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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
22 May 60	Mangham, Louisiana	☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 22/1230Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hrs	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** N-S
		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Shape changed while observer watched from round to tubular and back to round, size of basketball, shiny, glittering, sometimes brilliant like fire, sometimes like silver. At times the object seemed to have a tail which was aprox as long as the object itself.

11. COMMENTS

England AFB weather office definitely identified the object as a weather balloon.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2/59117

SUBJECT: Extract from Duty Officers' Report

23 MAY 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E2 (Maj Friend)

The following, extracted from Lt Calvit's Report dated 22 May 1960, is quoted for your information.

0800 Major Brantley, AF Command Post called to report a UFO called in to AF by 2d AF Barksdale, La, to SAC Command post (Maj Beal). Object sighted by a [redacted], [redacted], Mangham, La

at 0615
large round object
alt unk
he was directly under
sighted s/w of Mangum which is 40 miles west of Alexandria, La.
very bright object
visible for one hour

Michael J. Stroff

MICHAEL J. STROFF, JR.
Major, USAF
AFCIN-4X2

CLASSIFICATION

COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING	REPORT NO.	(Leave blank)
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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS	DATE OF INFORMATION	
United States	22 May 1960	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 4238th Strategic Wing (DCOI) BARKSDALE Air Force Base, Louisiana	DATE OF COLLECTION 6 & 7 June 1960	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL CHESTER B. HANSON, Captain, USAF	DATE OF REPORT 8 June 1960	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE [redacted]	EVALUATION	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)

REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

Message Cite No. AFCIN-4E2 5-1640E, dated 24 May 1960; and AFR 200-2

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

(U) Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

1. This report is forwarded in reply to message, cite number AFCIN - 4E2, 5 - 1640 - E, dated 24 May 1960, which requested that an investigation be made of UFO sighting made by [redacted] (message referred to [redacted], however correct name as determined by the investigation is [redacted]) of MANGHAM, LOUISIANA.

2. The investigation was made on 6 and 7 June 1960 and the results are contained in Part II of this report. The paragraph headings and format used in Part II follow the headings and format of paragraphs 15 of Air Force Regulation 200-2.

APPROVED:

Bythel L. Ellis

BYTHEL L. ELLIS
Lt. Col., USAF

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1. The following information corresponds to the format as outlined in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2:

a. Description of Object:

(1) The shape was similar to that of a balloon. The shape changed while the observer watched from round to tubular and back to round.

(2) Basketball

(3) Shiny, glittering, sometimes brilliant like fire, sometimes like silver.

(4) One

(5) No formation

(6) None

(7) At times the object appeared to have a tail which was approximately as long as the object itself.

(8) No sound

(9) None

b. Description of course of object:

(1) [redacted] first saw the object while preparing to shoot blackbirds. He called the attention of this wife ([redacted]) to the object.

(2) 45°

(3) 45°

(4) Steady path from north to south, no maneuvers.

(5) The object slowly passed from north to south until it passed from sight.

(6) Two hours

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual

(2) No optical aids were used.

(3) Sighting was made from ground

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 1230 ZULU, 22 May, 1960

(2) Day

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:
BARKSDALE AFB, LA

UNCLAS FROM AFCIN-4E2 S-1640-E

FOR 2D AF. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEPT 59, REQUEST YOUR ORGANIZATION CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF A REPORTED UFO SIGHTING MADE BY MR. [redacted] OF MANGHAM, LA ON 22 MAY 60. DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES TO THE SIGHTING AND ALL INFORMATION AS OUTLINED IN PARA 15 OF ABOVE CITED AFR BE INCLUDED IN YOUR REPORT.

DATE: 24 | TIME: 1300
MONTH: MAY | YEAR: 1960

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E2

TYPED NAME AND GRADE (Signature if required)
for ROBERT J. FRIEND, MAJOR

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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UNCLAS FROM DCOI 5738. DAYLIGHT.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR MSG AFCIN 4E2 5-1640-E, SUBJECT:
UFO INVESTIGATION. INVESTIGATION COMPLETED AND PRELIMINARY
FINDINGS INDICATE OBJECT WAS WEATHER BALLOON. COMPLETE DETAILS
ARE INCLUDED IN AF FORM 112, 4238TH REPORT UFO-4238-1-60,
FORWARDED BY MAIL THIS DATE.

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(3) Ceiling - Unlimited.

(4) Visibility - Seven miles

(5) Amount of Cloud Cover - None

(6) Thunderstorms in Area - None

(7) Temperature

At ground level - 60°

AT 35,000 Feet SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA Weather Station - minus 60°
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI Weather Station - minus 67°

h. None

i. According to Major R. F. GRODHAUS, Intelligence Officer, ENGLAND AFB, LA. two Interceptor aircraft were sent from ENGLAND AFB to intercept the object with negative results.

j. According to Major R. F. GRODHAUS, Intelligence Officer, ENGLAND AFB, LA. the ENGLAND AFB Weather Office stated definitely that the object sighted was a weather balloon released at NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI.

k. See COMMENTS of Preparing Officer below.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Sheriff [redacted] LOUISIANA, a licensed civilian pilot, stated that he was certain the object was a weather balloon. Major R. F. GRODHAUS, Intelligence Officer, ENGLAND AFB, LA., received the initial report of sighting on 22 May 1960. It was Major GRODHAUS who received definite word from the ENGLAND AFB Weather Office that the object was a weather balloon which placed the object in the category of a known object rather than an UFO. He therefore did not make an initial UFO report in accordance with AFR 200-2. (Mr. GRANT AND Major GRODHAUS were contacted by telephone by the Preparing Officer.)

After preliminary analysis, it is the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the object was a weather balloon.

Chester B. Hanson
CHESTER B. HANSON
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

I concur with the findings of the Preparing Officer and agree that the object was, in all probability, a weather balloon.

Bythel L. Ellis
BYTHEL L. ELLIS
Lt. Col., USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

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e. Location of Observer:

32° 16' North, 91° 45' West, MANGHAM, LOUISIANA

f. Identifying Information on Observers:

(1) [redacted]
Age - Approximately 60
[redacted]
Occupation - Line Maintenance Man, OLIN MATHESON GAS CO.
Reliability - Excellent

[redacted]
Age - Approximately 60
Mailing Address - [redacted], MANGHAM, LOUISIANA
Occupation - Housewife ([redacted] listed above.
Reliability - Excellent

[redacted]
Age - Unknown
Mailing Address - [redacted], [redacted], LOUISIANA
Occupation - Parish Sheriff
Reliability - Exeellent

(There were many other observers - many in the same area saw the object atthe time listed. However time did not permit interviewing more)

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

(The weather report was received from Barksdale Air Force Base but is ~~not~~ based on reports from two stations, one at JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI and the other at SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. Since the place of sighting is almost directly between the two stations, both reports are included.)

(1) According to the SOURCE, the weather was beautiful, a clear cloudless, summer morning.

(2) Report From Weather Stations:

ALTITUDE	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA		JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	
5,000 feet	240°	20 knots	230°	20 knots
8,000 "	240°	10 knots	260°	25 knots
10,000 "	240°	10 "	260°	15 knots
14,000 "	270°	15 "	290°	10 "
18,000 "	270°	20 "	280°	20 "
25,000 "	270°	25 "	280°	35 "
30,000 "	280°	30 "	280°	30 "
35,000 "	280°	45 "	290°	45 "
40,000 "	280°	40 "	No report	
45,000 "	270°	35 "	280°	50 "
60,000 "	340°	5 "	340°	10 "

(Although the above altitudes do not correspond to the altitude reports required by AFR 200-2, they are exactly as received from the Weather Stations)