

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 May 53 25/0845Z	2. LOCATION Ramore, Ontario, Canada
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (STAR/PLANET) Sighting characteristic of distorted interpretation of astro body. Many conflicting statements. One of the observers belived object to be a star.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round orange colored object first observed 5 miles NE of Ramore at a stationary position. Then object appeared to be traveling to the SE on a climbing course disappearing into an overcast about 50 miles away. Sources stated that sparks flew from it one time. Object moved at an extremely high rate of speed.
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

Multiple

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RAMORE, ONTARIO, CANADA*

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CO 128 PD WRIGHT PATTERSON ATTN ATIAA-2C PD FLYOBRPT PD IN COMPL WITH
PAR 7C AFL 200-5 THE FOL INFO IS SUBND PD ONE CLN ONE ROUND ORANGE
USED OBJECT CMA MUCH LARGER THAN A STAR CMA CAPABLE OF HOVERING
STATIONARY AS WELL AS EXTREME HIGH SPEEDS PD NO SOUND OR EXHAUST
ALTHO AT ONE TIME LEFT TRAIL LIKE SHOOTING START PD TRAVELED LATERAL
AND VERTICAL CMA DISAPPEARED BY GOING STRAIGHT UP INTO OVERCAST PD
TWO CLN 0415 EDT 25 MAY 53 FOR 20 MIN PD THREE CLN VISUAL FROM SURFACE
PD FOUR CLN OBSERVED FROM TOWN OF RAMORE CMA OBJECT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT
FIVE MILES TO NE PD HOVERED OVER SITE PD FROM SITE IT APPARED TO TVL
TO SE CMA CLIMBING PD ABOUT FIFTY MILES AWAY IT MADE VERTICAL ASCENT

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AND DISAPPEARED IN OVERCAST PD FIVE CLN OBSERVED BY FIVE AIRMEN CMA
SOBER AND RELIABLE CMA FIRST EXPERIENCE PD SIC CLN CLEAR CMA NO SURFACE
WIND CMA WIND ALOFT UNK PD SEVEN CLN NONE EIGHT CLN NONE NINE CLN
NONE TEN CLN NONE PD ATTN 4708TH DW PD AF FM 112 NOT AVAIL THIS STA
CMA REQ SUP AND/OR DISP INSTRS PD END

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HEADQUARTERS, 4708TH DEFENSE WING, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan

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

Basic correspondence forwarded in accordance with paragraph 7e(2)(a),
Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
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T. W. Blackburn, Jr.
T. W. BLACKBURN, JR.
Captain USAF
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HEADQUARTERS
912TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
Ramore, Ontario, Canada

OPS 319.1

26 May 1953

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

THRU: Commanding Officer
4708th Defense Wing
Selfridge Air Force Base
Mount Clemens, Michigan

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

1. Due to the non-availability at this organization of AF Form 112 "Air Intelligence Information Report", the expanded written report on this unit's teletype message CO 128 "FLYOBRPT" 25 May 1953 is being submitted in letter form.

a. As reported by five (5) airmen observed the unidentified object.

- (1) Was round and orange colored, relative size - much larger than a star. At the time of initial observation 0415 local time EDT, 25 May 1953. The men were approaching the base in an automobile from the west and about 5 miles from the hill around which the object seemed to hover. The object approached the hilltop from the north slowly - then seemed to hover over the hilltop. Radar set (AN/FPS-3) is being installed on hill and an AN/TPS-1D that is being used as lashup equipment was not operational due to ROCP. The men drove their car towards the hill and the object began moving away at increased speed towards the SE. As the men arrived on the hill the object was about fifty (50) miles away and going into a rapid steep climb through the overcast. The object made no noise and was not heard by any of the airmen on duty on the hill. It had a definite shape to it and did not appear gaseous.

How can a hole in the clouds be seen at 50 miles distance?

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1 Only one of the men reported seeing or noticing any trail behind it when it moved. All five reported that when it went through the overcast it left a break in the clouds behind it, the break had a glare to it. The men stopped their car frequently to observe the object so that its motion was observed from the car in motion as well as at rest.

b. The time of initial sighting was 0415 Eastern Daylight Saving Time and the object was observed for about twenty (20) minutes.

c. The object was observed visually from the surface.

d. At time of sighting the airmen were close to the town of Ramore in Ontario, Canada and the object seemed to be about five miles to the Northeast. The object hovered over the hilltop elevation about 1300 feet and then moved rapidly to the Southeast as the men approached the hilltop.

e. The object was sighted by the following named airmen:

- (1) Thomas C. Sfinas, A/1C, AF 31 481 693
- (2) Vittorio E. Settimi, A/2C, AF 12 373 979
- (3) Thomas J. De Stefano, A/3C, AF 13 140 963
- (4) Dean F. Mc Donald, A/3C, AF 12 381 263
- (5) Paul H. Ryan Jr, A/3C, AF 12 327 217

All five are considered reliable and they were in a sober state. For all of them it was their first experience with such an object.

f. The weather at the time was clear and there were no surface winds. The condition of winds aloft is unknown. *? Statement says it was cloudy*

g. This organization has no information as to any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

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h. There are no fragments, photographs or other physical evidence of the sighting.

i. There was no interception or identification action taken.

j. There was no air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting.

2. Statements of five observers are attached herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
5 Statements of Airmen

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HAROLD E. SOLBERG
CWO, USAF
Adjutant

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STATEMENT

On our way back to the base on the morning of May 24, 1953 about 0430 in the morning Airman Settini called to our attention an orange colored object in the form of a softball moving steadily towards the top of the hill. We kept on watching the strange object move at a steady pace all the way up till we reached the main gate. There we asked the airman on duty if he had noticed the same object, but he hadn't. After passing through the gate we paused for a few minutes to watch and see if we could still see the same object which we could, so we hurried up to the top of the hill to see if we could get a closer look at the object, but it was far off by the time we got to the top of the hill so we stopped the car and watched the object disappeared into the dark clouds. We waited awhile to see if it would come out of the clouds again but it didn't so we left and reported it to the Commanding Officer.

Thomas C. Spinas

THOMAS C. SPINAS

A/1C, USAF

AF 31 481 693

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STATEMENT

At approximately 0415, 25 May 1953, 4 Airmen and myself were returning from a trip to Kirkland Lake. When turning onto the road near the White Rose Service Station in Ramore I saw a Orange colored object about 1 mile left of the Radar Tower. I called attention to it and the other 4 airmen agreed that it was not a tower light or a star but some unknown object. We stopped once in town and the object started to rise and move toward the Radar Tower. We drove up to the Base Gate (always keeping our eyes on the object when we were not obstructed by trees) and stopped again. By this time the object appeared to be right on the Radar Tower. We informed the A.P. at the gate about it and then proceeded to the Radar Tower. As we started up toward the hill the object started to go away from the Radar Tower. When we arrived on the hill the object disappeared into the clouds. We checked with the personnel on the hill and they said they had not seen it.

Vittorio E. Settimi

VITTORIO E. SETTIMI
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STATEMENT

At 0415 we five airmen, Dean McDonald, Vittorio Settimi, Paul Ryan, Thomas De Stefano, and Thomas Sfinas were just making the turn off the main highway towards Ramore at the White Rose Gas Station when Vic Settimi mentioned he noticed two lights up on the hill. I said there should only be one. So we stopped the car at the corner and watched the light. Suddenly the light which seemed about the size of a softball began to move in towards the site. At the time it was to the left of the site at about 20 to 30 miles. We watched it move in towards the site then we started for the base. We reached the main gate around 0420 and at that time the light seemed to hang directly over the 3-B set. We let Paul Ryan off at the barracks and then started up the hill to see if everything was all right. As we started up the hill the light began to move to the right of the site and as we approached nearer to the object it appeared to have a slight orange glow at the base of it. As we drew nearer it must have moved away nearly 50 or 60 miles to the right and it seemed to be traveling around 1500 miles an hour. After it traveled that far it started climbing straight up and disappeared into the clouds and leaving a small indentation where it broke the cloud.

Dean F. McDonald

DEAN F. MC DONALD
A/3C, USAF
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STATEMENT

Between 0415 and 0430 on the morning of the twenty fifth day of May 1953 I was returning to the base with four other men. A/3C McDonald, A/2C Settimi, A/1C Sfinas, and A/3C De Stefano. We noticed there was a light in the sky that we had never seen before. When I first saw it, it was about twohundred yards to the left of the site, I didn't think to much of it. I thought it was just a star. When we got to the main gate A/1C Sfinas suggested that we stop the car and watch it to see if it was moving. At that time it appeared to be only a few feet to the left of the light of the Power Plant. While we watched it move to a position on top of the light at the Power Plant. The rest of the men decided to go up on the hill for a better look. I went to bed.

Paul H. Ryan Jr.
PAUL H. RYAN, Jr
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STATEMENT

It was 0415 on the 25th day of May 1953 we were coming back from Kirkland Lake, there were four airmen and myself. We turn on to the road to the base, just then we saw a light on the left of the hill, then it went right over the hill. It stayed there for about one minute; then it took off to the right as we started up the hill. It was a big orange ball, after we got up to the top of the hill we didn't see it again.

Thomas J. De Stefano

THOMAS J. DE STEFANO
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