

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 Jan 53 26/0220Z		2. LOCATION Pinewood, South Carolina	
3. SOURCE Varied		10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY AIRCRAFT	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		Three L-20 a/c at low alt and speed were in area at approx time of sighting and probably cause same.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 17 Min.		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round white object with intermittent trail of orange and red was first observed hovering at 250' for 5 min, then traveled 7 miles in a parallel course at a high speed & hovered again for 7 minutes. Object seemed to fly backwards disappearing over a wooded area leaving a white glow even when no longer visible.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual			
7. COURSE Manuvered			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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FM CO THREE SIX THREE TACRECON WG SHAW AFB SC

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELL HQ USAF WASHDC

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INFO JEPLG/CG TAC LANGLEY AFB VA

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/ ~~REDACTED~~ RWOI 0923 PD FOR AIR TECH INTEL CEN OHIO ATTN:

ATIAA-2C PD FLYOERT FOL INFO SBMD ICW PAR 7C AFL 200-5 DTD 29 APR 52 PD

1. ONE RND OBJ PD SIZE UNK COLOR WHITE W/INTERMITENT TRAIL ORANGE AND RED NO SOUND PD FIRST OBSVD HOVERING 250 FT OVER WOODED AREA FOR FIVE MIN PD THEN TRAVELED SEVEN MILES PARALLEL COURSE IN SPLIT-SECOND TIME AND HOVERED AGAIN FOR SEVEN MIN PD THEN SEEMED TO FLY BACKWARDS AND DISAPPEAR BEHIND WOODED AREA. PD LEFT A WHITE GLOW EVEN AFTER NO LONGER VISIBLE PD

2. 21:20 25 JAN 52 APPROX TWELVE MIN PD

3. VIS FR GROUND PD

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*not a balloon
not astronomical
not an aircraft*

Should be investigated more!

4. SIX MILES SE OF PINWOOD CMA SC PD OBJ HEADED WESTERLY DIR PD FLEW HORIZONTAL CRSE CMA THE. PPEARED TO LOSE ALT PD ES. OBJECT TWO MILE FR OBS PT.

5. ABOUT TEN CIVILIANS DASH FOUR ADULTS DASH SIX CHILDREN DASH [REDACTED] CMA COCA COLA REPRESENTATIVE AND WIFE [REDACTED] ANS SISTER-IN-LAW DASH [REDACTED] AND SE [REDACTED] AND SIX CHILDREN PD RELIABLE PD

6. CLEAR WEA NO CLOUDS PD

7. UNK

8. UNK

9. [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO FOL OBJ BY CAR BUT UNABLE TO DO SO PD OBJ TRAVELED TOO FAST PD

10. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE HEARD ACFT IN AREA PD HE THOUGHT IT WAS B-26 FR MOTORS ANDLIGHTS PD SHAW AFB SHOW AIR GUARD B-26 DEPT THIS BASE 18:55 FOR BIRMINGHAM CMA ALA PD OTHER ACFT IN AREA WERE NAVY JRV ARR SHAW AFB 9:16 CMA L-20 RET FR KEESLER AFB AT 9:35 CMA L-20 RET LANGLEY AFB 9:41 AND L-20 FR LANGLEY 9:55

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More than one

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3630 TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING
Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina

25/2/20
Pine Woods, S.C.

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REF: 319.1

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

29 JAN 1953

TO: Commanding General
Ninth Air Force
ATTN: Director of Intelligence
Pope Air Force Base
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

In compliance with the provisions of AFM 200-5, 29 April 1952,
Unidentified Flying Object Report is herewith submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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EMALD C. BRAUNIG
Captain, USAF
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cc: Chief, Air Technical
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ATTN: ATIAA-2c,
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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
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COUNTRY U. S. A.	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT ELIOT		
AREA REPORTED ON CAROLINA	FROM (Agency) 1st Recon Wing, Shaw AFB, S. C.	
DATE OF REPORT January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION January 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) A. J. Robbins	SOURCE [REDACTED], [REDACTED]	
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.)

This report covers sighting of unidentified flying objects made while driving in area approximately six miles S. E. of Pinewood, Sumter County, S. C.

On Sunday, 25 January 1953, at 2120 an unidentified flying object was sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] wife, and [REDACTED] wife, all civilians. The object was the size of a road sign, completely white with a trail of orange and red streamers which jerked out intermittently. The object which seemed several miles away hovered about 250 feet over a wooded area. As the object hovered it swayed slightly side to side and up and down. After hovering five minutes, the object speed approximately ten miles in a split second to the west and then again hovered for a period of seven minutes. The object then seemed to go in complete reverse losing altitude and disappearing behind the woods. A glow could be observed in the area when the object disappeared.

No known searchlights are in that area.

Weather clear, night visibility unlimited, no moon.

All observers were civilians and completely untrained.

Aircraft arriving at nearby Shaw AFB at a plus or minus tolerance of ten minutes of the time of sighting observed nothing. Three of these aircraft were the L-20 type which fly at low cruising speed and at a low altitude.

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