PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
18 April 1955	Decatur, Georgia	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/0100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian (11 yr old)	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one 9. COURSE westerly	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

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11. COMMENTS

Age of source definitely a factor although Flight 2-C reports he probably did see an obj. Follow up investigation came to no definite conclusions but in their opinion the sighting was probably a balloon of the radio-sonde type.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. UNKNOWN

B. UNKNOWN

C. WHITE LIGHT

D. ONE

E. NONE

F. WHITE LIGHT MOVING SLOWLY

G. NONE REPORTED

H. NONE REPORTED

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I. UNKNOWN

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. UNKNOWN

B. UNKNOWN

CGM UNKNOWN

D. LIGHT MOVED SLOWLY ON WEST COURSE

E. WENT OUT OF SIGHT IN DISTANCE

F. 15 MINUTES

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. UNKNOWN

C. N/A

BRM TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. Ø1ØØZ 19 APRIL 1955

B. NIGHT

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

71 LYNN DRIVE, DECATUR , GEORGIA

DECATUR , GEORGIA LOCATED APPROMIMATELY

5 MILEY EAST OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL PBSERVERS

CA. CIVILIAN

MR. [redacted]

[redacted] DERRIL DRIVE

DECATUR, GEORGIA

TELEPHONE NUMERRR 44833

?. MILITARY

NONE KNOWN

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 1930C ATL 25000 SCTD 15 MILES VIS

B. SURFACE -----135 DEGREES/ 10 KNOTS

6000 FEET 190 DEGREES/ 10 KNOTS

10,000 FEET 210 DEGREES/ 15 KNOTS

16,000 FEET 320 DEGREES/ 20 KNOTS

20,000 FEET 330 DEGREES/ 30 KNOTS

30,000 FEET 320 DEGREES/ 45 KNOTS

50,000 FEET 30 DEGREES/ 65 KNOTS

80/000 FEET UNK DEGREES/ UNK KNOTS

C. CEILING NONE 25000 SCTD

D. VISIBILITY 15

E. CLOUD COVER SCATTERED

. THUNDERSTORMS NONE

. ATLANTA CAA ADVISED THAT ATLANTA WEATHER BUREAU
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30EST.

NONE KNOWN

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11. OPERATIONS OFFICE, MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

12 NONE

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WX Balloon

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (AGENCY)
DECATUR, GEORGIA, USA, (GEORGIA-GTID4547)	FLIGHT 2-C, 4602D ATSS

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
22 APRIL 1955	19 APRIL 1955	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1ST LT., USAF	[redacted]

REFERENCES (Cite here previous reports, directives, correspondence, etc. in chronological order)

TT MSG UFOB (191640Z) APRIL 55, DET SV CEN, MAXWELL AFB, GA.

SUMMARY (Brief, complete, factual, objective. Give highlights of the report. Do not exceed one paragraph. All information in report. Enter details in Part II)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by [redacted], 471 Lynn Lane, Decatur, Dekalb County, DECATUR, GEORGIA (GEORGIA-DTID 4547)

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Report of UFOB sighting by [redacted], 190100Z April 1955

III. INVESTIGATORS: M/Sgt WILLIS B. MINOR AF 6937008

RICHARD C. VAUGHN
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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted], Dorell Drive, Decatur, Georgia

Age: Eleven (11) years

Occupation: Student

Education: Five (5) years Elementary School

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: Probably reported an actual sighting but due to age of source he was uncertain of description, size, and path of flight.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 19/0100Z Apr 55, source was standing in the driveway of his home at 47 Lynne Lane, Dorell Drive, Decatur, Georgia looking west through a pair of toy binoculars when he observed a white light in the sky. The light was travelling slowly to the west. He watched it for approximately five (5) minutes before it disappeared. He continued watching for fifteen (15) minutes but it did not reappear.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

1. A check was made with the Weather Detachment, 14th 9th Weather Group, Dobbins AFB, Georgia with negative results.

2. A check with US Weather Station, Atlanta Airport, Atlanta Georgia revealed that a weather balloon had been released at approximately 18/2330Z April 1957 one and a half hours prior to the sighting.

3. A phone call to Maxwell AFB Alabama weather station revealed that a Radio-sonde balloon, six (6) feet in diameter at surface, had been released at Maxwell AFB, Alabama and that wind conditions would place it in the area of the sighting at approximately 19/0005Z April 1957. Major C.F. Clouthy, Maxwell AFB Weather Officer, indicated that the balloon would expand considerably as it gained altitude and that a casual observer could spot it if it reflected light.

4. The control tower, Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Georgia advised that there was considerable air traffic, both civil and military in the area of the sighting and that no unusual reports of aerial activity had been received.

5. A check was made with Base Operations, Dobbins AFB, Georgia with negative results.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

Due to the proximity of numerous aircraft in the area of the sighting, plus the fact that no reports of unusual sightings or aerial activity are on record in the area, leads to the conclusion that the object sighted was a light from an aircraft or the reflection of light from a radio-sonde balloon. (See part II, par 2)

RICHARD C. VAUGHN
1ST LT USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur in the opinion of preparing officer that sighting was possibly caused by a reflection from a balloon.

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