PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
21 April 1955	New Orleans, Louisiana	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/2200Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar XX Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft XX Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	6. SOURCE Military	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 to 1½ minutesq	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one 9. COURSE SW	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

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11. COMMENTS

Investigated by Flight 2-C with the conclusion that the object in question was probably a/c.

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ANG 034

PILOT OF ANG 034 SIGHTED LARGE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

COLOR SILVER RESEMBLING DELTA WING OVER THE CITY OF

NEW ORLEANS AT 1600C ESTIMATED 15000 FT

OBJECT MONTIONLESS

NONE

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3. Atta 2
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VIS REPORT OF SIGHTING OVER NEW ORLEANS AT 1600C

IRCRAFT WAS ANG 112234, AN L-19 . THE PILOT, LT. WELSH, WAS DOING

ADAR WORK UNDER AHOOD, AND HIS SAFETY OBSERVER,

SGT. PONTICELLI SIGHTED THE OBJECT. THE L-19 WAS 3 MILES

ORTHEAST OF NOISANT AIRPORT AND THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE OVER

OISANT AIRPORT. OBJECT WAS IN VIEW 1 AND 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES THE L-19

ENT INTO CLOUDS AND OBJECT WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN

SIGNED GOLINSKY

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UFOB/ 212307Z/

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. DELTA WING SHAPE

B. UNK

C. SLIVER

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. UNK

G. UNK

H. UNK

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2.
3. atta 2
4. Rfile

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1. UNK

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. UNK

B. UNK

C. UNK

D. STATIONARY

E. UNK

F. 1 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES.

G. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. N/A

B. N/A

C. ANG 12234 L-19

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 212200Z

B. DAY

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

OVER NEW ORLEANS

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. CIVILIAN N/A

B. MILITARY

UNK

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7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

8. UNK

9. SURFACE DEGREES/210 KNOTS 10

3000 FEET DEGREES/200 KNOTS 10

10,000 FEET DEGREES/300 KNOTS 20

15,000 FEET DEGREES/280 KNOTS 20

20,000 FEET DEGREES/250 KNOTS 40

25,000 FEET DEGREES/270 KNOTS 100

30,000 FEET DEGREES/280 KNOTS 60

35,000 FEET DEGREES/270 KNOTS 60

10. CEILING 4500 BRKN 30000 OVCST

11. VISIBILITY 15

12. CLOUD COVER 10/10

13. THUNDERSTORMS NONE TURG CU IN VCTY

14. NONE

15. UNK

16. UNK

17. OPERATIONS OFFICE, MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER , MAXWELL AFB ALABAMA.

18. NONE

SIGNED GOLINSKY END

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
NEW ORLEANS, LA. (GEORGE-FH495558)	FLIGHT 2-C, 4602D AISS

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
26 April 1955	21 APRIL 1955	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1ST LT., USAF	SGT LOUIS PONTICCELLI

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
TT MSG (UFOB 212307Z) APRIL 1955, FLT SV CEN, MAXWELL AFB, ALA.

SUMMARY: (Write concise summary of report. Give significance in first one-sentence paragraph. List indicators at lower left. Begin text on AF Form 113, Part II.)

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PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Report of UFOB sighting by SGT LOUIS PONTICCELLI on 21/2200Z April 1955

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT RICHARD C. VAUGHN AO 1860322
M/SGT WILLIS B. MINOR AF 6957008

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I. SOURCE: Sgt Louis Pontricelli

Address: 1342 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, La

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Instructor, Army Senior Air Instructors Office, New Orleans Airport, La

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Served a tour in Korea as an aircraft observer

II. RELIABILITY: Sgt Louis Pontricelli has completed 9½ years active service in the Regular Army. Most of his service has been in connection with Army Aviation. His duties have included a tour in an airborne organization and a tour as an aircraft observer in Korea. In view of his familiarity of known flying objects, he is considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: OBSERVER was flying in a northwesterly direction 5 miles N-E of MOISANT AIRPORT, NEW ORLEANS, LA (GEORGE-EHQ 4460) at an altitude of 5,000 feet and an airspeed of 95-100 MPH. OBSERVER was acting as safety observer for pilot, Lt Molach, who was doing instrument work under the hood in an L-19 aircraft Serial No. AND 112034. Object was first sighted when the pilot started into a 90 degree turn to the left. At first OBSERVER thought the object was a large jet aircraft but when it appeared to be stationary he assumed it to be something else. It appeared to be shaped like a delta wing, bright silver in color, and about the size of a B-17 left when viewed from short distance. OBSERVER continued to watch the object through the turn and for a period of ½ to 2 minutes. Object appeared to be hovering over MOISANT AIRPORT at an altitude of approximately 15,000 feet. OBSERVER stated that there was broken clouds at 5,000 feet but during the sighting the object remained in sight and was much brighter than the sky. Sight of the object was lost when OBSERVER'S aircraft flew into a cloud and could not be located again when the aircraft emerged from the cloud. OBSERVER radioed MOISANT AIRPORT TOWER to locate the object on radar but the radar station was busy tracking aircraft and made no attempt to locate the object.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS:

1. A check was made with the Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La for possible aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Negative results.

2. Information from the Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala revealed the following:

a. Weather balloons were released by the Moisant Airport Weather Station, New Orleans, La at 21/2100Z April 1955.

b. The Naval Weather Station, New Orleans, La, ANG Weather Station, New Orleans, La, and other weather stations South and West of New Orleans, La revealed that no balloons were released that would account for the sighting.

c. Numerous aircraft were in the New Orleans, La area at the time of the sighting:

(1) One USAF T-6, Serial # AF 5106, out of Hondo, Texas arrived New Orleans Airport at 21/2420Z April 1955. Possible over-flight.

(2) One USAF C-45, Serial # AF 11574, departed Keesler AFB, Miss at 21/2155Z April 1955 en route to Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

(3) One USAF B-25, Serial # AF 30076, departed Dallas, Texas at 21/1911Z April 1955 for Eglin AFB, Fla.

(4) One Navy SNB, Serial # 03554, departed Corpus Christi, Texas at 21/2048Z April 1955 for New Orleans, La.

(5) One USAF C-45, Serial # AF 93606, departed Ellington AFB, Texas at 21/1530Z April 1955 arriving at Tyndall AFB, Fla at 21/2218Z April 1955.

(6) One Navy F6F, Serial # 79547, departed New Orleans, La at 21/2129Z April 1955 en route to Pensacola, Fla.

(7) One USAF RB-26, Peddler 23, departed Travis AFB, Calif at 21/0632Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La at approximately the time of the sighting.

(8) One USAF F-47, Purple 82, departed Panama AFB, Fla at 21/1640Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La, altitude 35,000 feet, at approximately the time of the sighting.

(9) One USAF C-46, Serial # AF 07546, departed Stillwater, Okla at 21/1815Z April 1955 en route to Florida using New Orleans as a check point.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by an USAF aircraft for the following reasons:

a. Balloons released by the Moisant Weather Station at 21/2100Z April 1955, one hour prior to the sighting, would have been carried out of the Moisant airport area by prevailing westerly winds.

b. Check with weather stations south and west of New Orleans by Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, revealed no weather balloons released that would account for the sighting.

c. Numerous aircraft could have been in the New Orleans area at the time of the sighting.

d. Only one person reported the sighting.

e. Source observed the object from a moving aircraft which could have been traveling in the same direction, therefore, giving the object the appearance of hovering.

f. Duration of sighting could have been less than observer reported as he only estimated the time.

RICHARD C. VAUGHN
1Lt, USAF
USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft.

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