

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 July 51		2. LOCATION Kelly AFB Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2100 & 2130 CMT 25/0300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color was yellow light, Speed 600-700 mph. Shape was round - Size 2" - 3" diam. Alt was 5000-7000'. Witness thought might possibly be that reflected by an unconventional A/C. Light appeared to be passing from W to E. Observed through binoculars. Continued in a straight and level flight.				11. COMMENTS Evaluation probable a/c. No information presented conflicting with this analysis.	

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KELLY FIELD, TEXAS

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1 August 1951

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Strange light, which might possibly have been reflected by unconventional aircraft, sighted by three persons in the vicinity of San Antonio, Texas, on the evening of 24 July 1951.

2. DETAILS: On 31 July 1951, Sgt REGINALD D. STACY, AF 11 187 423, and Cpl JOSEPH E. HEWITT, AF 17 266 094, both of the 1923d AACS Squadron, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, were interviewed concerning their sighting of a strange light on the evening of 24 July 1951, which light they thought might possibly be that reflected by an unconventional aircraft. Sgt STACY and Cpl HEWITT, both of whom are Control Tower Operators at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, related in substance the following information: On the evening of 24 July 1951 Cpl HEWITT was on duty as a Control Tower Operator at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. At approximately 2100 hours he received a query from Sgt LEON MINOR, Control Tower Operator at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, concerning a strange light northeast of Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, which appeared to be passing from west to east and which had been sighted by a civilian policeman of San Antonio, Texas. Cpl HEWITT advised Sgt MINOR that no such light had been observed, but that a lookout would be maintained for the presence of any such light. Cpl HEWITT unsuccessfully attempted to determine if the light as reported by Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, might be the passing light of some aircraft or weather balloon. Between 2100 and 2130 hours, Sgt STACY and Cpl HEWITT observed a yellow light due west of Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Both HEWITT and STACY described the light as follows:

a. The yellow light appeared to have no definite shape but was just "a blob of light" which appeared to be slightly larger than a red

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obstruction light. STACY described the color as being somewhere between lemon-yellow and orange-yellow. HEWITT described the color as amber. The object appeared to be by itself, that is one light, and because of the distance, which neither airman could estimate, no aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, speed or sound could be observed. The light appeared to make a slow gradual descent toward the horizon until it disappeared from view.

b. The light was sighted between 2100 and 2130 hours CST and was seen for approximately five (5) minutes.

c. The sighting of the light was made visually with the aid of binoculars.

d. Both airman sighted the light from the Control Tower at Kelly Air Force Base. It was located in a westerly direction, approximately in the vicinity of Hondo, Texas.

On 31 July 1951, Sgt LEON V. MINOR, AF 16 284 403, 1923-2 AACS Detachment, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, was interviewed concerning the sighting of the strange light seen by him in the evening of 24 July 1951. Sgt MINOR, who is a Control Tower Operator, related in substance the following: At approximately 2045 hours on 24 July 1951, MINOR was telephonically advised by a civilian policeman, that he had just observed an unusually bright light in the sky which appeared to be traveling at a great rate of speed from west to east. MINOR immediately searched the sky in the direction from which the civilian policeman had made his telephone call, and at a distance of 20 - 30 miles directly east of Brooks Air Force Base and directly south of Randolph Air Force Base, MINOR detected an unusually bright light which appeared to be traveling at a speed of between 600 - 700 miles per hour, at an altitude of 5000 - 7000 feet. MINOR queried Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for information concerning aircraft which might reflect such a light, but the query met with negative results. Personnel in the Randolph Air Force Base Control Tower advised that they could not see the object; however, their failure to see the object could possibly be attributed to the fact that MINOR momentarily lost the light when it passed into a cloud. MINOR at a later time resighted the light traveling from an east to west direction toward Hondo, Texas. MINOR described the light as follows:

a. The light appeared to be a round object two - three inches in diameter, orange-white in color. MINOR estimated the speed from 600 - 700 miles per hour, at an altitude of 5000 - 7000 feet. The object continued in a straight and level flight.

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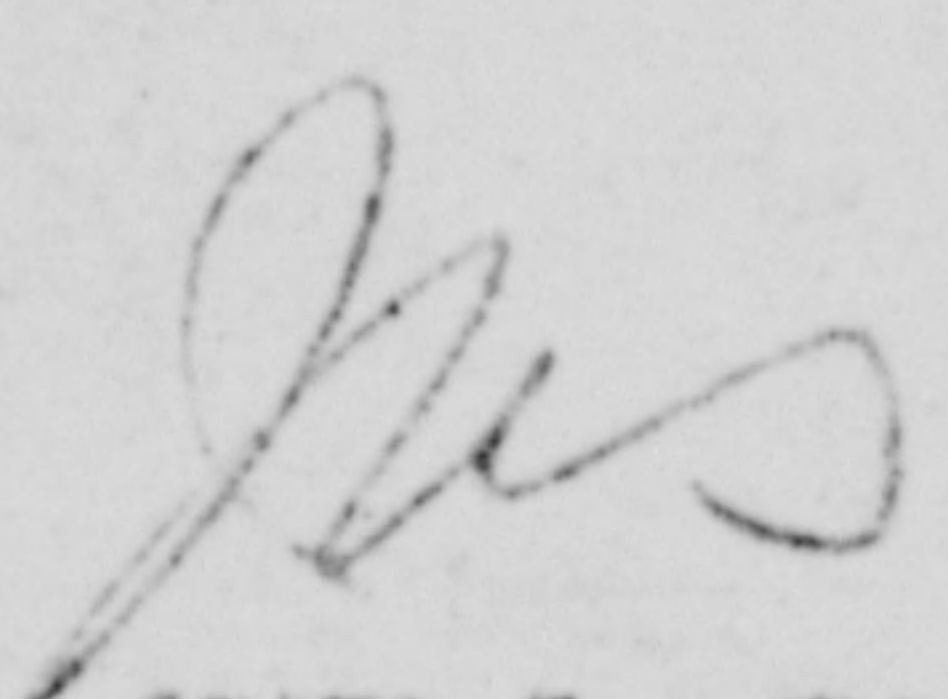
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b. MINOR first sighted the object at 2047 hours CST and observed it for approximately 40 seconds; he resighted the object, after losing it, at 2126 hours and observed it for approximately one minute.

c. Observation was made visually with and without the aid of binoculars.

d. MINOR observed the object from the Control Tower at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. Weather and wind conditions, obtained from teletype sequence of Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, are as follows: 2030 hours, 24 July 1951: Broken clouds at an estimated 18,000 feet, 15 miles visibility, wind east-southeast at nine (9) miles an hour. 2130 hours, 24 July 1951: Clear, visibility 15 miles, southeast wind at 22 miles an hour.

3. ACTION TAKEN: Two (2) copies of this report directed to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS.


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District Commander

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