

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 May 53 31/0300Z	2. LOCATION Flourissant, Missouri
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON Times check 0300Z piball released at St Louis. Flourissant is N/W of St Louis. Winds aloft and exact balloon release times being requested. Possibly Balloon.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One white object like star moved in a straight line. Object appeared to move in a series of 6 spurts or surges with one-second intervals. Finally came to a stop for 2 seconds. As flight continued, it blended with the stars and was no longer seen.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON**

**THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS**

12D 24-0-87

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Observed Florissant, Missouri
2200 hours, 30 May 53 (FLYOB RPT)

12 JUN 1953

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. This District Office is in receipt of correspondence from the St. Louis Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 9 June 1953, regarding subject matter, as follows:

"For your information and for whatever action you may deem appropriate, on June 2, 1953, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Florissant, Missouri, telephone ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, telephonically advised that at 10:00 P.M. on May 30, 1953, his wife and himself observed an unidentified object moving in an eastwardly direction from the west through the sky in a direct line flight from the porch of their residence.

Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ stated that this object, the speed or height of which he was unable to estimate, appeared to be white in color and about the size of a star. He stated that sufficient time elapsed during his observance to permit his wife to bring his eight power glasses through which he observed the object. He related that it appeared to move in a series of about eight surges or spurts with one second intervals between each. He advised that finally it appeared to come to rest for about two seconds and as its flight continued it vanished from his sight as it blended into the sky and stars. *pulsing*

He advised that he had difficulty in distinguishing it from a star, but was of the opinion that it was not a plane or a star. He further related that the glasses did not seem to bring the object any nearer. "

2. This information has been obtained from other than USAF sources and may not be disseminated outside the Air Force establishment.

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3. The preceding is submitted for your information and no action is contemplated by this Office.

James A. McCaffrey
Major, USAF

JOE D. DENSON
Major, USAF
District Commander

cc: Chief, ATIC,
W-P AFB, Ohio

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In reply refer to
AFOM-ATIAE-5

Director, Weather Bureau
U.S. Department of Agriculture
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

The Air Technical Intelligence Center, the Air Force activity responsible for investigating reports of unidentified aerial phenomena, has a need for the following information:

1. What was the exact time of balloon release at 030300Z June 1953?
2. What were the winds aloft up to 40,000 feet?

Your forwarding this information as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated by the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

Sincerely,

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5	_____	DATE	_____
	Lt Olsson		
ATIAE	_____	DATE	_____
	Lt Col Johnston		
ATIA	_____	DATE	_____
	Col McDuffee		
ATIG	_____	DATE	_____
	Lt Hanawalt		

ATIAE-5

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU

St. Louis 21, Mon 185500Z

Airport Station

June 22, 1953

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter (AFOIN-ATIAE-5) dated June 19, 1953 relative to the time of release of the pilot balloon and the winds aloft above St. Louis at approximately 030300Z.

We do not record the exact time of release of these balloons but the balloon in question was most likely released very near 0240Z on June 3, 1953. This balloon was followed to an altitude of 13,000 feet, M.S.L. at which height it was lost from sight by the observer. The winds aloft over St. Louis at the time of this observation were as follows (winds above 13,000 feet, M.S.L. are approximated from upper air charts since the local observation did not extend above that altitude):

Altitude (Thsds feet above M.S.L.)	Direction (Degrees from N)	Force (Knots)
1	130	10
2	140	12
3	150	10
4	160	6
5	180	2
6	0	0
7	0	0
8	50	3
9	50	6
10	30	15
12	350	22
13	330	28
15	330	25
20	300	20
25	290	25
30	270	22
35	280	35
40	270	32

used at 1200 ft per minute

*THIS DATA FOR
3 JUNE
(Report 30 MAY)*

Very truly yours,

G. L. Bowie

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Chief Airport Meteorologist