

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 April 1955		2. LOCATION New Orleans, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/2200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 to 1½ minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object with the appearance of a delta wing a/c was observed by the source while flying over New Orleans as an observer. Object appeared to be bright silver in color.				11. COMMENTS Investigated by Flight 2-C with the conclusion that the object in question was probably a/c.	

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ANG 034

PILOT OF ANG 034 SIGHTED LARGE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

COLOR SILVER RESEMBLING DELTA WING OVER THE CITY OF

NEW ORLEANS AT 1600C ESTIMATED 15000 FT

OBJECT MONTIONLESS

NONE

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REFERENCE CI

VIS REPORT OF SIGHTING OVER NEW ORLEANS AT 1633C
AIRCRAFT WAS ANG 112334, AN L-19 . THE PILOT, LT. WELSH, WAS DOING
RADAR WORK UNDER AHOD, AND HIS SAFETY OBSERVER,
A SGT. PONTICELLI SIGHTED THE OBJECT. THE L-19 WAS 3 MILES
NORTHEAST OF MOISANT AIRPORT AND THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE OVER
MOISANT AIRPORT. OBJECT WAS IN VIEW 1 AND 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES THE L-19
WENT INTO CLOUDS AND OBJECT WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN

SIGNED GOLINSKY

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1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. DELTA WING SHAPE

B. UNK

C. SLIVER

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. UNK

G. UNK

H. UNK

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1. UNK

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. UNK

B. UNK

C. UNK

D. STATIONARY

E. UNKK

F. 1 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. N/A

B. N/A

C. ANG 12334 L-19

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 212230Z

B. DAY

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

OVER NEW ORLEANS

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. CIVILIAN N/A

B. MILITARY

UNK

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT UF0B		
AREA REPORTED ON NEW ORLEANS, LA. (GEORGE-RE405558)		FROM (AFHQ) FLIGHT 2-C, 46020 ATSS
DATE OF REPORT 26 April 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 April 1955	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Office) RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1ST LT., USAF		SOURCE SET LOUIS PORTIERCHIE
REFERENCES (Cite number, directory, previous report, etc. in copy only) FT MSG (UF0B 2123074) APRIL 1955, FLD SV GEN, MAXWELL AFB, GA.		
SUMMARY (Excerpts, conclusions, etc. of report. Give significance in full one sentence paragraph. Give reference of source left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part 2.)		

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PART ONE: Description of sighting by SET LOUIS PORTIERCHIE, 1342 St. Bernard Avenue, NEW ORLEANS, LA (GEORGE-RE405558)

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Office

II. SUMMARY: Report of UF0B sighting by SET LOUIS PORTIERCHIE at 21/2200Z April 1955

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT RICHARD C. VAUGHN AO 1860325
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I. SOURCE: Sgt Louis Fonticelli

Address: 1542 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, La

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Instructor, Army Senior Air Instructions Office,
New Orleans Airport, La

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Served a tour in Korea as an aircraft
observer

II. RELIABILITY: Sgt Louis Fonticelli has completed 9 years active service in the Regular Army. Most of his service has been in connection with army aviation. His duties have included a tour in an airborne organization, and a tour as an aircraft observer in Korea. In view of his familiarity of known flying objects, he is considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: OBSERVER was flying in a north-westerly direction 5 miles N-W of MOISANT AIRPORT, NEW ORLEANS, LA (COORD: FHQQ 4460) at an altitude of 7,000 feet and an airspeed of 95-100 MPH. OBSERVER was acting as safety observer for pilot, Lt Melach, who was doing instrument work under the hood in an L-19 aircraft Serial No. AN3 112034. Object was first sighted when the pilot started into a 90 degree turn to the left. At first, OBSERVER thought the object was a large jet aircraft but when it appeared to be stationary he assumed it to be something else. It appeared to be shaped like a delta wing, bright silver in color, and about the size of a B-17 tail when viewed from short distance. OBSERVER continued to watch the object through the turn and for a period of 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Object appeared to be hovering over MOISANT AIRPORT at an altitude of approximately 15,000 feet. OBSERVER stated that there was broken clouds at 5,000 feet but during the sighting the object remained in sight and was much brighter than the sky. Sight of the object was lost when OBSERVER'S aircraft flew into a cloud and could not be located again when the aircraft emerged from the cloud. OBSERVER radioed MOISANT AIRPORT TOWER to locate the object on radar but the radar station was busy tracking aircraft and made no attempt to locate the object.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check was made with the Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La. for possible aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Negative results.
2. Information from the Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala. revealed the following:
 - a. Weather balloons were released by the Morriston Airport Weather Station, New Orleans, La. at 21/2100Z April 1955.
 - b. The Naval Weather Station, New Orleans, La., ANG Weather Station, New Orleans, La., and other weather stations south and west of New Orleans, La. revealed that no balloons were released that would account for the sighting.
 - c. Numerous aircraft were in the New Orleans, La. area at the time of the sighting.
 - (1) One USAF T-6, Serial # AF 5106, out of Rondo, Texas arrived New Orleans Airport at 21/2420Z April 1955. Possible over-flight.
 - (2) One USAF C-45, Serial # AF 11574, departed Keesler AFB, Miss at 21/2135Z April 1955 en route to Bergstrom AFB, Texas.
 - (3) One USAF B-25, Serial # AF 30073, departed Dallas, Texas at 21/1911Z April 1955 for Eglin AFB, Fla.
 - (4) One Navy SNB, Serial # 05554, departed Corpus Christi, Texas at 21/2048Z April 1955 for New Orleans, La.
 - (5) One USAF C-45, Serial # AF 93606, departed Ellington AFB, Texas at 21/1530Z April 1955 arriving at Tyndall AFB, Fla. at 21/2213Z April 1955.
 - (6) One Navy F6F, Serial # 79347, departed New Orleans, La. at 21/2129Z April 1955 en route to Pensacola, Fla.
 - (7) One USAF RB-36, Peddler 25, departed Travis AFB, Calif. at 21/0632Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La. at approximately the time of the sighting.
 - (8) One USAF R-47, Paroche 32, departed Pinecastle AFB, Fla. at 21/1640Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La., altitude 35,000 feet, at approximately the time of the sighting.
 - (9) One USAF C-46, Serial # AF 07346, departed Stillwater, Okla. at 21/1815Z April 1955 en route to El Paso using New Orleans as a check point.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by an IIS aircraft for the following reasons:

a. Balloons released by the Molsant Weather Station at 21/2100Z April 1955, one hour prior to the sighting, would have been carried out of the Molsant airport area by prevailing westerly winds.

b. Check with weather stations south and west of New Orleans by Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, revealed no weather balloons released that would account for the sighting.

c. Numerous aircraft could have been in the New Orleans area at the time of the sighting.

d. Only one person reported the sighting.

e. Source observed the object from a moving aircraft which could have been traveling in the same direction, therefore, giving the object the appearance of hovering.

f. Duration of sighting could have been less than observed reported as he only estimated the time.

Richard C. Vaughn
RICHARD C. VAUGHN
1ST LT., USAF
Commander in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft.

James

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