PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

3 February 1957

2. LOCATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 04/0045Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

three seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

two

9. COURSE

vertical

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Two circular and flat objects, bright with a greenish tinge. Objects flew vertically, parallel with each other. Objects were seen visually for three seconds and disappeared over the horizon.

11. COMMENTS

Description, duration, manner of disappearance and flight path indicate that this sighting was probably caused by meteors.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor
- ☒ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

1 Witness

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Ltr 24-O, 9th DOSI, Barksdale AFB, La, 7 Feb 57, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, New Orleans, La.

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Headquarters Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

TO: Commander, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER:

CLYDE E. MCDUFFY
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Asst Command Adj

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Office of Special Investigations

IN REPLY REFER TO 24-0

24b OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3 Feb 57

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: Civilian person, New Orleans, La., reported observing two (2) unidentified flying objects 1845 hours (CST) 3 Feb 57. (OST, F-6)

2. DETAILS: On 4 February 1957, Mr. [redacted] Street, New Orleans, La., reported to representatives of this District that he had observed two (2) unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of New Orleans at about 1845 hours 3 Feb 1957. The following pertinent information was obtained through interview of BREWER:

a. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS:

(1) Shape: Circular and flat.

(2) Size: Appeared approximately size of tennis ball.

(3) Color: Bright with greenish tinge; appeared to have aura of light around them.

(4) Number: Two (2).

(5) Formation: Parallel, with one slightly above the other.

(6) Discernible Features: Besides the aura of light, the objects appeared to have two (2) round lights in the body.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

(8) Sound: None.

(9) Speed: [redacted] calculated the speed of the objects at 8,312 miles per hour, estimating that they were at 30,000 feet altitude and remained within a 120 degree arc of his sight for three seconds.

How did he compute this - and how approaching 8311 !!!

[Generally very complex and delicate precision instruments required to determine this,]

b. DESCRIPTION OF JOURSE OF OBJECTS:

(1) How noted: Attention brought to objects during casual observation of sky.

(2) Angle of elevation and azimuth: When first observed, the objects were above observer, about 8 or 9 degrees to the east of vertical and proceeding at an azimuth of about 182 degrees. When last observed, the objects had moved out of his line of vision over the horizon on the same azimuth as when first observed.

(3) Flight path and maneuvers: Flight path was straight and no maneuvers were observed.

(4) Manner of Disappearance: Out of sight over the horizon.

(5) Length of time in sight: Estimated three (3) seconds.

c. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) Manner: Ground-visual.

(2) Optical aids: None.

d. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) Time of sighting: 0400452 Feb 57.

(2) Light conditions: Dark.

e. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) Latitude: 29 degrees 56 minutes.

(2) Longitude: 90 degrees 5 minutes.

f. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) Name: [redacted]

(2) Age: 49

(3) Mailing Address: [redacted]
Orleans, La.

(4) Occupation: Electrical Engineer

g. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) Weather (per [redacted]): Clear

(2) Weather (per files of U. S. Weather Bureau, New Orleans, La.)

(a) Wind Direction: South, Southwest

(b) Wind Velocity:

1 Surface: Nine (9) knots per hour as of 1905 hours observation.

2 Aloft: Only reading available was taken at 1500 hours at maximum altitude of 8000 feet where winds were 21 knots from 250 degrees. By interpolation on a map recording readings from other sites at 1830 hours 3 February, it was estimated that winds at 10, 20 and 30 thousand feet altitude would have been from the same general direction at about the same velocity.

(c) Ceiling: Generally unlimited.

(d) Visibility: Twelve (12) miles.

(e) Amount of cloud cover: .2

(f) Thunderstorms and precipitation: None.

h. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AREA: None

i. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: None

j. AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

None other observed by Mr. [redacted]

3. OSI COMMENT: The agent who interviewed Mr. [redacted] reported [redacted] as very coherent and articulate in explaining his sighting. [redacted] appeared to be above average in intelligence. Because this office has no further information as to [redacted] background or veracity, his evaluation as a source cannot be made.

4. ACTION: By copy of this letter, the Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi is being informed of this matter. No

further action is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested or directed.

cc: Dir OSI
Comdr, Keesler
AFB, Mississippi

DWIGHT J. SCOVEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander