# 4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NO.	DATE/THE OF SIGHTING	RECD HQ 4602D
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indicated below:		
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CONCLUSIONS		
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Tie-Line Call to Det 3

Comdr. 4602d AISS

AISOP

15 Sep 55 0845 hours Tie-Line Call A/IC DeRudder

### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

- 1. Telephone conversation between A/IC DeRudder, Headquarters, and 1/Lt. Radford, Det 3, 4602d AISS.
- 2. The undersigned called Det 3 with respect to a telephonic investigation of the UFOB sighted by three (3) pilots of
- 3. It was suggested that the investigating officer make a check with local observatories, weather stations, radar stations, and GCC Posts for a possible lead in resolving this sighting.
- 4. It was requested that Det 3 notify Headquarters on or before 19 Sep 55 as to results of investigation.

Ronald DeRudder, A/1C, USAF ATC, UFOB Program

ATSS-UFOB-320 Red Hab, N.Y. 3ND-ESF-9

# **HEADQUARTERS** COMMANDER EASTERN SEA FRONTIER 90 CHURCH STREET NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

ADDRESS REPLY TO COMMANDER EASTERN SEA FRONTIER AND REFER TO: FF15-3:32:nem Sert 16 SEP 1955

Commander Eastern Sea Frontier

To: Distribution List

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1. Reference (a) states that the U.S. Air Force has the primary responsibility for collection of subject information and has requested the cooperation of all naval activities in reporting such information.

2. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

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W. C. MURPHY Assistant Chief of Staff

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Lieutenant, USN

# COLONIAL AIRLINES, INC.

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September 9, 1955

Commander Eastern Sea Frontier New York, N. V.

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Thanking you in advance, I am

Vary truly yours,

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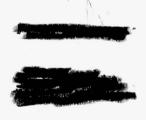


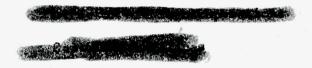
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

UFOB EA REPORTED ON

N/A

Det 3, 4602d AISS

FROM (Agency)

DATE OF REPORT 17 Sep55

15 and 16 Sep 55

EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer) JAMES E RADFORD, 1/LT., USAF

See contents below

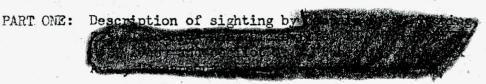
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Telecon AISOP 15 Sep 55; EADF TIMSG CIC #1 UFOB

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PART TWO:

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PART THREE: Description of sighting by

PART FOUR: Description of sighting by

PART FIVE: Supplementary Investigative efforts.

PART SIX: Comments of Preparing Officer

SUMMARY: At 15/1545Z Sep 55 Det 3 was notified by Hq 4602d AISS to conduct a follow-up investigation of a UFOB sighting, sixteen (16) miles north of Poughkeepsie, NY, omni range station (GEOREF HJBM 0833). At 07/0025Z Sep 55, SCURCES, crews of their Director of Operations who initiated a CIRVIS report. Through investigative efforts it was found that the Director of Operations
further submitted statements of the SOURCES' to D/I
26th Air Division, Roslyn AFB, NY. These statements were subsequently forwarded to Hq EADF where investigators were able to obtain same. Descriptions of

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sighting by SOURCES in PARTS THREE AND FOUR off this report are on a separate UFOB report which occured approximately same time on which a preliminary investigation was made by Hq EADF in accordance with AFR 200-2 on telepype message EADF CIC NBR 1 (R 07/0125Z Sep 55).

III. INVESTIGATORS:

1st Lt James E Radford, AO 1863715 M/Sgt Robert L Young, AF 13121396

JOHN WRONA

Major, USAF Officer in Charge

APPROVED:

JOHN M WHITE JR

Colonel, USAF

Commander

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Age: Unknown

Occupation: Pilot

Address:

SOURCE:

Age: Unknown

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SOURCES were not personally interviewed by investigators and therefore their reliability is unknown. SCURCES! statements were submitted through 26th Air Division to Hq, EADF. The investigators obtained these statements from EADF.

#### SOURCES: DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: III.

- SOURCES were pilot and copilot on on the night of 6 Sep 55. They were flying at 5000 ft altitude on a heading of 004 degrees and were 16 nautical miles north of Poughkeepsie, NY (GEOREF HJBM 0833) OMNI station.
- 2. At 07/0025Z Sep 55 SOURCES sighted an unidentified object directly ahead and slightly above their position. The object had a blue white exhaust flame and was moving on a heading of about 200 to 210 degrees in about a 15 to 20 degree angle of descent.
- 3. The object was observed for about 3 seconds and disappeared off the left wing tip at which time it was emitting a lot of sparks as well as blue flame and disappeared in what appeared to be an explosion with a blinging flash.
- 4. SOURCES stated that two other also observed the flash of light. ne of them located over Albany, NY also observed (GEOREF HJBN 0448) and one approximately 10 miles north of Flight #14's position.
- 5. SOURCES feelsthat the object was not a meteor and that its speed was not in excess of 400 to 500 mph.

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D3-UFOB-5-55 ONE

Incl #1, PART ONE, Rept D3-UFOB,-5-55 Statement of SOURCES

STATEMENT

Director of Flight Operations



9-7-55

- SEPTEMBER 6, 1955

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I. SOURCE:

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AgeP Unknown

Occupation: Pilot

Address:

SOURCE:

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Copilot

Address:

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCES were not personally interviewed by investigators and therefore their reliability is unknown. SOURCES statements were submitted through 26th Air Division to Hq, EADF where they were obtained by the investigators.

# III. SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

- 1. SOURCES were pilot and copilot on southbound at 6000 feet altitude over Red Hook, New York (GEOREF HJEM 0759).
- 2. At 07/0025Z Sep 55 SOURCES noticied a bright flash above them while flying in cumulus clouds.
- 3. SOURCES were unable to account for the flash due to low visibility while in clouds. When two other airliners in the area reported sighting a bright object the SOURCES also reported the bright flash that they had noticed.

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1. Statement of SOURCE

2. Statement of SOURCE



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STATEMENT

Director of Flight Operations

9-7-55

At approximately 1925EST while southbound at 6000 ft. on Bl8 at Red Hook intersection, noticed a bright flash above us. Because we were flying through slight Cu buildups with the fuselage lights on, I attributed it to the flash of these lights while inside on of these Cu's. Thought no more of it until I heard advise New York of his sighting and we then advised that we had seen the flash.

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John Wrong Maj. USAF

Det 3, 4602d AISS

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# STATEMENT

Director of Flight Operations

First Officer

9-7-55

On over Red Hook southbound at approximately 1925EST, there was a flash, which appeared more like an explosion rather than a lightning flash, approximately 10 or 15 degrees off our course at somewhere near our altitude of 6000 ft.

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SOURCE:

Age: 22

Occupation: Route Driver

Address:

RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a young man, very cooperative in rendering answers to questions proposed to him concerning his observation. Although encouraged to exaggerate the facts of his observation by an over enthusiastic father and brother, SOURCE, nevertheless, waived this inducement and gave a clear account of the actual occurrence. In view of the above, it is the opinion of the investigator that the SOURCE can be considered reliable.

# SOURCES DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

- 1. SOURCE, together with his brother and sister-in-law, was standing on the front sidewalk of his father's home (GEOREF HJAM 4722) at 07/0027Z Sep 55.
- 2. SCURCE glanced up and observed a blue ball of flame, which lasted for about five (5) seconds.
- The object was travelling in an west to east direction and then disappeared over the tree tops.
- 4. The object was observed for about five (5) seconds before disappearing. The sky was clear with no moon or stars observed. The night was very dark.
- 5. The object was estimated by the SOURCE to be approximately a mile or more away from the position of observation.
- 6. The object disappeared in a fed flame. There was no sound given off by the object.

1 Incl Statement of SOURCE

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# STATEMENT

On the evening of September 7, 1955 we saw a blue ball of flame through the sky for about five seconds and then it disappeared. It came from the west to east and disappeared over the tree tops. There was no sound at all. 't was a very dark night. The ball of flame disappeared with a red flame.

/s/ Eddie Schueler

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Det 3, 4602d AISS

I. SOURCE: 4

Age: 21

Occupation: Housewife

Education:

Address:

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a young housewife, who was somewhat nervous during the interview. Her explanation of the occurrence at the initial phase of the interrogation was incoherent and contradictory, however, as the interview progressed she began to recall more clearly the events she had observed. It is the opinion of the investigator that the SOURCE can be considered reliable.

#### III. SOURCES DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

- 1. SOURCE was standing on the front sidewalk of her father-in-law's house (GEOREF HJAM 4722) at 07/00272 Sep 55 engaged in conversation with her husband and brother-in-law.
- 2. SOURCE was the first to observe the object and she called the other two persons attention to it.
- 3. The object was travelling in an west to east direction and then disappeared behind the tree tops.
- 4. The object was observed for about eight (8) seconds before disappearing.
- 5. It first appeared to be silver blue in color and then it changed to a red-orange. This color change was observed four (4) different times during the period of observation.
- 6. At first the SOURCE thought the object was a plane, then when it started changing color she didn't know what it was.

1 Incl Statement of SOURCE

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D3-UFOB-5-55 FOUR

Incl #1, PART FOUR, Rept D3-UFOB-5-55 Statement of SOURCE

# STATEMENT

It came from behind the trees. It first looked like a plane. It was silver blue in color and then it turned to red orange. This color change was observed four different times. It lasted for about eight seconds and then disappeared.

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# SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS

- l. To corroborate the statements made by pilots a follow-up investigation was conducted at Poughkeepsie, New York. The following agencies, however, did not observe the sightings reported by the pilots:
  - a. City Police Department
  - b. Civil Defense (GOC)
  - c. Civil Aeronautics Administration
  - d. Vassar College Observatory
  - e. Mid-Hudson Bridge Authorities
- 2. A check with D/I, EADF did result in the report of an object sighted by two residents of Washingtonville, New York, approximately two (2) midutes later than the sighting reported by Colonial Airlines. The similiarity in description and time interval possibly identifies the objects observed as one and the same. The one major discrepancy, however, that could not be correlated was the directional path of the object observed by the two different parties.
- 3. A check with Base Operations, Stewart Air Force Base, of pilots flying in the area of the sightings revealed that Captain Felix A. Blanchard, 17692A, 3894th School Group, West Point, New York was flying touch and go landings in a T-33 jet aircraft at Stewart AFB. Capt Blanchard stated that a few minutes before he made his final landing at 07/0030Z Sep 55, he noted a bright flash in the sky. As he was not looking in the direction of the flash he attributed it to lightning, but after thinking it over, and having observed no thunderstorm in the area he decided it could not have been lightning. Capt Blanchard did not report the sighting and made no further effort to find out what the flash could have been.

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ORIGINATING AGENCY

REPORT NO.

PART

D3-UFOB-5-55 SIX

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

- "t is the opinion of the preparing officer that the object sighted by the different groups of observers was possibly a celestial phenomenon known as a fireball.
- 2. The description of this object follows along the description of a fireball which explodes at the end of its flight.
- 3. It is believed that the report as given by the crew was in error as pertains to the distance of the object.
- a. They stated that the object appeared one-half to one mile directly ahead of them about 1000 feet above, headed in a South-West direction at a 15-20 degree angle of descent and within three (3) seconds disappeared off their left wing tip. It is believed that this distance can be discounted, in view of the fact that Flt 412 over Albany, NY and Flt 33 approximately 10 miles North of their position and in cumulous clouds, also reported the object at the same time. Flt 412m approximately 50 miles north and headed in a north direction reported same and could not have possible seen the object if it was at the close range as Flt 14 stated. Flt 33 being in cumulous clouds with 0 visibility also noted a flash in the sky. Consequently it is believed that the objects are one and the same, but at a much greater distance than as stated by Flt 14.

b. In the phenomenon of a fireball the estimate of the distance of the object can be misinterpreted.

1 Incl Overlay map of sight area

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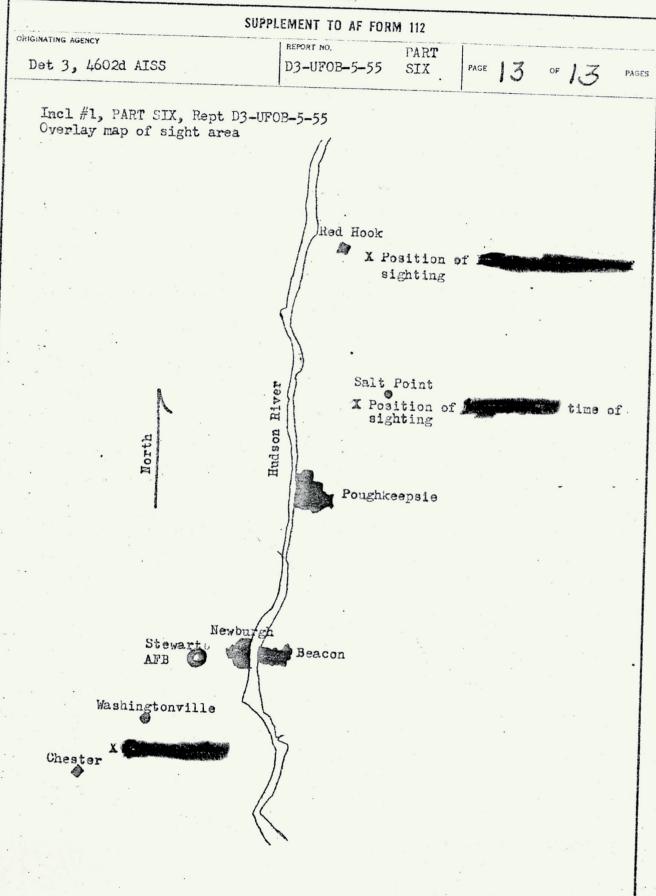
JOHN WRONA Major, USAF Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was probably caused by a fireball exploding in the atmosphere.

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