

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE -TIME GROUP 15 August 49 16/0030Z	2. LOCATION Greenville, South Carolina
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	The object was a Geological Weather Service Balloon released in Tennessee.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The object was described as round, fairly large, grey, moving in a Northeasterly direction at an undetermined speed. No sound was heard and no exhaust was seen. Appeared to be moving at a constant speed and at a constant altitude.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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16 August 1949

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. An unidentified flying object was sighted over Greenville, S. C., at 1930E, 15 August 1949.

2. The 1930E weather for Greenville AF Base was 4000 scattered, 15 miles visibility. Greenville, S. C. Municipal Airport weather at 1930E was 25000 broken, 9000 scattered, 30 miles visibility, with distant thunderstorms in all quadrants.

3. Two witnesses reported the unidentified flying objects. One of the witnesses was not identified and the other was Mr. ~~_____~~ of ~~_____~~ Avenue, Greenville, S. C., who is employed at the ~~_____~~ Municipal Airport.

4. No photographs or sketches are available.

5. The unidentified object was described by the witnesses as round, fairly large, grey, moving in a northeasterly direction at an undetermined speed. No sound was heard nor was any exhaust trail visible, its altitude was estimated to be 5000 feet or less. The maneuverability is not known, but it appeared to be moving at a constant speed and altitude.

6. All reports were received via Plan 62 interphone by Maxwell Flight Service Center from Atlanta Air Route Traffic Control Center. The Atlanta ARTC received them from the Greenville Municipal Airport Control Tower.

7. The operations section of the 316th Troop Carrier Wing investigated this incident further and determined that the unidentified object was a Geological Weather Service balloon believed to have been released in Tennessee.

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AF GRNC

AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS SIGHTED OVER GREENVILLE SC AT 1930ESTPD

WEATHER AT THAT TIME WAS HIGH SCATTERED 4000 SCATTERED 15 MILES VISIBILITY

AT GREENVILLE AIRPORT AFB AND 25000 BROKEN 9000 SCATTERED 30 MILES AT

GREENVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WITH DISTANT THUNDERSTORMS ALL QUADRANTS

WITNESSES: MR [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

GREENVILLZ SC AND ONE OTHER UNIDENTIFIED WITNESS PD

NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR SKETCHES AVAILBLZ PD

DISCRIPTION: 1 ZACH ROQND FAIRLY LARGE GRAY SPEED UNKNOWN HEADING

NORTHEAST MANEUVERABILITYHUNKNOWN ALTITUDE 5000 FEET OR

BELOW NO SOUND OR EXHAUST TRAIL REPORTED

OBJECT REPORTED TO BE MAINTAINING CONSTANT SPEED AND ALTITUDE PD ALL

REPORTS TRANSMITTED TO THIS CENTER BY ATLANTA AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC

CONTROL PD OFFICER OF THE DAY AT GREENVILLE AFB NOTIFIED AND IS TO

MAKE FUTHER INVESTIGATION END PD

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