

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 Jan 53 2/0345Z	2. LOCATION (Craig, Montana)
3. SOURCE Varied (Civ)	10. CONCLUSION UNKNOWN (UNIDENTIFIED)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	10 second observation possible Meteor based on duration and speed of flight. But observable characteristics not in record
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS with this evaluation
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Objects, 25-40' long and 18-25' thick with appearance of two soup bowls put together, was first observed to be traveling relatively slow, then began to climb at a high rate of speed. Sources stated that object was near them at a low altitude. Object appeared to have several lighted windows in the side. Speed estimated at 3,600 mph. (It is felt that the observers sighted an object unidentified to them, probably a known object or phenomenon, which has been exaggerated in their minds).
7. COURSE Northeast	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

JWPML/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

~~REDACTED~~/FLYOB RPT GFOID 120 PD ATTN CLN ATIAA-2C WRIGHT
25 TO 40 FEET LONG AND 18 TO 25 FEET THICK WITH APPEARANCE OF 2 SOUP
BOWLS PUT TOGETHER. SEVERAL LIGHTED WINDOWS WITH WHAT LOOKED LIKE A
PORT HOLE ON THE SIDE. SPEED WAS NOT TOO FAST UNTIL OBJECT BEGAN TO
CLIMB AND THEN BEGAN TO GAIN ALTITUDE VERY FAST. MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE
UNKNOWN. ITEM 2. FIRST SIGHTING 2100 HRS MST. ITEM 3. VISUAL WITHOUT
AIDS. ITEM 4. OBSERVERS ON HIGHWAY 91 BETWEEN WOLF CREEK AND CRAIG MONTANA
APPROXIMATELY 112 DEG EAST - 47 DEG NORTH. OBJECT WAS 200 TO 300 YARDS
FROM OBSERVER RPT OBSERVER WITH ALTITUDE VARYING FROM 10 TO 50 FEET AT

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AT TIMES. ITEM 5. UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

5 TO 6 WITNESSES. 9 YEAR OLD GIRL DREW PICTURE THAT FIT DISCRIPTION
OF OTHER WITNESSES. ITEM 6. HLN M50 OVC 40 40/25 WNW 23 BINOVC GTF
55 SCTD 95 SCTD M 190 OVC 60 41/28 SW 22 OVERCAST AT NEAR 9000 MSL.
WIND WSW 20-25 PMH. ITEM 7. UNKNOWN. ITEM 8. NEGATIVE. ITEM 9. NEGATIVE
ADD TO ITEM 2. 2 JANUARY.

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*More information on Saw [REDACTED]
required to evaluate. [REDACTED]*

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FROM: (Originator)

CG ATIC

TO: CG GREAT FALLS AF BASE MONTANA

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP

PRECEDENCE

FOR:

ACTION

INFORMATION

☐ BOOK MESSAGE☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

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FROM: AFICIN-ATIAA-1-2-3 FOR 29th Air Div (Def) Director of Intelligence

Reference your FLYOBRPT of 2 Jan 53. Request following information concerning each witness: name, postal address, age, sex, occupation, estimate of reliability, and experience.

In reply cite Project Blue Book

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OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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FM CG 29TH AIR DIV DEF GFAFB MONTANA

TO AIR TECH IN EL GEN WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FLYOB RPT GFD OI D 394. URMSG NOIN-ATQ-1-2GGG.

PROJECT BLUE BOOK. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED: MR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], HELENA, MONTANA, AGE 36, MALE, SALES
MANAGER [REDACTED] HELENA, MONTANA. EXPERIENCE AS AN AIR CRAFT.

SPOTTER DURING WWII. REPORTED AS A RELIABLE PERSON. MRS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], HELENA, MONTANA, FEMALE, AGE 35, MANAGER LADIES

APPAREL [REDACTED] HELENA, MONTANA. NO EXPERIENCE RELATIVE TO AIRCRAFT
OR THEIR DESIGN. REPORTED AS RELIABLE AND NOT GIVEN TO FALSE

HOODS. [REDACTED], HELENA, MONTANA, AGE 13,

STUDENT. RELIABILITY AND EXPERIENCE UNKNOWN.

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COUNTRY	United States	REPORT NO.	OID 1-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
SUBJECT	Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON	Highway 91 between Wolf Creek & Craig, Montana	FROM (Agency)	29th Air Division (Defense)	
DATE OF REPORT	7 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION	02/0400 Z JAN 1953	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer)	Mario Cappelli, Captain, USAF	SOURCE	Civilian	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, 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.)

- a. Shape: Two saucers face-to-face, a little higher on top than bottom.
- b. Size: 30-35 feet in diameter and 6-8 feet deep.
- c. Color: Silver.
- d. Number: One (1).
- e. Formation (if more than one object): None.
- f. Aerodynamic features: Unknown.
- g. Propulsion system: Unknown.
- h. Trail or exhaust: Red glow coming from bottom, increasing as object climbed. Haze around middle.
- i. Speed: Estimated at 3,600 MPH.
- j. Sound: None.
- k. Maneuvers: None.
- l. Manner of appearance: First sighted above horizon five (5) miles distant. Dove to about 100-200 feet above river at 50-100 yards from observers, then climbed out of sight. Object was in horizontal position at all times.
- m. Time of sighting: 02/0345 Z JAN 1953.
- n. Manner of observation: Visual.
- o. Location of observer during sighting: From automobile, then outside of vehicle when object appeared to be 50-100 yards distant.
- p. Identifying information on observer and estimate of reliability: Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and Miss [REDACTED], all of Helena, Montana, are all responsible persons. Mr. [REDACTED] was the only person to sight the object from outside the car, and since he does not drink, his observation is considered very reliable. He is an employee of [REDACTED] Photo Shop in Helena.
- q. Weather: Winds aloft slight; bright moonlight; clear.
- r. Existence of physical evidence: None.
- s. Known meteorological or other activity at time: None known.
- t. Interception or identification action taken: Unknown.
- u. Location of air traffic in general area at time of sighting: Unknown.

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Mario Cappelli
MARIO CAPPELLI
Captain USAF
Director of Intelligence

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1. Affidavit, [REDACTED]
2. Affidavit, [REDACTED]
3. Affidavit, [REDACTED]

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The closest the object came to me was about 100 yards away, and approximately 50 to 100 feet above the river. The object was silver in color, shaped as a saucer, and had a reddish glow from the bottom. The weather conditions were clear, a bright moonlight night, with a slight wind.

The object appeared from the south-west and headed towards the north-east when out of sight. I estimate that I saw the object when it was five miles in front of me, and kept it in sight until it was five miles away from me. I estimate that it was in my sight for approximately ten seconds, therefore I estimate the speed at 3600 miles per hour.

[REDACTED]
(Witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Jan 1953.

Paul H. Millikin
PAUL H. MILLIKIN
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[REDACTED]
(Witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of January 1953.

Marie Lippell for
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[REDACTED]
(witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of June 1953.

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Craig, Montana

3 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 0400 Z three sources observed an aerial object 25 to 40 feet long and 13 to 25 feet thick with the appearance of two soup bowls put together. There were several lighted windows with what appeared to be a porthole on the side. The object moved slowly at first, then began a rapid climb. The manner of disappearance was unspecified. The object first appeared at 200 to 300 yards distance from the observers at an altitude of 10 to 15 feet.

II. Discussion of Incident

An investigation of the sources revealed that they are mature, reliable and, at least in one case, relatively experienced persons.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

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