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Gallup, N. Mexico

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3. SOURCE

Military

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

5 seconds

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Ground-Visual

7. COURSE

Not Reported

8. PILOTS

Yes
 No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Yes
 No

10. CONCLUSION

Astro (METEOR)

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Observer sighted a spheriod-shaped object. It had a brilliant orange color. A trail of white smoke was left behind by the object. This smoke was seen for about 15 minutes. The object itself was in view for about 5 seconds.

FORM

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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT: Ltr	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.

21-9

DATE

26 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY

R. R. LUMSDEN, S/A

REPORT MADE AT

DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

PERIOD

18 May - 5 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

STATUS

PENDING

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report, 17 May 1949, Special Agent R. R. LUMSDEN, DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

DISPOSITION

Reports of sighting of unidentified objects in New Orleans, La. on 18, 19, 23 May 1949, submitted by 4th Army on 9 June. Objects were sighted by three housewives, Mrs. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], Jr., and Mrs. [REDACTED], respectively. On 20 May, object was sighted by [REDACTED], Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La. from beach near Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, La. [REDACTED] saw a total of six objects for a period of approximately 25 minutes. [REDACTED] is a Lt. Colonel, Air Force Reserve, formerly an Intelligence Officer, and was interviewed by Branch Intelligence Officer, 4th Army, New Orleans, La. On 21 May 1949, between the hours of 2045 and 2100 CST, several unusual objects in the air above Dallas, Texas, were observed by a number of civilian observers. The number of objects varied from twenty to seventy-five, and were in sight for a period from three to six seconds. Objects were moving at a high rate of speed, flying in a fixed curve towards the east, south-east. Observations were made by Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], and Mrs. [REDACTED] all of Dallas, Texas. On 19 May 1949, thirteen enlisted men sighted an object in the air above Fort Bliss, Texas. Object was in sight for approximately five minutes. Information received through 4th Army from Hq. Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. On 30 May, two enlisted men of Fort Bliss sighted an object in the vicinity of Fort Bliss, and this was reported through 4th Army, by Hq. Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. On 5 June, Capt. [REDACTED], Post Engineer, Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico observed an object in the air near the Depot. Observation was made at 1950 hours, and was in sight for approximately five seconds. This object left a trail of white smoke with the persistence of approximately 5 minutes. Report of sighting furnished by 4th Army.

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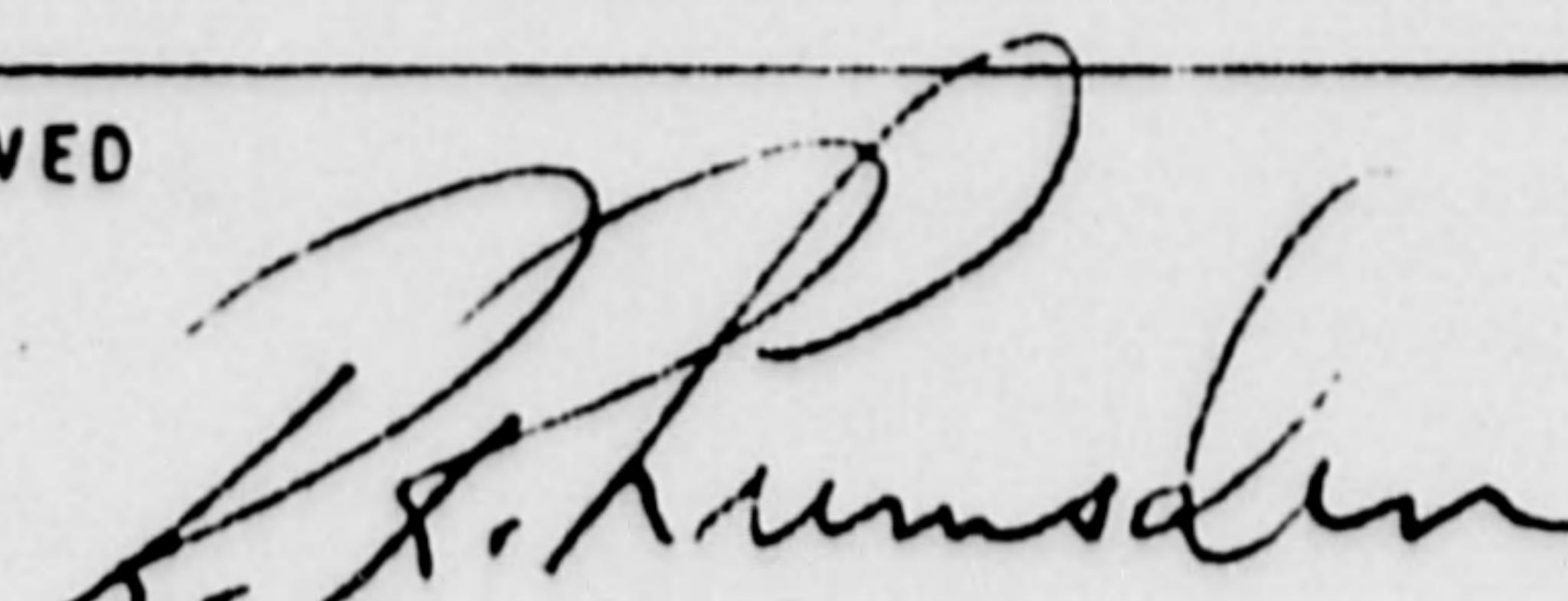
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ATT: Director of
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R. R. LUMSDEN
Lt. Colonel, USAF
DISTRICT COMMANDER

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DETAILS:

1. Headquarters Fourth Army on 9 June 1949, furnished report of unidentified objects which had been sighted, in New Orleans, La. Three separate reports were submitted on incidents which occurred on 18, 19, and 23 May 1949.

2. At 1630 hours, 18 May 1949, Mrs. T. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Street, New Orleans, La. sighted one unusual aerial object while sitting on the back steps of her house. Informant compared the object to a single engine Naval training craft, stating that it was silver in color, but resembled an ordinary dinner plate. The object was in sight for ten minutes and was approximately 1-1/2 miles distant, moving in a generally east to west direction. Object flew at a level plane and made no maneuvers, but travelled in an end-over-end fashion at a speed comparable to the Naval training plane previously mentioned, and which informant advises she has seen many times. New Orleans BIO making report commented that Mrs. T. [REDACTED] report might have been influenced by a discussion with Mrs. A. [REDACTED] which is set forth in the following paragraph.

3. On 19 May 1949, at 1615 hours, Mrs. L. [REDACTED] Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, La. sighted one object in the sky. Her attention was attracted to the object by the sun's reflection from it. The object appeared to be a flat, round disc, comparable in size to that of a small airplane. Mrs. [REDACTED] saw the object for approximately five minutes, during which time it moved in a direction from east to west. Informant believed the object to be between 150 and 170 miles per hour in speed, and object travelled on a level plane and made no maneuvers. In both of the above incidents the weather was clear and the light conditions were good. Both interviews were conducted on 23 May 1949, and reports were submitted directly to AMC. Copies of original "guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects" on file at DO #10.

4. On 23 May 1949 at 1830 hours, Mrs. [REDACTED] St., New Orleans, La. observed an object at a distance of approximately 1-1/2 miles. Informant's thirteen year-old son first noted the object and attracted his mother's attention. The object appeared to be round, compared to a weather balloon, grey in color, and was moving from south to north-east. Object was in sight for approximately 30 seconds, and informant compared the speed to that of a small observation plane. No maneuvers were noted. Mrs. [REDACTED] is considered to be reliable, and not in the habit of telling falsehoods, or exaggerating. Report furnished directly to AMC by Fourth Army. Copy is on file at DO #10.

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5. On 20 May 1949, object was sighted at 1620 hours by Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]or, Tulane University, New Orleans, La. [REDACTED] was interviewed on 31 May by a member of the Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, La. [REDACTED] stated that at 1625 hours on 20 May, he was lying on his back at the beach in the Pontchartrain Beach area, New Orleans, La. and sighted an unusual aerial object. [REDACTED] is a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and was formerly an Intelligence Officer. He stated he first saw only one object, but later five smaller objects grouped around a larger one. All were bright and shiny, being silver in color. Shape was flat and spherical. Distance from the observer could not be estimated, but objects were in sight for approximately 23 minutes. The weather was clear with unlimited visibility. Object moved in a large circle over New Orleans Airport. No sound or odor was noticed, and after rotating on a horizontal axis, the object disappeared. Report furnished by Fourth Army direct to AMC. Copy retained in File DO # 10.

6. On 21 May 1949, between the hours of 2045 and 2100 CST, several persons observed unusual objects in the air above Dallas, Texas. The weather report for this period was as follows:

"Weather Report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Dallas, Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars, temperature 78°, dew point 62, NNE wind two miles per hour, 29.69 altimeter, frequent cloud to cloud lightning.

"2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.4 milbars, 75° temperature, 58 dew point NNE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

"2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, 77° temperature, dew point 52, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading, occasional lightning in the East." 5

In an interview on 25 May, Mr. [REDACTED] cliff Dale Street, Dallas, Texas, stated substantially as follows: He is a construction and labor foreman, and at 2100 hours in the front yard of his home, he happened to see a long irregular line of about 75 to 100 objects in the sky. These objects were flat, circular in shape like a smoke ring, were smaller than a man's fist held at arm's length. Objects appeared to be approximately 1-1/2 miles away and were moving from east to west. They were in sight for approximately three seconds, moving at a speed estimated to be 800 to 1,000 miles per hour. WELLS stated that they were very dim, just enough to see, about like a 5 watt light globe. No maneuvers were observed and no sound or odor noted. Interrogator stated

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that [REDACTED] is above average in intelligence, and has pronounced ability to judge distances, space and speed; further that he appeared to be reliable and a man of good character.

7. In interview on 24 May 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Street, Dallas, Texas, stated that at 2100 hours, 21 May 1949, from the front yard of 1025 Cliff Dale Street, he saw about twenty objects of the same size, evenly spaced, looking like a kite's tail. Objects were described as being about half the size of a man's fist at arm's length, were fluorescent white in color, with slight oscillation. Shape of the objects were circular, but not completely round, more like a clam shell. The objects were 2-1/2 to 3 miles from the observer when first seen, and were in sight for four to five seconds, moving at a speed estimated to be about two miles per second. The objects made a gentle climb, being higher at last observation than at first, and faded from sight. [REDACTED] S occupation is that of a mail clerk in the Post Office Department, and a shoe salesman. Interrogator stated that he is sincere and appeared interested in the matter and expressed himself very well.

8. On 25 May 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Street, Dallas, was interviewed and stated substantially the same as her husband had in the interview set forth above. The interrogator expressed the opinion that Mrs. [REDACTED] S intelligence seemed to be below average and the character of her information was questionable. 15

9. On 25 May 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] Barnett Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed and stated that at 2045 hours, from the front yard of [REDACTED] Barnett Street, he saw four to eight or more objects in the air at an estimated 30,000 feet. The objects were described as being an arrow-head with a round object in the center, and were about the size of a 50¢ piece held at arm's length. Color varied from that of red and orange and the objects were in sight from three to six seconds. The objects did not reflect light, but appeared to be translucent and were moving at an estimated speed of 1,500 to 30,000 miles per hour, flying in a fixed curve toward east, south-east. Mr. [REDACTED] is an Agriculture Teacher in Arizona and according to the interrogator, has intelligence and character in keeping with that of his profession. Copies of report form "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects" furnished to AIC by Fourth Army. Copy of these reports retained in files of DO #10.

10. On 1 June 1949, this office received a letter from Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, Fourth Army, which attached a report of an unconventional aircraft observed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Object was observed by thirteen enlisted men and was in sight for approximately five minutes. Copy of the letter as received from Fort Bliss is attached. Copies of sketches referred to in cited letter retained in office of DO #10.

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11. On 16 June 1949, this office received through G-2, Fourth Army, copies of letter dated 2 June 1949 from Fort Bliss, reporting another unconventional aircraft observed on 30 May 1949. Copies of this report are also attached.

12. On 16 June 1949, this office received through Fourth Army, copies of "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects". Object was observed at 1950 hours, 5 June 1949, at Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico, by Captain [redacted] T, Post Engineer of the Ordnance Depot. Object was in sight for approximately five seconds and appeared to be 50 miles away from the observer. It appeared to be a spheroid in shape and was described as being orange in color as seen against the deep blue sky. The brilliance was that of a 200 watt light bulb at 100 yards, with the object being about 1/8" in diameter at arm's length. In this instance a trail of white smoke with the persistence of approximately 15 minutes was observed emanating from the object. Copy of the report furnished directly to AMC by Fourth Army, and a copy is on file at DC #10.

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THE ASSOCIATION

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIRC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO,
ATTENTION: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HQ, USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 23 May 1949. (Dup.)
2. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 2 June 1949. (Dup.)

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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9. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 25 May 1949.

10. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, to: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 2 June 1949.

11. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 6 June 1949, [REDACTED] T, Post Engineer, Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico.

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1. Date of Observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview 6 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1950
3. Place of Observation Callup, New Mex. (Wingate Ordnance Dept.)
4. Position of observer In Auto
5. What attracted attention to object Light
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size 1/8 in at arms length
8. Color of object Orange (against deep blue sky)
9. Shape Spheroid
10. Altitude 25°-6,000-8000 ft.
11. Direction from observer 225° Magnetic North
12. Distance from observer 50 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) 104°
14. Time in sight 5 Seconds
15. Speed Not as fast as falling star
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail White smoke, persisting 15 minutes (at arms length 1/4 wide 5" long)
18. Luminosity Like 200 watt bulb at 100 yards
19. Projections Unknown
20. Maneuvers Straight line
21. Manner of disappearance Faded out
22. Effect on Clouds Clear area, no clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear twilight

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Name and address of observer: Capt. [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies:

Post Engineer Officer

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

Excellent Character

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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13 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The inclosed report re unidentified aerial phenomena observed by Capt John W. Stewart, at Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico, on 5 June 1949, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Eustis L. Poland

EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview 6 June 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 1950 hours.
3. Place of Observation: Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico.
4. Position of observer: Car.
5. What attracted attention to object: Light.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or group: One.
7. Apparent size: Approximately 1/8" diameter at arms length.
8. Color of object: Orange - against a deep blue sky.
9. Shape: Appeared spheriod.
10. Altitude: 25 degrees - estimated 6,000 to 8,000-ft. elevation.
11. Direction from observer: 255 degrees magnetic north.
12. Distance from observer: Approximately 50 miles from observer.
13. Direction of flight of object: Approximately 104 degrees from vertical.
14. Time in sight: Approximately 5 seconds.
15. Speed: Unknown. Not as fast as a falling meteor.
16. Sound and odor: None.
17. Trail: Color - white smoke, at arms length about 5"; width - approximately 1/4" at arms length; persistence - approximately 15 minutes.
18. Luminosity: Approximately 200 watt light bulb at 100 yds.
19. Projections: Unknown.
20. Maneuvers: Straight line.
21. Manner of disappearance: Faded out.
22. Effect on clouds: Clear area.

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23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear twilight.

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED], Capt, [REDACTED], Post Engineer,
Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies: U.S. Army

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:
Witness is a man of excellent character.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting,
or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
Through normal glasses, 20-20 vision.

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