

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 June 1949 18/2300Z		LOCATION Montgomery, Alabama	397
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION Other (CLOUD)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 20 - 25			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was saucer-like. Aluminum. And appeared to be traveling slower then an A/C. Observer was driving in a car when she noticed object. Object appeared to be bubbling up and down around and into large thunderhead clouds.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE Not Stated			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.

24-38

DATE

11 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY

ROGER E. WINN

REPORT MADE AT

DO #8, Maxwell AFB

PERIOD

8 July 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO #8, Maxwell AFB

STATUS

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TITLE

PROJECT GRUDGE
INCIDENT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
18 JUNE 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Mrs. [REDACTED], Gunter AFB, saw 20 - 25 flying saucers on 18 June 1949. [REDACTED] did not notify authorities sooner for fear of unfavorable publicity.

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ROUTE TO

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DETAILS:

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AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

1. On 8 July 1949, [REDACTED], Quarters 602-C, Gunter AFB, wife of [REDACTED], stated that she sighted flying saucers on 18 June 1949. [REDACTED] supplied the following details:

Date of observation	18 June 1949, 1700 hours
Place of observation	Approximately one mile from Montgomery, Alabama, city limits enroute to Gunter AFB, Alabama
Position of observer	In automobile while driving to Gunter AFB, Alabama
Other witnesses	None
Photographs or sketches of objects	None
Number of objects	20 to 25
Shape of objects	Saucerlike
Size	Appeared to be size of dinner plate
Color	Aluminum
Speed	Slower than airplane
Heading	No particular direction. Appeared to be bubbling up and down around and into large thunderhead
Maneuverability	Extremely maneuverable
Altitude	Over 500 feet. Operating in and out of thunderhead.
Sound	None
Exhaust	None
Position	Over Gunter AFB, Alabama, about two miles from observer

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[REDACTED]

Time in sight **UNCLASSIFIED**

Approximately five minutes

Weather conditions

Sun was shining but there was a large thunderhead over Gunter AFB

2. [REDACTED] husband has been in the Air Force for over 7 years and she is thoroughly familiar with all types of aircraft. She has never seen anything of this type before. [REDACTED] told her husband of the incident immediately upon reaching home but told no one else for fear of ridicule. As far as she knows, no one else saw the saucers.

NOTE: [REDACTED] seemed a normal, mature woman.

3. On 11 July 1949, a check of the weather records at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, revealed the following information:

1530 weather

18 June 1949

15,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, wind calm.

1630 weather

18 June 1949

15,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, wind from North 6 knots.

1730 weather

18 June 1949

18,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, a few cirrus clouds, wind from West 4 knots.

1830 weather

18 June 1949

18,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, a few cirrus clouds, wind from West 4 knots.

1930 weather

18 June 1949

18,000, clouds scattered, visibility 10 miles, smoke layer, wind calm.

4. Four weather balloons were released from Maxwell AFB on 18 June 1949 at the following times: one at 0315, one at 0900, one at 1445, and one at 2134. No unusual conditions or phenomena were noticed.

NOTE: No weather facilities are available at Gunter AFB. Gunter AFB Operations calls Maxwell Weather Station for clearance data.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION

[REDACTED]

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1. Date of Observation 18 June 1949 Date of Interview 8 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1700
3. Place of Observation Montgomery, Alabama
4. Position of observer in auto
5. What attracted attention to object.
6. Number of objects 20-25
7. Apparent size of dinner plate
8. Color of object aluminum
9. Shape saucer-like
10. Altitude over 500 ft
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer 2 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight 5 minutes
15. Speed Slower than airplane
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Appeared to be bubbling up and down around and into large thunderhead
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions. Scattered clouds 15,000-18,000 feet visibility 10 miles, 4-6 knot wind from north or west.

(over)

*other (cloud)**7-3712-31*

Name and address of observer:

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Gunter AFB, Alabama

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appeared normal mature woman

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

19 July 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident, Montgomery, Alabama
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Inclosed for your information is report of investigation by Special Agent ROGER E. WINN, DO #3, Maxwell, Alabama, subject as above, dated 11 July 1949.

2. This investigation was not requested by or through this District Office.

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(in dup)

for J. M. Braun
JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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