approximately 0930 hours on 16 November 1949, JAMES A. BRITE accompanied by his brother, JERROLD J. BRITE, rushed in and told him (COFFEY) to observe "the thing" which was passing by in front of the store. About five hundred feet (500') to the front and approximately sixty feet (60') in the air from the store was a whitish-gray cloud-like substance formed in a cylindrical shape approximately two feet (2') in diameter and tapered on one (1) end. This object was moving about thirty to forty (30-40) miles per hour in a compass direction of approximately eighty degrees (80°). This object was situated perpendicular to the observers and its ends pointed to a north-south direction, respectively, though it moved in an easterly direction and seemed to be slightly ascending. It seemed to COFFEY that the tapered south end fluttered slightly. The object maintained its shape and stayed within sight for a period of approximately ten (10) minutes. COFFEY stated that the day was crisp and chilly and that the sun was shining in a cloudless sky. COFFEY further stated that he has lived in this part of the country the greater part of his life and this is the first (1st) time he has ever seen anything of this nature. It was COFFEY's opinion that this object was a freak of atmospheric conditions which he could not explain. COFFEY saw nothing at any time which would lead him to believe the object would be a man-made device or constructed of a material substance.

4. Mr. JAMES ARTHUR BRITE, Dairyman, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 1 December 1949, that on the morning of 16 November 1949, between the hours of 0915 and 0945, he and his brother, JERROLD J. BRITE, were traveling by truck on Highway No. 6 toward Oxford, Mississippi, when, at a point approximately eight (8) miles west of Oxford, they sighted an odd looking cloud-like mass to the right of the highway moving with them in a due east direction.

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The BRITES were proceeding at a speed of approximately thirty-five (35) miles per hour when they observed this phenomenon and immediately accelerated to approximately sixty-five or seventy-five (65 or 75) miles per hour in an attempt to keep pace with the object. According to BRITE, the object was two or three hundred (200 or 300) yards south of Highway No. 6 and was moving east at an estimated speed of two to three hundred (200 to 300) miles per hour. When observed, the object appeared to be at an altitude of one to two hundred (100 to 200) feet, maintaining a straight course but appeared to be steadily climbing. BRITE stated that it appeared to consist of a vapor-like substance of a grayish-white color, about three feet (3') in diameter and forty-to fifty feet (40 to 50') long. The object was perpendicular to the highway and a flapping effect was noticed near the south end of the cigar-like object. BRITE first noticed the object as a shiny streak which he described as "something like the sun shining on a wire", but stated that he did not see this affect after the object left them. Neither BRITE nor his brother heard any sound above the noise of the truck motor and estimated that it took the object about fifteen (15) minutes to fade from view. BRITE stated that he and his brother stopped at the Alex Coffey Store in order to get someone else to verify their observations. Neither of the BRITE brothers had ever seen anything similar to this object before.

5. Mr. LOUIS SILVER, Director of Public Relations, University of Mississippi, stated, during an interview on 1 December 1949, that while in the office of the "Oxford Eagle", local newspaper, he heard the news regarding the "flying cigar". SILVER immediately drove out from Oxford on Highway 6 toward Pontotoc, Mississippi, and first sighted the object approximately four (4) miles out of Oxford. The object appeared to be a gaseous formation in the shape of a cigar and was on the north side of Highway 6 at an estimated altitude of one-half (1/2) mile and was progressing in an easterly direction. SILVER stated that he could not estimate the speed being maintained by the object and that at no time did he observe anything of a material construction. SILVER stated that the object simply looked like a freak cloud which was holding together and traveling with a strong wind. SILVER maintains no opinions as to exactly what the object was and stated that he had never seen anything like it before.

INCLOSURES: CLOSED

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO:

Two (2) each copies of Essential Elements of Information.
Two (2) each copies of information from the Commercial Appeal and the Jackson Daily News.

FOR THE DIRECTOR, 3D REGION OSI, KELLY AFB, TEXAS:

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 16 November 1949

2. Time of sighting 0930 Hours, CST
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

a. Ground

(1) City, town Oxford, Miss.

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, 6½ Miles W of road, intersection, etc. Oxford on Highway 6

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. 500 ft. in front, 60 ft. from ground.

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing Unknown latitude and longitude

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
Not applicable

(4) Latitude and longitude Unknown

c. Sea Not applicable

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One (1)

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible) Cylindrical

5. Distance of object from observer 500 ft.

a. Laterally or horizontally Laterally

b. Angle of elevation from horizon 15° to 20°

c. Altitude Approximately 60 ft.

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6. Time in sight Approximately 10 Minutes

7. Appearance of object

a. Color Whitish - Gray

b. Shape (sketch if possible)

c. Apparent construction (translucent) Clouds or Fog (Gaseous)

d. Size

(1) Estimated size 2 ft. Diameter

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight 80°

9. Tactics or maneuvers None

a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. Slightly ascending, moved south and appeared to be fluttering slightly.

10. Evidence of exhaust

a. Color of smoke Whitish Gray

b. Length and width Unknown

c. Odor (if any) None

d. Rate of evaporation None Noticed.

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) No.

11. Effect on clouds No Clouds in sky.

a. Opened path thru clouds

b. Formed cloud or mists

c. Reflected on cloud

d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

a. Reflected or attached Dull reflection, as sun often shines through

b. Luminous

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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12. Support

a. Wings No

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage No

c. Vertical jet None noticed.

d. Rotating cylinder or cone No.

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) No.

14. Propulsion

a. Propellor or jet None Noticed.

b. Rotor None Noticed.

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability None noticed

a. Fine

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None Noticed

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts None Noticed.

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Approximately 30 MPH

18. Sound None

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode No

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view Yes

c. Disappeared behind obstacle Behind Hill.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer CHARLES HUGH COFFEY (67 Yrs. of age)
2. Address Route 2, Oxford, Mississippi
3. Occupation Retired Postal Employee.
4. Place of business Same as above address

a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies Fishing

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) All his life.
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.? No.

6. Ability to determine

a. Color Not blind.

b. Speed of moving objects Average

c. Size at distance Average for age.

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor
(2) Police Dept
(3) FBI records
(4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general Object not seen before.

b. How attention was drawn to object (s) By Motorists.

(1) Sound No
(2) Motion No
(3) Glint of light No

9. Witnesses J. A. BRITE, GERALD BRITE

a. Addresses Highway 6

b. Occupation Farmers

c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.

7. Obtain photographs (or original . negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)

   d. Maneuvers

   e. Formation if objects were more than two

8. Secure a signed statement

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 16 November 1949

2. Time of sighting 0915 - 0945, CST
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

a. Ground

(1) City, town Oxford, Mississippi

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, 6 Miles West of road, intersection, etc. Oxford, Miss., on Highway

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. In truck going West, 35 MPH

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude Unknown

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight Not applicable

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark Not applicable

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft Not applicable

(4) Latitude and longitude Not applicable

c. Sea Not applicable

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible) None.

5. Distance of object from observer About 200 - 300 Yards.

a. Laterally or horizontally Laterally

b. Angle of elevation from horizon About 10° - 20°

c. Altitude 200 - 300 ft. when first sighted.

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6. Time in sight Fifteen (15) minutes.

7. Appearance of object

a. Color Grayish - White, appeared to be vapor.

b. Shape (sketch if possible) Cylindrical, tapered at the rear.

c. Apparent construction (translucent) Cloudish.

d. Size Radius of approximately three ft.

(1) Estimated size About forty - fifty feet long

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight 90°

9. Tactics or maneuvers Kept on a straight course

a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. Appeared to be on a steady climb.

10. Evidence of exhaust

a. Color of smoke None noticed.

b. Length and width None noticed.

c. Odor (if any) None noticed.

d. Rate of evaporation None noticed.

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) None noticed.

11. Effect on clouds

a. Opened path thru clouds

b. Formed cloud or mists

c. Reflected on cloud

d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

a. Reflected or attached Saw something shining like sun on a bare wire or power line.

b. Luminous

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed Didn't see shiny substance after vapor went ahead.

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12. Support

a. Wings None

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage None

c. Vertical jet None

d. Rotating cylinder or cone Not Known.

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) Unknown

14. Propulsion

a. Propellor or jet Unknown

b. Rotor Unknown

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect) Slight flapping effect noticed at tail.

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings Unknown

15. Control and stability Not noticed.

a. Fine

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts Not noticed.

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Estimated 200 MPH

18. Sound Couldn't hear any sound above motor of truck.

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view Yes, parallel to Highway E.

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer JAMES ARTHUR BRITE, age 32, JERALD JEFFERSON BRITE, Age 34,
2. Address Route 2, Box 108, Oxford, Mississippi
3. Occupation Dairyman
4. Place of business Home and farm

a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies Hunting

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) 23 Yrs - 23 Yrs.
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.? None

6. Ability to determine

a. Color Average

b. Speed of moving objects Average

c. Size at distance Average

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor
(2) Police Dept
(3) FBI records
(4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on

   a. Sightings in general

   b. How attention was drawn to object (s)

      (1) Sound
      (2) Motion
      (3) Glint of light

9. Witnesses

   a. Addresses

   b. Occupation

   c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

   a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

   b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

   If airborne when object sighted

   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report About 20 MPH from south.

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other [illegible].

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)

   d. Maneuvers

   e. Formation if objects were more than two

8. Secure a signed statement

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

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The following article which is quoted ver batim from the Jackson Daily News, Jackson, Mississippi, 16 November 1949, is forwarded for your information:

"FLYING SAUCER SEEN NEAR OLE MISS. CAMPUS - Oxford - A storekeeper, three farmers and a housewife Wednesday reported seeing a so-called flying saucer between here and Batesville about 9:15 a.m.

Alex Coffey, owner of a general store six miles west of here on the Batesville highway, said the object passed about 500 yards from his store at an altitude of about 200 feet.

Others who said they saw it were J. J. and James A. Brite, Carl Flanagin, and Mrs. Ruth Gilmer.

Coffey quoted the Brite brothers as saying their truck kept up with the southeast bound gadget as long as its course paralleled the highway. They were traveling about 30 miles an hour, they told the store owner.

If it continued in that direction the object passed just south of the University of Mississippi campus.

'It looked like a beam of light that stayed level all the time', Coffey said, 'appeared to be giving off phosphorus or something similar.'

All five agree the object was cylindrical, between 30 and 50 feet long, and reflected a white light.

It was a clear, bright day.

'It was the only thing in the sky,' J. J. Brite reported. 'I used to think those stories I read about people seeing flying saucers came from drunks,' he added. 'I know different now'."

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FIVE FOLKS SEE A FLYING CIGAR IN DAYLIGHT SKY

Special to The Commercial Appeal

OXFORD, Miss., Nov. 16 -- It may have been a flying saucer, but five persons' descriptions made it appear more like a flying cigar Wednesday morning west of Oxford.

James A. Brite, whose farm is about 10 miles west of here, reported he first spotted a long, cylindrical object sailing in a southeasterly direction about 9:15 a.m.

Describing it as about 40 to 50 feet long, Mr. Brite said "It first looked like vapor from an airplane. Then it looked like a snake in the water."

Alex Coffey, whose store is six miles west of Oxford on Highway 6, called it a "beam of light, that stayed level all the time." Its color was like aluminum and it gave off a phosphorus-like effect, he added.

The object was about 500 yards south of the highway, Mr. Coffey recalled, and it kept moving at a steady pace on an even keel. He said Mr. Brite had followed it along the road in his truck, and estimated the object's speed at 30 miles an hour. Wednesday morning's sky was cloudless west of Oxford with continuous, bright sunshine.

"I used to think people were drunk when they talked about flying saucers," Mr. Brite commented, "but I know I hadn't had anything when I saw this one."

Others corroborating the story were his brother, J. J. Brite, Carl Flanagin and Mrs. Ruth Gilmer.

Dean Lee H. Johnson Jr. of the University of Mississippi School of Engineering said that to travel at the same level such an object would have to be jet-propelled from the bottom, be about the same weight as air, or have some kind of wings or vanes.

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SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 7 July 1949, At
Alexandria, Louisiana,
By Mrs. J. A. WOOD

Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

ATTENTION
Divulging information concerning this investigation information contained therein, to any person mentio in this report, or to any person not entitled to information, is a violation of paragraph 11, AFR 20 dated 18 May 1949.

On 6 September 1949, at approximately 2320 hours, Mrs. J. A. WOOD, Practical Nurse, who resides at 3808 Lower Third Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, observed, at an angle of approximately 30° from the horizon, through the windshield of the automobile in which she was a passenger, a brilliant red and orchid colored, turnip-shaped object, describing at a speed faster than that of an airplane, a slightly descending flight path, wavering up and down from a west south-westerly, to a southerly direction, where it seemed to vanish behind a cloud. This phenomenon was observed from the vicinity of Mrs. WOOD'S residence, and emitted no exhaust, made no sound, and was not propelled or supported by any discernable means, and remained in view approximately five (5) seconds.

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 6 September 1949

2. Time of sighting 2320 Hours
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

a. Ground

(1) City, town Alexandria, Louisiana

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc.

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. From right front seat of car, in vicinity of observer's residence, in a west south-west direction.

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

(4) Latitude and longitude

c. Sea

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One (1)

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)

5. Distance of object from observer

a. Laterally or horizontally Unknown

b. Angle of elevation from horizon 30°

c. Altitude Unknown

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6. Time in sight Approximately five (5) seconds.

7. Appearance of object

a. Color Red on top, blending into orchid at bottom point.

b. Shape (sketch if possible)



c. Apparent construction (translucent) Solid

d. Size

(1) Estimated size

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view Approximately 12" by 14"
(Compared to known object) (about size of a serving platter)

8. Direction of flight About south 180°

9. Tactics or maneuvers

a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. described a slight descending path, wavering up and down, dropping suddenly behind the cloud bank lying to the south.

10. Evidence of exhaust NONE

a. Color of smoke

b. Length and width

c. Odor (if any)

d. Rate of evaporation

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds

a. Opened path thru clouds

b. Formed cloud or mists

c. Reflected on cloud Reflected either on or above cloud; seemed to vanish behind it.

d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights NONE

a. Reflected or attached

b. Luminous

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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12. Support None Visible

a. Wings

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion None Visible

a. Propellor or jet

b. Rotor

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability None Visible

a. Fine

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts None Visible

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Faster than an airplane

18. Sound None Heard

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view

c. Disappeared behind obstacle Disappeared behind cloud bank.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer MRS. J. A. WOOD

2. Address 3808 Lower Third Street
Alexandria, Louisiana

3. Occupation Practical Nurse

4. Place of business

a. Employer or employee Huey P. Long Charity Hospital
Pineville, Louisiana

5. Hobbies

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) crocheting, sewing, etc.
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?

6. Ability to determine Normal

a. Color Normal

b. Speed of moving objects Normal

c. Size at distance Normal

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor UNKNOWN
(2) Police Dept N/R
(3) FBI records N/R
(4) Employer UNKNOWN

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8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general Refer to bottom of page.

b. How attention was drawn to object (s) Was looking in vicinity of spot from which object appeared.

(1) Sound NONE
(2) Motion NONE
(3) Glint of light NONE

9. Witnesses LLOYD D. WOOD

a. Addresses 3808 Lower Third Street, Alexandria, Louisiana

b. Occupation Attending Alexandria Business School, Business Administration.

c. Reliability Service man (Army) two (2) years (26 months) born 28 January 1927.

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

Notes relative to observer:

Two (2) or three (3) days after sighting the reported object, Mrs. WOOD observed a second object from her south-west bedroom window, at approximately 2400 hours, which appeared from the same vicinity of sky as the reported object. The objects were identical in description.

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though the second described a smooth arc of flight, and was obscured from sight by the window frame, having remained in view about three (3) seconds. Mrs. WOOD advised that she had not reported this object, having kept the event of the sighting to herself.

Weather: Alexandria, Louisiana, 2300 - 2400 (CST) 6 September 1949.

2330 CST: 25,000 scattered clouds, 10 miles visibility; pressure 1015.9 mbs., Temp. 75°, dew point 71°, wind ESE 5 MPH, Relative humidity 86%.

Winds aloft Barksdale AFB, 2100 CST, 6 September 1949.

	Degrees	Speed (Kts)		Degrees	Speed (Kts)
Surface	050	5	10000 Ft.	340	3
1000 Ft.	080	5	12000 Ft.	290	3
2000 Ft.	090	9	14000 Ft.	280	10
3000 Ft.	080	9	16000 Ft.	280	10
4000 Ft.	070	9	18000 Ft.	260	16
5000 Ft.	080	7	20000 Ft.	270	16
6000 Ft.	110	5	25000 Ft.	250	25
7000 Ft.	150	4	30000 Ft.	250	25
8000 Ft.	210	1	35000 Ft.	270	28
9000 Ft.	350	3	40000 Ft.	270	22
			45000 Ft.	270	33

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GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other [illegible].

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)

   d. Maneuvers

   e. Formation if objects were more than two

8. Secure a signed statement

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

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SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 2 September 1949, at
Alexandria, Louisiana,
By Mrs. JOHN M. SHERRILL

Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

ATTENTION

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in this report, or to any person not entitled to thi
information, is a violation of paragraph 11, AFR 205-0
dated 18 May 1949.

On 2 September 1949, at approximately 1950 hours, CST, Mrs. JOHN M. SHERRILL, while sitting in the company of her granddaughter, SUSAN CORNELIA SHERRILL, age eight (8) and Mrs. WILLIAM SWAN (NEE: MARY BRINGHURST) on the porch of her residence at 1766 Jackson Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana, observed, at an angle of approximately 35° from the horizon, a round object which she described as comparable to the "dazzling setting sun, if it should suddenly become aflame and shoot horizontally across the sky faster than lightning." The object emitted no exhaust, made no sound, was not propelled or supported by any discernable means, and remained in view "a mere instant."

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 2 September 1949

2. Time of sighting 1950 hours C.S.T.
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

a. Ground

(1) City, town Alexandria, Louisiana

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc. 1766 Jackson Street

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. Front porch facing east south-east

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

(4) Latitude and longitude

c. Sea

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One (1) object (Compare similarity with soap bubbles)

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)

5. Distance of object from observer

a. Laterally or horizontally

b. Angle of elevation from horizon Approximately 35°

c. Altitude UNESTIMATED

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6. Time in sight "Mere instant"

7. Appearance of object

   a. Color Flame-colored, similar to miniature setting sun.

   b. Shape (sketch if possible) Either a disk or sphere-the outline was circular.

   c. Apparent construction (translucent) Solid-Not translucent

   d. Size

      (1) Estimated size Approximate size of full moon or slightly smaller than setting sun

      (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight East on compass rose-Approximately 90°

9. Tactics or maneuvers

   a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. Very slight (about imperceptable) (as in radiation) absolute and positive flight.

10. Evidence of exhaust None

   a. Color of smoke

   b. Length and width

   c. Odor (if any)

   d. Rate of evaporation

   e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds None (cloudless night)

   a. Opened path thru clouds

   b. Formed cloud or mists

   c. Reflected on cloud

   d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights None

   a. Reflected or attached

   b. Luminous

   c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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12. Support NO VISIBLE MEANS

a. Wings

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion NONE OBSERVED

a. Propellor or jet

b. Rotor

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
(Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability No attachments of any kind observed.

a. Fine

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts None observed

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Supersonic-too fast for eye to follow.

18. Sound No sound whatsoever

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance Sped beyond observer's range of vision.

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer MRS. JOHN M. SHERILL
Born on 9 August 1880
2. Address 1766 Jackson Avenue
Alexandria, Louisiana
3. Occupation Retired, composer of poems, journalist, historian, columnist, genealogist, reporter, etc.
4. Place of business

a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.? Writer

6. Ability to determine

a. Color Normal

b. Speed of moving objects Normal

c. Size at distance Normal

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor A-1
(2) Police Dept N/R
(3) FBI records N/R
(4) Employer NONE

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8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general Very observant, noting details with clarity.

b. How attention was drawn to object (s)

(1) Sound
(2) Motion
(3) Glint of light

Observer was looking, by chance, right at the section of sky in which the object appeared-feels that she would not have otherwise seen it.

9. Witnesses On back of Page 6.

a. Addresses

b. Occupation

c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

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(OVER)

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WITNESSES:

MRS. WILLIAM SWAN - downstairs
SUSAN CORNELIA SHERRILL (8) downstairs
JOHN M. SHERRILL JR. - upstairs porch

REMARKS:

MRS. SHERRILL is sixty-nine (69) years of age. She has been actively employed in a variety of vacational capacities. MRS. SHERRILL is currently active in Church, social and community activities, and is in the process of writing a series of poems for publication - MRS. SHERRILL either has been, or is, an active member of the following organizations: Daughters of the American Revolution; United Daughters of the Confederacy; United States Daughters of 1812; Louisiana Colonials; Louisiana Historical Society; 155th Infantry Regiment; 1st Mississippi Regiment; National League of American Pen Women; National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Charter member, Texas Chapter, Colonial Dames of 17th Century.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Alexandria, Louisiana, 2 September 1949:

1930 hrs., CST: 25,000 scattered clouds, 15 miles visibility, pressure 1014.9 mbs., Temp. 80°, dew point 68°, wind NE 7 MPH, Relative humidity 68%.

2030 hrs., CST: 25,000 scattered clouds, 15 miles visibility, pressure 1015.6 mbs., Temp. 76°, dew point 66°, wind NE 7 MPH, Relative humidity 67%.

Winds aloft at Barksdale AFB, 2100 hrs., CST, 2 September 1949.

	Degrees	Speed (Kts)		Degrees	Speed (Kts)
Surface	070	8	7000 Ft.	170	9
1000 Ft.	100	17	8000 Ft.	230	10
2000 Ft.	110	19	9000 Ft.	240	10
3000 Ft.	110	12	10000 Ft.	290	8
4000 Ft.	120	19	12000 Ft.	330	12
5000 Ft.	130	16	14000 Ft.	290	11
6000 Ft.	150	12	16000 Ft.	290	10

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TITLE

SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 8 August 1949, at
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
by Mr. WILLIAM HARALSON and
Mr. DOYLE HARVISON

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

On 8 August 1949, at 2030 hours, Mr. WILLIAM HARALSON, County Judge, Forrest County, Mississippi, observed from the front porch of his home at 106 North 20th Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, an unidentified object traveling through the sky at a great rate of speed. Mr. HARALSON described the object as sphere shaped with a very soft yellowish glowing light approximately the size of a common soft ball. This object remained in sight for approximately one second and moved from sight by passing behind trees.

On 8 August 1949, at 2030 hours, Mr. DOYLE HARVISON, City Policeman, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, observed an object traveling across the sky at a speed which Mr. HARVISON described as being "faster than any jet plane I have ever seen". This object was circular in shape and tapered to an almost fine point. The entire object was luminous. The foremost portion gave off an extremely yellowish glow and the tapering end faded into a bluish color. This object remained in sight for approximately one second.

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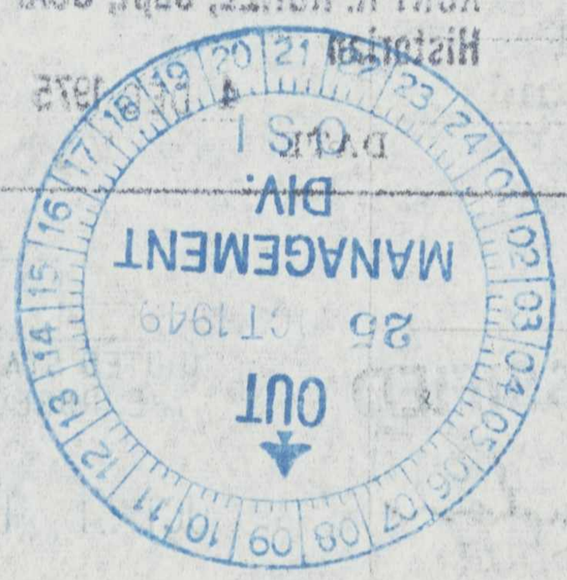
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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 8 August 1949

2. Time of sighting 2030 Hours
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted: Residence - 106 N. 20th Street

a. Ground

(1) City, town Hattiesburg, Mississippi

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc. In north Hattiesburg.

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. Porch of residence.

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude (Not applicable)

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

(4) Latitude and longitude

c. Sea

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One (1).

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible) (Not Applicable)

5. Distance of object from observer Unknown

a. Laterally or horizontally Laterally

b. Angle of elevation from horizon Forty degrees (40°)

c. Altitude Unknown

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6. Time in sight One (1) - Two (2) seconds.

7. Appearance of object

   a. Color Soft yellowish glow.

   b. Shape (sketch if possible) Average soft ball

   c. Apparent construction (translucent) Glowing

   d. Size

      (1) Estimated size Regulation soft ball.

      (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view Regulation soft ball.
      (Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight Southern.

9. Tactics or maneuvers None.

   a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

10. Evidence of exhaust None.

   a. Color of smoke

   b. Length and width

   c. Odor (if any)

   d. Rate of evaporation

   e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds Not cloudy.

   a. Opened path thru clouds

   b. Formed cloud or mists

   c. Reflected on cloud

   d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

   a. Reflected or attached

   b. Luminous X

   c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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Essential Elements of Info
Project "SIGN"

12. Support None seen.

a. Wings

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion No evidence.

a. Propellor or jet

b. Rotor

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
(Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None visible

15. Control and stability Fast and smooth

a. Fine

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None seen.

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts None seen.

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Too fast to estimate

18. Sound None heard.

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view

c. Disappeared behind obstacle x

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer WILLIAM HARALSON
2. Address 106 North 20th Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
3. Occupation County Judge
4. Place of business County Court House, Hattiesburg, Miss.
   a. Employer or employee Forrest County, Mississippi
5. Hobbies Hunting and Fishing
   a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
   Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?
6. Ability to determine
   a. Color Unquestionable
   b. Speed of moving objects Unquestionable
   c. Size at distance Unknown - apparently average
7. Reliability of observer Definitely reliable.
   a. Sources
      (1) Neighbors x
      (2) Police Dept x
      (3) FBI records
      (4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general Unquestionable

b. How attention was drawn to object (s)

(1) Sound
(2) Motion
(3) Glint of light x

9. Witnesses DOYLE HARVISON

a. Addresses 510 Elizabeth Avenue, Hattiesburg, Miss.

b. Occupation City Policeman, Hattiesburg, Miss.

c. Reliability Probably reliable

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated. Moderately heavy drinker, braggert type was classified 4F during the war because of only one eye.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions No weather station in Hattiesburg. See 1* below for surrounding towns.
2. Winds aloft report

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other [illegible].
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed Wooded area.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)

   d. Maneuvers

   e. Formation if objects were more than two

8. Secure a signed statement Not applicable

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible. Not applicable.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such). No.

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FOR MC COMB, MISSISSIPPI: 40 ∅ 12 166/78/74↗↗ 3/003.
FOR MOBILE, ALABAMA: E 250 ∅ 140 ∅ 10 173/78/73↖7/004/45 ∅
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FOR JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: E 300 ∅ 15 169/80/74 ↙ 4/002/DSNT LTNG N.
FOR NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: E 300 ∅ 60 ∅ 12 169/81/74↙↘3/004.
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