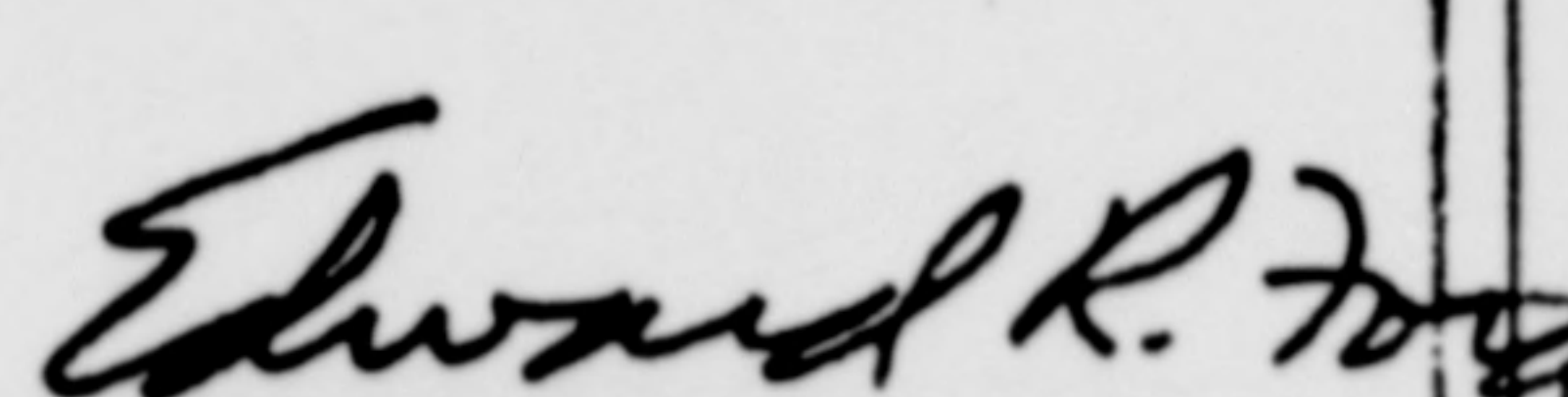


PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 Jul 49	2. LOCATION Pineville, Louis. La
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (HOAX)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The two objects wer reported to be like stove lids. They were dark in color and seemed to just float in the air. Investigation revealed that the alleged sighting was hoax. The news used in the newspaper article was fictitious.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 32-9	DATE 28 July 1949
TITLE PROJECT SIGN UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA		REPORT MADE BY Special Agent CHARLES H. FAY	SEARCHED ☒ INDEXED ☒ SERIALIZED ☒ FILED ☒
		REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		PERIOD 21 July 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
CHARACTER Subversive Activity		STATUS Closed	
REFERENCE None.			
SYNOPSIS This investigation was conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th OSI District upon receipt of information that an unidentified aerial phenomena had been sighted over Pineville, Libuse, and Colfax, Louisiana, on 15 July 1949. Investigation definitely established that information concerning the unidentified aerial phenomena sighted over Pineville, Louisiana, and the surrounding territory as reported in the newspaper publication, Pineville News, 15 July 1949, was false and without foundation.			
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APPROVED  EDWARD R. FORD Major, USAF District Commander.			
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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation was conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information which appeared in the 15 July 1949 issue of the Pineville News, that an unidentified aerial phenomena had been sighted over Pineville, Louisiana, by [REDACTED], Libuse, Louisiana, [REDACTED], Route 3, Pineville, Louisiana and Mr. [REDACTED], P. O. Box 82, Colfax, Louisiana. The following article which is quoted verbatim appeared in the Pineville News, 15 July 1949.

PINEVILLE MAN SIGHTS FIRST FLYING SAUCERS OVER LOCAL TERRITORY

A contingent from Pineville is already growing, to attend the proposed convention of viewers of flying saucers. Brother O'Neal of Route 3, Holloway Prairie Road phoned the News office Wednesday to report a pair of flying saucers that he had seen. This was the first report in the most recent list of people who've seen the phenomena from Pineville. Brother O'Neal reported that the two objects looked like stove lids and were heading in a northerly direction at about seventy-five (75) feet. The saucers were a dark color and appeared substantial, O'Neal reported. The objects were moving through the air pretty fast and were in sight for only five minutes. He said that he noticed the disks while walking through a field on the Holloway road. Yesterday another call came in reporting two more saucers at Libuse. This time the objects were seen by Freddy Hanks of Libuse, and instead of being dark were shiny, and about the size of a big saucer. The disks, also at a height of about seventy-six (76) feet were reported as just floating, sort of sailing through the air. Noticing the saucers qualified both as delegates to a convention that is being planned by the Young Mens Business Club of Alexandria. The scheme, devised only a short time has already attracted interested persons from many sections of the U. S. and at present, seems to have a good chance of actual materialization. Epidemics of flying saucers have hit the nation intermittently for the last three years, the most recent being only about a month old. Scientific journals existing from ancient times have also made mention of the air phenomena.

TWO SEPARATE SAUCER STORIES FINALLY AGREE:

At last we have two stories that actually agree in all details, concerning flying saucers, but were reported by two persons unknown to each other, and uninformed of the news. [REDACTED] in Colfax, called the paper as we were going to press and reported three black plate size discs traveling in a northeasterly direction. The odd thing about this story was that instead of the usual shiny discs, [REDACTED] were the same dull black as were Brother O'Neal's of Holloway Prairie Road. It's becoming harder and harder to be skeptical about these mysterious discs.

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3. On 21 July 1949, investigation of the Pineville News, revealed that [REDACTED] was instigator of the hoax along with two other individuals, newspaper employees, concerning the operations of the flying discs in the vicinity of Pineville, La. [REDACTED] advised the writer that the story as printed in the 15 July 1949 edition of the Pineville News was false and without foundation. The news used in this article was fictitious. [REDACTED] further advised that the hoax was prepared purely in fun with no thought to cause anyone any trouble. [REDACTED] would not name any of the other individuals involved and stated that he would take full responsibility for the entire misunderstanding.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

9 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXS

1. The inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES H. FAY, DO #9, dated 28 July 1949, is forwarded for your information and file.

2. This investigation was not requested by this office, and no investigative action concerning subject incident is being conducted by this District.

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W O G, USAF
JEROME H. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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