

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 August 53 13/0226Z	2. LOCATION Onward AFB, Ventura, California		
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) Possible meteor observation. Two observations of about the same duration and object moving in the same direction. Time ten minutes apart, however this is within normal time difference limits.		
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 8 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 1. Yellow white light maintaining horizontal flight crossed in front of or above a/c in process of landing. Speed of light estimated at 500 knots, or in excess of that figure. Sudden disappearance. 2. Light observed for about 6 seconds. Appeared to South travelling downward. Arched to South. No sound.		
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE 170 Deg			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ 12 Aug ☒ No			
off Ventura, Cal. possibly astronomical c-2			

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At 2126 hours, 12 August, I was standing beside the Mobile Control Tower on the east end of Runway 26. While watching Captain Keane land in F-94C #5541, I observed a light of undetermined origin cross slightly in front of and above the airplane's line of flight. I estimate the light was travelling on a heading of 170° as its flight path was perpendicular to Runway 26.

By comparing the speed of the airplane (approximately 350 knots), I estimate the speed of the light to be about 500 knots, or possibly in excess of that figure.

It is impossible to judge the altitude of the light since I did not know its size, nor did I have any other object to aid me in judging its size, shape or altitude.

I observed this light for approximately five (5) to eight (8) seconds.

The light was a yellowish-white in color and appeared to be maintaining a horizontal flight path.

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB ATTN: ATIAA-2C. FLYOVERPT. ON UNIDENTIFIED MBECHN
WITH MAGNITUDE AND SHAPE OF STAR REPORTED OFF VENTURA, CALIF COAST AT
TWO ONE ZERO FIVE FOR FOUR FIVE SECONDS, TWO ONE ONE FIVE FOR ONE FIVE
SECONDS, TWO ONE ONE SEVEN FOR SIX SECONDS, AND TWO ONE TWO SIX FOR
EIGHT SECONDS ON ONE TWO AUG ONE NINE FIVE THREE. COLOR WHITE AND
SOMETIMES RED. TRAIL NR EXHAUST NOT DETECTED, PROPULSION SYSTEM UNKNOWN
PD SPEED VARIIF, SOUND NOT EVIDENT. MOVEMENT ERATIC VARYING FROM SOUTH
TO NORTH, NORTH TO SOUTH, TOWARDS OPEN SEA IN WESTERLY DIRECTION, AND
VERTICAL. DISAPPEARED IN CLOUD BANK ESTIMATED AT ONE ONE ZERO ZERO FSET

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INCREASED ACCELERATION. FLIGHT NOT SMOOTH BUT WITH SLIGHT UP AND DOWN
MOTION. OBSERVATION MADE FROM GROUND WITH NAKED EYE. FOUR OF
OBSERVERS LOCATED ON MCEAN SHORE IN VENTURA CALIFORNIA AND ONE AT OKNARF
AFX. OBJECT THREE ZERO DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AND MOVED TO FOUR FIVE
DEGREES POSITION. ALTITUDE UNKNOWN BUT ESTIMATED WELL ABOVE ONE FIVE
ZERO ZERO FEET. OBSERVERS CONSIDERED RELIABLE, ONE A CIVIL AIR PATROL
MEMBER, ANOTHER A RADAR OBSERVER. WEATHER CLEAR, WIND NEGLECTIBLE. '35
ACFT FLYING IN VICINITY THOUGH OBSERVERS OF OBJECT DETECTED NO SOUND.
AIR CREW MEMBERS FLYING IN VICINITY SIGHTED NOTHING. AIRLINES IN AREA
APPROXIMATELY AT TWO ONE THREE FIVE. RADAR SITES REPORT NEGATIVE.

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. 12-2540-3-53 W	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBRITE		
AREA REPORTED ON Ventura, California Coast	FROM (Agency) 354 FIS	
DATE OF REPORT 14 August 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 August 1953	EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) DONALD J. MYERS, 1st Lt, USAF	SOURCE Civilian and Air Force Observers	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) 354 Intel Flash Report No. 561		

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.)

1. One unidentified object with magnitude and shape of star reported seen by four civilians and one Air Force officer off Ventura, California coast for an accumulative total of 66 seconds within a time span from 2105 hours to 2126:03 hours on 12 August 1953.

2. Object fluctuated in flight and appeared three different times to four observers located on seaward end of public pier in Ventura, California and once to an Air Force Radar Observer while standing on end of runway at Oxnard Air Force Base, California.

3. Color of object was white in three appearances and red in another. In the latter instance, observers reported two possible objects close together, one red, one white.

4. Altitude of object unknown. Sound, trail or exhaust not detected, propulsion system not determined.

5. Observers considered reliable. Three are engineers at Point Mugu Naval Air Missile Test Center and another a Civil Air Patrol Member. Air Force Officer is the Senior Radar Observer at Oxnard Air Force Base.

6. Jet aircraft were in vicinity of observation area, but neither aircrew members nor GCI sites reported anything unusual.

7. The possibility that object might have been lights of F-94C Starfire was advanced to the observers, but they discounted theory due to total absence of sound on an unusually quiet evening and also the very audible sound of planes in the area soon after the observation.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Evaluation of information is C-3 due to above average intellect of observers and their highly factual report of the object allegedly observed.

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1. Statement of Civilian Observers
2. Statement of [REDACTED]

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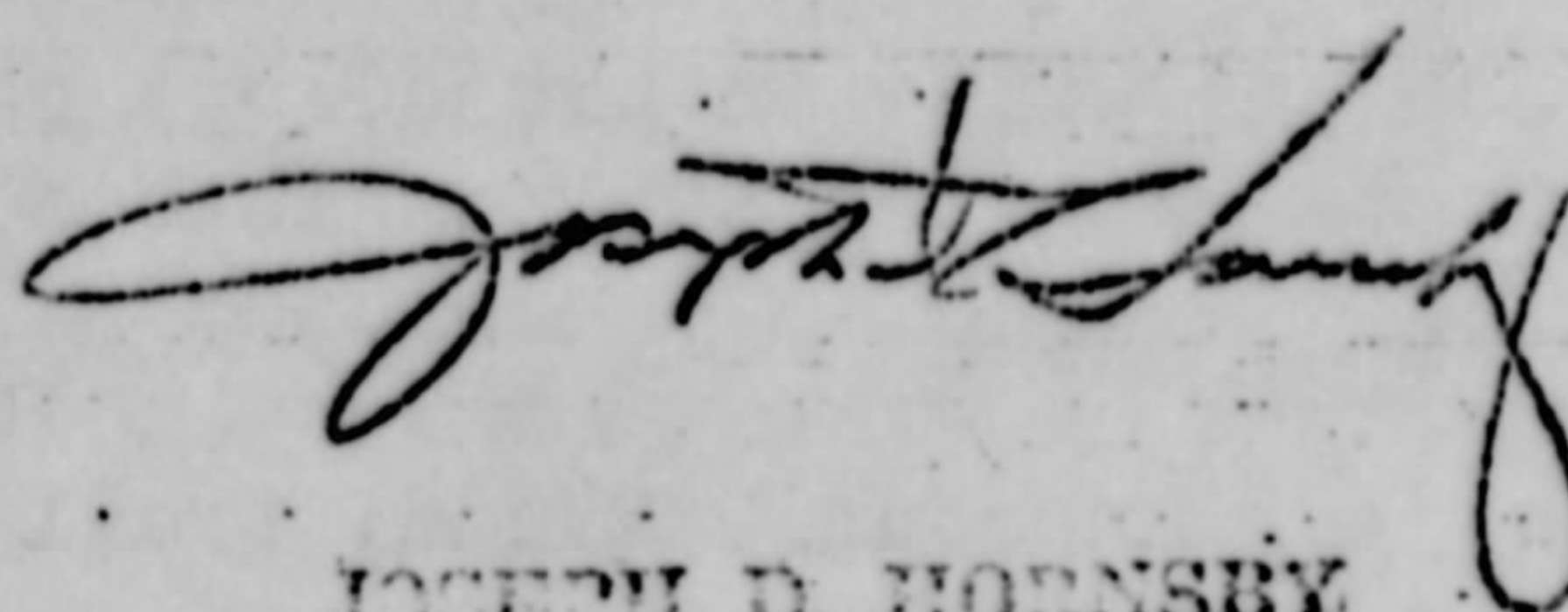
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SUBJECT: (Restricted) FLYOBRPT

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

In accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952,
the inclosed report (FLYOBRPT), AF Form 112, is forwarded for
your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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14 Aug 53, w/2 Incl

JOSEPH D. HORNSBY
Lt Col, USAF
Asst Command Adj

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1. Three adults from Oxnard, California, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], and one resident of Bellingham, Washington, [REDACTED], made the following observation on 12 August 1953 while located on the seaward end of the Ventura Public Pier:

a. At approximately 2105 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, a white light with the same magnitude as the stars was seen moving north at an elevation of about 30° , a little to the north of the pier where the observers were located. The light was steady, not blurred, blinking or hazy.

b. The light moved to the north at a constant average elevation angle with small random fluctuations without definite periodicity.

c. When the light moved to what was judged to be the Constellation Gemini, it stopped and moved to the South at the same 30° elevation. A red light was also observed very slightly ahead of and above the white light.

d. The red light was steady and comparable to the white light in brightness. After traversing 90° of azimuth to the south, the lights disappeared suddenly with an apparent increase in velocity.

e. The 90° of azimuth was traversed in 30 seconds; the movement to the north in 15 seconds.

f. At 2115 hours, the white light reappeared for 15 seconds at about the same azimuth angle but at an elevation of about 15 or 20 degrees and after moving to the north, it headed seaward, gradually disappearing into or above a fog bank several miles from shore.

g. The white light was again seen at 2117 hours for about six seconds when it appeared to the south and very rapidly travelled downward, arching southward and disappeared. This was similar to a meteor's flight.

h. No sound was audible though the sea was quiet with a very light on-shore breeze. Subsequently, commercial airliners flew over the area and though their navigation lights were comparable to the lights viewed, the sound of engines was very audible and the airliner's angular velocity was slow in comparison to the light's trajectory.

i. No outline of any object was observed though the area was partially illuminated by reflection of lights from a nearby baseball park in addition to those of the moonlight.

2. Captain Mack Hunter, Senior Radar Observer at Oxnard Air Force Base made the following observation while standing beside the Mobile Control Tower on the east end of the Runway 26:

a. A yellowish-white light of undetermined origin, maintaining a horizontal flight path, crossed slightly in front of a landing F-84C at 2126 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, and was observed for six to eight seconds.

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b. The light was estimated to be travelling on a heading of 170° , perpendicular to the runway which headed 260° .

c. The speed of the light was estimated to be at least 500 knots at an undetermined altitude and disappeared suddenly.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The factual reports advanced pertinent to the unidentified object are well-documented accounts by highly capable individuals. The fact that the lights were seen cannot be questioned but it is entirely probable that the lights might have been those of an orbiting F-94C aircraft known to be in the vicinity at the time. However, the absence of sound partially discounts this theory along with the erratic flight path of the object.

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