

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 May 1952	2. LOCATION <u>Houston, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2210 CST GMT 21 0410 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 3 AT Navigators		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 90 Sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE 300°	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING None Color: Orange--white Shape: Unknown			11. COMMENTS Observers were conducting ***** practice. Noticed object coming toward them from 45° elevation at 360°. Object moved to 180° bearing and made turn. Weather Clear. Maneuvers: Erratic movements from side to side but on straight course.

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3605th NAVIGATOR TRAINING WING
ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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26 May 1952

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Inclosed herewith is information copy of Intelligence Report, IR 1-52, subject as above, submitted in accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Celestial Phenomenon - FLYORPT

AREA REPORTED ON

Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas

FROM (Agency)

Wing Intelligence, Ellington Air Force Base

DATE OF REPORT

23 May 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION

22 May 1952

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

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SOURCE

Capt. J. E. Spurgin - 40664270

Capt. B. E. Stephan - 4087068

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Ltr., Hq USAF, AFM-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 51. (Uncl) Route of Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118- Part II.)

Report of unidentified light, thought to be a Celestial Phenomenon or strange flying object, as seen by Capt. J.E. Spurgin, Capt. B.E. Stephan and Mrs. B.E. Stephan on about 2210, 20 May 1952.

COMMENTS of Reporting Officer:

1. The two officers who are the source for this report were observing the stars in conjunction with their sextant practice at the home of Capt. Stephan. Mrs. Stephan was also present. Sighting was made and faithfully corroborated by all three witnesses.
2. Capt. J.E. Spurgin is a rated pilot, 10 years commissioned time with approximately 1400 hours flying time.
3. Capt. B.E. Stephan is a rated pilot, 2 1/2 years commissioned time with approximately 2000 hours flying time.
4. Both of these officers are now in the Single Observer School at Ellington AFB and are at present engaged in Celestial Navigation studies.
5. Mrs. B.E. Stephan was not personally interviewed.
6. In summary it is this officers opinion that these officers with their long background experience in the field of aviation made a competent observation. That it was could be a matter of conjecture.

APPROVED:

JOHN E. CLARK
 Statement Capt. J.E. Spurgin
 Capt. B.E. Stephan

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Statement of facts received from interrogation of Capt. J.E. Sturgin, AC664270, and Capt. B.E. Stephens, AC627068. Both men are assigned to the 3609th Nav Trg Sq. (MIL) Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas, and are at present pursuing a course in Celestial Navigation in the Single Observer School Program.

On the evening of the 20th of May, 1952, the two officers accompanied by Mrs. B.E. Stephan, wife of one of the officers, were standing on the lawn in front of the home of Capt. B.E. Stephan at 7416 Stanwick Drive, Houston, Texas. They had just completed sextant practice and were engaged in searching the skies to locate some additional star constellations. They were facing North when at 2210 they all observed a very bright orange white light moving toward them through the skies from about 45°. They observed this light for about ninety seconds during which time it progressed to a point just south of their position and turned gradually moving away from them on a course of approximately 300 degrees. The shape of this sighting is unknown. No exhaust or trail was seen. There was no sound heard. Maneuvers were in the form of erratic movements from side to side in a general straight course to the point of turn. Sighting continued above horizon until due to distance it was no longer visible. The observation was from the surface and was visual. Speed very fast but unable to estimate accurately as size of object and altitude of object unknown. The skies were clear with wind at surface light, approximately 10 knots per hour. The surface air was warm, between 70° and 75°. There was no known meteorological activity to account for sighting. There is no physical evidence such as photographs to work up sighting. There was no interception action taken.


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