

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NO. AISS-UFOB-329-55	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 23/0225Z Sep 55	RECD HQ 4602D 23 Sep 55
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Lodi, Ohio		LOGGED BY A/IC DeRudder
MEANS RECD TT Msg	ACTION Investigation authorized	
INVS UNIT Flt 3-B	DATE INVS ASSIGNED 23 Sep 55	ASSIGNING OFFICER Lt McEntee
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DATE OF FORM 5 23 Sep 55		
COMMENTS This sighting has been assigned to Flight 3-B, 4602d IASS, for investigation. Flight 3-B uncover results as follows:		
CONCLUSIONS		

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4602d AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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28 Sept 1955

SUBJECT: Transmittal of UFOB Report

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

Transmitted herewith is Flight 3-B, 4602d AISS U F O B report number 3B-UFOB-1-55, dated 26 Spet 1955. Investigation was conducted as requested via telephone by Lt. MacEntee, Headquarters, 4602d AISS.


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CAPT. USAF
OIC, FLT. 3-B

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FM COMDR 662 AC&W SQ BROOKFIELD OHIO

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDBW/COMDR 33TH ADIV WILLOW RUN AFSTA MICH

RJEPNB/ COMDR EADF STEWART AFB N Y

RJEDWP/ COMDR AIR TECH CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/ INT 9-94 PD UFOB THIS MSG IN 12 PARTS PD PART 1 PD SHAPE
ROUND CMA SIZE 25 TO 30 FEET IN DIAMETER CMA COLOR BLUE GRAY CMA NUMBER
ONE CMA MULTI-COLORED EXHAUST CMA SOUND LIKE FIRECRACKERS PD PART 2
PD ALTITUDE ABOUT 100 FEET CMA SPEED SLOW CMA OBJECT ORBITING IN SIGHT
30 MINUTES PD PART 3 PD VISUAL OBSERVATION PD PART 4 PD TIME 02:25 ZULU
CMA 23 SEPT 55 CMA NIGHT PD PART 5 PD LOCATION HM 5931 PD PART 6 PD
EXPERIENCED OBSERVER CMA ROSE PRESNICK CMA RR 2 CMA LODI CMA OHIO PD
PART 7 PD WX CLEAR CMA WINDS ALOFT NOT AVAILABLE PD PART 8 PD NEG PD
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DATE-TIME GROUP

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23/0225Z Sep 55
Lodi, Ohio

One man only AISS #21

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24 Sep 55
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SUBJECT UTOB			
AREA REPORTED ON LODI, OHIO, USA		FROM (Agency) Flight 3-B, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 26 Sept 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 Sept 1955		EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) JON T. MATSUO, Captain, USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT Msg Int 9-94, Commander, 662 AC&W Sq. Telephonic request from Headquarters, 4602d AISS, 24 Sept 55 / 23 1920Z Sept 55			
REMARKS (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.)			
I. CONTENTS:			
PART ONE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED] and housewife, Lodi, Ohio.			
PART TWO: Description of sighting by [REDACTED] housewife, [REDACTED] Cleveland 4, Ohio			
PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], Lodi, Ohio.			
PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts			
PART FIVE: Comments of Preparing Officer			
II. SUMMARY: One unidentified object was seen flying near Lodi, Ohio from 0315 Zebra hours, 23 Sept 55 (2215 hours EDST, 22 Sept 55) until 0340 Zebra hours, 23 Sept 55 (2240 hours EDST, 22 Sept 55). Another object, reported to be the same, was seen in the same locality from 0305 Zebra hours, 23 Sept 55 (2205 hours EDST, 22 Sept 55) until 0350 Zebra hours, 23 Sept 55 (2250 hours EDST, 22 Sept 55). The information contained in this report was obtained from persons making these observations and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sightings.			
III. INVESTIGATOR: A/IC DONALD P EDEN, AF 16 393 142			
 JON T. MATSUO Captain, USAF Officer in Charge			
[REDACTED] (see individual parts)			

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John M White Jr
JOHN M WHITE JR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED] (Civilian)

Age: 52

Address: [REDACTED]

Present Position: [REDACTED] housewife

Education: High School

Qualifications: Been a [REDACTED] nearly [REDACTED] and received [REDACTED] training from a representative from the [REDACTED]

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a pleasant woman, very friendly and anxious to cooperate; well-known throughout the surrounding community and well respected. SOURCE had made sightings on three previous occasions; at these time she was not [REDACTED] and was reluctant to report them for fear of ridicule. Although SOURCE was intelligent and talked with assurance, it is the opinion of this investigator that she is prone to let herself imagine she sees things other than what is actually before her. The information contained in this report is considered to be unreliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE received a call from [REDACTED] at 23/0315Z Sept 55 requesting she look into the South East sector of the sky to confirm his sighting of an unidentified flying object. SOURCE complied and saw the object.
2. Object was on a bearing of approximately 135° with an azimuth of approximately 60°. At the same time, SOURCE recognized the searchlight beacon from the Akron Airport (GJFM 2104) about 30 miles East of SOURCE'S location. The beacon was rotating in a counter-clock-wise direction and cast reflections on the clouds and haze in the area.
3. The object was in view for a period of 25 minutes during which time it traveled from the South East to the South West where it suddenly disappeared. On two occasions during its flight, SOURCE heard a faint explosion, as that of a firecracker, and simultaneously observed a bright orangeish-blue exhaust from the object.
4. The night was dry with no moon. Scattered clouds in the vicinity and haze obscured about one-fourth of the sky. No ground wind was noticed. Only a few stars were in evidence.
5. SOURCE heard only a faint whirring sound other than the explosions. She could not estimate the speed nor the altitude as there was no point to use as a reference. The object appeared round at first, assuming an elliptical shape as it continued on its course. During sighting, the object appeared about the size of a grapefruit held at arms length.
6. The object had a blue-gray color with the edges much brighter than the center. SOURCE stated she had never seen anything before that gave the same appearance. When investigator described a jet aircraft cutting in its afterburners, SOURCE seemed this was not what she had seen.

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7. The object disappeared from sight all of a sudden in the sky to the South West of SOURCE. Bearing was approximately 205° and azimuth of approximately 60° .

2 incls:

1. Statement by SOURCE
2. SOURCE's memory sketch of object

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Statement of Mrs. [REDACTED]

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

I received a telephone call approx. 10:15 p.m. Thur. Sept 22, from Mr. [REDACTED] that there was a flying saucer in the sky - in the S.E. direction, from their house - asking me to report it to the [REDACTED]. I made the call, giving my statement to [REDACTED] telling them of the object - as I could see it with the naked eye - saw it high in the (A) S.E. sky - it went to S.W. (A) (A) at point indicated with x there was something expelled from the object - there was explosion sound like fire crackers - (faint) - the object moved slowly - it just seemed to disappear all at once, there were two explosions or rocket flashes.

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

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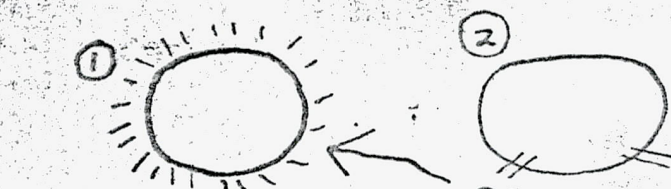
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Incl. # 2, SOURCE's Memory sketch of U F O B



① 1st saw like this

② Explosion heard, Two rocket or something came out

(SMOKEY BLUE COLOR, REDDISH ORANGE EXHAUST)

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED] (civilian)

address: [REDACTED]

age: 35

Present Position: Housewife

Education: High School

QUALIFICATIONS: none

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a very quiet and timid person. She had recently undergone a heart operation and was not in very good health. She is under the influence of her mother, Rose M. Presznick, and tends to believe what her mother believes. It is considered that the information contained in this report is made up largely of the information she heard from her mother rather than that of herself. It is therefore the opinion of this investigator that the information is not reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was visiting [REDACTED] Ohio (GJEM 5902) when a phone call from [REDACTED], also of Lodi, informed them of an object in the sky. Time of call was 23/0315Z Sept 55. SOURCE saw the object in question in the South East at a bearing of 135° and 60° azimuth.
2. At the same time, a searchlight beacon, which was identified as from the Akron Airport (GJJM 2104) by SOURCE's mother, was visible. SOURCE said the beacon was throwing lights on the scattered clouds and haze in the vicinity in which it was rotating. Bearing of the beacon was 90° with an azimuth of 20°.
3. SOURCE returned into the house after only a few minutes as she was not in good health. While she observed the object, it appeared to move slowly West. During her sighting, she heard two faint explosions accompanied with a bright exhaust from the object. No other sounds were heard.
4. SOURCE stated object was round and sharply outlined with a red color. Size was about that of a grapefruit held at arm's length. No estimate of its size, speed or altitude could be given due to lack of reference point.
5. At the time of the sighting, the weather was dry and cool with no wind and scattered clouds and haze. Only a few stars were visible and the moon was not in sight.

2. Incls:

1. Statement by SOURCE
2. SOURCE's memory sketch of object

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Statement of Mrs. [REDACTED]

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

I saw this object while staying at my mothers - My two grandmothers were also there. I saw this object which looked like a large grapefruit in the sky - and then it seemed to explode like a large rocket or firecrackers - there were two explosions - I never saw anything like it before and Hope I never do again it was terrifying ----.

[REDACTED]
housewife

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

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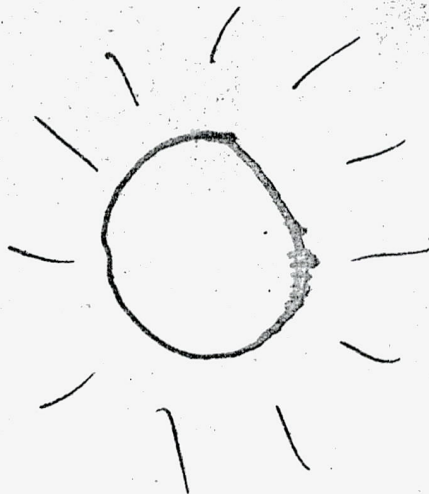
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Incl. 2, SOURCE's Memory



"object was round"

"Explosion seemed to shoot all directions"

"light yellow to red color"

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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED] Lodi, Ohio

Age: 32

Present Position: [REDACTED]

Education: High School, College

Qualification: Member of the Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946 serving as a Flight Engineer.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was very pleasant and earnest, cooperating in every way. He stated he was still very interested in the Air Force and did a great deal of reading to keep up on the latest developments. His manner reflected his intelligence. He is well respected throughout the community. The information contained in this report is considered accurate to the best of the SOURCE's ability, however, it is further believed it is a misconception of a known object.

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was walking from his garage to his home after returning from work. Looking into the sky Eastward, he noticed a light on a bearing of 95° and a azimuth of 45° . Time was 0300 Zebra hours 23 Sept 55 (2200 hours 22 Sept 55 EDT). At first SOURCE thought object was a searchlight beacon, but after watching for several minutes, came to the conclusion that it was a flying object unidentified to him. At 0315 Zebra hours 23 Sept 55 (2215 hours 22 Sept 55 EDT) he called Mrs. [REDACTED] and reported the object to her for her collaboration.

2. The object was following a circular pattern, emerging from out of a haze in the East and disappearing into the haze again in the South East. SOURCE watched the object for a total of 45 minutes. The pattern object followed was regular and took one (1) minute and fifteen (15) seconds for each revolution.

3. The night was described as hazy in the East with scattered clouds overhead. No wind was evident and it was warm and dry with no trace of daylight.

4. Sound of the object was described as more like that of a rocket as opposed to that of a jet. Color was blue gray center with bright white fringe. When first sighted, the outline was sharp, but became fuzzy before disappearing. SOURCE stated this could be because of the increase in the haze coverage.

5. Several times during sighting, SOURCE saw another, smaller object flying near the larger object. It appeared to him as if the smaller object was attempting to make contact with the larger. No increase in sound was evident when both objects were in view. Color of the smaller was the same as the larger.

6. During the time of the sighting, SOURCE saw and heard a aircraft pass over from the East to the South West. He said he could definitely recognize it as a conventional type aircraft as he was used to seeing them often. He believes the town of Lodi is on a course of a regular airlines.

7. Unknown object appeared as large as a basketball and was estimated as 20 feet in diameter, traveling at 400 miles per hour. SOURCE could not

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estimate the altitude of the object. He thought it was far away as the sound was very faint.

8. The object disappeared from sight at 0350 Zebra hours 23 Sept 55 (2250 hours 22 Sept 55 EDT) by going into the haze at a bearing of 100° and azimuth of 35°.

2. incls:

1. Statement by SOURCE
2. SOURCE's Memory Sketch of Objects.

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Statement of [REDACTED]

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

I looked out store at 2200 Sept 22, 1955 went home. I stopped in breeze way looking to the east and saw this bright light in the sky - It went south then turned east and went out of sight. It returned from a north east direction following same flight pattern. I watched this object follow the same pattern for 45 min. It took 1 min and 15 sec to make its pattern. Then at 2245 it went in a south east course and out of sight. I was sure that it was not a searchlight - it was some kind of air ship - it flew like a airplane and it had speed.

/s/ [REDACTED]
civilian

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

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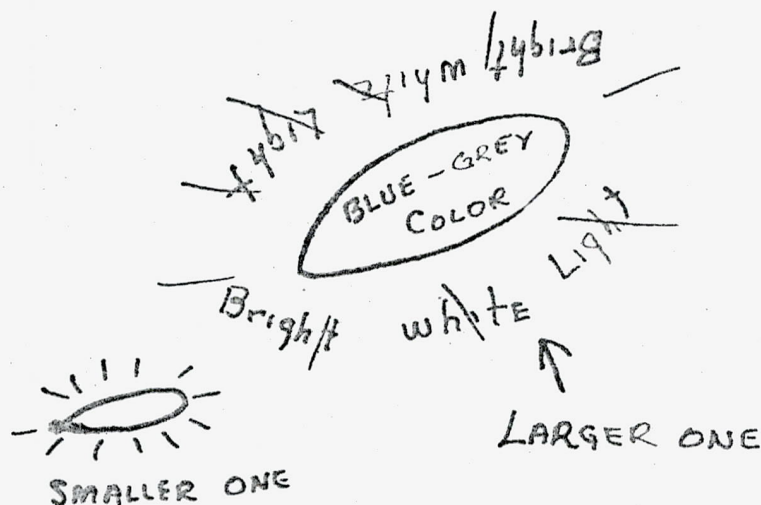
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Incl. # 2, SOURCE's Memory Sketch of Object

MOVE IN COUNTER
CLOCKWISE DIRECTION



"CENTER HAD A BLUE GREY CENTER WITH A
BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT ON FRINGE"

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the Akron Municipal Airport at Akron, Ohio revealed the following information:

a. Their revolving beacon was operating between the hours of dusk and dawn on 22-23 Sept 1955. This beacon operates during these hours throughout the year. Revolutions per minute of the beacon is six (6).

b. Two (2) searchlights, sixty (60) inch, are, were operating during the evening of 22 Sept 1955. One located approximately eight hundred (800) feet from the boundary of the airport to the West (see incl. #1) and another about one half (1/2) mile to the West of the airport (see incl. # 1). These were being used for ~~illumination of the airport~~ respectively. Revolutions of these searchlights very slow.

c. It was also learned that the Columbia Chemical Works in Barberton, Ohio (see incl. # 2), between Lodi and Akron pours chemicals into "settling beds" which take in an area of several acres. The clouds coming off of these beds are known locally as the Barberton Front. This mass of clouds, mist and/or haze has been seen to rise at times, to an altitude of 30,000 feet. It definitely influences the visibility of the Akron Airport at times. These cloud formations have been responsible for many strange phenomena in the past; causing reflections on the clouds from the beds and other light sources.

Inclosure:

Sketch of Lodi, Barberton and Akron, Ohio locality

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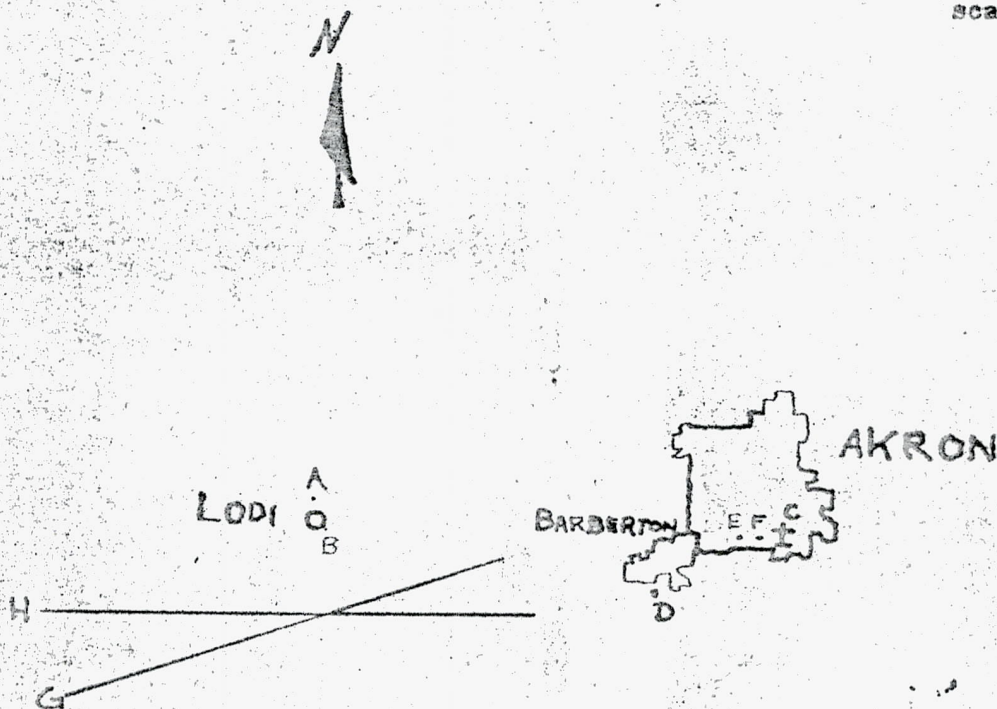
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Inlosure 1 to Part Four

Sketch of Lodi, Barberton and Akron, Ohio locality, drawn from road map
scale- 1" equals 11 mi.



- A. Location of [REDACTED]
- B. Location of [REDACTED]
- C. Akron Municipal Airport
- D. Columbia Chemical Works
- E. County Fair Searchlight
- F. Filling Station Searchlight
- G. Known aircraft flight plan as reported by [REDACTED]
- H. U F O B flight plan as reported by [REDACTED]

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. It is the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the objects seen by the observers can be resolved as known objects for the following reasons:

a. In the case of the sighting by [REDACTED] there were two objects observed. One a known object and the other unknown. The known object was that of a searchlight projecting light on the overcast to the East of them. The unknown object was described to the investigator rather vaguely. The direction of travel was Westerly from the South East to the South West. Sound of the object was faint and steady with the exception of "two explosions like that of a firecracker." Even the sounds of the "explosions" were very faint. It is therefore considered that she cannot be absolutely sure they didn't come from another source, possibly on the ground. A possible, and more logical explanation is considered the resolution of the sighting and became apparent during the conversation with [REDACTED]

b. In the case of the sighting by [REDACTED] there were also two objects seen. One a known and the other unknown. The known object was that of an aircraft passing overhead from the East to the South West. Direction of travel was West by South West. Altitude was high but the sound was still distinguishable to him, possibly due to his Air Force experience. It seems that this is the UFOB reported by [REDACTED]. The unknown object in this case, was described circling in a very definite pattern. Although [REDACTED] was certain that the object was an air vehicle of some sort, it seems that he was mistaken as all evidence as received from [REDACTED] and the Akron Airport point to the fact that what was actually seen was a light from a searchlight beacon projected on the overcast.

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Captain USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was caused by searchlight activity.

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