

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11/1015 11 December 1968 11/1515Z	2. LOCATION Near Clayton, Alabama
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON ✓ <i>just</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	All winds from surface to 80 Thousand feet were basically easterly. There is no reason why the object could not have been a upper air balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 70 80 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted an object that was the color of clear plastic except for a dark patch at one end. The object appeared bigger than a ordinary weather balloon at high altitude and when overhead appeared to be rotating slowly and had what appeared to be a dark Gondola underneath.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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- (A) 80 ANGELS, 279 DEGREES, 029 KNOTS.
- (B) 50 ANG, 303 DEG, 052 KTS.
- (C) 30 ANG, 309 DEG, 041 KTS.
- (D) 20 ANG, 285 DEG, 029 KTS.

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- (E) 16 ANG, 294 DEG, 023 KTS.
- (F) 10 ANG, 325 DEG, 015 KTS.
- (G) 6 ANG, 316 DEG, 005 KTS.
- (H) SURFACE (EGLIN AFB: 66 FT AMSL), 080 DEG, 005 KTS.
- (3) CEILING: CAVU.
- (4) VISIBILITY: CAVU (13 MILES).
- (5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD-COVER: LESS THAN ONE-TENTH; SCATTERED CIRRUS.
- (6) THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA: NEGATIVE.
- (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT;
- (A) LOW-ALTITUDE TEMPERATURE INVERSION: FROM PLUS

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04.7F AT 3 ANGELS TO PLUS 07.8F AT 7 ANGELS.

(B) HIGH-ALTITUDE TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS:

1. FROM MINUS 61.2F AT 40 ANGELS TO MINUS 59.9F

AT 42 ANGELS.

2. FROM MINUS 60.6F AT 45 ANGELS TO MINUS 59.6 AT

45 ANGELS.

3. FROM MINUS 69.0F AT 54 ANGELS TO MINUS 54.6F AT

86 ANGELS.

4. FROM MINUS 54.7F AT 87 ANGELS TO MINUS 28.1F AT

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115 ANGELS.

3. OTHER REQUIRED INFO IN MY PREVIOUS MSG.

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1. REFERENCES:

A. AFR 80-17: R&D: UFO, 19 SEP 66.

B. AFR 80-17(C2): R&D: UFO, 30 SEP 68.

C. ADTC SUPPL 1 TO AFR 80-17, 5 NOV 68 (NOTAL ADDRESSEES).

2. REPORTING DATA (PARA 11, REF LA); (OBSERVER'S VERBATIM

REMARKS WITHIN QUOTATION MARKS):

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

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- (1) SHAPE: DIRIGIBLE OR BLIMP, @BIG IN MIDDLE@.
- (2) SIZE COMPARISON TO KNOWN OBJECT: @LIKE ONE OF THE
BIGGER ACFT AT HIGH ALTITUDE; BIGGER THAN USUAL WX BALLOON AT
HIGH ALTITUDE.@

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- (3) COLOR: @CLEAR PLASTIC, EXCEPT FOR DARK PATCH
AT ONE END.@

(4) NUMBER: ONE.

(5) FORMATION: N/A.

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES/DETAILS: @SIZE OF PLANET
VENUS ON CLEAR NIGHT@.

(7) TAIL, CONDENSATION TRAIL, ETC.: NEGATIVE.

(8) SOUND: NEGATIVE.

(9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: @APPEARED
TO BE ROTATING SLOWLY, WHEN OVERHEAD, IN VERTICAL PLANE; OR:
POSSIBLE DARK GONDOLA UNDERNEATH. UNSURE OF EITHER POSSIBILITY.@

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B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT'S COURSE:

(1) OBSERVER'S ATTENTION FIRST CALLED BY OVERHEARING
A WOMAN FIELD-HAND MENTION OBJECT TO MALE FIELD-HAND.

(2) OBJECT ON FIRST OBSERVATION:

(A) ELEVATION ANGLE: ESTIMATED 25 DEGS.

(B) AZIMUTH: EST 265 DEGS (WHISKEY BY SIERRA).

(3) OBJECT ON DISAPPEARANCE:

(A) ELEVATION ANGLE: EST 20 TO 25 DEGS.

(B) AZIMUTH: 70 TO 80 DEGS (ECHO BY NOVEMBER

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TO ENE).

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS:

COURSE: 70-80 DEGS, WITH POSSIBLE SLIGHT DEVIATIONS; OBSERVER'S
ESTIMATED GENERAL ALTITUDE, ENTIRE VISIBLE FLIGHT: APPROX FOUR-
TO-FIVE STATUTE MILES.

(5) METHOD OF OBJECT'S DISAPPEARANCE: DROWING

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SMALLER AND SMALLER IN SIZE, IT GRADUALLY BECAME INVISIBLE IN
ENE HORIZON HAZE. @

(6) VISIBILITY DURATION: ONE HOUR AND ^{TEN}~~TWENTY~~ MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL.

(2) NEGATIVE OPTICAL AIDS.

(3) AIRBORNE SIGHTING: N/A.

D. TIME/DATE OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) FROM 1515Z, 1015(CST) TO 1635Z, 1125(CST), WED,
11 DEC 1968.

(2) DAY.

E. OBSERVER'S LOCATION: ESTIMATED TWELVE (12) MILES WEST
OF CLAYTON, ALABAMA, @ JUST OFF OF ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY 239 ON
EDGE OF WOODS, @ (THIS D/FT'S ESTIMATE: 315305N; 854010W, APPROX

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85NM, TURE AZIMUTH 38-40 DEGS, NNE OF BASE OPNS, EGLIN AFB, FLA.)

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F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVER:

(1) CIVILIAN (WITH QUASI-MILITARY STATUS, MARITIME
SERVICE); [REDACTED] MALE, AGE 45, POST OFFICE BOX [REDACTED]
EUFULA, ALABAMA 36027; TELEPHONE: AC [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] OCCUPATION:
DECK OFFICER, U.S. MERCHANT MARINE; TEMPORARY CHIEF MATE;
PERMANENT SECOND MATE. EDUCATION: ATTENDED HIGH-SCHOOL AND
GRUATED MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS' SCHOOL, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA
IN 1945. REPORTING OBSERVER DID NOT IDENTIFY OTHER OBSERVERS.
(2) MILITARY: NONE.

G. WX AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT SIGHTING'S TIME/PLACE:

(1) OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT: @CLEAR, CAVU, VARIABLE
WINDS FROM 270 DEGS, 2-TO-5 KTS AT SURFACE; LAST-QUARTER MOON
LOW IN WEST, DIRECTION OF UFO'S APPEARANCE.@
(2) REPORT FROM DET 10, 6TH WX WING (MAC), EGLIN AFB,
FLA. COMPLETE REPORT UNAVAILABLE; WILL BE FORWARDED SOON.
PARTIAL TENTATIVE REPORT FROM DET 10 BY TELECON FOR WX AT EGLIN
AFB (66 FT AMSL) FOLLOWS:
(A) SCATTERED HIGH CIRRUS CLOUDS AND CAVU.
(B) WINDS ALOFT:

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1. AT 8 ANGELS: 20-TO-28 KTS FROM 300/

330 DEGS.

2. AT 25 ANGELS: 36-TO-40 KTS FROM 300 DEGS.

3. AT 50 ANGELS: 60 KTS FROM 300 DEGS.

H. OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL,
ASTRONOMICAL OR OTHERWISE: UNKNOWN.

I. INTERCEPTION/IDENTIFICATION ACTION: NEGATIVE.

J. LOCATION, APPROX ALTITUDE AND GENERAL DIRECTION OF
FLIGHT OF AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON:

(1) UNKNOWN.

(2) EGLIN AFB WX DET REPORTS SIGHTING TIME TOO EARLY
FOR WX BALLOONS FROM THIS AFB. PREVAILING WINDS, WNW TO ESE,
UNLIKELY TO BLOW BALLOON N TO CLAYTON VICINITY.

K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

(1) BEN Z. M. GERSHATER, INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH

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SPECIALIST, (GS-12), AFSC 8016 (RETIRED USAF MAJOR, AFSC 016),
UFO OFFICER, OFFICE OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY (ADF), HQ ADTC (AFSC),
EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA 32542; TELEPHONES: DUTY: AUTOVOH 889-1400;
EXT. 882-1823; QRTS: AC: 904; 243-0348.

(2) COMMENTS:

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(A) OBSERVER, IN TELECON INTERVIEW, SEEMED VERY
KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AERIAL PHENOMENA, ACFT, WX BALLOONS AND SUCH
TERMS AS ELEVATION, AZIMUTH, ETC. OBSERVER REQUIRED TO REPORT
UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS AT SEA; MUCH EXPERIENCE IN MERINT REPORTING;
FELT DUTY-BOUND TO REPORT U/I PHENOMENA ON LAND. OBSERVER
SOUNDED INTELLIGENT, SINCERE AND MATURE; RELIABILITY CANNOT
BE JUDGED.

(B) PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE CAUSE:

BALLOON OR SMALL ISOLATED CIRRUS CLOUD AT HIGH ALTITUDE
(APPROX 25/40 ANGELS) BLOWN BY PREVAILING W-TO-E WIND.

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THREE PARTS.

1. REFERENCE: MY 12/2053Z DEC 68 RE: UFO OVER DAYTON, ALABAMA,
WED, 11 DEC 68. SUPPLEMENT TO SUB-PARA 26(2) THERE OF.

2. OFFICIAL WX REPORT FROM DET 10, 6TH WX WING (MAC), EGLIN AFB,
FLA. FOR DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING, CONFORMING TO FORMAT OF PREVIOUS
MSG AND OF AFR 80-17, SUB-PARA 116(2). WX REPORT FOR EGLIN AFB:

(2) WINDS' ALOFT: ALTITUDE, DIRECTION AND VELOCITY:

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