

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>10 Apr 58</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Donaldsonville, La. Louisiana</u> <u>Lake Charles, La.</u> <u>Monroe-Baton Rouge, La</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>7:29 A.M.</u> GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION & vicinity ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>		☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>not given</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>SE</u>	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) Flaming obj traveling at an extremely high rate of speed. It broke into two separate bodies about 5 secs after the 1st observation, & was completely consumed in flames about 10 secs after 1st sighting. Obj was a light blue color at first and turned to blue-green when the flame increased. 2) Teardrop shaped obj, size of pea, color around edges a bright silver & in center a bluish silver. 3) Obj which broke up into 4 or more 5 parts while emitting a bluish white flame.		11. COMMENTS <u>All characteristics of bolide.</u>	

Witness

10/13272

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FM COMCFECR

TO RJEDBN/COMDR ADC

INFO RJEDBN/CINCNORAD

RJEPHQ/COMDR HQ USAF

RJEDSO/COMDR ATIC

BT

/UNCLASS/ FR CFEIN-01 039. REFERENCE

ADC MSG ADODI-5576, THE FOLG IS A PRELIMIN-

ARY UFOB REPT WHICH WILL BE FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED IN DETAIL

BY A REPT FROM THE 35TH ADIV: "657TH ACW STATION AT HOUMA,

LA, RECD A CALL FR NAVY JET 3706. WHILE TRAVELING WEST, PILOT

SPOTTED OBJECT ON A 297-DEGREE HEADING. OBJECT BROKE UP

INTO FOUR OR FIVE PARTS WHILE EMITTING A BLUISH-WHITE FLAME.

LOCATIN OF SIGHTING: OVER DONALDSONVILLE, LA. AT 10/13272,

APR 58. OBJECT WAS BETWEEN 28,000 AND 40,000 FEET. THE

NAVY JET WAS OUT OF PENSACOLA NAVAL AIR STATION.

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10/2100Z APR RJEPNB

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3-4X2e
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after

Good Clues!
(Typical
Bulide)

1327-6

7:27 AM (EST)

Check with Spudnick II
Orbit data: for
that time

Red Spudnick

Astro (Bulide) See
Dr. Olivas file

Muti.

10/13202

17 planned
11:44 AM

SQDS48 YDAW59 VYCS32 VDC229KHA013

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TO RJEDBN/COMER ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFNK/COMER 335D AID DEF TINKER AFB

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CNTR WPAFB

RJEDHQ/ASSIST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELL HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

RJEPH2 OFFIC OF INFO SVC HQ USAF OASH 25 D C

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UNCLASSIFIED/DO 2384. SUBJ: "UFO" (PAR 15, AFR 210-2)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

TEARDROP SHAPED *Balloon characteristic*

2. COMPARED IN LENGTH OF THE DIAMETER OF A PEA HELD AT ARMS LENGTH
APPROXIMATELY 1/2 AS THICK IN LENGTH.

3. COLOR-AROUND EDGES A BRIGHT SILVER AND IN CENTER A DULL
SILVER.

4. NUMBER ONE

5. N/A

6. NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS OTHER THAN SHAPE AND
COLOR.

7. NO TRAIL, EXHAUST OR SMOKE.

8. NO SOUND.

9. NO OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES.

10. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

11. A CHANCE GLANCE INTO THE SKY ABOVE NEARBY BUILDINGS FIRST
BOUGHT ATTENTION TO OBJECT.

12. 30-35 DEGREES ELEVATION AND ZERO DEGREE (TRUE NORTH)
AZIMUTH WHEN FIRST OBSERVED.

13. APPROXIMATELY 3000' ELEVATION (POSSIBLE 1000' OR 2000')

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ABD

Note: quick glance

330) AND 32 DEGREES AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARING.

. STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT (POSSIBLY DECREASING ALTITUDE).
. OBJECT DISAPPEARED INSTANTANEOUSLY WHEN BLOCKED FROM SIGHT
BY A BUILDING AT APPROXIMATELY 32 DEGREES AZIMUTH, TOWARD
THE EAST.

. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR 2-3 SECONDS

D. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

. GROUND-VISUAL.

. NO OPTICAL AIDS

D. N/A.

E. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

. 1322Z 13 APRIL 1958. 1320-6 = 0720

. DAYLIGHT.

F. OBSERVER WAS CROSSING FROM WEST TO [REDACTED] OF

[REDACTED] CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LA. HE OBSERVED

OBJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES OF FLIGHT UNTIL IT WAS

BLOCKED FROM SIGHT BY BUILDINGS ON EAST SIDE OF STREET.

G. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

. CIVILIAN [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED]

LAKE CHARLES, LA. OCCUPATION ENGINEERING AIDE, [REDACTED]

ASSOCIATES CIVIL ENGINEERS, LAKE CHARLES, LA.

H. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS - CLEAR SKY, LITTLE

OR NO SURFACE WIND, SUN SHINING.

I. REPORT FROM LAKE CHARLES AFB WEATHER STATION ON WINDS

ALOFT:

SURFACE W AT 8 KNOTS

100 FT - W

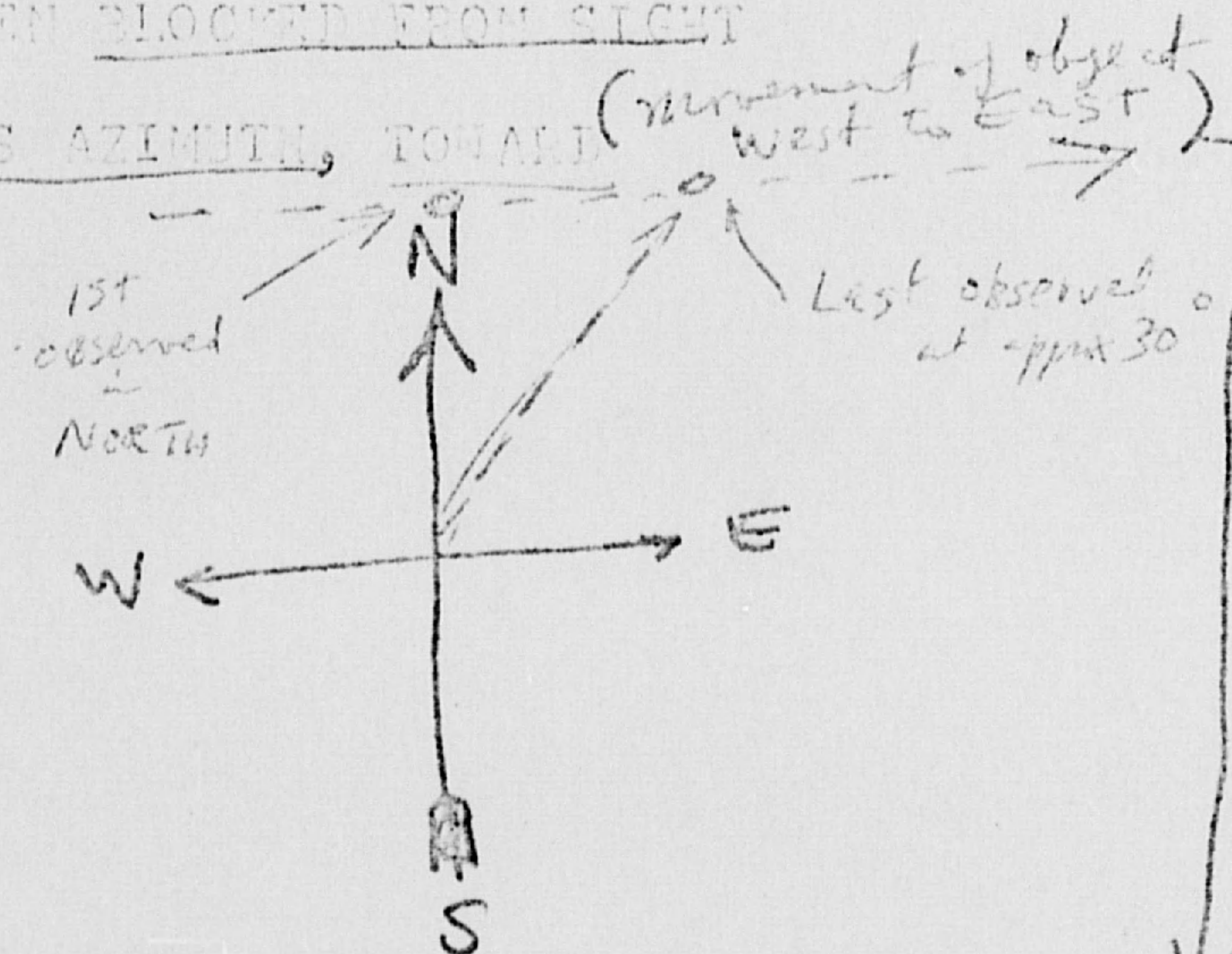
200 FT - W 35

300 FT - W 50

400 FT - W 35

500 FT - W 20

600 FT - W



Note Wind direction

Winds -
West to East

K. CEILING - NONE.

L. VISIBILITY - 10 MILES.

M. CLOUD COVER - NONE.

N. N/A.

O. NONE

P. NONE

Q. NONE KNOWN.

R. AIR BASE GROUP STAFF OPERATIONS OFFICER: BASE ON WINDS ALOFT AND DIRECTION OF FLIGHT OF OBJECT IT IS POSSIBLE OBJECT WAS A BALLOON OR SIMILAR OBJECT RELEASED AT SOME STATION WEST OF LAKE CHARLES. THERE WERE NO WEATHER BALLOON RELEASES AT LAKE CHARLES WITHIN TWO HOURS OF THE REPORTED SIGHTING. OBJECT ^{ATTC} ^{Conclusion:} BALLOON COULD ALSO HAVE BEEN A HIGH FLYING JET AIRCRAFT.

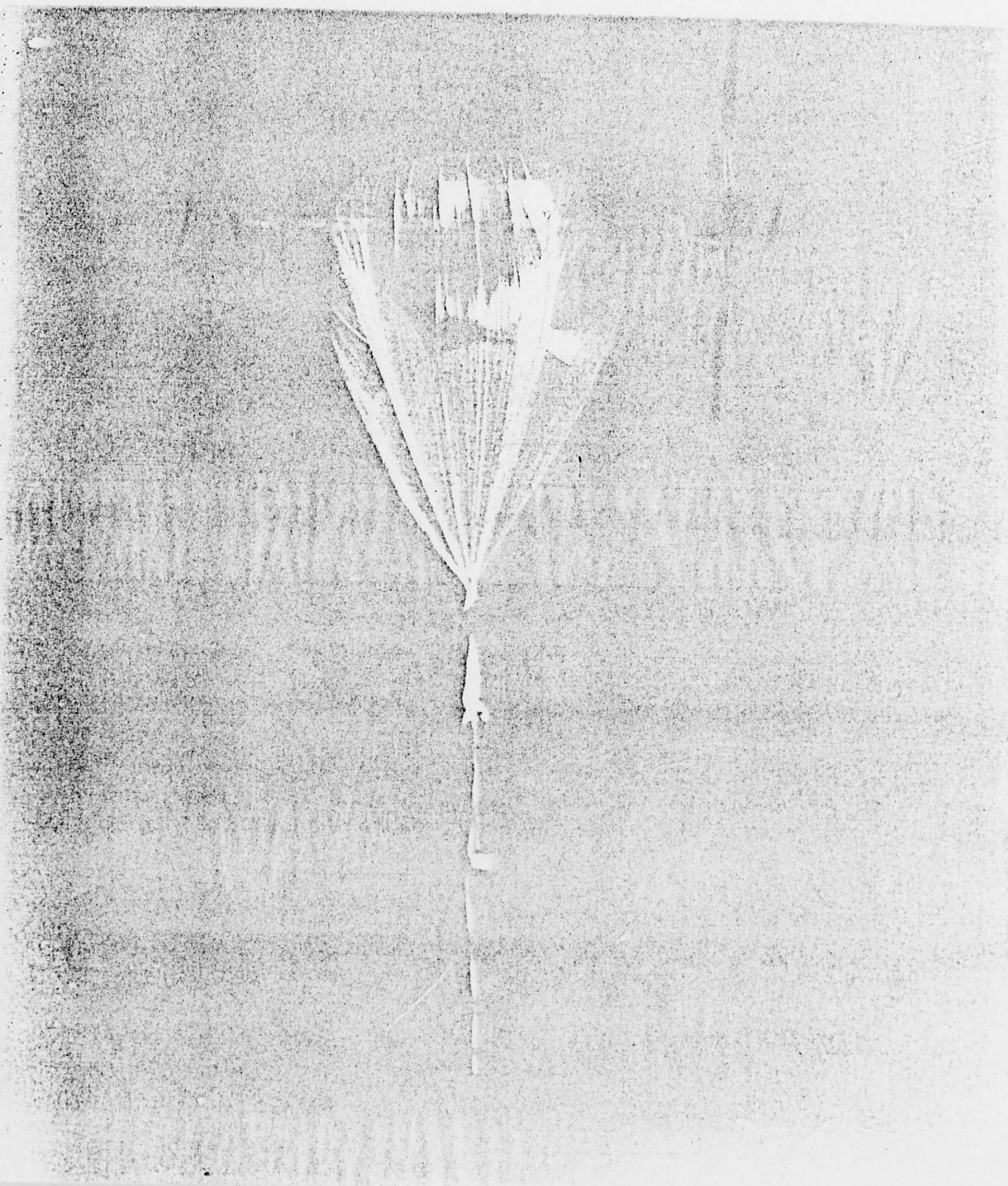
S. NONE.

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Conclusion:

- ① Object had balloon characteristics (see photo in file)
- ② moved with the wind
- ③ Short sighting duration was due to buildings which blocked view.



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8129AE ST Confirmed: Publicly Release 13

ATLANTA, APRIL 10--(UP)--THREE CREWMEN OF A DELTA AIR LINES DC-7 REPORTED THAT THEY WITNESSED OVER BATON ROUGE, LA., EARLY TODAY THAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE THE DEATH OF RUSSIA'S SPUTNIK II.

THE CREW HEADED BY CAPT [REDACTED] OF DALLAS SAW A FLAMING OBJECT TRAVELING ON COURSE AT AN EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF SPEED IN A SOUTH-EASTERN DIRECTION.

"IT BROKE INTO TWO SEPARATE BODIES ABOUT FIVE SECONDS AFTER THE FIRST OBSERVATION," [REDACTED] SAID. "AND IT WAS COMPLETELY CONSUMED IN FLAME ABOUT 10 SECONDS AFTER WE FIRST SAW IT."

PERSONAL OBSERVATION WAS THAT IT WAS THE BREAKING UP OR THE

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INSERT AFTER 4TH PGH SPUTNIK II ATLANTA X X X END OF SPUTNIK."
THEY SAID THEY SAW THE OBJECT AT 7:29 A.M. CST.

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THEY AND THREE PASSENGERS AGREED WITH [REDACTED] DESCRIPTION OF THE BURNING OBJECT IN THE SKY.

"WE WERE ABOVE THE OVERCAST AND BELIEVE THE OBJECT BURNED ITSELF OUT," [REDACTED] SAID. "WE WERE MUCH TOO HIGH TO OBSERVE THE OBJECT TOUCHING GROUND."

HE SAID THE OBJECT WAS A LIGHT BLUE COLOR AT FIRST AND TURNED TO BLUE-GREEN WHEN THE FLAME INCREASED.

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Here's your clue! See
PAA Case, (Aug 57), brief
Western Frontal Case (Oct 57) -
Others -> see same!

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INSERT SPUTNIK II ATLANTA AFTER 2ND PGH X X X
SOUTHEASTERN DIRECTION.

BUT SCIENTISTS AT THE SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS., SAID SPUTNIK II WAS SOMEWHERE OVER THE SOUTH PACIFIC AT THE TIME OF THE REPORTED SIGHTING. THEY STOOD BY AN EARLIER PREDICTION THAT THE SATELLITE WOULD COME TO EARTH SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING.

WHAT WAS PRESUMABLY THE SAME OBJECT WAS SEEN BY THE PILOT OF A B47 JET BOMBER FLYING NEAR MONROE, LA., AND THE PILOT OF A T33 JET TRAINER FROM KEESLER AFB, MISS. THE LATTER SAID IT BROKE IN TWO AND LOOKED LIKE A "MISSILE."

THE SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED TO THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER AT NEW ORLEANS, WHICH REFERRED THEM TO THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT SERVICE AT MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, MONTGOMERY, ALA., FOR FURTHER CHECKING. [REDACTED] OF WESSON, MISS., REPORTED HEARING AN EXPLOSION AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

A HATHAWAY, LA., HOUSEWIFE, MRS. [REDACTED] 54, REPORTED SEEING AN OBJECT GOING WEST TO EAST IN SOUTH-CENTRAL LOUISIANA. SHE SAID THE OBJECT WAS "BRILLIANT TURQUOISE COLORED" AND WAS VISIBLE LESS THAN FIVE SECONDS.

DR. [REDACTED] DIRECTOR OF THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OBSERVATORY, DOUBTED THE OBJECT WAS AN EARTH SATELLITE.

HE SAID IT COULD HAVE BEEN A WEATHER BALLOON OR A METEORITE.

Concern! high speed! CF154P4/10

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FOLO SPUTNIK SIGHTING ATLANTA

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., APRIL 10.--(UP)--SCIENTISTS AT SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY SAID THAT A FLAMING OBJECT SEEN BY THREE AIRLINE CREWMEN NEAR BATON ROUGE, LA. TODAY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RUSSIAN SATELLITE SPUTNIK II.

A SPOKESMAN AT THE OBSERVATORY SAID SPUTNIK WAS SOMEWHERE OVER THE SOUTH PACIFIC AT 8:29 A. M. EST, THE TIME THE CREWMEN SAW A FLAMING OBJECT BREAK IN TWO AND BURN UP.

SMITHSONIAN PREDICTED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE RUSSIAN MOON WOULD PLUNGE TO EARTH SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING AND THAT ITS PREDICTION WAS UNCHANGED TODAY.

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ADD SPUTNIK II ATLANTA & KX THE FLAME INCREASED.

THE PASSENGERS WHO SAW THE FIERY BREAK-UP WERE [REDACTED] OF HOUMA, LA.; [REDACTED] OF (1 [REDACTED] AVE.) METAIRIE, LA.; AND [REDACTED] (1 [REDACTED] AVE.) BATON ROUGE.

THE PLANE WAS ON A NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM NEW ORLEANS TO DALLAS.
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95 NH--RE [REDACTED] 903 SEZ IT TALKED WITH U.S. EMBASSY AT HAVANA
TSH. SILVER WAS IN AMBASSADOR'S OFC AT TIME & ARMS BEING MADE FOR HIS
RETURN NH--HA1223P4/10