

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>5 Jul 49 06/030                                                        | 2. LOCATION<br>Alexandria, Louisiana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 399 |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                          | 10. CONCLUSION<br>BALLOON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>ONE                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>30 seconds                                                         | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Object appeared to be light in color with a luminous center of bright yellow. The shape of this object, according to the observer, was round, flat on the edges, and thick in the center. The object disappeared behind trees and a building. |     |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| 7. COURSE<br>Northeast                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |



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| UNITED STATES AIR FORCE<br>THE INSPECTOR GENERAL<br>OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS<br><b>REPORT OF INVESTIGATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | FILE NO.<br>24-22                                                                                                                                                                                                   | DATE<br>13 September 1949 |
| TITLE<br>SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC<br>On 5 July 1949, at<br>Alexandria, Louisiana, by<br>Mrs. [REDACTED]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | REPORT MADE BY<br>JAMES W. [REDACTED]                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | REPORT MADE AT<br>DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.                                                                                                                                                                         |                           |
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| CHARACTER<br>SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                           |
| REFERENCE<br>None. This is an initial report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                           |
| SYNOPSIS<br><p>Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Alexandria, Louisiana, reported that on 5 July 1949, at approximately 2100 hours, she observed an object which appeared to be light in color with a luminous center of bright yellow. The shape of this object, according to the observer, was round, flat on the edges, and thick in the center. The size was estimated to be approximately that of an automobile wheel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>CLOSED</b><br/> <b>DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEARS IN REVALS;</b><br/> <b>DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.</b><br/> <b>DOD DIR 0200.10</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEARS IN REVALS;</b><br/> <b>DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.</b><br/> <b>DOD DIR 0200.10</b> </p> |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                           |
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INCIDENT NO. 399

1. Date of Observation 6 July 1949 Date of Interview 18 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2100
3. Place of Observation Alexandria, Louisiana
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object happened to notice
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 3 foot diameter
8. Color of object Luminous grey with amber light in center.
9. Shape Round like inverted saucer.
10. Altitude 45°
11. Direction from observer NE
12. Distance from observer 3,000'.
13. Direction of flight of object(s) NE
14. Time in sight 30 Seconds
15. Speed Slow like balloon
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Shiny but not brilliant
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers None
21. Manner of disappearance Behind trees and building
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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Name and address of observer: Mrs. [REDACTED], Alexandria, La.

Occupation and hobbies:

Housewife

Study and research of French history

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appeared of excellent character.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION.  
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Date of observation 6 July 1949 Date of Interview 18 July 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2100 hours
3. Place of observation: Alexandria, Louisiana  
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)  
Sitting in front yard of dwelling house at Alexandria, Louisiana
5. What attracted attention to object: Nothing in particular, just happened to look up as object appeared in sight.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1) object.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Approximately three (3) feet in diameter.
8. Color of object: A luminous Grey with amber light in center.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Round, like inverted saucer.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):  
Forty-five (45) degree angle.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): Northeast.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Three Thousand (3,000) feet.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Northeast.
14. Time in sight: Thirty seconds.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Slow like a balloon.
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.): None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Shiny but not brilliant.
19. Projections (fins, wings, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Manuevers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): None

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21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind trees and buildings.
22. Effect on clouds: None
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: After dark, clear night, moon was not shining.
25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Alexandria, Louisiana  
Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; Hobby: Study and research of  
French History  
Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of  
observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

See REMARKS:

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? Observer wears glasses, with 20/20 vision corrected.

REMARKS: On 18 July 1949, Mr. [REDACTED]  
Alexandria, Louisiana, Occupation, Merchant, was interviewed  
reference [REDACTED] and stated that he has known [REDACTED] for five  
(5) years as a neighbor and acquaintance. Steele further  
stated that [REDACTED] is a woman of excellent character and was  
not known as one who exaggerated.

The indices of the following agencies were checked on 18 July  
1949, reference [REDACTED], with negative results:

City Police, Alexandria, Louisiana  
Sheriffs Office, Rapides Parish, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY  
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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29 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The inclosed report re unidentified aerial phenomenon observed by Mrs.  at Alexandria, Louisiana, 6 July 1949, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl  
As stated

*Max H. Cooler*

MAX H. COOLER  
Colonel, GSC  
Actg AC of S, G-2

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13 September 1949

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC

On 5 July 1949, at Alexandria, Louisiana, by [REDACTED]  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

5th District OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O. 20 Sept 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air  
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAXS

Forwarded for action deemed necessary by your office.

Incl  
n/c

*Jerome M. Braun*  
JEROME M. BRAUN  
Acting District Commander  
5th District OSI (IG)

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**HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**  
**THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
**Office of Special Investigations**

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-22

9th OSI District  
Barksdale AFB, La.  
13 September 1949

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC  
On 5 July 1949, at  
Alexandria, Louisiana, by  
Mrs. [REDACTED]  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith is Closed Report of Investigation regarding above Subject.
2. 9th District OSI contemplates no further investigation of the above Subject.

1 Incl:  
Rpt of Invest (2)

*Edward R. Ford*  
EDWARD R. FORD  
Major, USAF  
District Commander

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| ROUTE TO                                                                                                              | FILE |



(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial  
Object (s))

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1. Date of sighting 5 July 1949
2. Time of sighting Approximately 2100 hours  
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted: The object appeared to be passing directly  
over the observer who was at her residence at
  - a. Ground [REDACTED], Alexandria, Louisiana.
    - (1) City, town
    - (2) Distance and direction from city or town,  
road, intersections, etc.
    - (3) From building (story), yard, etc.
    - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing  
latitude and longitude
  - b. Air
    - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
    - (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark
    - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
    - (4) Latitude and longitude
  - c. Sea
    - (1) Latitude and longitude
    - (2) Proximity to land  
(Name city, country, etc.)
4. Number of objects One (1)
  - a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)
5. Distance of object from observer
  - a. Laterally or horizontally
  - b. Angle of elevation from horizon Directly overhead
  - c. Altitude Approximately 2000 feet.

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6. Time in sight Approximately three (3) minutes.
7. Appearance of object
  - a. Color appeared to be light in color, with a luminous center of bright yellow.
  - b. Shape (sketch if possible) round, flat on the edges, thick in the center.
  - c. Apparent construction (translucent)
  - d. Size
    - (1) Estimated size
    - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view approximately the (Compared to known object) size of an automobile wheel
8. Direction of flight northeasterly direction.
9. Tactics or maneuvers object traveled in a horizontal line throughout observation and seemed to be just floating along.
  - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.
10. Evidence of exhaust None
  - a. Color of smoke
  - b. Length and width
  - c. Odor (if any)
  - d. Rate of evaporation
  - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)
11. Effect on clouds Object did not travel through any cloud formations.
  - a. Opened path thru clouds
  - b. Formed cloud or mists
  - c. Reflected on cloud
  - d. Shown thru cloud
12. Lights
  - a. Reflected or attached Light appeared to be attached to center of object.
  - b. Luminous
  - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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13. Support None observed
  - a. Wings
  - b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
  - c. Vertical jet
  - d. Rotating cylinder or cone
  - e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)
14. Propulsion None observed
  - a. Propeller or jet
  - b. Rotor
  - c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)  
(KatzMayer effect)
  - d. Visible exhaust or jet openings
15. Control and stability None that could be observed
  - a. Fine
  - b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)
    - (1) Size
    - (2) Shape
    - (3) Location
16. Air ducts None observed
  - a. Slots
  - b. Duct openings
17. Speed - M.P.H. Approximately 100 MPH
18. Sound None
  - a. Continuous whine or buzz
  - b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
  - c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

- (1) Possibility of fragments
- (2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view

- c. Disappeared behind obstacle Object disappeared behind a heavy wooded area.

Relative to the Observer

- 1. Name of observer Mrs. [REDACTED]
- 2. Address [REDACTED] Alexandria, Louisiana
- 3. Occupation Dressmaker and former school teacher
- 4. Place of business
  - a. Employer or employee
- 5. Hobbies None
  - a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)  
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?
- 6. Ability to determine Mrs. [REDACTED] wears glasses only while employed as a dressmaker.
  - a. Color
  - b. Speed of moving objects
  - c. Size at distance
- 7. Reliability of observer
  - a. Sources
    - (1) Neighbor X
    - (2) Police Dept X
    - (3) FBI records
    - (4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on
    - a. Sightings in general
    - b. How attention was drawn to object (s)
      - (1) Sound           The observer was sitting in her front yard
      - (2) Motion           and looked up into the sky and sighted
      - (3) Glint of light   object.
  9. Witnesses
    - a. Addresses
    - b. Occupation
    - c. Reliability
  10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated Mrs. [REDACTED] appeared to be above average intelligence and it is not believed that this report was given to obtain publicity.           Relative to Radar Sightings
    1. Re radars now operating on ground
      - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
      - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
      - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.
- If airborne when object sighted
- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits
  - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions 10 miles visibility, wind - east 7 MPH, temp. 78°, dewpoint 75
2. Winds aloft report
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other One Delta plane which did not pass within two miles of Madison Avenue.
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
  - a. Object
  - b. Surrounding terrain where observed
  - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
  - d. Maneuvers
  - e. Formation if objects were more than two
8. Secure signed statement
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such)

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