

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 Jul 49 12/0310Z	2. LOCATION Camp Hood, Texas
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was a streak in the sky, twice as big as a shooting star. Looked like tracer ammunition but much brighter red in color. It disappeared fast as if turning off a light.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West by Southwest	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

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Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 11 July 49 Date of Interview 16 July 49
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2110
3. Place of Observation: 914.3 - 856.3
(Map Coordinates)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
EM was in prone position near his half-track
5. What attracted attention to object:
Streak through sky.
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):
Twice as large as eveing star.
8. Color of object:
Pale Red
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);
Had shape of ball but not a-perfect circle.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon,
90 degrees overhead): 30 Degrees above horizon.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
55°, East of North, when first observed - 255°, South by West,
when last seen.
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over
which object appeared to be):
Approximately 4000 ft above tree line.
13. Direction of flight of object (s):
West by South West.
14. Time of sight:
2110
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): 2 Seconds

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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):
Similiar to tracer ammunition, but brighter red.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
None
20. Manouvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Appeared to follow straight path.
21. Manner of disappearance:
Fast, as if turning off flash light.
22. Effect on clouds:
None
23. Additional information concerning object:
None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Nearly full moon and no clouds.
- Name and address of observer:
Sgt., [REDACTED], Co "A", 42nd Armd Inf Bn., 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.):
Subject average intelligence of NCO's in his grade.
- Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
None

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re: Radars now operating on ground

No radar in area.

- a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
Not applicable.
- 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:

N. A.

- c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

N.A.

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

N.A.

- e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

N.A.

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 data available.

2. Winds aloft report:

N.A.

- a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

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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:

Unknown.

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 not determined.

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

Not 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:

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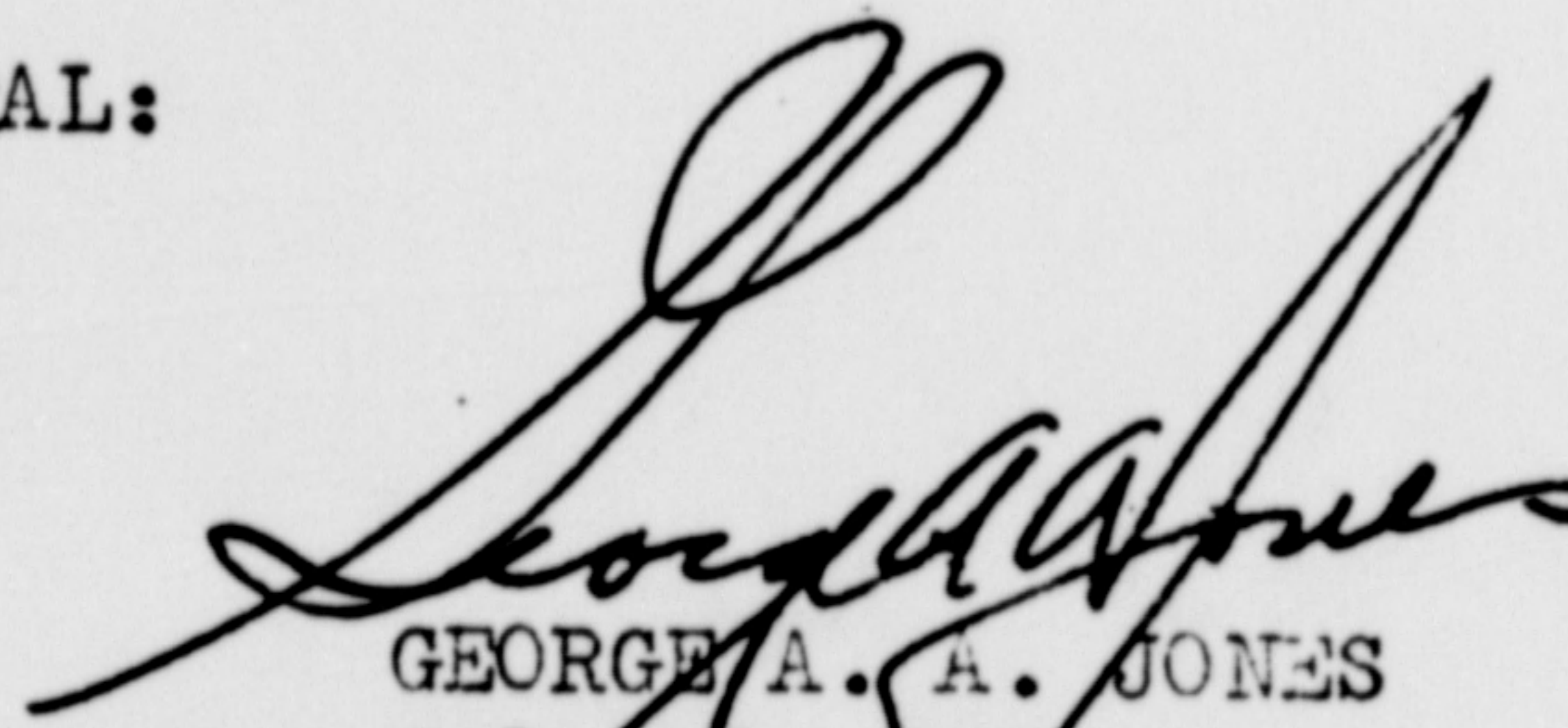
SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

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

The inclosed report re unidentified aerial phenomenon observed by Sgt [REDACTED] in the vicinity of Camp Hood, Texas, 11 July 1949, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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