

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 May 1949 22/1700(L)	2. LOCATION Caddo Lake, La
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	The reporting official was in the approx area about the same time of report and said a B-36 was in the area at approx same time of observation by witness at a high altitude.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Object was silver in color, oblong, flying in a straight flight. Manner of disappearance was by fading from view due to distance.
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8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Shreveport, La. 4th Army Area		FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office, 3500 Pilot Training Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.	
DATE OF REPORT 25 May 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 24 May 1949	EVALUATION Reliable	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain CHARLES E. DICKEY, USAF		SOURCE Mr. W. S. Crays, 227 Stoner St. Shreveport, La.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum Number 4, 15 Feb 49			
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 112—Part II.) The sighting of an unknown aerial object over Caddo Lake, one (1) mile west of Morningsport, Louisiana, was reported to the Wing Intelligence Office, 3500 Pilot Training Wing, by Mr. W. S. Crays , Shreveport, Louisiana, 24 May 1949.			
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[redacted] stated, that at approximately 1700 hours on the 22 May 1949, that he, his wife, his son and [redacted] Shreveport, La., his son's guest were on a fishing party at Caddo Lake when their attention was attracted to an F-82 flying across the lake. While they were watching the F-82, Miss [redacted] noticed the unknown object and directed their attention to it. [redacted] further stated that when he first sighted this object, it was approximately Two (2) miles away at an angle of Sixty (60) Degrees and at an extremely high altitude which he estimated to be Eight (8) to Ten (10) thousand feet. He estimated the object to have remained in sight approximately Four (4) minutes and that it was silver in color, oblong shaped, metal construction and approximately the size of baseball. [redacted] estimated the direction of flight as being southeast. The flight path was a continued straight line and there was no sound connected with the object. [redacted] stated that due to the height of the object he was unable to see any details. He estimated the speed of the object at Five hundred (500) miles per hour and stated it continued in straight flight until it faded from view.

The son, [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana, in an interview 24 May 1949, stated in effect the same details as given by his father with the exception that his estimate of the time the object was in sight was Three (3) minutes and angle of sight thirty five (35) Degrees. He further stated that he felt the incident should be reported because of an article he had seen concerning the sighting of a "Flying Saucer" in New Orleans carried in the Shreveport Times, 24 May 1949. The article stated that [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana saw an object that resembled a huge baseball at very high altitude at 18:50 hours. The dateline on the article was AP, May 23, 1949.

A routine check conducted on the reliability of the observers was favorable.

[redacted] is a civil service employee employed at Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, Louisiana as the paint shop foreman in the Base engineering shops.

[redacted] is employed by the Fulton Loan Company, Slaterry Building, Shreveport, Louisiana.

At the time of the sighting of this object the ceiling and visibility was unlimited and there was a bright sun.

Agents Note
At 1700, 22 May 1949 the reporting Officer was in Bossier City, La which is approx 15 miles from Caddo Lake when he sighted an aircraft positively identified as a B-36 at an estimated altitude of 30,000 ft. It was very difficult to identify as an aircraft due to the bright sun, but the distinctive sound of the B-36 was easily discernible.

In the opinion of the reporting officer it is possible that the reported object was the same or a similar aircraft as the ability of the observers to accurately estimate altitude is doubtful.

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INCIDENT NO. 333

1. Date of Observation 22 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1700
3. Place of Observation Caddo Lake (1 mile west of morningsport, La)
4. Position of observer In a boat on Lake
5. What attracted attention to object Miss [REDACTED]
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size baseball
8. Color of object silver
9. Shape oblong
10. Altitude 60° 8,000 - 10,000 ft, Donald estimated 35°
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer First sighted 2 miles away
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Southeast
14. Time in sight 4 minutes, [REDACTED] estimated 3 minutes
15. Speed 500 mph
16. Sound and odor none
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Straight flight
21. Manner of disappearance Faded from view
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object See agents note under narrative
24. Weather Conditions CVU

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Name and address of observer: Mr. [REDACTED], Shreveport, La.
Mrs. [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies: [REDACTED], Shreveport, La.

Paint Shop Foreman

Housewife

Loan Co. Employee

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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**HEADQUARTERS 3500TH PILOT TRAINING WING
Barksdale Air Force Base, La.**

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25 May 1949

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Air Intelligence Information Report

**TO : Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXC#3**

**1. Transmitted is Intelligence Information Report on Unidentified
Aerial Object.**

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Bobby O. Sellars

**BOBBY O. SELLARS
1ST LIEUT. U.S.A.F.
ASST. ADJUTANT**

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