

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>2 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION Waco, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical METEOR	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2035 CST</u> GMT <u>0235</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian radar technician			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
				☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright orange color. Rectangular w/tail.				11. COMMENTS CAVU weather. Observer noticed object coming from southwest, pass overhead and disappear to the NE.	

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2155 CST</u> GMT <u>14/04/52</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 2d Lt - Navigator		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-15 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 15-20	9. COURSE	☒ Other <u>PROB BIRDS</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Orange glow color. Circular. Straight and level. Probably ducks reflecting light.		11. COMMENTS Traversed 45° arc. Flew in narrow V-formation. At Joy Drive-in Theater. Similar to objects that were fairly well identified as ducks.	

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2200 CST</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>7 1/2 seconds</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>16-20</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Orange glow color. Round. Straight and level maneuvers. Similar report from nearby was thought to be ducks. Probably were.				11. COMMENTS Objects first thought to be a flock of birds. Formation not orderly, more of a "group." Observed from Oaklawn Drive-in. Several people at the drive-in saw ducks reflecting light at 2130.	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Report of Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Texas		FROM (Agency) OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE JAMES CONNALLY AIR FORCE BASE	
DATE OF REPORT 14 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 April 1952	EVALUATION C-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) WILLIAM M. HARVEY, JR., 1ST LT, USAF		SOURCE 2nd Lt. [REDACTED] - Electronics Instructor at James Connally Air Force Base	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Ltr. AFOLN-C/CC-2, Hq USAF, 19 Oct 52			
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.)			

This report gives available facts on the sighting of a group of unidentified flying objects. The observation was made by 2nd Lt. Edward F. Gaucher at the Joy Drive-In Theatre, Waco, Texas on the 13th of April, 1952.

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The description of the objects by 2nd Lt. [REDACTED] was as follows: Round in shape like "soda crackers", approximately 150 feet in diameter. Due to the angle of observation the thickness could not be determined. Each object gave off a light red or orange colored luminous glow.

The objects were in a well defined narrow V shaped formation numbering between 15 and 20.

The formation reportedly transversed an arc of 45° in azimuth during the time of observation. There was no trail or exhaust and the speed was estimated to have been well over 600 miles per hour. The objects emitted no sound, flow straight with no maneuvers and gradually faded from the observer's vision. No passing lights or other normal features of any known conventional aircraft were noticed on these objects.

The formation was sighted at 2155 Central Standard Time and were under observation for approximately 10 to 15 seconds. The manner of observation was visual from the ground surface.

The observer's wife, Mrs. [REDACTED], who was with him at the time of the sighting, corroborated Lt. [REDACTED]'s report. The observers were both located at the Joy Drive-In Theatre on the Dallas Highway, No. 81. The geographic coordinates at this location are 31° 35' North - 97° 07' West. From this point the objects were reported to have been flying from the south-southwest on a north-northeasterly course and were at an approximated 6 to 7 miles away from the observers at an altitude of about 5000 feet.

Lt. Gaucher, reporter of the observation, is an Electronics Instructor in the Radar Observer School at this base and possesses an aeronautical rating as a navigator.

The following are factors derived from statements by several people that should, in my personal opinion as interrogator, be to a degree, decisive in your evaluation of this report. Mr. [REDACTED], professional photographer of 206 North 7th Street, Waco, Texas, stated that from his point of observation at the Oaklawn Drive-In Theatre on the night of 13 April 1952 that he sighted a flight of large birds between 15 and 20 in number flying in a north-northeasterly direction, parallel to the Dallas Highway, No. 81. He also stated that the birds which were flying at an approximated 100 feet altitude gave the visual impression of being light red or orange in color due to the nearness of their flight to the neon lights of the theatre and other nearby roadside establishments. This observation was made between 2130 and 2200 hours.

Mr. [REDACTED] of Ethel Avenue and Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Avenue, all residing in Waco, Texas, made reports coinciding with that of Mr. [REDACTED]'s. These people were also located at the Oaklawn Drive-In Theatre and all stated that their observations of the same spectacle that Mr. Marlar saw was between 2130 and 2200 hours.

The possible connection that these observations might have with Lt. [REDACTED]'s is this: The Oaklawn Theatre, the place at which the flight of birds was reported as being seen from, and the Joy Drive-In Theatre at which Lt. [REDACTED] was located when he made his observation are both situated at points approximately 1½ miles apart along the edge of the Dallas Highway, No. 81. From south-southwest to north-northwest leaving Waco, the Joy Drive-In is the first to be seen and 1½ miles further along the highway is the Oaklawn Theatre. The birds which were of a fairly large type and which at this time of the year could have been on a migratory flight usually fly on a straight course with little variation. Therefore, it is possible that the flight could also have passed on their north-northeasterly course in front of the Joy Theatre only a few minutes before they were sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] the Oaklawn Theatre.

These facts are stated for your evaluation of this report. The objects sighted by Lt. [REDACTED] numbered between 15 and 20 as did the flight of birds spotted by the forementioned observers. The time element for both sightings is approximately the same; Lt. [REDACTED] at 2155 and the other observers stating the time as being between 2130 and 2200. Both of the spectacles were flying on a north-northeasterly course parallel to the Dallas Highway, No. 81, and both were reported as being of an orange or light red color.

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The weather conditions in this area at the time of the observations were as follows: sky clear - visibility 15 miles, temperature 53°, dew point .42, northeasterly wind at 10 miles per hour.

There were no unusual meteorological activities or conditions reported that might account for these sightings.

There is no physical evidence of the sightings in existence and no interception action was taken.

For further information that might have bearing on this report refer to James Connally Air Force Base IR-4-52.


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14 April 1952

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13 April 1952

EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer)

WILLIAM M. HARVEY, JR., 1ST LT, USAF

SOURCE

Mr. [REDACTED] citizen of
Waco, Texas

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Ltr. AFM-6/CC-2, L, USAF, 19 Oct 51

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This report gives available facts on the sighting of a group of unidentified flying objects. The observation was made by Mr. [REDACTED] at the Oaklawn Drive-In Theatre, Waco, Texas on 13 April 1952.

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Mr. [REDACTED] the observer, thought at first that he had spotted a flock of birds, but upon closer observation noticed that they weren't and dismounted from his car to get a more accurate visual picture of the formation. He described them as being round objects of a steady orange colored glow. The speed and altitude of the formation was unestimated but, from the time that he observed them overhead until they disappeared from his sight they were under his observation for approximately 75 seconds. There were no maneuvers, trail or exhaust and no noticeable sound. Upon disappearing from his sight they seemed to incorporate into one glow of dim orange light. There were between 16 and 20 of the objects visible in the group and there seemed to be no definite shape of formation other than a sort of blunted oblong grouping.

The objects were sighted on April 13, 1952 between 2100 and 2200 hours. As mentioned before, they were under his observation for about 1 minute and 15 seconds.

The observer was located at the Oaklawn Drive-In Theatre on the Dallas Highway, No. 81. The geographic coordinates of this are are: 31°, 36' North, 97°, 06', 30" West.

The objects when sighted first were directly above the observer and were coming from the south-southwest on a north-northeasterly course.

Mr. [REDACTED] is the proprietor of the Bellmead Bakery on the Waco-Corsicana Highway near Waco. He served 53 months in the Air Force, 41 of those months being served at James Connally Air Force Base. He seems to be interested in flying to the extent that he tried out for cadets while in the service and later on in civilian life entered a civilian flying course. I personally, as interrogator, think that Mr. Headrich's statement could be depended upon as fairly reliable. The observer also stated that these objects were something that he had never seen before.

The weather conditions in this area at the time of the observation were as follows: sky clear - visibility 15 miles, temperature 58°, dew point .42, northeasterly winds at 10 miles per hour.

There were no unusual meteorological activities or conditions reported that might account for these sightings.

There is no physical evidence of the sightings in existence and no interceptive action was taken.

For further information that might have bearing on this report refer back to James Connally Air Force Base IR-3-52.

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2135 & 2150 EST 0335 & 0350		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilians			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20-25 seconds each time		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 20 to 30		9. COURSE S to N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Dark orange or tangerine color. Similar to objects, that turned out to be ducks.				11. COMMENTS Noise like "hushing wind" heard. Source sitting in care watching outdoor movie.	

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The phenomenon sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] appeared as a group, each object being of a round or oval shape. Although he estimated the distance between him and the objects, he is not positive of the accuracy of his estimation, therefore, making an approximation of the size of the objects impossible. There were between 20 and 30 of the objects, each one of a "dark orange or tangerine" color.

The observer noticed no recognizable aerodynamic features about the objects and stated that there was no trail or exhaust. There was a sound emitted by the objects described as being that of a "rushing wind".

The objects stayed on their course with no maneuvers and disappeared from his sight into the distance.

There were two groups of the objects, one being at a greater distance away but of the same description. The first group passed over at approximately 2135 and the second at 2150. Each group was under Mr. [REDACTED]'s observation for 20 to 25 seconds. The objects were flying in a group but in no defined formation. The first group was estimated to have been $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile away and the second group about 1 mile away, both flying 25° to 30° above the horizon.

The manner of observation was visual from ground surface. The observer was sitting in his car watching a Drive-In moving picture at the time. The windows were rolled down when the observer first sighted the objects.

The observer was located at the Oaklawn Drive-In Theatre on the Dallas Highway, No. 21. The geographic coordinates of this area are: 31°, 36' North, 97°, 06', 30" West.

Mr. [REDACTED]'s car, from which he made his observation, was parked directly in front of the screen and about three rows back in the Drive-In Theatre. He sighted the objects over the projection screen flying on a course from south to north. As stated before, both groups appeared at an estimated $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile away from the observer.

The observer, Mr. [REDACTED], is an electrician for the [REDACTED] in Waco. His observations were witnessed and verified by his wife, Mrs. [REDACTED], and daughter, [REDACTED].

The only known factor that could have been misleading to the observer's visual picture of the objects was the fact that during his entire observation, he was within his car, therefore, watching the objects through a windshield and immediately above a well lighted projection screen.

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There were no unusual meteorological activities or conditions reported that might account for these sightings.

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