

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 August 65 02/0400Z	2. LOCATION Hereford, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) ✓ JHT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Meteor sighting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object with blue body, red tail. Round. Tail twice as long as object. No sound. Observed at 45 deg elevation, 135 deg azimuth, disappeared at horizon on azimuth heading of 100 deg. One to two second observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION One	
7. COURSE North erly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (21)
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RUCIFDA/WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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AM DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

1. SHAPE: ROUND

W. SIZE: ABOUT AS LARGE AS A GRAPEFRUIT (5-7" DIA.) HELD AT
ARMS LENGTH.

3. COLOR: BODY-BLUE: TAIL-REDDISH

4. NUMBER: ONE

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5. FORMATION: N/A

6. DISCERNIBLE FEATURES AND DETAILS: REDDISH TAIL

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7. TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST: TAIL APPROXIMATELY TWICE AS LONG
AS THE OBJECT.

8. SOUND: NONE (OBSERVER WAS RIDING IN A CAR AT THE TIME.)

9. OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

1. WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE
OBJECT? THE MOVING OBJECT CAUGHT HER EYE.

2. ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: ELEVATION
APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES; AZIMUTH APPROXIMATELY 135 DEGREES.

E ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: ELEVATION 0 DEGREES;
AZIMUTH APPROXIMATELY 100 DEGREES.

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS: STRAIGHT
FLIGHT PATH DESCENDING AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE TO THE LEFT.

5. HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR? INSTANTANEOUSLY AT THE
HORIZON.

6. HOW LONG WAS OBJECT VISIBLE? 1-2 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

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1. GROUND-VISUAL
2. NO OPTICAL AIDS
3. N/A

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D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

1. ZULU TIME-DATE: 0430Z; 2 AUG 65.
2. LIGHT CONDITIONS: NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 034 DEGREES 47' N 102 DEGREES 27' W.

APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES SW OF HEREFORD, TEXAS ON U.S. HIGHWAY 60.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

1. CIVILIAN - MRS [REDACTED], AGE 44, [REDACTED]
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO, HOUSEWIFE. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: NOT
RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF
SIGHTINGS:

1. OBSERVERS'S ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS: CLEAR
2. REPORT FROM AWS:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY (KTS)
SURFACE	100 DEGREES	4
6,000'	360	10

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10,000	360	5
15,000	040	10
20,000	350	10
30,000	320	45

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50,000'	320	25
80,000	NOT ACCESSIBLE	

3. CEILING: NONE

4. VISIBILITY: 15 MILES

5. CLOUD COVER: NONE

6. THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA: NONE

7. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT: 72 DEGREES F, DEW POINT 51.

H. OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITIONS: NONE

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: NONE

J. AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

1. ARTC IN ALBUQUERQUE: NO SUPPORTING INFORMATION.

2. FAA IN ALBUQUERQUE: NO SUPPORTING INFORMATION.

3. RAPCON: RADAR INOPERATIVE AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

K. POSITION, TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: DAVID F.

OLDENBURG, 2/LT, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 27TFW, CANNON AFB, NMEX

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COMMENTS: THE OBSERVER IS BELIEVED TO BE UNRELIABLE BECAUSE
HER REPORT IS NOT CONFIRMED BY ANY AVAILABLE SOURCES. THE
REPORT ITSELF WAS VAGUE IN DESCRIPTION. "OFF IN THE DISTANCE"
WAS HER ESTIMATE OF HOW FAR AWAY THE OBJECT WAS. HER ESTIMATION
OF THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT SEEMED INACCURATE. AT FIRST SHE

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THOUGHT IT WAS AS BIG AS A BASKETBALL HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. SHE
LATER STATED: "WELL, MAYBE IT WAS ONLY AS BIG AS A GRAPEFRUIT".
AN OBJECT "OFF IN THE DISTANCE" OF THIS SIZE WOULD BE ENORMOUS,
AND ITS IMPACT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN NOTICED. NO SUPPORTING
INFORMATION CONCERNING AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA COULD BE OBTAINED.
THE TOWN OF DIMMITT LIES ABOUT 16 MILES SW OF THE OBSERVERS
POSITION ON THE APPROXIMATE PATH OF THE SIGHTING. THE OBJECT
REPORTED MAY HAVE BEEN A METEORITE.

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