PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	LOCATION
23 May 1949 23/1000-24/0030(L)	Camp Hood, Texas

3. SOURCE Multiple (Military)	10. CONCLUSION Other (GROUND LIGHTS/AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHTS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Automobile headlights on a low haze cover going along the highway going up and down hills would give the same description indicated.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was apparent size of automobile headlight with a yellowish tinge. Round and just above horizon. Object was duller than star with brightness of flashlight covered with yellow paper. Object moved up and down and sideways to level flight.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE, Up & Down	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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

FILE NO. 24-39

DATE 11 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY R. R. LUNSDEN, SPECIAL AGENT

REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

PERIOD 6 May through 7 July 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

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AERIAL PHENOMENA
VICINITY CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

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Report of S/A R. R. LUNSDEN, 10th District OSI, 24-39, 27 May 1949

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On 7 May 1949, unidentified light observed at 2130 hours, was visible for approximately 35 minutes. Light was stationary, color varied from white to blue with flashes of red.

On 23 May, four separate observations were made of six aerial phenomena. Observations were made at 1000, 2210, 2330, and period 2330 to 0030 hours.

On 3 June, civilian type aircraft made an emergency landing near restricted area, damaging fence. Investigation by F. B. I. indicated no ulterior motive.

On 6 June, unusual light observed at 2105 hours by two observers, and was in sight for two minutes and forty seconds. Same object was also observed by two other observers from a different azimuth.

On 13 June, unusual light observed at 2015 hours, in sight for approximately two to three seconds, moving very fast. On 13 June, unusual light was observed at 2300 hours by two officer observers for a period of from five to thirty seconds.

On 7 July, informal information received indicating Fourth Army made request for assistance of Air Technical Intelligence Team from Headquarters Air Materiel Command.

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Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATT: Director of
Technical Intelligence

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R. R. LUNSDEN
Lt. Colonel, USAF

DISTRICT COMMANDER

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It was in sight for approximately two to three seconds, moving very fast, "Faster than jet plane". Flight was in downward direction. Copy of report on standard form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects", furnished directly to AMC and copy retained in files of D. O. No. 10.

10. On 13 June, Captain SAMUEL H. FEIN, Hq. 92d AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, at approximately 2300 hours observed a brilliant light in the sky. Observer was sitting in the patio in the rear of the Camp Hood Officers' Club and saw one brilliant light similar to a meteorite. Estimated size 500 to 700 feet, with a tail extending to the rear 1000 yards. The object was green in color, while the tail was sodium-yellow and green. Observer estimated object to be 70 to 75 miles distant, moving at a speed of 3,000 feet per second. Direction of flight was west to southwest. Object was in sight from 5 to 10 seconds. Object was described as being three times the brilliancy of a meteorite. Weather was clear, ceiling and visibility unlimited. Complete report on form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects" furnished to AMC by Fourth Army and a copy is retained in the files of D. O. No. 10.

11. This same object was also observed by Major ALEXANDER B. WELCHER, Hq. 78th AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, from the patio in the rear of the Camp Hood Officers' Club. Observer could not estimate the size of the object, but stated it was round with a tail. Color described from front to rear as being green, red, dark red, purple, with dark outline. Object was in sight approximately 30 seconds, during which time it covered one-half mile "as fast as molten metal being poured". This observer had majored in Petrol and Geological subjects at University of Oklahoma, and stated he definitely believed object sighted was not a meteorite, and judging by the color of its trail, observer believed object was burning a fuel of hydro-carbon base. Copy of report has been furnished to AMC, and a copy is retained in the files of D. O. No. 10.

12. On 7 July 1949, 10th District OSI was advised by Major PERRY C. WINN, G-2 Section, Headquarters Fourth Army, that a request had been directed through channels for the assistance of a Technical Intelligence Team from Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, in determining the nature of the aerial phenomena in the vicinity of Camp Hood, Texas.

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DETAILS:

1. On 7 May 1949, Captain DUNCAN C. PERKINS, Asst. G-3, 2nd Armored Division, observed an unusual light at Camp Hood, Texas. Captain PERKINS at approximately 2130 hours, was walking at map coordinate 913.5 - 854.5 and saw an object brighter than the stars. Object remained stationary for approximately thirty-five (35) minutes, was round and twice the size of the brightest star visible. Color varied, being predominantly white, varying to blue with flashes of red. No maneuvers were observed, and the weather was generally fair with scattered clouds and a wind from the south, velocity of about 15 miles per hour. Observer followed object both with the naked eye and through field glasses. The standard form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects" has been furnished AMC and copy is retained in files of District Office No. 10.

2. On 23 May 1949, Lieut. TOM S. GROSECLOSE, "C" Company, 6th Tank Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas, observed an unusual light. Observation was made at 2210 hours from Observation Post No. 1, map coordinate 9140-8560. GROSECLOSE saw one light about three feet in diameter, round in shape, and changing from amber to greenish yellow in color. The object was in sight for approximately two or three minutes, and was about 1,500 yards from the observer. Speed was slow and object appeared to grow. No maneuvers were noted. Observation was made without assistance of optical instruments. Object was north of the observer and travelled from east to west, then from west to east. Pvt. JOE V. ALFORD, Company "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas, made observation at the same point and at the same time, and described the object as being two or three feet in diameter, smaller than the moon, was round and was red when first seen, then changed to a greenish color. Object was in sight for two to three minutes, travelled from east to west, then from west to east, disappearing, then re-appearing, moving slowly when first sighted, travelling somewhat faster on second observation. Flight was level and the object appeared to glow like a "light through a window". No optical instruments were used in the observation.

3. On 23 May Pvt. JAMES F. GRIDDER, Company "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas, while on guard at Observation Post No. 1, map coordinate 9140-8560 observed unusual lights. Time of observation was 2330 hours, and the object seen was one light which re-appeared approximately twenty times, described as being round, about the size of a half dollar . Color was similar to that of a light bulb. Object was in sight for several seconds and moved straight up and down

As the result of the emergency landing, four fence posts bent completely out of shape, and forty-five feet of fencing badly mangled, torn loose and stretched. As the pilot was a civilian, the matter was referred to the F. B. I., and a report submitted from San Antonio Field Office of that organization indicates the pilot to have been CHARLES EDWIN CARLOW, residing at 1316 Wallace Street, Taylor, Texas. The aircraft was a Ballanca Monowing, red in color, No. NC 74403. Investigation by the F. B. I, indicated nothing unfavorable regarding subject's loyalty to the United States.

7. On 6 June 1949, 1st Lieut. VIRGIL H. WILLIAMS, "B" Battery, 14th AFA Bn, and 2nd Lieut. MARVIN L. JONES, "C" Battery, 14th AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, observed aerial light. The observers were at Artillery OP No. 2, Camp Hood, Texas, map coordinate 913.985-755.330. Time of observation was approximately 2105 hours. Object was in sight for two minutes and forty seconds. Object was described as being initially one, disintegrating into smaller particles at last sighting. The size was 2 to 3 mils in a BC Scope. Object was approximately one mile above the surface, described as being round emitting a dull glow, orange in color, similar to a ball of fire. Object observed through BC Scope, and initially appeared stationary, then moved in level flight, being tracked with constant turn on BC Scope. The object seemed to disintegrate into smaller objects which disappeared in a fraction of a second. The sky was overcast, but the object was described as being dull as a flashlight with black-out disk. No sound or odor was observed.

8. Same object was observed by Lt. BERNARD G. RAFTERY, "B" Battery, 92d AFA Bn, and Lieut. ALFRED H. JONES, "C" Battery, 92d AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, from Artillery Observation Post No. 1, Camp Hood, Texas, map coordinates 913.390 - 857.700. The second set of observers indicated the object to have been one or perhaps two side by side, round in shape and yellow or orange in color. Size was about that of a dime held at arms length. Observers stated object was fairly dull until it burst, and upon bursting parts went up and down and faded out. OP No. 1 observed object on an azimuth of 2840 mils, and OP No. 2 observed on an azimuth 2771 mils. Report on form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects" furnished by both sets of observers to AMC through Fourth Army. Copies of these reports are on file in D.O. No. 10.

9. On 13 June 1949, 1st Lieut. LEE R. CANTLEBARY, Hq. 92d AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, observed aerial light at approximately 2015 hours. Observer was walking south on 162nd Street, near intersection of Hq. Avenue, Camp Hood, Texas, and saw one bright light in the sky, the size of a flare; described as being round, white in color with a pink trail.

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with a slight lateral motion right and left. Object was described as being dull in luminosity; weather was clear with mild winds from the south. No optical instruments were used in observation.

4. On 23 May 1949, at approximately 1000 hours, Sgt. JACKIE E. PARKER, 6th Medium Tank Battalion, "C" Company, Camp Hood, Texas, and PFC JOHN T. OWENS, "C" Company, 6th Medium Tank Battalion, Camp Hood, Texas, were on duty at Observation Post No. 1, map coordinate 914.0-856.0, and observed one object described as being between the size of a star and the moon, or about the size of an automobile headlight. It was round with blurred edges and had a yellowish tinge to its color. Object was more than a mile away and was north-east of the observers; remained in sight for one or two minutes and moved from left to right at a slow speed. Its color was dull like a "flashlight covered by yellow paper". Weather was clear with a light wind from the south, with a small amount of haze. No optical instruments were used. Object moved in level flight. Report made directly to AMC by Fourth Army, and copy retained in files of D. O. No. 10.

5. On 23 May 1949, between the hours 2330 and 0030, three observers saw a recurring light. Observers were Pvt. MURRAY E. BIRNBAUM, Jr. Hq & Sv. Co., 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas; Pvt. MILTON HENK, "D" Company, 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas, and Pvt. IVAN E. FISCHER, 42nd AIB, Camp Hood, Texas. Object appeared and then re-appeared several times. Described as being the size of a light bulb when held at arm's length, round in shape, and with a color of that of a light bulb at a distance. Time of sighting was approximately one minute, and movement was straight up and down at slow speed. Weather was clear with southerly winds, and a slight haze. No sound or odor was observed. No trail noted and no projections seen on object by observers. Individual reports from each of the three observers furnished AMC by Fourth Army with copy being retained in the files of D. O. No. 10.

6. On the night of 3 June 1949, at 2020 hours, a civilian type aircraft circled Camp Hood at an altitude of from 200 to 300 feet. At completion of second circling, airplane was headed due east. Pilot in attempting to land on patrol road which he had mistaken for an air strip, struck the No. 1 fence of the restricted area and caused the plane to crash, but did not burn. Pilot stated he was enroute from Paris to Taylor, Texas, when his plane developed engine trouble requiring him to make an emergency landing. The plane was searched thoroughly and no evidence of cameras or explosives determined.

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INCIDENT NO. 347

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2200
3. Place of Observation OP #1, Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object. Call of Lt
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Automobile headlight
8. Color of object Yellowish tinge
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude Just above horizon
11. Direction from observer North to Northeast
12. Distance from observer Several miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Southeast
14. Time in sight 1
15. Speed Slow
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Duller than star (like flashlight covered with yellow paper)
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Level flight
21. Manner of disappearance Behind trees
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions. Clear, light wind from south

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other (ground lights) automobile headlights

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Incident 347

Name and address of observer:

Pfc J[redacted], "C" Co 6th Med TK Br.
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

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

- Fair observer

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 347A

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2400
3. Place of Observation OP #1 - Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object. Light
6. Number of objects 1 (Light reappeared several times)
7. Apparent size Light bulb
8. Color of object Amber
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude Slightly above horizon
11. Direction from observer Southwest
12. Distance from observer 4000 Yds.
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Straight up and down
14. Time in sight Less than minute
15. Speed Slow
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Like a bright light bulb
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Up and down 5 times at irregular intervals.
21. Manner of disappearance Dropped behind horizon
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions. Hazy and cloudy

(over)

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Incident ~~347A~~

Name and address of observer: Pvt [redacted]
Hq & Serv. Co., 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

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

Fair observer

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 347B

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2.. Exact Time (local) 2330-2400

3. Place of Observation OF #1 Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object. Light

6. Number of objects 1 (appeared 5 or 6 times)

7. Apparent size Between size of star and the moon

8. Color of object of light bulb

9. Shape Round

10. Altitude on horizon

11. Direction from observer mostly south

12. Distance from observer 2000 to 2500 yds.

13. Direction of flight of object(s) straight up then down

14. Time in sight 45-60 seconds

15. Speed slow

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Brighter than moon

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Straight up then down

21. Manner of disappearance Behind trees

22. Effect on Clouds Before light appeared reflection could be seen on clouds.

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions. Clear southernly wind.

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 Incident 347B

Name and address of observer: Pvt [redacted] "D" Co 42-A1B, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

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

Fair observer

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 347C

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) Few minutes past 2200
3. Place of Observation OP #1 Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object. Lieutenant
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Between size of star and that of moon
8. Color of object Pale yellowish
9. Shape Round with edges blurred.
10. Altitude Slightly above horizon
11. Direction from observer North to east.
12. Distance from observer 1 Mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South East (inferred)
14. Time in sight 1 Minute
15. Speed Slow
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Dull, less bright than a star.
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Level flight
21. Manner of disappearance Not observed
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions. Stars out, little haze

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 Incident 347C

Name and address of observer:

Sgt [redacted] 6th Med. TK Bn "C" Co,
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

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

Fair observer

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

INCIDENT NO. 3470

1. Date of Observation 24 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 0030

3. Place of Observation OP #1 Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object.

6. Number of objects 1 light, which appeared 10 to 12 times.

7. Apparent size Light bulb

8. Color of object of light bulb

9. Shape Round

10. Altitude On horizon to height of hand above horizon

11. Direction from observer Southwest

12. Distance from observer 2000-2500 yds.

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Straight up and down

14. Time in sight Intermittently sometimes light ~~xxxxx~~ stayed on for 25-30 seconds

15. Speed Fairly slow

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Dull

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Light moved up and down.

21. Manner of disappearance Behind horizon

22. Effect on Clouds None

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions. Clear

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 Incident 347D

Name and address of observer:

Pvt [redacted] 42d AlB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

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

Fair observer

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 347B

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2210 Hours
3. Place of Observation OP #1, Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object. Moving light
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 3 ft diameter
8. Color of object Amber with greenish light
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude 5 miles above horizon
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer 1500 yds.
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to west then west to east.
14. Time in sight 2-3 minutes
15. Speed Fairly slow
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Glow
19. Projections None noticed
20. Maneuvers Level flight
21. Manner of disappearance Behind horizon
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions. Dark clear night, with few clouds

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Name and address of observer:

Lt [redacted]
"C" Co 6th Tk Bn, 2nd Armored Div., Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Army officer

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

Excellent observer

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

INCIDENT NO. 3478

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2210 Hours
3. Place of Observation Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object. Light
6. Number of objects 1 (which reappeared)
7. Apparent size 2-3 ft (smaller than moon)
8. Color of object Red when first seen then green
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude Above then below horizon
11. Direction from observer North (a little east)
12. Distance from observer 1 mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to west then west to east
14. Time in sight 2-3 minutes
15. Speed Slow (when reappeared traveled faster).
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Glow like a light through a window
19. Projections None noticed
20. Maneuvers Level flight
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared behind hill
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather Conditions. Reasonably clear, some stars, slight haze.

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 Incident 347F

Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies: Pvt [redacted] "D" 42d AIB 2nd Armored Div. Camp Hood, Texas

Soldier

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

Fair

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

INCIDENT NO. 3470

1. Date of Observation 23 May 1949 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact Time (local) 2330 Hours

3. Place of Observation OP #1, Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object. One of the other men called attention to the light.

6. Number of objects 1, which reappeared 20 times.

7. Apparent size Half dollar.

8. Color of object of light bulb

9. Shape Round

10. Altitude Slightly above horizon

11. Direction from observer South

12. Distance from observer 2000 yds.

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Up and down with occasional right and left movement.

14. Time in sight Several seconds

15. Speed Slow

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Dull

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers Up and down with occasional right and left movement

21. Manner of disappearance Dropped below horizon

22. Effect on Clouds None

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions. Clear, light wind from south.

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Incident ~~3470~~

Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

Pvt [redacted] Co. "D" 42nd AIB 2nd Armored Div., Camp Hood, Texas

Soldier

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

Fair observer

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT: Ltr	LECIMAL FILE NO. ✓	FOLLOW UP ON
R - 754	Identified Aerial Phenomena CONF... R-1635		DATE

FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas — DATED 6/10/49

TO: IAXS — NO. INCLS. 3

RECORDING DESK: AXT-1 — DATE RECORDED: 6/17/49 — HOUR: 1300

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DATE OF REPLY

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Glow

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None noticed

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Behind horizon

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Dark clear night with a few clouds.

Name and address of observer:

Lt. Tom S. Groseclose
"C" Co, 6th Tk Bn, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Army Officer
Hobby - Photography

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Excellent Observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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10 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.A.

The following reports re unidentified aerial phenomena observed at Camp Hood, Texas, on 23 May 1949, are forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary:

a. Observed by Lt Tom S. Groseclose, at 2210 hours, map coordinates: 9140 - 8560 (Incl 1)

b. Observed by Pvt Joe V. Alford, at 2210 hours, map coordinates: 9140 - 8560 (Incl 2)

c. Observed by Pvt James F. Cridder, at 2330 hours, map coordinates: 9140 - 8560 (Incl 3)

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2210

3. Place of Observation: 9140-8560 Camp Hood, Texas
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
OP #1, standing

5. What attracted attention to object:
Moving light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
Three feet in diameter.

8. Color of object:
Amber then greenish yellow

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

5 mils above the horizontal

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

North

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

1500 yards

13. Direction of flight of object (s):
East to West then West to East

14. Time of sight:
2 or 3 minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Incl Fairly slow

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment available

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

No Weather Station reports available

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T.COOPER
Capt, FA

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS UNCLASSIFIED

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2210

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) 9140-8560, Camp Hood, Texas

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Standing guard on Observation Post

5. What attracted attention to object:
Happened to see light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One - then reappeared

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

Two or three feet in diameter, smaller than the moon.

8. Color of object:

Red when first seen and then greenish

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
Above and then below horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

North, a little East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

1 mile

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

From East to West and then from West to East

14. Time of sight:

Two or three minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Slow, when reappeared traveled somewhat faster

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Restricted

16. Sound and odor:

None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Glow, like a light through a window

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None noticed

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Dissappeared behind hill near the installation, then reappeared

22. Effect on clouds:

None noticed

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Reasonably clear - some stars - slight haze

Name and address of observer:

Pvt [redacted] Co "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground
No radar equipment was in operation

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:
Wind from the south

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with the earth not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

Samuel T. Cooper

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA
BIO

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

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Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2330

3. Place of Observation: Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood, Texas
(Map Coordinates) 9140-8560

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing up on Guard

5. What attracted attention to object:

One of the other men calledthat there was a light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light which reappeared about twenty times.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of a silver half-dollar.

8. Color of object:

The color of a light bulb.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

Slightly above the horizon.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

South

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

About 2000 yards.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Straight up and down, occasionally a slight movement right andleft.

14. Time of sight:

Several seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Slow

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UNCLASSIFIED

16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Manouvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Straight up and down with slight movement right and left.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Dropped down below horizon.

22. Effect on clouds:

None noticed.

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear with a light wind from the South.

Name and address of observer:
[redacted], Pvt, Co "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division,
Camp Hood, Texas
Occupation and hobbies:
Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Observer did not wear glasses.

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) UNCLASSIFIED Incident No. 2

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

Not applicable, no radar equipment available

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Location of point of contact with earth not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained.

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained.

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt , FA

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DOD DIR 5200.10

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

000.9 AKADB - UNCLASSIFIED 6 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I. A.

The inclosed report of sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena at Camp Hood, Texas, on 25 May 1949, as observed by Pvt [redacted], is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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As stated

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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
R - 544	Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Conf	R-1348	DATE

FROM: Hq 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas DATED 6/6/49
TO: IAXS NO. INCLS. 1

RECORDING DESK AT-1 DATE RECORDED 6/13/49 HOUR 1530

	ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1	IAXS	N/C	[illegible]	[illegible]
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) From 2330 to 2400

3. Place of Observation: Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood, Texas
   (Map Coordinates) 914.0-856.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

   Standing up

5. What attracted attention to object:

   Happened to see the light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

   One light which reappeared five or six times.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

   Between the size of a star and the moon.

8. Color of object:

   Color of a light bulb.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

   Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

    About on the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

    South (mostly)

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

    2000 to 2500 yards

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

    Straight up and then down.

14. Time of sight:

    45 seconds to a minute

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

    slow

Incl

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Brighter than the moon

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Straight up and down

21. Manner of disappearance:

Behind trees

22. Effect on clouds:

Noneon clouds, but before the light appeared could see a reflection

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Southerly wind and clear

Name and address of observer:

Pvt Milton Henk, "D" Company, 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) UNCLASSIFIED Incident No. 2

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

   No radar equipment was in operation

   a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

   a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
   Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:
   Not available

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

   Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

[redacted]

CONTROL NO. R - 524

SUBJECT: Ltr DI L FILE NO. 1 FOLLOW UP ON
Unidentified Aerial Phenomena
Confidential

DATE

FROM: Hq Fourth Army Ft Sam Houston, Texas DATED 6/6/49
TO: IAXS NO. INCLS. 1
RECORDING DESK TXT-R4307 DATE RECORDED 6/13/49 HOUR 1330

	ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1	IAXS	N/e	[illegible]	[illegible]
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

000.9 AKADB

6 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The inclosed report of sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena at Camp Hood, Texas, on 23 May 1949, as observed by Sgt Jackie E. Parker, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Max H Sowden for

EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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16. Sound and odor:

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None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull, less bright than the North Star

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

None - straight level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Did not observe

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Stars were out, there was a little haze

Name and address of observer:

Sgt Jackie E. Parker, 6th Med Tk Bn, C Company, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

UNCLASSIFIED Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) A few minutes after 1000 PM

3. Place of Observation: Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood, Texas
(Map Coordinates) 914.0-856.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Standing up drinking coffee

5. What attracted attention to object:
The lieutenant called that there was a light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

Between the size of a star and the moon

8. Color of object:

Pale yellowish

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round with the edges blurred.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
Slightly above the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
North to East

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

About one mile

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

From left to right

14. Time of sight:

One minute

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Slow

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Incl

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) Incident No. 1

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment was in operation

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:
Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:
Not available

Incl 3

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.
None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

CONTROL NO. R - 523

SUBJECT: Ltr Unidentified Aerial Phenomena CONF.. R-1302

DECIMAL FILE NO. _____

FOLLOW UP ON _____ DATE

FROM: Hq 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas

DATED 6/6/49

TO: IAXS

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RECORDING DESK AXT-1

DATE RECORDED 6/13/49 HOUR 1330

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS	N/R	Rust	14 Jun
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

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CONTROL NO. R - 272

SUBJECT: Ltr Unidentified Aerial Phenomena CONF.. R-1286

DECIMAL FILE NO. _____

FOLLOW UP ON _____ DATE

FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas

DATED 6/1/49

TO: IAXS

NO. INCLS. 2

RECORDING DESK AXT-1

DATE RECORDED 6/6/49 HOUR 1530

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS	N/R	Rust	8 Jun
2			
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

TRANSMITTAL
AMC FORM NO. 10-2
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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2 of 23 May

UNCLASSIFIED

1. Date of Observation 24 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 0030

3. Place of Observation: Observation Post No 1, Camp Hood, Texas
(Map Coordinates) 914.0-856.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing up

5. What attracted attention to object:

Checking telephone and happened to see the light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light which reappeared about ten or twelve times.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of a light bulb.

8. Color of object:

The color of a light bulb at a distance.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

On the horizon, and it went to a height of one hand.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

Southwest

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

2000 to 2500 yards

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Straight up and down.

14. Time of sight:

Sometimes the light went up and then immediately returned downward. Other times the lights stayed at the top position 25 to 30 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Fairly slow

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER [illegible]
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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION (Cont'd) Incident No. 2

UNCLASSIFIED

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

None

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

Not available

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

Incl

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DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA

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Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) A little after 10:00 PM

3. Place of Observation: (Map Coordinates) 9140- 8560
Observation Post No 1

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Standing drinking coffee

5. What attracted attention to object:
The leiutentant called that there was a light.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of an automobile headlight

8. Color of object:

Yellowish tinge

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):
Just above the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

North to Northeast

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

A good distance, at least several miles.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Left to right

14. Time of sight:

one or two minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):
Slow

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

No radar equipment in operation

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
No Weather Station reports available.

2. Winds aloft report:

Light Southerly wind

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None known

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained.

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained.

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt, FA
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 23 May 49 Date of Interview 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2400

3. Place of Observation: Observation Post No 1
(Map Coordinates) 9140-8560

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):

Standing at the Observation Post

5. What attracted attention to object:

Happened to see a light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:

One light which reappeared several times

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):

About the size of a light bulb

8. Color of object:

Amber

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);

Round

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):

Slightly above the horizon

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):

Southwest

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):

4000 yards

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Straight up and down

14. Time of sight:

Less than a minute

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Slow

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re:Radars now operating on ground

   No radar equipment was in operation

   a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was 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 several targets upon approach:

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airborne, when object was sighted

   a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

   Weather Station reports are not available

2. Winds aloft report:

   Southerly wind

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

      Not available

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Point of contact with earth not determined

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained

a. Object
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secured signed statements.

None obtained

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

SAMUEL T. COOPER
Capt. AA

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16. Sound and odor:
None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Like a bright bulb

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Straight up and down about five times at irregular intervals

21. Manner of disappearance:

Disappeared behind horizon

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Hazy - cloudy

Name and address of observer:
Pvt. Murray E. Birnbaum Jr, Hq & Sv Co, 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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16. Sound and odor:
None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Dull, less bright than a star - like a flashlight covered by yellow paper

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None noticed

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight

21. Manner of disappearance:

Disappeared behind trees.

22. Effect on clouds:

None

23. Additional information concerning object:

None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Light wind from the South, clear

Name and address of observer:
PFC John T. Owens, "C" Co, 6th Med Tk Bn, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:
Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: M.C.I.

In compliance with existing directives, the inclosed reports of unidentified aerial phenomena observed at Camp Hood, Texas, 23 May 1949, by Pfc John T. Owens (Incl 1) and Pvt Murray E. Birnbaum, Jr. (Incl 2), are forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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16. Sound and odor:
None

17. Trail (color, luminosity, width, persistence, etc.)
None

18. Luminosity (visibility by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
Dull

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
The light moved straight up and down.

21. Manner of disappearance:
Disappeared behind the horizon

22. Effect on clouds:
None

23. Additional information concerning object:
None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear

Name and address of observer:
Pvt. Ivan L. [redacted] 42d AIB, Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:
Soldier

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):
Fair observer

Did observer wear glasses, especially polariod glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material:
No

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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6 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The inclosed report of sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena at Camp Hood, Texas, on 24 May 1949, as observed by Pvt Ivan L. Fischer, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
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