

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>2 April 52</u>		2. LOCATION Brownwood, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical METEOR ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: <u>2000 CST</u> GMT: <u>0200</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE AF officers			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light amber w/firey tail. Meteor shape. Straight and level.				11. COMMENTS Observers noted object which appeared to be large slow moving meteor pass from bearing of 215 deg to 90 deg in 15 seconds. At one time three pieces appeared to break off the main part. See Waco, Texas report.	

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 2 APR 52

TIME (Local): 2045

LOCATION: Temple, Texas

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 30 seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: High.

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: 30°

SOURCE: Many

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Object was apparently a large fireball. Reports on this object were received from all over Texas. Astronomers believe it was a fireball.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Large meteor-like object was seen traveling across the sky at high speed. Object had trail. ~~(Confidential)~~

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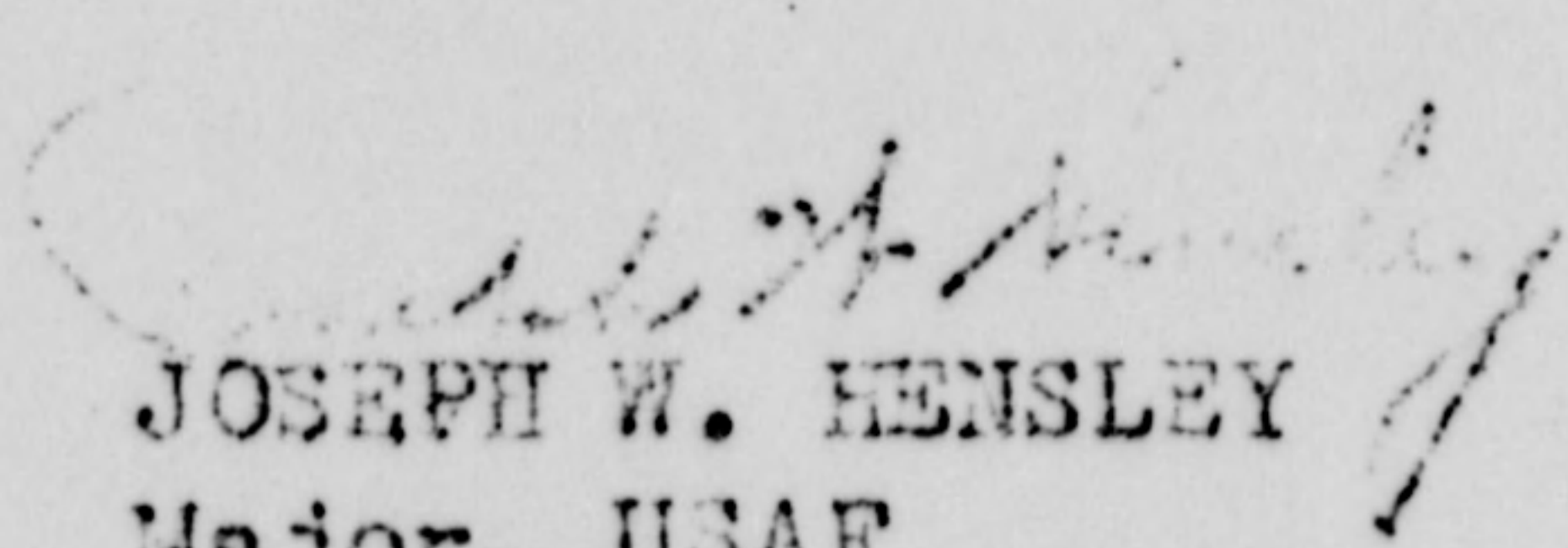
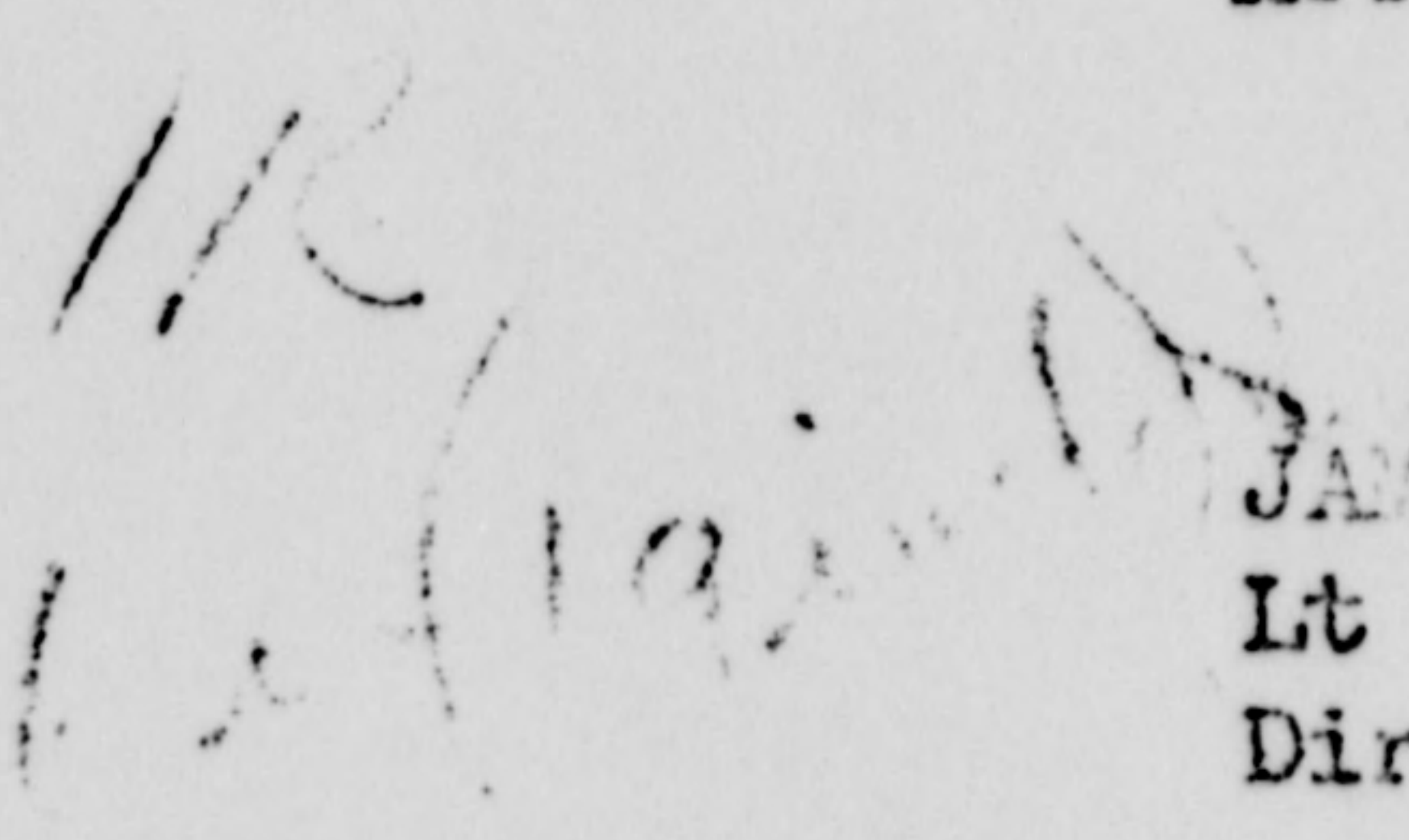
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AF FORM 112—PART I

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COUNTRY United States of America	REPORT NO. IR - 2 - 50	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT <i>434443</i>		
SUBJECT Sighting of Unidentified Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Texas	FROM (Agency) Directorate of Intelligence, Ninth Air Force (Adv), Fort Hood, Texas	
DATE OF REPORT 9 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 3-6 April 1952	EVALUATION A-6
PREPARED BY Major Joseph W. Hensley, Exec Dir of Intel	SOURCE 20 Observers	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TNX 9AF (Adv) 062115Z		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. One sign to use in final one sentence paragraph. List in lowercase at bottom left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112 - Part II.)		
Object was reported by 15 observers at Draughon-Miller Airport, Temple, Texas, 97°25'W 31°10'N; by 2 observers on flight near Evant, Texas, 98°10'W 31°28'N; 2 observers at Stephenville, Texas, 98°12'W 32°13'N; and 1 observer in Temple, Texas, 97°20'W 31°07'N, at approximately 2045 hours 2 April 1952 for a period of 10 - 40 seconds. Object appeared to be round ball of fire giving off greenish glow and having a red and yellow tail of fire and sparks. Object emitted two or three smaller balls of fire which burned out. It traveled a straight South - North course West of Temple, Texas, at about 030 degrees heading and disappeared behind clouds. Speed estimated from 500 to 6,000 MPH. Altitude estimated 10,000 to 150,000 feet, flat trajectory. Sound reported similar to that of jet aircraft. All sightings visual. Two observers at Evant, Texas, were in RB-26 at 4500' altitude flying South. All others were at ground level. Weather sequence 2028 hours, clouds thin scattered 25,000'; visibility 12 miles, surface winds East at 4 knots.		
PREPARED BY:	APPROVED:	
 JOSEPH W. HENSLEY Major, USAF Exec Dir of Intel	 JAMES M. WINTERBOTTOM Lt Col, USAF Director of Intelligence	
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3 April 1962

At 2045 on night of 3 Apr 62 I saw, what appeared to be, a ball of fire appearing on the horizon from the South and disappearing on the horizon to the North. I have no idea whatever the altitude of the object; however, the speed was great. I would estimate the speed as well over 1600 miles/hr. During the time that I observed the "object", I saw two smaller balls of fire appear to leave the large one. Each at a different time, probably a second apart. Since the "object" passed almost directly over my position, relatively speaking, and since I have no idea the size of it, I can not even venture an estimation of the height.

The time lapse observed for this whole event was an estimated 5 seconds.

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3 April 1962
Temple, Texas

I John F. Worin Capt, Air Force, AO 023710, at 2042 hrs, on the 2nd of April west of Temple Texas saw an object in the sky. It was moving very fast, red, yellow in color with a long tail. It was in sight for about 10 seconds and in that time small parts were falling off. Its path was from Southwest to Northeast. Not knowing the size of the object, I can not say how high it was.

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3 April 1962

When returning from a Special Services Show on the night of 2 April 62 at approximately 2045 hours, I noticed in the sky what appeared to be a "falling star". I kept watching this because of the length of time it stayed in view, during its flight there appeared to be two (2) parts fall behind this, they had trails of light but not as large as the first one. I estimate the object (the largest one) stayed in sight for 40 seconds.

To the best of my knowledge this is correct.

136th Tac Recon Sq

Drummond Miller Airport
Temple, Texas
April 3, 1962

STATEMENT:

At approximately 2045 on 2 April an unknown object was observed moving from South to North across Drummond Miller Airport. Elevation of the object appeared to be approximately 20,000 feet. It was in sight for a period of about 10 seconds traveling in a straight line, then disappeared behind some thin stratus or cirrus clouds, speed is estimated to be in excess of 1,000 mph.

The object appeared to have a shower of sparks following it giving the impression of a tail. The main body gave off a greenish glow. No sound of any sort accompanied the object.

In that the object traveled in a straight line with no loss of altitude I do not believe it could have been a meteor.

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AF434443

~~Signature~~
Capt, USAF
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155th Tac Recon Sq

3 April 1962

On the night of 2 April 1962 at approximately 2045 hours I saw an object in the sky coming from the South heading North. This object appeared to me as follows:

- a. It appeared to be a ball of fire shooting red flame from its tail section.
- b. It was traveling at a high rate of speed.
- c. It disappeared above the clouds, therefore I would say it was about 10,000 feet.
- d. From the time I saw it until it disappeared it held the same altitude and its course.

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AF434443

~~Signature~~
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155th Tac Recon Sq

Draughon, Allor Airport
Toledo, Texas
April 3, 1952

BT T-1057

On 2 April 1952 at approximately 2040 hours at Draughon-Allor Airport the undersigned observed an object moving through the air in the direction of North. It is estimated the object was moving at a speed of 1500 MPH or better and appeared to be at an altitude of 20,000 to 40,000 feet. All that could be seen was a streak of fire and at intervals the fire would brighten or flare up. Object appeared to maintain a straight course and maintain a constant altitude. There was no sound at all observed.

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~~1st Lt. USAF~~

~~15th Tac Recon Sq~~

3 April 1952

About 2100 hours on 2 April I was talking to Lt Col Shapson behind his tent. He called my attention to an object in the sky. I saw what I believe to be a meteor, traveling at a very high rate of speed in a northerly direction. It appeared as a ball of fire leaving a trail of flame. It burned for an unusually long time and finally disappeared. It was traveling in a straight line.

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~~1st Lt. USAF~~ AF434443

~~15th Tac Recon Sq~~

3 April 1952

THE END

PLACED IN THE FILE OF THE T-1057

A ball of fire with a tail crossed heavens from South to North as I faced east. At 3/3 of its course 3 individual balls with tails broke from main object and burned out the main light continued on at same speed and altitude till it faded from view.

Characteristics: Maintained a constant speed and altitude as far as I could determine, through its entire orbit of my position.

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~~Capt. USAF~~

Statement of a meteor or a light object flying through the air. It came from the South on a heading of North. It flew in a straight line. It seemed to be holding its altitude above the earth.

I saw it coming over the water tower from the South. It flew over the tower or a little to the west and out of sight heading North. It had a long streak of light or fire behind it. Right over head and balls of fire flew off of it. It did not seem to vary in speed. It must have been very high for there was no sound at all. It must have been large for it was so bright. The altitude must have been between 50,000 to 100,000 altitude. Speed from 4,000 to 6,000 MPH. Was in sight for one minute.

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Temple, Texas

5 April 1962

AT AF4344. 9:15, April 2, 1962

Round shaped object, traveling very fast, pretty high altitude, going North and trailing fire and sparks for about what looked to be from 10 to 15 ft. long. Also this object was flying straight and level.

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Black Sea Report Sq

3 April 1962

At approximately 23:15 on the 3rd of April I observed a "flying ball" moving across the sky heading in a North direction at a high speed. It was leaving a bright trail behind it and appeared to be similar to a comet. I could not estimate its altitude or speed but it seemed to be flying level and not losing any altitude and maintaining a constant speed. From the ground where I stood it appeared to be approximately the sized of a ball.

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Black Sea Report Sq

Wright-Patterson Airport - 3 April 1952

From a position near Evans, Texas at 4500 ft indicated altitude, on a heading of 180°, on the night of 2 April, 1952, at 2012 hours, the pilot, Capt John J. J. and I together saw an object similar to a shooting star or meteor. The object started from the horizon to the South and passed over head on to the North. I approximated the heading of the object at 090°. When the object was directly overhead, or nearly so, two balls of fire came from the tail of it and immediately went out. The main body continued on as before.

The fire was of a red orange color and had a tail, such as a rocket or shooting star. I could not make out the, if any, body in front of the tail. The speed was somewhere over 700 mph. If it was a shooting star, it was the largest one I have ever seen.

I state that I have read this statement, and signed this statement that it is correct and true as written.

LT, USAF

3 April 1952

STATEMENT

I swear that the following is a true statement of my observation.

At approximately 2000 hours on 2 April 1952 Lt Col Stanley Irons and I were standing on the west end of the ramp at Wright-Patterson Airport, Dayton, Ohio. We observed a ball or teardrop shaped object which appeared to emit exhaust intermittently. This object appeared from the southern horizon and passed overhead at an altitude estimated to be 10,000 ft and continued out of sight over a bank of cumulus cloud on the northern horizon. The flight time of this object was under my observation was less than 10 seconds. No sound was emitted from the object. In my estimation this object traveled at a speed faster than a jet aircraft.

LT Col, USAF

155th Tac Recon Sq

I was sitting in front of my apartment building with my
Sawyer when I happened to glance up. Directly over head and heading in a
northwesterly direction was what I seemed to be a meteor. It was the
largest I have ever seen and lasted longer than any I have ever seen. It
was ball-like and was similar in appearance. It seemed to disappear as
as it traveled until it eventually disappeared near the horizon. I
have no idea how fast it was traveling nor how high it was. This took
place at approximately 2045, 2 April 1952.

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Capt. [redacted]

3 April 52

Dr. [redacted] Miller
Temple, Texas

On 2 April 1952 while returning from the Stage Show below the Water
tower at approximately 2045 hours I noticed what seemed to be a large
ball of fire with a long "tail" behind traveling at a great rate of speed
toward the North. It was my impression that it could have been a star,
because it seemed to disappear at a lower altitude than it was when I saw
it at first.

The object lost part of its "tail" just before it traveled out of sight.
I can think of nothing outstanding about it except the speed that it traveled.

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Dr. [redacted] Miller
Temple, Texas

Approximately 2045 on the night of 2 April 1952 someone called my
attention to an object in the sky approaching from the south on a northerly
heading. This object passed above our position at a tremendous speed
approximately 1500 MPH, and was visible for about 12 to 15 seconds.

This object can best be described as a ball of fire emitting an exhaust
trail and was flying a straight course and was neither losing nor gaining
altitude. The altitude of this object could not be determined by the undersigned
due to the deceptive appearance of the object at night. It is the opinion of
the undersigned that this object was not a meteorite.

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3 April 1952

At or approximately 2030-2040 hours, 2 April 1952 I observed a lighted object flashing across the sky from South to North. At the time I first observed it I was standing on the ramp at Temple Airport talking to Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and drew his attention to the object.

The object closely resembled a meteor (or falling star) leaving a trail of fire except that it's motion appeared slower than a meteor and horizontal to the earth's surface. Also, it appeared to travel end of sight rather than burn out. Its path was from South to North passing to the east of Temple. Its altitude cannot be approximated and, therefore, neither can its speed. It did, however, disappear behind a medium altitude layer of cloud for a few seconds.

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3 April 52
Temple Airport
Temple, Texas

I was in the Radar component of AF 23 - 271 at approx. 2040 2 April 52 and saw the object in question. There were in the traffic pattern at Temple Air Base at the time. The object passed behind us and the first time I saw it, it was passing the lights of Base. All I could see of the object was the fire or exhaust coming from it, this fire appeared red to me. The object appeared to be traveling in a flat trajectory at not too great an altitude. I would say its speed was well over 300 M.P.H. I would estimate the object passed directly over some point between Temple and [redacted] on a heading of about 090°.

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REPORT
OF
"FLYING SAUCER"

At approximately 2030 hours on 2 April 1952, [redacted] the 727th ACGI Squadron telephoned the Chief Duty Controller at [redacted] that he had just seen a "flying saucer". [redacted] was inspecting the guard at an entrance to the area when he saw an object appear from a southeasterly direction and pass overhead continuing for some ten (10) seconds to the N at which time it disappeared below the horizon.

In [redacted] opinion, at no time did the object leave a trail such as a meteor gives off. Approximately half way along its path it appeared to add speed, which was evidenced by an increase in the trail of fire, lasting approximately three (3) or four (4) seconds, then reverting to a slight glow.

In his estimation the speed of the object was between 1000/1200 MPH. Immediately after the passage of the object, it was possible to hear it. The sound was the same as given off by a jet aircraft at high altitude and speed. The object was witnessed by Lt. Baldwin, Sgt. Carey and Pfc. Barnett.

[redacted]
1st Lt., USAF
Chief Duty Controller

Paul
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4 Apr 52

Interviews of 18 indiv obars near Temple, Texas reveal substantially following: At approx 2045 hrs 12 Apr unidentified object resembling ball of fire observed west of Temple, Tex for approx 30 seconds. Traveling south to north, in trajectory heading 030 degrees on straight course disappearing in clouds. Speed estimated from 500 to 4,000 mph. Altitude estimated generally 20,000 ft. Appeared to be ball of flame with tail and 2 or 3 smaller balls with tails broke off and burned out. Weather cond-clouds thin scattered at 25,000 ft. No indication on radar. Not believed by observers to be meteor, or falling star.

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Re your message Cite: NAFOI-A 4-163, 031900Z, the following additional information is desired:

1. Exact path and maneuvers of object.
2. Apparent size.
3. Weather conditions at time.
4. Any sound heard.
5. Check nearest meteorological observatory for any unusual activities during evening of 2 April and following morning.

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REF YOUR MSG AFOINATIAA-4-2 PD

1 STRAIGHT CRSE S TO N HEADING 030 DEGREES W OF TEMPLE MA TEXAS PD

2 APPEARED TO BE SIZE OF BASEBALL PD

3 WEA OBSERVATION AT LOMETA CMA TEXAS CMA 022030 APR SKY CLEAR CMA

VISIBILITY 5 MILES PLUS CMA TEMPERATURE 67 CMA DEW POINT 30 CMA WIND

SE 10 KNOTS PD

4 NO SOUND REPTD BY LOMETA OBSRS PD REF 9AF /ADV/ IR -2-52 SOUND

REPTD AS SIMILAR TO JET ACFT AT HIGH ALTITUDE PD

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COUNTRY

United States of America

REPORT NO.

IR-2-52

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Report of Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON

Bryan Air Force Base, Texas

FROM (Agency)

Intelligence Office, Bryan AFB, Texas

DATE OF REPORT

21 April 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION

2 April 1952

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

Captain Richard O. Franz, Intelligence O.

SOURCE

Flight line instructors

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

Ltr. HQ USAF, dtd 19 Dec 51, file ADJIN-C/CC-2, classified Confidential

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.)

On the evening of 2 April 1952 night flying was in progress for T-28 type aircraft at Bryan Air Force Base, Texas. At approximately 2040 hours local time a bright light with a trail (see part II) was seen traveling at a high rate of speed from the southwest to the northeast. The light was seen by three instructors for varying lengths of time ranging from 3 to 13 seconds. The object passed from sight to the northeast in a normal manner.

The significance of this sighting does not have any apparent value until evaluated by higher headquarters.

INCL.

APPROVED:

RICHARD O. FRANZ
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Bryan AFB, Texas	REPORT NO. IR-2-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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1. At approximately 2040 hours local time on 2 April 1952 an unidentified flying object was sighted by three (3) flight line instructors southwest of Bryan AFB, Texas. One observer was on the ground; one observer was in the control tower; and one observer was at 1200 ft indicated over the north-south runway on a heading of 170° in a T-28 type aircraft preparatory to pitching out for landing.

2. The object was described as a ball of fire with a long trail behind it. The ball was estimated in size to be about one-third (1/3) the size of the moon. The trail was described as being composed of sparks and as being fifteen to thirty (15-30) times as long as the diameter of the ball. The trail was thickest at the forward end.

3. The ground observer stated that two (2) smaller trails dropped toward the ground at the same time in different arcs approximately 100-200 feet in length. The other two (2) observers did not make the same observation.

4. The color of the trail was described as pale orange white fire colored. All observers agreed that there was only one object.

5. Estimates of the speed vary from 1000 mph to 1500 mph with the propulsion system unknown. None of the observers report hearing any sound from the object.

6. The object was first seen to the southwest of Bryan AFB at an undetermined distance and altitude. It flew a straight and level path toward the northeast where it passed from sight normally. It was observed for periods ranging from five to fifteen seconds by the three (3) observers.

7. The three observers were all Captains in the USAF with considerable flying experience. They gave the appearance of serious minded individuals who were not inclined to exaggerate and were considered usually reliable.

8. The weather sequence at 2028G, 2 April 1952 at Bryan AFB, Texas, was as follows:

25,000' scattered, 12 miles visibility, 1016.2 mb, temperature 67°F, dewpoint 48°F, wind south at 8 kts, altimeter 30.00", total sky cover 2/10 cirrus. There was no weather phenomenon at the time of the sighting.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

9. The sources of this information are rated B-1. Due to the small amount of information available on this sighting no significance can be attached at this level.

RICHARD O. FRANZ
Captain, USAF

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 2 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 2035

LOCATION: Wall, Texas

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 30 Seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: 2,000'

HEADING: NE

SOURCE: Tech Advisor Instructor

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Resembles fireball.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Flaming object approaching from southwest. Flame yellow and emitted sparks. 

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. IR-1-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 440620
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON Texas	FROM (Agency) OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE JAMES CONNALLY AIR FORCE BASE	
DATE OF REPORT 7 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 April 1952	EVALUATION C-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) WILLIAM M. HARVEY, JR., 1ST LT., USAF	SOURCE Civilian Radar Instructor at James Connally Air Force Base	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Ltr AFOIN-C/CC-2, Hq USAF, 19 Oct 51		
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 deals with the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] who resides at Waco, Texas spotted the object 2 April 1952 a few miles northeast of Waco on the Dallas Highway No. 81.

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The shape of the object was rectangular with blunted ends and small trailing tail of sparks and flame. There was no sound at all. It preceded in a straight course with no maneuvers, flying out of sight on a northeasterly course. The object was of a fiery nature and bright orange and yellow in color.

Through visual observation it was sighted at approximately 2035, 2 April 1952. The object was flying at an approximated 2000 ft. altitude. If approximation of altitude is near correct, speed of the object was over six hundred (600) miles per hour.

The observer was located at 31° 36' north, 97° 06' 30" west. This is the location of the Oaklawn Drive-In Theatre a few miles northeast of Waco, Texas, on the Dallas Highway #81.

The object flew over the observer's (Mr. [redacted]) head at an estimated 2000 ft. altitude, flying away from him on a northeasterly heading, disappearing from his vision about 3 miles south of James Connally Air Force Base.

The observers were Mr. and Mrs. J. [redacted], with Mr. [redacted] spotting it first. Mrs. [redacted] corroborates the statement made by her husband. Mr. [redacted] is a civilian instructor in the Radar Observer School of the 3585th Training Wing at James Connally Air Force Base, Waco, Texas and is a graduate electrical engineer. The reliability of his statement can be estimated as fairly substantial.

The weather was as follows: scattered clouds at 12,000 ft., scattered clouds at 25,000 ft. 15 miles visibility with a south-southeasterly, 6 MPH wind. The temperature was 64° and the dew point .38.

As far as can be determined there were no unusual meteorological conditions or activities at that time.

There is no physical evidence of the sighting in existence other than the written and signed statement of Mr. [redacted] pertaining to his observation.

Randolph L. Simmons
A/3C RANDOLPH L. SIMMONS
Intelligence Specialist

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April 7, 1952

STATEMENT

On the night of April 2, 1952, my wife and I sighted an unidentified object in the sky. Our location was at the Oaklawn Drive-in theatre a few miles northeast of the city of Waco on the Dallas highway # 81.

While watching the movie we observed a flaming object approaching overhead from the southwest. I thought, at first, that this object was a jet aircraft, but after getting out of the car and watching it come directly overhead I was convinced it was not.

The object was flaming yellow in color and its end emitted particles of the flame or sparks. It was absolutely noiseless and had no landing lights. It traveled at a uniform speed while in my sight and although it was impossible to tell its speed (not knowing the size of the object or its altitude) I approximated (by my watch and a rough measurement of distance) that it took the object 30 seconds to travel from (headed northeast) the edge of Waco, to a point about 3 miles south of JCAFB. My first thought was that, if it were a jet, its altitude was about 2,000 ft. The object traveled parallel to the earth's surface and I detected no change in altitude. It held a straight course until it disappeared from my sight. The time I sighted this object was approximately 2035. Nothing was visible except a flame, which was rectangular and had a rather blunt head and tail.

The sky was clear that night and except for a couple small clouds south of us the stars were clearly visible.

My wife and I both observed this object and to my knowledge so did several others at the drive-in. Unfortunately I failed to get their names.

At this point I should like to interject, that even though I don't know what this object was I am fairly positive it was not an aircraft. (Working at JCAFB for 15 mos. I have seen just about every model the Air Force has with the exception of the secret experimental models). Had it been a jet (and as far as I know jets don't have flames as long or as large as this) I would have heard some sound or saw night lights of some sort. I was standing out of the car when the object came from overhead and was clear of the movie loudspeaker (which may be argued as a factor in drowning out any airplane noise). The drive-in (which I have attended many times) is located some what southeast of JCAFB, its runways and night flying B-25's fly over all the time sometimes drowning out the movie sound. This further substantiates my belief that it was not an aircraft.

I am a graduate electrical engineer and I am positive it was no electrical discharge such as lightning etc.

Drawing of actual size and shape of object as observed by me.



s/ [Signature]
Tech. Advisor-Instructor
(ground school)
3565th Eng Sq. (Observer)
JCAFB, Waco, Texas

A certified true copy:

William M. Harvey Jr.
WILLIAM M. HARVEY, JR.
1ST LT USAF

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 2 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 2000

LOCATION: Brownwood, Tex

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 40 Seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: 30°

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: AF Officer

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Too great lapse of time to get accurate data.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Slow moving meteor-like object with trail of three small balls of fire. ~~(b)(1)~~

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. 1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Brownwood, Texas	FROM (Agency) 375th Troop Carrier Wing Intelligence	
DATE OF REPORT 10 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 April 1952	EVALUATION Unevaluated
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt Arthur S. Palmer		Operation Longhorn
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) USAF Letter AFOIN - C/CC-2		

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.)

Enclosures are sworn statements concerning flying objects noted during Exercise Longhorn. Reports were forwarded to this office to be sent on to USAF. Both statements concern one sighting.

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Brownwood Municipal Airport
Brownwood, Texas
April 5, 1952

I, [REDACTED], hereby state that RICHARD SCARDON has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, and that I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement, and without any promise of reward, benefit, or any immunity having been made to me:

On April 2, 1952 at approximately 2000 hours I stepped out of my tent in the 1st Troop Carrier Assault Squadron area at Brownwood Municipal Airport. I looked up at the sky and saw what appeared to be a small object trailing fire. It was at an elevation above the horizon of approximately 30 degrees. I called to the other officers in the tent, Lt. Francis and Capt. Davis. During the time that these officers were talking out of the tent one at a time the object had traveled half way across the sky. At this time it seemed to leave three trails of fire, smaller than the main object, from behind and turned out. The main object continued on its course at a constant speed until it went out of sight. It did not appear to turn out but rather it got so far away that it could not be seen any longer. The speed of this object was more than that of a fast fighter and slower than a shooting star or comet. I have no idea as to its altitude or its distance from me. The color of the object was a light amber. This object was in sight by me for about 40 seconds.

I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all the pages and corrections and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true, as written.

IT-55823:

(address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 5th day of April 1952

at

a person authorized by law to administer oaths.

(address)

RICHARD SCARDON

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Brownwood Municipal Airport
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On 2 April 1952 at approximately 2000 hours I heard Lt Macquarrie call men from the tent at Brownwood Airport to observe a shooting star. I was outside at the time and looked up and saw the object approximately 30 degrees to the East at an angle above the horizon of about 30 degrees. As it passed thru the South about three spurts of flame or pieces separated from the main body which diminished as they decreased speed in the same path as the main object. It continued moving in a northeasterly direction and appeared to disappear approximately 15-20 seconds after spotting it. The object was yellow-orange in color with the brightest and largest part in front and a tapering tail. Size and speed could not be determined and there was no sound that could be heard. The spurts of flame or pieces that appeared to separate when South of position were similar in shape to puffs of smoke with the same color as the object and disappeared in about three seconds.

I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all the pages and corrections and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true, as written.

WITNESSES:



(address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 5 day of April 1952

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] person authorized by law to administer oaths.

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INFO JEPHQ/ DIR INTEL DCS/O HQ USAF WASH DC

7-10-68 IN-4-142 PD LTR USAF AFOIN-C/CG-2 CMA LTR

TAC TCED 353.09 1ST IND 9AF NAF01-E 392.09 PD

1/1 CIGAR SHAPED OBJ ROUNDED FRONT END CMA BROWNISH SILVER COLOR

OBSRD CN LEVEL FLT WITH SPEED EST OVER 1500 MPH PD AERODYNAMIC FEATURES

CLN LONG STREAM EXHAUST WITH WHITE BLUISH FLAME CMA NO SOUND PD

PROPULSION SYSTEM UNKNOWN PD OBJ AZIMUTH 330 DEG HEADED TO SW THEN CMA

ARCED N180 DEG DISAPPEARED AS IF SOMEONE TURNED OUT THE LIGHT PD OBSR

REPORTS OBJ HAD "TREMENDOUS EQUILIBRIUM AND SEEMED AT TIMES TO HAVE

TWO EXHAUST VAPOR TRAILS SMCLN HAD MARKED RESEMBLANCE IN SHAPE TO A

PORPOISE PD"

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/2/ 2 APR 52 2039 HRS CST OBSD LESS THAN ONE MINUTE PD

/3/ MANNER OF OBS CLN VISUAL BY THIS OCSR FROM GROUND PD TRACKED BY
RADAR 157TH ACW - OBJ APPEARED TOP SCOPE BEARING TO LEFT PD REPORT NOT
SUBMITTED BY THE 157TH ACW PD

4/ SIX MILES SW LONETA TEXAS CMA AIR AGG HQ CMA OPR LONGHORN PD FROM
OBS POINT CROSSED BETWEEN SMALL DIPPER AND LARGE DIPPER CMA OBJ EST
3 MILES DISTANCE AT CLOSEST POINT OBSD PD ALT APRX 20,000 FT PD

/5/ OCSR CAPT [REDACTED] USAF AC 1035753 PSSN 9301 DSSN 9301 CMA
WG INTELVOFFICER 142TH FTR BMR WG CLOVIS AFB CMA NM PD CONFIRMED CAPT
MATHEWS USAF 547TH POPE AFB CMA NC PD ECM CFF CER CLN CONFIRMED 2ND

[REDACTED] USAF AC 2215323 CMA HQ SQ 142TH FTR CLOVIS AFB NM
CONFIRMED CAPT [REDACTED] USAF AC 2121755 157TH FTR CLOVIS AFB NM

/6/ WEATHER - VERY CLEAR NIGHT CMA NO WIND PD

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/8/ NONE

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TO JEDEN/CG AIR DEFENCE COMMAND ENT AFENCOLO

JEDWP/CHIEF AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE DCS/O HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

~~1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS RELAYED BY THIS HQ IN COMPLIANCE~~

W/PAR 4C OF LTR FILE AFOIN-C/CG-2 CMA HQ USAF CMA DTD 19 DEC 51 SUBJ

CMA "REPTG OF INFO ON UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ" PD "AGX-DC 4-19 ABOUT 0839

2 APR 52 I WAS WALKING UP THE HILL FR HQS AGG AF TO JOC PD I JUST GLANCED

UP AT THE STARS TO THE NORTH-WEST CMA AND I NOTICED AN OBJ TVL AT A TER-

RIFIC SPEED PD IT APPEARED TO BE RATHER ROUND IN SHAPE CMA AND SEEMED

TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE WHITE SMOKE COMING FR ITS EXHAUST PD IT ALSO

APPEARED TO BE TVL IN AN ARC ABOUT AN AZIMUTH OF 300 DEGREES AND HEADED

TO THE SOUTHWEST CMA AND THEN TO THE NORTH PD THE OBJ TVL AT ITS GREAT

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SPEED AT FIRST GLANCE APPEARED TO RESEMBLE A METEOR AND I KNEW THIS OBJ TO BE FLY A LEVEL COURSE PD FR THE FIRST TIME I NOTICED IT UNTIL IT DISAPPERED IT TRV APRX 150 DEGREES OF AN ARC PD IT WAS VISIBLE FOR A MINUTE OR SO PD I JUDGED IT ALTITUDE TO BE ABOUT 20000 FT PD I AM NOT SURE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT TOO VISIBLE PD I COULD ONLY SEE IT FOR SUCH A SHORT TIME PD BUT I WOULD JUDGE ITS SPEED TO BE WELL OVER 1500 MPH PD

~~NAME~~ USAF " "AGX-DO 4-121 ABOUT 2040 CST 2 APR 52 I LEFT THE JOC AREA TO WARDS HQS AGG AF PD ABOUT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL I GLANCED UP AND NOTICED WHAT FIRST APPEARED TO BE A METEOR PD HOWEVER CMA THE COLOR ATTACHED TO THIS OBJ WAS ALMOST A PURE WHITE AND BEING NICTH I COULD NOT ESTIMATE THE LENGTH OF THE EXHAUST PD IT FIRST APPEARED AT AN AZIMUTH OF ABOUT 200 DEGREES OR 220 DEGREES AND SEEMED TO ARC SEI- GHTLY DISAPPEARING TO THE NORTHWEST PD WHEN THIS OBJ WAS DUE EAST OF MY POSITION CMA IT SEEMED TO LOSE TWO PIECES OF ITS EXHAUST CMA WHICH BURNED OUT VERY QUICKLY PD FROM THE FIRST TIME I NOTICED UNTIL IT DIS- APPEARED IT COVERED APRX 150 DEGREES OF AN ARC AND WAS VISIBLE FOR ABOUT ONE MINUTE PD I WOULD JUDGE THE ALTITUDE TO BE ABOUT 5000 FT PD BUT SINCE I COULDNT SEE ANYTHING BUT THE EXHAUST THIS IS NOT RELIABLE PD IF THE ALTITUDE WERE RELIABLE I WOULD THEN ESTIMATE THE SPEED UPWARDS OF 2000 MPH PD HOWARD L MATHEWS CAPT USAF 33 3

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