

Initial report of the sighting was received  
 by this Hq. from Hq. Air Proving Ground Command,  
 Eglin AFB, Florida on AF Form 112.  
 Contact with Reporting Officer that the  
 cause of this sighting was caused by  
 a night air-refueling operation. Air refueling  
 operations were conducted from Eglin AFB  
 to Panama City between 24/0140Z July to  
 24/0450Z July 1956. Operations were conducted  
 at 15,000 feet involving ~~two~~ two (2) F-100's

Two (2) round objects smaller than a star,  
~~appeared~~ objects appeared as a constant yellow  
 orange glow. The two objects were close together  
 for about five (5) minutes and then separated,  
 the one moving ~~more~~ much faster than the  
 other. When first noticed, objects were at  
 45° elevation and 90° azimuth. Objects were  
 observed initially for about ten (10) minutes  
 objects disappeared in the north (180°) after  
 one climbed to a higher altitude and leveled  
 out.

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x was aft.

and ~~one~~ (1) KB-50. ~~the~~ Landing lights and searchlights were kept on continuously with the F-100's coming in and refueling, Departing and returning, Repeating the process many times. The fighter planes were at times in very close proximity to the KB-50 for as long as ten (10) minutes.

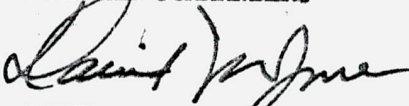
In light of the above information, evaluation of this Hqs is, "Was Aircraft."



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| AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                     |               |
| AREA REPORT CONCERNS<br>Vicinity around Eglin Air Force Base, Florida                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                     |               |
| AGENCY OF ORIGIN<br>Hq Air Proving Ground Command<br>Eglin Air Force Base, Florida                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | DATE OF REPORT<br>21 Aug 1956       |               |
| SOURCE OF INFORMATION<br>[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>24 July 1956 |               |
| PREPARING OFFICER<br>2nd Lt Richard H. Lane<br>Assist Chief, Intelligence Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | EVALUATION<br>C-3                   |               |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br>BAIR 3A15; AFR 200-2, 12 Aug 1954                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                     |               |
| SUBJECT<br>Unidentified Flying Object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                     |               |
| 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 112a.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                     |               |
| <p>This is a report on a UFOB sighted by two teenagers in the Pensacola, Florida region near Eglin AFB, Florida. The sighting of two objects or round shape emitting a constant yellow-orange glow, occurred at 240220Z July 1956. The objects were together for nearly five minutes, then separated and left the observers' field of vision.</p> <p>This sighting corresponds with a description of experimental night refuelings of F-100's by a KB-50 employing searchlights. This Base conducted these refuelings in the same vicinity and at the same time as the sighting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                     |               |
| <p style="text-align: right;"> <br/>           WILLIAM M. LYONS<br/>           Captain, USAF<br/>           Chief, Intelligence Division         </p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR THE COMMANDER:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <br/>           DAVID M. JONES<br/>           Colonel, USAF<br/>           DCS/Operations         </p> <p style="text-align: center;">INCL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wm AcFT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">           333-56<br/>           4602D AISS UFOB REPT. 24/0220Z J156<br/>           DATE-TIME GROUP<br/>           Pensacola, Fla         </p> |  |                                     |               |
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- (1) Description of the objects:
  - (a) Appeared round
  - (b) Appeared a little smaller than "a star"
  - (c) Constant yellow-orange glow
  - (d) Two (2)
  - (e) The two objects were close together for about five minutes and then separated, the one moving much faster than the other.
  - (f) No comment offered on discernible features
  - (g) No trail or exhaust noticed
  - (h) No sound heard
  - (i) No other pertinent observations
- (2)
  - (a) The two observers were looking at the moon and stars, and thought that the two UFOB's were close stars and then noticed them moving.
  - (b) The two objects were elevated at an angle of  $45^{\circ}$  and an azimuth of  $90^{\circ}$ .
  - (c) Objects disappeared at a lower angle of elevation in the south ( $180^{\circ}$ ) after one climbed to a higher altitude and then leveled out.
  - (d) After being together for an estimated five minutes, the one object developed a speed nearly twice that of the other object, attained a higher altitude and both objects disappeared to the south.
  - (e) The two observers watched the faster object fade away, not noticing the final disappearance of the slower object.
  - (f) About ten (10) minutes.
- (3)
  - (a) Ground-visual
  - (b) No optical aids employed
  - (c) Sighting from ground
- (4)
  - (a) 240220Z July 1956
  - (b) Night
- (5) (a) The two observers were at the Municipal Airport, Pensacola, Florida.
- (6) Both observers were civilians:
  - (a) (1) [REDACTED], 13 years, [REDACTED] Pensacola, Florida - Student.
  - (2) [REDACTED], 15 years, [REDACTED], Pensacola, Florida-Student.
- (7)
  - (a) The observers said that it was a very clear night, with very few clouds and that the moon and the stars were clearly visible.
  - (b) The U.S. Weather Bureau at the Pensacola Municipal Airport had a record of scattered cloud formation at 2,500 feet.
  - (c) Unlimited
  - (d) 12 miles visibility
  - (e) Little scattered cloud formation
  - (f) No thunderstorms
- (8) From Eglin Air Force Base from 240140Z July to 240450Z July 1956, refueling operations were conducted involving two (2) F-100 and one (1) KB-50. These operations were carried out continuously at 15,000 feet between Panama City and Pensacola. Landing lights and searchlights were kept on continuously with the F-100's coming in and refueling, departing and returning, repeating



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the process many times. The fighter planes were at times in very close proximity to the KB-50 for as long as ten minutes. This pattern, when observed from the ground would correspond to the observations described above. Since these refueling tests were conducted in the Pensacola area at this time, they could explain the sightings. The pilot of the KB-50 did not notice any other aircraft or phenomena in the air at this time. Also, no unusual air activity was recorded at the Pensacola Municipal Airport.

- (9) No action taken.
- (10) Reference paragraph (8)
- (11) This report was prepared by Lieutenant Richard H. Lane, Assistant Chief of the Intelligence Division, APGC, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. This officer feels that the two observers actually saw what they described; and because they stated they had recently seen a movie about flying saucers, associated this phenomena with the movie and were perhaps a little influenced in their opinions. Since a flight was conducted by this base with the night refueling of two F-100's by a KB-50 at the same time in the observers location, it is felt that the observers saw the refueling, and associated it with the movie they had seen. The night refueling of the F-100's is done with landing lights and searchlights and could be mistaken for some other phenomena.
- (12) No physical evidence available.