

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

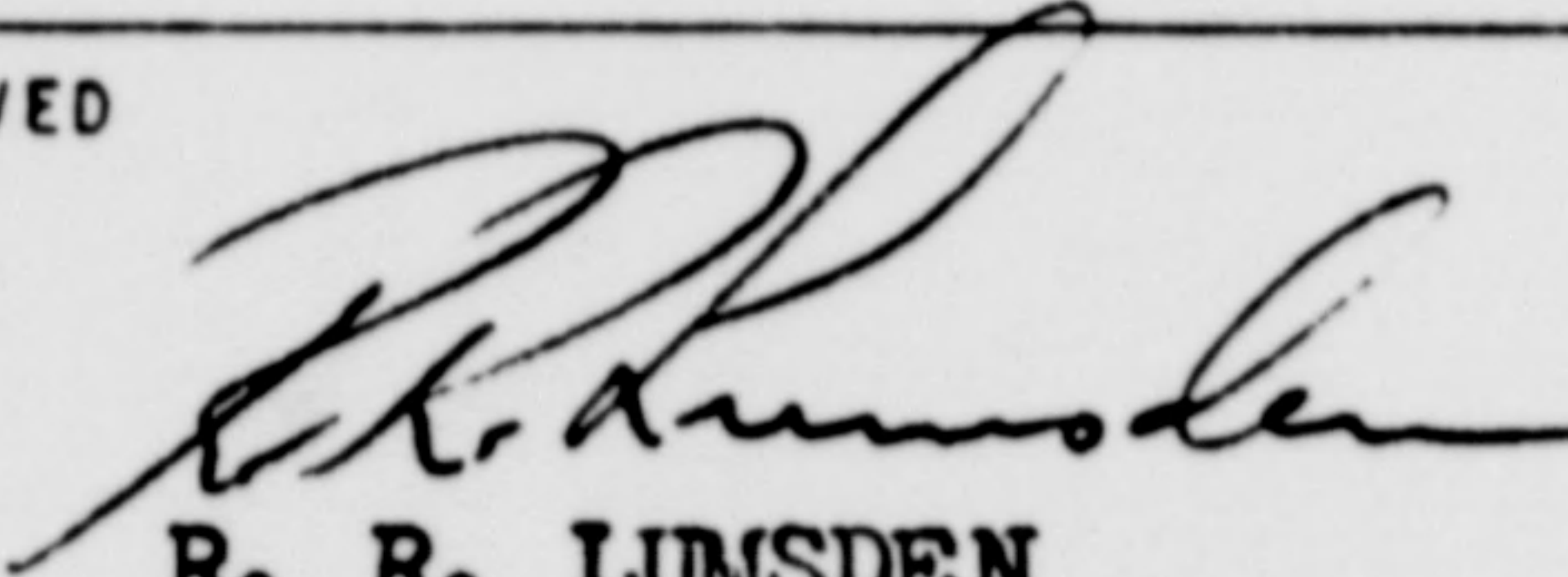
1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Aug 49 20/0900-130Z	2. LOCATION Llano, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(MOON)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 1/2 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object described as being 15 feet high and three feet wide, containing 11 quarter moons 6 inches in diameter. Object was cooper color, and gave off sufficient light to cast shadows. Object rose straight up 250 feet in 15 minutes, stayed at this height and moved south 1500 feet in two hours. Onother witness stated that she saw the object and she thought it was the moon.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-64	DATE 31 August 1949
TITLE Sighting of Aerial Phenomena on 20 August 1949 at Llano, Texas, by Mr. XXXXXXXXXX		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. CASSADY, SA	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas	
		PERIOD 23, 26 August 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN HQ, OSI	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS Investigation predicated upon information from Air Provost Marshal, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas and instructions from District Commander, District Office #10, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85. On 22 August 1949, Mr. XXXXXXXXXX telephoned Randolph Air Force Base that he had seen a "Flying Saucer" between 0300 and 0530 hours, Central Standard Time, on 20 August 1949. Mr. XXXXXXXXXX , contacted at Llano, Texas, stated he had seen an object fifteen (15) feet high and three (3) or four (4) feet wide, containing eleven (11) quarter moons, six (6) inches in diameter. Object first sighted rising over edge of mountain, one and two-tenths (1.2) miles NNE of observer's house. Object was copper colored and gave off sufficient light to cast shadows. Object rose straight up to height of 250 feet in fifteen (15) minutes, stayed at this height and moved South 1500 feet in two (2) hours. There were no clouds. Object made no sound. Observer had no information on method of support, propulsion, air ducts, exhaust or manner of disappearance. Only other witness was Mrs. XXXXXXXXXX , who stated she saw object, but thought it was moon. Mr. XXXXXXXXXX , rancher, 54, is apparently sound in health except for cataract over left eye. Observer appeared somewhat eccentric due to claims that Milky Way, Big and Little Dipper are currently out of position, and that his ranch contains extensive deposits of uranium, diamond dust, graphite and iron. Mr. XXXXXXXXXX read article on flying saucers in newspaper day before reporting incident.			
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		APPROVED  R. R. LUMSDEN Lt Colonel, USAF DISTRICT COMMANDER	
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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation is predicated upon information received from the Air Provost Marshal's Office, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and instructions from the District Commander, District Office #10, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, in compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, 12 August 1949.

2. At approximately 1030 hours, 22 August 1949, a telephone call was received by the Air Provost Marshal's Office, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, from Mr. [REDACTED] to the effect that on the morning of 20 August 1949, at about 0300 hours, Central Standard Time, he, Mr. [REDACTED], age fifty-four (54), a rancher living on [REDACTED], Llano, Texas, had seen an unidentified aerial object about fifteen (15) feet high and three (3) or four (4) feet wide, rising from behind a mountain, one and two-tenths (1.2) miles from his home. The object was copper colored and appeared to contain eleven (11) quarter moons, points up. The object slowly rose up to a height of about 250 feet in fifteen (15) minutes time, and then moved South for a distance of 1500 feet, staying at a height of 250 feet above the ground. This horizontal movement was very slow and took about two (2) hours. The observer did not see the object disappear, as he went into the house for breakfast at 0530 hours.

AT LLANO, TEXAS

3. Mr. [REDACTED] gave the following specific details covering this sighting:

(1) Date of sighting

20 August 1949

(2) Time of sighting

0300 hours to 0530 hours, Central Standard Time.

(3) Where sighted (observer's position):

Observer first sighted object while he was standing in the back door (on north side) of his house. During the time the object was in sight, the observer moved around in his yard, outside the house, on the north and east sides of his house.

The object, when first seen, was just rising over the edge of the mountain, one and two-tenths (1.2) miles NNE of observer's house.

(4) Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible.

There was one (1) object which appeared to contain approximately eleven (11) smaller objects which were shaped like quarter moons. (For sketch see 8b)

(5) Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting.

None known.

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(6) Distance of object from observer.

(a) Laterally or horizontally

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One and two-tenths (1.2) miles.

(b) Angle of elevation from horizon.

About ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees.

(c) Altitude.

250 feet above ground.

(7) Time in sight.

Two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) hours.

(8) Appearance of object

(a) Color

Copper colored, like setting sun. Looked like bright red fire.

(b) Shape

Semi-rectangular, with corners rounded to resemble partial oval. This object resembled a large box kite with two (2) quarter moons on top and two (2) quarter moons on bottom. There were about seven (7) or eight (8) quarter moons between top and bottom. It appeared as if there were two (2) quarter moons side by side on each side of what should have been a center shaft, but the observer could see nothing in this area. Each quarter moon was about six (6) inches across, but they did not appear to be connected in any way.



(c) Apparent construction.

Observer had no information of material substances of apparent construction of objects.

(d) Object approximately fifteen (15) feet high and three (3) or four (4) feet wide.

(9) Direction of flight.

Object rose straight up to an altitude of about 250 feet, and then moved in a straight line South for a distance of approximately 1500 feet.

AGENT's NOTE: Due to the fact that there is an inclined slope in the mountain at this point, the object must have continued to rise slowly in order to maintain its relative position of 250 feet above the ground.

(10) Tactics of maneuvers.

There were no observed tactics for maneuvers. Object moved in a straight line in ascent and in a horizontal movement.

(11) Evidence of exhaust.

There was no observed evidence of exhaust or sound.

(12) Effect on clouds.

This was a clear night and there were no clouds.

(13) Lights

(a) Reflected or attached.

(b) Luminous

The object causing a brilliant light, red as if from a fire. The object was so bright that it hurt the observer's eyes to look at the object for any length of time. It gave sufficient light to cast shadows of objects against the buildings.

(14) Support

The observer could not see any visible means of support.

(15) Propulsion

No method of propulsion was seen.

(16) Control and stability.

There were no visible stabilizers, although all movements were in a relatively straight line.

(17) Air ducts.

No evidence of air ducts or slots.

(18) Speed - M.P.H.

Vertical speed was slow, covering 250 feet in approximately fifteen (15) minutes. Horizontal speed was even slower, covering approximately 1500 feet in two (2) hours.

(19) Sound

No sound was heard from this object.

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(20) Manner of disappearances

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The observer did not see the object disappear. It was still in sight approximately 250 feet above the mountain when the observer went into the house at approximately 0530 hours.

4. The following information is furnished relative to the observer:

(1) Name of observer

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

(2) Address

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Llano, Texas

(3) Occupation

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

(4) Place of business

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Llano, Texas

(5) Pertinent hobbies.

Geology and astronomy.

(6) Ability to determine.

This observer was in a position to see the object as set forth above. Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ has a cataract over his left eye and has been under treatment of Dr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ San Antonio, Texas, for some time. Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ stated that the vision of his right eye is normal.

(7) Reliability of observer.

1st Lt JOHN H. BUVENS, Air Provost Marshal's Office, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, contacted Miss ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 23 August 1949, who is employed in the Office of the Fourth Army Chief of Staff, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and she stated that Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ is subject to spells of illness occasionally, although she is reasonably sure that he is not mentally affected by these spells. She stated further that he is trustworthy and reliable as far as intentions, but knows nothing of any effects of his imagination. Miss ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ further stated that Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ had a cataract affecting his eyes, but she did not know whether it affected one or both eyes. Miss ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ also stated that she is very well acquainted with both Mr. and Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

(8) Notes relative to observer on:

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This is the only aerial phenomena sighted by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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Mr. [REDACTED] called to the attention of this agent that during the period, 16 August 1949 to 25 August 1949, his radio had been subject to unusually strong static and interferences. This was noted from 100 KC through 170 KC. Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that he had "noticed the Milky Way too far North and running too much East and West", and "that the Big Dipper and Little Dipper were out of place being in the Northwest in the afternoons, shifting to due East in the early mornings". Mr. [REDACTED] has no compass, and all directions are based on the local belief that his house faces due South.

- (b) Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had been awakened on the morning of 20 August 1949 at approximately 0240 hours, Central Standard Time, by the sound of his son coming home from a date. Not being able to go back to sleep, Mr. [REDACTED] got up and started out of the house to smoke. While he was standing in the back door of his house, which is on the north side, he saw what appeared to be a large moon rising NNE of the house. Mr. [REDACTED] knew that this was not possible, since it was the dark of the moon. In order to get a better view of this object, Mr. [REDACTED] went outside of his house and moved around in his yard to a position where he could see the object through openings in the trees.

(9) Witnesses

Mr. [REDACTED] went inside and got his wife up at approximately 0315 hours; however, Mrs. [REDACTED] looked at the object and stated that it was only the moon, and she was not interested in observing the moon at that hour of the morning at her age. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had checked with various neighbors in the vicinity and none of them had seen this object. When interviewed, Mrs. [REDACTED] confirmed her statement.

(10) Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated.

This agent believes that MR. [REDACTED] is a reasonably intelligent and honest person; however, it is believed that he becomes carried away on certain subjects and, therefore, tends to either exaggerate or imagine that ordinary items are something strange and unusual. This belief on the part of the agent is based upon the following unusual allegations made by Mr. [REDACTED]:

- (1) That the Milky Way and Big and Little Dippers are out of place.
- (2) That there is located on Mr. [REDACTED]'s ranch, deposits which contain uranium, diamond specks, pure graphite and iron. Mr. [REDACTED] gave this agent rock samples supposedly containing all of these mineral products.
- (3) There has been unusual static interferences between 100KC

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and 170 KC, especially around 120 KC, where the sound is like a drill or an electric motor.

- (4) Mr. [REDACTED] did not report this aerial phenomena until after he had read an article in the Austin American Newspaper for Saturday, 20 August 1949, entitled "USAF Discovers Two Forerunners of Flying Saucers".

5. Relative to Radar Sightings

Not applicable.

6. General

- (1) Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other.

There are no Air Base Units in the vicinity of this sighting from which information of this nature may be obtained.

- (2) Sketches of the object and surroundings, signed statement of [REDACTED] and newspaper articles from the Austin American on "Flying Saucers" are on file at District Office #10, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

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