

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

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1 REPORT NO.

21 Apr 55

21/2300 Z Apr 55

Sgt Crawford

2 DATE RECD HQ 4602D AISS 3 DATE/TIME RECD IN OPS

4 LOGGED BY

21/1300 Z Apr 55

5 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING

New Orleans, Louisiana

6 LOCATION OF SIGHTING

7 GEOREF

TT Msg

Requested more complete info from unit submit.
preliminary report. Inves. assigned to Flt 2-C

Flight 2-C

8 MEANS RECD 9 INITIAL ACTION

10 INVES UNIT

Commercial phone

21 Apr 55

Capt Bronstein

11 INVES ASSIGNED BY

12 DATE INVES ASSIGNED

13 ASSIGNING OFFICER

14 DATE IR RECD AT HQ

15 DATE IR APPROVED

16 DATE IR SENT TO ATIC

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18 COMMENTS

Investigation by Flight 2-C, with the following
conclusions:

19 CONCLUSIONS

Probably Aircraft

Ops 21/2307Z

ENO 14 ENC184 VYA367 VDF108YQA075

EMERGENCY JEDEN JEPHQ BEPC 333

DE JESYQ 02B

Y 212246Z

FM CMDR FLIGHT SVC CNTR MAXWELL AFB ALA

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JEPHQ/CHIEF OF STAFF USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

BEPC/COMEASTSEAFRON

/CIRVIS/

ANG 034.

PILOT OF ANG 034 SIGHTED LARGE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT.

COLOR SILVER. RESEMBLING DELTA WING.

OVER THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS. AT 1600C ESTIMATED 15000 FT.

OBJECT MONTIONLESS.

NONE.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON NEW ORLEANS, LA, (GEOREF: FHQQ5558)		FROM (Agency) FLIGHT 2-C, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 26 April 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 APRIL 1955	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1ST LT., USAF		SOURCE SGT LOUIS PONTICELLI	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT MSG (UFOB 212307Z) APRIL 1955, FLT SV GEN, MAXWELL AFB, GA.			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			

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II. SUMMARY: Report of UFOB sighting by SGT LOUIS PONTICELLI at 21/2200Z April 1955

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT RICHARD C. VAUGHN AO 1860323
M/SGT WILLIS B. MINOR AF 6937008

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Part One

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I. SOURCE: Sgt Louis Ponticelli

Address: 1345 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, La

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Instructor, Army Senior Air Instructor Office,
New Orleans Airport, La

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Served a tour in Korea as an aircraft
observer

II. RELIABILITY: Sgt Louis Ponticelli has completed 25 years active service in the Regular Army. Most of his service has been in connection with army aviation. His duties have included a tour in an airborne organization, and a tour as an aircraft observer in Korea. In view of his familiarity of known flying objects, he is considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: OBSERVER was flying in a north-westerly direction 5 miles N-E of MOISANT AIRPORT, NEW ORLEANS, LA (Georef: 1800 4460) at an altitude of 5,000 feet and an airspeed of 95-100 MPH. OBSERVER was acting as safety observer for pilot, Lt Welch, who was doing instrument work under the hood in an F-19 aircraft Serial No. ANG 112034. Object was first sighted when the pilot started into a 90 degree turn to the left. At first, OBSERVER thought the object was a large jet aircraft but when it appeared to be stationary he assumed it to be something else. It appeared to be shaped like a delta wing, bright silver in color, and about the size of a B-17 tail when viewed from short distances. OBSERVER continued to watch the object through the turn and for a period of 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Object appeared to be hovering over MOISANT AIRPORT at an altitude of approximately 15,000 feet. OBSERVER stated that there was broken clouds at 5,000 feet but during the sighting the object remained in sight and was much brighter than the sky. Sight of the object was lost when OBSERVER's aircraft flew into a cloud and could not be located again when the aircraft emerged from the cloud. OBSERVER radioed MOISANT AIRPORT TOWER to locate the object on radar but the radar station was busy tracking aircraft and made no attempt to locate the object.

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Part Two

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check was made with the Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La for possible aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Negative results.
2. Information from the Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala revealed the following:
 - a. Weather balloons were released by the Mobile Airport Weather Station, New Orleans, La at 212100Z April 1955.
 - b. The Naval Weather Station, New Orleans, La, and Weather Station, New Orleans, La, and other weather stations south and west of New Orleans, La revealed that no balloons were released that would account for the sighting.
 - c. Numerous aircraft were in the New Orleans, La area at the time of the sighting.
 - (1) One USAF T-6, Serial # AF 5106, out of Hondo, Texas arrived New Orleans Airport at 212450Z April 1955. Possible over-flight.
 - (2) One USAF C-47, Serial # AF 1174, departed Keeler AFB, Miss at 212152Z April 1955 en route to Bergstrom AFB, Texas.
 - (3) One USAF B-25, Serial # AF 3007, departed Dallas, Texas at 212112Z April 1955 for Eglin AFB, Fla.
 - (4) One Navy SNB, Serial # 0554, departed Corpus Christi, Texas at 212048Z April 1955 for New Orleans, La.
 - (5) One USAF C-47, Serial # AF 9506, departed Ellington AFB, Texas at 212130Z April 1955 arriving at Tyndall AFB, Fla at 212218Z April 1955.
 - (6) One Navy T6F, Serial # 79347, departed New Orleans, La at 212152Z April 1955 en route to Pensacola, Fla.
 - (7) One USAF RB-36, Peddler 25, departed Travis AFB, Calif at 210632Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La at approximately the time of the sighting.
 - (8) One USAF B-47, Purdue 82, departed Pinecastle AFB, Fla at 212640Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La, altitude 35,000 feet, at approximately the time of the sighting.
 - (9) One USAF C-46, Serial # AF 07346, departed Stillwater, Okla at 212152Z April 1955 en route to Florida using New Orleans as a check point.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by an USAF aircraft for the following reasons:

a. Balloons released by the Moisant Weather Station at 21/2100Z April 1955, one hour prior to the sighting, would have been carried out of the Moisant airport area by prevailing westerly winds.

b. Check with weather stations south and west of New Orleans by Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, revealed no weather balloons released that would account for the sighting.

c. Numerous aircraft could have been in the New Orleans area at the time of the sighting.

d. Only one person reported the sighting.

e. Source observed the object from a moving aircraft which could have been traveling in the same direction, therefore, giving the object the appearance of hovering.

f. Duration of sighting could have been less than observer reported as he only estimated the time.

Richard C. Vaughn
RICHARD C. VAUGHN
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Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft.

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SIGNED GOLINSKY

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21/2343Z APR JESYQ

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Ops 22/0300Z

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PLS WAIT I HAVE ONE MORE FOR YOU

Ops 22/03/02

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ENAO49 VYC065YYQA012

PP JEDEN

DE JESYQ 03B

P 220343Z

FM FLT SVC CENTER MAXWELL AFB ALA

TO COMDR 4602 AISS ENT AFB COLO

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REF UR 212359Z ALL AVAILABLE INFO REQ BY PAR 7D CMA AFR 200-2
FORWARDED OUR MESSAGE 212307Z. OBSERVER IN L-19 WHO SIGHTED OBJECT
S/SGT. L. PONTICELLI ATTACHED TO ARM SENIOR AIR INSTRUCTORS OFFICE
AT NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT.

SGND GOLINSKY

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22/0342Z APR JESYQ

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UFOB/ 212307Z/

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. DELTA WING SHAPE

B. UNK

C. SLIVERD. ONE

E. N/A

F. UNK

G. UNK

H. UNK

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1. UNK

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. UNK

B. UNK

C. UNK

D. STATIONARY

E. UNK

F. 1 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. N/A

B. N/A

C. ANG 12034 L-19

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 212200Z

B. DAY

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

OVER NEW ORLEANS

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. CIVILIAN N/A

B. MILITARY

UNK

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7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. UNK

B. SURFACE DEGREES/210 KNOTS 10

6000 FEET DEGREES/280 KNOTS 10

10,000 FEET DEGREES/300 KNOTS 20

16,000 FEET DEGREES/280 KNOTS 20

20,000 FEET DEGREES/250 KNOTS 40

30,000 FEET DEGREES/270 KNOTS 100

50,000 FEET DEGREES/280 KNOTS 60

80,000 FEET DEGREES/270 KNOTS 60

C. CEILING 4500 BRKN 30000 OVCST

D. VISIBILITY 15

E. CLOUD COVER 10/10

F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE TWRG CU IN VCTY

8. NONE

9. UNK

10. UNK

11. OPERATIONS OFFICE, MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER , MAXWELL
AFB ALABAMA.

12. NONE

SIGNED GOLINSKY END

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AISOP

Commercial Phone Call to Lt. Vaughn, Flight 2-C AISS #55

Lt. Vaughn, Flight 2-C

Capt Bronstein

22 April 1955

1000 hours

Capt Bronstein/4498

AISS #55

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Assigned Flight 2-C a UFOB follow-up investigation in New Orleans, La., the SOURCE: S/Sgt Porticelli.

2. Reiterated that Flight 2-C relieved of Moby Dick standby.

ROBERT BRONSTEIN, Captain, USAF
Operations Control Officer

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