

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Aug 49 01/054	2. LOCATION Houston, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers saw the object in the NE. It appeared as a ball of fire having the color of an arc weld. Object headed to the SW in a level flight. Object left no trail and was in sight for a few seconds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Incident No. _____

1. Date of observation 31 August 1949 Date of Interview 6 September 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2340
3. Place of observation: Houston Light and Power Station, _____
(Map Coordinates) Houston, Texas
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Observers were looking out of a third floor window of the power plant where they were on duty. They were looking South and watching a storm that was brewing.
5. What attracted attention to object: The sky in South was very black with banked clouds and the object was noticed by both observers at about the same time when it appeared from a Northeast direction. Lightning in North and East. None South.
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): Both observers described object as being about size of an orange and it was estimated that object was from 8 to 10 miles to South of observation point.
8. ~~Observation point.~~ All that the observers saw was a ball of fire. They could not see body of object. Described fire as being about color of an arc weld.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): _____
Round.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
Observers estimated object around 5,000 ft above earth. Because of observers' position, 3 stories high, object was almost level with their gaze.
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): Object appeared from the Northeast and disappeared to Southwest, making complete straight line across horizon.
12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Appeared to be eight to ten miles away.
13. Direction of flight of object (s): Northeast to Southwest.
14. Time in sight: Five to ten seconds
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Estimated at over 1,000 miles per hour
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) No trail. Fire steady and not feathered at edges.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Blueish green and very brilliant.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): _____
Could not be seen because of darkness.
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. sketch of flight path): None
Object continued on straight line at steady speed.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Just disappeared into the Southwest.
22. Effect on clouds: Object not close enough to clouds to give any effect.
23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: A thunder storm was brewing and while it was quite dark there were occasional flashes of lightning but none close to the object or in its path.
25. Name and address of observer: Mr. [REDACTED], Houston, Texas
Mr. [REDACTED], Houston, Texas
Occupation and hobbies: Both are electrical engineers.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Employed by [REDACTED]

Both reside in good neighborhoods in Houston and appear to be highly intelligent and competent

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

Object viewed through an open window, on which there was no screen and neither observer wore glasses of any type.

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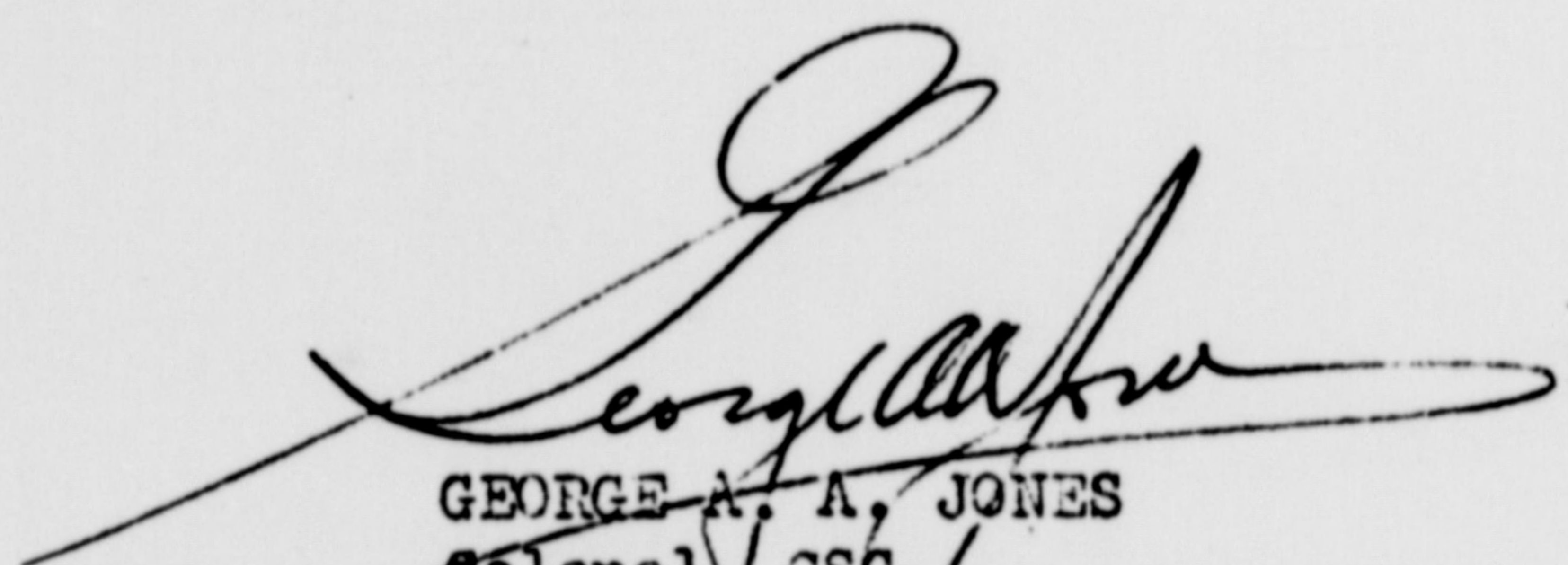
SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

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

The following report(s) re unidentified aerial phenomena observed
at Houston, Texas, on date and time indicated, forwarded for
your information:

<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]	31 Aug 49	2340

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As stated


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