

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 Jul 49 18/0245Z	2. LOCATION New Orleans, Louisiana	402
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 sec to 5 min	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was larger than a small airplane. It was a luminous gray color. Seemed to be traveling faster than an aircraft. Disappeared behind a building.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		
7. COURSE Southeast		
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No		

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1. Date of Observation 17 July 1949 Date of Interview 21 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2045
3. Place of Observation [REDACTED]
4. Position of observer 2nd Floor gallery of house at above address
5. What attracted attention to object Chance
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Larger than small airplane
8. Color of object Luminous gray
9. Shape Oblong
10. Altitude 45°
11. Direction from observer Northeast
12. Distance from observer 2000 ft.
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Southeast
14. Time in sight 30 Seconds
15. Speed Faster than normal speed of airplane
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Shiny but not brilliant
19. Projections Finger-like projections from each end.
20. Maneuvers Object undulated on a straight line of flight.
21. Manner of disappearance Behind building
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object None
24. Weather Conditions Dark, bright moon and stars

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Name and address of observer: Dr. G. [REDACTED], New Orleans, La.

Occupation and hobbies:

Associate Prof. of Anatomy, La. State School of Medicine
Collection of early American portraits

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

Excellent character, not one to exaggerate, wears glasses, correcting vision
to 20/20.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: None

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1. Date of Observation 17 July 1949 Date of Interview 19 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2030
3. Place of Observation ~~██████████~~ Alexandria, Louisiana
4. Position of observer Front porch at above address
5. What attracted attention to object Chance
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 4 inches in diameter
8. Color of object Amber
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude 25°
11. Direction from observer Northwest
12. Distance from observer Four Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Northwest
14. Time in sight Five minutes
15. Speed Unknown
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Very brilliant
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers None
21. Manner of disappearance Behind clouds
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object None
24. Weather Conditions Dark, no moon, clear with scattered clouds

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 32-15	DATE 8 August 1949
TITLE PROJECT "SIGN" UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON		REPORT MADE BY DONALD V. OWENS	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		PERIOD 29 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY			
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS This investigation was conducted at the request of the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information that an unidentified aerial phenomenon was sighted over Moreauville, La., on 18 July 1949. Investigation at Moreauville, La., revealed that Mrs. [REDACTED] had, at approximately 0105 hours, 18 July 1949, sighted an object which she described as being a brilliant, golden color and was moving very slowly, even slower than a person could walk, from east to west and about the size of an ordinary dessert plate. 7-3712-22 DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AT 10 YEAR INTERVALS. DOD DISC 100-100 <u>CLOSED</u>			
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	APPROVED Edward R. Ford. EDWARD R. FORD Major, USAF District Commander.		

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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation was conducted at the request of the Commanding Officer, 9th District OSI, upon receipt of information that an unidentified aerial phenomenon had been seen at approximately 0105 hours on the morning of 18 July 1949, at Moreauville, La.

2. On 27 July 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed at her home located three-fourths (3/4) mile southwest of Moreauville, Louisiana, along State Highway 30. Mrs. [REDACTED] related that at approximately 0105 hours, 18 July 1949, she arose from her bed and at the time she stood up by the side of her bed, a very brilliant light reflected through the south window of her bedroom and attracted her attention. Mrs. [REDACTED] explained that she observed this object which appeared to be a very golden color and was moving from east to west. This object appeared to be moving very slowly, as slow as a person could walk or from two (2) to five (5) miles per hour. This object was observed for approximately four (4) or five (5) minutes, and in an effort to determine whether or not the object could have been a shooting or falling star, Mrs. [REDACTED] called her son, [REDACTED], from the next room. Her son immediately arose and came to the window and observed the object along with her for approximately five or six minutes more. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that prior to the object's disappearance it made a very slight descent and then appeared to fade out. Mrs. [REDACTED] related that at the time she sighted the above object, the weather was fair and warm and there were no clouds in sight, the moon was shining quite brightly. Mrs. [REDACTED] could not estimate the distance and angle of the object, figuratively speaking, but she was able to thoroughly describe the approximate location from her bedroom window. Mrs. [REDACTED] further stated that the object she sighted did not perform any tactics or maneuvers but moved very slowly and did not seem to rotate. This object was about the size of an ordinary dessert plate.

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INCLOSURES:

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DAYTON, OHIO:

Two (2) copies of Form 8-3801 TC, Subject, Project "Sign".

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE,
DAYTON, OHIO:

One (1) copy of above listed inclosure.

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial
Object (s))

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1. Date of sighting **18 July 1949**
2. Time of sighting **0105 to 0117**
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town **Moreauville, La., 12 Mi. SW from Marksville, La.**
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersections, etc. **3/4 Mi. SW of Moreauville, La.**
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. **South window, ground floor.**
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude **Not available**
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
 - (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark
 - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
 - (4) Latitude and longitude
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude
 - (2) Proximity to land
(Name city, country, etc.)
4. Number of objects **One (1)**
 - a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)
5. Distance of object from observer **2000 - 3000 feet**
 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon **25° to 35° from horizontal**
 - c. Altitude **500 - 800 feet**

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6. Time in sight **10 - 12 minutes**
7. Appearance of object **Round and thin**
 - a. Color **Glittering golden to point of hurting observer's eyes.**
 - b. Shape (sketch if possible)
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent) **Solid**
 - d. Size **Approximately 7 inches in diameter, 1/2 inch to 1 inch thick.**
 - (1) Estimated size
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view
(Compared to known object) **Size of dessert plate**
8. Direction of flight **From east to west**
9. Tactics or maneuvers **None**
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, Very slight de-fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. **scent just prior to fading out of sight.**
10. Evidence of exhaust **None**
 - a. Color of smoke **None**
 - b. Length and width **None**
 - c. Odor (if any) **None**
 - d. Rate of evaporation **None**
 - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) **None**
11. Effect on clouds **No clouds**
 - a. Opened path thru clouds
 - b. Formed cloud or mists
 - c. Reflected on cloud
 - d. Shown thru cloud
12. Lights **Entire object luminous**
 - a. Reflected or attached **Reflected**
 - b. Luminous
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed **No**

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13. Support **None apparent**

- a. Wings
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
- c. Vertical jet
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion **Unknown**

- a. Propeller or jet **None visible**
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
(KatzMayer effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings **None visible**

15. Control and stability **Object moved very slowly and smoothly**

- a. Fine
- b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) **None visible**
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location

16. Air ducts **None visible**

- a. Slots
- b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. **2 - 5 M.P.H.**

18. Sound **None**

- a. Continuous whine or buzz
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
- c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance **Descended very slowly and faded out,
never reached the earth.**

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view **X**

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer **Mrs. [REDACTED] - Age 65**

2. Address **Moreauville, Louisiana**

3. Occupation **Housewife**

4. Place of business **Home [REDACTED] Moreauville,
La., 50' north of Highway 30.**

a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies **None**

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)

Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?

6. Ability to determine **Normal**

a. Color

b. Speed of moving objects

c. Size at distance

7. Reliability of observer **Usually reliable**

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor **X**

(2) Police Dept **X**

(3) FBI records

(4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on
 - a. Sightings in general No reason to doubt observer's information.
 - b. How attention was drawn to object (s)
 - (1) Sound
 - (2) Motion
 - (3) Glint of light Observer's attention drawn to object by object's brilliant reflection.
9. Witnesses Mr. [REDACTED], son of Mrs. [REDACTED]
 - a. Addresses Moreauville, La.
 - b. Occupation Asst. Mgr. La. Electric & Ice Co., Mensura, La.
 - c. Reliability Usually reliable.
10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated Subject apparently physically and mentally alert, middle class of people, French by nationality, emotionally stable.
Relative to Radar Sightings
 1. Re radars now operating on ground
 - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
 - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions
2. Winds aloft report
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
 - a. Object
 - b. Surrounding terrain where observed
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
 - d. Maneuvers
 - e. Formation if objects were more than two
8. Secure signed statement
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such)

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