

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>16 Apr 52</u>	2. LOCATION Shreveport, La.		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 <u>2228</u> GMT <u>17/ 0328</u> 7	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE AF Capt Senior pilot		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 70 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant white turning red. Circular. Object came in straight and level and made 180 deg turn in 6 seconds. Balloon launched at 220 but was Radio-sonde, carried no light. Doubtful if this was balloon.		11. COMMENTS Object was ten times size of brightest star. Seemed to change from circular to flat after turn and gradually changed to red. Was directly overhead when first seen.	

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LTR, HQ USAF, SUBJ: REPT OF INFO ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJ, DTD

00 DEC 51, FILE AFOIN-C/CC-2.

1. SINGLE BRILLIANT WHITE CIRCULAR OBJ, 10 TIMES SIZE OF BRIGHTEST STAR, SIGHTED BY GRD OBSR 2228 HRS, 16 APR 52. FIRST SIGHTED DIR OVERHEAD AT 32 29N 93 48W TVL STRAIGHT COURSE AT PHENOMENAL VELOCITY ON HEADING OF 100 DEGREES. OBJ EXECUTED 180 DEGREE TURN WITHOUT DIMINISHING SPEED AND CONT'D ON RECIPROCAL HEADING UNTIL LOST TO SIGHT. COLOR OF OBJ TURNED TO PINK DURING TURN, INCREASING TO RED. APPEARANCE SEEMED TO CHANGE FROM FLAT CIRCULAR SHAPE TO A THINNING LENS SHAPE.

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OBJ EMITTED NO TRAIL, EXHAUST, OR SOUND.

2. OBJ SIGHTED 2228 HRS, 16 APR 52. DURATION OF OBSERVATION, APPROX 70 SECONDS.

3. VIS GRD OBSERVATION. NO VIS AIDS OTHER THAN RELATIVE BEARINGS FM STARS.

4. OBSR SIGHTED OBJ DIR OVERHEAD WHILE STANDING ON LAWN OF HIS RESIDENCE, [REDACTED], SHREVEPORT, LA. OBSR UNABLE TO EST ALT OF OBJ.

5. OBSR REPT SIGHTING: CAPT [REDACTED] 1ST BN SQ, [REDACTED] 1ST BN WG. CAPT [REDACTED] SAC A/C, A SENIOR PILOT, 3200 HRS AND 3 YRS EXPERIENCE IN HV AND MED CMET AND TRANS ACFT. INSOFAR AS HIS OBSERVATION PERMITTED. INFO RPT MAY BE CONSIDERED COMPL RELIABLE. MR.

ACTION

4. 11/15/51
(3. Central files)

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J. [REDACTED], SHREVEPORT, LA., NEIGHBOR OF
[REDACTED], WAS PRESENT AT TIME OF SIGHTING. [REDACTED] WAS PARATROOPER
SGT DURING WW II, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], SHREVEPORT, LA. [REDACTED] NOT INTERVIEWED.

6. WEATHER AND WIND CONDITIONS (TELETYPE SEQUENCE) AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

2230C 30M THIN BROKEN, VIS 15 MI; WINDS PIECEALD 2000 20M 17K; 25M
300 12K; 30M 300 30K; 35M 290 43K; 40M 290 71K; 45M 290 53K.

7. BASE WEATHER DET, BAFE, REPT LAUNCHING WEATHER BALLOON 2200 HRS,

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16 APR 52. BALLOON CARRIED RADIO EQUIP, BUT NO LIGHT.

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SUBJECT
Report of Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON
Shreveport, Louisiana

FROM (Agency)
A-2, 301st Bomb Wing, SAC

DATE OF REPORT
17 April 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION
16 April 1952

EVALUATION
A-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)
Major Jesse N. Tessier, A-2

SOURCE
Captain [REDACTED]

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

None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-PART II)

Unidentified circular flying object sighted at 32 29N - 93 48W, 2228 hours, 16 April 1952, by Captain [REDACTED]. Object brilliant white in color, emitted no trail, exhaust, or sound and flew at phenomenal speed. Object executed 180 degree turn and disappeared from sight having covered an estimated distance of approximately 25 miles during the approximately 70 seconds of observation.

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APPROVED:

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Director of Intelligence

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The following report is submitted in accordance with instructions contained in Letter, Headquarters USAF, Subject: Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, dated, 19 December 1951, File No. AFOIN-C/CC-2.

1. A single circular object, brilliant white in color and ten times the size of the brightest stars, was reportedly sighted by a ground observer at 32 29N - 93 48W, 2228 hours, 16 April 1952. The exposed surface of the object appeared to be flat. The object, travelling at unbelievable speed on an unwavering heading of about 100 degrees, emitted no trail, exhaust, or sound. After passing over the city of Shreveport, it suddenly executed a 180 degree turn and continued its unwavering course on the reciprocal heading until lost to sight. The observer reported the object accomplished the 180 degree turn in approximately six seconds. During the execution of its turn, the object appeared to become pinkish in color, gradually turning to red on the reciprocal heading. After turning, appearance of the object seemed to change from flat circular shape to a thinning lens shape, and, approximately ten seconds after completing its turn, the object appeared to emit, for an instant, a slight reddish trail, as if a few glowing fragments had become detached from the main body. Neither size nor altitude of the object could be estimated, and there was no apparent change in altitude or speed during the period of observation.
2. The object was first observed directly overhead by the observer at 2228 hours, 16 April 1952. Duration of the observation did not exceed seventy seconds, during which time the object had passed over the entire city of Shreveport and returned and was lost to sight, having covered an observed distance of at least twenty-five miles.
3. The observer had no visual aids other than relative bearings from the stars.
4. The observer reporting the sighting was standing on his lawn at [REDACTED] Shreveport, Louisiana, [REDACTED] at the time of observation.
5. Observer reporting the sighting, Captain [REDACTED] 301st Bomb Squadron, 301st Bombardment Wing, Medium, is a SAC Aircraft Commander, a senior pilot with more than 3000 hours and eight years experience in heavy and medium bombardment and transport type aircraft. Captain [REDACTED] has had prior experience as a Special Agent for the Counter-Intelligence Corps, and for the past several months, has been assigned to duty as Squadron Intelligence Officer. His background training and experience qualify him as a competent observer. Insofar as his observation permitted, the information regarding the above reported sighting may be considered completely reliable. At the time of the incident, Captain [REDACTED] was accompanied by a neighbor, Mr. [REDACTED] Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. [REDACTED] was a paratroop sergeant during World War II, and is presently employed as [REDACTED] Shreveport. Mr. [REDACTED] has not been interviewed.
6. Weather and wind conditions (teletype sequences) at time of sighting: 2230C 30M thin broken, vis 15 mi; winds PIEBALD 2000 20M 320 17k; 25M 300 12k;

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7. Following the sighting, Captain [REDACTED] immediately contacted metrological observers at both Barksdale Air Force Base, and C.A.A. None of the personnel contacted admitted knowledge of metrological phenomena or usage of equipment that might account for the incident. Base Weather Detachment at Barksdale Air Force Base reported launching a weather balloon at 2200 hours, above date. The balloon carried radio equipment, but no light.

8. Negative

9. Negative

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 16 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 2228

LOCATION: Shreveport, La.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 20 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: 100°--280°

SOURCE: AF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Radiosonde balloon (unlighted) was in area. Half moon low in East at time of sighting. Possibly balloon but no definite conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Speed might be due to illusions of some type.

Object was circular and brilliant white, ten times the size of the brightest planet. The object was first sighted overhead. It traveled a straight course at high speed. It was on an original heading of 100° but made a 180° turn and took up reciprocal heading. ~~SECRET~~

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