

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 August 65 26/1000Z	2. LOCATION SSW of Houston, Texas (Rosenberg, Freeport, Neeville, Angleton)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (JUPITER) Jupiter is most likely trigger of this series.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	JUPITER in position of reported object.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Hours, Still in sight	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Multiple reports. Inversion in area. WX clear. Red-Green-Blue object
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	SEE CASE FILE
7. COURSE Stationary, Erratic	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UNITS COULD SEE IT. THE TOWNS MENTIONED ABOVE ALL REPORTED THE SAME OBJECT IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. THE REPORT WAS CALLED IN PAGE 2 RUWGJU 11 UNCLAS

TO THIS BASE BY OFFICER JOHN W. WERCHAN OF THE TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL (HOUSTON OX4-1351). THREE OTHER REPORTS OF SIMILAR SITINGS WERE RECEIVED BY SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS IN THE HOUSTON METROPOLITAN AREA WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE HOURS PRIOR TO THE SITINGS BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. 3. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE ROUND AND ABOUT THE SIZE OF A DIME. IT ALTERNATELY HAD A BRILLIANT AND DULL GLOW WITH COLORS OF RED, GREEN, WHITE. ONLY ONE OBJECT WAS SEEN; THE BOTTOM OF WHICH SEEMED TO BE ROTATING GIVING OFF PREDOMINANTLY A RED GLOW AND ALTERNATING TO GREEN AND WHITE. NO OTHER UNUSUAL FEATURES WERE NOTED. THERE WAS NO SOUND, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST. SHERIFF BALIS' ATTENTION WAS DIRECTED TO THE OBJECT BY ITS BRIGHTNESS. IT WAS AT A FORTY DEGREE ANGLE OF ELEVATION SOUTHEAST OF HIS POSITION. IT APPEARED TO BE QUITE HIGH, ABOVE TEN THOUSAND FEET. THE OBJECT DID NOT MOVE EXCEPT UP AND DOWN. IT REMAINED VISIBLE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND THEN THE OFFICER'S DUTIES REQUIRED HIM TO DISCONTINUE WATCHING IT. THE OFFICER WATCHED IT WITH BOTH NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS. OBJECT WAS SITED INITIALLY

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AT 1000Z 26 AUG 65 UNDER CLEAR NIGHT TIME CONDITIONS. THE FOLLOWING
WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE NOTED DURING THE TIME OF SIGHTING: WINDS -
SURFACE, CALM; 6000 FT/VARIABLE; 10,000 FT, VARIABLE; 16,000 FT,

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60 DEGREES AT FIVE KNOTS; 20,000 FT, VARIABLE AT 5 KNOTS; 30,000
FT, VARIABLE AT FIVE KNOTS; ABOVE 30,000 FT, NOT AVAILABLE. TEM-
PERATURES: SURFACE, 72 DEGREES; 6000 FT, 15 DEGREES; 10,000 FT, 9
DEGREES; 16,000 FT, 2 DEGREES; 20,000 FT, MINUS 9 DEGREES; 30,000
FT, MINUS 34 DEGREES; 50,000 FT, MINUS 69 DEGREES. SKY CONDITIONS:
HIGH SCATTERED CLOUDS, ELEVEN MILES VISIBILITY. OTHER WEATHER
REMARKS: INVERSION AT APPROX 1500 TO 1600 FT; HAZE AND SMOKE IN
ALL QUADRANTS; NORTH-SOUTH SHEAR LINE WEST OF BASE 6,000 TO 40,000
FEET; NO WEATHER BALLOONS WERE RELEASED FROM LOCAL AREA. INVESTIGATION:
HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE CANNOT OFFER ANY CELESTIAL EX-
PLANATION FOR OBSERVATION. LOCAL AOW RADAR AND HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL
TOWER RADAR REPORTED NO UNUSUAL SITINGS. HOUSTON TOWER RADAR RE-
PORTED MINOR ANONYMOUS PROPAGATION INDICATING THE PRESENCE OF AN
INVERSION. REMARKS: THIS SITING CAUSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST BY
LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. CONCLUSION: PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FAILED TO
UNCOVER ANY FACTS SUBSTANTIATING THE PRESENCE OF AN UNKNOWN OBJECT.

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THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT SOMETHING WAS SEEN; HOWEVER, THE
PRESENCE OF INVERSION CONDITIONS, THE FACT THAT OBJECT REMAINED
IN ONE LOCATION FOR OVER AN HOUR, AND THAT SIMILAR SITINGS WERE
OBSERVED IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE AREA CAUSES ME TO SUSPECT THE

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SITINGS WERE CAUSED BY SURFACE LIGHTS BEING REFLECTED OFF THE
INVERSION LAYER.

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1. UFO Report submitted IAW paragraph 14, AFR 200-2. 2. The following object was observed by members of the police/sheriff departments of the following Texas towns: Rosenberg, Freeport, Needville, and Angleton. Towns are located south and southwest of Houston. The first person to observe the object was Sheriff Balis of the Fort Bend Sheriff's Office (Richmond MO2-3734). He broadcasted the siting over the radio and asked if any other units could see it. The towns mentioned above all reported the same object in the same general area. The report was called in to this base by Officer John W. Werchan of the Texas Highway Patrol (Houston OX4-1351). Three other reports of similar sitings

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were received by separate individuals in the Houston metropolitan area within a period of three hours prior to the sittings by the law enforcement officers. 3. Object appeared to be round and about the size of a dime. It alternately had a brilliant and dull glow with colors of red, green, white. Only one object was seen; the bottom of which seemed to be rotating giving off predominantly a red glow and alternating to green and white. No other unusual features were noted. There was no sound, trail, or exhaust. Sheriff Balis' attention was directed to the object by its brightness. It was at a forty degree angle of elevation southeast of his position. It appeared to be quite high, above ten thousand feet. The object did not move except up and down. It remained visible for about an hour and then the officer's duties required him to discontinue watching it. The officer watched it with both naked eye and binoculars. Object was sighted initially at 1000Z 26 AUG 65 under clear night time conditions. The following weather conditions were noted during the time of sighting: Winds - surface, calm; 6000 ft/variable; 10,000 ft, variable; 16,000 ft, 60 degrees at five knots; 20,000 ft, variable at 5 knots; 30,000 ft, variable at five knots; above 30,000 ft, not available. Temperatures: surface, 72°; 6000 ft, 15°; 10,000 ft, 9°; 16,000 ft, 2°; 20,000 ft, minus 9°; 30,000 ft, minus 34°; 50,000 ft, minus 69°. Sky conditions: high scattered clouds, eleven miles visibility. Other weather remarks: Inversion at approx 1500 to 1600 ft; haze and smoke in all quadrants; north-south shear line

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west of base 6,000 to 40,000 feet; no weather balloons were released from local area. Investigation: Houston Museum of Natural Science cannot offer any celestial explanation for observation. Local ACW radar and Houston International Tower radar reported no unusual sightings. Houston Tower radar reported minor anonymous propagation indicating the presence of an inversion. Remarks: This sighting caused considerable interest by local news media. Conclusion: Preliminary investigation failed to uncover any facts substantiating the presence of an unknown object. There is no question in my mind that something was seen; however, the presence of inversion conditions, the fact that object remained in one location for over an hour, and that similar sightings were observed in other sections of the area causes me to suspect the sightings were caused by surface lights being reflected off the inversion layer.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BDO-A

27 August 1965

SUBJECT: Transmittal of UFO Reports

TO: Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: Major Hector Quintanilla

1. Copies of additional UFO Reports received from personnel in the area of Houston, Texas, are forwarded as requested.
2. Also forwarded is copy of Priority Message regarding these reports.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Laurence R. Leach, Jr.
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1. thru 5. UFO Info Sheets
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO)
INFORMATION SHEET

1. Answers to the following questions will be obtained from persons calling in regard to the observance of an unidentified flying object (UFO). If person refuses to give answers to 3a, do not complete report.

2. Complete Information Sheet in duplicate and forward to BDO.

3. a. Name [REDACTED] Address [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED] Age 27 Occupation [REDACTED]

b. Shape of Object [REDACTED] c. Color [REDACTED]

d. Size (compare to dime, quarter, baseball, basketball, or larger item)
[REDACTED] e. Number of Objects [REDACTED]

f. Formation, if more than one [REDACTED]

g. Unusual features of object [REDACTED]

h. Was there a tail, vapor trail, or exhaust? [REDACTED] i. Any Sound [REDACTED]

j. What called attention to the observer [REDACTED]

k. What angle and elevation was the object on first observance [REDACTED]

l. What angle and elevation was the object when disappeared [REDACTED]

m. What was the flight path of object (to north or south, to east or west) and were there any maneuvers of the object [REDACTED]

n. How did the object disappear (instantly, to the north, no direction, etc.) [REDACTED]

o. How long was the object visible (5 min, 1 hour, etc.) [REDACTED]

p. How was the object observed (naked eye, radar, telescope, binoculars, etc.) [REDACTED]

q. Time and date of sighting [REDACTED]

r. Light conditions (night, day, dusk) [REDACTED]

s. Geographical position of object (North of Houston, South of Pasadena, directly overhead, etc.) [REDACTED]

t. Weather (clear day, hazy, cloudy, broken clouds, etc.) [REDACTED]

u. Temperatures of day (80°, 90°, etc.) [REDACTED]

v. OTHER INFORMATION not answered above: [REDACTED]

5. Thank caller for information, but do not promise that a return call will be made to confirm nor deny the observance of the object.

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3.a. Name [REDACTED] Address SHILLY HILL, TEXAS
Phone NONE Age 23 Occupation WITNESS

b. Shape of Object ROUND c. Color RED, WHITE, BLUE, GREEN

d. Size (compare to dime, quarter, baseball, basketball, or larger item)

baseball e. Number of Objects ONE

f. Formation, if more than one N/A

g. Unusual features of object NONE

h. Was there a tail, vapor trail, or exhaust? NO i. Any Sound N/A

j. What called attention to the observer object was moving

k. What angle and elevation was the object on first observance 27°

l. What angle and elevation was the object when disappeared 27°

m. What was the flight path of object (to north or south, to east or west) and were there any maneuvers of the object none

n. How did the object disappear (instantly, to the north, no direction, etc.) fell in sight

o. How long was the object visible (5 min, 1 hour, etc.) 2-3 minutes

p. How was the object observed (naked eye, radar, telescope, binoculars, etc.) Naked eye

q. Time and date of sighting 7:00 PM 4/26/57

r. Light conditions (night, day, dusk) night

s. Geographical position of object (North of Houston, South of Pasadena, directly overhead, etc.) South of Houston

t. Weather (clear day, hazy, cloudy, broken clouds, etc.) clear

u. Temperatures of day (80°, 90°, etc) 80°

v. OTHER INFORMATION not answered above: NONE

5. Thank caller for information, but do not promise that a return call will be made to confirm nor deny the observance of the object.

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3. a. Name [REDACTED] Address 10000 N. [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED] Age 25 Occupation Programmer Texas M-P
b. Shape of Object Round c. Color P-D Green, white
d. Size (compare to dime, quarter, baseball, basketball, or larger item)
[REDACTED] DIME e. Number of Objects #1
f. Formation, if more than one N/A
g. Unusual features of object VERY BRIGHT, ROTATING NEARS ON BOTTOM. BASICALLY RED, THEN
TOOK ON A GREEN AND WHITE BRIGHTNESS DUE
h. Was there a tail, vapor trail, or exhaust? NO i. Any Sound NO
j. What called attention to the observer CALLER SAW OBJECT FIRST, THEN
k. What angle and elevation was the object on first observance
40° (APPEARED TO BE HIGH, ESTIMATE ABOVE 10,000 FT)
l. What angle and elevation was the object when disappeared
[REDACTED]
m. What was the flight path of object (to north or south, to east or west) and
were there any maneuvers of the object STATIONARY BUT
[REDACTED]
n. How did the object disappear (instantly, to the north, no direction, etc.)
[REDACTED] (WATERS FOR 1 HR THEN HAD TO GO BACK TO WORK)
o. How long was the object visible (5 min, 1 hour, etc.) AT MIN 5
p. How was the object observed (naked eye, radar, telescope, binoculars, etc.)
NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS
q. Time and date of sighting [REDACTED]
r. Light conditions (night, day, dusk) NIGHT
s. Geographical position of object (North of Houston, South of Pasadena,
directly overhead, etc.) [REDACTED]
t. Weather (clear day, hazy, cloudy, broken clouds, etc.) clear
u. Temperatures of day (80°, 90°, etc.) 70°
v. OTHER INFORMATION not answered above: OBJECT APPEARED AT THE FOLLOWING
CALLER SAW IT RESEMBLING P-D, EXACTLY P-D, NEARLY P-D
AND THE [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED]

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INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, JCS/DIA-1 (21)

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RUEAHQ/HQ USAF SAFOI

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UNCLAS BDO 01031 AUG 65.

1. UFO REPORT SUBMITTED IAW PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2. 2. THE FOLLOWING OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE/SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING TEXAS TOWNS: ROSENBERG, FREEPORT, NEEDVILLE, AND ANGLETON. TOWNS ARE LOCATED SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF HOUSTON. THE FIRST PERSON TO OBSERVE THE OBJECT WAS SHERIFF BALIS OF THE FORT BEND SHERIFFS OFFICE (RICHMOND M02-3734). HE BROADCASTED THE SITING OVER THE RADIO AND ASKED IF ANY OTHER

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