

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 May 1955 20/0245Z	2. LOCATION Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION ASTRO: ARCTURUS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 (poss 3)	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object the size or twice the size of a star. Reddish yellow. Round. Motion - up and down, side to side. Clear Sky, moon and stars out. 30 deg elevation in NE. Observed by 3 persons with reports practically the same in details.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GRO VISUAL	
7. COURSE	ARCTURUS in position of reported object.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

22 MAY 54 18 23z

CM ACTION

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4G 715E. UFOB. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS THE RESULT OF INTERROGATIONS OF THREE PEOPLE BY A NUMBER OF THE LOCAL OSI. THE REPORT IS IDENTICAL FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EXCEPT AS SHOWN BY PARENTHETICAL INSERTIONS. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 6B, AFR 200-2 AND 200-2A:

1. A. ROUND (LIKE A LARGE STAR)

(B. MR & MRS MOELZEL - TWICE THE SIZE OF A STAR)

(B. MRS WINKLEPLECK - THE SIZE OF A STAR)

C. REDDISH YELLOW

(B. MR & MRS [REDACTED])

(B. MRS [REDACTED] ONE)

5. Attn
6. Atty-2
7. R file

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(E. MR & MRS [REDACTED] - ONE OF THE OBJECTS SIX TO EIGHT FEET APART AND THE THIRD ABOUT SIXTEEN FEET AWAY)

(E. MRS [REDACTED] H/A)

F. NEGATIVE

G. NEGATIVE

H. NEGATIVE

I. NEGATIVE

1. (A. [REDACTED] NOTICED OBJECTS WHILE CHECKING WATER AND WEATHER)

(A. MRS [REDACTED] BROUGHT TO HER ATTENTION BY [REDACTED])

(A. [REDACTED] BROUGHT TO HER ATTENTION BY MR & MRS [REDACTED])

B. APPROX. 35 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, NE FROM OBSERVERS.

C. SAME AS 2B, ABOVE.

D. UP AND DOWN AND SIDE TO SIDE MOTION WITH NO PARTICULAR PATTERN.

(E. MR & MRS [REDACTED] - SEEMED TO GO AWAY FROM OBSERVERS UNTIL FADED OUT).

(E. MRS [REDACTED] SEEMED TO FADE AWAY AS IF GOING AWAY FROM OBSERVERS).

(F. MR & MRS [REDACTED] APPROX. 45 MINUTES).

(F. MRS [REDACTED] APPROX. 15 MINUTES).

3. A. GROUND - VISUAL

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D. NEGATIVE

C. H/A

4. (A. MR & MRS [REDACTED] 232245Z MAY 54).

(A. MRS [REDACTED] 232302Z MAY 54).

B. NIGHT

6 (A. [REDACTED] APPROX 35 YRS: [REDACTED]
BAY ST LOUIS, MISS [REDACTED] RELIABILITY
UNKNOWN).

(A. [REDACTED] ADDRESS AND RELIABILITY AS ABOVE).

(A. [REDACTED] AGE APPROX 35 YRS: [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] S: MISS.: OPERATES IN [REDACTED]: RELIABILITY
UNKNOWN).

B. N/A

7. A. SKY CLEAR, STARS AND MOON OUT, VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED.

B. SURFACE - 33 DEG 6K

6,000 FT - 33 DEG - 15K

10,000 FT - 28 DEG - 20K

16,000 FT - 28 DEG - 30K

22,000 FT - 28 DEG - 30K

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30,000 FT - 27 DEG - 30K

35,000 FT - N/A

1. CLEAR AT 202200Z; 25,000 FT THIN AT 202300Z.

B. 10-15 MILES

C. NONE AT 202200Z; 10/15 THIN COVER AT 25,000 FT AT 202300Z.

F. NEGATIVE.

1. NEGATIVE

9. NEGATIVE

10. NEGATIVE

11. NEGATIVE

12. WING TAG OFFICER, MG PLANS AND PROGRAMS. THIS B WAS ADV OF THE
SIGHTING BY THE NEW ORLEANS, LA. DETACHMENT OF THE FBI. MR

[REDACTED] HAD ADV THE FBI. SIGHTING WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE KEESLER AFB
OSI. AND NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION WAS OFFERED BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER.
IT IS POSSIBLE THE SIGHTING WAS DUE TO THE REFLECTION OF THE LIGHTS OF
FISHING BOATS ON A MOISTURE LAYER. THE BOBING, SIDE TO SIDE MOTION
REPORTEDLY EXHIBITED BY THE OBJECTS IS INDICATED OF FLOATING OBJECTS..

22/15442 MAY JESKS

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-142

25 June 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
19 May 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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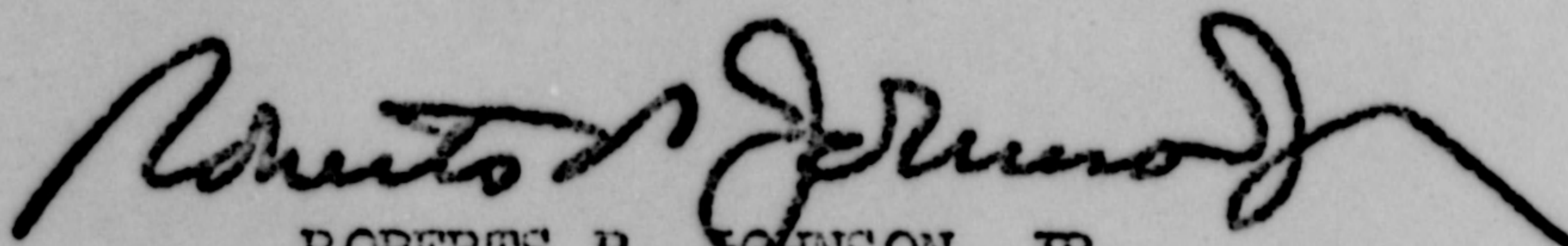
TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photo-static copy of closed Report of Investigation, of Special Agent JOE H. TUCK, 9th OSI District, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, File No. 24-142, dated 2 June 1954.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

1 Incl
ROI, DO #9, dtd 2 Jun 54

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District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.
2A-142

DATE
2 JUN 1954

REPORT MADE BY
JOE R. TUCK, S/A

TITLE
(Unclassified)

REPORT MADE AT
DO #9, Backdale AFB, Mo.

**UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
19 May 1954**

PERIOD
20-22 May 1954

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #9, Backdale AFB, Mo.

STATUS
CLOSED

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by the Commander, Keesler AFB, Miss., after resident of Bay St. Louis, Miss., reported seeing unidentified flying objects 19 May 54. Fishing camp operator, reported that at about 2030 hours, he saw three reddish glowing objects over bay; that objects bobbed and weaved, moving gradually out of sight and made no sound. Mrs. [redacted] also reported seeing objects. [redacted] stated [redacted] brought her attention to object which she observed for several minutes, but that she saw only one.

INTERVIEW AT 10 WEEK INTERVALS
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Keesler Air Force Base
Mississippi

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Lt Col., USAF

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THE OSI DISTRICT	
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, orally, through Colonel John C. HARRIS, Wing 1/C on 20 May 1964, and predicated on information furnished by Keesler Detachment 2nd District OSI (ID), Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

2. Special Agent LOUIS H. CORNWALL assisted in this investigation.

AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

3. At 0921 hours 20 May 1964, Special Agent CORNWALL received a telephone call from Special Agent RICHARD V. TINKER, New Orleans Detachment, 2nd District OSI (ID), New Orleans, Louisiana, in which Special Agent TINKER related that at 0800 hours 20 May 1964 he received information from Mr. [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, concerning a report of an unidentified flying object. Mr. TINKER informed Special Agent CORNWALL that Mr. [redacted] had telephonically informed him that at approximately 2000 hours 19 May 1964, he had observed three large objects which appeared to be large balls of fire flying in a weaving and bobbing manner at a low altitude over the water near [redacted] Lake, Mississippi. [redacted] further reported that the objects were a loose hanging mass and were definitely not conventional aircraft; that he observed these objects for approximately 20 minutes before calling the FBI and they were still visible during his conversation with the FBI in New Orleans; that he knew the objects were not conventional aircraft and that the light from the objects was plainly reflected in the water of the bay, and other persons beside himself had seen the objects. [redacted] related that he was a veteran of the Air Force and was familiar with all types of conventional aircraft but had never seen anything similar to this before.

AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI

4. On 20 May 1964, Mr. [redacted] North Beach, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, stated that he operates a fishing camp at the mouth of the Jordan River on Bay St. Louis; that he has been in Bay St. Louis a relatively short time and formerly resided in New Orleans, Louisiana. He described the incident concerning the unidentified flying objects as follows:

- a. Shape: Appeared to be stars but had a reddish-yellow glow.
- b. Size: Appeared to be about twice as large as other stars.
- c. Color: Reddish-yellow hue.

d. Number: Three

e. Formation: Two of the objects appeared to be 6-8 feet apart from the observation point and the third object appeared to be 15-20 feet from the first two.

f. Discernible features: None

g. Tail trail or exhaust: None

h. Sound: None

i. Other pertinent or unusual features: None

Mr. [redacted] stated that at approximately 2000 hours 15 May 1954, he went out to the pier to check the water and sky and noticed two objects reflected in the water; that the two objects appeared to be similar to the light from the objects shining down on the water; that he followed these rays up from the water until he saw the objects in the sky; that he then noticed a third object in the sky which was a considerable distance away from the other two; that he observed these objects for approximately forty-five minutes; that he would estimate the objects were approximately 5000 feet above the horizon and were in a northeasterly direction from the point of observation; that the three objects moved in an up and down and side to side pattern but did not seem to have any regular pattern; that the objects moved in unison; that the objects seemed to fade away in a northeasterly direction as if they were going away from the observer until they finally disappeared; that he could not estimate the altitude or distance of the objects except they appeared to be a great distance from him. Mr. [redacted] stated that the sky was clear and visibility was unrestricted.

Mr. [redacted] stated that his wife and a Mr. [redacted] had also observed these objects.

5. On 21 May 1954, Mrs. [redacted] gave substantially the same information concerning the unidentified objects as related by her husband. Mrs. [redacted] stated that at the time she observed the objects the water in the bay was calm.

6. On 21 May 1954, Mrs. [redacted] Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, stated substantially the same as Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] except that she reported seeing only one object. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she drove up to Mr. [redacted] a fishing camp and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were out on the pier; that they pointed the object out to her and she observed it for approximately 15 minutes. Mrs. [redacted] further related that she noticed that the moon appeared to be very red that night.

7. Due to the short time [redacted] has resided in [redacted] Mississippi, no one could be located who could establish reputation and credibility of [redacted]

AT HESSLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

8. On 22 May 1954 the writer briefed Captain NORMAN G. BAUSER, 10 547230, Wing Training Officer, with all the available information concerning the unidentified flying objects referred to above.

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