

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 Feb 53 23/0620Z	2. LOCATION Queens, New York
3. SOURCE Civ. Man	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Meteor object passed through 60° of arc in 12 seconds at same altitude. Deviations in speed attributed to illusions.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 Sec.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Brilliant yellowish orange light traveled at a high speed in a horizontal course. Maneuvers consisted of hovering, speeding, slowing down, and traveling in various arcs disappearing instantly.
7. COURSE E	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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WASHINGTON

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

IN REPLY

REFER TO: 24-326

27 FEB 1953

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted in Queens, N. Y., at
0120-0125 hours, 23 February 1953
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 24-326, SUBJECT as above.
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.

D. D. Carlson
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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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DETAILS:

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1. At 1245 hours on 23 February 1953, Special Agent LOUIS C. WINDERBERGER, this district, received information from [REDACTED] Bayside, New York, alleging that he had observed an unidentified object in the air at approximately 0130 hours 23 February 1953. [REDACTED] advised that he could be contacted at [REDACTED] New York City.

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2. On 24 February 1953, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his office on the 16th floor of [REDACTED], New York City, and furnished the following information concerning the unidentified flying object which he had observed the previous day. The description of the object is as follows:

SHAPE - No recognizable shape was described, inasmuch as the object was considered to be merely a light, and considered circular because of its glare.

SIZE - Size of the object was estimated by [REDACTED] to be three (3) or four (4) times that of the star Polaris.

COLOR - [REDACTED] described the color as being an off-yellow with an orange tinge and very brilliant, about three (3) or four (4) times brighter than that of the star Polaris.

NUMBER - Only one object was observed

AERODYNAMIC FEATURES - [REDACTED] because of the fact that he only observed a light, could not describe any aerodynamic features, nor did he see any trail, exhaust, or propulsion system connected with this unidentified flying object.

SPEED - [REDACTED] did not know, nor could he estimate, the speed of the object. However, he did state that it appeared to travel at a very rapid rate.

SOUND - No sound was heard.

MANEUVERS - The object appeared to travel horizontally in very low arcs, covering sixty (60) degrees of angular traverse during the time that [REDACTED] observed the object. These arcs were very flat in trajectory and the object, in travelling through one arc, seemed to accelerate during the first half of the arc, then when reaching the apex of the trajectory, it appeared to decelerate. After deceleration it appeared to momentarily hover and then start again on its acceleration to the apex, then decelerating to the point where it would again appear momentarily to hover. This maneuver appeared to occur four (4) or five (5) times. During these maneuvers the light did not change in size, appearance, color, or in any other way.

MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE - [REDACTED] stated that the light instantaneously disappeared at the end of the period of his observation. He carefully examined the area from which he was observing the object to see if there was an obstruction in his line of vision which could have caused the disappearance of the light and found none. [REDACTED] stated it appeared as though the object had passed behind an impenetrable black cloud.

3. [REDACTED] stated that the time of the observation was approximately

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TITLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Sighted in Queens, N.Y. at 0120-0125 hours, 23 Feb 53	REPORT MADE BY HENRY M. LANGLOIS, S/A	STW	
	REPORT MADE AT DO #2, 72 E 10th St., NY 3 NY		
	PERIOD 24 February 1953		
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #2, 72 E 10th St., NY 3 NY		
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY		STATUS CLOSED	
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS [REDACTED], at 0120 to 0125 hours, 23 February 1953, from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Bayside, Queens, L.I., observed off-yellow orange tinged brilliant light at altitude between 40-45 degrees, distance unknown, approximately due east. After object observed for approximately 12 seconds, it apparently instantaneously disappeared. During time of observation, object moved to KIERNAN's right, southward, through an angular traverse of 60 degrees, remaining at approximately same altitude. Maneuvers during travel appeared to be acceleration, deceleration, momentary halt, and then re-occurrence. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10 Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1 DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10			
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(3) between 0120 and 0125 hours on 23 February 1953, and he observed the unidentified object for approximately twelve (12) seconds.

4. [REDACTED] added that he had first observed the unidentified object from the corner of his eye while he was driving eastward on 29th Avenue in Bayside and had immediately stopped his car, dismounted, and stood outside to observe the object. [REDACTED] does not wear glasses nor did he use any optical device to observe the object.

5. [REDACTED] stated that his location at the time of the observation was at the intersection of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Bayside, Long Island, New York, which is estimated to be approximately 79 degrees 49 minutes west longitude and 40 degrees 47 minutes north latitude. This position is south of Fort Totten, Long Island, New York. Mr. [REDACTED] estimated the object to be at an altitude above the horizontal of between forty (40) to forty-five (45) degrees and its initial observation was a little to the south of an extension eastward of 29th Avenue. 29th Avenue was estimated to bear approximately twenty five (25) degrees north of due east and this would place the object approximately due east of the observer. [REDACTED] could not make an estimation of the distance of the object. The object traversed an angular distance of approximately sixty (60) degrees to [REDACTED] right, or to the south, and maintained approximately constant altitude.

6. [REDACTED] stated that due to the time of the observation, he did not notice any other individuals in the vicinity who could be considered as witnesses of this event. [REDACTED] further stated that he has had past experience in observing aircraft in flight, and also what he called "shooting stars", and that this object did not resemble either of these and, therefore, that was why he felt it necessary to advise this office concerning his sighting. [REDACTED] further stated that at the time of the sighting there was no rain or moisture present in the air, the atmosphere was cool and, insofar as he knew, clear. No comment was made concerning the winds aloft at that time. [REDACTED] further stated that he had not observed any aircraft in flight in the area during the time when he observed this unidentified flying object.

7. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he is employed in the advertising branch of the Promotion Department of True magazine, published by Fawcett Publishing Corporation. He stated that he had read the article concerning "Flying Saucers" published in True magazine, and that he was interested in determining the nature of these objects.

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