

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Sep 52		2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas		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 2230 GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS Yes 18840		6. SOURCE Chemist, et al.			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Orange color. Bean shaped. Motionless			11. COMMENTS One observer a chemist Second thought object might be a/c exploding.		

ACTION

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED.
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FLYDEPT. 1 ORANGE, BEAN-SHAPED, UNIDENTIFIED EXPLOSIVE-LIKE FLASH
OF COLOR (SEEMINGLY FLAME) WAS OBSERVED IN THE SKY OVER SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS BY MR AND MRS J. [REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO TEX
AND BY TECH SGT AND [REDACTED] 433-B CALGARY, SAN
ANTONIO TEX AND BY MR [REDACTED] 417-A CALGARY, SAN ANTONIO
TEX. THE RELIABILITY OF THESE WITNESSES UNKNOWN. OBJECT WAS SIGHTED
2300 HRS CST, 7 SEP 52 AT THE ABOVE LISTED RESIDENCES. OBJECT DID
NOT MOVE NOR PERFORM MANEUVERS AND APPEARED TO BE BETWEEN 3000 AND
25000 FT ALT. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE BETWEEN 3 AND 15 MILES DISTANCE
FROM OBSERVERS AND WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 SECONDS BY MR
AND MRS GIBSON BUT WAS OBSERVED FOR ONLY 3 SECONDS BY TECH SGT AND
MRS CHASE. OBJECT DISAPPEARED BY APPARENTLY GOING OUT. ESTIMATES
OF SIZE RANGED FROM A PEA TO A BASKETBALL
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HEADQUARTERS
SAN ANTONIO AIR MATERIEL AREA
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS



10 September 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT

THRU: Commanding General
ATTN: Intelligence Division
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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

In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the
attached AF Form 112 is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

3 Incls:

1. AF Form 112
2. Statement - [REDACTED]
3. Statement - [REDACTED]

Robert W. Fox
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Major, USAF

Asst Air Provost Marshal

cc: ATIC
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
W-P AFB, Ohio

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AF FORM 112—PART I

APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

(CLASSIFICATION)

COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOVERPT		
AREA REPORTED ON San Antonio, Texas	FROM (Agency) SAALT	
DATE OF REPORT 10 September 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 September 1952	EVALUATION Unknown
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major Robert L. Fox	SOURCE Eye-Witnesses	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Letter 200-5, dated 20 April, 1952		
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 112—Part II.)		

One bean or round shaped unidentified object, approximately the size of a small dirigible, orange flame colored, was observed motionless over San Antonio, Texas.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

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In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April, 1952, the following information is submitted:

(1) This single, orange-colored object, when viewed from a distance, appeared to be about the size of a pea or a basketball. It made its appearance with explosive-like brilliance, and seemed to be bean shaped. Its color, as observed by [REDACTED] would be equivalent to a flame temperature of approximately 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. [REDACTED] is a chemist and is familiar with the varying shades of the spectrum given off by flames of different temperatures. No aerodynamical features, trail or exhaust, or propulsion system were observed. The object remained motionless, did not give off any sound, and disappeared in much the same way as a light going out.

(2) This object or flash was observed at 1030 hours CST, and remained visible for from three to twenty seconds, the discrepancy here being due to the varying estimates of the observers.

(3) A visual surface observation without optical or electronic equipment was made.

(4) The object was observed from two different locations, [REDACTED] and Billy Mitchell Village. The first observer placed the object in the Northwest sky. By measuring the angle of the object to the ground visually, and estimating the distance to be three miles, this observer figured the altitude of the object to be 9000'. The second observer spotted the object in the East sky, and estimated it to be at an altitude of 20,000' and 15 miles distant.

(5) This object was observed by Mr. Joseph Woodward Gibson, and wife, of [REDACTED]. Mr. Gibson, as noted above, is a chemist, and his calculations of angle, color, temperature, etc., were performed with a mathematicians thoroughness and certainty. The other observer was Mr. [REDACTED]. His sighting was witnessed by his wife, and [REDACTED].

(6) At the time of the sighting the weather was warm. There were scattered clouds, and almost no wind.

(7) No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise is known to have existed which may have accounted for the sighting.

(8) No physical evidence of the sighting exists.

(9) No interception or identification action taken.

(10) Location of air activity in the general area at the time of the sighting is unknown.

STATEMENT

At approximately 2230 hours, CST, 7 September 1952, my wife and I were visiting friends at [REDACTED] We were just leaving the residence when we noticed an unusual phenomenon in the East sky. A dark orange explosive-like flash appeared and remained visible for approximately three seconds then went out. This explosion appeared to be approximately fifteen miles distance at approximately twenty thousand feet altitude and appeared to be the size of a pea held at arms length.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[REDACTED]

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STATEMENT

At 10:30 on the night of September seventh, 1952, my wife and I were sitting outside our house at [REDACTED] when suddenly we saw a cherry orange colored object appear in the Northwest sky. This object, or light, flashed on in much the same way as a firefly, and seemed to be about the size of a small dirigible. The object was at an angle of 30 degrees from the ground, and by estimating its distance at 3 miles, I figured the object to be at an altitude of 9000'. The object remained motionless, and in fifteen or twenty seconds it suddenly disappeared. Its particular color would be equivalent to a flame temperature of approximately 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. The object was bean shaped, about twice as long as it was wide, and did not change in size, color, or brightness. Furthermore, it did not throb, pulsate, or give off smoke, and there was no sound. To the best of my knowledge this object could not feasibly be explained by the presence of any conventional aircraft, but it seems to me that it could possibly be due to the ionization of air.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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