

PROJECT 10073 RECORD 1A

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ATIC NO. --- ☒ DATE OF INFO 8 Feb 50
AF NO. --- LOCATION Tampa, Fla
REPORT NO. Form 112 SOURCE B-29 Crew / Eastern Airline Crew
DATE OF REPORT 10 Feb 50 DATE IN TO ATIC ---
TIME OF SIGHTING approx 2345 EST COLOR None given
SHAPE "Rocket" SPEED high Estimated
SIZE 300' long - 30' wide ALTITUDE high Measured
COURSE 270° LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---
NO. IN GROUP one TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial
SOUND --- MANEUVERS ---
PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

REMARKS: Object seen by B-29 crew and Eastern Airlines crews. Both sources gave Temporary ATIC Form 329 same description of incident.
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HEADQUARTERS 307TH BOMBARDMENT WING MEDIUM
MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

ODCI 319

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

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10 FEB 50

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. AF Form 112 Part I and II
2. Statement of Major Anderson

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COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Tampa, Florida		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Section, 307th Bomb Wing Med	
DATE OF REPORT 10 February 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 February 1950	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) CHARLES J. BECK, MAJOR, USAF		SOURCE MacDill Flight Service Center	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.) The following report on an unidentified flying object was obtained from the MacDill Flight Service Center as the result of a sighting reported to that agency. APPROVED: <i>Loran D. Briggs</i> LORAN D. BRIGGS Lt Col., USAF AC/S, Operations 1 INCL. Statement of Major Anderson DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10			
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g. The sighting of the unidentified object was reported to Tampa Approach Control, Tampa, Florida by the pilot of Eastern Airlines Flight 509, Eastern Airlines Flight 255 and AF-7753, a B-29. Each reported the object proceeding on a straight course in a westerly direction.

h. The Jacksonville Air Route Traffic Control Center possesses the above information as it was relayed to them by Tampa Approach Control.

2. Report is submitted for information and consideration by higher headquarters. No further investigative action was taken at this level.

APPROVED:

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MACDILL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

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9 February 1950

S T A T E M E N T

On the night of 8 February 1950 at approximately 1145EST while flying as pilot of B-29 letting down into traffic pattern at MacDill AFB on a heading of 201 degrees magnetic, nose of plane was pointed at southeast side of Tampa, approximately eighteen (18) miles ahead I noticed an apparent meteor approaching from left side of airplane. It didn't burn out and continued on. When prior to being directly over head I noticed that its path had an appearance of a rocket with terrific speed and holding level flight attitude and straight heading. I followed its flight across the plane remarking something like: "Look at that damned thing," and moving my head to the side of the wheel to see it vanish straight on its course to the right of the plane. One (1) pilot passenger got a glimpse of it, I feel, by his hearing my remark.

The speed, I would estimate, would be in excess of 2000 mph. The flame remained constant behind the nose of the plane for a distance of at least 300 feet (this depending on the altitude would vary) and then changing into a very dull glow in the sky. The width of the flame compared to the length would be 1 X 10. If flame length was 300 feet the width would be 30 feet. Sky was clear at this time with haze in lower levels. I don't think this was a meteor. I radioed this information to Tampa Approach Control immediately after sighting.

s/ Holly W. Anderson
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Intelligence Sec 307th Bmb Wg M

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1. The following report on Unidentified Flying Objects is submitted in accordance with Fifteenth Air Force teletype IDC 6092

a. An unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Tampa, Florida at approximately 2345E 8 February 1950.

b. The weather reported at Tampa International Airport at 2330E was scattered clouds at 6000 feet, visibility 15 miles, temperature 65 degrees F, dew point 61 degrees F, wind from the northeast at 8 mph. There were no special weather reports of any weather phenomena issued between 2330E and 0030E by reporting stations in the vicinity of Tampa.

c. The object was sighted by the following:

- (1) Mr. L. C. Cloney, Eastern Airlines Pilot
614 Macada Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, Phone: 485 667.
- (2) Major Holly W. Anderson, USAF, 6112A
93rd Bomb Group, Castle AFB, California
Home Address: 1330 Marguerite Street, Atwater, California.
- (3) Mr. J. S. Grier, Eastern Airlines Pilot
1529 Savagossa, Coral Gables, Florida, Phone: 872 658

d. The object was not photographed.

e. No sketches of object available at the present time.

f. Object sighted:

- (1) one (1) object.
- (2) Shape: Rocket shaped.
- (3) Size: No description available.
- (4) Color : No description available.
- (5) Speed: Estimated more than 2000 mph by Major Anderson.
- (6) Heading: All witnesses of the object reported it on a westerly heading.
- (7) Maneuverability: The object was reported holding a straight course.
- (8) Altitude: No estimate of the altitude was given.
Major Anderson stated it was considerably higher than his flight altitude which was 7500 feet.
- (9) Sound: No sound was reported.
- (10) Exhaust Trail: The exhaust trail or assumed exhaust trail was clearly visible to the witnesses and was estimated to be 300 feet long and 30 feet in width.

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