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UFO X FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IAW PARA 15, AFR 200-2. PARA A,
(1) OVAL SHAPED; (2) BASEBALL; (3) WHITE FLUORESCENT; (4) ONE;
(5) N/A; (6) NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS; (7) NO TAIL OR
EXHAUST; (8) NO SOUND; (9) NEGATIVE. PARA B, (1) ORDINARY VISUAL
SIGHTING; (2) APPROX 25 DEGREES ELEVATION, APPROX 270 DEGREES TRUE BEAR-
ING FROM OBSERVERS; (3) OBSERVERS WERE IN MOVING AUTOMOBILE. OBJECT
APPEARED TO REMAIN ALMOST STATIONARY; (4) OBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE VERY
SLOWLY IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, NO MANEUVERS, APPEARED TO REMAIN IN
IMMEDIATE AREA TWO MILES SOUTH OF RANDOLPH AFB; (5) DISAPPEARED

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VERY SLOWLY; (6) VISIBLE APPROX 25 MINUTES. PARA C, (1) GROUND VISUAL; (2) NEGATIVE OPTICAL AIDS; (3) N/A. PARA D, (1) 0620 ZULU 4 OCT 59; (2) NIGHT. PARA E, (1) 29 30 N 98 16 W, TWO MILES SOUTHEAST RANDOLPH AFB. PARA F, (1) CIVILIANS: [REDACTED] AND WIFE, [REDACTED] DRIVE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE AT KELLY AFB, TEX, AIRCRAFT ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN. OBSERVER CONSIDERED RELIABLE; (2) N/A. PARA G, (1) OBSERVER STATES THAT SKY IN IMMEDIATE AREA WAS GENERALLY CLEAR WITH ONLY A FEW CLOUDS WITH THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING TO THE NORTH; (2) WIND DIRECTIONS AND VELOCITIES ARE INDETERMINATE DUE TO TROUGH PASSAGE AT APPROXIMATE TIME OF SIGHTING; (3) RANDOLPH AFB WEATHER REPORTED AT 1700 SCATTERED, 4500 BROKEN, 9200 OVERCAST, WIND SOUTHEAST AT 12 KNOTS; (4) 15 MILES VISIBILITY; (5) N/A; (6) RANDOLPH AFB ALSO REPORTING OCCASIONAL LIGHTNING FLASHES FIVE MILES SOUTH; (7) TEMP GRADIENT- 1.87 DEGREES PER THOUSAND FEET WITH NO SIGNIFICANT TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS; (H) NEGATIVE; (I) NEGATIVE; (J) NEGATIVE; (K) STAFF OFFICER IN WING OPERATIONS SECTION, 3510 FLYTRAWG IS PREPARING OFFICER. COMMENTS. INVESTIGATING OFFICER BELIEVES THE OBSERVER TO POSSESS ABOVE AVERAGE QUALIFICATIONS REGARDING THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF INCIDENT. OBSERVER IS STABLE, INTELLIGENT, AND COHERENT.

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HE IS FAMILIAR WITH MOST TYPES OF AIRCRAFT DUE TO OCCUPATION AND HAS
LOGGED APPROX 70 HRS IN LIGHT AIRCRAFT. ~~REDACTED~~ WAS ONLY OTHER
KNOWN OBSERVER AND SHE CONFIRMS THIS INFORMATION. INVESTIGATING
OFFICER CONTACTED RANDOLPH TOWER AND GCA, BROOKKS AFB TOWER, ACW GCI
AT LACKLAND AFB, AND SAN ANTONIO CENTER RADAR WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES NO PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING;
(L) NEGATIVE.

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