

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5 June 49 05/1900Z		2. LOCATION Cincinnati, Union, Ohio		341
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION 1. AIRCRAFT 2. Astro (METEOR)		
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two				
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 45 Seconds 2. 2 Seconds		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 1. Observer saw an object greyish-brown in color, round sausage shape, heading southeast passed through a cloud, climbed stopped and reversed its course and flew out of sight. Observer was watching other aircraft in the area. 2. Object appeared at a 45 deg angle in the SW and disappeared from sight 2 seconds later at 30 deg angle. Flew a straight course, no trail or projections noticed.		
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXX Ground-Visual				
7. COURSE 1. SE then NW 2. NW				
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				

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PROJECT "GRUDGE"

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of a Routing and Record Sheet, dated 7 June 1949, from Lt. Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department (MCIAXS), Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, requesting an investigation be conducted of an unidentified aerial object observed on 5 June 1949 by Mrs. [REDACTED] Union, Ohio and Mr. [REDACTED] 1838 Brandon Court, Mount Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio.

AT UNION, OHIO

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2. Mrs. [REDACTED], Union, Ohio, housewife, was interviewed on 15 June 1949 and stated that she observed an unidentified aerial object between 1400 and 1500 hours on 5 June 1949, from the yard of their farm, which is located approximately one and a half miles north of Union, Ohio, on Route 48. Mrs. [REDACTED] was looking for airplanes from the Naval Reserve, Columbus, Ohio when the object appeared at a forty five degree angle in the northwest, traveling southeast. The object went directly overhead and disappeared from sight at approximately a thirty five degree angle. Mrs. [REDACTED] described the object as being approximately two feet in diameter, dull white in color, shaped like an artist's palette and flying a straight course at approximately half the speed of a jet plane, between five and eight thousand feet with the open edge forward. The object was in sight for less than two seconds. Mrs. [REDACTED] called her husband's attention to the object. Mr. [REDACTED] an employee of the National Cash Register, Dayton, Ohio, saw the object just after it had passed over the farm. His description of the object corresponded with that of his wife except that the object appeared to be two feet in width, three to four feet in length, did not leave any trail or have any projections. The weather was clear, no wind was blowing and no planes were in the vicinity at the time, although planes from the airport at Vandalia, Ohio, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio or the Naval Air Station, Columbus, Ohio, had flown over their farm that day.

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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3. Mr. [REDACTED], Project Engineer, Crosley Engineering Division, Crosley Motors, Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed on 14 June 1949 and he stated that he observed an unidentified aerial object at approximately 1400 hours on 5 June 1949, from the back yard of his home, which is approximately one mile southeast of the Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio. The flight pattern of the object, different than balloons or airplanes, attracted [REDACTED] attention to the object. The object appeared to be about the size of a baseball and dark grayish brown in color. When first seen, it was almost overhead at an eighty five degree angle approximately eight to ten thousand feet in altitude. The object, traveling southeast, was round in shape and

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as it got further away from the observer, it appeared to change from a round shape to a sausage shape. The object passed through a cloud, made a steep climb, came to a halt and reversed its course, traveling northwest at a higher altitude. The object was in sight for approximately forty five seconds. The object took approximately twenty seconds from the time of its appearance to the top of its climb, and took approximately fifteen seconds to make a direct reverse of its course and disappear from sight beyond the horizon. [REDACTED] could not tell whether the object made any sound for airplanes from the Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio, were in the air at a much lower altitude; approximately 1500 to 2000 feet. The object did not leave any trail, have any projections or have any effect on the cloud it passed through. There were a few clouds at a high altitude and a light wind from the southwest; otherwise the weather was very clear.

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7 June 49

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ATTN: J. E. Morrill

1. It has been reported to this office that an unidentified aerial object was observed on 5 June 1949, 2 miles north of Union, Ohio. The observer is reported to be Mrs. William L. Simmons, R.R. 1, Union, Ohio. Location is given as the first farm house (white brick) on the second road to the left off Route 46 past Union, Ohio

2. It is requested that your office initiate an investigation of this sighting as outlined in inclosed Guide to Investigation.

1 Incl:

Guide to Investigation

A. J. HEMSTREET, JR.

Lt Colonel, USAF

Acting Chief, Analysis Division

Intelligence Department

WNT/amo

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Bldg 238

Post 218-B

See also

NOTE:

Wt. Washington

Cincinnati, Ohio

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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24 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident - Union, Ohio
and Cincinnati, Ohio
5 June 1949

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCLAXS

1. Reference is made to Routing and Record Sheet, your office, dated 7 June 1949, requesting an investigation be conducted on an unidentified aerial object observed at Union, Ohio and Cincinnati, Ohio.

2. Forward for your information are two copies of the final report of Special Agent ROSCOE PAGE, of this office, dated 24 June 1949.

3. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been developed and reported.

Incl:
Rpt of SA ROSCOE PAGE
dtd 24 June 49 (in dup)

Thomas F. Doyle, Jr.
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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CONTROL NO. **R - 1080** SUBJECT: **LTP** DECIMAL FILE NO. **R-2630** FOLLOW UP ON
Project GRUDGE
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FROM: **SD - OSI** DATED **6/24/49**
TO: **IAXS** NO. INCLS. **1**

RECORDING **AXT-1** DATE **6/27/49** HOUR **1400**
DESK RECORDED

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS	N/E	HWT	27 June
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DATE OF REPLY OTHER DISPOSITION:

TRANSMITTAL
AMC FORM NO. 10-2
(20 NOV. 47)
SEE OTHER SIDE
FOR REMARKS

INCIDENT NO. 311A

1. Date of Observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview 14 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1400
3. Place of Observation Cincinnati, Ohio (1 mile SW Lunken Airport)
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Flight path of object (different from A/C)
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size Baseball
8. Color of object Dark grayish brown
9. Shape Round sausage shape
10. Altitude 85° - 8,000-10,000 ft.
11. Direction from observer Almost overhead
12. Distance from observer 8000-10,000 ft
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South East
14. Time in sight 45 seconds
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor Not noticed
17. Trail none
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Made steep climb, stopped, reversed course traveling NW at higher altitude
21. Manner of disappearance Beyond horizon
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Few clouds at high altitudes, light wind from SW
(over)

1 A/C

2 a - (meteor)

Name and address of observer: **Mr. [REDACTED]**

Occupation and hobbies:

Project Engr., Crosley Motor Corp

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mr. [REDACTED], Project Engr., Crosley Engineering Div, Crosley Motors, Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed on 11 June 1949, and he stated that he observed an unidentified aerial object at approximately 1100 hours on 5 June 1949, from the back yard of his home, which is approximately one mile southeast of the Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio. The flight pattern of the object, different than balloons or airplanes, attracted [REDACTED]'s attention to the object. The object appeared to be about the size of a baseball and dark grayish brown in color. When first seen, it was almost overhead at an eighty five degree angle approx eight to ten thousand feet in altitude. The object, traveling southeast, was round in shape and as it got further away from the observer, it appeared to change from a round shape to a sausage shape. The object passed through a cloud, made a steep climb, came to a halt and reversed its course, traveling NW at a higher altitude. The object was in sight for approx. 45 secs. The object took approximately twenty secs from the time of its appearance to the top of its climb, and took approximately fifteen seconds to make a direct reverse of its course and disappear from sight beyond the horizon. Reif could not tell whether the object made any sound for airplanes from the Lunken Airport, Cinn., Ohio, were in the air at a much lower altitude; approx 1500 to 2000 ft. The object did not leave any trail, have any projections or have any effect on the cloud it passed through. There were a few clouds at a high altitude and a light wind from the southwest; otherwise the weather was very clear.

1. Date of Observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview 15 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1400-1500
3. Place of Observation Union Ohio (1/2 miles north)
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Noticed while looking for Naval Planes
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size 2 feet (Mr. Simmons thought object 2 ft wide 3-4 ft long)
8. Color of object dull white
9. Shape Like artists palette
10. Altitude 45° 5000 - 8000 ft
11. Direction from observer Northwest
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Northwest - southeast
14. Time in sight less than 2 seconds
15. Speed 1/2 speed of jet
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Straight flight
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared at 35°
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear, no wind, no planes observed
(over)

Name and address of observer: Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] Union, Ohio

Occupation and hobbies:

National Cash Register Employee

Housewife

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mrs. [REDACTED] Ohio, housewife, was interviewed on 15 June 1949 and stated that she observed an unidentified aerial object between 1400 and 1500 hours on 5 June 1949, from the yard of their farm, which is located approx. one and a half miles north of Union, Ohio, on route 45. Mrs. [REDACTED] was looking for airplanes from the Naval Reserve, Columbus, Ohio when the object appeared at a forty five degree angle in the northwest, traveling southeast. The object went directly overhead, and disappeared from sight at approx. a thirty five degree angle. Mrs. [REDACTED] described the object as being approximately two feet in diameter, dull in color, shaped like an artist's palette and flying a straight course at approximately half the speed of a jet plane, between five and eight thousand feet, with the open edge forward. The object was in sight for less than two seconds. Mrs. [REDACTED] called her husband's attention to the object. Mr. [REDACTED], an employee of the National Cash Register, Dayton, Ohio, saw the object just after it has passed over the farm. His description of the object corresponded with that of his wife except that the object appeared to be two feet in width, three to four feet in length, did not leave any trail or have any projections. The weather was clear, no wind was blowing and no planes were in the vicinity at the time, although planes from the airport at Vandalia, Ohio, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio or the Naval Air Station, Columbus, Ohio, had flown over their farm that day.

GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 5-1-68 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact time of observation (local) 8:00 AM
3. Place of Observation:
(Map Coordinates) 2 mi N of [unclear]
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
from [unclear]
5. What attracted attention to object: [unclear]
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: [unclear]
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
8. Color of object: white
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
oblong
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
When first seen? _____ When last seen? _____
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
13. Direction of flight of object (s): NE
14. Time in sight:
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance): [unclear]
16. Sound and odor: [unclear]

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
21. Manner of disappearance:
22. Effect on clouds:
23. Additional information concerning object:
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies: [REDACTED]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

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Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground
 - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
 - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:
 - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
 - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airborne, when object was sighted
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
2. Winds aloft report:

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:

(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (theodolite, radar readings, etc.)

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

- a. Object
- b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
- c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
- d. Maneuvers
- e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

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Name and address of observer: **Capt ~~James D. [redacted]~~**, Hq & Hq Sqd. 30th Bomb Wing (LI)
Mac Dill AFB, Florida

Occupation and hobbies:

Training Officer

Navigator (8 yrs)

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appears above average intelligence
Reliable and of stable character

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

At approximately 0100Z hours 6 June 1949 a phenomenon was observed by Capt. ~~James D. [redacted]~~, who was located about two miles north of MacDill AFB, Florida. The phenomenon observed by him was located at a high altitude in the quadrant of sky northwest of Tampa, Florida, and appeared to be located about twenty (20) miles northwest of Tampa. A spiral condensation trail covering a large sector of the sky is informant's best description of phenomenon. The pattern formed did not appear to be regular, or in informant's words "pre-determined", nor did all the action seem to informant to take place at one altitude level. A definite reflection, similar to that from a mirror, flashed from a newly-formed sector of the trail for an instant. During the period of twilight and within two minutes following the reflection noted above a bright flash, illuminating the entire sky, occurred. Altitude of phenomena was estimated to be about 40,000 feet. Angle of elevation from horizon was about forty-five (45) degrees. Time in sight: eight (8) minutes. Object which "flashed" like mirror appeared to be about one inch in diameter from position of observer. The object appeared to be spinning or spiraling toward the earth. Trail, composed of what appeared to be "smoke" was white. Manner of disappearance: when the flash of light brightened the sky object was not again seen. Point of apparent disappearance was about fifteen (15) degrees above the horizon.

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INCIDENT NO. 34EA

1. Date of Observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 2000
3. Place of Observation 2 miles N. Mac Dill AFB, Florida (20 miles NW Tampa, Florida)
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size Object appeared 1 inch in diameter to observer
8. Color of object
9. Shape only trail seen
10. Altitude 40,000', 45° Elevation
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
Like spiral condensation trail, white smoke like, trail seen for 8 minutes
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Appeared to be spinning or spiraling toward earth in irregular pattern
21. Manner of disappearance Disappeared after flash at 15° elevation
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Bright flash of light noted at head of trail
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

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Name and address of observer: ~~REDACTED~~ Ave., Tampa, Florida

Occupation and hobbies:

Air Traffic Control Operator

Amateur Pilot (1 yrs)

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Believed reliable and average intelligence

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

At approx 0054Z hours 6 June 1949, ~~REDACTED~~ noticed a trail of white smoke in the northwest quadrant of the sky from his location in the control tower of the International Airport, Tampa, Florida. Object apparently causing smoke appeared to be going in a westerly direction, and seemed to informant to be located approximately over the city of Dunedin, Florida. From the design of the trail of smoke, informant thought the smoke was caused by a falling aircraft. Direction of trail of smoke was straight down. Actual object causing smoke-trail was not seen by this informant. Phenomenon was witnessed by informant about forty (40) minutes, when darkness precluded further observation. Informant expressed his opinion that the phenomenon he observed could not have been a meteor, regardless of statements appearing in a local Tampa newspaper, which cited certain "authorities" as identifying the phenomenon as a meteor.

1. Date of Observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1954
3. Place of Observation International Airport, Tampa, Florida
4. Position of observer Control Tower
5. What attracted attention to object Trail of Smoke
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape Only trail seen
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer NW
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Westerly
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail White smoke observed for 40 minutes
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance Approach of darkness
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

Astro (meteor)

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence, Hq 4AF Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, Calif	REPORT NO. Unconventional Aircraft	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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~~Mr. Moore~~ thought so, until this morning. Then he saw something he called a flying saucer, although he said it was shaped like a funnel. The point of the funnel was in the lead.

~~Moore~~, a milker, said the object flashed directly overhead as he was going about his chores on a nearby mountain ranch at 3:50 A.M. It was about the size of a 500-pound bomb and passed over him flying from East to West at tremendous speed. He estimated its height at 2500 feet and said it remained within his vision for about 15 seconds.

Moore said it glowed with a quickly heightened brilliance and then faded -- just like an electric light bulb when it burns out, only more slowly.

Moore had no idea what the object was."

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft			
AREA REPORTED ON Fourth Air Force, Hamilton AFB, Calif		FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence, Hq Fourth AF	
DATE OF REPORT 9 June 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 June 1949	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) E. F. Bonvicin, Major, USAF		SOURCE Ltr dtd 3 June 49 from [REDACTED] ON Major, USAF, [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			
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>Following is copy of letter received at this headquarters with copy of newspaper clipping attached:</p> <p>"SUBJECT: Observation of aerial object 3 June 1949</p> <p>TO: Intelligence Section Fourth Air Force Hamilton Air Force Base California</p> <p>I'm a regular Air Force officer stationed at the University of California.</p> <p>I wish to collaborate in part the attached report which has been clipped from the 3 June issue of the Oakland Tribune.</p> <p>I observed at 0350 on 1 June 1949 an object traveling from East to West at approximately 1500 feet over my residence at 6119 Fresno Avenue, Richmond Annex.</p> <p>A strong light issued from this object. It traveled at what I guessed to be approximately 400 miles per hour. I saw no shape - only light, since my view was mainly at a headon angle. It disappeared from my view over the house and was not visible when I arrived at a west window.</p> <p>I would also add that I received the impression that it was small, that is smaller than a conventional fighter - that it was manmade - that there was no sound.</p> <p>This is a true recording of my impression of the object.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[REDACTED] ON Major, USAF, [REDACTED] 6119 Fresno Avenue Richmond Annex, California"</p> <p>_____ INCL.</p> <p>NEWSPAPER CLIPPING:</p> <p>"FLYING SAUCERS BACK -- WITH FUNNELS Petaluma, June 3 --(AP)-- Did you think the flying saucers had vanished completely?</p>			
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DATE OF REPORT 8 June 1948	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 June 1948	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) J. F. Souvignier, Major, USAF		SOURCE Ltr dtd 3 June 48 from [REDACTED] Major, USAF, IO-48011	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			
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COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO. 9-49	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Meteor or similar Phenomena			
AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office, Hq 306th Bomb Group (M)	
DATE OF REPORT 8 June 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 June 1949	EVALUATION C-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOHN BURGER 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE Personnel of the 306th Bomb Group (M)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum #4, 15 Feb 49			
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>1. This is a summary of the opinion of the members of the 306th Bombardment Group (Medium) who reported seeing a meteor or some similar phenomena to the Intelligence Officer of the 306th Bombardment Group (Medium).</p> <p>2. The meteor was sighted on the 5th of June 1949 between the hours of 1900 and 2000. Majority of the personnel sighting this meteor were all within the vicinity of Gandy Bridge which is located fifteen miles from the heart of Tampa, in a south-westerly direction. Consensus of opinion gathered from the majority of personnel indicate that the meteor when first sighted was moving in a northwesterly direction. The position of the object was placed at about 75 to 100 miles northwest of Gandy Bridge.</p> <p>3. There was only one object sighted and in color, size and shape it resembled the sun. As near as it could be determined all reports agree that the path of the object was following the curvature of the earth. The meteor was reported as having a "Z" or "2" shaped vapor trail which persisted for twenty minutes. The color of the vapor trail as etched against the evening sky reflected a dull pink color. There was no sound whatsoever connected with the appearance of the object. Apparently the bright flaring light exuded by the object was what attracted the majority of the observers attention. The speed of the object was approximated to that of a slow burning meteor which several members witnessed before.</p> <p>4. After the object reached its zenith it slowly began a graduated auger shaped descent and disappeared behind the horizon without any noticeable brightening of light or explosion. The "Z" or "2" shaped vapor trails remained in the sky for almost twenty minutes and then vacillated into the night sky.</p>			
<p>APPROVED:</p> <p><i>John Burger</i> JOHN BURGER 1st Lt, USAF Intelligence Officer</p>			
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1. Date of Observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1245
3. Place of Observation NW, Tampa, Florida
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size of Big Star
8. Color of object Red
9. Shape Ball of Fire
10. Altitude 30° Elevation, Reported to have been seen by Airline Pilot 50,000'
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer 35 - 50 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) W NW
14. Time in sight 5-10 minutes
15. Speed Very high rate of speed, which appeared above that of sound
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail White smoke and/or vapor in erratic horizontal path 1000 ft wide, maybe 35 miles long, trail visible 30 minutes.
18. Luminosity On fire burning with red glow
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Level Flight Erratic Z course
21. Manner of disappearance Faded from view
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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Name and address of observer: 10 Air Crew members of 307th Bn Gp Med.

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

1945 hours 5 June 1949 at Tampa, Fla. an unidentified object traveling from SE to NW at a very high rate of speed was observed by Aircrew personnel of the 307th Bn Gp. This object was emitting white smoke and/or vapor trail which indicated its flight path was horizontal, but very erratic in direction. It made a large "Z" turn on course and then faded from view. The trail was visible for about 30 minutes.

It is the opinion of this officer that this object was not a meteor due to its erratic course.

All of the information contained in this report is indorsed by the ten (10) eyewitness interviewed. All ten (10) witness are Aircrew members of the 307th Bn Gp.

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8 JUNE 49

FROM 307 SCME MC MACDILL AFB FL
TO WP AFB

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ARTICLE WAS CARRIED IN 6 JUNE 49 ISSUE OF TAMPA MORNING TRIBUNE
LOCAL NEWSPAPER, ABOUT "FIERY OBJECT, BELIEVED BY SOME AMATEURS
TO BE A METEOR." HOWEVER, CERTAIN MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED
AT MACDILL AFB WHO WITNESSED PHENOMENON BELIEVE OBJECT WAS
NOT "METEOR". WITNESSES MAINTAIN METEOR TRAVELING AT HIGH
RATE OF SPEED WOULD LEAVE STRAIGHT LINE TRAIL RATHER THAN
SPIRAL UNDEFINED PATTERN. PAR OBJECT TRAVELLED FROM S E
TO N W DIRECTION AT APPROX 1954 HOURS LOCAL 5 JUNE 49.
ALTITUDE DESCRIBED BY WITNESSES TO LOW FOR METEOR AND TOO HIGH
FOR CONVENTIONAL ACFT (APPROX 50000 TO 80000 FEET) FOR
AS IT PROCEEDED TOWARD N W QUADRANT OF SKY WITNESSES NOTED
BRIGHT FLASH, AFTER WHICH TRAIL LEFT BY OBJECT BECAME
ZAG AND SPIRAL, WEAVING TRAIL OF OBJECT LOOKED LIKE "SKYDIVER"
AND GAVE MOST WITNESSES IMPRESSION OF ACFT IN DISTRESS,
IE, TUMBLING OR FALLING ACFT. (1. DETAILED REPORTS ON AF
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TO: IAXS NO. INCL. 0

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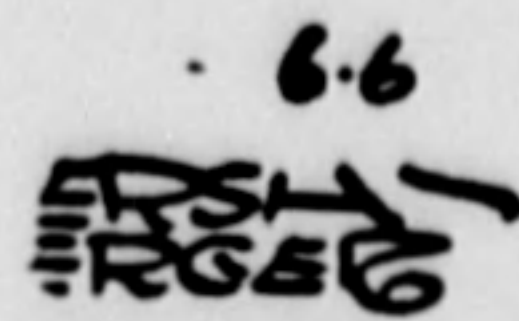
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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER HEADQUARTERS USAF SUBJECT REPORTING
INFORMATION ON FLYING DISCS DATES 6 FEBRUARY 1948 THE FOLLOWING
IS SUBMITTED

2. A BALL OF FLAME FOLLOWED BY A TRAIL OF SMOKE WAS OBSERVED BETWEEN
THE HOURS OF 19:50E AND 20:05E 5 JUNE 1949 OVER THE GULF OF MEXICO
BY KEY WEST NAVAL OPERATIONS FORT MEYERS CAA RADIO SARASOTA BRADENTON
AIRPORT MANAGER TAMPA INTERNATIONAL TOWER CHIEF OF POLICE CEDAR KEYS
FLORIDA CROSS CITY CAA RADIO AND BRUNSWICK CAA RADIO ALL AGENCIES
REPORTED WESTERLY BEARINGS FROM THEIR STATIONS AND ALL REPORTED SIMILAR
CONDITIONS A FLAMING MASS FALLING IN A VERTICAL PATH SPIRALING AS IT
APPROACHED THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH AS AN AIRCRAFT OUT OF CONTROL THE
ALTITUDE AS REPORTED BY GROUND OBSERVERS WAS SIX (6) TO TEN (10)
THOUSAND FEET THE PILOT OF NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE (3)
ESTIMATED IT AT FIFTY (50) THOUSAND FEET THE SPEED SHAPE AND SIZE ARE
UNKNOWN AT PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE NOT AVAILABLE
WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE BEING REPORTED AS CLEAR WITH VISIBILITIES
OF BETTER THAN TEN MILES WITH A FEW SCATTERED CLOUDS BASES SIX (6)

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Ball Of Fire In Night Sky Awes Florida

MIAMI, Fla., June 6.—(UP)—Thousands of Floridans wondered today whether the explosive ball of fire and trail of light they saw in the sky last night was a meteor, a bomb, or something even more mysterious.

Residents in every section of the state saw the aerial explosion, according to the highway patrol, which was swamped with telephone calls from citizens demanding to know what had happened.

Police and authorities at military installations also reported seeing the "ball of fire" that streaked across the sky.

At MacDill Field in Tampa, the Army Flight Service acknowledged having seen the phenomenon but clamped a "restricted" label on whatever further information it had concerning the flash.

Officers at MacDill Field said that since the "flying saucer scare" they had a practice of withholding statements until they could thoroughly explain the cause of such phenomena.

Officials at the Naval airport and Coast Guard here reported that an explosion occurred with a tremendous burst of light across the sky at 7:50 p. m. (EST). A trail of luminous gases and particles streaked across the sky for 50 to 60 miles, they said, and was visible for 25 minutes.

Two forecasters at the Miami weather bureau were outside working with their instruments and described the phenomenon.

T. L. Moore said the sighted object "appeared somewhat smaller than a full moon. It lit up the sky to the northwest and

fell vertically leaving a luminous, weaving trail."

W. R. Davis said he had never seen anything like it before. "A meteor usually flashes and is gone," he said, "but this was a larger explosion than that of an ordinary meteor and the tail remained visible for at least 25 minutes."

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