

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 Feb 53 12/1200Z	2. LOCATION Lake Charles AFB, La.
3. SOURCE Varied	10. CONCLUSION Probably Astro (FIREBALL) Do not include this information in the report unless it is a confirmed sighting.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Unknown	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bluish white object resembling flaming rag thrown into the air was observed at 5,000' altitude. Pilot and navigator of a/c at same alt as object estimated that object was 20 miles distant.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual Air-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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12/2357Z FEB JESKH

68DO1 1367. FLYOBRPT. ICM AFL 200-5 DTD 29 APR 52,
6 AIR CR AND GRD CR MEMS OBSRD SINGLE UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ D SHAPED 15'
FT IN DIAM, BLUISH (W) COLOR. TRAIL APPEARED IN PULSE-JET FASHION W/(W)
PULSES MUCH SMALLER THAN OBJ. OBJ RESEMBLED FLAMING RAG THROWN INTO THE
AIR. OBSRD VISLY AT 0600 CST 12 FEB FR GRD FOR 12 SECS DURING PF OF ACFT
ABOUT 200 YDS FR HANGER 3 AT LAKE CHARLES AFB, LA. OBJ APPEARED TO BE
APRX 20 MILES DIS ALT 5,000 FT FR 130 DEG. PASSING THRU 210 DEG. AT SAME
ALT. PLT AND NAV WHO OBSRD OBJ CONSIDERED RELIABLE. WEA IN AREA CAVU
WINDS ALOFT 310 DEGS. AT 35 KNOTS 5,000 FT NEG MET ACTY NO PHOTOS OR PHY
EVIDENCE OBTAINED NO INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION FEASIBLE NEG TRAF IN
GEN AREA AT TIME.

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Lake Charles, La.

DOI 68th Bomb Wg. (M) LCATB

13 February 1953

12 February 1953

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DONALD R. CASETY MAJOR USAF

Crew Members 52nd Bomb Sq. 68th Bomb Wg.

AFL 200-5 and TT 68th DOI 1367

An unidentified object was observed by ten (10) crew members of the 52nd Bombardment Squadron, 68th Bombardment Wing, on 12 February 1953.

Ref. Par. 7c AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952:

(1) Ten (10) crew members of the 52nd Bombardment Squadron, observed a single unidentified flying object, delta shaped, and approximately fifteen (15) feet in diameter, bluish white color. Trail appeared in pulse-jet fashion, white pulses being much smaller than the object. The object resembled a flaming-rag thrown into the air. The pulses extended to the rear four (4) times the length of the object. The object suddenly disappeared approximately twenty (20) miles from the observers. Its brightness was greater than the star Sirius and had a steady brilliance. There was no maneuver or loss of altitude in its 90 degree azimuth. The object approached from 130 degrees and proceeded in a straight and level flight. (2) The observation was made visually from the ground at 0600 hours Central Standard Time and persisted for twelve (12) seconds when it suddenly disappeared. (3) The observation was made during the preflight of a B-29 aircraft about two hundred (200) yards north of Hanger 3, Lake Charles AFB La. (4) The object appeared to be at an estimated altitude of five thousand (5,000) feet and travelling at fifteen hundred (1,500) miles per hour. (5) The observers are considered reliable. (6) Weather in area CAVU, winds aloft 310° at 35 knots, 5000 feet. (7) There was no meteorological activity. (8) No physical evidence or photos were obtainable. (9) No interception or identification action was feasible. (10) There was no traffic in the area at the time of observation.

Approved: DONALD R. CASETY
MAJOR USAF
Intell Officer

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Lake Charles AFB

12 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

A bluish-white object with a tail was observed by six Air Force personnel in a combined air-visual and ground-visual sighting. Time of sighting was for a very short period, a matter of seconds. The air crew involved estimated that the streaking object was on a level with them and 20 miles distant. The object was compared to "a flaming rag thrown in the air". There was no sound whatsoever.

II. Discussion of Incident

Weather conditions at the time of sighting (0600 CST) were CAVU and facilitated easy spotting of meteors. This sighting was undoubtedly caused by the passage of a meteor or "fireball" through the earth's atmosphere which had unusual coloring.

III. Conclusion

Probably astronomical.

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