

PROJECT 10075 RECORD CARD

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

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B-25 pilot, airborne at 4000', observed white light maneuver over Columbus.

Pilot believed to be...
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, ~~WRIGHT-PATTERSON~~ OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

4 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Observed
Over Columbus, Ohio, on 27 July 1952
Capt. HAROLD B. KINISON, Observer
SPECIAL INQUIRY

27 Jul 52
Columbus, Ohio

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

Attached hereto for your information and any action deemed appropriate is one copy of letter from the 4th OSI ~~District (IC)~~, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., addressed to Director of Special Investigations, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C., dated 30 July 1952, file 24-0-211.

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30 JUL 1952

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. The following information is being furnished for the information of Headquarters OSI, and also for the information of District Office No. 5 because it concerns an incident which occurred within the jurisdictional confines of that office.

2. Captain HAROLD B. KINISON, AO-830671, 1100th Air Base Wing, Bolling Air Force Base, Ext. 247, reported that while flying a B-25 at 0005 hours on 27 July 1952 from Des Moines to Washington at an altitude of 7,800 feet, at a speed of 220 miles per hour, on a heading of ninety (90) degrees, and at a position ten (10) miles SSW of Columbus, Ohio, he observed a white light flying at the same altitude over Columbus. The light appeared to be stationary until he approached it and then the light appeared to climb as in a "chandelle". At the time the climb began, the light separated into two (2) lights of equal size and shape. The climb of the lights continued for only a period of from five (5) to ten (10) seconds and when it reached an altitude of 10,000 feet to 15,000 feet it leveled off. Then it started in a westerly direction at approximately 270 degrees, travelling at an estimated air speed of from 75 to 100 miles per hour.

3. When the object passed the B-25 in which Capt. KINISON was flying, the object appeared to have flashing lights, two (2) at the top and two (2) at the bottom, which blinked alternately. The captain believed that he saw one (1) green light but recalled that none of the lights were red. The lights were visible after the object passed the aircraft; thus, Capt. KINISON came to the conclusion that the lights were not landing lights of a conventional type aircraft.

4. Captain KINISON stated that he was and still is of the opinion that the object was an aircraft but he admitted that the facts which he presented did not support his opinion.

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Ltr, DO #4 CSI, BAFB, Wash, DC, to Dir of Sp Invest, Hq USAF, Wash, DC,
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Observed Over Columbus, Ohio, on 27 July 1952, Capt. HAROLD B. KINISON,
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5. With Capt. KINISON in the B-25 were a Colonel WADMAN of the Pentagon, a Lt. Col. SHUCKLEY also of the Pentagon, another colonel whose name the captain did not recall, and the crew chief. All of these persons observed the lights in flight.

6. All of the officers aboard the B-25 were pilots, and Capt. KINISON has had over 3,000 hours flying time and has had six (6) years service as an Intelligence Officer.

Harold B. Collins
Lt Col USAF
for
DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: DO #5

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AT10

Major Journey

Yellow-white

Lite over Columbus, O.

0910 EDT 28 July

A/C Landing lite at 8-10 miles.

Lead ahead on horizon; appeared stationary for 30-40 sec. Suddenly gained alt rapidly (10-15° elev in 6-7 sec). Again stopped. Moved to left and passed it on right. (Above & to left at that time). Appeared to retain intensity thruout. Slow moving, if at all.

Col. John F. Wadman 838A
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~~Kinison~~
Capt
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HEADQUARTERS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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30 JUL 1952

SUBJECT: Air Intelligence Information Report (FLYOB RPT)

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2c

Transmitted herewith is Air Intelligence Report as required by
Air Force Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



1 Incl: AF Form 112

L. H. BENEKE
Major, USAF
Adjutant General

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Report of Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON

Columbus, Ohio

FROM (Agency)

Director of Intelligence, Hq Comd, USAF

DATE OF REPORT

29 July 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION

27 July 1952

EVALUATION

Unknown

PREPARED BY (Officer)

BENJAMIN L. BERKOW, Capt., USAF

SOURCE

HAROLD B. KINISON, Capt., USAF

REFERENCES (Control number, direction, 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 information is submitted in accordance with AF Ltr 200-5 dtd 29 April 1952.



BENJAMIN L. BERKOW

Capt., USAF

Director of Intelligence

Headquarters Command, USAF

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1 cy: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIA-20, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

REPORT NO.

Director of Intelligence
Headquarters Command, USAF

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SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters Command, USAF
Bolling AFB
Washington 25, D.C.

DESCRIPTION: Color: white, size: approximately four (4) times larger than a star, number: originally stationary white light at 8,000 feet but at the beginning of the climb separated into two (2) distinct lights as those on an aircraft for landing lights, aerodynamic features: high rate of climb, no glow or beam as landing lights give out. Disappeared on heading of 270 degrees, speed approximately 75 to 100 miles per hour while on the 270 degree heading.

TIME: 2400 hours, 27 July 1952.

OBSERVATION: Visual from B-25 flying at 7,800 feet, speed 220 MPH on heading of 90°.

LOCATION OF OBSERVER: ten (10) miles SSW of Columbus, Ohio. Object was approximately one (1) mile east of Columbus, Ohio at 8,000 feet stationary.

OBSERVERS: Capt Harold B. Kinison (this report), Col Wadman (Pentagon), Lt Col Shockey (Pentagon) and one other Colonel whose name is unknown. All officers were pilots while the crew chief (Sgt) observed the object. Capt Kinison is a Senior Pilot with over 3,000 hours flying time and has served as an Intelligence Officer for six (6) years.

WEATHER: Scattered clouds at 10,000 feet visibility fifteen (15) miles, winds 320° at twenty (20) knots at 8,000 feet. Meteorological activity or condition not present to account for this, object definitely not star or meteor. A check was made with Columbus and Leckbourne and it was found that neither had sent up a weather balloon.

SYNOPSIS: While flying a B-25 from Des Moines to Washington, D.C. approximately ten (10) miles SSW of Columbus, I the pilot noticed a white light over Columbus at approximately the same altitude as I was flying. It appeared to be stationary until we approached closer to Columbus then the object appeared to climb as in a "chandelle", at the time the climb began the light separated into two (2) lights of equal size shape. The climb continued for only a few seconds five (5) to ten (10) seconds leveled at approximately 10,000 to 15,000 feet, airspeed 75 to 100 miles per hour when started west on heading 270°. When the object passed it appeared to have flashing lights, two (2) at top and two (2) at bottom, blinking alternately. I believe, I saw one (1) of them to be green, none were red. The lights disappeared to the West. Lights remained even after passed us which would in my opinion eliminate possibility of landing lights of aircraft.

PILOTS EVALUATION: Through out the flight and the observation it was and is now my opinion this object was an aircraft, but the facts set forth here don't concur to my belief.

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HAROLD B. KINISON

Capt., USAF AO-630671

1100th Air Base Wing Phone: 247