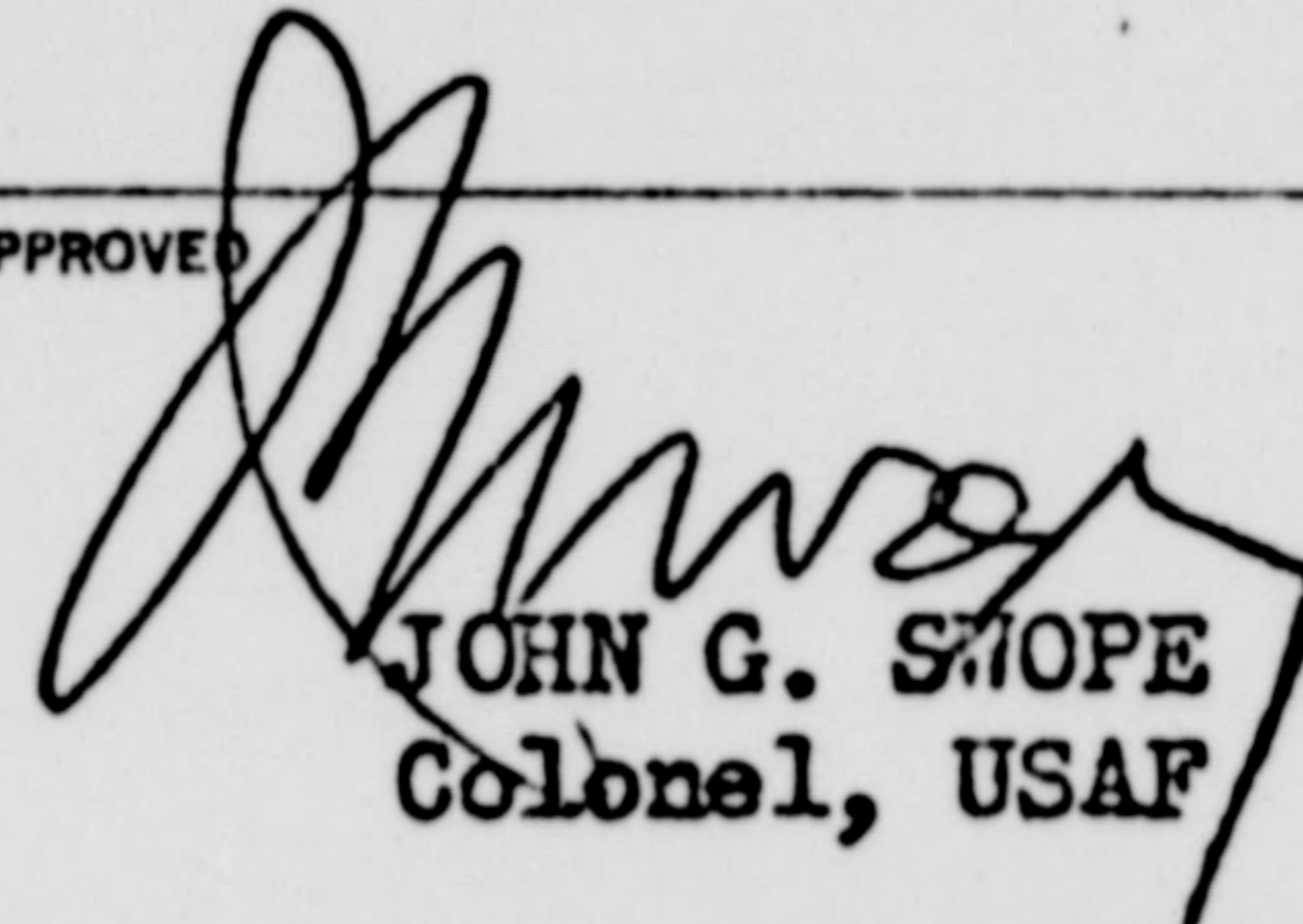


1. D. TIME GROUP Summer 1951	2. LOCATION Gonzales, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Reported about one year after sighting. One object size of fighter a/c at 3/4 miles. Object of aluminum color, shiny. Egg shaped longer than round. Object initially observed at 45 deg elevation. Object at 060 deg azimuth. Flight was slow. Covered 5-10 deg of arc in 2-3 minutes. No sound. Thought to be about 2 miles away. Had four fins and colored band around center. Object was turning slowly. Disappeared behind clouds. A/C was in area and passed close to object. Clear day, sun shining. Big as moon, silver color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Few Minutes	
7. COURSE Climbing	
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. 24-39/6 UNCLASSIFIED	DATE 12 June 1952
TITLE Unusual Aerial Phenomena Sighted from Gonzales, Texas, and Vicinity		REPORT MADE BY REUBEN STRICKLAND, S/A TO	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas	
		PERIOD 20-21 May 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS Investigation initiated by District Commander, based on information from FBI Field Office, San Antonio, Texas, that [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, and two other persons had observed an unusual aerial phenomena. Investigation revealed that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], all of Gonzales, Texas, had observed an aerial phenomena east south east of center of Gonzales, summer of 1951. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, had seen two (2) unusual aerial objects, one while driving through Shiner, Texas, and one while driving on Highway #3 at Oak Forest, Texas. One was unusual because it appeared to vanish into a ball of fire, and the other because it had no markings or insignia. Mrs. [REDACTED] and husband saw an unusual circular aerial object while driving south on Highway #3, approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales. Acquaintances stated reliability of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] might be questionable. All other interviewees were considered reliable.			
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander based on information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Field Office, San Antonio, Texas, that [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, and two (2) other persons had observed an unusual aerial phenomena on an unspecified date in the summer of 1951.

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2. On 20 May 1952, Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and related that he had witnessed unusual aerial phenomena on three (3) different occasions. He stated that the first phenomena that he had seen was approximately one (1) year ago in either June or July 1951. He had observed the object around noon one day while standing in front of his radio and television shop at [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas. He gave the following information concerning the sighting of this object:

Q. Date of Observation?

A. Summer of 1951 (June - July).

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. Noon, approximately.

Q. Place of Observation?

A. In front of Radio and Television Shop at 720 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, Texas.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?

A. Standing on sidewalk.

Q. What attracted attention to object?

A. Looking up to check TV antenna on top of his shop.

Q. Number of objects?

A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?

A. Size of fighter plane at 3/4 mile distance.

Q. Color of object?

A. Aluminum - shiny.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?

A. Egg shaped - slightly longer than around.

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Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?

A. 45° angle up from horizon.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?

A. 60 degrees.

Q. Direction of flight of object?

A. North of east to east.

Q. Time in sight?

A. Two (2) or three (3) minutes.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?

A. Traveling slow in forward direction - 5° - 10° while in sight.

Q. Sound and odor?

A. No sound. No odor.

Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?

A. Two (2) miles through air, one and one-half (1½) miles ground distance, about edge of town.

Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?

A. No trail.

Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?

A. No lights - shiny.

Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?

A. Had four projections - similar to four leaf clover with rounding ends. Had circle band around center that was rotating in clockwise direction. Circle had fins similar to water wheel. Circle appeared to turn slowly - able to see it turn. No other projections.

Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc.)?

A. Appeared to make bank. Band may have been part of clover leaf shapes.

Q. Manner of disappearance?

A. Disappeared behind a cloud. Another airplane approached to within 1/4 mile of object.

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Q. Effect on clouds?

A. Clouds did not effect vision while in sight. No effect on clouds.

Q. Additional information concerning object?

A. None.

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?

A. Clear day, visibility unlimited. Sun shining. No haze.

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

A. Open vision.

Q. Name and address of observer?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Occupation and hobbies?

A. Radio and TV technician. Hobbies - making of model airplanes, all types. Attended B-29 Air Mechanic School at Amarillo, Texas, 1945 in service. Had course in Aircraft Identification.

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3. On 20 May 1952, Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Highway # 183 South, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and stated that sometime in May or June 1951 while standing on the sidewalk with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Street, Gonzales, Texas, he had observed an unusual aerial phenomena. [REDACTED] gave the following information concerning the sighting:

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Q. Date of observation?

A. May - June 1951.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?

A. 1400 hours.

Q. Place of observation?

A. Standing in front of 720 St. Paul Street, Gonzales. Only two (2) who saw object.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?

A. Standing on street.

Q. What attracted attention to object?

A. [REDACTED] pointed it out to [REDACTED].

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?

A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist or arms length)?

A. Big as moon. Silver color.

Q. Color of object?

A. Silver.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?

A. Cylindrical - about round.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?

A. 75° angle from horizon.

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- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. 90° from north, clockwise.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. South from east.
- Q. Time in sight?
A. Ten (10) - twelve (12) seconds.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Ten (10) to twelve (12) degrees, or traveling approximately one (1) degree per second.
- Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound or odor.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?
A. 8000 - 10000 feet high, 3/4 mile land distance, over about city limits.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?
A. Appeared to have had a light trail, black smoke.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. Nothing luminous.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. No projections.
- Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Straight flight - maybe slightly climbing.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Disappeared behind a cloud.
- Q. Effect on clouds?
A. Medium high scattered clouds. Object out in open while visible. Believes object came out of one cloud and into another. Object had no effect on cloud it entered.
- Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. Object appeared flat and had a sliding motion forward.

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- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Weather - medium high clouds, sun shining. Visibility unlimited.
- Q. Name and address of observer?
A. Mr. [REDACTED]
- Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. Restaurant owner and operator, Gonzales, Texas. Reads books and many articles concerning "flying saucers", all the articles he can find. Not able to identify conventional aircraft.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Usually wears glasses - can see further without glasses - was not wearing glasses at the time.

Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that he was very interested in "flying saucers" and read all the books and articles he could find on them. He stated that he believed there were such things and explained that they generated their power through magnetic force and also through absorbing energy from the sun during the day which made them glow at night. Mr. [REDACTED] further advised that it was his opinion that these objects were from other planets, Mars or Venus, because he did not think scientists on earth had knowledge enough to develop such objects. Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that it was his opinion that these objects from another planet had to have canals to land in or on, therefore, it was his opinion that it is quite likely one (1) or more of these objects have landed in the inlets along lower California and that the occupants are probably presently living with Indians in that region.

Mr. [REDACTED] was seriously injured in a fire approximately two (2) years ago, losing a leg, parts of fingers, and seriously injuring his hands.

While interviewing Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED] was introduced to the writer and when she learned what Mr. [REDACTED] was being questioned about she made the remark: "I bet I could see a "flying saucer" if I went out and looked for one long enough and used my imagination"

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4. On 21 May 1952, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, PFC, U. S. Army, was interviewed and stated that in approximately April 1951, while he was standing in front of [REDACTED] Radio and Television Shop, [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas, talking to [REDACTED], he had sighted something unusual flying through the air. [REDACTED] deemed it unusual because it appeared round in shape, was of very shiny material and no sound or means of power could be noted. [REDACTED] gave the following information concerning the sighting of the aerial object:

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- Q. Date of observation?
A. April of 1951.
- Q. Exact time of observation (local)?
A. Three (3)-four (4) PM.
- Q. Place of observation?
A. Standing in front of [REDACTED] Shop, [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Standing on sidewalk.
- Q. What attracted attention to object?
A. Probably shining reflection attracted attention.
- Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?
A. One.
- Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?
A. About the size of a full moon.
- Q. Color of object?
A. Silver (shiny).
- Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Looked round - but glare was too great to note shape - unknown whether flat or long.
- Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. Approximately 60° from horizon.
- Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. Approximately 135° from north.
- Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. Going up at 60° angle and straight away from observer.
- Q. Time in sight?
A. Three (3) minutes.
- Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Moving up and away - unable to estimate speed and no change in angle of sight.

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- Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound. No odors.
- Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?
A. Estimate one (1) mile from observer to object. Was approximately over fair grounds or cotton mills in edge of Gonzales, approximately 1/2 mile away.
- Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?
A. No trail.
- Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. Reflection of about brightness of sun reflecting off chrome on real bright day.
- Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. Unknown.
- Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Was climbing straight ahead to south south east.
- Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Just went away into the distance.
- Q. Effect on clouds?
A. No clouds remembered. Real bright clear day, visibility unlimited.
- Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. Never say anything like it before or since. Doesn't believe it was a conventional plane.
- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Weather clear, visibility unlimited, nothing to obstruct vision.
- Q. Name and address of observer?
A. [REDACTED], Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. U. S. Army, light anti-aircraft gun crew. 9th Grade High School. Since he has been in the Army, May 1951, he has studied aircraft recognition and still thinks it was other than known type aircraft.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Does not wear glasses, 20/20 vision. Used no seeing devices.

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- Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. Thought it could have been a cloud at first then decided it wasn't. Finally thought it could have been a "flying saucer" since they had heard and read about them.
- Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Weather clear - sun shining, visibility unlimited.
- Q. Name and address of observer?
A. Mrs. [REDACTED]
Gonzales, Texas.
- Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Wears glasses all time - had them on at time. Saw through windshield - was clean. Able to recognize aircraft.

Mr. [REDACTED] was not available for interview, however, Mrs. [REDACTED] stated they had recently discussed the object and what she had stated was also the views of Mr. [REDACTED]

6. On 21 May 1952, Sheriff L. O. McGINTY, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, advised that he has known the following persons ten (10), fifteen (15) and thirty (30) years respectively and considered them to be completely reliable and truthful. None had ever been in any trouble and were respected citizens of Gonzales, Texas:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mrs. [REDACTED]

Sheriff McGINTY further advised that he did not know [REDACTED], but knew his father very well and that he worked for the City of Gonzales. He advised that he considered [REDACTED] father reliable and trustworthy, and that he had no reason to doubt [REDACTED] son ([REDACTED] being of the same caliber person.

7. On 21 May 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed concerning the reliability, honesty, and character of the following persons:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mrs. [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he only knew Mr. [REDACTED] through banking business and, therefore, he was unable to attest to the credibility of any information

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Mr. [REDACTED] might relate. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he had known Mr. [REDACTED] all his life and that he believed [REDACTED] was of good character and trustworthy, however, he had some doubt about the credibility of information received from [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] might be inclined to seek publicity. He based this on the way [REDACTED] would greet him whenever they met, which was quite frequently. [REDACTED] would greet him [REDACTED] as if they had not seen each other in months when in fact it may have not been over a day or two since they had spoken to each other. Mr. [REDACTED] further advised that he did not know just how to express what he meant, but that [REDACTED] was peculiar in a way and might exaggerate the truth or supplement it through his imagination.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he had known Mrs. [REDACTED] for many years and believed her to be completely reliable, honest, trustworthy, and that any information she related would be credible.

8. On 21 May 1952, Mrs. DELBERT DUNN, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and stated substantially the same as Mr. WOOD concerning the honesty, character, and credibility of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]. Mrs. DUNN further advised that Mr. [REDACTED] was honest, trustworthy, and reliable, but that he had changed considerably since he had been injured in a fire and that at present, she was somewhat doubtful about the credibility of information he might relate because he seemed to read and think a great deal and then use his imagination to supplement the facts. Mrs. DUNN further stated that she did not wish to imply that anyone of the three (3) persons would make up a complete falsehood or that they were not basically honest, truthful, dependable, and reliable.

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On 10 and 11 July 1951, Sgt. [REDACTED] who is stationed at the Corona Experimental Radar Site about 18 miles southwest of Corona, New Mexico made the following verbal report to Capt. Dyvad and myself:

About 2230, 9 July 1951 I noticed a red glowing ball of light about the size of a full moon to the west or west south west of the station low above the horizon. I called the civilian Security Guard, Mr. [REDACTED], and we both watched it slowly descend for about thirty seconds before it went below the trees. There was an after-glow for another ten seconds. No sound was heard that might have come from the object. Visibility was slightly poor and although some stars could be seen, there were dark clouds over part of the sky. The light was nearly circular in shape and uniform in the red glowing color.

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