MULTIPLE MILITARY and CIVILIAN PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD
BRATTON - WINSTEAD - ANTHONY

1. DATE 28 May 60	2. LOCATION El Paso, Texas	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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/0530Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian and Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one then two	9. COURSE SE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Round object with bright trail, half the size of a pea at arm's length, bright white with traces of blue, yellow and a reddish tail. Object appeared to break into two pieces near the Rio Grande River. The larger piece continued on while the smaller piece seemed to disintegrate as it fell toward earth.

11. COMMENTS

The description is typical of a large meteor.

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

SUBJECT: Extract from Duty Officers' Report

31 MAY 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E2 (Maj Friend)

The following, extracted from Capt Radcliff's Report dated 29 May 1960, is quoted for your information.

This report was received from the AFCIN DO at 0600, 30 May.

"The original report was a SAC report from Biggs AFB, El Paso, Tex. A civilian in that area reported seeing a large bright object moving slowly to the south over El Paso. He further indicated that the object had a bright orange tail.

Two El Paso policemen and the Biggs weather observer also saw this object. The policemen reported seeing it move southeast and break into two pieces. One of the pieces fell to the ground while the other continued its flight. That part of this object which fell to the ground is believed to have fallen near the Rio Grande river.

A T-33 Acft reported seeing this phenomena near Almogordo, New Mexico. The entire incident occured approximately 0530Z, 30 May."

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

COPY TO Dr Hynek

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
USA

REPORT NO.
Initial Report

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

AREA REPORT CONCERNS
Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas

AGENCY OF ORIGIN
Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Tex

DATE OF REPORT
3 June 1960

SOURCE OF INFORMATION
Interigational Witnesses

DATE OF INFORMATION
31 May 1960

PREPARING OFFICER
Captain Joseph W. Sortino, Commander 95th Supply Squadron

EVALUATION

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)
AFR 200-2, paragraph 15, dated 14 September 1959.

SUBJECT
UFO

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 112a.*)

Paragraph a. Shape: Round with a slight tail giving it an enlongated appearance.
Size: Appeared to be approximately 8 to 10 inches in diameter at arms length.
Color: Redish Orange and white and brilliant.
Formation: N/A
No discernable features or details.
Slight tail or trail, no comparison as to size available.
No sound noted.
Object appeared to break into over Juarez, Mexico, the larger piece continued on while a smaller piece approximately one third it's original size seemed to disintegrate as it fell toward the earth.

Paragraph b. The brilliant and flashing appearance was very noticeable and was the cause of attracting observers attention.
Object first observed coming from the north going south on a fairly flat trajectory elevation estimated from 5000 to 30,000 feet.
Object first noted approximately 20 degrees above horizon traveling North to South disappearing at approximately the same angle 20 degrees above the horizon.
It appeared to burn out or fade away in the distance.
Object was visible by viewers from approximately 5 to 15 seconds.

Paragraph c. Majority of observation: Ground - Visual
T-33 Aircraft No. 34916, flying 36.5M sighted object in front of Aircraft 20 degrees above the horizon while flying over El Paso, Texas enroute to Webb AFB from Elgin AFB.
Home Station: SBD

7 INCLS.
Notes Taken During Interview of Observers

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HEADQUARTERS
95TH BOMBARDMENT WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BIGGS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: UFO Report

4 JUN 1960

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. The attached report is forwarded in compliance with AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

2. Subject report could not be transmitted electrically due to current Communications exercise.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Henry Ludwin
HENRY LUDWIN
CWO, W2, USAF
Dep Dir Admin Services

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Paragraph k. Preliminary analysis: Generally the data received from witnesses reflect that the object closely resembled a meteor in appearance, shape and flight path. There appears to be conflicting information as to the amount of time that the object was in view however I feel that the average time indicated by the observers to be approximately 10 seconds. The obvious distance traveled by the object during this period also conforms to the speed of a meteorite. Meteors are also known to explode and seperate which could explain the reports of several viewers that the object broke into. No information in any of the reports indicated that the object was any thing other than an astronomical body.

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Paragraph d. Object sighted at approximately 0538Z, 29 May 1960.
Light Condition: Night

Paragraph e. Observer number one: [redacted] Drive, El Paso, Texas.
Observer number two: [redacted], El Paso, Texas.
Observers number three, four, and five: Biggs AFB Control Tower
Observer number six: [redacted] El Paso, Texas
Observer number seven: [redacted], El Paso, Texas.

Paragraph f. Observer number one: [redacted]
Drive, El Paso, Texas, age 23, Occupation; Patrolman, El Paso Police Department.
Observer number two: [redacted], [redacted], El Paso, Texas, age 36, Occupation; Medical Instrument Repairman. Reliable
Observer number three: A/3C Stanley, 1900 AACS Sq, Biggs AFB, Texas, Control Tower operator, Report vague but considered reliable.
Observer number four: T/Sgt James W. Wallace, 1900 AACS Sq, Biggs AFB, Texas, Control Tower Operator. Condidered Reliable.
Observer number five: S/Sgt Stephen J. Basarich, 1900 AACS Sq, Biggs AFB, Texas, Control Tower Operator, Considered reliable.
Observer number Six: Mr. [redacted], [redacted] El Paso, Texas, age 17, Student, Considered reliable.
Observer number Seven: [redacted], [redacted] Hq Battalion, Special Troops, Fort Bliss, Texas. Reliable.
Observer number eight: Pilot T-33, Lt. Col R.D. Stevens, 2434A, 1002 IG Sq. SBD.

Paragraph g. (a) Wind Direction and Velocity
6000 Feet - 130 degrees - 22 KTS
10,000 Feet - 170 Degrees - 10 KTS
16,000 Feet - 240 Degrees - 23 KTS
20,000 Feet - 250 Degrees - 40 KTS
30,000 Feet - 270 Degrees - 40 KTS
45,000 Feet - 280 Degrees - 35 KTS
60,000 Feet - 270 Degrees - 15 KTS

(b) Ceiling: Clear
(c) Visibility: 20
(d) Amount of Cloud Cover: None - High, thin, scattered.
(e) Thunderstorms in vicinity: 1 - 150 N Miles North East moving East.
(f) Temperature Gradient
SFC - 73 degrees - 23 degrees C
5M - 24 degrees C
10M - 9 Degrees C
19M - 11 degrees C
30M - 41 degrees C
38M - 59 degrees C

Paragraph h. None

Paragraph i. None
Paragraph j. None

NOTES TAKEN DURING INTERVIEW OF [redacted], El Paso, Texas, age 36 Occupation Medical Instrument Repairman

1. Shape: Half Circle with a tail

2. Size: Approximately 6 to 8 inches at arms length

3. Color: Brilliant, Red and White

4. Nr: 1

5. N/A

6. None

7. Definite tail, appeared to be approximately half the size of the object itself.

8. No sound

9. Appeared to have a flat trajectory

b. 1. His hobby is astronomy and he was just scanning the sky when he first noticed the object.

2. He was facing West and first noticed object about 30 degrees above the horizon in a North East direction. Object appeared to be traveling on a Southwest course. Could not guess elevation.

3. Object appeared to have a flat trajectory with a very slight downward angle disappearing from view slightly above the horizon.

4. Object appeared to burn itself out in the distance.

5. Object was observed for approximately 12 seconds. Time: 0533Z

c. Ground Visual

d. 1. 0533Z
2. Night

e. Address as above

INC # 2

NOTES TAKEN DURING INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

1. Shape: Oblong

2. Size: Appeared to be the size of a basketball held at arms length.

3. Color: Orange and White

4. 1

5. N/A

6. Brilliant

7. No tail or trail apparent

8. No sound

9. Unknown

b. 1. The brilliance of the object as he glanced skyward

2. Object appeared to be travelling on a level trajectory until it disappeared in the distance. A piece about one-third its size fell off over Juarez, Mexico and appeared to fall toward the earth.

3. Looking up it appeared to be at a 45 degree angle. Elevation unknown.

4. Objects flight path appeared to be flat and moved slowly unlike a meteorite.

5. Lost sight of object when it disappeared behind trees which obstructed his view.

6. Object was in view for approximately 2 seconds

c. Ground - visual

d. 1. 0532Z
2. Night

e. [redacted] of Rosedale Drive, Lower Valley area, El Paso, Texas

INC # 1

NOTES TAKEN DURING INTERVIEW OF A/3C Stanley L. Wieding 1900 AACS Sq Biggs AFB, Texas, Control Tower Operator

Vague Report

1. Round

2. Appeared to be 6 to 8 inches in diameter at arms lenght

3. White, Flashing

4. 1

5. N/A

6. Appeared to be a meteorite

7. Unknown

8. No sound

9. Unknown

b. 1. Sgt Wallace pointed out object to him. Airman was performing duty in the Biggs Control Tower at the time.

2. Object was traveling from his right to left while facing South.

3. Appeared to travel in an arc and disappeared in the distance.

4. No comment

5. No comment

6. Object was in view for approximately 15 seconds.

c. Tower Observation - visual

d. 1. 0538Z
2. Night

e. Biggs Control Tower

INC # 3

NOTES TAKEN DURING INTERVIEW OF T/Sgt James W. Wallace, 1900 AACS Sq, Biggs AFB, Texas, Control Tower Operator.

1. Shape? Round and slightly elongated

2. Size: About size of a dime at arms length.

3. Color: Redish white and very bright

4. 1

5. N/A

6. Resembled meteorite

7. Tail or trail resembled that of meteorite.

8. No sound noted

9. No unsual features

b. 1. Was scanning sky from Biggs AFB Tower when he first noticed object.

2. Was facing South, object first noticed coming from his right at approximately 15 degrees above horizon. Could not estimate elevation as object was to far away.

3. Object appeared to be declining at a 45 degree angle traveling in a South Western direction.

4. Unknown

5. Object appeared to burn itself out disappearing slightly above the horizon.

6. Object was in view for approximately 15 seconds

c. Tower observation - visual.

d. 1. 0538Z
2. Night

e. Biggs Control Tower

INCL # 4

NOTES TAKEN DURING INTERVIEW OF S/Sgt Stephen J. Basarich, 1900 AACS Squadron, Biggs AFB, Texas, Control Tower Operator.

1. Shape: Oblong

2. Size: Appeared to be 6 to 8 inches long at arms length.

3. Color: White, brilliant

4. 1.

5. N/A

6. Appeared to be a meteorite

7. Didn't recall tail or trail

8. No sound

9. None

b. 1. Object was pointed out to him by another airman in the control Tower.

2. Object was traveling from the Northwest to Southwest.

3. Object appeared to be at an elevation of approximately 20,000 feet, traveling in an arc.

4. Unknown

5. Disappeared in the distance giving the appearance of burning or fading out.

6. Observed for approximately 2 to 3 minutes.

c. Tower Observation - Visual

d. 1. 0533 Z
2. Night

e. Biggs Control Tower

INCL # 5

NOTES TAKEN DURING INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

Loma Terrace, El Paso Tex, Age 17

1. Shape: Round with Bright Trail

2. Size: Half the size of a pea at arms length

3. Color: Bright White with traces of blue, yellow, Reddish tail.

4. 1

5. N/A

6. Bright

7. Tail or trail appeared to be a little longer than the size of the object.

8. No Sound

9. None

b. 1. Just happened to glance up and noticed object.

2. Appeared to be approximately 20 degrees above the horizon North west of my position. Azimuth of approximate 50 degrees.

3. Object disappeared 20 degrees above horizon, Southeast. It appeared to break into over or near the Rio Grande River.

4. Unknown

5. Faded or burned out in the distance

6. Object was in view for approximately 8 seconds

c. Ground Visual

d. 1. Approx 0530Z
2. Night

e. Address as above.

INCL # 6

NOTES TAKEN DURING INTERVIEW OF [redacted], B. Battery, Hq Battalion, Special Troops, Fort Bliss Tex.

1. SHape: Round ie Ball of Fire with slight tail or trail, reddish green.

2. Size: Appeared to be 16 to 20 feet in dia. Couldn't compare size with known object at arms length.

3. Red like a ball of fire.

4. 1

5. N/A

6. None

7. Tail or trail appeared to get longer as object disappeared

8. Heard sound like a sonic boom

9. Appeared to break into when first noticed.

b. 1. The noise attracted my attention to the object.

2. When first noticed object appeared to be 90 degrees overhead. Elevation approx 30 to 40 M feet.

3. Disappeared in a Southeastern direction

4. Object just appeared to flash across the sky.

5. Appeared to just disappear in the distance

6. Object was visible for approximately 6 seconds.

c. Ground Visual

d. 1. Aprox 0538Z
2. Night

e. [redacted] on Dyer Street, El Paso, Texas

INCL # 7