

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 September 1958		2. LOCATION Miss, Ala, Ga, Tenn area		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 25/0823Z, 0826Z, GMT 0620Z, 0630Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE ENE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rno, bright obj, about size of dime, bright irregular tail of fire, traveling in straight path & gradually diminished to the north.				11. COMMENTS Description is of a meteor. Viewed over 4 state area. Ground & air sighting.	

25 September 1958 - Miss., Ala., Ga., Tenn. Area

On 26 September 1958 the ATIC received a TWX ~~msg~~ message reporting the sighting of an unusual object from several widely scattered locations in Southern United States. A round object, about the size of a dime held at arms length with an irregular tail of fire, was reported to have been seen from a few state area. Maxwell AFB, Alabama was requested via telephone to investigate the incident.

It was determined after a thorough investigation and analysis that the witnesses observed a large meteor at a very high altitude. This incident is comparable to the one reported ~~in October 1957~~ from the Western United States in October 1957.



**HEADQUARTERS
AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE
AIR UNIVERSITY, USAF
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama**

3 OCT 1958

ACOP-I

SUBJECT: UFO

**TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio**

1. Reference telephone conversation 1 October 1958 between Colonel Leslie M. Norton, Chief, Intelligence Division, this headquarters and Major Robert J. Friend, AFCIN-4E4, your headquarters.

2. The report transmitted by Captain [REDACTED] directly to your headquarters has been investigated and is evaluated as completely reliable.

3. Supplementary reports attached to that of Captain [REDACTED] were received through the facilities of Maxwell Flight Service. The reliability of these reports must be judged on the basis of the consistency in certain details and the professional competence of those who reported. The assessment here is that these reports tend to confirm one another, particularly as regards the time of observation and the description of the object observed.

4. The Unidentified Flying Object Report, transmitted by 2047 AACCS Squadron, is therefore resubmitted, with the overall evaluation of reliable and credible.

FOR THE COMMANDANT:

1 Incl
UFO report (w/2
attachments)

S. S. LARUE
Major, USAF
Director of
Administrative Services

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

1. Description of Object:

- a. Shape: Round
- b. Size: Equal to a dime or about one-fourth the size of a full moon.
- c. Color: Bright, such as a bright moon.
- d. Number: One
- e. Formation: Not applicable
- f. Tail, trail or exhaust: Bright, irregular tail of fire estimated to be four or five times in length as compared to the size of a full moon.
- g. Discernible features: None
- h. Sound: None
- i. Other features: Not applicable

2. Description of Course of Object:

- a. What first called the attention of observers to the objects? -- Standing in yard looking in direction from which object first appeared.
- b. Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed. -- Approximately 60 degrees up from the southern horizon and 60 degrees up from the western horizon.
- c. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance. -- Approximately 15 degrees up from the northern horizon and 80 degrees up from the eastern horizon.
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object. -- Straight course.
- e. How did the object disappear? -- Gradual deminishing in intensity during the last one-fourth of observed flight as it disappeared to the north (north-north-east).
- f. How long was the object visible? -- Approximately 15 seconds.

3. Manner of Observation:

- a. Ground visual
- b. Naked eye
- c. Not applicable

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4. Time and Date of Sighting:
- a. 26/0323Z September 1958
 - b. Light conditions: Night
5. Location of Observer: Southern section of the city of Montgomery, Alabama.
6. Identifying Information on Observers:
- a. Civilian: Mr. [REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama (civilian employee, Maxwell AFB).
 - b. Military: [REDACTED], Captain, 2047 AACCS Squadron, operations officer, Maxwell Flight Service, completely reliable (Senior pilot).
7. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:
- a. Observers account of weather conditions. -- Sky clear, visibility 15 miles plus.
 - b. Report from nearest AWS --

Surface	045/3
6000'	090/10
16000'	090/10
20000'	090/10
30000'	090/30
50000'	120/50
 - c. Ceiling -- None
 - d. Visibility -- Unlimited
 - e. Amount of cloud cover -- Clear
 - f. Thunderstorms -- None
8. Unusual Conditions: Not applicable
9. Interception or Identification Action Taken: Unknown
10. Location, Approximate Altitude of Any Air Traffic: Unknown
11. Position Title and Comments of the Preparing Officer, Including His Preliminary Analysis: In the original report, the preparing officer made the sighting. His comment follows: The object first appeared as a bright spot. The burning tail followed almost immediately. When the object was almost directly overhead, the tail and brightness diminished slightly for just a moment, then resumed its former condition of brightness with the long tail of fire. It is

estimated that this was caused by a change in attitude in flight, e.g. tumbling, etc. The object appeared to be traveling at about one fourth the speed of "shooting stars" or meteors. It is the viewers opinion that it was a large vehicular object or missile re-entering the atmosphere.

12. Existence of Physical Evidence - None

13. A collection of reports made to Maxwell Flight Service and to Headquarters Air University submitted as attachments to this report.

ATTACHMENT TO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

1. Report from Columbus, Mississippi radio (CAA) received 26/0424Z: Mr. [REDACTED], Columbus, Mississippi, (telephone: [REDACTED]) reported UFO moving southwest to northeast in level flight; intermittent flame 200 yards long coming from the rear at 26/0325Z. Observer reported that object was not a falling star and further stated that he was sober at time of observation.

2. Report from Memphis Center (ATC) received 26/0440Z; Huntsville and Muscle Shoals radios (CAA) both received calls reporting UFO seen trailing flame all moving from southwest to northeast or west to east. Eastern airline flight 366 en route from Memphis to Muscle Shoals reported sighting a meteor at the same time.

3. Report from Atlanta Center (ATC) received 26/0450Z:

a. Delta airline flight 171 over Chattanooga at 26/0329Z reported a light to the west moving from south to north, high and fast. The light seemed to blow up into a brighter light; did not appear to be a shooting star. This sighting was also observed by Delta airline flight 26X, Fulton tower (Atlanta) and Eastern airline's flight 389 on the ramp of Atlanta airport. (Delta 26X was northeast bound but exact location unknown).

b. An off-duty CAP pilot in his automobile on Highway 78 about five miles east of Oxford (Mississippi (?), at 26/0330Z saw a UFO headed north, stopped his car; heard roaring sound and observed fire flying from object, but did not observe any navigation lights.

c. Birmingham tower advised that Bill George, Alabama Air National Guard, in the traffic pattern at Birmingham in a T-33 at 2500 feet, saw a UFO pass directly over his aircraft at 3000 feet. The sighting was at 26/0330Z. The object was traveling from west to east at 3000 feet. It was observed to be a fireball with a 90 foot tail. A watch tower supervisor at Center Point, Alabama also heard the noise and confirmed the report of a fireball with a 90 foot tail. A watch tower supervisor at Center Point, Alabama also heard the noise and confirmed the report of a fireball with a long tail.

d. [REDACTED], Tuscaloosa, Alabama advised Atlanta Center of aircraft at 100 feet, apparently jet, flying north at about 26/0330Z. Mrs. [REDACTED], Tuscaloosa, advised Atlanta Center of an aircraft headed towards Birmingham along the railroad tracks just above the telephone lines about 26/0330Z. [REDACTED] reported observing object northeast of Northport, Alabama at 200 to 300 feet without lights and stated it was not a jet aircraft. [REDACTED] of Tuscaloosa, telephone: [REDACTED] reported same information as other Tuscaloosa observers, time 26/0330Z. Birmingham tower advised that there was no Birmingham-based Alabama

Attachment 1

Air National Guard aircraft in the Tuscaloosa area at that time.
Memphis ARTC advised was not aircraft from Columbus, Mississippi.

1 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Norton

SUBJECT: UFOB

At 0900, 1 October 1958, I received a telephone call from Sgt. 1st Class F. L. McGill of the Security Office, U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal (Phone: Jefferson 64411, ext. 4929). He reported that a Mr. [REDACTED], Huntsville, Alabama, (employee of Redstone Arsenal in the Structure and Mechanics Lab) sighted an unidentified flying object between 2215 and 2230 local time on 25 September 1958 while standing outside of the Dwarf Restaurant facing S.W. He noticed a very bright light coming directly at him. The light appeared to get larger (about $\frac{1}{2}$ the size of a full moon). It stopped and made a right turn at a 90° angle. There were two smaller lights, about 1/50th the size of the large one, following the larger light. The lights were bluish-white in color. He reported the entire sequence of events lasted about seven seconds.

Jack W. Riseden
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Major, USAF

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.....A National Guard jet pilot, flying above Birmingham, Alabama, had to swerve his plane last Sept. 25th to avoid a collision with a bluish-white object that had a steady flame shooting out from its back. The pilot, Capt. W. B. George, was flying at 2,500 feet at the time. A number of other reports, from the ground, were received by the local CAA about the same object on the same evening.

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2

PAR 15 DATED 5 FEB 1958

A (1) ROUN

(2) DIME OR ABOUT ONE FOURTH THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON

(3) BRIGHT SUCH AS A BRIGHT MOON ← *what color? white? Red? Green?*

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) BRIGHT IRREGULAR TAIL OF FIRE ESTMATED TO BE FOUR OR FIVE

TIMES IN LENGTH AS COMPARED TO THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON

(8) NONE

(9)

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B (1) WAS STANDING IN THE YARD LOOKING IN THE DIRECTION THAT OBJECT FIRST APPEARED

(2) APPROXIMATELY (60) DEGREES UP FROM THE SOUTHERN HORIZON AND (67) DEGREES UP FROM THE WESTERN HORIZON

(3) APPROXIMATELY (15) DEGREES UP FROM THE NORTHERN HORIZON AND (80) DEGREES UP FROM THE EASTERN HORIZON

(4) STRAIGHT COURSE ← *IN WHAT DIRECTION?*

(5) GRADUAL DIMINISHING IN INTENSITY THE LAST ONE FOURTH OF OBSERVED FLIGHT AS IT DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH

(6) APPROXIMATELY (15 SECONDS)

C (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) M73D EYE

(3) N/A

D (1) 26/0323Z SEPT 1958 0323-5 = 2223

(2) NIGHT

E. SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

F. (1) MR. [REDACTED] DR MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA CIV EMPLOYEE MAXWELL AFB

(2) [REDACTED] CAPT 2047TH AACS SQ MAXWELL AFB [REDACTED] MAXWELL. FLIGHT SERVICE

G (1) CLEAR 15 PLUS

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FM 35TH CADD

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INT CEN

RJEZHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INT HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/OFF IN INFO SEV HQ USAF

RJEDDN/CINCNOARD

RJEDNB/COMDR ENR

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UNCLAS COC MSG 4315. NOTAM. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT. IN COMPLIANCE WITH VERBAL REQUEST FROM MAJ. MANLEY, NFENR, THE FOLLOWING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER ON DUTY INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED. FORMAT AS REQUIRED IN AFR 200-2 IS NAT USED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT AND SECOND HAND INFO RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES.

35TH NADD REC'D THE FOLLOWING RPT'S FROM JACKSONVILLE ARTC. FROM DOTHAN RADIO 26/0457Z TOWNSPEOPLE OF NEWTON, ALA. REPORTED SEEING A POSSIBLE AIRPLANE CRASH BETWEEN NEWTON, ALA. AND CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVER AT 0350Z. ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY PATROL NOTIFIED 2. FROM TYNDALL AFB. FLA. SOUTHERN AIRLINES OPERATIONS

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ADVISED ONE OF THEIR PILOTS REPORTED SEEING A FALLING STAR AT 0350Z IN THE VICINITY OF NETOW, ALA. VISBLE FOR AN UNUSUALLY LONG PERIOD OF TIME. 3 FROM JACKSONVILLE ARTC AT 0545Z. A STATE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER IN A PATROL CAR SAW ESSENTIALLY THE SAMT AS MENTIONED IN NO. 1. ABOVE, HOWEVER HE SAW OBJECT SEPARATE INTO TWO PIECES AS IT FELL TO EARTH. 15 PEOPLE MADE THE SAME OBSERVATION IN THE NEWTON, ALA. AREA.

THE FOLLOWING RPTS. WERE REC'D BY THE OFFICER OF THE, DOBBINS AFB, GEORGIA.

1. TUSCALOOSA, ALA. AT 0137Z, TWO RPTS. F A LOW JET (APPROX. 100 FT. ABOE GROUND) HEADING NORTH TOWARDS BIRMINGHAM.
2. DELTA AIR LINES PILOT FLIGHT 131 REPORTED OBSERVATION OF A LIGHT WEST OF HIS POSITION MOVING SOUTH TO NORTH HIGH AND EAST. LIGHT LATER SEEMED TO BLOW UP IN A BRIGHT LIGHT. IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A SHOOTING STAR. AIR CRAFT POSITION WAS 15 MILES WEST OF ATLANTA, GA.

3. DELTA AIR LINES PILOT, FLIGHT 26-X, RPTD. AN UNSUAL OBJECT AT 0329Z. AIR CRAFT WAS NOTH EAST OF ATLANTA, G-.

4. ANNISTON, ALA. ARTC HERE ADVISED THAT AN OFF DUTY CAP PILOT IN HIS AUTOMOBILE ON HIGHWAY 78 (ABOUT 5 MILES EAST OF OXFORD,

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ALA.) SAW UFO HEADING NORTH. HE STOPPED HIS CAR GOT OUT, HEARD . ROARING SOUND HE SAW FIRE FLYING FROM OBJECT. NO NAVIGATION LIGHTS

WERE REPORTED. ESTIMATED ALT. 4000 TO 6,000FT.

5. DATELINE BIRMINGHAM 0330Z. [REDACTED] (ANGPILOT) IN T-33 ALTITUDE 2, 5000FT. WAS IN TRAFFIC PATTERN AND HE SAW UFO PASS DIRECTLY OVER HIM AT 3000FT. DIRECTION OF OBJECT WAS FROM WEST TO EAST. WAS OBSERVED TO BE A FIRE BALL WITH 90 FOOT TAIL. TO CONFIRM THIS OBSEVATION, A TOWER WATCH SUPERVISOR AT CENTER POINT, ALA. ALSO HEARD NOISE AND CONFIRMED REPORT OF FIRE BALL AND LONG TAIL. NO TIMES AVAILABLE.

6. MEMPHIS ARTC ADVISED OBJECT SIGHTED OVER COLUMBUS, MISS. AT 0325Z. LOW FAST WITH 200 YARD TAIL.

7. PERSONNEL AT FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT, ATLANTA, GA. REPORTED SEEING AN UNUSUAL OBJECT.

8. EASTERN AIR LINES, FLT 389. AIRCRAFT ON RAMP AT ATLANTA. PILOT REPORTED SEEING AN OBJECT. NO TIMES OR INFORMATION WAS GIVEN.

REPORTS ARE ALSO BEING SUBMITTED BY THE MASWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER.

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26/1327Z SEP RJESKB

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ARTS WERE CALLED INTO MAYHEM FLIGHT SERVICE 10

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(2) SURFACE 045/3 *NE*

6000 090/10 *E*

16000 090/10 *E*

20000 090/10 *E*

30000 090/30 *E*

50000 120/50

(3) NEG

(4) UNLIMITED

(5) CLEAR

(6) NEG

H N/A

I UNK

J UNK

K THE PREPARING OFFICER MADE THE SIGHTING. THE OBJECT FIRST
APPEARED AS A BRIGHT SPOT. THE BURING TAIL FOLLOWED ALMOST

INSTANTLY. WHEN THE OBJECT WAS ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, THE TAIL AND BRIGHTNESS DIMINISHED SLIGHTLY FOR JUST A MOMENT. THEN RESUMED ITS FORMER CONDITION OF BRIGHTNESS WITH THE LONG TAIL OF FIRE. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE OBJECT CHANGING ATTITUDE IN FLIGHT SUCH AS TUMBLING ETC. THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING SLOWER THAN SHOOTING STARS OR METEORS, THEREFORE IT IS THE VIEWERS OPINION THAT IT WAS A LARGE VEHICULAR OBJECT OR MISSILE.

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RE-ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE,

~~THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE CALLED INTO MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE AS~~
INDICATED

MR. [REDACTED] REPORTED

UFOB MOVING SW TO NE VERY FAST. WAS NOT A FALLING STAR AS IN LEVEL FLIGHT INTERMITTENT FLAME 200 YARDS LONG COMING FROM THE REAR

MAN CLAIMS HE WAS SOBER IN HIS OWN FRONT YARD SIGHTED THIS UFOB

OVER COLUMBUS, MISS 0325Z 0325-6 = 2125-

^{Muscle Shoals}
HSV AND MSL RADIOS BOTH RECV. CALLS FROM TOWN UFOB SEEN TRAILING

^{Huntsville}
FLAME ALL MOVING FROM SW TO NE OR W TO E EASTERN 366 IN ROUT

^{ESE heading}
FROM MEM TO MSL REPORTED SIGHTING A METEOR AT THE SAME TIME

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DELTA 171 OVER CHA INTX 26/0329Z ADVISE SAW LIGHT WEST OF HIM

MIVING FROM S TO N HIGH AND FAST. THE LIGHT SEEMED TO BLOW UP INTO A BRIGHT LIGHT, DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A SHOOTING STAR THIS SIGHTING WAS ALSO OBSERVED BY DELTA 26X. FULTON TOWER AND EASTERN 389

ON THE RAMP OF ATL APT. (DELTA 26X WAS NE BOUND) AND ATCS ADVISES

THAT AN OFF DUTY CAP PLT IN HIS AUTOMOBILE ON HGWY 78

ABOUT 5 MI E OF OXFORD AT 0640Z

SAW A UFOB

HEADED NORTH. HJ STOPPED HIS CAR AND GOT OUT.

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HE ACTUALLY HEARD ARORING SOUND AND FIRE FLYING FROM THE
OBJECT BUT DID NOT OBSERVE ANY NAV LIGHTS. HE JUDGED IT TO BE
FROM 40 TO 60 FT BHM TOWER ADVISE THAT [REDACTED] (BHM) Birmingham
ANG, IN THE TRAFFIC PATTERN AT BHM AT 2500 FT IN A T33 SAW
A UFOB PASS DIRECTLY OVER HIM AT 3000FT THE SIGHTING WAS
AT TIME 26/0330Z THE OBJECT WAS TRAVILING FROM (W TO E) AT 3000 FT
IF WAS OBSERVED TO BE A FIRE BALL WITH A 90 FT TAIL A CCC
EMPLOYEE (TOWER WATCHER SUPERVISORY) AT CENTER POINT ALA. (HIS
HOME) ALSO HEARD THE NOISE AND CONFIRMED THE REPORT OF A FIRE
BALL WITH A LONG TAIL.

THE FOLLOWING INFO RECIEVED BY ATL CENTER BEFORE THE ABOVE REPORT

[REDACTED] TCL ADVISE A/C AT 100 FT

APPARENTLY JET FLYING N TIME ABOUT 26/0330Z MRS.

[REDACTED] ALSO [REDACTED] ADVISE A/C

TOWARDS BHM DIRECTIONS OF RAILROAD TRACKS JUST ABOVE

TELEPHONE LINES, ABOUT 26/0330 [REDACTED] OBSERVED OBJECT

5 MI NE NORTHPORT WAS NOT A JET 200 TO 300FT WITHOUT LIGHTS

BHM TOWER ADVISE NO BHM ANGJ IN TCL [REDACTED] TCL

[REDACTED] SAME INFO AS OTHERS. OCCURANCE AT 26/0330Z

MEM ARTC CENTER ADVISED WAS NOT ACFT FROM CBM. ALMAND ATL ARTC

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