

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Jul 49 n 07/1515Z	2. LOCATION New Orleans, Louisiana	390
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30-40 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS This object appeared to be round or oval in shape and was moving in a northerly direction and had a very bright appearance. The observer believed it to be the reflection of the sun's rays on an airplane which was in a very steep bank. The object disappeared from sight behind trees.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		
7. COURSE Northerly		
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No		

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-23	DATE 13 September 1949
TITLE SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC On 7 July 1949, at New Orleans, Louisiana, by Mr. [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY ALVIN E. CAMBRE	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		PERIOD 7 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS On the morning of 7 July 1949, at approximately 0915 hours, the Writer observed, at the foot of Prytania Street near the Mississippi River, an object in the sky which was approximately one and one-half (1½) miles east at approximately twenty-five hundred (2500) feet altitude. This object appeared to be round or oval shape and was moving in a northerly direction and had a very bright appearance. When the Writer first sighted this object, it was believed to be the reflection of the sun rays on an airplane which was in a very steep bank. The object remained in view for about thirty (30) or forty (40) seconds at which time it disappeared from sight over some trees. The fact that the shape of this object remained unchanged for such a long period of time caused the Writer to believe that the reflection was not caused by conventional type aircraft. <u>CLOSED</u> ATTENTION Downgraded at 3 years interval Declassified on 12 YEARS DDO DLR 8200.10			
DISTRIBUTION CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio (Action Cy w/incl) 2 HQ OSI w/incl 2 3d Region Commander w/incl 1 DO #5 (Info Cy w/incl) 1 DO #9, File 1		ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson AFB Dayton, Ohio	
		APPROVED <i>Edward R. Ford</i> EDWARD R. FORD Major, USAF	
		FILE STAMP UNCLASSIFIED	

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CHARACTER	SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT	PERIOD 8 July 1949	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.
REFERENCE	None. This is an initial report.	STATUS CLOSED	
SYNOPSIS	At approximately 0930 hours, 7 July 1949, while driving down Elysian Fields in a northerly direction, Mr. [REDACTED] Drive, New Orleans, La., sighted an object which was extremely bright in color and the shape of a cigar. The object was traveling at the rate of speed of a transport plane, moving broadside in a northerly direction, directly overhead. Mr. [REDACTED] could not identify the object by any markings or compare its shape with anything he had ever seen in the air. Mr. [REDACTED] followed this object while driving his car for about two (2) miles. The object appeared to gain altitude and speed as it disappeared to a pinpoint from his sight.		
DOWNGRADED AT 2 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10 <u>CLOSED</u>			
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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

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

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting - 7 July 1949
2. Time of sighting - 0930
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town - New Orleans, Louisiana
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town,
road, intersection, etc. - Approx. 4 or 5 miles from
center of New Orleans, La.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. - observed while driving on
Elysian Fields, going in a northerly direction
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing
latitude and longitude (not applicable)
 - b. Air (not applicable)
 - (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 (not applicable)
 - (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) (not applicable)
5. Distance of object from observer object was traveling in a
northerly direction (same direction as observer)
 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon
 - c. Altitude About 2000 ft.

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AGENT'S NOTE: Observer was asked to give this Agent the approx.
altitude of an airplane which was flying by at time of interview.
Observer stated plane was about 2000 ft. Agents believed plane
to be between 5,000 and 6,000 ft. which would make observer's
estimate of object faulty.

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6. Time in sight About three (3) minutes
7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color - silver, luminous (ver bright)
 - b. Shape (sketch if possible) "cigar" shape, traveling broadside.
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent) Could not be determined.
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size compared to a big bomber or a transport plane.
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view
(Compared to known object) (as above)
8. Direction of flight North
9. Tactics or maneuvers
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. Level flight, appearing to gain altitude and speed as object left observer's sight.
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 (No Clouds)
 - a. Opened path thru clouds
 - b. Formed cloud or mists
 - c. Reflected on cloud
 - d. Shown thru cloud
12. Lights None
 - a. Reflected or attached
 - b. Luminous
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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12. Support - apparently none

- a. Wings
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
- c. Vertical jet
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion - None visible

- a. Propellor or jet
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
(Katz Mayer effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability - could not be determined

- a. Fine
- b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location

16. Air ducts None

- a. Slots
- b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Appeared to be moving at the same rate of speed as an ordinary transport.

18. Sound None

- a. Continuous whine or buzz
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
- c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance Object came to a "pinpoint" and disappeared.

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer - [REDACTED]
2. Address [REDACTED] Orleans, La.
3. Occupation - Insurance Salesman
4. Place of business - [REDACTED], New Orleans, La.
 - a. Employer or employee - Employee of Life & Casual Insurance Co.
5. Hobbies - Study of birds
 - a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) - could not be determined.
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.? - No.
6. Ability to determine
 - a. Color - good
 - b. Speed of moving objects - good
 - c. Size at distance - good
7. Reliability of observer
 - a. Sources
 - (1) Neighbor
 - (2) Police Dept
 - (3) FBI records
 - (4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on
 - a. Sightings in general - object was seen through the front windshield as it passed overhead into sight
 - b. How attention was drawn to object (s)
 - (1) Sound Reflection of object
 - (2) Motion
 - (3) Glint of light
9. Witnesses None.
 - a. Addresses
 - b. Occupation
 - c. Reliability
10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person.
Observer appeared to be of average intelligence.
Interrogated. Observer's wife is a school teacher.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground (NOT APPLICABLE)
 - 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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INCIDENT NO. 390A

1. Date of Observation 7 July Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 0915
3. Place of Observation New Orleans, La.
4. Position of observer Ground in auto
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size of large airplane
8. Color of object Bright silver similar to reflection of an airplane
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude 2500' - 45°
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer 1 1/2 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) North
14. Time in sight 30 seconds
15. Speed Approximately 160 M.P.H.
16. Sound and odor too far away to notice
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Reflected
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers like airplane in steep bank.
21. Manner of disappearance disappeared behind trees
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions CAVU

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Name and address of observer:

~~REDACTED~~, New Orleans, La.

Occupation and hobbies:

S/A 9th D-OSI

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 390

1. Date of Observation 7 July 1949 Date of Interview 7 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 0930
3. Place of Observation New Orleans, La.
4. Position of observer Ground in augo
5. What attracted attention to object Bright color
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size of large transport plane
8. Color of object Bright silver
9. Shape of cigar
10. Altitude 45°
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer Approximately 2 blocks
13. Direction of flight of object(s) North
14. Time in sight 3 Minutes
15. Speed Normal speed of airplane
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Very bright and shiny
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Climbing slowly
21. Manner of disappearance gradually
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Ceiling and visibility unlimited. Scattered clouds 2,500'

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Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Incident
New Orleans, La.

Insurance Salesman
Study of birds

Appears reliable

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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Basic ltr from Commandant U.S. Coast Guard, Wash D.C. 12 Jul 49,
"Unconventional Aircraft; report of sighting"

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

To: Commandant U. S. Coast Guard, Headquarters, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Intelligence and Law Enforcement Division

1. Additional detailed information as outlined by the inclosed form is desired relative to the sighting initially reported by inclosure to basic letter.

2. It is particularly desired that questions 3 and 4 of the general section be completed.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Guide to Investigation
(in dup)

HAROLD E. SATSON
Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Intelligence Department

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Address Reply To:

COMMANDANT
U.S. Coast Guard
Headquarters,
Washington, D.C.

12 July 1949
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File: INT(a)

FROM: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIA XO-3

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft; report of sighting

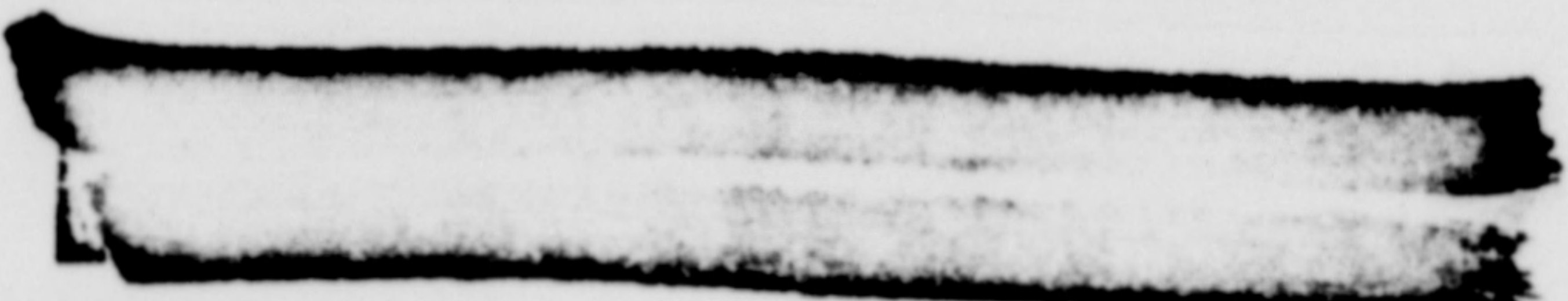
In accordance with the provisions of Air Intelligence Requirements
Memorandum Number 4 concerning the subject, there is forwarded herewith
a report of the sighting of an unconventional aircraft near Lake
Pontchartrain, Louisiana, on 7 July, 1949.

By direction of the Commandant.

Incl
Report

S. Y. HAMMOND
LCDR, USCG
Chief, Intelligence and Law
Enforcement Division

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REPORT OF SIGHTING OF "FLYING DISCS" OR OTHER
PHENOMENA IN THE ATMOSPHERE

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Date of sighting 7 July, 1949 Time 0930S

Location of sighting Elysian Fields Ave, between Gentilly Road and Lake
Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La.

Weather conditions: Ceiling and visibility unlimited, scattered clouds at 2500'

OBJECT SIGHTED

Number One (1) Heading North
Shape Oblong Altitude 2000'
Size Larger than a large airplane Maneuverability Not reported
Color Bright silver Sound Not reported
Speed Not reported Exhaust trail Not reported

WITNESSES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

REMARKS

Immediately reported to District Intelligence Officer, 8th ND and Intelligence Officer
4th Army in New Orleans, La.

Signature J. F. McCUE
Commander, USCG
Chief Search&Rescue Section

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-23

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

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 7 July 1949, at
New Orleans, Louisiana, by
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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.

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1 Incl:
Rpt of Invest (2)

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

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

000.9 AKADB-I

25 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena **UNCLASSIFIED**

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

The inclosed report re aerial phenomenon observed by [REDACTED] S/A, 9th OSI District (IG), at New Orleans, Louisiana, 7 July 1949, was submitted to this office and is being forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
As stated

L. S. Tracy
Lt Col Cav
Actg G-2 Ex
for MAX H. GOOLER
Colonel, GSC
Actg AC of S, G-2

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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25 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 aerial phenomenon observed by ~~John [redacted]~~
at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 7 July 1949, is forwarded for your
information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
As stated

L. J. Tracy
1st Col Law
Actg G-2 Ex
for MAX H. COOLER
Colonel, GSC
Actg AC of S, G-2

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Office of Special Investigations

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-25

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

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 7 July 1949, At
New Orleans, Louisiana,
[REDACTED]
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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INDEX	___
SERIAL	___
CLSFY	___
FILE	___

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

1. Transmitted herewith is Closed Report of Investigation regarding above Subject.

2. 9th District OSI does not contemplate any further action in the above case.

1 Incl:
Rpt of Invest (2)

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

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL 22 SEP 1949 OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS 5TH DISTRICT	
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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

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Incident No. _____

1. Date of observation 7 July 1949 Date of Interview 7 July 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 0930
3. Place of observation: Fillmore and Elysian Fields Avenues, New Orleans,
(Map Coordinates) Louisiana
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Automobile
5. What attracted attention to object: Bright color
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): Size of large transport plane.
8. Color of object: Bright silver
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Shape of
a cigar.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
About forty-five (45) degree angle.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): North
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object
appeared to be): Approximately two (2) blocks.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): North
14. Time in sight: Approximately three (3) minutes.
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): About the normal speed of
an airplane.
16. Sound and odor: No sound or odor.
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) No trail.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of
brilliance): Very bright and shiny.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): No projections
or fins.
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path):
Climbing slowly.

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Incident No. _____

21. Manner of disappearance: Gradually disappeared.
22. Effect on clouds: No clouds.
23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather condition was clear.

25. Name and address of observer: [REDACTED]
New Orleans, Louisiana.
Occupation and hobbies: Insurance salesman. Hobbies: Study of birds.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he wished this information kept in strictest confidence since if divulged it would adversely affect his employment. For this reason no neighborhood check was made. Information was given to this *

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Observer did not wear glasses and has 20/20 vision.

*office on the above-mentioned basis.

The indices of the following agencies were checked on 8 July 1949, reference [REDACTED] with negative results.

Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans, Louisiana
Local Police, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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