

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 November 1951		2. LOCATION <u>Arkansas, Oklahoma,</u> San Antonio, Texas, <u>New Mexico</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical METEOR ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>7/1315Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE West to East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object reflected a lights as if it might have been the sun's rays reflected from an a/c. Object traveling at a tremendous speed (Speed of a shooting star). Object went out of sight over horizon. Object appeared to be traveling with the contour of the earth. No trail or fire.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as Meteor by Dr. LaPaz.	

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WASHINGTON

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

15 November 1951

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Attached hereto for your information is one copy of a Spot Intelligence Report by District Office No. 10, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, file 10D 24-39, subject as above, dated 8 November 1951.

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Spot Intel Rpt dtd 8 Nov 51

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Acting District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
10TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, KELLY FIELD, TEXAS

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AIR MAIL

8 November 1951

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: Strange object was sighted by [REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas Police Department at 0715 hours on 7 November 1951. This object reflected a light as if it might have been the sun's rays reflected from an airplane. It was travelling at a tremendous rate of speed across the horizon from west to east.

2. DETAILS: On 7 November 1951 Mr. [REDACTED] San Antonio Police Department, was interviewed concerning his observance of a strange object reflecting a light as if it might be an airplane reflecting the sun's rays. This alleged object was travelling at a tremendous speed and was sighted at 0715 hours across the horizon from west to east. [REDACTED]'s description is as follows: [REDACTED] stated that while driving to work on 7 November 1951, he turned north on Cato Blvd., located in the north section of San Antonio, Texas. Looking straight ahead, he saw an unknown object crossing the horizon from west to east with a speed of a shooting star. The object remained within his vision for two (2) seconds, going out of sight over the horizon. Further, this object showed no signs of being a meteor as there was no trail of fire observed. [REDACTED] could not estimate the height at which the object was travelling except to state that it appeared to travel with the contour of the earth and was far enough away from the point from which he was viewing it that he need only look straight ahead. [REDACTED] estimated the size of this object as that of an airplane at the furthest visual range and travelling at such high speed that he expected it to disintegrate any moment. Further, this object appeared to be in controlled flight as it seemed to stay on a parallel with the earth.

The following weather report was given by the Kelly
AFB Weather Office:

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On 7 November 1951 at 0630 hours the weather was clear with fifteen (15) miles visibility; pressure 291; temperature 36 degrees; dew point 33; wind calm; altimeter 30.37.

The weather reads as follows at 0730 hours on 7 November 1951: weather, clear, fifteen (15) mile visibility; pressure 295; temperature 44 degrees; dew point 35; wind, calm; altimeter 30.38.

The following radio transcriptions used in news broadcast from Station KABC, San Antonio, Texas on 7 November 1951:

The following news item was broadcast over radio station KABC on the 12:00 PM news, Wednesday, 7 November 1951:

"A lot of conflicting reports are being received about the meteor that flashed across the Texas skies around 7:15 this morning. For instance, Waco residents say it appeared to be only five-hundred to seven-hundred feet overhead, and appeared to fall in the nearby Brazos River. At Wichita Falls, the 'Ball of Fire' appeared to flash across the sky to the north, moving west to east. At Amarillo, the meteor seemed to be moving from north to southeast, in the eastern part of the Texas Panhandle. Some say it disintegrated over the south plains; others say it disappeared just north of Gainesville in the Red River Valley area.

"A few things are certain: It was an extremely bright meteor, resembling a miniature sun during its brief trip through the atmosphere. It lasted only about ten seconds. Residents in four states saw the phenomenon -- from Central Texas to Western Arkansas, to Central Oklahoma, and westward to Tucumcari, New Mexico."

The following news items was broadcast over radio station KABC on the 6:00 PM news, Wednesday, 7 November 1951:

"That meteor which caused such a sensation yesterday morning probably fell to earth in fragments in the neighborhood of Hinton, Oklahoma-- just west of Oklahoma City. At least, that's the guess of Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, an authority on meteors at New Mexico University. He says that a Fort Worth astronomer, OSCAR E. MOENIG, expects to search for fragments in the Oklahoma area."

3. ACTION TAKEN: Two (2) information copies of this report forwarded to Commanding General, AMC. No other action contemplated by this office.

cc: CG, AMC ✓

JOHN G. STOPE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 7 Nov 51

TIME (Local): 0715

LOCATION: San Antonio, Texas

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 2 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Very High

ALTITUDE: Very High

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: City detective

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No investigation

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Unknown, high flying object reflection sun's rays.
This incident took place at the same time a large meteor was seen in other parts of the S.W. The description is different, however, as none of the meteors looked like high flying aircraft.

11 November, 1952
Durango, Texas

SIGHTING BAR-BELL SHAPE AT DURANGO, TEXAS,
NOVEMBER 11, 1952 ABOUT 3:40 PM.

"I saw two objects at about 75° elev. and 20° azimuth, moving rapidly in an ESE direction, at apparently at a very great height. Both

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were the same size, not appearing metallic, bright, or sharply defined, but of a fuzzy, misty, ragged-edged cloud-like appearance, cloud-gray in color, roughly globular, without elevators, fuselage, wings, etc., or any characteristics of an inflated or deflated balloon or aircraft. They tumbled over each other vertically every 3 or 4 seconds, holding the same shape and ragged outlines, always staying the same distance apart, held together by a taut, wispy gray band, ragged and irregular in width, of the same cloud-like structure and color as the two objects. After rotating vertically for about 40 seconds, they tilted to the right until they rotated horizontally; after 15 or 20 sec., tilted up until vertical rotation was resumed..happened 3 or 4 times with the wispy connecting band taut and visible at all angles during tilting and rotation. The motions duplicated exactly a bar-bell being turned end-over-end vertically, then tilted slowly until rotating horizontally ...action and movement continued toward ESE to about 48° elevation and at 95° azimuth when forward motion slowed down somewhat, but with the regularity of the rotations remaining the same, when they turned sharply in a matter of 2 or 3 sec. toward the NNE to about 75° azimuth, apparently still on a level course...the objects did not diminish in perspective or visibility as is always normal in viewing receding objects.

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