

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 July 1953	2. LOCATION Creola, Alabama
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Meteor observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object travelling at an intense rate of speed. Came from S, crossed highway in front of car and disappeared in E. High altitude. Large size. No sound. Object had red fluorescent glow. Not a star or meteor according to observer. No a/c in area and no moon visible.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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STATEMENT OF

[REDACTED]
CREOLA, ALABAMA

On or about 31 July 1953 at 20:00-20:30 PM local time, I was on my way home from Creola, heading North on Hiway 43. I was approximately one mile north of Creola when an object appeared into my view of vision through the windshield of my vehicle. I could not make out any shape to this object for it was traveling at an intense rate of speed. This object came from the SW, crossed the hiway and disappeared to the NE. It was at a high altitude and appeared to be fairly large in size. There was no sound associated with the object. It appeared to be a bright reddish fluorescent glow. This glow, in my estimation was not a star or a meteor. I did not hear or see any aircraft in the area at the time of this sighting. There was no moon and only a few clouds and bright stars.

/s/
/t/

[REDACTED]
CREOLA, ALABAMA

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Major, USAF
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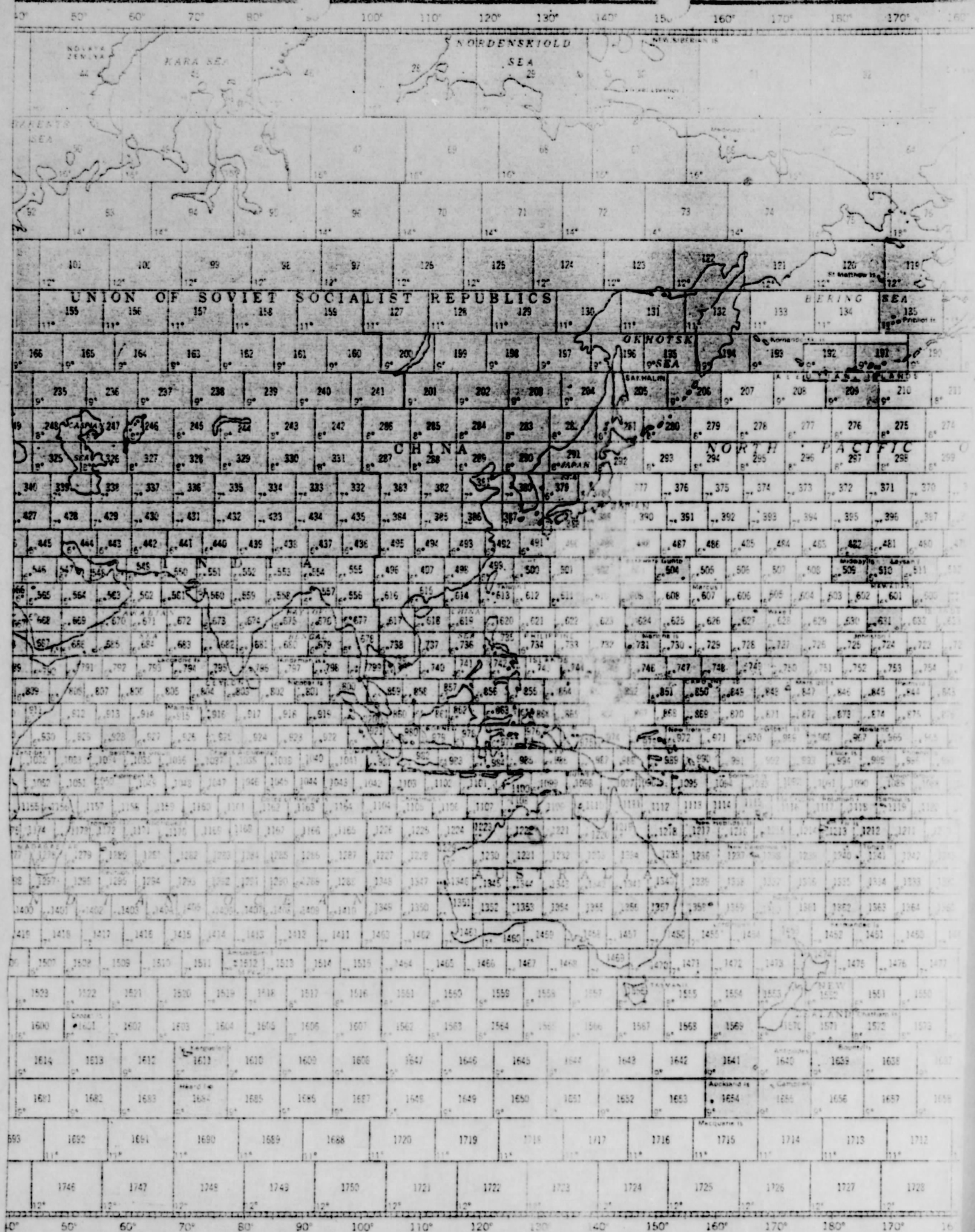
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CREOLA ALABAMA ON HIWAY 43. LATITUDE 30 DEGREES 54 MINUTES NORTH
LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST. THIS MAN IS HERMAN O LISTER
GROCER IN CREOLA ALABAMA. RELIABILITY B-3. WEATHER 25000 FEET
SCATTERED CLOUDS. SURFACE WINDS CALM TEMPERATURE 78 DEGREES F
DEW POINT 72 DEGREES F VISIBILITY 9 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS 170/5K
5500 FEET WINDS 140/10K TEMPERATURE 63 DEGREES F 10000 FEET.
WINDS 110/15K TEMPERATURE 64 DEGREES F 15000 FEET WINDS
130/10K. 20000 FEET WINDS 170/15K. ON 1 AUGUST 1953 AT 2030L
ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED APPEARED TO BE PARTIALLY REDDISH
AND AMBER GLOW HEADING FROM NORTHEAST TO THE SOUTHWEST ON WEST
SIDE OF HIWAY 43 NORTH OF CREOLA ALABAMA. OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT
A HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE TOO DISTANT BUT AT
A FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. OBJECT SIGHTED FOR VERY FEW SECONDS AND NO
SOUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH LIGHTS. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE STARS OR
METEOR AND APPEARED FAIRLY LARGE IN SIZE. NO DEVIATION FROM STRAIGHT
AND LEVEL FLIGHT PATH. OBSERVER DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY AIRCRAFT IN
THE AREA DURING THE TIME OF SIGHTING. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT TIME
OF SIGHTING WAS IN CREOLA ALABAMA WEST OF HIWAY 43. LATITUDE
30 DEGREES 56 MINUTES NORTH LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST.
THIS WOMAN IS MRS [REDACTED] CREOLA ALABAMA. RELIABILITY

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICER KELLY AFB PD FLYOBRPT ON 31 JULY 1953

AT 2030-2030L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS SIGHTED. APPEARED TO BE

A BRIGHT REDDISH FLUORESCENT GLOW HEADING FROM SOUTHWEST TO THE

NORTHEAST AND CROSSING HWAY 43 NORTH OF CREOLA ALABAMA. OBJECT

TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. NO

SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LIGHT AND DURATION OF SIGHTING

WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS BEFORE DISAPPEARING. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE

STAR OR METEO AND APPEARED LARGE IN SIZE. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT

TIME OF SIGHTING WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MILE NORTH OF

DEW POINT 74 DEGREES F VISIBILITY 10 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS

180/10K. 5000 FEET WINDS 170/15K TEMPERATURE 59 DEGREES F.

10000 FEET WINDS 190/10K TEMPERATURE 45 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET
WINDS 160/5K. 20000 FEET WINDS 170/10K.

ON 2 AUGUST 1953 AT APPROXIMATELY 1700L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

SIGHTED APPEARED TO HAVE SHAPE SIMILAR TO A PARACHUTE OR BALLOON

IN DESCENT HEADING IN A DOWNWARD PATH FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST.

OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED IN THE DOWNWARD

FLIGHT AND CAUGHT THE BRIGHT REFLECTION OF THE SUN AND APPEARED TO

BE SPINNING WHILE DESCENDING. OBJECT APPEARED SMALL DUE TO HIGH

ALTITUDE AND DISTANCE. SOLID ENMASSE. WIDE AT TOP AND TAPERED TO

BOTTOM. NO SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE OBJECT NOR DID IT

RESEMBLE METEOR WHILE DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS LESS THAN ONE

MINUTE. OBSERVER DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT

THE TIME OF SIGHTING. OBSERVER WAS LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF SATSUMA

ALABAMA AT TIME OF SIGHTING. LATITUDE 30 DEGREES 50 MINUTES

NORTH LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES WEST. THIS WOMAN IS MRS

WILLIE HUGHES SARALAND ALABAMA. RELIABILITY B-4. WEATHER

2500 FEET SCATTERED CLOUDS 25000 FEET SCATTERED CLOUDS.

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SURFACE WINDS 240/5K TEMPERATURE 67 DEGREES F. DEW POINT 73

DEGREES F VISIBILITY 12 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS 250/5K.

5000 FEET WINDS 270/10K TEMPERATURE 64 DEGREES F. 10000 FEET

WINDS 260-10K TEMPERATURE 61 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET WINDS

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B-3. WEATHER CLEAR SURFACE WINDS 240/6K TEMPERATURE 82 DEGREES F. DEW POINT 74 DEGREES F. VISIBILITY 10 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS 180/10K 5000 FEET WINDS 150/10K TEMPERATURE 61 DEGREES F. 10000 FEET WINDS 140/10K TEMPERATURE 46 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET WINDS 120/15K 20000 FEET WINDS 160/15K.

ON 2 AUGUST 1953 AT 0030L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED APPEARED TO BE AMBER GLOW HEADING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH ON EAST SIDE OF HIWAY 43 BETWEEN CREOLA AND SATSUMA ALABAMA. OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. LEADING EDGE APPEARED CURVED AND SOMEWHAT DISTINCT WITH BLURRED TAPERED APPEARANCE TO THE REAR WITH OVERALL GLOW. NO SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIGHT AND DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE STARS OR METEOR AND APPEARED LARGE IN SIZE AT FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. OBJECT FLEW IN STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT PARALLEL TO HIWAY 43. OBSERVER DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS ON HIWAY BETWEEN CREOLA AND SATSUMA ALABAMA TRAVELING SOUTH. LATITUDE 30 DEGREES 52 MINUTES NORTH LONGITUDE 83 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST. THIS MAN IS AMETHODIST PREACHER SATSUMA ALABAMA. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF METEOROLOGY. RELIABILITY B-2.

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WEATHER CLEAR. SURFACE WINDS 260/5K TEMPERATURE 80 DEGREES F.

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SURFACE WINDS 240/8K TEMPERATURE 87 DEGREES. DEW POINT 73
DEGREES F VISIBILITY 12 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS 250/5K.
5000 FEET WINDS 270/10K TEMPERATURE 64 DEGREES F. 10000 FEET
WINDS 260-10K TEMPERATURE 61 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET WINDS
190/10K. 20000 FEET WINDS 170/10K.

ON 17 AUGUST 1953 AT 2055L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED
APPEARED TO BE A BRIGHT REDDISH GLOW HEADING FROM NORTH TO
SOUTH FLIGHT WAS APPARALLEL TO HIWAY 43 ON EAST SIDE. OBJECT WAS
TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND AT A FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE
WITH THE LEADING EDGE APPEARING CURVED. NO SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED
WITH THE LIGHT AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE STARS OR METEOR.
OBSERVERS DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT THE
TIME OF THE SIGHTING DURATION OF WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO
TO THREE SECONDS. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING WAS
IN SATSUMA ALABAMA WEST SIDE OF HIWAY 43. LATITUDE 30 DEGREES
51 MINUTES NORTH. LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 03 MINUTES WEST.
RELIABILITY OF NEIL HARTLEY C-3. RELIABILITY OF ROY HARTLEY
C-3. WEATHER 25000 FEET SCATTERED CLOUDS. SURFACE WINDS
040/8K TEMPERATURE 82 DEGREES F DEW POINT 71 DEGREES F.
VISIBILITY 10 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS 160/5K. 5000 FEET

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WINDS 120/5K TEMPERATURE 64 DEGREES F. 10000 FEET WINDS
020/5K TEMPERATURE 48 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET WINDS 200/5K.
20000 FEET WINDS 250/10K.

NO INTERCEPTION DUE TO TIME LAPSED BETWEEN SIGHTING AND REPORTING
TO INTELLIGENCE OFFICER BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE ALABAMA.

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REFER TO: MOIP

3 September 1953

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AF Form 112

THRU: Commander
Air Materiel Command
ATTN: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center,
ATIA A-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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

Transmitted herewith is AF Form 112 in accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
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Harry Griffin
HARRY GRIFFIN
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
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SUBJECT FLYORPT			
AREA REPORTED ON Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office, Brookley AFB, Alabama	
DATE OF REPORT 3 September 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 31 July through 17 July 1953	EVALUATION B-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Harry Griffin, Major, USAF		SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5			

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.)

Five unidentified flying objects observed by six persons in vicinity of Creola and Satsuma, Alabama, on dates from 31 July through 17 August 1953.


 HARRY GRIFFIN
 Major, USAF
 Intelligence Officer

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| 1. Cy Statement of Mr Lister | 7. Weather Report |
| 2. Cy Statement of Mrs Lister | 8. Five Maps of Sightings |
| 3. Cy Statement of Mr Mathison | |
| 4. Cy Statement of Mr Hartley | |
| 5. Cy Statement of Mr Hartley | |
| 6. Cy Statement of Mrs Hughes | |

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FROM (Agency)

Intelligence Officer

Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

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and distance from the observer. No sounds were associated with this object and the duration of sighting was less than a minute. Individual did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was southwest of Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 50 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 05 minutes West. Reliability B-4.

On 17 August 1953 at 2055 hours local time, [redacted] and [redacted] were looking for the Little Dipper when they saw the flying object. It appeared as a bright reddish glow heading from the North to the South and parallel to hiway 43, on the East side. Object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. Both observers agreed that this object far exceeded the speed of jet aircraft they had seen in this area. Duration of the sighting lasted for approximately three seconds. Neither of the observers saw or heard any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. There was no sound associated with this object nor did it appear to be a meteor or a star. Location of the observers at the time of sighting was in Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 51 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 03 minutes West. Reliability C-3.

Reliability of observers is as stated above.

No interception was attempted since the sightings were late in being reported.

The weather is reported as in Inclosure #7.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

[Signature]
HARRY GRIFFIN
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

Evaluated as prob astro (meteor), because of the existence at the time of sighting of a "meteor shower".
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FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama	REPORT NO.	PAGE One OF TWO PAGES
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Details: At approximately 1500 CST, 26 August 1953, the 1703d ATG Intelligence Officer was notified by the MOAMA Intelligence Officer of the report of five separate unidentified flying objects observed by Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]. The dates of the sightings were from 31 July 1953 through 17 August 1953, inclusive.

The Intelligence Officer of the 1703d ATG conducted an investigation and obtained the following statements from the observers:

On 31 July 1953 at approximately 2000-2030 hours local time, Mr. [REDACTED] a grocer in Creola, Alabama, was on his way home from Creola heading North on hiway 43, when he sighted the flying object. The object appeared into his field of vision through the windshield of his vehicle from the Southwest, crossed the hiway and disappeared to the Northeast. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. The object glowed a bright reddish fluorescent color and duration of sighting was for only a few seconds. No sounds were associated with the glow and did not appear to resemble a meteor or a shooting star. The location of the observer at the time of sighting was about one mile North of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 54 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 1 August 1953 at 2030 hours local time, Mrs. [REDACTED] was getting into her vehicle when she sighted the flying object. This object was on the west side of hiway 43 heading from the Northeast to the Southwest at a high rate of speed. She could not estimate the altitude other than stating that it was at a fairly high altitude and that the object was not too far away from where she was standing. She stated that this object appeared to glow a reddish color in the leading part and a dull amber color in the remaining part. Light did not resemble a meteor or a shooting star and no sound was associated with the light. Duration of the sighting could not have lasted more than two or three seconds. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was in Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 56 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 2 August 1953 at 0030 hours local time, Mr. [REDACTED], Methodist Preacher, was on his way home from Creola to Satsuma, Alabama when he sighted the flying object. It glowed an amber color overall with the brightest glow on the leading edge which appeared to be curved like the circumference of a basketball and gave the appearance blurred and tapered toward the rear. The object was heading from the North to the South in straight and level flight parallel to hiway 43, on the East side, at a high altitude. Subject stated that he could not estimate altitude so he guessed that it was 6-8000 feet high. It appeared to be fairly large in size with no sounds associated and traveling at a high rate of speed. Speed was estimated to be much faster than the jet aircraft seen in this area. Individual stated he has knowledge of Meteorology and that the object was neither a meteor nor a shooting star. Observer did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was at Gunnison Creek, approximately one mile south of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 52 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-2.

On 2 August 1953 at 1630-1730 hours local time, Mrs. Willie Hughes was sitting in her back yard when she sighted the flying object. It appeared to be shaped like a parachute or a balloon in descent, wide at the top and tapered to a point at the bottom. It was traveling at an intense rate of speed in a downward path from the Northwest to the Southeast. While in descent, the object gave off a bright re-

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23 November 1953

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Dear Capt. Hardin;

We have been so busy with the Black Hawk, S. Dakota case that I've only just now gotten down to looking over the large batch of accumulated reports. I must say that compared with Black Hawk, none of these approaches that incident in interest. There are a few interesting sightings, but on none of these is information sufficient to make a follow-up profitable.

Of the interesting ones, the very similar sightings of 24 July and 1 August at Key West would warrant follow-up if they were more recent. With present information I have no suggested explanation.

The 26 July Perrin AFB Texas also holds possible interest from the standpoint of maneuvers and the fact they were observed from the Control Tower and by civilians of Demmison, Texas.

It is too bad there is not more information on Greola, Ala. These cases cover four separate days. There is possibly pay dirt in these.

Finally, the Sidi Slimane sighting is definitely puzzling and will probably have to remain on the books as unexplained.

As for the remaining 30 or so, there is so little information concerning those which do not have obvious explanations that there is no percentage whatever in considering them seriously.

Thus, out of the total number there are 4 independent sets which, if staff and time were available, would be interesting to pursue. Personally, I vote for sticking with the Black Hawk case until we have squeezed it dry. I feel certain that if this case can be explained, others would follow suit.

Concerning the Black Hawk case, we are proceeding slowly but surely with the investigation. Solid objects are certainly indicated by the evidence. Since the observations covered several hours and sightings were both visual and radar, it is important, in my estimation, that we continue to pursue this since failure to identify pinpoints a possible real weakness in our defense set-up. I hope to have a preliminary report on this case for you soon.

J. Allen Hynek
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Aftermath
Summary of Cases
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DATE	WIND HT	WIND DIR-SPD	TEMP	DEW PT	WSBY	SKY CONDITION
31 July 2030 HR	Surface	Calm	78	72	9	25,000 scattered
	3000	170/5				
	5000	140/10	63			
	10,000	110/15	64			
	15,000	130/10				
	20,000	170/15				
1 Aug 2030 HR	Surface	240/6	82	74	10	Clear
	3000	180/10				
	5000	150/10	61			
	10,000	140/10	46			
	15,000	120/15				
	20,000	160/15				
2 Aug 0030 HR	Surface	260/5	80	74	10	Clear
	3000	180/10				
	5000	170/15	59			
	10,000	190/10	45			
	15,000	160/5				
	20,000	170/10				
2 Aug 1730 HR	Surface	240/8	87	73	12	2500 scattered
	3000	250/5				25,000 scattered
	5000	270/10	64			
	10,000	260/10	61			
	15,000	190/10				
	20,000	170/10				
17 Aug 2055 HR	Surface	040/8	82	71	10	25,000 scattered
	3000	160/5				
	5000	120/5	64			
	10,000	020/5	48			
	15,000	200/5				
	20,000	250/10				

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George A. Urich, Lt Col, USAF

As indicated in report

Inclosed herewith is a copy of a report of sighting of an unidentified flying object observed over Woomera, Australia.

This report together with accompanying papers is an extract from a file maintained by RAAF Intelligence and was made available to this office in answer to a request. The existence of this file was made known to this office recently during discussions with RAAF Intelligence concerning other intelligence matters.

John L. Sullivan

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Colonel, USAF

Air Attache

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INVESTIGATIONS GENERAL - FLYING SAUCERS

RSO/52/618

3rd October, 1952.

The State Security Officer,
Adelaide.

Attached hereto is a report submitted by Mr. [REDACTED] who investigated reports that a strange object was seen at Woomera at about 2100 hours on 27th September, 1952.

2. The persons whose statements are attached are all reliable witnesses and it would appear that an object of cigar shape, whether man made or not, was observed.
3. Forwarded for information.

(Signed) A.B. CARTER
Security Officer,
Security Branch, WOOMERA.

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Security Branch
L.R.W.E. Range
Woomera
2nd October, 1952

The Range Security Officer
L.R.W.E. Range
WOOMERA

Subject: "FLYING SAUCER" OBSERVED OVER WOOMERA

This officer reports investigation of information of an object alleged to be a "Flying Saucer" seen in the sky at about 2100 hours on Saturday, 27th September, 1952.

2. Statements have been taken from the following persons as a cross section of a reported number of people at Woomera who also observed the object:

[REDACTED] W/O.2 [REDACTED] - new arrival to relieve
[REDACTED] W/O. [REDACTED], who has been posted out from Details Issue Depot, Woomera, and due to depart on 28th September, 1952.

Mr. J. [REDACTED] Head Baker employed by Department of Supply and attached to D.I.D.

[REDACTED], A. - attached to D.I.D. Woomera.

Mrs. [REDACTED] Home Duties, 557 Woomera.

3. The first four named above were at the Woomera West Theatre when Sgt. [REDACTED] sighted the bright object in the sky. He drew the attention of W/O. [REDACTED] to it and he in turn nudge W/O. [REDACTED]. In the meantime [REDACTED] had informed [REDACTED] and all four were able to see the phenomenon before it was obscured by the projector tower after it had traversed the sky from a line to the right of the screen. This shows that the object was visible for several seconds as it traversed the sky on an even keep parallel with the earth.

4. Mrs. [REDACTED] was standing with her five-year-old son at the corner of the Junior Ranks Club on Central Avenue when the child drew her attention to a light. She thought he pointed to a motor-car light on the road near Woomera West in the distance but the boy corrected her and she saw the bright object as it travelled well above the horizon until it left her view over the horizon past the Phillips Ponds. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the time was about 2100 hours.

5. In each of these cases the persons concerned were quite sober and of responsible type; therefore, no doubt exists regarding what they saw. This is further borne out by reports from other parts of South Australia, examples of which are attached, from The Advertiser, Adelaide, under dates 28th, 30th September and 1st October, 1952.

(UNSIGNED)

Asst. Security Officer

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Statement of [REDACTED] A.F., D.I.D., WOOMERA, made at 1910 hours, 28th September, 1962, and taken by [REDACTED] Assistant Security Officer, WOOMERA.

I was with [REDACTED], Sgt [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] at the Woomera West Open Air Theatre on Saturday, 28th September.

At between 2045 and 2100 hours W/O [REDACTED] nudged my arm and said, "Look at the rocket". I looked directly right from my seat on the left front of the projector and saw the object and said, "That is not a rocket". It was a cigar-shaped tapering off towards the back. It was lit up like a neon light with a haze around it. The colouring was whitish and the exhausts or flames at the back were yellowish or cream. I have no idea of the height but its size to me looked eighteen inches to two feet, but comparing it with an aeroplane of the size and height would be about the same as aircraft I have seen. From my position I would say the angle was 40 to 45 degrees. From the time I first saw the object until it went out of my sight I would say the time elapsed would be three seconds.

I have observed fast aircraft, meteorites and shooting stars. This object was travelling on an even steady keel faster than any aircraft I've seen but not as far as the falling star; besides, this object was travelling horizontally south-west.

(Signed) [REDACTED] W/O.

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Statement of [REDACTED] attached to D.I.D. WOOMERA, taken at 2010 hours, 28th September, 1952, by J.A. McCAHEY, Assistant Security Officer, WOOMERA.

I accompanied [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the Woomera West Open Air Theatre on Saturday, 27th September, 1952.

At about 2050 hours we were seated on the left side of the theatre, facing the screen, and about third of the distance from the screen. My attention was drawn to a movement in the sky over the right hand corner of the theatre fence. I observed a cylindrical shaped object with what appeared to be two port-holes with internal lighting. The whole had a lightish grey colour, the size appeared to the eye to be four to five feet. A Lincoln travelling at night at the same angle looks much bigger. It was moving on an even keel, horizontally from north-west to south-west, and at a height of about the height of the theatre fence doubled.

The object had moved some distance before I nudged [REDACTED]. I said "Do you see that?" and pointed. I turned right and remarked to [REDACTED], "See that".

The object was travelling fast - faster than any jet aircraft I have seen. It is difficult to estimate the speed, especially at night.

I am not prepared to say whether this object was an earthly object, but it was a fuselage of some kind.

I have discussed this incident with [REDACTED] who shares room with me, because we thought we had something which should be reported. I have today made a rough sketch setting out my impression of what I observed.

(Signed [REDACTED])

Air Attache, Australia

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Statement of W/ [REDACTED] E.J.V., D.I.D., WOOMERA, taken at 1850 hours 28th September, 1952, by J. A. McCahey, Assistant Security Officer.

I was one of a party of four D.I.D. personnel who attended the Woomera West Open Air Theatre on Saturday, 27th September. The others were Sgt. [REDACTED] and two others. I have just arrived up here myself. Sgt. [REDACTED] will give the other names.

Some time after the show started Sgt. [REDACTED] that's his name, nudged me on the arm and said, "Look at this". I looked from my position on the left of the Projector towards the right of the screen and in the sky, well above the level of the fence round the theatre, I saw an illuminated object shaped like a cigar with a spurting light at the rear, travelling from West to East in a horizontal way. It was travelling in an even keel and was observed until it was out of sight. As I saw the thing I then nudged [REDACTED] and remarked "Look at this", at the same time pointing in the direction of the object. I would say the object was visible to me for about five seconds. It was travelling at a much faster speed than a jet aircraft. I did not hear any noise as the picture show may have drowned any.

Comparing the object with a shooting star I would say that it was definitely something other than a shooting star or anything from the heavens.

(Signed) [REDACTED]

AUGUST 1953 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Aug	Stalingrad USSR (CROSS MISSING)	Not Reported	A/C
Aug	Centerville, Idaho (CROSS MISSING)	Civilian	Other (Psychological)
Aug	Sharonville, Ohio (CRIFO)(INFO)	[REDACTED]	
1	Creola, Alabama	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
1	Key West, Florida	[REDACTED]	A/C
2	Satsuma, Alabama	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
2	Saraland, Alabama	[REDACTED]	A/C
3	Amarillo, Texas	Control Tower Operator	UNIDENTIFIED
3	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
4	Onida, South Dakota	[REDACTED] (Major)	Insufficient Data
4	West Point, Nebraska	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
5	San Antonio, Texas	[REDACTED] etc	Balloon
5-6	Rapid City, South Dakota [REDACTED]	Visual RADAR	Astro (STARS/PLANETS) Anomalous Propagation
6	Barbers Point, T.H. (KEYHOB)(INFO)		
6	Kerkrade, Netherlands (CSI)(INFO)		
7	Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts	Kinnecom	Astro (VENUS, JUPITER, BETELGEUSE)
9	Moscow, Idaho	[REDACTED]	Other (REFLECTION)
10	Wilmington, North Carolina	[REDACTED]	Other (Unreliable Rpt)
11	Barksdale AFB, Louisiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
12	Leesburg, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
12	Oknard AFB, Ventura, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
12	Ventura, California	[REDACTED]	A/C
12	Venbura, California	[REDACTED]	A/C
15	Madison, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Astro (CAPELLA)
16	Bamore, Ontario, Canada	Military	Astro (MOON)
17	South-Central France	Military Air	Balloon
17	Peoria, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Balloon
17	Satsuma, Alabama	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
17-18	Mexico (World Science Review) Villaneuva (INFO)		
19	New Haven, Connecticut (CRIFO, Personal Letter)(INFO)		
20	California Area	Military Air	UNIDENTIFIED
22	San Antonio, Texas	Military	A/C (C-47)
23	North Atlantic (NO Bulletin) Unusual Meteor (INFO)		
25	Port Moresby, New Guinea	[REDACTED] (PHOTOS)	Insufficient Data
26	Bermuda	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
27	Falls Church, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
27	Greenville, Mississippi	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
28	San Rafael, California	GOC	Insufficient Data
28	Turner AFB, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Balloon
28	Jamestown, North Dakota	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
29	Portugal (NO Bulletin) (INFO)	Abnormal Refraction	
30-7	Laureale, Maryland	[REDACTED]	A/C