

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NO.	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD. HQ 4602D
AISS-UFOB-310-55	09/1800Z Sep 55	10 Sep 55
LOCATION OF SIGHTING	LOGGED BY	
Alcoa, Tennessee	A/1C DeRudder	
MEANS RECD	ACTION	
TT Msg	Investigation authorized	
INVESTIGATOR	DATE INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED	ASSIGNING OFFICER
Flt 2-B	10 Sep 55	Capt Bronstein
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
DATE OF FORM 5		
21 Sep 55		
COMMENTS		
Investigation assigned to Flight 2-B, 4602d AISS. Results of investigation as indicated below:		
CONCLUSIONS		

## DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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AISOP	Correction of AF Form 112 (UFOB Report)		
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	OIC, Flt 2-A, 4602d AISS	Comdr, 4602d AISS	22 Sep 55 Lt McEntee/4498

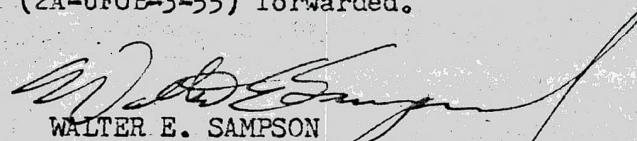
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RICHARD B RANDLE, Maj, USAF  
Assistant Adjutant

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Comdr, 4602d AISS	OIC, Flt 2-A, 4602d AISS	26 Sep 55 Lt Sampson/341

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WALTER E. SAMPSON  
2nd Lt., USAF  
OIC Flt 2-A

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Long Distance Telephone Call

Commander, 4602d AISS

Capt Bronstein

1000 Hrs  
Coml AISS 13  
10 Sep 55

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

1. Long distance telephone conversation between Capt Bronstein, this headquarters, and T/Sgt Tucker, Flight 2-B.

2. Assigned Flight 2-B follow-up investigation of UFOB at Alcoa, Tenn, source:

ROBERT BRONSTEIN, Capt USAF  
Assistant Operations Officer

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4602D AISS UFOB REPT

DATE-TIME GROUP 09/1900Z Sep 53

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FM OIC FLT 2-B 4602D AISS MCGHEE TYSON APRT KNOXVILLE TENN  
TO RJEDEN/COMDR 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLOSPRGS COLO

RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLOSPRGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTELL CNTR WRIGHT PATTISON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADD DOBBINS AFB GA

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/UNCLASSIFIED/AIS2B 142 PD UFB THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 7 AFR 200-2 CMM DTE 12 AUG 54 PD

1.

A. ALMOST SQUARE

X155 #13

B. LARGE BEACHBALL

arrived 23

C. BROWNISH

follow up

D. ONE

10 feb '55

E. N/A

F. NONE

G. NONE

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H. NONE

THE OBJECT APPARED TO BE SOLID AND MOVING IN CIRCULAR MOTION MOVING  
FROM NORTH TO NORTHEAST SLOW SPEED AND MOVED OFF TO NORTHEAST BEHIND  
TREES AND OVER HORIZON

2.

A. OBSERVER WAS SITTING IN YARD AND NOTICED OBJECT IN SKY  
B. OBJECT UP ABOUT 45 DEGREES

C. OBJECT UP ONLY ABOUT 80 DEGREES GOING BEHIND TREES

D. OBJECT MOVING SLOWLY FROM NOTRH TO NORTHEAST

E. OUT OF LINE OF VISION DUE TO TREES AND HORIZON

F. APPROX 10 TO 15 MINUTES

3.

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. BINOCULARS OBSERVER HAD TIME TO GET BINOCULARS FROM HOUSE AND OBSERVE

C. N/A

4.

A. 091800 SEP 55

B. N/A

C. N/A

A. ROCK GARDEN ALCOA TENNESSEE EAST OF MCGHEE TYSON MUN APRT TENN

B. N/A

C. N/A

31 YRS OLK

HOUSE

2. A ROCK GARDEN ALCOA TENNESSEE EAST OF MCGHEE TYSON MUN APRT TENN

3. A [REDACTED] 31 YRS OLK [REDACTED] HOUSEW

4. FE

5. N/A

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7. A BRIGHT SUN CLEAR HOT NO CLOUDS NO WIND  
B SURFACE 5K FM 300 DEG  
6000 10K FM 300 DEG  
10000 6 K FM 060 DEG  
15000 8 K FM 040 DEG  
20000 7 K FM 040 DEG  
30000 7K FM 030 DEG  
50000 NOT AVAILABLE  
80000 NOT AVAILABLE  
C CLEAR  
D 9 MILES  
E NONE CLEAR  
F NEGATIVE  
I. NONE  
9. NONE IN AREA OF SIGHTING  
10. FIVE AIRCRAFT IN AREA OF SIGHTING  
11. THERE WERE FIVE KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN IMMEDIATE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING  
TWO MILITARY PILOTS OBSERVED NOTHING THREE AIRLINES HAVING AIRCRAFT  
IN AIR AT TIME OF SIGHTING WERE CALLED BUT REPORTED NEGATIVE OBSERVATIONS  
WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR WITH GOOD VISIBILITY NO WEATHER BALLOON  
RELEASED IN IMMEDIATE AREA FOR THREE HOURS PREVIOUS TO OR FOLLOWING  
SIGHTING NO OBSERVATIONS RECORDED ON RADAR NO OBSERVATIONS CALLED  
INTO KNOXVILLE FILTER CENTER LITTLE EVIDENCE ON WHICH TO BASE ANY  
CONCLUSION  
12. N/A  
BT  
13/0230Z SEP RJESKB

PGR C Q AT 10/0624Z AND OUT TNX

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 2B-UFOB-4-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON ALCOA, TENNESSEE	FROM (Agency) FLIGHT 2-B, 4602D AISS	EVALUATION
DATE OF REPORT 12 September 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 September 1955 & 12 Sep 55	SOURCE [REDACTED] and others
PREFARED BY (Officer) JAMES N KULPAN, 1st Lt, USAF		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Sq Guide 200-2 dtd Mar 55, TT AIS2B 142		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

**I. CONTENTS:**

**PART ONE:** Description of sighting by Mrs Marjorie Nell Dawkins, 1507 Redwood Avenue, Alcoa, Tennessee. Mrs Dawkins is 31 years old and is a housewife.

**PART TWO:** Description of sighting by Mrs Alice Carol Jackson, 1509 Redwood Avenue, Alcoa, Tennessee. Mrs Jackson is 33 years old and is a housewife.

**PART THREE:** Supplementary Investigative Efforts

**PART FOUR:** Comments of Preparing Officer

**II. SUMMARY:** UFOB first sighted by [REDACTED] on Friday, 9 Sep 55 at 1800Z in Rock Gardens residential area of Alcoa, Tennessee East of McGhee-Tyson Mun Apt, Tenn (GJGF 0144). GEOREF of sighting was GJGF 0244. [REDACTED] pointed out object to [REDACTED], a neighbor, as they sat on lawn together. Information contained in this report was obtained from the persons observing the object and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of sighting.

**III. INVESTIGATORS:** 1ST LT JAMES N KULPAN, A03017263  
A/1C ERNEST L MUNN AF 25185023

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Colonel, USAF  
Commander

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## I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED] Tennessee

Age: 31

Occupation: Housewife

Education: Graduated from High School

Qualifications: No formal training. Ordinary Housewife.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was completely thorough with her description as far as she could remember. SOURCE very cooperative and of average intelligence. SOURCE changed shape of object once, therefore reliability of details questionable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE and [REDACTED] were sitting in front yard [REDACTED] Tennessee (GJGF 0244). SOURCE observed object at 091800Z Sep 55 in air coming from the North and pointed it out to Mrs Jackson. SOURCE then went into house for binoculars. Object came from north and moved in circular motion. Almost overhead object turned eastward, speeded up and headed north behind trees and out of sight. Object was in sight from ten to fifteen minutes but because of difficulty in finding binoculars it was observed for only a short time through the binoculars as it was leaving. SOURCE first stated object was almost square, colored brown and about the size of a large beach ball held at arms length. Object larger than basketball and not as large as an ordinary automobile tire held at arms length. Later SOURCE gave same story about size and color but stated object was solid and pointed like a rocket and had small stubby wings. Jets from McGhee-Tyson Mun Apt (GJGF 0144) were taking off and no sound heard from object. SOURCE had no ideas what object might have been or what caused it.

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I. SOURCE: Mrs [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Age: 33

Occupation: Housewife

Education: Graduated from high school

Qualifications: No formal training. Ordinary housewife

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE cooperative and of average intelligence. SOURCE did not remember size or shape well enough to describe thoroughly.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE and Mrs [REDACTED] were together at time of sighting. [REDACTED] story is same as [REDACTED]. (See section I, Part one)

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the McGhee-Tyson Weather Station was made by Flight 2-B, 4602d AISS and the following information was received: As of 091500Z Sep 55 there were no clouds or wind. Bright sunny day with visibility of nine (9) miles. Winds were: surface 5K fm 300 deg, 6000 ft 10K fm 300 deg, 10000 ft 6K fm 060 deg, 16000 ft 8K fm 040 deg, 20000 ft 7K fm 040 deg, 30000 ft 7K fm 030 deg, 50000 and 80000 ft not available. As of 092100Z Sep 55 the weather station reported still there were no clouds. The day was still bright and sunny with a visibility of nine (9) miles.

2. A check with the McGhee-Tyson flight flight service revealed three airplanes from commercial airlines were in air at time of sighting. Airlines called but reported negative observations.

3. The astronomer at the University of Tennessee has no regular reporting channels for information and therefore had no information.

4. Knoxville Filter Center reported negative reports from observers.

5. The 663d AC & W Sq in Lake City, Tennessee was contacted and reported negative tracks in area of spotting.

6. Pilots from McGhee-Tyson Mun Apt who were taking off at time of spotting were contacted and reported negative sightings.

7. Base intelligence officer reported negative.

8. The Asheville Weather Station in Asheville, North Carolina (GJHF 2735) was contacted and they stated they do not send up weather balloons.

9. Mr T. L. Long, Meteorologist at the Weather Bureau Airport Station in Nashville, Tennessee (GJGD 1210) was contacted and he indicated that a weather balloon was released from his station at 1500Z on the date of spotting. Spotting occurred at 1800Z which is only a lapse of three hours for the balloon to travel approximately 175 miles.

10. Maxwell Flight Service in Montgomery, Alabama (FJDD 1015) was contacted. Captain Buswell, Operations Officer, reported no experimental aircraft in air that day and that no flight plans were filed for flights to be in the area of spotting.

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## COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Immediately upon receipt of this report all available military and civilian organizations were called for additional information and/or identification. No further information was obtained and no identification was made.
2. There were two military and three civilian aircraft in the immediate vicinity at the approximate time of the sighting. Negative reports were made regarding the object.
3. Negative information was received from the local astronomer regarding astronomical phenomena. Negative information was received from the Knoxville Filter Center and the 663d AC & W Sq regarding additional reports or observations of the object. Negative information was received from Maxwell Flight Service, and negative information was received from the two base fighter squadron intelligence units.
4. The weather stations at Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee and Asheville, North Carolina were contacted. The stations at Nashville and Knoxville sent balloons up at 1500Z but the station at Asheville does not send balloons aloft. It was the opinion of the personnel at Nashville that their balloon was not responsible for the sighting because the rate of ascent of the balloon is approximately 1000 ft per minute. Due to the distance between Nashville and Alcoa, the balloon would have been well out of sight vertically even if the winds had taken it in that direction. The winds at Nashville at the time of the balloon release were such that they conceivably could have carried the balloon in this general direction. The personnel at the Knoxville weather station stated that they did not feel the Nashville balloon or their own could have been responsible for the sighting due to the rapid rate of ascent of the balloons. They also sent one aloft at 1500Z.
5. This sighting seemed to suggest some type of aircraft or balloon. It was observed for ten to fifteen minutes and therefore had a very slow rate of speed. However, all information received regarding such a possibility was negative. The possibility that the object could have been one of the two military jet aircraft (F-86D) in the air at the time was ruled out by SOURCE when she stated that she could not tell whether or not the object made any noise because jets were taking off at the time. Those two were the only jets aloft at the time, and they were going up on a routine training flight. It is highly improbable that one of the three civilian airlines aircraft was responsible for the sighting because they came directly into the Municipal Airport without being in the air in the immediate vicinity for more than five minutes. They did not change their courses radically as suggested by SOURCE. They were also very low when passing over Alcoa. Balloons from local weather stations must be ruled out on the basis of information received from the personnel at the stations.
6. The preparing officer has no opinions regarding this UFOB unless it was some other type balloon about which we have no information and which would rise at a different rate of speed than weather balloons, or possibly reach a pre-determined altitude and remain there as it moved horizontally across country. It is interesting to note, however, that in spite of the large size of the object and in spite of a long duration of the observation, no other reports of a ground sighting were made. Neither were any observations made by personnel in the military aircraft in the immediate area at the time of the sighting. Nothing showed up on radar screens and the possibility of its being a large balloon was not considered. All this is for

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## COMMENTS of Preparing Officer Continued:

fact that SOURCE changed her description of the object from being almost square in the preliminary investigation to being pointed like a rocket and having stubby wings in the follow-up investigation, and one can only wonder about the reliability of this report.

*James N. Kulpan*  
JAMES N KULPAN  
1st Lt USAF  
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## COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Due to the change of description of the object from "almost square and about the size of a beachball held at arms length" to "pointed like a rocket with small stubby wings", it is the opinion of this headquarters [REDACTED]

2. In view of the above, it can be assumed that the SOURCE is probably in error in other statements such as the duration of the sighting. It is the opinion of this headquarters that the SOURCE possibly misinterpreted one or more of the aircraft known to be in the area at the time of the sighting.

*James*