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ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 17 Sept 1950
AP NO. --- LOCATION Roswell, NM
REPORT NO. --- SOURCE Airmen
DATE OF REPORT 20 Sept 1950 DATE IN TO ATIC ---
TIME OF SIGHTING 2100 COLOR Bluish-white
SHAPE Circular SPEED fast Estimated
SIZE 10' diameter ALTITUDE 8000' Measured
COURSE NW LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
BOUND --- MANEUVERS Made sharp turn to right.
PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

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'Flying Saucers' Reported Active Over Warren Sky

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It is the first time that flying saucers, illuminated bubbles, or heaven-bound whirling dervishes have been reported seen in this area. However, the report of Col. Bowers and his party of sighting the fluorescent dinner plates playing ring-around-the-rosy increased speculation as to their origin rather than doubt as to their existence.

Warren Citizens Saw Object, Too

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THE NEWS AND OBSERVER, RALEIGH, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26, 1950.

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1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER USAF, AFOIC-CC-1, 8 SEPTEMBER 58, SUBJECT: "REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT:". A. ONE OBJECT OF DIRIGIBLE SHAPE; ALUMINUM IN COLOR; APPROXIMATELY IX OF B-36 FUSELAGE STACKED DOUBLE; WITH 3 PORT HOLE ABOUT CENTER, 1/3 FROM TOP NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST; NO PROPULSION SYSTEM NOTED; SPEED NOT ESTIMATED; NO SOUND; MOVED FROM SE TO SSE, HOVERED FOR 35 SECONDS, DISAPPEARED RAPIDLY SSE INTO OVERCAST. 1B. TIME OF SIGHTING, 23 OCTOBER 58, 1242, FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 SECONDS. 1C. OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL FROM SURFACE. 1D. OBSERVER WAS ABOUT TWO MILE WEST OF BONLEE, NORTH CAROLINA, ON HIGHWAY 421, HEADING SE, AT COORDINATES 35 DEGREES 39 MINUTES NORTH - 79 DEGREE 25 MINUTES WEST. OBJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES DISTANT BENEATH OVERCAST OF 600-800 FEET, TRAVELED FROM SE TO SSE, HOVERED, AND DISAPPEARED INTO OVERCAST SSE. 1E. OBSERVER WAS MISTER FRANK MIKE RISHER, OF 324 SOUTH EUGENE STREET, GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, A FORMER AIR FORCE PILOT. NO EVALUATION.

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Country United States	Report No. IR-1-60
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Subject
Unconventional Aircraft, forwarding inclosures.

Area Report On United States	From (Agency) Director of Intelligence DAF (Tactical)
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Date of Report 7 Nov 50	Date of Information 23 Oct 50	Evaluation F-0
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Prepared by (Officer) Major Joseph W Hensley, Ass't D/Int	Source Mr. [REDACTED]
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References:
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Summary:

1. One object of dirigible shape; aluminum in color; approximately size of B-36 fuselage stacked double, with three portholes about center, 1/3 from top; no trail or exhaust; no propulsion system noted; speed not estimated; no sound; moved from SE to SSE, hovered for 35 seconds, disappeared rapidly SSE into overcast.

2. Time of sighting, 23 Oct 50, 1242, for approximately 40 seconds.

3. Observation was visual from surface.

4. Observer was about 2 miles west of Bonlee, N.C., on Highway 421, heading SE, at coordinates 35° 39' N - 79° 25' W. Object was approximately 2 miles distant beneath overcast of 600-800 feet, traveled from SE to SSE, hovered, and disappeared into overcast SSE.

5. Observer was [REDACTED], Greensboro, N.C., a former Air Force Pilot.

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1 - Statement of [REDACTED]

PREPARING OFFICER:

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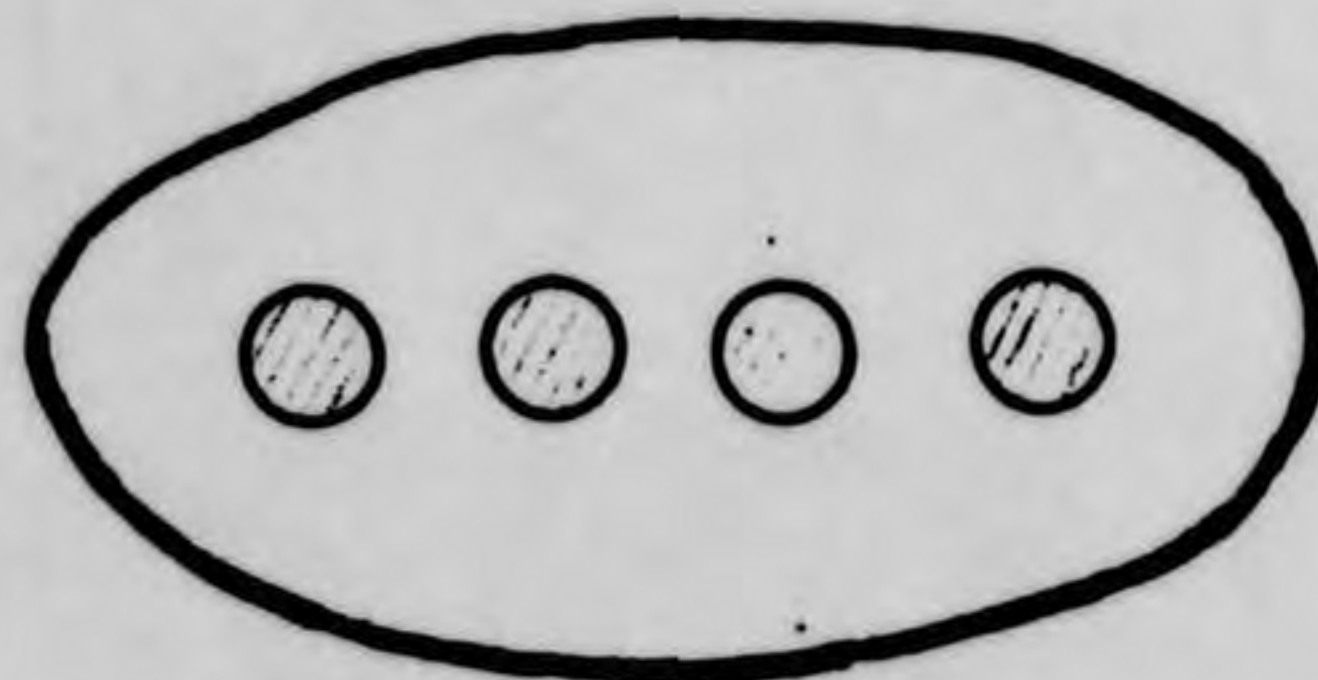
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The observation was visual from the surface.

/s/ Frank M. Risher

A TRUE COPY:

Gilbert E. Jackson
GILBERT E. JACKSON
Captain USAF



*Four portholes that appeared dark in comparison to the light metallic surface.

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COUNTRY Zone of Interior (US)		REPORT NO. 509-79-3	UNCLASSIFIED 2:32637
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Airborne Object (Circular in Shape)			
AREA REPORTED ON W.A.F.B. Roswell, New Mexico		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer, 509th Bomb Group, H	
DATE OF REPORT 20 September 1950	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 September 1950	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) LAUREN L. SHAW, JR. Group Intelligence Officer.		SOURCE S/Sgt. Calvin L. Wallen	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) 4173			

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 statement was made by S/Sgt Calvin L. Wallen, AF-13015570, assigned to the 830th Bomb Squadron of the 509th Bomb Group, Medium, Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico:

At approximately 2100 hours on 17 September 1950 while on Guard Duty on the 830th Bomb Area, I saw a bluish white light appear south east of the Base approximately ten (10) miles distance. This object was headed northwest at a fast rate of speed. It appeared to be about ten (10) feet in diameter and circular in shape. At approximately two (2) miles northwest of the Base the object veered sharply to the right and then disappeared from sight. No sound could be heard from this object. It appeared to be approximately eight thousand (8,000) feet high. The following listed airmen also saw the same object at the same time:

Sergeant Edwin Stoneburner
Sergeant Mornie L. Gore
Corporal James Knight
Private First Class Robert M. Jones.

A check with Base Operations revealed that there were no aircraft in the local area at this time.

A check with the Base Weather Station revealed that the ceiling was twenty-three thousand (23,000) feet and that visibility was fifteen (15) miles.

The Early Warning Radar Station, this Base, was inoperative at the time of this observation.

APPROVED:

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"I have kept quiet about it all this time, but now I felt I must write and tell you about it. Signed KRS. [REDACTED]"

f. The New Orleans Item of 17 October 1950, editorially, speculated concerning the sighting on the preceding Sunday, of four "saucers" in formation by Miami Airlines, Inc., pilots, GEORGE A. WOODWARD and WILLIAM BARDLEY. The editorial commented on the claims of sights last February by Commander ROBERT B. McLAUGHLIN, a USN Missile Expert, and concluded, "... is it possible that the three groups of expert observers could have been mistaken about seeing them? The Air Force, which claims to have spent two years investigating such reports, has said 'definitely mistaken.' We hesitate to call the Air Force Investigators liars. Likewise, we hesitate to question the expert opinion of trained aerial observers and airplane pilots. In fact, we don't dare say what we believe about flying saucers."

5. ACTION: None contemplated by this headquarters.

John C. McLendon
JOHN C. McLENDON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

7 November 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Reports of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Recent reports of sightings of unconventional aircraft in Louisiana are, briefly, as follows:

a. A simultaneous sighting by father and son, residents of New Orleans, on 10 October 1950, of a noiseless, bright object at a great altitude.

b. Twelve (12) bright, round, diving and spinning objects seen from a window in New Orleans, on 10 or 11 October 1950.

c. The Shreveport Times of 7 November 1950, in a special report from Jonesville, described hovering objects seen by members of a farmer's family on 5 November 1950.

A letter to the Editor of The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 19 October 1950, described the sighting of the "flying saucers" in 1947. The New Orleans Item, on 17 October 1950, editorially, commented about "flying saucers" observed by two (2) Miami Airlines, Inc., pilots on the preceding Sunday, and by Commander ROBERT B. McLAUGHLIN, USN, last February.

2. DETAILS:

a. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and his son, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, both residents of 1817 Agriculture Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, on 13 and 24 October 1950, respectively, and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unconventional flying object. Details as submitted by the LARRIEU's:

(1) Time: 0715 hours, 10 October 1950. Object was under observation from five (5) to ten (10) minutes.



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(2) Location: Observers were in the neighborhood of the [redacted] residence in the northeast portion of New Orleans. Observation was first seen at an azimuth of approximately 45 degrees True and was traveling in a northerly direction. The observers estimated that the object was flying at an altitude of at least one (1) mile.

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual from the ground.

(4) Weather Conditions: Bright sun, no clouds.

(5) Description of Object:

(a) According to [redacted] Size and shape of a joint of stove pipe, 2 1/2 feet by 3 to 4 inches.

(b) According to [redacted]: Shaped like the side view of a saucer, 30 to 40 feet long and 3 to 4 feet thick.

(c) Object glowed bright with a whitish-blue light. Both observers saw "peculiar" spots before their eyes for one to two minutes after staring at the object. [redacted], reported that the object was composed of bright lights which glistened like facets on a diamond. The object made no noise and left no visible exhaust trail. No estimate of speed was made. The object faded in the distance until it was a minute speck of light and then disappeared - not below the horizon. Domestic ducks of the [redacted], although accustomed to the appearance of normal aircraft, indicated alarm at the noiseless flying object.

(6) No meteorological condition was indicated which might account for the sighting. No physical evidence was obtained.

(7) [redacted] advised that he has been in military service and is familiar with the appearance of normal aircraft.

b. Mrs. [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana, on 13 October 1950, reported unidentified flying objects seen by her as follows:

(1) Time: 10 or 11 October 1950 (hour unknown).

(2) Location of Observer: Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Objects circled in a northerly direction.

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from the Hospital. They were more than a mile distant, but "not extremely high".

- (3) Manner of Observations: Visual from a window of Hospital. Observed for approximately two (2) hours.
- (4) Descriptions: Twelve (12) shiny, apparently mettalic, diving, spinning objects with round bodies and short wings. Objects were noiseless and left no visible exhaust trails. They appeared to be constantly spinning. No definite pattern of formation was maintained. Color was bright gray to opalescent.
- (5) [REDACTED] advised that she has flown as a passenger on private airplanes many times.
- (6) No physical evidence was obtainable. No meteorological conditions were reported which could have accounted for this sighting.

c. The Shreveport Times of 7 November 1950, carried the following account of "flying discs" reportedly sighted by members of a family of Jonesville, Louisiana, on 5 November 1950:

"Jonesville, Nov 6 (Special) - 'Flying saucers' made their first reported appearance over Catahoula Sunday - at the little river farm of C.S. Peyton six miles southwest of Jonesville.

"About 1:45 p.m. Judy Fell, the family cook, was on her way home after washing the dinner dishes. She rushed back into the Peyton house shouting, 'there's ghosts come after me right in the broad open daylight. They's hovering right out there over the tractor shed.'

"Six members of the Peyton family rushed outside to see the saucer, which by that time had risen to an estimated height of 50 feet above the ground. E.Y. Peyton said what they saw was 'so bright and shiny we couldn't tell anything about its shape or size.'

"As they watched, he said, the saucers went up to the northwest. There were twin exhausts, such as made by jet planes, but the exhausts did not stay parallel, he said.

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"Peyton said he got a pocket telescope and watched the saucer but could never see plainly what was ahead of the vapor trails. The object did not hurry; 'it took its time and disappeared from sight in about five minutes.' At the last, he stated, the vapor trail appeared to be red and then bluish.

"The Peyton cook declared that there were two of them things over the tractor shed and they were long and round like a cigar."

d. The New Orleans States, on 10 October 1950, carried the following report of the observations made by the [redacted]. "It wasn't shaped like a saucer", the elder [redacted] recounted. "It was shaped like a loaf of bread." He said it was loafing along, "away, 'way up." [redacted] said the slow-flying object had no wings and made "no noise whatever". "It was extra bright, not like the sun was shining on a plane," [redacted] said. "It was blinking like a star. From where we were standing, it appeared to be 20 to 24 inches long. It was extremely high." [redacted] said they watched the object for about five minutes. It was moving in a northerly direction, he said. He didn't say whether it was shaped like a loaf of French bread or the American style rectangular loaf.

e. The following letter was printed in the New Orleans Times Picayune, of 19 October 1950:

"Editor, The Times-Picayune - 'I read again this morning of those two pilots who didn't believe in 'flying saucers' but who actually saw them and now believe.

"Some time ago a soldier in Arizona said he saw a rocket ship. Well, you can tell that soldier that he wasn't seeing things because I believe I saw it too.

"You see it was this way. Back in 1947 we were out on the lake shrimping. It was just before sundown. I was lying on my back on the top step of the seawall, when I had the feeling that somebody was staring at me. Well, I turned my head and looked around me, but nobody was looking at me.

"All of a sudden I looked up at the sky and there was this object. It looked to me, at the moment like a big rock. I kept my eyes on it and called to the others to look at it, but all of a sudden it made two puffs of flame and smoke and was gone. It traveled a little way with the first puff, but with the second puff it was gone.

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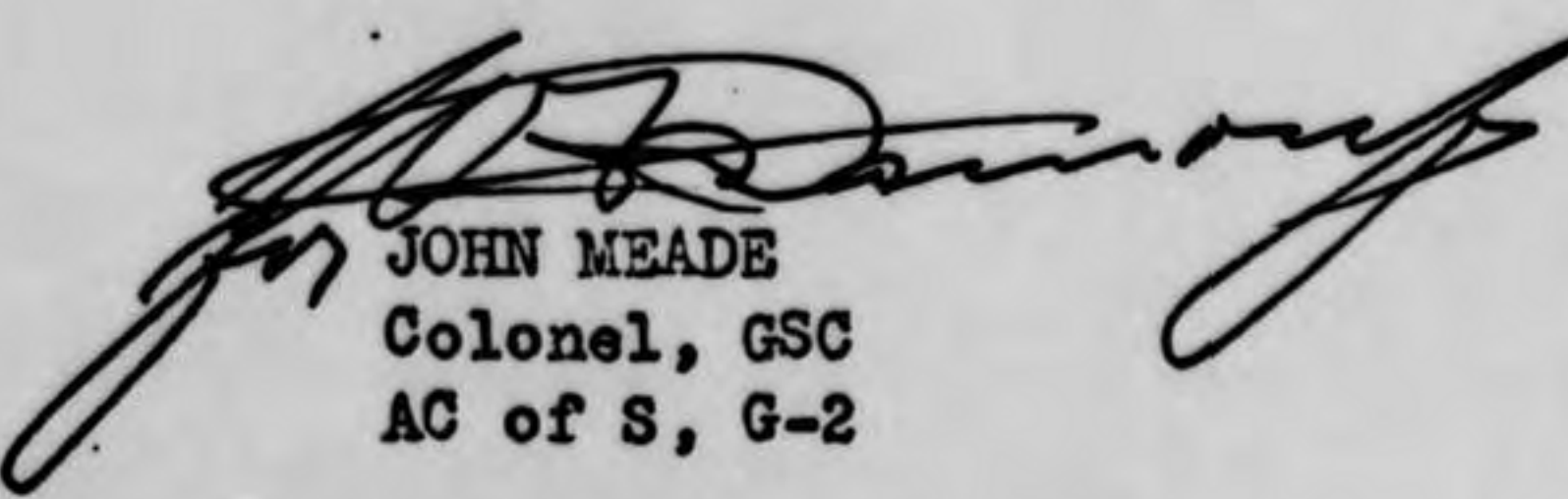
SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is newspaper clipping re objects sighted over
Warrenton, North Carolina.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


JOHN MEADE
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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Clipping from RALEIGH TIMES, Raleigh, N.C.,
25 Oct re "Flying Saucers Reported Active Over
Warren Sky"

Clipping from NEWS AND OBSERVER, Raleigh, N.C.,
26 Oct re "Warren Citizens Saw Object, Too"

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