

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 Nov. 66 26/0025Z	2. LOCATION Austin, Texas multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft (possible)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted what appeared to be a ball of light from 20 to 70 degrees above the horizon. From 70 to 90 degrees above the horizon the object looked like a spinning disk. The observers thought the object was an aircraft in trouble until it seemed to explode and no sound was heard and no debris fell. The object moved steadily on a northwest heading. At one time the object appeared to hover, increase the light intensity, then move on toward the NW. The investigating official stated that the witnesses thought they were observing an aircraft until they were unable to reconcile what they were observing to the normal behavior of an aircraft. The description is consistent with that of an aircraft observation. It appears the witnesses saw an aircraft.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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RETAINED. R. PREPARING OFFICER: JAMES L. BOONE,
CAPT, USAF, OPERATIONS STAFF OFFICER, 75 TRW. MY
IMPRESSION AFTER INTERVIEWING FOUR OF THE FIVE OBSERVERS
WAS THAT THEY WERE REPORTING ON OBJECT THAT APPEARED
OUT OF THE ORDINARY TO THEM. AT NO TIME DID THEY SAY
THEY SAW A FLYING SAUCER; THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE OB-
SERVING AN AIRCRAFT UNTIL THEY WERE UNABLE TO RECONCILE
WHAT THEY WERE OBSERVING TO THE NORMAL BEHAVIOR OF
AN AIRCRAFT. NO OTHER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED ABOUT THIS
OBJECT. I BELIEVE THAT THE OBSERVERS SAW AN AIRCRAFT
APPROACH THE AUSTIN VOR AND DEPART TO THE NORTHWEST.

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THE UNUSUAL APPEARANCE TO THE OBSERVERS WAS DUE TO THE
LIGHTS OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN AND VIEWING OF THE AIRCRAFT
LIGHTS FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES.

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SIGHT. (1) NOV 26/00262. (2) NIGHT. E. ONE

ILE WEST OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN, TEXAS. F. IDENTIFYING

INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: (1)(A) MR. [REDACTED]

(B) 25. (C) [REDACTED] DRIVE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

(D) ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, STECK CO., PRINTERS AND LITHO-

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GRAPHERS. (E) TWO YEARS AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

(F) RELIABILITY APPEARS GOOD. (2) (A) MRS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (B) 25. (C) 5010 LANSING DRIVE, AUSTIN,

TEXAS. (D) HOUSEWIFE. (E) HIGH SCHOOL. (F) RELI-

ABILITY APPEARS TO BE GOOD. (3) (A) [REDACTED]

(B) 25. (C) [REDACTED] IRVING, TEX. (D) LITHO-

GRAPHER, LITHOCOLOR PLATE, DALLAS, EX. (E) ONE YEAR

AT UNIVERSITY OF TEX. (F) RELIABILITY APPEARS TO BE

GOOD. (4) (A) [REDACTED]. (B) 24. (C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IRVING, TEX. (D) HOUSEWIFE. (E) HIGH SCHOOL.

(F) RELIABILITY APPEARS TO BE GOOD. (5) (A) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (B) 44. (C) [REDACTED] AUSTIN, EX.

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WORKS. (8) NO SOUND WAS HEARD. (9) THE OBSERVERS
THOUGHT THE OBJECT WAS AN AIRCRAFT IN TROUBLE UNTIL IT

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SEEMED TO EXPLODE AND NO SOUND WAS HEARD AND NO DEBRIS
FELL. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) NO
PARTICULAR REASON, JUST LOOKED TOWARDS TOWN AND SAW
THE OBJECT. (2) THE ANGLE OF THE OBJECT WAS 20 DEGREES
ABOVE THE HORIZON AND THE AZIMUTH WAS SOUTHWEST WHEN
FIRST OBSERVED. (3) ANGLE OF ELEVATION UPON DIS-
APPEARANCE WAS THE NORTHWEST HORIZON. (4) THE OBJECT
MOVED STEADILY ON A NORTHWEST HEADING FROM 20 TO 90
DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON. IT APPEARED TO HOVER,
INCREASE IN LIGHT INTENSITY, THEN MOVE TO THE NORTH-
WEST AT TWENTY TIMES ITS PREVIOUS SPEED. (5) THE OBJECT
DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTHWEST AT EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED.
(6) THE OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR ONE AND A HALF TO TWO
MINUTES. C. THE MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND
VISUAL. (2) N/A. (3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF

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JFO REPORT TO FTD WPAFB FOR TDETR. A. DESCRIPTION.

(1) APPEARED TO BE A BALL OF LIGHT FROM 20 TO 70 DE-

GREES ABOVE THE HORIZON. FROM 70 TO 90 DEGREES ABOVE

THE HORIZON IT APPEARED TO BE A SPINNING DISK. (2)

THERE WAS NOT A REFERENCE AVAILABLE TO ESTABLISH THE

SIZE. WITHOUT A REFERENCE, IT APPEARED TO BE ONE-HALF

INCH IN DIAMETER. (3) THE COLOR WAS ORANGE WHEN FIRST

SEEN, THEN CHANGED TO BLUE WHITE AS THE OBJECT MOVED

AWAY. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. KYL NO DISCERNIBLE

FEATURES WERE SEEN. (7) NO EXHAUST WAS SEEN, BUT IT

SEEMED LIKE MOLTEN METAL WAS DRIPPING FROM ONE POINT

ON THE BOTTOM OF THE OBJECT AS IT WAS SPINNING. IT

WAS SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO A PIRATE TYPE OF FIRE-

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(D) PHARMACIST. (E) UNKNOWN. (F) NO EXTIMATE OF RELI-
BILITY. DID NOT MEET THE INDIVIDUAL. G. (1)

OBSERVERS EXTIMATE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS WAS ONE THIRD
OF THE SKY HAD THIN CLOUD COVERAGE. (2) BERGSTROM

AFB EXAS AWS REPORT OF WINDS:

(A) SURFACE 170/4; (B) 6,000 FT 200/20; (C) 10,000 FT
260/15; (D) 16,000 FT 260/25; (E) 20,000FT 260/3;
(F) 30,000 FT 260/40; (G) 0,000 FT 260/45; (H) 30,000

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FT NO WIND AVAILABLE. (3) CEILING WAS OVERCAST WITH
CIRRUS, NO HEIGHT AVAILABLE. (4) VISIBILITY 15 NM.

(5) CLOUD COVER 10/10. (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS. (7)

VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

(A) 6,000 FT PLUS 10C; (B) 7,000 FT PLUS 13C; (C)
10,000 FT PLUS 10C; (D) 16,000FT MINUS 3C; (E)
19,000FT MINUS 11.3C; (F) 20,000 FT MINUS 9.5C;
(G) 30,000 FT MINUS 35C; (H) 47,000 FT MINUS 74C;
(I) 50,000 FT MINUS 73C. R. N/A. I. N/A. J. NOT

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