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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>28 April 53 09/0030Z                                                   | 2. LOCATION<br>Columbus, Mississippi                                                                                                                |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilians                                                                         | 10. CONCLUSION<br>INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION<br><br>Poor Report                                                                               |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>15 Minutes (Approx)                                                | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Small object with lights slowly turned and went upward disappearing over the Mississippi State College for Women. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7. COURSE<br>West                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                     |

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FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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OP 290515Z -

FM MAXWELL FLT SEV CEN MAXWELL AFB ALA -

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25, DC

JEDWP/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO -

ATTN: ATIAA-2C

INFO JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEPFF/COMMANDER MATS ANDREWS AFB MD

JEPFF/CO FLT SER WASHINGTON 25, DC (3800 NEWARK ST. N.W.)

A MISS [REDACTED] OF MISS. ST. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, COLUMBUS, MISS. TEL-

EPHONED COLUMBUS AFB OPERATIONS AND STATED TO MAJ GALLION THE OMD

THAT SHE AND 12 OTHER GIRLS HAD SIGHTED A SMALL OBJECT WITH LITTLE

LIGHTS ON IT AT APPROXIMATELY 1830 TO 1845C PD THE OBJECT SLOWLY

TURNED AND WENT UPWARD AND DISAPPEARED OVER THE COLLEGE PD

COLUMBUS DID NOT CALL IN THIS INFORMATION UNTIL 2255C CMA NOT HAVING

RECEIVED IT FROM MISS [REDACTED] UNTIL 1930C PD NO FURTHER INFORMATION

WAS SOLICITED BY COLUMBUS NOR AVAILABLE AT PRESENT

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| FROM: (Originator)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | DATE-TIME GROUP<br><b>011000Z MAY 53</b>  |  | SECURITY CLASSIFICATION<br><b>[REDACTED]</b>                                 |  |
| TO: <b>CO MATWELL AFB ALABAMA</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | PRECEDENCE FOR: <b>ACTION</b>             |  | INFORMATION                                                                  |  |
| INFO:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE     |  | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE                                    |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | IDENTIFICATION<br><b>011 290600Z APR</b>  |  | CLASSIFICATION<br><b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>                                        |  |
| <b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                           |  |                                                                              |  |
| <p>FROM: AF01N-ATIAE-5-2-2 FOR MAXWELL FLT SV CEN (MATS)</p> <p>Reurmsg dtd 290600Z Apr pertaining to the visual sighting of an unidentified aerial object at 1830 CST 28 Apr 53 by 13 girls of Mississippi State College for Women. Request Air Force Form 112 be forwarded to ATIC as prescribed in Air Force Letter 200-5 with special attention to the following items: 1) What direction was the object travelling? 2) Were there any aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the sighting? 3) Request a check be made on all weather balloon launches within a radius of 150 miles. 4) What were the weather conditions, with emphasis on winds aloft. In reply cite Project Blue Book.</p> <p>COORDINATION:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |  |                                           |  |                                                                              |  |
| <p>DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS:<br/>DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.<br/>DOD DIR 5200.10</p> <p><b>UNCLASSIFIED</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>01 MAY 1953</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                           |  |                                                                              |  |
| DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE             |  | PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES                                                            |  |
| <b>A/IC Max O. Patch/ton</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                           |  |                                                                              |  |
| SYMBOL<br><b>ATIAE-5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | TELEPHONE<br><b>65365</b>                 |  | OFFICIAL TITLE                                                               |  |

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REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48, WHICH MAY BE USED.

FORWARDED TO: **FORWARDED TO: USAF**  
**Air Adjutant General**

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MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

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ELEANOR G ERICKSON, 2d Lt, USAF

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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Near Columbus, Mississippi 28 April 1953  
Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark  
State of Mississippi, USA Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

30 April 1953

28 April 1953

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

Miss [REDACTED] of Mississippi  
State College for Women, Columbus, Miss.

Teletype FLXOBRPT 390515Z April submitted by Maxwell Flight Service Center

Thirteen observers at Columbus, Mississippi sighted an unidentified flying object  
at approximately 1830C 28 April 1953.

GERALD E. TYLER  
Major, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

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Flight Service, MATS  
3800 Newark Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Date of sighting: 28 April 1953
2. Time of sighting: 18300
3. Place of sighting: Columbus, Mississippi
4. Weather at the time of sighting: Unknown
5. Witnesses: Miss [REDACTED] Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, and twelve persons apparently associated with the college.
6. Type of sighting: Ground observation. Apparently no optical instruments were used.
7. Object Sighted:
  - a. Number - one
  - b. Shape - unknown
  - c. Size - reported as small
  - d. Color - Unknown. Small lights on the object were reported
  - e. Speed - unreported
  - f. Exhaust trail - unreported
  - g. Altitude - unreported
  - h. Heading - unreported
  - i. Observer Location - Apparently on the campus of Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Miss.
  - j. Length of Observation - approximately 15 minutes
  - k. Object position in relation to observers - Unknown.
8. General Remarks: No interception was attempted; no physical evidence was produced; no photographs or sketches were submitted. Basic information was received by Maxwell FSC from Columbus AF Base Operations. No further information was solicited by Columbus AF Base.

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Date: 29 April 53

L.C.T.: 6:30 - 6:45 pm

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Columbus, Miss.

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REMARKS:

Balloon