

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 55		2. LOCATION Gulfport, Mississippi SW of Keesler AFB, Miss		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Pyrotechnic</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>Exact time unk</u> GMT <u>25/0900Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian (mult)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE See case	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant light shape of half circle on horizon. Appeared to cover many miles, center of circle was red, outer part ranged pale blue to red. Sharp line of distinction between yellow portion and blue-to-red portion, brilliant blue shaft of light radiated from semi-circle but stopped abruptly in sky. Blue light flickered 3 times. Observer was purportedly blinded by flash of light. Semi-circle faded to a dark red and disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Due to fact that recently area of sighting was used as a photoflash bomb drop area, and that light "flickered" three times, a pyrotechnic of some type is suggested. Possibly a parachute dropped, high candle power flare. Parachute would account ofr shaft of light ending abruptly.	

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ACTION

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FM COMDR KEESLER AFB MISS

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV DEF DOBBINS AFB GA

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEDDK/COMDR ATC SCOTT AFB ILL

ZEN/COMDR TTAF GULFPORT MISS

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OD725J. FOL REPT IS SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 7 AFR 200-2, 7/54

12 AUG 54:

1. A. BRILLIAN LT IN SHAPE OF A HALF CIRCLE.

B. BASE OF HALF CIRCLE WAS ON HORIZON AND APPEARED TO COVER MANY MILES

C. CEN PART OF HALF CIRCLE WAS YELLOW: OUTER PART RANGED FROM PALE BLUE TO RED.

D. ONE.

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. NEGATIVE

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H. NONE

1. SHARP LINE OF DEFINITION BETWEEN YELLOW PORTION AND BLUE-TO-RED PORTION. AFTER THE SIGHTING EXISTED FOR APRX ONE MIN, A BRILLIANT BLUE SHAFT OF LT RADIATED FROM THE HALF CIRCLE OF LT. THIS SHAFT WAS DISTINCTLY DEFINED AT THE EDGES AND APPEARED TO STOP ABRUPTLY IN THE SKY. IT ALSO FLICKERED THREE TIMES. THE SHAFT OF LT REPORTEDLY BLINDED THE OBSR WHO COVERED HIS FACE WITH HIS HANDS. AFTER REMOVING HIS HANDS THE SHAFT OF LT HAD DISAPPEARED AND THE HALF CIRCLE FADED RAPIDLY TO DARK RED, THEN DISAPPEARED.

2. A. BRILLIANT LT

B. ELEVATION 3 DEG - AZ 213 DEG

C. ELEVATION 0 DEG - AZ 210 DEG

D. STATIONARY

E. FADED ABRUPTLY

F. APRX ONE MIN

3. A. GND VIS

B. NONE

C. N/A

4. A. BETWEEN 25 0830Z AND 25 0930Z

B. NIGHT

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5. IN A BOAT ANCHORED AT 89 DEG 10 MIN WEST AND 30 DEG 10 MIN NORTH.

6. A. [REDACTED], 36 YRS, [REDACTED]
MISSISSIPPI, RADIO AND TV TECHNICIAN.

B. N/A

7. A. VERY CLEAR, GOOD VIS

B. SURFACE - EASTNOREAST - 5K

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6000 FT - 130 DEG - 5K
12000 FT - 070 DEG - 6K
16000 FT - 100 DEG - 5K
20000 FT - 100 DEG - 5K
30000 FT - 50 DEG - 19K
50000 FT - 60 DEG - 11K
80000 FT - NEGATIVE

C. CLEAR.

D. 8 MILES

E. CLEAR

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. N/A

I. NONE

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11. UFOB INVES, WING PLANS AND PROGRAMS. THE FOREGOING RPT WAS SUBMITTED BY A WITNESS WHO VOL. THE INFO SUBQ TO A CONSIDERABLE AMT OF PUB IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS RLTV TO AN UNUSUAL FLASH OF LT WHICH WAS OBSR BY A REPORTEDLY LARGE NR OF LOCAL PEOPLE ON THE NIGHT OF 25 SEP 55. THE NEWSPAPER ACCT CONCERNED A BRIGHT FLASH OF LT IN THE SKY WHICH CAUSED AT LEAST ONE PERSON A SEVERE HEADACHE. THE WITNESS CONCERNED IN THIS RPT ALSO CLAIMED THE PHENOMENA HE HAD SEEN IN THE EARLY HOURS OF 25 SEP RESULTED IN HIS HAVING A SEVERE HEADACHE. THE WITNESS ACCT INDICATES HE POSSIBLY SAW THE DETONATION OF A PHOTOFLASH BOMB BEYOND THE HORIZON BUT THE LGTH OF OBSERVATION WOULD NOT SUPP

LOCAL ANG TACRECON UNIT AS A PHTOFLASH BOMB DROP AREA: HOWEVER,
OFFICIALS OF THE ANG UNIT STATE NO DROPS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE 19 SEP
55. IT IS POSSIBLE THE PHOTOFLASH BOMB DROP AREA WAS IN USE AT THE
TIME OF SIGHTING BY AN ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE OF THIS AREA. ONE OTHER
POSSIBILITY COULD BE THAT THE SIGHTING WAS OF A MET NATURE SINCE
MANY SIGHTINGS HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN REPORTED IN THIS AREA.

12. N/A

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