

4602D AISS UFOB LCG

1 REPORT NO. AISS-UFOB-189-55	2 DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 26/0245Z June 1955	3 RECD HQ 4602D 27 June 1955
4 LOCATION OF SIGHTING Washington-Maryland area		
5 MEANS RECD TT Msg	6 ACTION Investigation Authorized	
7 INVES UNIT Flight 3-H	8 DATE INVES ASSIGNED 27 June 1955	9 ASSIGNING OFFICER Capt Bronstein
10 DATE IR RECD HQ	11 DATE IR APPROVED	12 DATE IR TO ATIC
13 AISOP FORM 5 27 June 1955		
14 COMMENTS Flight 3-H, 4602d AISS, was authorized to make and investigation of this sighting. Due to the amount of classified material involved it was necessary for Lt Berrier to travel to the scene of the sighting. Investigated with the following conclusions: <i>A weather balloon was launched from a nearby observatory just prior to time of sighting.</i>		
15 CONCLUSIONS <i>Probably Balloon</i>		

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Commercial Phone Call to Flt. 3-H, 4602d AISS; AISS-44

Commander
4602d AISS

AISOP

27 June 1955

0950 hours

AISS-44

Captain Bronstein/rd/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

A/1C DeRudder called Flight 3-H, 4602d AISS, and talked with M/Sgt Theonnessen concerning the authorization of a follow-up UFOB investigation. It was suggested that Flight 3-H make an investigation of the sighting between Hillcrest Heights, Maryland and Washington D.C. of 26/0330Z June 55.

ROBERT BRONSTEIN, Captain, USAF
Assistant Operations Officer

AISOP

Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr., 4602d AISS

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27 June 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between A/IC Ronald DeRudder and M/Sgt Theonnessen, Flight 3-H, 4602d AISS.
2. M/Sgt Theonnessen called the undersigned concerning the investigation of a UFOB sighted over the Washington-Maryland area 26 June 55.
3. A telephonic investigation of the sighting had been conducted but due to the amount of classified material involved it would be necessary to travel to the scene of the sighting. In connection with the classified material it was requested that confirmation of Lt. Berrier's clearance to material up to and including SECRET be sent to Headquarters, MATS, Andrews AFB, Maryland. A message was sent confirming Lt. Berrier's clearance.

A/IC Ronald D. DeRudder, USAF

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/U N C L A S/ ACCMO 5-738 PD ATTN: CIC PD SUBJECT:UFOB FOUR
REPORTS ON ONE OBJECT

1.
 - A. ROUND
 - B. GRAPEFRUIT WITH TRAIL
 - C. YELLOWISH VERY BRILLIANT
 - D. ONE (1)
 - E. NEGATIVE DATA
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 - C. FROM OVERHEAD TO 45 DEG
 - D. ERRATIC MOTION - FLT PATH FROM NATL AIRPORT TO HILLCREST HIGHTS MD
 - E. MOVED OFF AT HIGH SPEED
 - F. SEVEN (7) MINUTES

3.
 - A. GROUND - VISUAL
 - B. NONE
 - C. N/A

4.
 - A. 26/0245Z
 - B. NIGHT

5.
 - A. PK0502 (ESTIMATED)

6.
 - A. CIVILIAN - [REDACTED] 54 YEARS OLD [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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26/0700Z

Investigated by
Flight 3-H

4602D AISS UFOB REPT. 189 RD.
DATE-TIME GROUP

DC ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFESS --
28 YEARS OLD SAME ADDRESS -
B. MILITARY - COL. EW KELLY HQ MATS - DIRECTOR OF PLANS - RELIABILITY
- EXCELLENT -- MAJ. LE CURDES - HQ MATS MANPOWER AND ORGANIZATION
-EXCELLENT

4. 4,000 TO 6,000 FT CEILING OVERCAST VIS 8 MI
B. 6,000 250 DEG 25KTS
10,000 270 DEG 40KTS
16,000 240 DEG 50KTS
20,000 250 DEG 55KTS
30,000 280 DEG 65KTS
45,000 270 DEG 48KTS
50,000 NEGATIVE DATA
80,000 NEGATIVE DATA
C. 4,000 OVERCAST
D. 7 MILES
E. OVERCAST
F. MAINLY S AND SE
8. NONE

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9. NONE
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON Washington, D.C. - Andrews AFB, Md. Area	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Div., Hq MATS, Wash. 25, D.C.	
DATE OF REPORT 28 June 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 June 1955	EVALUATION A-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOHN E. RHODE., Lt. Col., USAF Chief, Intelligence Div., DCS/PL	SOURCE Lt. Col. E.W. Kelly and Maj. L.E. Curdes, Hq MATS	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2		
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.) This report confirms telephone conversation regarding UFOB observed at 2045 25 June 1955 by Lt. Col. Kelly and Major L.E. Curdes. The following units were advised: Command Post AF Hq, Washington, D.C. Air Traffic Control Center, Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C. INFORM, ADC Chief, Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AFB, Md.		
APPROVED: <u>John E Rhode</u> JOHN E. RHODE Lt. Colonel, USAF Chief, Intelligence Div DCS/Plans		
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1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 7, the following information is forwarded.
 - a. Round.
 - b. Size of grapefruit.
 - c. Yellowish, orange, glowing.
 - d. One.
 - e. None.
 - f. None.
 - g. Triangular shaped tail cone, also glowing about 1/4 size of object.
 - h. No sound.
 - i. None.
2.
 - a. Observers were notified by [REDACTED].
 - b. Object at an angle of 60° elevation when first observed.
 - c. Object at an angle of 30° elevation when it disappeared. Seemed to be climbing until it disappeared in overcast.
 - d. Object observed for 6 minutes (timed by both observers), path of flight was erratic for first 4 minutes, which included stopping and hovering, and then it suddenly speeded up and gradually disappeared into overcast.
 - e. Gradual.
 - f. 6 Minutes.
3.
 - a. Ground visual.
 - b. None.
 - c. N.A.
4.
 - a. 0445Z.
 - b. Night.
5. 38.50 N - 76.57 W - approximately 1 mile west of Suitland, Maryland, and 4-1/2 nautical miles NW of Andrews AFB.
6. a. [REDACTED] (Age 54), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 Louis E. Curdes, Major, USAF
 Hq MATS
 Manpower & Org. Div. A-1
 Earl W. Kelly, Lt. Col., USAF
 Hq MATS
 Plans A-1
7. 5000' overcast - .5 to .7 coverage.
 - a. Same.
 - b. Unknown.
 - c. 4 - 5000'.
 - d. Good.
 - e. .5 to .7
 - f. None

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8. Negative.
9. Unknown.
10. None noted in area.
11. A check of the Silver Hill Weather Observatory indicated that the station releases balloons twice daily, one at approximately 0500 EST and one at approximately 2200 EST. These times vary 15 or 20 minutes either way.

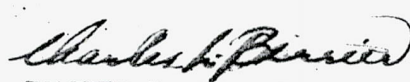
Telephone conversation between [REDACTED] Silver Hill Observatory, revealed that the balloon released at about 2245-2300 EDST on Saturday night, 25 June 1955, had a small bright light attached to it. Further questions indicated that the wind direction was from the E at 7 knots at surface at time of release. At 2000' the wind was from the NE, at 6000' the wind had gone to NW (320'). These winds would have carried the balloon in the general area of the sighting. The Silver Hill Weather Observatory is within four or five blocks of the area of the sighting.

It is felt that the UFOB reported could have been this balloon.

12. Negative.

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AREA REPORT CONCERNS WASHINGTON, D.C.			
AGENCY OF ORIGIN Flight 3-H, 4602d AISS		DATE OF REPORT 30 June 1955	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Lt/Col. E.W. Kelly and others		DATE OF INFORMATION 28 June 1955	
PREPARING OFFICER CHARLES L. BERRIER, 2/Lt., USAF		EVALUATION	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			
TT ACCMO 738 FM COMDR 647TH AC&W SQ, MANASSAS, VA.; FONECON, M/Sgt Thoennesen, Flight 3-H, & Ops Sq Hdq 27 June 1955.			
SUBJECT UFOB			
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 112a.)			
<p>I. CONTENTS:</p> <p>PART ONE: Description of sighting by Lt/Col. Earle W. Kelly, Chief, Theater Branch, DCS/Plans, HQ MATS, Andrews AFB, Maryland. (Georef GJPJ 0847)</p> <p>PART TWO: Description of sighting by Maj. Louis E. Curdes, Office of Manpower & Organization, HQ MATS, Andrews AFB, Maryland.</p> <p>PART THREE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED] t. [REDACTED].</p> <p>PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts</p> <p>PART FIVE: Comments of Preparing Officer</p> <p>II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, (Georef GJPJ 0453), at 26/0242Z June 55. The information contained in this report was obtained from persons visually observing the object and from an investigation conducted to determine the actual cause of the phenomenon.</p> <p>III. INVESTIGATOR: 2/Lt. Charles L. Berrier AO 3019814</p>			
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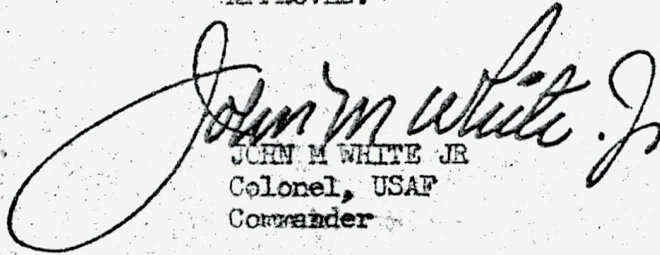
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I. SOURCE: Earle W. Kelly, Lt/Col, USAF

Office: Chief, Theater Branch, DCS/Plans, MATS Hdq, Andrews AFB, Md.

Home Address: 2614 Forest Place, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland

Age: 38

Occupation: Lt/Col., USAF

Education: College Graduate

Qualifications: Senior Pilot

II. RELIABILITY: Excellent

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: (The following is a verbatim account)

" On 25 June 1955, at approximately 10:45am (EDST), my wife and I were visiting Maj. and Mrs. Louis E. Curdes at their home [REDACTED]. At approximately 10:45, [REDACTED] called Maj. Curdes to come outside to observe an object in the sky, which [REDACTED] didn't or couldn't identify. We all went outside and looked. The object was a yellow light in the sky, which was moving from East to West, then SW, and moving very rapidly. It seemed to stop and hover for about one minute, then move to the left (SW). There were no airplanes flying at this time. The sky was overcast with five to seven-tenths coverage, visibility over fifteen miles under the overcast. The object seemed to be controlled, because it seemed to hover for awhile and then move. The size and shape can only be guessed at. It was round or at least resembled a glowing light bulb. I looked at my watch as soon as I stepped outside and it read 10:46. We all observed the object for approximately six minutes, after which time the object disappeared."

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I. SOURCE: Louis E. Curdes, Maj., USAF

Office: Office of Manpower & Organization, MATS Hdq., Andrews AFB,
Maryland.

Home Address: 2409 Farley Place, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland.

Age: 35

Occupation: Major, USAF

Education: Three years college

Qualifications: Senior Pilot

II. RELIABILITY: Excellent

III. SOURCES DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

" We had just finished dinner and had begun watching television on the evening of 25 June 1955 in my home in Hillcrest Heights, Washington 21, D.C., [REDACTED] knocked on the door and yelled for us to come outside to observe something (a flying object), which we might be able to identify. Myself, Col. Kelly and guests went out on the front lawn and I immediately checked my watch. It was 10:45 P.M. EDT. We saw a bright, yellowish-orange object, approximately 70° elevation, traveling at great speed in a zigzag course to the southwest. It stopped and hovered once, then circled and departed in a straight line due west. It appeared to over the vicinity of Washington National Airport from our position as it disappeared into the overcast, at about 30° elevation. When it had disappeared, I again checked my watch and it was 10:51 P.M. EDT.

The object at no time emitted any noise, nor did it change color or intensity. It appeared to have a triangular-shaped tailcone attached to the round object the size of a grapefruit. Both the tail cone and the circular part of the light were of the same color and intensity. At no time did this object change color, nor did it appear to get larger or smaller from the time of my first observation until it disappeared into the overcast."

(Signed)

L.E. Curdes

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Age: 54

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Education: College Graduate

Qualifications: Good vision and above average intelligence

II. RELIABILITY: Good

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE had been standing in the [REDACTED] when his son brought his attention to a strange object in the sky. The first impression was that it might have come from a landing gear of an aircraft, however, the absence of noise seemed to rule this out as a possibility. The time of the original sighting was 10:43 P.M. EDT. A brilliant red ball of light was passing overhead from east to west at what SOURCE estimated to have been 2000 to 3000 feet. There was no visible outline of the object nor was there any trail of exhaust. There was also no sound of aircraft aloft in the area, which is extremely rare.

SOURCE further estimated the object's course to have been on a direct line from Andrews AFB, Md., to Washington Nat'l. Airport. It continued on this course until directly over Washington Nat'l, where it hovered for ten to fifteen seconds. As the object hovered, its light blinked off for approximately three seconds, then came back on, shifting course abruptly 90° to the left. As the object proceeded now on a southwesterly course, SOURCE [REDACTED] Maj. Curdes to come [REDACTED] and help identify the object. It then shifted directions several times as it rose gradually, disappearing finally into the overcast. The phenomenon was observed for a period of ten minutes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the Air Traffic Control Center at Washington National Airport revealed that the only information which they had on the UFOB was what had been relayed to them by Maj. Curdes. They had received no confirmation either from their units or from any surrounding radar installations.
2. The Ass't. Operations Officer at Andrews AFB was contacted. Confirmation negative. The above-referred officer contacted the local AC&W Det, GCA unit, each giving negative reports.
3. Maj. Springer and Capt. Casey at Bolling AFB Operations reported negative confirmation of the June 25 sighting. Capt. Casey helped contact the Flight Service Center at Washington National, which was unable to offer any confirmation.
4. A phone call to Capt. Gray, Ass't. Supt. of the Washington Naval Observatory, revealed that no UFOB's had been sighted by his faculty for over a year. Results negative.
5. The Director of the Georgetown University Observatory was contacted but was unable to give confirmation. Their observations on the night of 25 June had been restricted to less than an hour due to a heavy overcast.
6. A check with the Silver Hill Weather Observatory (Hillcrest Heights, Md.), located approximately five blocks from the area of first sighting of the UFOB, produced the following information: Namely, that twice daily, 0500 EST and 2200 EST, weather balloons are released from their station. One of these balloons had been released at about 10:45 EDST, 25 June 1955, containing a small, bright magnesium light. The ground winds at 10:45 EDST were 7 Knots East. (From the east) At 2000' the wind was from the NE. At 6000' the wind had shifted to the NW. Such wind conditions could easily have carried the balloon along the approximate path of the unidentified object.
7. The Baltimore Filter Center was contacted but no information could be furnished on the June 25 sighting.
8. The Ground Observer Corps Hdq. in the Pentagon was contacted. Results negative.
9. Both the Processing Branch and D&D of DCS/OPS, Hdq. USAF were contacted but results were negative.
10. Col. Mason at the Command Post, Hdq. USAF was called by telephone, but aside from the information which Maj. Curdes had relayed to him nothing additional had been reported to his office in regard to the June 25 sighting.
11. Finally, the DCS/I, MATS, Lt/Col. Rhody, was interviewed at Andrews AFB. He surrendered a copy of his report of the incident to the 4602d AISS Investigating Officer. From conversations which he had had with the authorities at the Silver Hill Weather Station regarding weather and wind conditions at the time of the balloon's release (10:45 EDST 25 June 1955), Lt/Col. Rhodes concluded that the UFOB sighted could have been this very same balloon.

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Weather data during observed flight of UFOB:

Ceiling	Condition of Clouds	Visibility
4000'	Complete overcast	8 miles

Winds Aloft during observed flight of UFOB:

Altitude	Degrees	Knots
6,000'	250	25
10,000	270	40
18,000	240	50
20,000	250	55
30,000	280	65
45,000	170	48
50,000	Neg	Neg
80,000	Neg	Neg

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1. TT MSG FFM COMDR 647TH AC&W SQ, MANASSAS, VA.

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RJEPMY/COMDR 26TH AD ROSLYN NY

RJEPMW/COMDR AIRTECHNICWL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJSPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEPMNB/COMDR 4602D AISS STEWART AFB NY

RJEPMR/COMDR 4602D AISS FLIGHT 3H MCGUIRE AFB NJ

RJEPMNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

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B. MILITARY - COL. EW KELLY HOMATS - DIRECTOR PLANS - RELIABILITY -
EXCELLENT -- MAJ LE CURDES - HQ MATS MANPOWER & ORGANIZATION - EXCELLENT

4. BNPPP TO /4,000 FT CEILING OVERCAST VIS 8 MI

B. 6,000	250 DEG 25 KTS
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18,000	240 DEG 50 KTS
20,000	250 DEG 55 KTS
30,000	280 DEG 65 KTS
45,000	170 DEG 48 KTS
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80,000	NEGATIVE DATA

C. 4,000 OVERCAST

D. 7 MILES

E. OVERCAST

F. MAINLY S AND SE

8. NONE

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9. NONE

10. NONE

11. 1/LT ALFRED J RICKEY SR DIRECTOR GCI COMMENTS: NONE

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. The opinion of the Preparing Officer is that the UFOB sighting of 25 June was in fact the sighting by several observers of a weather balloon being carried aloft through shifting currents of air. It is further the opinion of this officer that the balloon sighted by the several observers ~~was the same~~ was the same which was released by the Silver Hill Weather Observatory at approximately 26/0245Z Ju55.

a. The object's general appearance and behavior seem to have been very deceptive to the observers on the ground.

- (1) First, the object's ~~apparent~~ speed seemed to rule out all possibility of its being a balloon. However, this could easily have been the deception created by the balloon's low altitude at the time it was first observed.
- (2) The object's altitude could easily have been misinterpreted by the observers on the ground since the absence of any sound being emitted from it, in addition to the fact that it was nightfall and the object was suspended in space, would have made it virtually impossible for an observer on the ground to have accurately estimated its altitude.

b. All SOURCES when informed of the coincidence in time of the release of the Silver Hill Observatory balloon and their sighting of the UFOB conferred that the two objects could well have been one and the same.

- (1) ALL SOURCES were aware of the nearness of the Silver Hill Observatory to their observation posts in Hillcrest Heights, at
- (2) SOURCES generally acknowledged this Officer's belief that the sporadic action of the object can be explained by the constant shifting of wind currents at various altitudes during its ascent, and that the brilliant light observed on the object could easily have been the glow from the magnesium light attached to the Silver Hill balloon.
- (3) The searchlight beam neutralizing phenomenon which was noted in the original TT message was what the Hillcrest Heights observers seemed to see, yet in fact it was probably caused by advertising searchlights in the city some 10 miles away. A clicking on and off at the source of light or a sudden power failure at the source might have given the effect of their being neutralized to an observer 10 miles away.

c. In the absence of any positive radar or other confirmation of the nature of the object sighted, and in view of the overwhelming coincidence surrounding the release of the Silver Hill Weather Observatory balloon on the night of 25 June 1955, this Officer concludes that the phenomenon observed was the ascent of the Silver Hill weather balloon.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was probably caused by the balloon released from the Silver Hill Weather Observatory, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland.

