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1 REPORT NO. AISS-UFOB-175-55	2 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 15/0300Z June 1955	3 RECD HQ 4602D 15 June 1955
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4 LOCATION OF SIGHTING Bryan AFB, Texas

5 MEANS RECD TT Msg (Cervis)	6 ACTION Limited follow-up investigation by Flt 2-D	
7 INVES UNIT Flt 2-D	8 DATE INVES ASSIGNED 15 June 1955	9 ASSIGNING OFFICER Lt. McEntee

10 DATE IR RECD HQ 27 Jun 55	11 DATE IR APPROVED 02 Jul 55	12 DATE IR TO ATIC 02 Jul 55
13 AISOP FORM 5 1 Jul 55		

14 COMMENTS A limited follow-up investigation by Flight 2-D, Tinker AFB, Okla. with the following conclusions:
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15 CONCLUSIONS Probably Balloon: Rawinsoude type
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KWD244F EMERGENCY - CIRVIS REPORT - WEATHER OBSERVER, FORECASTER
AND BASE OPERATIONS DISPATCHER BRYAN AFB SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECT AT 0300Z 15 JUNE 1955. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROX 30 MIN
CIRCLING FIELD AT ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF 30,000 FEET AND AT APPROX
SPEED OF 500 OR 600 MPH. POSITION AT TIME OF SIGHTING LAT 30
40MIN NORTH LON 96 33MIN WEST. OBJECT WAS CYLINDRICAL IN SHAPE
AND WAS COMPLETELY ILLUMINATED WITH A WHITE GLOW. NO IDENTIFYING
MARKINGS WERE OBSERVED.

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by plane
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SUBJECT

UFOB Sighted at Bryan AFB, Texas

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Flt 2-D 4602 AISS

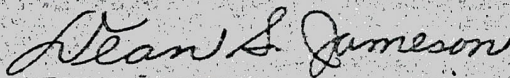
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30 June 55

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1. Reference telephone conversation from Lt. Jameson on 30 June 55. The 6th Weather Rawinsonde Weather Detachment, Tinker AFB, stated that the information pertaining to the actual times of the balloon in any specific location over Bryan AFB 14 June 1955 are not available.

2. The 27000 meters was misquoted and should read 2700 meters for your information.



DEAN S. JAMESON 1st Lt. USAF
Officer in Charge.

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Commercial Phone Call to Flt 2-D, 4602d AISS; AISS-15

Flight 2-D, 4602d AISS

Headquarters, 4602d AISS

15 June 1955

0920 hours

AISS-15

Captain Bronstein/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Lt. McEntee called Flight 2-D and talked with Lt. Jameson concerning the authorization of a follow-up UFOB investigation. It was suggested that Flight 2-D make a limited phone investigation of the sighting at Bryan AFB, Texas and to request that the sighting party submit the data in accordance with AFR 200-2.

ROBERT BRONSTEIN, Captain, USAF
Assistant Operations Officer

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UFOB Investigation-Bryan AFB, Texas

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Headquarters

20 June 1955

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LT McENTEE/rd/4498

Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

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1. Inclosed find AF Form 112 (UFOB Report) number 2D-UFOB-5-55 dated 15 June 1955. This headquarters cannot concur with the conclusions of the Preparing Officer.

2. Investigative effort directed toward the possibility of searchlight activity should be conducted. Determination of weather data with emphasis placed on winds aloft and cloud cover is important.

3. If further investigation discloses pertinent data please revise AF Form 112 number 2D-UFOB-5-55.

1 Incl
a/s

RAY L. JONES
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr., 4602d AISS

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28 June 1955
1500 hours
AISS-47MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between 1/Lt D.S. Jameson, Flight 2-D and A/IC DeRudder, Headquarters.
2. The UFOB sighting at Bryan Air Force Base, Texas was discussed with respect to the conclusion (rawinsonde balloon) drawn by the Preparing Officer on AF Form 112 (UFOB Report).
3. 1/Lt Jameson was informed that this headquarters disagrees in some respects with his conclusions. Lt. Jameson was questioned as to whether he had investigated the possibility of searchlight activity and if he had explanations concerning the reported speed and course of the object.
4. The undersigned was informed that the entire investigation had been conducted by phone and that the possibility of searchlight activity had been checked but with negative results. The Preparing Officer had no explanation of the speed and course of the object unless the observers' estimates were wrong.

Ronald DeRudder, A/IC, USAF
Operations Section (UFOB)

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Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr., 4602d AISS

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1 July 1955
0915 hours
AISS-51MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between A/IC DeRudder, Headquarters, and 1/Lt D.S. Jameson, Flight 2-D.
2. It was requested that the investigating officer of the UFOB sighting of Bryan AFB, Texas submit the following information on the above mentioned sighting:
 - a. A complete record of the tracking of the rawinsonde balloon mentioned in the Preparing Officer's conclusions on the cause of sighting.
 - b. The release time of the balloon as well as the intervals of time on the tracking of the balloon.
 - c. The possibility of any other balloons released in the immediate area near the time of sighting.
3. The undersigned was informed that the release time and tracking times of the balloon were not available, but the altitude, azimuth, and quadrant plottings were available and were taken by the undersigned.
4. Lt. Jameson stated that he would check the possibility of other balloon releases in the area and would submit the information to this Headquarters no later than 1700 hours, this date, if any significant data is uncovered.

Ronald DeRudder, A/IC, USAF
Operations Control (UFOB)

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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. 2D-UFOB-5-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
SUBJECT AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
AREA REPORTED ON BRYAN, TEXAS, USA		FROM (Agency) Flight 2-D, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 15 June 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 June 1955	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) DEAN S. JAMESON, 1/Lt., USAF		SOURCE EVERETT WOOLUM, T/Sgt., USAF	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT, 3530 Pilot Tng Wng 15/0300Z June 1955.			
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.)			

I. CONTENTS:

- PART ONE: Description of sighting by T/Sgt Everett Woolum, Air Force Weather Forecaster, Bryan AFB, Texas.
- PART TWO: Description of sighting by A/1C Raymond E. Eutaneuer, Air Force Weather Observer, Bryan AFB, Texas.
- PART THREE: Description of sighting by A/2C Wort L. Robonson, Air Force Base Operations Dispatcher, Bryan AFB, Texas.
- PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.
- PART FIVE: Comments of the Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: One unidentified flying object sighted over BRYAN AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS, (GeoRef FJJA 4043), at 0300Z hours 15 June 55 (2100 CST 14 June 55). The information contained in this report was obtained from the persons sighting the object and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: 1/Lt. DEAN S. JAMESON AO 3012182

Dean S. Jameson

DEAN S. JAMESON
1/Lt., USAF
Officer in Charge

APPROVED:

INCL

John M. White Jr.
JOHN M. WHITE JR.

Colonel, USAF
Commander

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I. SOURCE: Everett Woolum, T/Sgt, USAF

Address: Det. 2, Weather Squadron, Bryan AFB, Texas

Age: 26

Occupation: Weather Forecaster

Education: 13 years

Qualifications: Weather Observer, Forecaster and Meteorologist

Station: Air Training Command, Bryan AFB, Bryan, Texas

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was questioned on the telephone so physical features were unknown. SOURCE carried on a very intelligent conversation and answered questions in a brief and organized manner. SOURCE was very well versed in the fields of weather and technical matters. In the opinion of the investigator, it would be quite difficult to give a true estimate of the reliability of the SOURCE, but investigator believes the SOURCE to be reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE sighted object from observer tower located directly in front of Base Weather Station at Bryan AFB, Texas. At the time the SOURCE was making a rawinsonde observation, a cylindrical shaped object appeared travelling at an estimated speed of five hundred (500) to six hundred (600) miles per hour. Object was first sighted in the southwest quadrant, shifting in heading from ten (10) to twenty (20) degrees, and then disappearing in the northwest quadrant at approximately thirty (30) degrees elevation. Object then reappeared in the southeast quadrant and then disappeared in the southwest quadrant. Object was last sighted in northwest quadrant in a straight trajectory, changing course to a heading of two hundred and seventy (270) degrees and then disappearing at an approximate elevation of thirty (30) degrees over the horizon. SOURCE stated that the object was sighted for no more than thirty (30) seconds at each sighting and object would then disappear. Object would disappear for a ten (10) minute period of time and then reappear for about thirty (30) seconds.

2. Object was flying in a counter-clockwise circular flight path. Total time lapse, including sighting of the object was thirty (30) minutes, however, SOURCE stated he saw the object for a period of thirty (30) seconds, at three different intervals of time.

3. The object did not appear to make any actions to change brightness, shape or flicker. Speeds of the object were very exaggerated, ranging from three hundred (300) to six hundred (600) miles per hour.

4. The edges of the object were very smooth and solid, similar to that of an airfoil section.

5. SOURCE stated that object did not move in front or behind anything, but he was definitely sure that object did not emit sound or smoke.

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6. Object appeared to remain at a constant altitude of about thirty thousand (30,000) feet.

7. The night was very dark, with no moonlight, but there were a few stars in the sky, but the object appeared to be much brighter than the background of the sky and did not resemble a star.

8. At the time of SOURCE'S observation it was a dry, warm night with a clear sky.

9. Object was white in color and about the size of a quarter held at arm's length.

10. The object looked like a round white light and SOURCE estimated the object to be about the size of a B-36 aircraft.

11. SOURCE stated that he immediately contacted Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas the Bryan Municipal Airport, Bryan, Texas and Bryan AFB Base Operations for aircraft and balloons over Bryan Air Force Base at 0300Z 13 June 1955 and received negative results. A check with radar operations was made and nothing had been reported on the Q-13 Radar Storm Warning Detector.

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I. SOURCE: Raymond E. Euteneuer, A/1C, USAF

Age: 22

Occupation: Weather Observer

Education: 12 years

Qualifications: Weather Observer

Station: Air Training Command, Bryan AFB, Bryan, Texas

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was contacted and questioned by telephone. SOURCE answered all questions in a concise and emphatic manner and seemed to be of average intelligence. It is the opinion of investigator, that the SOURCE was fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was making a weather observation on the night of 14 June 55 directly in front of the Base Weather Station at Bryan Air Force Base, (GeoRef EJJA 4043). The time of the observation was 0300Z 15 June. While the SOURCE was making the observation, an unknown object came into view. The Object was sighted directly overhead and duration of the first sighting lasted about two minutes and the object then disappeared in the south. There was a lapse time of five minutes and the object then reappeared in the southwest quadrant flying directly north, then reversing its course one hundred and eighty (180) degrees, and then again disappearing. SOURCE stated the second time the object was sighted, he observed object for about three minutes making a total time of actually seeing the object five minutes. SOURCE stated that he returned to base weather station after sighting the unknown object and he then reported the incident to the forecaster T/Sgt Everett Woolum and A/1C Wort L. Robonson.

2. The object seemed to vary in brightness at times and glow like a light on a weather balloon. SOURCE stated that the object was not a weather balloon because of the fact it was flying at an altitude of about thirty thousand (30,000) feet.

3. SOURCE stated that the object was cylindrical in shape and travelling at a speed of five hundred (500) to six hundred (600) miles per hour. Sunset on the day of the observation was at 1930 CST. There were a few stars in the sky, but the object seem to be much brighter than any one particular star.

4. Object seemed to be about the size of a ten cent piece when held at arms length.

5. On the night of the observation, the weather was warm, dry and the temperature was about eighty (80) degrees Fahrenheit.

6. SOURCE stated the object was white in color and completely absent of smoke or sound.

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7. The Object was flying in a circular clockwise flight path.
8. At the time of the observation, SOURCE was facing the south.

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I. SOURCE: Wort L. Robonson, A/2C, USAF

Age: 23

Education: 12 years

Qualifications: Aircraft Dispatcher and Fixed Communications

Station: Bryan AFB, Bryan Texas. Air Training Command

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was questioned over the telephone and seemed to be of average intelligence. He seemed to be rather vague and hesitant on many of the questions; However, it is believed that the information received from the SOURCE may be considered fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was standing in front of Base Weather station at Bryan AFB at 0300Z 15 June 1955, facing in a westerly direction, when an unknown object appeared in the sky to the west and then disappeared in the north. The actual time of the first sighting was thirty seconds. Approximately ten minutes after the first sighting, the object reappeared in the north and then again disappeared in the east. There was another ten minute time lapse from the last sighting and then the object reappeared in the northwest and disappeared in the north.

2. The interval periods between sightings were ten minutes in duration and the total time of the three sightings was one minute and thirty seconds.

3. Object did not stand still at any time and it did not change shape.

4. SOURCE stated that the object was about the size of a five cent piece at arms length.

5. To his knowledge there was no moon on the evening of the sighting. The sun had set about three hours prior to the time of the observation.

6. SOURCE stated the object was definitely not a star, but the object appeared to change brightness at times.

7. The object was cylindrical in shape and flying in a clockwise-circular flight path at about thirty thousand (30,000) feet.

8. The estimated speed of the object was approximately six hundred (600) to seven hundred (700) miles per hour in a straight trajectory.

9. SOURCE stated the night was warm, dry and about eighty-five (85) degrees fahrenheit in temperature. The wind seemed to be about five to ten knots in a southerly direction.

10. Object was flying over the Air Force Base and did not pass in front or behind anything.

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11. SOURCE stated object was white in color and solid in construction.

12. SOURCE had no conception of what the object might have been and this was the first time he had ever seen an object such as this.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. T/Sgt Everett Woolum checked with Carswell Flight Service, Fort Worth, Texas, (GeoRef FJHC 4045) for aircraft in the area at the time of sighting. Negative results.
2. A check was made with Base Operations at Bryan Air Force Base, Bryan, Texas (GeoRef FJJA 4043) by T/Sgt Everett Woolum and there were no aircraft in the area at 15/0300Z.
3. A check was made with C.A.A. at College Station, Texas (FJJA 3264) and there were no aircraft in this area at the time of the sighting and no balloons had been released that evening.
4. The Motionography Department at Texas A & M, College Station, Texas, (GeoRef FJJA 3246) was contacted and no balloons had been released on 14 June 55. Mr. Myron S. Ligda stated that the Motionography departments at Texas A & M are making Radar scope photographs for the 33rd Air Division, and there were no unknown objects appearing on the maps 14 June 55.
5. 747th ACW at Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas (GeoRef FHKQ 5037) was contacted with negative results.
6. A check with 749 ACW at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, (GeoRef FHKQ 2523) and negative results.
7. A check with S/Sgt Vernon Gray, Bryan Air Force Base Weather Station, revealed that a Rawinsonde balloon had been released from their station at 2030 CST, 14 June 55 (15/0230Z June 55).
8. A check was made with the 6th Weather Rawinsonde Detachment, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma to obtain information pertaining to Rawinsonde balloons.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was a rawinsonde weather balloon for the following reasons:

a. Preparing Officer believes the balloon hypothesis fits the circumstances of this sighting.

b. It is quite possible that the object sighted by T/Sgt Everett Woolum, A/2C Raymond E. Euteneuer, and A/2C Wort L. Robonson, was a rawinsonde weather balloon. A rawinsonde weather balloon was released at 0830 CST June 14 (15/0230Z), from the Bryan Air Force Base, Weather Station, Bryan, Texas. The sighting of the object occurred thirty (30) minutes after the time of the release of the rawinsonde balloon. S/Sgt Vernon Gray of the Base Weather Station stated that in a period of thirty (30) minutes, the rawinsonde type balloon would reach an altitude of about thirty thousand (30,000) feet. All sources stated that the object was sighted at an altitude of thirty thousand (30,000) feet. A/2C Euteneuer stated the object actually looked like a weather balloon and that he had sighted the object for two minutes on the first sighting and for a period of three minutes on the second sighting. Preparing Officer believes this to be very long periods of time sighting and object travelling at speeds up to six hundred (600) miles per hour at thirty thousand feet.

c. Bryan Air Force Base Weather Station reported the following information for 0300Z 15 Jun 55:

Sky condition - clear

Winds -	280 degrees	32 knots	at 25,000 feet
	290 degrees	45 knots	at 30,000 feet
	280 degrees	90 knots	at 35,000 feet

d. Preparing Officer contacted 6th Weather Rawinsonde Detachment, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and received the following information: Rawinsonde balloons have been sighted with the naked eye after dark, up to altitudes of forty thousand feet. The light on the balloon is attached to suspension train which carries a modulator unit. The suspension train is about one hundred feet in length. A light such as the one used for rawinsonde observation could be very deceiving to the eye at very high altitudes. Preparing Officer believes that the light attached to the train could have been oscillating, and this may have been the reason for the disappearing and reappearance of the object.

2. The Preparing Officer believes that the balloon and the UFOB are one in the same.



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1st Lt., USAF
Officer In Charge

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Supplementive investigation of winds aloft at time of sighting and tracking of the rawinsonde balloon mentioned above uncovered the following data:

a. Winds at time of sighting:

<u>ALT</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>VELOCITY</u>
Surface	180 deg	10k
10,000'	290 "	20k
15,000'	310 "	40k
20,000'	270 "	27k
25,000'	270 "	36k
30,000'	290 "	45k
35,000'	270 "	90k

b. Tracking of rawinsonde balloon:

<u>ANGLE OF ELEVATION</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>QUADRANT</u>	<u>DISTANCE FROM BRYAN AFB WEA STA</u>
27 deg	5,000'	NNW	3,000 meters
45 deg	10,000'	N	3,300 "
52 deg	15,000'	NE	2,700 "
50 deg	20,000'	E	5,000 "

2. Censor in conclusion of Preparing Officer that sighting was probably caused by a balloon.

Jim