

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NO.  <b>AISS-UFOB-284-55</b>	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING  <b>11/0905Z Aug 55 and 12/0417Z Aug 55</b>	RECD HQ 4602D  <b>12 Aug 55</b>
LOCATION OF SIGHTING  <b>Beloit, Wisconsin</b>		LOGGED BY  <b>A/1C DeRudder</b>
MEANS RECD  <b>TT Msg</b>	ACTION  <b>Investigation authorized to Flight 3-A.</b>	
INVEST UNIT  <b>Flight 3-A</b>	DATE INVEST ASSIGNED  <b>12 August 1955</b>	ASSIGNING OFFICER  <b>Lt McEntee</b>
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DATE OF FORM 5  <b>12 August 1955</b>		
COMMENTS  <p>Due to the nature of the sighting, the number of the observer, and the duration of the sighting, an investigation has been authorized to Flight 3-A, 4602d AISS. The results of the investigation as indicated below:</p>		
CONCLUSIONS		

Hq 4602d AISS, Ent AFB, Colo, AISOP 24 Aug 55, Subj: Submission of Unidentified Flying Object Report

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Flight 3-A, 4602d AISS, O'Hare Intl Aprt, Park Ridge, ILL, 29 Aug 55

TO: Comdr, 4602d AISS, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo. ATTN: AISOP

1. Reaccomplished UFOB report attached herewith
2. Quality of initial report was caused through the haste in preparation, and the erroneous opinion that speed in the transmission of this kind of information was of the utmost consideration. The standard of operational procedure will be adhered to in the future for any submission of the subject category of reports

1 Incl:  
Rpt AISS-3A-UFOB-1-55

*Ronald E. Lief*  
RONALD E LIEF  
2nd Lt, USAF  
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HEADQUARTERS  
4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)  
Ent Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

AISOP

24 August 1955

SUBJECT: Submission of Unidentified Flying Object Report

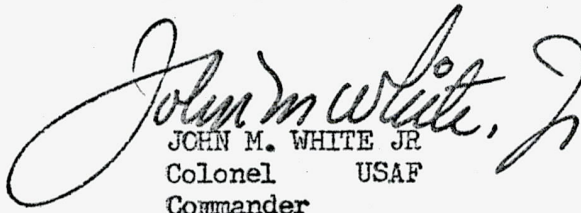
TO: Officer In Charge.  
Flight 3-A, 4602d AISS  
O'Hare International Airport  
Park Ridge, Illinois

1. This headquarters is in receipt of your report, AISS 3-A-UFOB-1-55, dated 18 August 1955.

2. The complete disregard for proofreading of this document is reflected in the unparalleled amount of errors contained therein.

3. The spelling and grammatical errors contained on every page displays inadequate and ineffective supervision of the administrative function and creates doubt as to the over-all effectiveness of the unit.

4. You are directed to reaccomplish this report with strict adherence to the basic principles of grammar, spelling, and neatness. In addition, you will reply by indorsement to this headquarters, not later than 31 August 1955, the reason for dispatching a report of such poor quality.

  
JOHN M. WHITE JR  
Colonel USAF  
Commander

AISOP

Comdr., 4602d AISS

Long Distance Telephone Call

AISOP

12 August 1955

1030 hours

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between A/IC R.D. DeRudder, Headquarters, 4602d AISS, and M/Sgt G. Leman, Flight 3-A, 4602d AISS.

2. The undersigned called M/Sgt Leman of Flight 3-A with respect to the authorization of a follow-up UFOB investigation. It was requested that Flight 3-A investigate the UFOB sightings at Beloit, Wisconsin, 11 and 12 August 1955.

3. It was suggested that the investigation include contacts with balloon launching activities such as the University of Minnesota and General Mills. The undersigned contacted Col Sickels at COC Weather, ADC, and was informed that the two above activities had released balloons on the dates of the UFOB sightings, and that these balloons were over the Wisconsin area.

Ronald D. DeRudder  
A/IC, USAF  
AIC, UFOB Program



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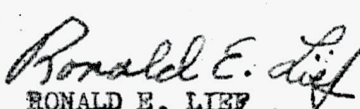
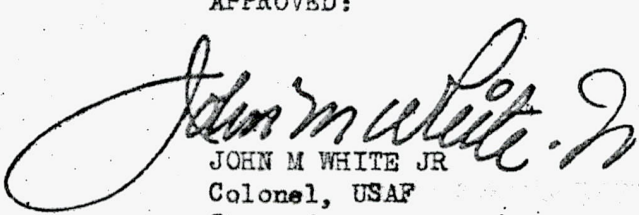
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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. AISS 3-A-UFOB-1-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON Beloit, Wisconsin & Morengo, Illinois, USA	FROM (Agency) Flight 3-A, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 13 August 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 Aug 1955, 11-12 Aug 1955	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) RONALD E. LIEF, 2d Lt., USAF	SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT MSG D/WB00T, 2834, 755th - AC & W SQ. Williams Bay, Wisconsin & TT MSG DI 4843, 30th ADIV Belleville, Michigan		
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.)		
<p>I. CONTENTS:</p> <p>PART ONE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED]</p> <p>PART TWO: Description of sighting by [REDACTED]</p> <p>PART THREE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED]</p> <p>PART FOUR: Description of sighting by [REDACTED]</p> <p>PART FIVE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts</p> <p>PART SIX: Comments of Preparing Officer</p> <p>II. SUMMARY: The following is the report of the Preliminary Investigation made of the UFOB'S reported in the Beloit, Wisconsin area (Georef GJAN 5830) 120400Z August 1955 and in the Morengo, Illinois area (Georef GJBN 2415) 081000Z August 1955.</p> <p>III. INVESTIGATOR: M/SGT STANLEY B. MONTZ AF 6933672</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">             RONALD E. LIEF            2nd Lt., USAF            Officer In Charge         </p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">             JOHN M WHITE JR            Colonel, USAF            Commander         </p>		
INCL. (None)		
DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR		
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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Beloit, Wisconsin

Age: 36

Occupation: House wife

Education: One and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) years of High School

Qualifications: [REDACTED]  
total of 248 hrs observer duty.

II. RELIABILITY: Source was unable to estimate distances accurately by sight. Would not even attempt to sketch drawing of sighting. The source did not appear to have background experience which would aid in reporting a UFOB.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source was on duty at Ground Observer Corp post located in Summit Park, Beloit, Wisconsin. At 120220Z August 1955, an object the size of a baseball held at arms length, bright white to bright red in color resembling a bright star flashed across the sky, traveling in a north to south direction at great speed. Similar star like objects appeared throughout a five hour period at intervals of two to three minutes. Direction of travel was north to south, and south to north, length of time visible varied from portion of a second to the maximum two seconds. There was no regularity in the appearing of the objects in regard to where they appeared on sky, the time between objects or length of time visible.

The objects could not be sighted with binoculars due to the great speed of travel and very short duration of visibility.

The GOC observation platform is located so as to permit excellent view of the sky to the north, east and south, vision to the west is obstructed by a wall.

The first object was sighted in the north. The weather was clear and dry with slight breeze blowing, and temperature was in the low seventies (70).

The sighting was reported to [REDACTED] GOC Filter Center.



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## I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Beloit, Wisconsin

Age: 50

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Education: One year of College

Qualifications: [REDACTED]  
27 hrs of observer duty.

II. RELIABILITY: Source would not make any direct statements concerning his personal observations, only that he saw the same thing his wife reported, in the identical manner she did. Interview did not substantiate this source as being experienced or desiring to add any information relating to the sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source observed the sightings only after being awakened at his home and going to the GOC post. Bright star-like objects appearing at various heights above the horizon, traveling at great speeds in a north to south or south to north direction, color from a bright white to a bright red with no sound heard.



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## I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Beloit, Wisconsin

Age: 41

Occupation: High School Graduate

Qualifications: Three years GOC experience; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

II. RELIABILITY: Source changed his original opinion about the sighting, after serious thought, and some layman type research on the subject to satisfy personal curiosity, to the fact that the bodies were "falling stars" or meteorite activity entering the earth's atmosphere.

He indicated that his first opinion, that objects were UFOB, had been influenced by the reporting GOC observer. The statements offered by the source are believed accurate and in keeping with his education and experience, as a GOC Supervisor.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SIGHTINGS: No observation of the sighting was made while en route from the source's home to GOC post and he could not note the sightings for twenty minutes after arriving at the GOC observer platform. The GOC observer reporting the sighting aided Mr. Varney and finally the objects were sighted. The star-like objects, varying in size from the size of a baseball to a quarter held at arm's length, appeared at various points in the sky, seemingly in the path of the "Milky Way", and would be visible for extremely short periods; less than it took the source to complete a breathing cycle. Direction of travel seemed to be limited to the length of the path of the "Milky Way", either north to south or south to north.

It was also noted by the source that the path of the "Milky Way" seemed to change direction slightly during the hours of observation of sightings. The star-like objects seemed to appear irregularly at intervals of two to five minutes.



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### I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED] Illinois

Age: 42

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Education: High School Graduate

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: Source was cooperative, but limited the discussion to twelve minutes due to having to meet a farmer concerning a gravel hauling job. Source had been given a ribbing, about having made the report of the sightings, by the local towns people and seems to have lost much of the apparent original enthusiasm of reporting the sighting.

Source's answers to questions concerning the incident were of a light passing nature with an accompanying smile and usually laughter. Since there was a six day period between the actual sighting and the interview, source was not quick to answer and made general overall statements, rather than clear to the point answers.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SIGHTINGS: At about 0405 hours, Central Daylight Saving Time, on the morning of 8 August 1955, source was awakened by a noise similar to the drone of an electric motor, and saw a brighter than usual sky thru the south-east windows of the first floor bedroom of his home. The source arose to investigate further, and noticed four bright round objects in formation in the lower south-eastern portion of the sky. Binoculars were used to view objects and showed the objects appeared to be spinning. One object was about three feet in diameter, the other three much smaller, less than a quarter of the size of the larger object.

The objects seem to have the illuminating color of a fire-fly or lightning bug and as the objects would "tilt" the under side would appear more orange or flame like in color. The objects would seem to stand still for awhile then move quite rapidly then slow down and stand still again. Direction of travel was to the south-east. There seemed to be a change of color and a sort of exhaust or vapor trail made when the objects moved.

[REDACTED] wife also saw the objects but only added the statement "It was a wierd sight" to the information on the sight. [REDACTED], city of Morengo, Illinois, was called to [REDACTED] home and was reported to have seen the objects prior to their disappearing into the daylight. The police officer could not see the objects through the binoculars because of the bi-focal lenses of his eye glasses.



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### SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. The Planetarium Adler & Astronomical Museum, 900 E. Achsah Bond, Chicago, Illinois, phone Wabash 21428, was contacted in regards to meteor activity on or about 11 August 1955.

[REDACTED] reported that the Perseid Meteor Shower occurs during the month of August, reaching a maximum of activity on the 12th of August. The meteor shower path is along the "Milky Way" axis and if viewed from a clear area the number of meteors that could be observed is approximately one per minute.

[REDACTED] offered the following opinions when told the details of the sightings. The Beloit, Wisconsin, sighting was undoubtedly the Perseid Meteor Shower. It is highly probable the Marengo, Illinois, sighting was jet aircraft as viewed in the effect of the high then scattered clouds and the sun rays at day break at 30,000 feet altitude.

2. Captain H. W. Nelson, Operations Officer, 42d Ftr. Int. Sq., 501st AB Group, O'Hare International Airport, Park Ridge, Illinois, reported jet type fighter aircraft (F-86-D) of his organization flying in the area visible to Marengo, Illinois, during the early morning of 8 August 1955.

3. The 755th AC & W Sq., Williams Bay, Wisconsin, sender of original TT message, was contacted. They give a negative report on possible cause of any of the sightings on the nights of 8, 9, 11 and 12 August 1955.

4. The 18th Weather Detachment, 12th Weather Squadron, Major McClurg, Officer in Charge, was contacted. The weather report for the morning of 8 August 1955 for Rockford, Illinois, (20 miles west of the Marengo, Illinois, sighting) was; visibility from midnight to four (4) AM est., clear and 15 miles; at four to five AM est., clear and 12 miles at 6:30 est, thin high scattered clouds at 30,000 feet. The opinion was stated that the thin high scattered clouds were probably there during most of the night, but not picked up and reported until after day light.



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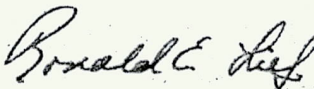
## COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The TT message, D/WBOOT, 2834, from the 775th AC & W Sq., Williams Bay, Wisconsin, upon which this investigation was based was a combination of information of two different UFOB sightings, in two different locations at two different times of the month, thereby greatly confusing the investigator initially.

2. An attempt was made to contact both the [REDACTED] Beloit. However, when approached, [REDACTED] stated that he knew nothing of the sighting, and also [REDACTED].

3. In regard to the Beloit sighting, in accordance with my own studies of astronomy and the many times I have observed similar meteorite activities, and in accordance with [REDACTED] experience and information about the Perseid Meteor Shower, I am inclined to agree with both him and [REDACTED] that the Beloit sighting was part of the Meteor Shower.

4. In view of the weather conditions on the morning of 8 August (thin scattered clouds at 30,000 feet) and the known fact that aircraft of the 42nd FIS were participating in early morning flights at the time of the sighting; plus the fact that [REDACTED] had just awakened and was reluctant to make any concrete statements, I assume what he saw was a jet type aircraft plus its reflections in the clouds.



RONALD E. LIEF  
2nd Lt., USAF  
Officer in Charge

## COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the Beloit, Wisconsin, sighting was generated by astronomical activity, i.e., the annual August meteor showers.

2. Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting by [REDACTED] Morengo, Illinois, was possibly caused by jet aircraft known to be operating in the vicinity.

