

HEADQUARTERS
4602d AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
ENT AIR FORCE BASE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

14 August 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]
Temple, Texas

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This organization is responsible for analysis and preliminary investigation of unidentified flying object sightings within the boundaries of the United States. We appreciate your cooperation in reporting your sighting; however, additional information is needed for analysis of this sighting.

The inclosed ATIC Form No. 164 (U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet) is forwarded for your convenience in supplying this squadron with the needed information. Again our thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

2 Incls

1. ATIC Form 164
2. Rtn Envelope

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JAMES CONNALLY AIR FORCE BASE
WACO, TEXAS

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6 AUG 1956

SUBJECT: (UFOB) Report of Unidentified Flying Object

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

1. Inclosed letter from Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Temple, Texas, is forwarded for action deemed
necessary.

2. This headquarters is unable to submit report in forms
required by paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, 12 August 1952, as neither AF
Form 112 or AF Form 112a is presently available.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
Ltr

Edwin D. Echols
EDWID D. ECHOLS
Lt Col USAF
Adjutant

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DATE-TIME GROUP 31/1420Z JUL 56

TEMPLE, TEXAS

SENT 164
14 Aug 56

A155-UF0B-241-56

308 North First Street
Temple, Texas
September 8, 1956

Headquarters
4602d Air Intelligence
Service Squadron
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I wish to add this bit of information to my report of an unidentified flying object observed by me on July 31, 1956 at Temple, Texas, which was forwarded from James Connally Air Force Base at Waco, Texas.

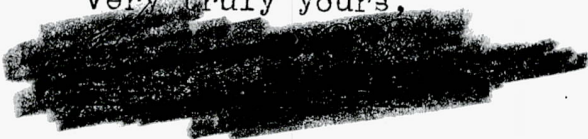
In addition to my initial report, I have also completed and returned your ATIC Form 164, both given in the clearest description possible in writing; but today I was fortunate to view at a local theater the film, "Unidentified Flying Objects."

The single object which I observed and reported looked exactly like either one of the pair shown in that part of the film which was photographed in 1950 by Nicholas Mariana, at Great Falls, Montana, except the object I saw moved relatively slower, and was in view considerably longer, but otherwise was the same apparent size, shape, color and with the very same appearance during its dissolution.

A review of this particular part of the above film will present a visual duplicate of what I observed and tried to describe in my report and in Form 164.

I trust this will be helpful in evaluating this sighting.

Very truly yours,



308 North First Street
Temple, Texas
August 1, 1956

Headquarters, James Connally
Air Force Base
Waco, Texas.

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Date of observation: Tuesday, July 31, 1956.

Time: Around 8:20 A.M.

Location of object: West-south-west of Temple, Texas.

Elevation of object above horizon: Approximately 30 degrees.

Direction of flight: West-south-west; flight level and straight, speed uniform, during entire observation.

Speed: Equal^{to} or greater than jet. (positively not the speed of a meteor, or slow speed of a drifting balloon-- wind was 2--3 MPH south-easterly.)

Color: Brilliant, soft milky-white, very similar to glowing fluorescent lamp.

Shape: Perfectly round, or globular; very sharp, distinct outline-- no fuselage, wings or other appendages.

Length of time object was in sight: while observer drove 3 blocks west, on Adams Street, turned left at 23rd., Street when object faded out in this first block-- observer going less than 20 MPH-- or estimated time of observation: one and a half to two minutes.

After viewing the object for approximately three fourths of time in full clarity and brilliance, it slowly dimmed, and finally faded completely out, but not diminishing in size or speed; there was no breaking up, or shower of sparks, or explosion, just slowly faded down to extinction. Object moved entirely too slow for a meteor as only 40 to 50 degrees of azimuth was covered during this one and one-half to two minutes of observation.

Apparent size: One-fifth the size of a full moon, or 3 or 4 times larger than Venus.

No vapor trail or smoke visible.

OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES OF PERTINENT INFORMATION: After driving about 6 city blocks further toward my place of employment after the object disappeared, or roughly 2 minutes later, the regular flight of a passenger plane came from the direction of Houston, and headed downward for a landing at Temple Airport, which is about 5 miles away. This plane crossed the apparent location where the UFO was seen in flight.

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With this rough timing, this plane should have been only a very few miles south-east, with the UFO dead ahead, in clear blue sky, and could have been seen and possibly reported by this crew.

This object positively in no way, in appearance or performance, resembled a balloon, plane, meteor, bird, smoke, feathers, paper, cobwebs, or a flaw or reflection in my windshield.

Two separate reports of Unidentified Flying Objects sighted over Durango, Texas, were sent to James Connally Air Force Base, at Waco, in July and November, 1952, and each was separately and personally investigated by Air Force Officers.

This latest sighting was telephoned promptly to the news department of the local Temple Telegram, with an offer to fill in any needed details for a news item of the odd event; the news report has been ignored.

I shall be glad to offer any additional information or clarification that I can give regarding this latest sighting.

Observer: [REDACTED]

Residence: [REDACTED], Texas.

Occupation: Bookkeeper.

Place of employment: [REDACTED] Manufacturing Company,
[REDACTED] Temple, Texas. Telephone [REDACTED]

Signed:

Herman L. Russell

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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

31st JULY 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8 20 + -
Hour Minutes(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern

b. Central

c. Mountain

d. Pacific

e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving

b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED]
Nearest Postal Address

TEMPLE
City or Town

TEXAS
State or Country

Additional remarks: SEE # 275. Estimate how long you saw the object. _____ 1 1/2 to 2 + - _____
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight

b. Dull daylight

c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight

e. No trace of daylight

f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you

b. In back of you

c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

☒ Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other No

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | ☒ Yes | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, than tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

☒ Solid

^{THEN}

☒ Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

☒ Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

☒ Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

☒ Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

h. Other _____

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound _____

b. Color _____

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____.

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
 50 — 100 feet. + OR — DEPENDING ON ACTUAL DISTANCE OF OBJECT.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball

(k) Other 1/8 INCH BALL BEARING HELD
 AT ARM'S LENGTH. + OR —

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- (b) Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? SLOWLY LOST IT'S SOLID, METALLIC APPEARANCE,
BECOMING DIM AND POSSIBLY TRANSPARENT TO COMPLETE DISSOLUTION.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

1. WHEN FIRST SEEN: SILVER; CHROME; ALUMINUM

2. 50 TO 100 FT. + OR —; PERFECTLY ROUND, OR GLOBULAR.

3. WHEN FIRST SEEN: GLOBULAR TANK OF AVERAGE CITY WATER-TOWER.

4. FROM DIMMING TO DISSOLUTION: SAME FORM AND SIZE, ONLY WITHOUT BREAKING UP, CHANGING DIRECTION OR SPEED, FADED INTO NOTHINGNESS

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- ☒ b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- ☒ a. In the business section of a city?
- ☒ b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?
*FOLLOWING USUAL ROUTE TO WORK; SAW ODD OBJECT IN SKY, STRAIGHT AHEAD. NOTED
ROUND FORM - ABSENCE OF WINGS, TAIL OR FUSELAGE - IT'S TRAVELING AGAINST THE
WIND; THEN THE SLOW FADING AND DISAPPEARANCE.*

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast

- c. East
- d. Southeast

- ☒ e. South
- f. Southwest

- ☒ g. West
- h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? *18 To 20 + or -* miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes

☒ No *BUT SLOWED WHEN OBJECT WAS*

SIGHTED. TRAVELED STILL SLOWER WHEN I TURNED SOUTH.

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast

- c. East
- d. Southeast

- e. South
- f. Southwest

- ☒ g. West
- h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- a. North
- b. Northeast

- c. East
- d. Southeast

- e. South
- f. Southwest

- ☒ g. West
- h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

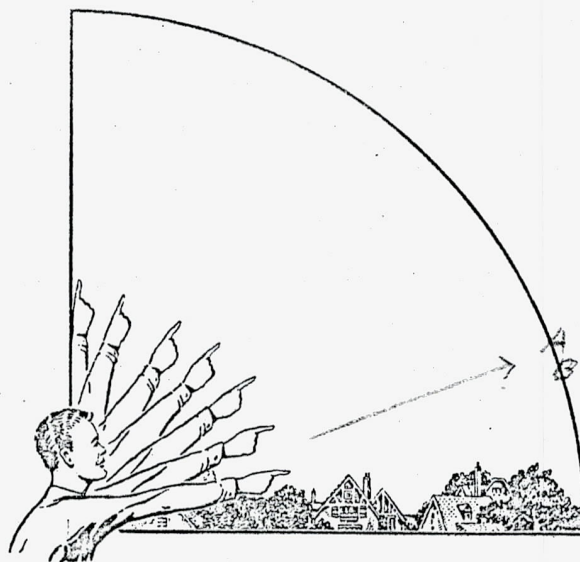
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North *280 + -* degrees.
- b. From horizon *30 + -* degrees.

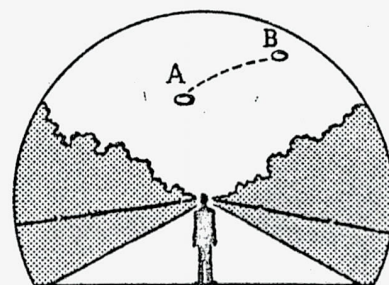
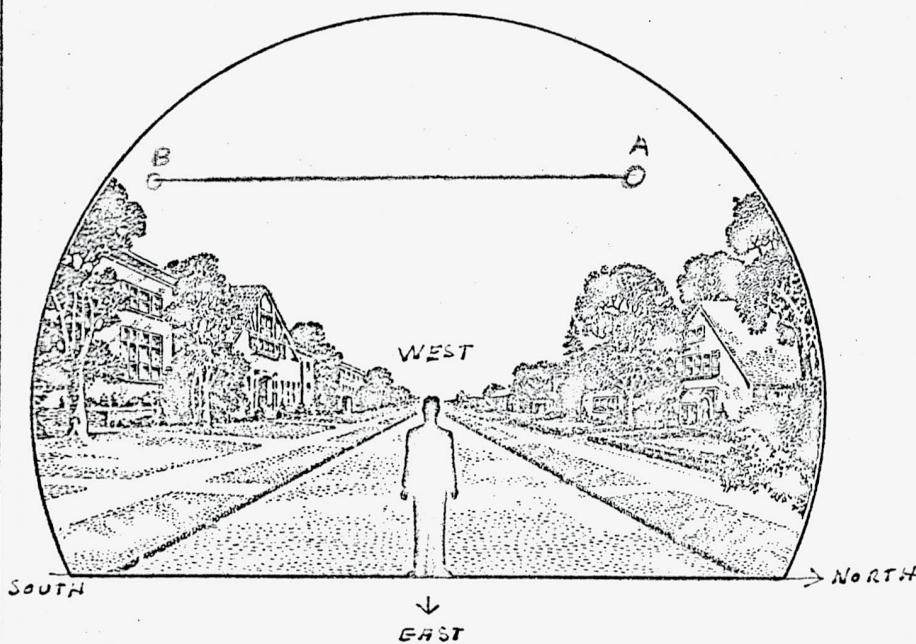
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North *250 + -* degrees.
- b. From horizon *30 + -* degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- ☒ c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

FIRST AUGUST 1956
Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

JULY 3, 1952; NOVEMBER 11, 1952, DURANGO, TEXAS - UNDER EXCELLENT VIEWING
CONDITIONS - IN DAYTIME, AND WITH OTHER OBSERVERS.

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

NO LOGICAL OPINION FITS APPEARANCE OR PERFORMANCE OF THE
OBSERVED OBJECT.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?
ON ACTUAL DISTANCE OF OBJECT.

100-300 + - m.p.h. DEPENDING

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

5 to 15 + - ^{MILES}
~~feet~~

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] TEMPLE TEXAS
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

What is your present job? GENERAL WORK FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURER.

Age 53 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Grade school _____ | e. e. Technical school _____ |
| b. High school _____ | (Type) _____ |
| c. College _____ | f. Other special training _____ |
| d. Post graduate _____ | _____ |

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25TH AUGUST 1956
Day Month Year

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

August 25, 1956.