

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>24 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Barksdale AFB, Louisiana</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 <u>2000</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>varied (3)</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>over hour.</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Light. Erratic.</u>				11. COMMENTS	

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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

DINC 350

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief,
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

The attached Air Intelligence Information Report is forwarded
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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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SUBJECT FLYOVER

AREA REPORTED ON Barksdale AFB, Louisiana FROM (Agency) 301st Bombardment Wing (m) SAC

DATE OF REPORT 2 September 1952 DATE OF INFORMATION 24 August 1952 EVALUATION B-5

PREPARED BY (OFFICE) RICHARD P REINSCH, Major, USAF SOURCE See paragraph 5

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) USAF Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952

SUMMARY (Write concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. Do not exceed 100 words. Report not to exceed 100 words. AF Form 112--Part II.)

1. An unidentified light was observed in the sky over Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana and vicinity on the night of 24 August 1952, between the hours of 2000 and 2130. Three different persons reported these observations to this office on 30 August 1952. These persons were at different locations at time of sightings and were not aware of the other observers or reports they made. Detailed accounts of these sightings are contained in the attached statements made by the individual observers.

2. Sightings occurred between 2000 and 2130 hours, 24 August 1952.

3. Sightings were visual and from the ground.

4. Two of the observers were at Barksdale Air Force Base when observations were made, and one in suburbs of Shreveport, Louisiana.

5. Persons making these observations are as follows:

a. [REDACTED], Captain USAF, 805th Air Base Group, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Rated officer, pilot, five years and six months active duty, USAF, presently assigned as PIO, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

b. [REDACTED], 2nd Lt., USAF, 301st Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Rated officer, pilot.

c. [REDACTED], Civilian Employee, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Home address: [REDACTED] Shreveport, Louisiana. Employed as Storekeeper, 301st Bombardment Wing.

6. Weather was clear, visibility unlimited at time of sightings.

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2130

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Actg Director of Intelligence

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1. Statement by Capt [REDACTED]
2. Statement by Lt [REDACTED]
3. Statement by Mr. [REDACTED]

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7. The Weather Section at Barksdale Air Force Base has a scheduled weather balloon release at approximately 2100 hours each day. Information available indicates that this balloon release is not always made exactly on the scheduled hour but may vary as much as one hour either way. This is the only known possible activity in the area that might account for these sightings.

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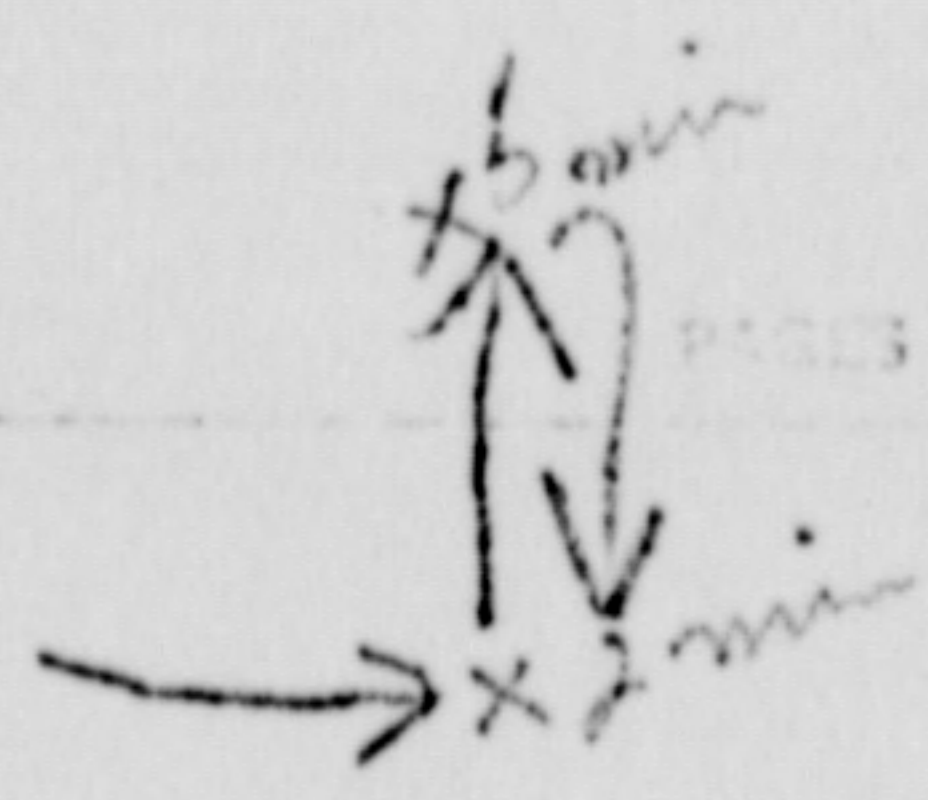
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At approximately 2000 hours 24 August 1952 I was standing on the parking lot in rear of hangar #9, Barksdale Air Force Base, when someone called my attention to a bright starlike light in the sky moving at a high rate of speed from West to East. Suddenly it stopped dead still and remained in one position for about two minutes. Then it took off again going due North. It stopped again and just seemed to hang in the air for about five minutes and began moving again, slowly this time, retracing its course and going South. It appeared that at times it was going back and forth over the same course, first North and South, then East and West. Then it would go in a circle or semi-circle as if it were making a turn; then it would stand or hang still for about five to ten minutes. Sometimes the speed was terrific and then again it just barely moved or stood still. This standing still is what impressed me most because it looked like any other star around it and made it hard to be seen unless I had seen it when it was moving before it stopped.

We watched this object for about forty-five minutes to an hour while it seemed to circle and criss-cross Barksdale as if it were observing it from every position. The last I saw of it was when it left the area travelling at a very high speed going due East.

I don't know how high this object was or how far it travelled but by placing it at one point of a triangle using two stars as the other two points I could tell what it was doing and in which direction it was going. It couldn't have been anything from Barksdale AFB because it came into view from too far to the West.

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Civilian Employee
Barksdale AFB, La.

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Sunday evening, 2150 hours, 24 August 1952, my wife and I observed a moving white light for approximately three to five minutes. It appeared to be between 700 and 2000 feet above the ground. During the period of observation it did not rise, but on one or two occasions seemed to descend a hundred or more feet.

The light was steady and unblinking. It was not a ray, as a flashlight or a landing light. It appeared not unlike an unglobed electric light bulb. It was considerably larger than the stars which could be seen in the background. It had no red or green lights, such as airplane wingtip lights, near it.

It appeared to be moving at the speed of a sub plane. It did not speed up or slow down. No form, outline, or object to which the light may have been attached could be seen.

I did not hear the object, nor was I close enough to expect to do so.

I observed the light while driving in the city limits of Shreveport, approximately three and one half miles southeast of the center of downtown Shreveport. The light was traveling south, about a mile west from my location. It turned east toward Red River. Since it was traveling slowly, I attempted to intercept it. I was not able to, however, as it passed the theoretical point of interception before I could get there. It disappeared from sight behind some trees growing at the old Red River bed, just west of its present course.

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STATEMENT

After returning from a ferry mission to Corpus Christie, Texas, one of the pilots of our crew, Major [REDACTED] 301st Air Refueling Squadron, called me to come to the northwest corner of hangar #9. When I arrived there he pointed out a group of three stars to the south that formed a triangle and then to what I took for another star at the lower left hand corner of the group. However, upon observing the latter, it could be seen that it was definitely not a fixed object. It was moving in an erratic manner about the sky in approximately a 10-15 degree area. By erratic, I mean that the object would not hold to one course and at times was not moving at all. The speeds at which the object moved would be hard to estimate without knowing the altitude and due to the fact that the speeds varied throughout the time we observed it. It appeared to be at a very high altitude, however, and it would cover a distance of approximately five (5) degrees arc in a matter of a few seconds.

When the light was at its brightest it was about the same brilliancy as the north star and then it would fade until it was barely visible. At no time that I was watching did it fade completely from sight. I would estimate that it was at about 60 degrees altitude from the ground at 180 degrees true.

At one time the object was being watched by about ten (10) people at operations. These were some of the Air Police on duty, our crew, two (2) CAP officers, and 3 or 4 in civilian clothes. The time was 2045, the night of 24 August.

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2nd Lt., USAF
301st Air Refueling Squadron

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>24 Nov 54</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Bombardier AFB, La.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2000</i> Zebra: <i>0240</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ Normal ☒ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes <i>1 hr.</i>		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>30155 Bombardment Wing, SAC, Bombardier AFB, La.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>20</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☒ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes	☒ No
☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes	☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☒ Yes		☐ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					± <u>1/2</u> Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:								
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting		
				Yes	No			
a.	<u>Panhandle</u>	<u>rawin</u>	<u>AWSS</u>	☒	☐	<u>white</u>		
b.	.			☐	☐			
c.				☐	☐			
d.				☐	☐			

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V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:	

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					
<i>No weath info. sent in.</i>					