

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 April 1950 13/0530Z	2. LOCATION New Orleans, Louisiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Probable A/C sighting. Could be seaplane landing on lake.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Witness awakened in bed by wife who observed object through window. Dark red or orange object just over the lake. Looked like a small sunset. Completely round. Observed in NW at estimated distance of 2 miles. Passed through 15 degrees of arc. descending at speed of A/C landing. estimated duration 10 seconds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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4 May 1950

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 New Orleans, Louisiana, on date and time indicated, forwarded for your information:

<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], New Orleans, La.	10 Apr 50	2005
Mrs. [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana	10 Apr 50	2000 and 2015
Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], New Orleans, La.	10 Apr 50	2002
Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], New Orleans, La.	12 Apr 50	2330

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for [Signature]
GEORGE A. A. JONES
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

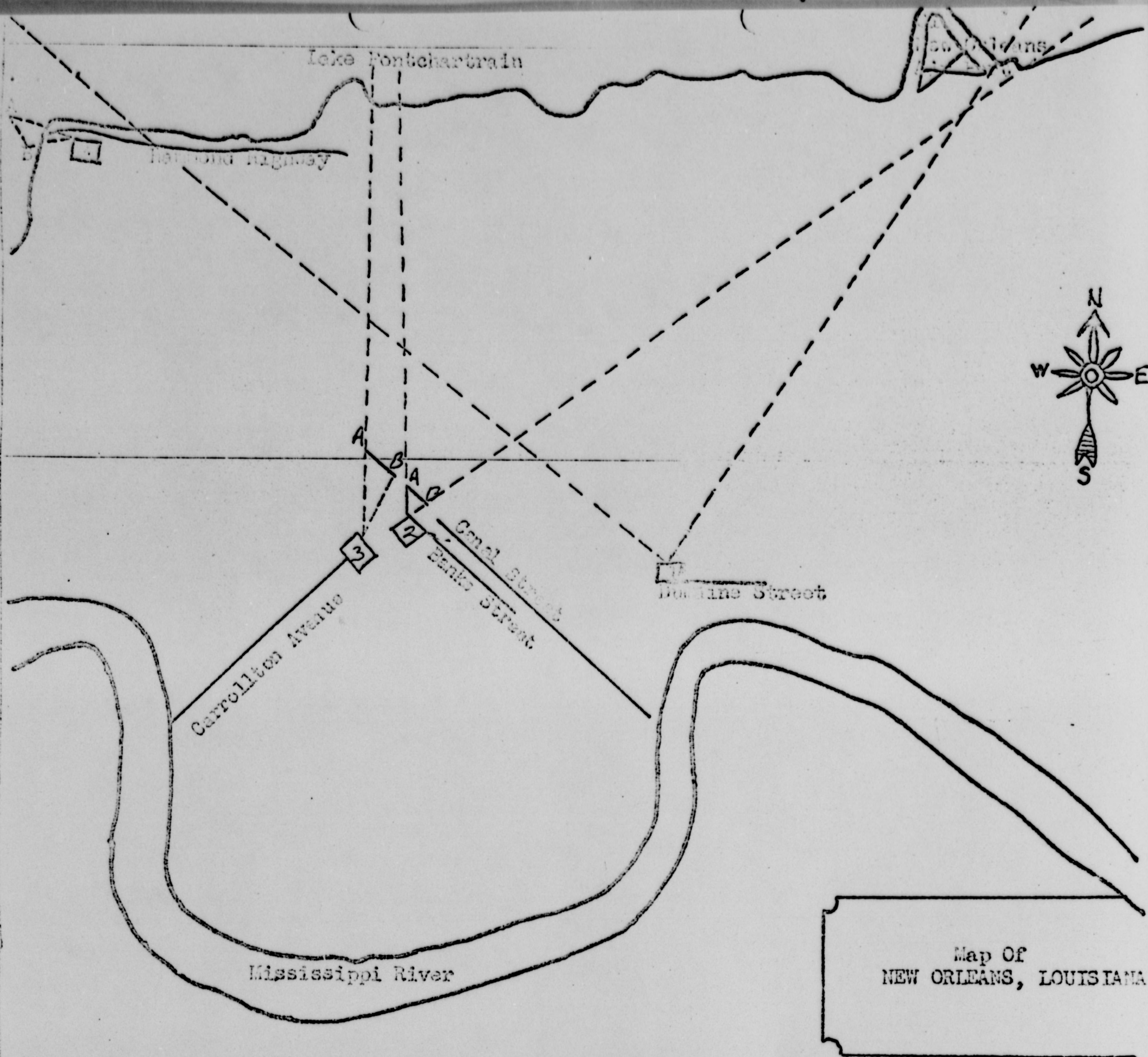
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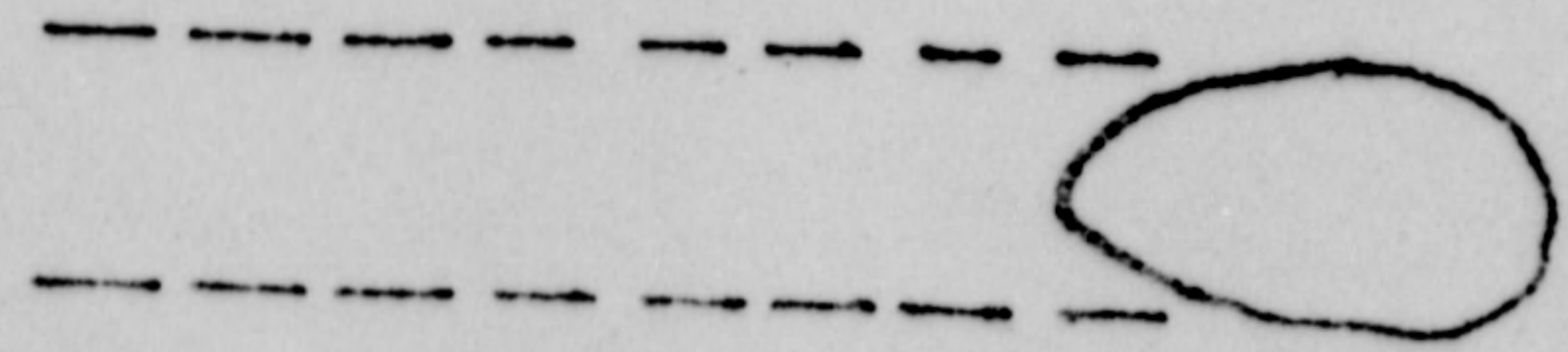


- 1, 2, 3, and 4 Observers.
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 B. Direction and point where object disappeared.

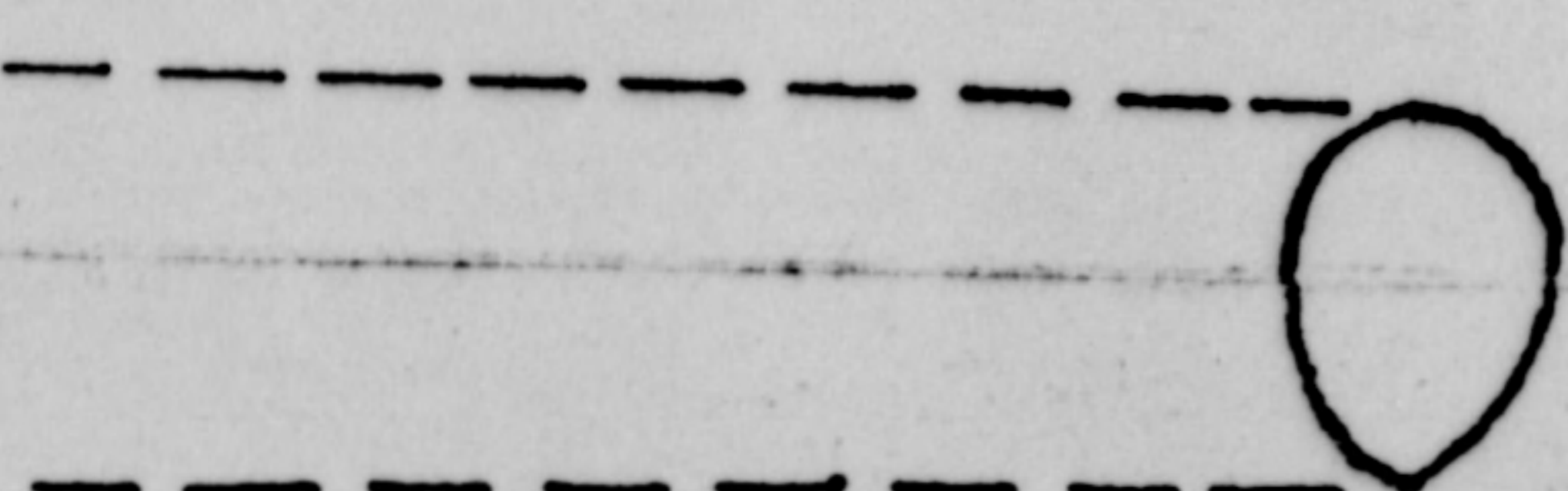
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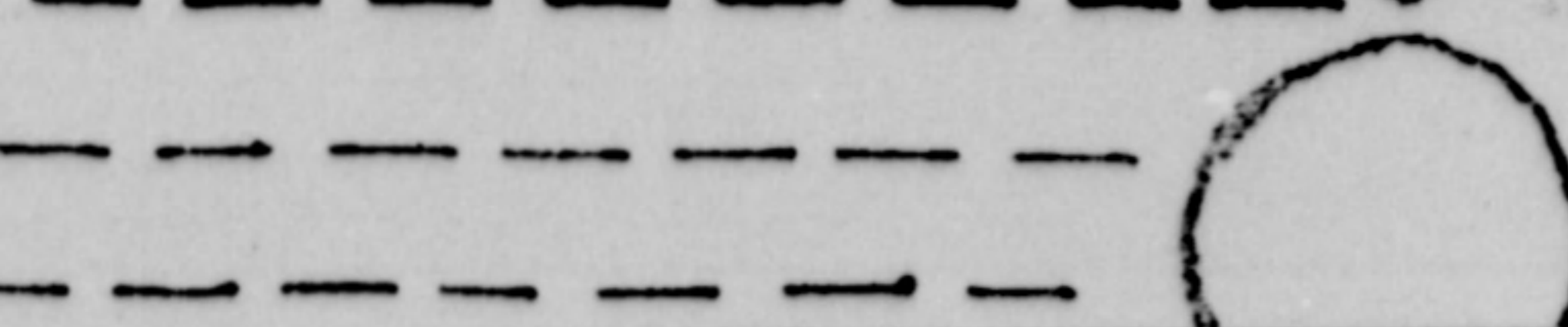
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Shape and appearance of Object to 3 -



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PREPARING OFFICE

112th CIC Detachment, Headquarters Fourth Army

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
MR. [REDACTED]
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
USUALLY RELIABLE B
FAIRLY RELIABLE C
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D
UNRELIABLE E
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F

OF INFORMATION:

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PROBABLY TRUE 2
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IMPROBABLE 5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6

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On 13 April 1950, Mr. [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 12 April 1950. Date of Interview: 12 April 1950.
2. Exact time of observation (local): Approximately 2330 hours.
3. Place of observation: [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana. (Mr. [REDACTED] residence, the place of observation, is located directly behind the levee of Lake Pontchartrain).
4. Position of observer: Viewed through screen of open window of residence at [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana. (Hammond road).
5. What attracted attention to object: Mr. [REDACTED] was lying in bed and had just dozed off when he was awakened by his wife who saw the object first and drew his attention to it.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation of groupings: One (1). (See sketch of object).
7. Apparent size: Approximately three (3) feet in diameter.
8. Color of object: Dark orange or red. Looked like a sunset over water.
9. Shape: Completely round. Appeared to be shaped like a ball.
10. Altitude: Approximately 300 feet. Mr. [REDACTED] observed the object to be at a thirty (30) degree angle.
11. Direction from observer: Northwest.
12. Distance from observer: Approximately two (2) miles.
13. Direction of flight of object: Moving from north to south. First saw at 275 degrees northwest. Last saw object at 260 degrees southwest.
14. Time in sight: Approximately ten (10) seconds.

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15. Speed: Approximately the speed of an airplane landing.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: None.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Sailing steadily toward shore of Lake Pontchartrain, gradually losing altitude until it landed. After landing, it appeared to hesitate a second or two and vainly tried to rise, lifting itself a little distance, then falling back to earth (or water), hesitated another second and tried to rise again. It fell again and seemed to more or roll a short distance and come to a standstill.

21. Manner of disappearance: There was a faint reflection, appearing as though from behind the levee, and then all went dark.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: Mr. [REDACTED] after seeing the object, traveled approximately four (4) miles up the lakeshore in an automobile trying to locate the object. At no time during the time Mr. [REDACTED] observed the object did it lose shape or color. Observer is of the opinion that the object may have been made of plastic and in the shape of a balloon as the color was very uniform and the object appeared to be a perfect ball of orange or red, with no glare of light emanating from it.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; clear; no moon observed; no wind; lots of stars; no clouds.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 2330 hours, on the night of 12 April 1950, the wind was blowing west four (4) miles per hour; sky was thinly overcast; lower broken clouds at 9000 feet; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observer: Mr. Harold [REDACTED], [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana (Hammond road). Mr. [REDACTED] wife observed the object also, and her observation of the object was the same as that of Mr. [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies: Clerk, Sewerage and Water Board, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Did observer wear glasses: Both Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] usually wear ordinary reading glasses, but were not wearing glasses during their observation of the object. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that last fall (1949) he was lying in bed gazing out of the same window from which he observed the object on the night of 12 April 1950, and noticed what he first thought was a light from a plane flying at an altitude of approximately 1500 feet. He remembered that lights on planes go on and off. Since the light he saw was continuous, he did not believe the object to be the light of a plane. He watched the object until it went out of sight. No report was made of that object by Mr. [REDACTED]

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