

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Aug 52		2. LOCATION Birmingham, Ala.		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2043 GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pale blue. Light.				11. COMMENTS Blinking pale blue light - similar object sighted same night but earlier at Meridian, Miss.	

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AREA REPORTED ON Birmingham, Alabama	FROM (Agency) Headquarters, 5015th Pilot Training Wing, Craig Air Force Base, Ala. (Int. Sec)	
DATE OF REPORT 4 Sept. 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 27 August 1952	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) JAMES R. MIDKIFF, W/Sgt.	SOURCE: Capt. CLAYTON W. FISHER, AD705 571 1st Lt. WILLIAM P. WALLICK, AD 2070720	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Ltr. 200-5, dtd 29 April 1952		
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 night of 27 August, 1952, the two officers listed as the source of this information were in an F-51 airplane at 8,000 feet just west of the Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, Alabama. They were flying at a speed of 250 MPH. At 2045 hours they saw an unidentified object moving toward the northwest below them and at an altitude of about 5,000 feet. Source identified the object as a pale blue light of undeterminable size and of no specific shape. It left no trail and no exhaust or other sound was audible. It kept blinking off and on in no particular cadence or frequency. No method of propulsion was discernible. At first this object moved around the city of Birmingham in a wide circle in a counter-clockwise direction. It finally began to climb, at which time its course became elliptical in shape, interrupted by slight changes in direction to the right or left each time the light blinked off and on. It eventually disappeared to the northeast of Birmingham at an altitude of about 15,000 feet. It was last seen at 2055 hours after having been under source's observation for ten minutes. All during this time it was traveling at a speed estimated at from 1,000 to 1,250 MPH. The weather was clear with a slight haze over Birmingham. There was little or no wind. This sighting cannot be explained by any known activity or condition meteorological or otherwise. There are no photographs or other material evidence of the nature or existence of the object. No effort was made to intercept it. Students on cross country flights in F-51 airplanes came over Birmingham at frequent intervals. They were all well below the object sighted. No other aircraft were seen.		
James R. Midkiff JAMES R. MIDKIFF W/Sgt., USAF HCOIC Int Sec.		
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1. Statement of Capt Fisher 2. Statement of 1st Lt Wallick		
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STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted in accordance with paragraph 7, c, AF letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952.

1. At 2043 hours on 27 August 1952, we spotted a pulsating unidentified light. The light was a pale blue color of undetermined size. We observed only one light. We observed no exhaust trails. The unidentified light would flicker on and off with no set sequence between its blinks. It would blink off and on immediately. The object was moving at a tremendous rate of speed approximately four or five times our rate of speed. It was impossible for us to detect any sound due to our own exhaust and radio. The light was moving counter clockwise around Birmingham and when first spotted it was below us. We were at 5,000 feet and it looked to be at approximately 5,000 feet and it circled in a wide orbit of approximately five to ten miles. It then started climbing at a tremendous rate of climb and its orbits of Birmingham became erratic now in an elliptical shape. When the light would flicker out and back on it looked as though it changed course 5 degrees. It disappeared northeast of Birmingham at a very high rate of speed and climb. We could spot no shape.

2. It was sighted at 2043 and we lost contact at 2053.

3. We sighted object visually from air at 5,000 feet. We were flying a two seated F-51 and were flying at 250 MPH.

4. I was over Birmingham at 5,000 feet just west of Birmingham Airport. I was in the front cockpit. I sighted light moving from southeast to northwest slightly north of the airport.

5. I was a fighter pilot in World War II, flying P-47's. I flew 110 missions. I got out of the service in 1945 and was recalled in May 1951. I have been an advanced single engine instructor since my recall.

6. The weather was clear except for a very light haze over Birmingham.

7. I know of no conditions or activity that can explain the object.

8. I know of no material evidence of the existence or nature of this object.

9. We made a tight turn to keep object in sight but could not intercept it in any way.

10. Students in F-51 airplanes reported over Birmingham at approximately three minute intervals. No other aircraft were seen.

Garrett H. Fisher
Capt., USAF

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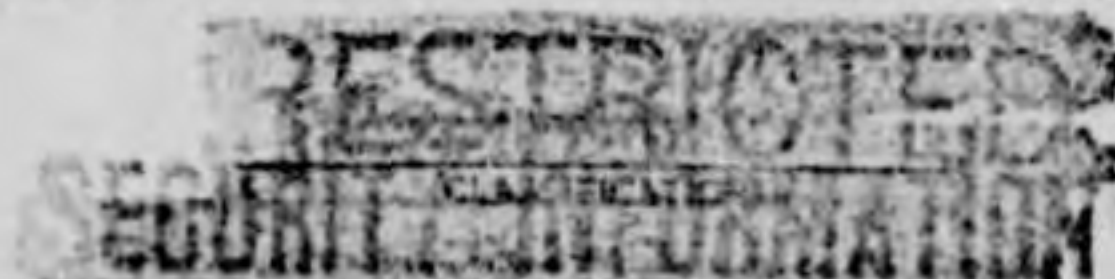
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The following statement is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 7, c, A.F. letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

1. The item sighted was a flickering light affair of undetermined size. The light was white to blue white, traveling on a straight course. The light seemed to turn out at 1 1/2 to 2 second intervals but in no regular sequence. It flickered in a manner comparable to some kind of rocket propulsion which would burn out intermittently. The object in my opinion was under control, or at least it knew it had a destination. It traveled in smooth wide orbits around Birmingham making a circle of 10-15 miles radius. At the times when the light flickered extra intensely, the object appeared to suddenly angle off its course 2 or 3 degrees, both to the right and left. I was positioned so that the left side of the object was all I saw the entire 10 minutes of observation, except when it passed directly overhead at an altitude of 15,000 feet or more. When I was directly below it the light flickered in the same manner as when I was above and to the side of it. An estimation of speed based upon the relative radius of circles it was making to what I was making would be approximately 4 times faster than my 250 P.M. It climbed at a terrific speed in wide orbits. It was easily discernible over the stars until it flew to a great distance above us and disappeared to the northeast.
2. The object was sighted at 2043 and was kept in sight until 2053.
3. The object was seen visually from the air from an F-51 traveling 250 mph indicated.
4. I was sitting in the rear seat of a patrol F-51 flying on easterly direction, when the light came to view about 3,000 feet below me traveling from southeast to northwest very close to the Birmingham airport.
5. I have a total of 1,450 hours single engine time. A veteran of 101 missions in Korea and 6 months service in Austria in 1945.
6. The weather was clear except for slight moisture which resulted in very light haze from the lights of the city of Birmingham.
7. I know of no activity or condition that could explain the object.
8. I know of no physical evidence to prove the existence or nature of this object.
9. I took no interception action.
10. Students in F-51 airplanes reported over Birmingham at approximately three minute intervals. No other aircraft were seen.

William P. Wallick
WILLIAM P. WALLICK
1st Lt., USAF



PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>27 Nov 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Point Barlow, Ala</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2043</i> Zebra: <i>0743</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ A/C Observed Object ☒ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☒ Blinking ☐ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>Ag. 3615 Pilot Training Wing, Point Barlow, Ala</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>Yes</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☒ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☒ Yes	☐ No
☐ One Aircraft ☒ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☒ Yes	☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes	☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes *0300Z*

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Birmingham, Ala.</i>	<i>200011</i>	<i>USDA</i>	☒	☐	<i>white</i>
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair
☐ Poor
☐ Unreliable
☐ Extremely Doubtful
☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
☒ Fair
☐ Poor
☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other: _____
☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

Ref. 1
Birmingham, Ala.

Ref. 2

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	3	20	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000	12	90	50,000		
6,000	13	90	55,000		
7,000	11	90	60,000		
8,000	7	70	65,000		
9,000	11	60	70,000		
10,000	15	70	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000	17	90	85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					
Wind					