

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Jul 49	2. LOCATION Valdosta, Georgia 407
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The object was described as a reddish-orange flame, looked like a V-2 rocket being launched. Appeared to have moved more slowly as it gained altitude.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-visual	
7. COURSE Climbing	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
25 July 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

G-2, Hq. Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga.

SUBJECT

Flaming Object Reported Over
Valdosta, Georgia

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
USUALLY RELIABLE B
FAIRLY RELIABLE C
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D
UNRELIABLE E
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN (F)

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
PROBABLY TRUE 2
POSSIBLY TRUE 3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
IMPROBABLE 5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED . . . (6)

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"Mr. [REDACTED] said he dressed hurriedly and rushed into his yard where he was still able to clearly see the moving object.

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1. Date of Observation 20 July 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) Before midnight
3. Place of Observation Valdosta, Georgia
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object Reddish orange
9. Shape Like V-2 flame
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight 7 Minutes
15. Speed Rapidly
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Appeared to be climbing
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

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Name and address of observer: [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies:

Engraver

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

27 September 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Commander
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCIAXS

1. Inclosed for your information and necessary action are reports of investigation of Special Agent PALMER S. MCCLELLAN, District Office #6, dated 14 September 1949.

2. Inclosed reports concern two separate incidents occurring on 7 and 19 July 1949 at Valdosta, Georgia.
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3. No investigation is contemplated by this district.

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1. Rpt of Inc dtd
19 Jul 49
2. Rpt of Inc dtd
7 Jul 49

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

AJACI-3 360.33

25 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

1. Inclosed herewith is summary of information re report of flaming object over Valdosta, Georgia.

2. Apparently this is not the same incident mentioned in our letter 15 July.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

Wm. T. Martin Jr.
Major Infantry
Chief Dom. Intel. Div.

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