

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 May 1963		2. LOCATION Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Rocket</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/1412-1426Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1&2) 15 mins 3) 10 mins 4) 2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE S to SE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) V shaped or triangular obj with ball of light at apex, slight cone or contrail. 30-35 dgr elevation in SE. Observer in Le-Compte La. 2) Kolin, La. Obj about size of 5 cent piece at arm's length. Moving rapidly to SE. Ground sighting for 15 minutes. 3) White obj observed fm air in sight for 10 min. Obj move S or SE. Delta airlines flight 677 at Shreveport, La. 4) F-102 landing at New Orleans obsvd obj for 2 mins. Very bright w/trail for about 3 miles.				11. COMMENTS Meteorological rocket launched fm Eglin AFB at time of sighting.	

Hold for normal pickup. DO No 2 *SM*

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P 162200Z

FM 401TACFTRWG ENGLAND AFB LA

TO RUWGALE/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUCDSQ/AFSC WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASHDC

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UNCLAS DOI 5-399. UFO REPORT. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2.

SCF; AFCIN; SAFOI. -A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) V OR TRIANGULAR, WITH BALL OF LIGHT AT APEX, OR SHAPED LIKE V OR CONE OF CONTRAIL.

(2) FIVE CENT PIECE HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) WHITE. (4) ONE.

(5) ONE ONLY. (6) APPEARED VERY BRIGHT. (7) V SHAPE APPEARED AS RADIANS FROM BALL SHAPED "HEAD". RADIANS ESTIMATED POSSIBLE 3 MILES LONG. (8) NONE HEARD. (9) NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF ORBIT:

(1) BRIGHTNESS OF OBJECT. (2) 1ST OBS. 30 DEG-35 DEG ABOVE

~~Mississippi. May 15, 1963. Residents of Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida~~
~~range patterns of unusual lights on this night. They~~
~~said they were "chemical trails" from research rockets. Allen Greenfield of~~
~~U.R.C.U. was a witness. (Look-See).~~

HORIZON E OR S.E. OF LECOMPTE, LA. 2ND OBS. NO ESTIMAE OF ALT.

EAST OF KOLIN, LA. 3RD OBS. 30 DEG ABOVE HORIZON. ESE OF SHREVE-
PORT, LA. (APPEARED ENE OF ALEXANDRIA, LA).

4TH OBS. 30 DEG ABOVE HORIZON. 070 AZIMUTH FROM NAVAL AIR STATION
NEW ORLEANS, LA. (3) SAME IN ALL CASES. (4) FIRST, SECOND AND
THIRD OBSERVERS. OBJECT MOVED RAPIDLY S OR SE. MOVEMENT VERIFIED
BY OBSERVERS BY RELATIVE POSITION TO LARGE TREES. FOURTH OBSERVER
OBSERVED NO MOTION. (5) GRADUALLY TO THE S OR SE. (6) FIRST AND
SECOND OBSERVER 15 MINUTES. THIRD OBSERVER 10 MINUTES. FOURTH OBS
2 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) FIRST AND SECOND OBSERVER: GROUND VISUAL. THIRD OBSERVER:
AIR VISUAL. FOURTH OBSERVER: AIR VISUAL (UPON LANDING). (2) NONE.
(3) THIRD OBSERVER: DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 677 SHREVEPORT, LA. TO
NEW ORLEANS, LA. FOURTH OBSERVER: F-102, 122 FTR INTER SQ, LAND-
ING AT NEW ORLEANS NAS.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) BETWEEN 151412 AND 151426Z MAY 1963

(2) NIGHT-DARK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: FIRST OBSERVER: 7 MILES SOUTH OF LECOMPTE,

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LA. SECOND OBSERVER: KOLIN, LA; THIRD OBSERVER: IN AIR
APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES SOUTH OF SHREVEPORT LA. FOURTH OBSERVER:
LANDING AT NAS NEW ORLEANS, LA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: (1) FIRST OBSERVER: [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] (BROTHERS-ADULT). [REDACTED] RELIABLE. PHONE

ALEXANDRIA, LA [REDACTED] 7. ROBERT, RELIABLE, PHONE ALEXANDRIA 23193.

SECOND OBSERVER: [REDACTED] KOLIN, LA. PHONE ALEXANDRIA [REDACTED]

FARMER. RELIABLE. THIRD OBSERVER: PILOT DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 677,
SHREVEPORT, LA TO NEW ORLEANS, LA. NAME UNKNOWN. FOURTH OBSERVER:
CAPT JOE TRAUTH, 122 FIGHTER INTERCEPTER SQ., NAS NEW ORLEANS, LA,
PHONE NEW ORLEANS, FORREST 62361 EXT 220, RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT A TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING: (1) ALL
STATED CLEAR, SCATTERED CLOUDS.

(2) WIND DIRECTION VELOCITY ALTITUDES TEMP. C.

180 DEG	5	SURFACE	PLUS 26
220 DEG	15	6,000	PLUS 16
200 DEG	15	10,000	PLUS 11
230 DEG	10	20,000	MINUS 10
320 DEG	35	50,000	MINUS 68

CEILING, UNLIMITED; VISIBILITY, 10 MILES; HIGH SCATTERED CLOUDS;

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NO THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY. NEW ORLEANS, LOCAL

WIND DIRECTION VELOCITY ALTITUDES TEMP.C.

200 DEG	9	SURFACE	PLUS 26
290 DEG	5	6,000	PLUS 14
160 DEG	4	10,000	PLUS 7
220 DEG	9	20,000	MINUS 7
330 DEG	30	50,000	MINUS 66

CEILING, UNLIMITED; VISIBILITY, 7 MILES; 3000 SCATTERED AND HIGH
SCATTERED: NO THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY.

SCHREVEPORT-NEW ORLEANS ENROUTE

WIND DIRECTION VELOCITY ALTITUDES TEMP. C.

190 DEG	7	SURFACE	PLUS 26
230 DEG	15	6,000	PLUS 16
190 DEG	1	12,000	PLUS 11
230 DEG	10	20,000	MINUS 9
320 DEG	35	50,000	MINUS 67

CEILING , UNLIMITED; VISIBILITY, 10 MILES; HIGH SCATTERED; NO THUNDER-STORM ACTIVITY.

H. EGLIN AFB REPORTED FIRING METEOROLOGICAL ROCKET AT APPROXIMATE TIME OF SIGHTINGS.

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I. NONE

J. NO FLIGHT ACTIVITY COULD BE EQUATED TO SIGHTING.

K. WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. UNIFORM ANGLE ABOVE HORIZON AND SIMILAR APPARENT AZIMUTH DESPITE WIDELY SEPARATED POINTS OF OBSERVATION (SHREVEPORT, LA, ALEXANDRIA, LA., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA) SUGGESTS EXTREME ALTITUDE OF OBJECT. ESTIMATED POSSIBLE RE-ENTRY OF MATERIEL ASSOCIATED WITH ASTRONAUT COOPER'S FLIGHT.

L. NONE FOUND.

NOTE: REPORT PASSED BY TELEPHONE TO TAC WARNING CENTER DUTY NCO (MSGT MCBRIDE) 151625Z.

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