

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP		2. LOCATION		409
21 Jul 49 22/0050Z		Darien, Georgia		
3. SOURCE		10. CONCLUSION		
Civilian				
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		Astro (METEOR)		
One				
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS		
Less than 1 minute				
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION				
Ground-Visual				
7. COURSE				
West		The object first appeared as a strong white light with an after-glow, streaking across the sky from East to West, then it became the color of flame and disappeared instantaneously as though it had been turned off with an electric switch.		
8. PHOTOS				
☐ Yes ☒ No				
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE				
☐ Yes ☒ No				

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

29 July 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

Hq Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia

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SUBJECT

Unconventional Aircraft

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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"The night was cloudy, there were no stars visible, and the light, while it appeared about the size and shape of one of the lights of a plane, traveled with far greater speed than that of any aircraft ever seen in this section.

"Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] of South Newport, who were driving along the highway at that hour, also reported seeing the mysterious light." (F-6)

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INCIDENT NO. 409

1. Date of Observation 21 July 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1950
3. Place of Observation Darien, Georgia
4. Position of observer Ground in auto
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Size of aircraft light
8. Color of object White light
9. Shape Strong white light with afterglow to flame color.
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer South
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West
14. Time in sight Less than minute
15. Speed Faster than aircraft
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance Instantaneously
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Cloudy, no stars

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Name and address of observer: Mrs. [REDACTED])
Mrs. [REDACTED])
Charles [REDACTED]) Darien, Georgia
Occupation and hobbies: [REDACTED])
Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] South Newport, Georgia

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

AJACI-3. 360.33

29 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is summary of information re report of mysterious object in the sky.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Wm. T. Martin Jr.
JOHN MEADE

Colonel, GSC Wm. T. Martin Jr.
AC of S, G-2 Major Infantry
Chief Dom. Intel.Div.

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