

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Aug 59		2. LOCATION Mobile Bay, Alabama		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/1012Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Traveling light w/smoke trailing observed for about 5 secs. Flight straight fm SE to NW. Light bright enough to read paper by. Illumination lasted 3 secs. Smoke remained for additional 2 secs. Sighting appeared like an illumination of a large flash bulb. Second rpt: Rnd w/greenish white glow. Appeared as a bright flash and traveled across sky. Disappeared by burning out. In sight for 2 secs. Air visual.				11. COMMENTS Two rpts fm different sources giving almost identical info. Obvious characteristics of meteor sighting.	

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ACTION : CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS
SMD C 200

ZCZCHQE387ZCVJA736

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJESBA 10S

P 291400Z

FM 2850TH AB WING BROOKLEY AFB ALA

TO JRJWFAL/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

RJWFHQAIR /DEF/ HQ /CADF/

RJEDSQ/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJWZHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQS USAF

RJEZHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQS USAF

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FROM MOEA8-29-E

UFO

A. /1/ ROUND

2/ EXTREMELY LARGE-OBSERVER

/3/ EMITTED GREENISH WHITE GLOW

/4/ ONE

/5/ N/A

/6/ EXTREMELY BRIGHT LIGHT APPEARED SUDDENLY AND TRAVELED ACROSS SKY

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BEFORE DISAPPEARING IN 2 SECS

/7/ BURNING TRAIL

/8/ NONE

/9/ NONE

B. /1/ BRIGHT FLASH

/2/-/4/ OBJECT TRAVELED IN ARC OF 20 DEGREES FM SW HORIZON TO NE HORIZON. OBSERVER WOULD NOT JUDGE SPEED OR ALTITUDE. WOULD STATE ONLY THAT IT WAS HIGH SPEED.

/5/ DISAPPEARED BY BURNING OUT.

/6/ 2 SECONDS.

C. /1/ AIR-VISUAL

/2/ NONE

/3/ C-46-NR 7769B, 500 FT.

280 DEGREES 170 KT. KELLY AFB TEX

D. /1/ 1012Z 29 AUG 59.

/2/ NIGHT

E. 30 DEGREES 35 MINUTES LAT. 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES LONG EAST SIDE

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OF MOBILE BAY.

F. / 1 / [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

POLOT FOR AXXICO AIRLINES

G. /1/ CLEAR, DARK

12/ SURFACE-CALM

6000-020 DEGREES/8 KTS

10000-300 DEGREES/10 KTS

16000-310 DEGREES/10 KTS

20000-310 DEGREES/10 KTS

30000 350 DEGREES/30 KTS

50000 CALM

80000 080 DEGREES/15 KTS

/3/ UNLIMITED

/4/ UNLIMITED

15/ NONE

15/ NONE

H. NONE APPARENT

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. REPORT BY OFFICER OF DAY. THE OBSERVER WAS UNWILLING TO COMMIT HIMSELF ON MOST POINTS. IT SEEMED HE WAS NOT QUITE SURE WHAT HE HAD SEEN EXCEPT THAT THE SKY SUDDENLY BEAMED VERY BRIGHT MONENTARILY.

1. NONE

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TO ATIC OD
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TIME 0347Z
Date 30
By: 55

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TO RJWFAL/COMDR ADC
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INFO RUEPBL/1006 AISS FORT BELVOIR VA
AF GRNC
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UNCLAS FR 401 TFW- DOI 8-856. THE FOLLOWING IS A
UFO REPORT. REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

- (1) TRAILING LIGHT WITH WHITE SMOKE OBSERVED AS LIGHT
DEMINISHED.
- (2) ABOUT THE SIZE OF A PENCIL HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.
- (2) WHITE LIGHT
- (4) ONE (1)
- (5) N/A
- (6) VERY BRIGHT ILLUMINATION IN THE SKY

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(7) WHITE SMOKE TRAILING FOR ONE-HALF TO THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE.

(8) NO SOUND HEARD.

(9) ALTITUDE ESTIMATED BY OBSERVER AT 35,000 FEET OR ABOVE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

(1) EXTREME BRIGHTNESS OF LIGHT OBSERVED THROUGH WINDSHIELD OF 1955 DODGE. LIGHT WAS BRIGHT ENOUGH TO READ A PAPER.

(2) TRAVELING 310 DEG TRUE AT 60 DEGREES TO 70 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

(3) TRAVELING 320 DEGREES TRUE AT 60 DEGREES TO 70 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

(4) NO MANEUVERS. FLIGHT PATH WAS FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTH-WEST.

(5) LIGHT SEEMED TO DIMINISH AND GO OUT SUDDENLY AND LEFT A TRAIL OF WHITE SMOKE.

(6) ILLUMINATION LASTED ABOUT THREE SECONDS AND SMOKE LASTED FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL SECONDS. SIGHTING APPEARED LIKE THE ILLUMINATION OF A LARGE FLASH BULB.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATIONS

(1) GROUND VISUAL

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(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

(1) 1012ZULU 29 AUGUST 1959

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

(1) DRIVING ALONG ROAD PARALLEL TO FALSE RIVER HEADING NORTH TOWARD NEW ROADS, LA (30 DEGREE 43 MINUTES NORTH 91 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST). OBSERVER WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MILES SOUTH OF NEW ROADS, LA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS

(1) MRS [REDACTED] IA., SECRETARY. NO ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY. MRS [REDACTED] WAS PASSENGER IN THE CAR WITH OBSERVER WHO MADE THE ACTUAL OBSERVATION.

(2) [REDACTED] 66A, [REDACTED] ADRON, BERGSTROM AFB, TEXAS, [REDACTED] NO ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY AVAILABLE TO REPORTING OFFICER.

G. WEATHER AND WINGS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING.

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(1) FAIR WEATHER CUMULUS SCATTERED. VISIBILITY PLUS FIFTEEN.

(2) INFORMATION FROM DETACHMENT 21, 25TH WEATHER SQUADRON,
ENGLAND AFB, LOUISIANA.

WINDS: SURFACE	WNW/6	ACTUAL	1000Z
6000	250/7	EST	1200Z
10,000	280/10	EST	1200Z
16,000	310/15	EST	1200Z
20,000	330/12	EST	1200Z
30,000	350/15	EST	1200Z
50,000	020/10	EST	1200Z
30,000	NOT AVAILABLE		

(3) NO CEILING

(4) EIGHT (8) MILES NO RESTRICTION

(5) CLEAR, NO CLOUD COVER

(6) NO THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY IN AREA

H. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED OR KNOWN WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE
SIGHTINGS.

I. CHECK WAS MADE WITH LOUISIANA STATE POLICE AND THE LOCAL
ACW/SQUADRON (653RD ACW), BUT THEY HAD NO REPORTS OF
UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OR SIGHTINGS.

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J. 653 RD AC&W SQUADRON, ENGLAND AFB WAS CONTACTED BUT THEY REPORTED NO ACTIVITY IN OBSERVATION AREA THOUGH THE WAS COVERED BY THIS UNIT AT THE TIME FOR REPORTED SIGHTING. THE 653FR AC&W CONTACTED NEW ORLEANS AND SAN ANTONIO FAA ARTC BUT THEY HAD NO REPORTS ON THIS SIGHTING NOR ANY REPORTS OF OVERDUE IFR AIRCRAFT. THIS WAS VERIFIED WITH NEW ORLEANS ARTC BY ENGLAND AFB CONTROL TOWER.

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 401ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, ENGLAND AFB, LOUISIANA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE OBSERVER IS A QUALIFIED AIR FORCE NAVIGATOR WHO WAS ON HIS WAY TO A FISHING AREA. HE HAD ARISEN AT 1000Z TO GO ON HIS FISHING TRIP; HE ASSURED THE REPORTING OFFICER THAT HE WAS NOT FATIGUED OR HIS FACULTIES FOR OBSERVATIONS IMPAIRED IN ANY WAY. THE REPORTING OFFICER KNOWS OF NO AIR ACTIVITY, MISSILE LAUNCHING, OR WEATHER INSTRUMENTS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME. THE OBSERVER HESITATED TO MAKE AN ASSUMPTION OF WHAT THE LIGHT POSSIBLY COULD HAVE BEEN. HOWEVER, BASED ON THE FACTS REPORTED THE REPORTING OFFICER ASSUMES THAT THE SIGHTING IS EITHER A MISSILE, A SATELLITE, OR A HEAVENLY BODY MOVING ACROSS THE OBSERVERS FIELD OF VISION.

L. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE.

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