

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

1 REPORT NO. AISS-UFOB-139-55		
2 DATE RECD HQ 4602D AISS 01 May 1955	3 DATE/TIME RECD IN OPS 01/— 2 May 55	4 LOGGED BY Sgt Crawford
5 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 01/0110 2 May 55		
6 LOCATION OF SIGHTING Rome, Georgia		7 GEOREF
8 MEANS RECD 9 INITIAL ACTION TT Mag Investigation authorized		10 INVES UNIT Flight 2-C
11 INVES ASSIGNED BY Commercial phone	12 DATE INVES ASSIGNED 0/2 May 1955	13 ASSIGNING OFFICER Capt Bronstein
14 DATE IR RECD AT HQ	15 DATE IR APPROVED	16 DATE IR SENT TO ATIC
17 AISOP FORM 5 FILED 2 June 1955		
18 COMMENTS Investigated by flight 2-c		
19 CONCLUSIONS Probably Aircraft		

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Commercial Phone Call to Flight 2-A, 4602d AISS; AISS #81

Flight 2-C, 4602d AISS

Headquarters, 4602d AISS

2 May 1955

1015 hours

AISS #81

Capt Bronstein/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Sgt Crawford called Flight 2-C and talked with Sgt Minor concerning the authorization of a follow-up UFOB investigation. It was suggested that Flight 2-C check with the 38th Air Division and Operations, Dobbins AFB for verification of possible rocket firing from aircraft in the area of Rome, Georgia, as soon as possible.

2. Flight 2-C was requested to notify this Headquarters by phone if results of immediate investigation indicate a positive identification of this sighting.

ROBERT BRONSTEIN, Captain, USAF
Assistant Operations Officer

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O 010440Z

FM CMDR FLIGHT SERV CENTER MZXWELL AFB ALA

TO JEDEN/COMDR AIRDEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

JEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHTPATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF WASHINGTON 25 D.C.

JESKB/COMMANDER 35TH AIRDIVISION (DEFENSE) DOBBINS AFB MARIETTA GEORGIA

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/U F O B/ 1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. BALL OF FIRE

B. UNK

C. FIREY RED

D. 2E. SIDE BY SIDE AT FIRST THEN SEEMED TO DIVERGE

F. NONE

G. TAIL

H. NONE OTHER THAN ACFT FROM WHICH IT CAME

I. NONE

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2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. ACFT FLYING SSE NNW OBJECTS CAME FROM BOTH WINGS

B. SEEMED TO BE AT APPROX 2500 FT ABV SFC

C. UNK

D. SEEMED TO CLIMB ON ANGLE OF 05 TO 10 DEGREES ONE PROCEEDED TO WEST

TO WEST OTHER TO EAST

E. FADED OUT

F. 30 SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. NONE

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 300110ZB. NIGHT

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

BACK YARD OF HOME IN ROME GA

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6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. CIVILIAN

MR [REDACTED]
 ROME GA PHONE [REDACTED]
 LOCKEED EMPLOYEE

B. MILITARY

7 WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. CLEAR 15

B. SURFACE	30	DEGREES	8	KNOTS
6000 FEET	360	DEGREES	15	KNOTS
10000 FEET	360	DEGREES	30	KNOTS
16000 FEET	350	DEGREES	25	KNOTS
20000 FEET	350	DEGREES	40	KNOTS
30000 1335	350	DEGREES	70	KNOTS
50000 FEET	340	DEGREES	50	KNOTS
80000 FEET		DEGREES		KNOTS

C. CELING NONE

D. VISIBILITY 15 MILES

E. CLOUD COVER NONE

F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE

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8. NONE

9. NONE

10. UNK

11. OPERATIONS OFFICER MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER MAXWELL AFB ALABAMA
 CPAT K.A. SNYDERS FLT SERVICE CLNV OFF OBJECT VERY POSSABLY WAS INAD
 VERTENT ROCKET FIRING

12. NONE

SINGED GOLINSKY END

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01/0500Z MAY JESYQ

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DISREGARD THAT HERE COMES THE MSG

me 28792

assign to 2c

miss 81

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/INT 2409 PD UFOB PD (1) (A) ROUND (B) SIMILAR TO A SHOOTING STAR (C) FIERY BALL (D) TWO HOWEVER OBS SAW ONLY ONE (E) CMA HIS EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON SAW TWO (F) NONE (G) NEG (H) NEG (I) THE TWO FIERY BALLS APPEARED TO COME FROM AN AIRCRAFT FLYING OVERHEAD AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING, ONE BALL FROM EACH SIDE OF THE ACFT (2) (A) OBSERVERS EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON POINTED THEM OUT (B) ACFT EST AT 2000 TO 2500 FEET (C) OBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE 5 TO 10 DEGREES UPWARD SLOWLY (D) ACFT CAME FROM ESE CMA DEPARTED TO W CMA ONE OBJECT FLEW OFF TO NNE CMA THE OTHER TO THE SSW CMA BOTH IN A GRADUAL UPWARD PATH (E) OBSERVER CAME INTO HOUSE TO REPORT SIGHTING (F) ONE AND ONE-HALF TO

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THREE MINUTES (3) (A) GROUND VISUAL (B) NEG (C) NEG (4) (A) 010110Z

MAY 55 (B) NIGHT (5) ROME GEORGIA CMA GEORGE GJEE 4916 (6) (A) CIVILIAN:

MR [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] CMA ROME GEORGIA EMPLOYED

AT LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP MARIETTA GA AND HIS SON [REDACTED]

AGED 8 (B) NEG (7) (A) CLEAR (B) 360/11 AT SURFACE; 10/9 AT 6000;

40/15 AT 10000; 10/42 AT 16000; 350/54 AT 20000; 350/90 AT 30000;

340/50 AT 50000; UNK AT 80000 (C) NEG (D) 15 MILES (E) NEG (F) NEG

(8) NEG (9) NEG (10) UNK (11) DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE 35TH AD (D)

DOBBINS AFB GA MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INADVERTENT DISCHARGE OF

ARMAMENT OR PYROTECHNIC PD MAXWELL FLT SVC MAXWELL AFB ALA IS ALSO

FILING REPORT ON THIS SIGHTING (12) NEG END

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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. 2C-UFOB-5-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON ROME, GEORGIA (GJEE 5016)		FROM (Agency) FLIGHT 2-C, 4602D ATSS	
DATE OF REPORT 3 MAY 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 MAY 1955	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1ST LT., USAF		SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT MSG INT 2409 DTG 010435Z MAY 55, 35TH AD, DAFB, GA; TT MSG DTG 010440Z MAY 55, 35TH AD, DAFB, GA; FLT SV GEN, MAXWELL AFB, ALA.			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 115-Part II.)			
I. CONTENTS: PART ONE: Description of sighting by ROME, GEORGIA (GeoRef: GJEE 5016) PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer II. SUMMARY: Report of UFOB sighting by ALBERT BLANKENSHIP at 010110Z May 1955 III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT RICHARD C. VAUGHN AO 1860323 M/SGT WILLIS B. MINOR AF 6937008 <i>Richard C. Vaughn</i> RICHARD C. VAUGHN 1ST LT., USAF Officer in Charge APPROVED: <i>John M. White Jr.</i> JOHN M. WHITE JR Colonel, USAF Commander INCL. (See individual Parts) DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR W/I, USAF; Comdr, ATIC; D/I, 35th ADiv; Comdr, 4602d ATSS; OIC, Flight 2-C, 4602d ATSS;			

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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED] Rome, Georgia

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Marietta, Georgia

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Familiar with present day conventional aircraft

II. RELIABILITY: Due to the conflicting reports Source gave Base Operations, Dobbins AFB, D/I 35th AD, Dobbins AFB, and Flt 2-C.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Shortly after nightfall at 010110Z May 1955, SOURCE and his small boy, age 9 years, were working in the back yard of their home at [REDACTED] ROME, GEORGIA (GJEE 5016) when an aircraft flew over heading N-W at an altitude of 1500-2500 feet. SOURCE stated that the aircraft was definitely of conventional design, had a reciprocating engine or engines, was displaying running lights, and traveling at rather slow speed as compared to a jet aircraft. After the aircraft passed over, SOURCE continued with his work as there was nothing unusual about the aircraft.

Shortly thereafter, SOURCE stated his son called his attention to the aircraft again and what appeared to be a fireball, about the size of a shooting star without a tail, departing from the left wing or the left side of the aircraft and traveling in a westerly direction at the same speed as the aircraft, which continued on N-W. The fireball seemed to climb slightly as it continued in a straight path to the west. The fireball was fairly bright for 30 seconds and faded out of view in about 1 1/2 minutes but never lost altitude. After the fireball disappeared, SOURCE stated his son spoke of a second fireball which departed from the right side of the aircraft and disappeared to the north in the same manner. SOURCE stated that he did not see the second fireball because of a tree in his line of vision. At first SOURCE thought the aircraft was practicing some sort of night maneuvers but the fireballs seemed to be unusual so he reported the sighting to Base Operations, Dobbins AFB as he thought the aircraft would probably be from there. About one hour after the sighting, SOURCE stated that what he thought was the same aircraft came back over flying in a S-E direction at the same altitude, speed, and displaying running lights.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the 4674th G.O.S., Dobbins AFB, revealed that no reports of any unusual aerial activity had been received through any of their filter centers.

2. Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala made the following checks with negative results:

- a. McGhee-Tyson Airport, Tenn.
- b. Donaldson AFB, S.C.
- c. Sewart AFB, Tenn.
- d. Berry-Nashville Airport, Tenn.
- e. Memphis Naval Air Station, Tenn.
- f. Memphis Municipal Airport, Tenn.

3. Base Operations, Dobbins AFB revealed that the observer, Mr [REDACTED] first reported the sighting to Base Operations. The report of the sighting given to Base Operations differed considerably from the report Source gave F2C investigators. Observer reported to Base Operations, DAFB that the aircraft was 4000-5000 feet altitude flying North, and the aircraft appeared to drop a smaller aircraft which flew West. Mother aircraft continued North.

Base Operations, DAFB stated that no local aircraft was in the Rome, Ga area at the time of the sighting and that no other information on the sighting was received from any other source.

4. A check was made with the Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. No unusual activity reported.

5. Information received from Bradley Observatory, Atlanta, Georgia indicated that no unusual observations were made or were reported to the Observatory during the past week.

6. Operations Officer, Naval Air Station, Chamblee, Georgia revealed that two flights of four aircraft each were practicing tactical formation flying and tactical break-ups in the Rome, Georgia area between 010100Z and 010130Z May 1955.

Operations Officer described these aircraft as Navy F4U's single engine aircraft, having a collector ring exhaust system with the single exhaust port at the bottom section of the collector ring. Also during these tactical break-ups all aircraft would display running lights. Before the tactical break-up the all aircraft may or may not display running lights.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by one of these flights of Navy F4U4 aircraft when the wing men in the flight dispersed to the right and left in a tactical break-up for the following reasons:

a. Source first reported that a small aircraft departed from mother aircraft. What he probably first saw was the flight of four aircraft and thought they were one aircraft. When the left wing man peeled off, it took on the appearance of a small aircraft departing from a larger aircraft.

b. Source's report to F2C investigators was considerable different than he first reported to Base Operations, Dobbins AFB. The fireball he described could have been the exhaust flame from the aircraft or may have been the running lights.

c. The sighting was made shortly after nightfall, therefore several persons in the Rome, Georgia area must have witnessed the same sighting but didn't see anything unusual about it.

Richard C. Vaughn
RICHARD C. VAUGHN
1ST LT., USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was caused by a flight of conventional type aircraft as explained in this report.

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