UFOB INDEX CARD

AISS-UFOB-223-55

1. DATE
7 July 1955

2. LOCATION
Baltimore, Maryland

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 07/1620Z July 1955

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
Physical Evidence
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
Four (4) Minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One (1)

9. COURSE
See Description

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING: One, spherical, silver object, approx. four (4) feet in diameter, reducing in size to three (3) feet in diameter, appeared to be blown by a light wind toward the SOURCE, landing about 100' from him. The object was blown against a fence, where it began to evaporate or dissolve, without leaving any trace on fence. The object appeared as a mass of tiny bubbles, each bubble about the size of a pencil eraser. Physical evidence of substance and material upon which it landed.

11. COMMENTS
This looks like another soap bubble. This sighting was investigated and in the opinion of the Preparing Officer (Hq., ARDC) the sighting was generated by ~~a~~ soap bubbles, This case is very similar to the sighting at Baltimore on 28 Feb 55. This hqs is in possession of the physical evidence and it will be forwarded to ATIC with a copy of the 112 when returned from ADC publications

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☒ Other SOAP BUBBLES
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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4602d AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
ENT AIR FORCE BASE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

AISOP 20 JUL 1955

SUBJECT: AF Forms 112

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAE-5
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Inclosed herewith is one (1) Unidentified Flying Object report with physical evidence and one (1) report of source reliability.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Ray L Jones

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a/s

RAY L. JONES
Major, USAF
Adjutant

ARTIFACT # 341-4-468
LOCATED IN ARTIFACT ROOM

his case includes five (5) 12"x8"
hotocopied narrative pages.

nclosure #1 - particles of seen object.

nclosure #2 - twigs on which object
rested.

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. IR-2-55	(LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Report of Object Landing Near Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Md. Installation		
AREA REPORTED ON 39° 15' 45" N - 70° 30' 45"		FROM (Agency) Tech Info & Intel Div, Dir of Ops, Hq, ARDC, P.O. Box 1395, Balto. 3, Md.
DATE OF REPORT 11 July 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 July 1955	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. Michael O. Ryan		SOURCE Mr. [redacted]
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None		

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.)

1. Attached as Part II is a report in accordance with par 7.a. (2)(a), AFR 200-2, of an object landing near a Fort Holabird installation, Baltimore, Md, at approximately 1620Z, 7 July 1955.

2. The object, spherical and about 4 feet in diameter, later reducing to about 3 feet in diameter, appeared to be blown by a light wind toward SOURCE, landing approximately 100 feet from him. The object was then blown across the ground by a gentle breeze to a wire fence, which stopped the object. At this point, the object began to evaporate or dissolve, without leaving any trace on surrounding areas or on the fence. Before the object completely disappeared on the ground, SOURCE was able to obtain a small portion of the substance of the object (Incl 1). SOURCE's description of the object, confirmed by other observers at the scene, was that the object appeared to be a bright, silvery (as shiny aluminum) mass of tiny bubbles, each bubble about the size of a pencil eraser. SOURCE provided a number of small twigs and leaves on which he stated the object had rested before "disappearing" (Incl 2).

3. A newspaper account of other sightings of similar objects in nearby areas at the time of the observation reported here is attached as inclosure 3.

4. A number of industrial installations are in the immediate area of this sighting and processes, particularly those involving the production of soap, could have generated the object of this report.

5. SOURCE was commended verbally for his co-operative spirit and told his report and the materials he obtained would be sent to the proper authorities for further investigation and evaluation.

Michael O Ryan
MICHAEL O. RYAN
Captain, USAF

APPROVED:
W. KENNETH LOWRY
Chief, Technical Information and
Intelligence Division

3 Incls
1. Sample of object material
2. Twigs on which object rested
3. Newspaper clipping, Balto. News-Post, 7 July 1955

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Further distribution IAW par 7.a.(2)(a), AFR 200-2

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The following is given in accordance with par 7.a.(2)(a), AFR 200-2 and according to the Report Format given in par 7.d. of the same regulation:

(1) Description:

(a) Spherical.

(b) Approximately four (4) feet in diameter, reducing in size to approximately three (3) feet before vanishing.

(c) Bright, silvery (as shiny aluminum).

(d) One (1)

(e) See par (1)(i), following.

(f) Object appeared made up of a solid mass (SOURCE's description) of tiny bubbles, each bubble about the size of a pencil eraser. The mass, after having been gently blown by a light wind to a nearby fence, "disappeared" (evaporated) without visible traces on nearby areas or the fence. However, a small sample was picked up by SOURCE (Incl 1) and some of the twigs on which the object rested were furnished (Incl 2).

(g) Negative.

(h) No sound discernible.

(i) A newspaper clipping from the Thursday Evening edition, 7 July 1955, of the Baltimore News-Post is inclosed (Incl 3) which could have some bearing on this report. North Point Road, mentioned in the newspaper article, runs WNW-ESE to the NE of the location of the sighting described in this report and is less than two (2) miles at the nearest point, from the site referenced in this report.

(2) Description of course of objects:

(a) Observer looked up, without reason, and sighted object.

(b) 45 degrees; NE (approx)

(c) Not Applicable.

(d) After first sighted, object was borne by slight wind toward SOURCE, descending, without maneuver; time was about three (3) minutes from first sighting to time object landed, about 100 feet from SOURCE. Object was then blown across open field, according to SOURCE as a tumbleweed, to a wire fence, which stopped the object and "broke it up" into several pieces.

(e) Object "disappeared", according to SOURCE (evaporated or disolved).

(f) About four (4) minutes.

(3) Manner of Observation:

(a) Ground-visual.

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(b) None

(c) Not Applicable

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 071620Z

(b) Day

(5) Approximately two (2) miles southeast of the Main Gate at Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, on Sollers Point Road (N39°15'45"/W70°30'45")

(6) Identifying information on all observers:

SOURCE of this report: [redacted]
Baltimore, Maryland

Other Observers of same incident:

[redacted]
Baltimore 14, Maryland

[redacted]
Baltimore , Maryland

[redacted]
Baltimore 20, Maryland

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Clear, hot, about 90° temperature, bright sunshine.

(b) Winds aloft - Silver Hill, Maryland. - 071500Z-surface: 070/10; 6,000: 340/12; 10,000: 310/19; 16,000: 330/11; 20,000: 350/8; 30,000: 030/7; 50,000: 330/18; 80,000: no report available.

(c) 2500 ft. at Friendship International Airport (approx 8 mi from site of observation reported here)

(d) 3 miles, in haze (Friendship)

(e) 3,000 ft scattered (Friendship)

(f) None reported (Friendship)

(8) See par (1)(i)

(9) See par (1)(f). no action known to have been taken in regard to object reported here.

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(10) SOURCE reports a commercial airliner flew over his location about five minutes before the sighting of the object.

(11) Assistant Chief, Presentation Branch, Technical Information and Intelligence Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters, ARDC: From factors made known by the SOURCE, the newspaper accounts of other objects in the approximate area, and the fact the area of the observation/s is highly industrialized, it appears quite possible the objects sighted could have resulted from industrial processes, perhaps processes involved in the production of soap.

(12) A small amount of the substance of which the object was composed was obtained from SOURCE and is attached as Incl 1. Twigs, upon which the object rested before evaporating or dissolving, furnished by SOURCE are attached as Incl 2. A newspaper clipping of objects observed in the area on the date of the observation reported here is attached as Incl 3 (Baltimore News-Post, Thursday evening edition, 7 July 1955).

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THE
BALTIMORE NEWS-POST
AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 7, 1955 15¢

THEY'RE 'FLYING' OVER CITY

Three Saucers Reported Here

Air Force authorities today were investigating reports that "flying saucers" again have invaded the air over Baltimore.

Three huge, round objects "in formation," were spotted a mile high over Old North Point road shortly before 11 A. M., The News-Post learned.

A spokesman for the Air Force's filter center here said the alert was sounded "too late" for jet planes to climb into the sky to track down the mysterious objects.

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HOWEVER, the spokesman said the job of his office is to search for clues to every "saucer" report.

First to see the objects was Joseph Jackulski, 1300 block Willow road, who gave a graphic description of the event.

"They were up about a mile . . . the sky was light blue and they were whiter than the clouds," Jackulski said.

"I was attracted by their whiteness . . . they weren't glossy or metallic appearing . . . there was no vapor trail or any sign of action, except they flashed along in perfect order."

Jackulski said there was a "lead" saucer followed by two slightly behind and flanking the front one.

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"**THEY WEREN'T** going too speedily, just going forward steadily," the eyewitness said.

His next-door neighbor, James Barnett, backed up Jackulski's story.

The two men said they were standing outside their homes talking about 10.50 A. M. when Jackulski looked up and pointed to the strange formation.

They watched as the objects headed northwest and disappeared. They did not reappear.

"Flying saucer" reports to the Air Force have dwindled in recent years after a rash of sightings in the early 1950's.

TWO YEARS ago, the Air Force admitted it did not know what the objects were and asked co-operation of Americans to report all sightings.

In the Baltimore area "saucer" sighters have been asked to immediately contact the Air Force filter center at LExington 9-3700.

The filter center spokesman pointed out that the Air Force needs quick action on "U.F.O." reports so it can get fast planes into the sky to trace the objects.

Incl #3

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Located in artifact room