

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Jan 54		2. LOCATION Picayune, Mississippi		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1330</u> local GMT <u>16/1929Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		13. Was Aircraft ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian		14. Was Astronomical ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1 1/4</u> minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Westerly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cylinder shape, silver, no sound tail or exhaust. Smooth surfaces. Elev 40° AZ 045° moving to 40° elev 315° AZ. Winds from 6,000 to 25,000 from West to East. 1. Teen age boys. 2. Reliable-checked.				11. COMMENTS Duration and level flight indicates probable aircraft sighting. Flight to West against winds ruling out balloons.	

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

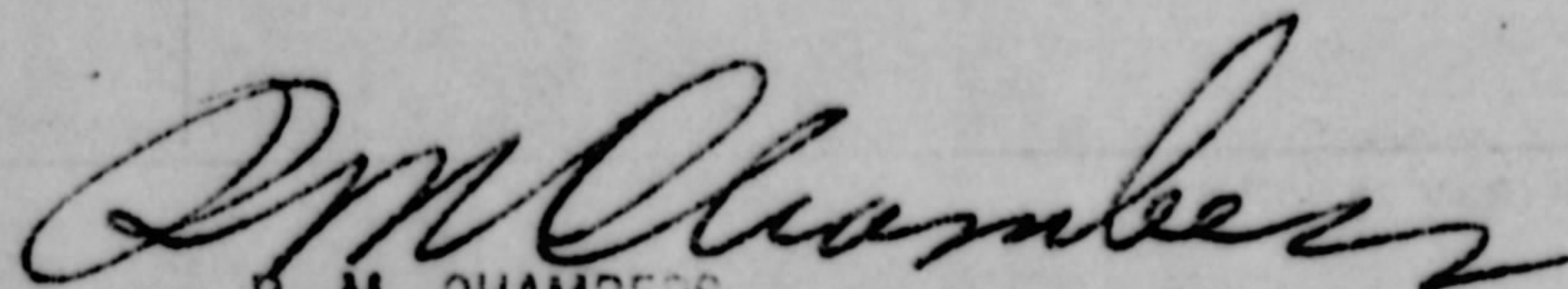
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Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio**

Subject report forwarded for your information in compliance with
AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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CC: Comdr, TTAF
Gulfport, Miss.


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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON PICAYUNE, Mississippi		FROM (Agency) Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi	
DATE OF REPORT 3 February 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 January 1954	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major Jack P. Kern		SOURCE See 6a below	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

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- (b) Azimuth 315°. Elevation approximately 40° above horizon.
- (c) Azimuth 045°. Elevation approximately 40° above horizon.
- (d) Appeared to proceed in straight line from SW - NE.
- (e) Traveled beyond range of vision.
- (f) Seventy-five seconds.
- (3) Manner of observation
 - (a) Ground-visual.
 - (b) No aids used.
 - (c) N/A.
- (4) Time and date of sighting:
 - (a) 161929Z January.
 - (b) Day.
- (5) Locations of Observers
 - (a) South border of Picayune, Mississippi.
- (6) Identifying information of all observers
 - (a) Civilians
 - 1. [REDACTED], Age 17, [REDACTED]
Picayune, Miss., Student, Reliable.
 - 2. [REDACTED], Age 19, [REDACTED], Picayune,
Mississippi, Student, Reliable.
- (7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting
 - (a) Low scattered clouds traveling from N to S; wind from NE, very light. Observed clouds moving quite fast.

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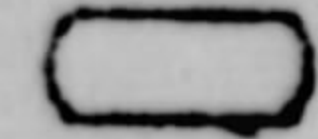
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1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, as amended, a reported sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Picayune, Mississippi at 1330 hours Central, 16 January 1954, was investigated. The data obtained during this investigation was compiled in accordance with the twelve individual sections under par 6b, AFR 200-2.

b. Report Format:

(1) Description of the object

- (a) Cylinder with hemisphere at each end (); approximation of length is $1\frac{1}{2}$ x diameter.
- (b) Slightly larger than an orange at arm's length.
- (c) Silver, no reflections.
- (d) One.
- (e) N/A.
- (f) Shape and color only observation.
- (g) No tail or exhaust observed.
- (h) No sound noted.
- (i) Smooth surface with no interruptions, such as windows.

(2) Description of course of object

- (a) Observers were looking at television antenna and noted the object enter their field of vision.

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Investigating Officer was unable to establish a logical explanation for this sighting since the location is off airways and in a remote section of the State of Miss. There are no nearby Air Weather Stations or US Weather Bureau Stations at which an observation balloon could have been released. The individuals concerned made as close an observation as was possible and both attempted to determine details inasmuch as they were aware of the importance of properly reporting unidentified flying objects as a result of publicity in various news media. The range and apparent size of this unidentified object indicates that it was probably not a conventional aircraft.

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(b)	<u>WIND</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>VELOCITY</u>
	Surface	20 degrees	14 knots
	6,000 ft.	300 degrees	15 knots
	10,000 ft.	290 degrees	30 knots
	16,000 ft.	280 degrees	30-45 knots
	20,000 ft.	270 degrees	50 knots
	25,000 ft.	270 degrees	55 knots

(c) Ceiling - 2900 ft.

(d) Visibility - 15 miles.

(e) Amount of cloud cover:
Scattered - 2100 ft.
Broken - 2900 ft.
Broken - 12000 ft.

(f) Thunderstorms - none.

(8) None.

(9) None.

(10) N/A.

(11) Undetermined.

(12) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sightings.

Flying Safety Officer, Keesler AFB, Mississippi. This investigation involved two young male civilians presently enrolled in the Picayune, Mississippi High School. These individuals appeared to be sound of mind and quite conscientious to detail concerning this reported sighting. In addition to their own observations, they attempted to obtain an additional witness, a Justice of the Peace, who resides at the location of the observers at the time of the sighting. This was not possible inasmuch as the Justice of the Peace was unable to obtain his eyeglasses in sufficient time to observe the object. The veracity of these individuals was investigated and discussions with mature individuals having knowledge of the lives of these two young men indicate that there is no known tendency in either individual toward prevarication.

1954 - Jan. 17 this writer watched the flight of a bluish white disc, while a few days later a Mr. [redacted] and wife witnessed a low flying disc of [redacted] [redacted] pg. 11 - The New Yorker - 1952 April New Yorker [redacted] [redacted] witnessed a [redacted] device hovering in the vicinity of Cincinnati's General Electric Plant for [redacted] minutes. Such G. E. surveillance has occurred before. Since talking with Stewart I have gathered the facts surrounding another incident, dating back to August 1, 1952.