

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 Jan 53 17/2155Z	2. LOCATION Guatemala
3. SOURCE Civ Man (U.S. resident)	10. CONCLUSION Unknown (UNIDENTIFIED)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 22 Sec.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Brilliant greenish gold oblong object estimated to be twice the size of DC-3 a/c. Traveled at estimated speed of 400 mph. Object hovered approx 2 sec then resumed speed in same direction at a higher alt, disappearing behind some mountains.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Northwest	COMMENTS: 1. Source was riding a bus at time of sighting which limited the length of observation. 2. Possibility of a/c is not feasible due to the hovering position of the object.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
72 E. 10TH STREET
NEW YORK 3, NEW YORK

IN REPLY

REFER TO: 24-322

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted near Volcano Fuego
90° 50' west longitude, 14°
25' north latitude Guatemala, CA.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO : Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Reference is made to Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. Transmitted herewith for the information of your headquarters, is report of investigation made by Special Agent HENRY M. LANGLOIS, 2D OSI District, file 24-322, concerning SUBJECT.

3. Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

1 Incl:
As indicated above.

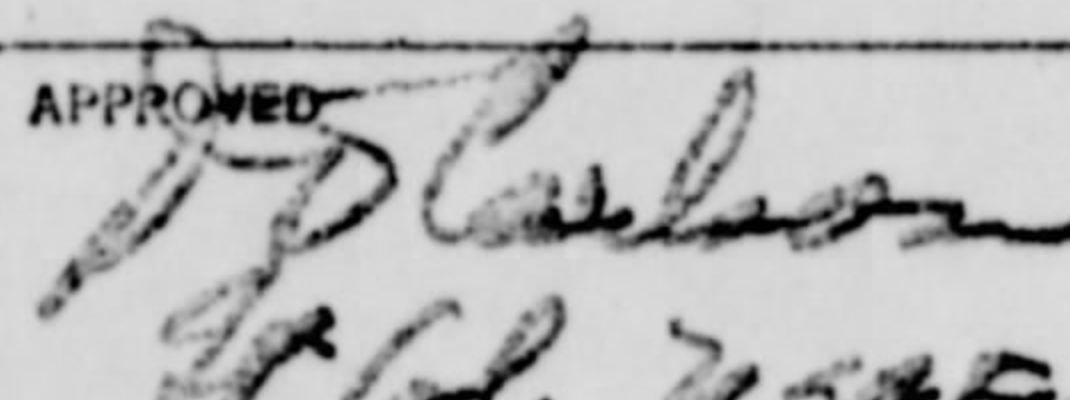
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-322	DATE 1953
TITLE Unidentified Flying Object Sighted near Volcano Fuego 90° 50' west longitude, 14° 25' north latitude Guatemala, CA. 17 January 1953		REPORT MADE BY HENRY M. LANGLOIS, S/A	ej
		REPORT MADE AT DO #2, 72 East 10th Street, NY 3 NY	
		PERIOD 4,5 February 1953	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #2, 72 East 10th Street, NY 3 NY	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE NONE THIS IS AN INITIAL REPORT			
SYNOPSIS [REDACTED] U. S. Citizen resident in Guatemala, observed brilliant greenish gold oblate object approximately twice the size of DC-3 aircraft proceeding in Northwesterly direction in horizontal flight at estimated altitude of 6,500 feet at estimated speed of 400 miles per hour. Object almost stopped flight and then rose vertically 1,500 feet. Hovered for approximately 2 seconds, then immediately resumed hori- zontal flight at new altitude in same direction and speed. Object lost to view because of intervening terrain.			
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DETAILS:

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1. Mr. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office on 4 February 1953 to report that he had observed a "flying saucer" in Guatemala, Central America, and desired to turn over his notes concerning the incident.

2. On 5 February 1953, the writer interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] in Room [REDACTED] of the Savoy Plaza Hotel, Fifth Avenue and 58th Street. Mr. [REDACTED] identified himself by U. S. passport #452 issued at the U. S. Embassy in Guatemala, and by numerous cards. [REDACTED] further advised that he was a zoologist interested in Natural History, who had been in Guatemala, on and off, since 1934. In addition to his primary vocation of Zoology, [REDACTED] is a business representative of various U. S. concerns, of which he identified the National Floor Covering Company of Atlanta, Georgia. [REDACTED] averred that he was well-known in Guatemala as Dr. [REDACTED], both by the natives and members of the U. S. Embassy and military attaches. [REDACTED] had returned to the United States to aid his mother who was ill. A letter addressed to Mrs. [REDACTED] was observed on the writing table of Room 2618. There also was a wardrobe trunk in that room with the initials MGT. [REDACTED] informed the writer that this room 2618 was the one occupied by his mother.

[REDACTED] then furnished the writer with a sketch of the incident, which he had drawn approximately 30 minutes after observing the flying object and with his notes concerning this episode likewise recorded at that time. Photostatic copies of the sketch are attached hereto as Inclosure #1. [REDACTED] original notes and sketch are retained in the files of this office. [REDACTED] was shown a road map of Guatemala on which he identified his position at the time he observed the incident as being on Route 3, approximately 8-10 kilometers southwestward from Guatemala City. Approximately 90° 38' west longitude and 14° 30' north latitude. [REDACTED] at that time 1555 hours Central Standard Time or 2155Z, Saturday, 17 January 1953 was on board the 330 bus from Guatemala City to Amatitlan, and had just entered the rapidly descending portion of Route 3 which was beginning to be very winding. [REDACTED] observed the flying object through an open window of the bus, silhouetted against the side of Volcano Fuego, approximately 90° 50' west longitude and 14° 25' north latitude. [REDACTED] advised that he, in navy parlance, was at that time just coming "abeam" of Volcano Fuego. The object he estimated to be at a distance of about 18 kilometers, and at the estimated altitude of 6,500 feet - about 2,000 feet above his altitude. Its apparent direction of flight was north-westerly. A photostatic copy of this map with the two locations identified is attached hereto as Inclosure #2. The original map is retained in this office. [REDACTED] furnished the following description of the flying object.

SHIP- It was considered oblate, with its vertical axis one-half the length of the horizontal axis. The outline of the object was bluntly curved and no flattened surfaces were observed. [REDACTED] stated that the object appeared absolutely symmetrical and reminded him somewhat of a Goodyear blimp without the air elevators or rudders. [REDACTED] upon query could not advise if the object had depth, since from the distance at which he observed the object it seemed to have merely two dimensional characteristics.

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SIZE - [REDACTED] stated that the object appeared to be approximately the size of a DC-3 aircraft. He based this estimate upon a field expedient, with which he was thoroughly conversant, of observing the object through a formed aperture obtained by clenching his right hand into a loose fist. [REDACTED] then showed the writer this field expedient and the writer observed the aperture formed by [REDACTED]'s little finger to be approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch in diameter.

COLOR - The object was colored a brilliant greenish gold of which the golden color was predominate, possibly due, according to [REDACTED], to the bright sunlight.

NUMBER - Only one object was observed by [REDACTED].

AIRCRAFT FEATURES; None other than [REDACTED]'s observation that the object reminded him of a Goodyear blimp.

TRAIL OR EXHAUST - None observed. [REDACTED] advised that he was familiar with "con" trails and wing tip streamers, but had not observed anything with relation to this flying object.

PROPULSION SYSTEM - None observed

SPEED - Horizontal speed estimated by [REDACTED] to be approximately 400 miles per hour. About twice the speed of a DC-3 aircraft. [REDACTED] advised that he had at other times observed a DC-3 aircraft in that vicinity and travelling in the same direction so that he utilized that aircraft's characteristics as a criterion.

NOISE - None pertinent to flying object heard, possibly because of extremely noisy bus that [REDACTED] was riding in.

MANEUVERS - [REDACTED] First observed the flying object while it was travelling horizontally at approximately 6,500 feet altitude, travelling in a northeasterly direction. After 10 to 15 seconds observation the flying object came to almost an abrupt stop and then instantaneously rose vertically approximately 1,500 feet. At this point the flying object paused and apparently remained stationary for approximately 2 seconds. The flying object then almost instantaneously resumed its original speed and direction of flight at this new altitude of 8,000 feet approximately. [REDACTED] showed the writer his wrist watch which was of a 1/5 second stop watch type and advised that he had immediately timed the length of his observation by that watch.

REASON OF DISAPPEARANCE - [REDACTED] lost observation of the flying object due to the elevation of a range of intervening mountains and also due to his descent in the bus on route 3 from his original observation altitude of 6,500 feet.

OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES - [REDACTED] stated that the usual daily plume of steam rising from volcano Puego was not changed by the appearance of the flying object. This plume of steam according to SACKETT's sketch and observation apparently rises in about a 45° degree slope in a southeasterly direction.

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LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - A total of 22 seconds. Approximately 15 seconds on original flight level, 2 seconds hovering time, and 5 seconds on second flight level.

MANNER OF OBSERVATION - Visual

WEATHER AND WINDS DRAFT - Bright Sunlight, no haze, visibility unlimited - no clouds - sky bright blue - weather cold.

ACTIVITY RESPONSIBLE - [REDACTED] could not advise of any activity or meteorological condition which could account for the sighting - [REDACTED] did volunteer that there was a colony of Americans at ANTIGUA and that they might have observed the incident.

WITNESSES - SACKETT stated that although the bus in which he was riding was full of passengers, 24 with a driver and conductor, that they were indigenous persons they would not have observed the flying object nor if they had seen it, would they recall it. However, there was one passenger who had seen the object. She was Miss [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Guatemala, C.A. She advised [REDACTED] that she saw the "gold thing" for about 4-5 seconds.

AIR TRAFFIC - At the time of the sighting there was no air traffic other than the flying object observed by [REDACTED]. He did advise that on other occasions he had seen DC-3's of AVIA TECA, the government domestic airline, flying in that area.

In conclusion [REDACTED] stated that he had not previously told anyone of this incident; that he expected to return to Guatemala in approximately 2 weeks, that is, if his mother's health so permitted. If he were to be contacted in Guatemala, he could be reached through his Post Office Box, APARTADO #59, since he was not sure of his new address.

INCLOSURES

HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Sketch showing observer's location and object seen (in sextuplet)
2. Portion of road map of Guatemala showing observer's location and Volcano Fuego - scale 1: 1,000,000 (in sextuplet)

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[REDACTED]

THIS CASE INCLUDES
ONE (1) 8"X10 1/2" DRAWING
AND ONE (1) 8"X10 1/2"
MAP.

Mapa de LA REPUBLICA DE GUATEMALA

REFERENCIAS

CARRERAS INTERAMERICANAS

OTRAS CARRERAS Y CAMINOS

Carreras pavimentadas

Carreras transitables en todo tiempo

Caminos de verano

Carreras proyectadas o en construcción

Rutas Nacionales

Rutas Departamentales

Distancias aproximadas en kilómetros

Carreras principales indicadas en rojo

Ferrocarriles

Elevaciones en metros

Límite Internacional

Límite Departamental

Capital Nacional

Capital Departamental

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montañas y cerros

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