

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER AISS-UFOB-137-56	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 23/0035Z May 56	RECD AISCP 25 May 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Amarillo, Texas		LOGGED BY S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD TEXT	ACTION TAKEN No investigation authorized	
INVES UNIT N/A	DATE INVES ASSIGNED ? n/a	ASSIGNED BY N/A
DATE IR RECD HQ N/A	DATE IR APPROVED N/A	DATE IR TO ATIC N/A
DATE AISOP FORM 5 25 May 56		
COMMENTS Concur with the opinion of the reporting officer that this sighting was caused by a balloon.		
CONCLUSIONS WAS BALLOON		

AISOP FORM 7 (2 APR 55)

688TH AC&W SQUADRON (ADC)
Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas

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24 May 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. In accordance with paragraphs 905 and 906, chapter IX, of CONAD Manual 55-1, the following report of sighting of an unidentified flying object is hereby submitted:

a. Description of object.

- (1) Round.
- (2) Pea.
- (3) Bright golden.
- (4) One (1).
- (5) N/A.
- (6) Round.
- (7) N/A.
- (8) N/A.
- (9) N/A.

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"Was Balloon"

b. Description of course of object.

- (1) Observer was watering lawn, when he saw a B-47 overhead and followed aircraft, and as aircraft made a perfectly round turn the object was sighted.
- (2) 45° angle at 300° to 345° azimuth.
- (3) Same as b(2).
- (4) Object moved about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 foot from visual sight, then was stationary 20 minutes.

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- (5) Just faded.
- (6) One hour, 30 minutes.
- c. Manner of observation.
 - (1) Ground visual.
 - (2) N/A.
 - (3) N/A.
- d. Time and date of sighting.
 - (1) 23/0035Z May 1956.
 - (2) Dusk.
- e. Location of observer. Exact latitude and longitude of observer.
 - (1) 101° - 45 minutes W, 34° - 15 minutes N, Amarillo, Texas.
- f. Identifying information of observer.
 - (1) Mr. [REDACTED], age 35, address, [REDACTED], Amarillo, Texas, occupation, refrigerator maintenance man.
Mrs. [REDACTED], age 37, address, [REDACTED], Amarillo, Texas, housewife.
 - (2) M/Sgt. Charles W. Santarsiera, 2407 Redwood, Amarillo, Texas, military address 3341st Student Squadron, first sergeant, reliable sincere individual (CO's estimate).
- g. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings.
 - (1) Broken clouds.
 - (2)

Surface	-	180°	-	23 knots.
6,000'	-	210°	-	10 knots.
10,000'	-	210°	-	10 knots.
16,000'	-	240°	-	15 knots.
20,000'	-	280°	-	25 knots.
30,000'	-	240°	-	25 knots.
50,000'	-	250°	-	30 knots.
80,000'	-		-	Negative.
 - (3) Estimated 25,000' overcast.

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(4) 15 miles.

(5) Broken to overcast.

(6) There were thunderstorms to the south and west of Amarillo at time of sighting.

h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(1) N/A.

i. Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives).

(1) N/A.

j. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting.

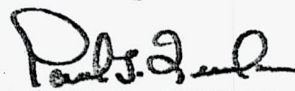
(1) One B-47 and one B-25 NW of Amarillo. Ten other aircraft were in the area, types unknown.

k. The following comment is submitted by the Commander, 688th AC&W squadron. Two hours and seventeen minutes after the initial sighting by Sgt. Santarsiera, Ginger was in contact with Lt. Billy Adams flying a B-25 aircraft between Dalhart and Amarillo. (Lt. Adams is an AC&W director assigned to the 703rd AC&W squadron). Lt. Adams was advised of the UFOB. Lt. Adams immediately reported that he had sighted a weather balloon while he was over Dalhart. His aircraft was at 9,500 feet on an approximate heading of 156°. He estimated the altitude of the balloon at 15,000 feet 30° off his heading. The winds aloft at 15,000 feet were from 240° at 15 knots. Lt. Adams flight route was laid out on a pre-plot board. A line was drawn from his track at 30° this line passed just west of Amarillo. A line drawn at an azimuth of 300° from Amarillo bisected the line representing Lt. Adams line of flight at a point 30 miles from Amarillo at 300°. Lt. Adams sighting was made approximately 12 minutes after the final sighting by the sergeant. Lt. Adams definitely identified a weather balloon with a bright light attached. A tape recording of all transmissions and the recorder's log provided all of the above information. Lt. Adams was contacted by ADC landline and verified the information. It is the opinion of the reporting officer that the UFOB and the weather balloon are the same. This is based on Lt. Adams report and his experience as a pilot and AC&W director and his familiarity with CONAD Manual 55-1 as well as the correlation of the tracks.

l. Tape recorder and recorder's logs.

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