

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 Jan 53 11/2305Z	2. LOCATION Gadsden, Alabama
3. SOURCE Varied (20 Civ's of Gadsden, Ala) 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY BALLOON Possibly Balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 10 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared to be bright, glowing, multicolored mass, relative size & shape not ascertainable. Object seemed to be drifting with the winds. Altitude 8-9000'. Object traveled from horizon to horizon during 5-10 minutes sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE S-SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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SUBJECT	FLYOB RPT			
AREA REPORTED ON	Northwest Alabama	FROM (Agency)	Headquarters, 3800th A U Wing, Maxwell AFB	
DATE OF REPORT	15 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION	14 January 1953	EVALUATION B-1
PREPARED BY (Officer)	William E. Boyer 2dLt. USAF	SOURCE	Civilian Airport Manager, Gadsden, Ala.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)	None			

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.)

An unidentified flying object was sighted on 11 January 1953 by approximately twenty(20) citizens of Gadsden, Alabama. The incident was reported by the manager of the Gadsden Airport after many citizens confirmed his own observations. The object was of such a nature that no one could give a detailed description.

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At 1705C, 11 January 1953, an unidentified flying object was sighted by approximately twenty(20) citizens of Gadsden, Alabama. Among the sighters were the Civilian Air Defense Director and the Manager of the Gadsden Airport, Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED], interviewee, sighted the object while taking daily weather observations. The object was sighted NNW of the town of Gadsden at an estimated altitude of eight(8) or nine(9) thousand feet traveling SSE for five(5) to ten(10) minutes during which time it traveled from one horizon to the other. Mr. [REDACTED] had handy a small pair of binoculars through which he viewed the object. The object appeared to be a bright, glowing, multicolored mass but the relative size and shape were not ascertainable. There were no sounds nor were there any signs of an exhaust such as vapor trails. The weather was clear, visibility twelve(12) to fifteen(15) miles, and moderate winds NNW. The object seemed to be drifting with the winds and finally beyond the horizon. There was no air traffic in the location at the time. Mr. [REDACTED] knew of no meteorological conditions existing at the time that would cause such a sighting. Only one(1) object was seen and there is no known existing physical evidence (photographs, etc.).

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