

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Oct 52	2. LOCATION DALLAS TEX	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical (M/Tex) ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: 28/1812 CST GMT: 29/0012 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE NW	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COLOR NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Orange object descending on slight dive angle, fired rockets and disappeared. Observed by qualified flight personnel at Love Field in Dallas.		11. COMMENTS 1. See Flyolight, Paoli, Okla., same date.

ACTION

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RF120

WPG076

YDA105

WYB111

WDA185

JWFOS 034

RR JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEPLG 444

DE JWFOS 016

R 301515Z ZNJ

FM CG 140TH FBW CLOVIS AFB NM

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INT HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA 2C

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JEPLG/DCS SLANT INTEL TAC LANGLEY AFB VA

ACTION

~~FBW140IN-10-642~~ PD FLYOBRYT OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED
ORANGE COLORED OBJECT CMA FIRST APPEARING AS THE EXHAUST OR RUNNING
LIGHTS OF AN A/C CMA THEN APPEARING TO LEAVE A TRAIL SIMILAR TO AN
AFTERBURNER EXHAUST CMA DESCENDING ON A FLT PATH GENERALLY SE TO NW ON
A DIVE ANGLE OF APRX 20 DEGREES CMA SPEED UNKNOWN BUT THE OBJECT
COMPLETED AN ARC OF ABOUT 15 DEGREES IN 4 SECONDS CMA THEN IT SEEMED TO
FIRE A NUMBER OF ROCKETS AND VANISHED PD THERE WAS NO CHANGE OF FLT PATH
CMA NOTHING TO INDICATE A CRASH OND NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE
LIGHT HAD DONE MORE THAN BURN OUT PD THE BURSTS OF LIGHT PREVIOUSLY
REFERRED TO AS ROCKETS LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE 5 INCH HVAR FIRED AT

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER

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ACTION

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THAT TIME OF DAY PD OBSERVED AT 1812CST 28 OCT 52 FOR ABOUT 4
SECONDS CMA VISUALLY FROM LOVE FIELD CMA DALLAS CMA TEXAS PD
OBJECT WAS ON A BEARING OF 180 DEGREES ^{Due South} FROM GATE NUMBER SEVEN
OF THE TERMINAL AND ABOUT 15 OR 20 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON
CMA DISTANCE UNKNOWN PD OBSERVER FIRST LT WALTER H PD BAXTER CMA III
CMA USAF CMA 20103A PD WITNESSES WERE DR AND MRS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF ARLINGTON STATE COLLEGE CMA ARLINGTON CMA TEXAS PD DR
PD [REDACTED] IS A FORMER LT COMDR AND NAVY PILOT PD LT BAXTER
IS A RATED PILOT ON FLYING STATUS AND HAS RECENTLY RETND FROM
IR COMBAT IN KOREA PD BELIEVE BOTH INDIVIDUALS CAN BE CONSIDERED
RELIABLE PD THE SKY WAS CLEAR AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED PD
SIGHTING WAS REPORTED TO THE WX OFFICE AND NOTHING WAS SAID REGARDING
ANY ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING PD
TRAJECTORY BELIEVED TOO FLAT FOR A METEOR PD
32/1830Z OCT JWFOS

ACTION

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ATIC 5

COUNTRY
United States

REPORT NO.
TAC IR-55-52

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AF 487732

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLYORPT - Report of Unidentified Flying Object.

AREA REPORTED ON
Dallas, Texas

FROM (Agency)
140th Ftr-Bmr Wg. (Intel. Section)

DATE OF REPORT
31 October 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION
28 October 1952

EVALUATION
B-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)
Thomas E. Smith, Capt. USAF

SOURCE
1st Lt. Walter H. Baxter, III, 20W3A

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

FBWL40IN-10-642, 30 October 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.)

Confirmation of FLYORPT rendered by TWX FBWL40IN-10-642, 30 October 1952, concerning observation of an unidentified flying object at 1812 CST, 28 October 1952, at Love Field, Dallas, Texas. Signed narrative appears on page 2, Part II.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Smith

THOMAS E. SMITH
Captain, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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NARRATIVE BY 1ST LT. WALTER H. BAXTER, III, 20103A

At 1812 CST, 28 October 1952, while waiting for a commercial airliner at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, I visually observed an unidentified flying object on a bearing of 180 degrees from Gate # 7 of the terminal. Its flight path was generally SE to NW at a dive angle of approximately 20 degrees. Its position was some 15 or 20 degrees above the horizon, distance unknown. Its speed was unknown, but the object completed an arc of about 15 degrees in four (4) seconds.

There was considerable air traffic in the vicinity (normal Love Field activity) and there was enough light that aircraft were identifiable as to general type when viewed in the southwest, the sun to the rear. I first noticed an orange colored light which appeared to be nothing more than the exhaust or running lights of an aircraft. Then, I noticed that the light gave off an exhaust trail similar to that of an afterburner. I watched the light in its descending path for about four (4) seconds when it seemed to fire a number of "rockets" and vanished. There was no change in flight path, nothing to indicate a crash, and no reason to believe that the light had done more than burn itself out. The bursts of light previously referred to as "rockets" looked exactly like five (5) inch HVAR fired at that time of day.

The sighting was also witnessed by Dr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] of Arlington State College, Arlington, Texas. [REDACTED] stated that he was a former Lt. Comdr. and Navy Pilot.

Dr. [REDACTED] and I reported the sighting to the U.S. Weather Office at Love Field who apparently did not know what to do about it. No information was written down, nor did the individual concerned take our names. Nothing was said concerning any condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. The sky was clear and visibility excellent.

I am a rated pilot on flying status and returned from air combat operations in Korea in late August 1952.

Walter H. Baxter, III
WALTER H. BAXTER, III
1st Lt. USAF
20103A

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Observer was questioned as to whether the object could have possibly been a meteor. He stated that the trajectory was too flat for it to have been a meteor. As to source, Lt. Baxter is newly assigned this organization as of 29 Aug 1952. However, he has proven himself to be a sober, reliable individual, and his record bears this out.

W.H.B.