

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
16 August 49 01/2150Z	Long Island, New York
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
CIVILIAN	BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
0.1MM-000	Object was round, black in color, with a glow similar to the reflection seen from a propeller in the sun. Initiated at a steady rate of speed. No smoke or glow. Appeared to be turning in a clockwise direction and disappeared into the haze. Two advertising balloons left Lakehurst for Kingston, New York at 1404 and 1424, DST. These airships traveled at an estimated altitude of 1,000 to 1,500 feet at a speed of 45 to 50 knots.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Crown-A-Vision	
7. COURSE	
West to East	
8. PHOTOS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
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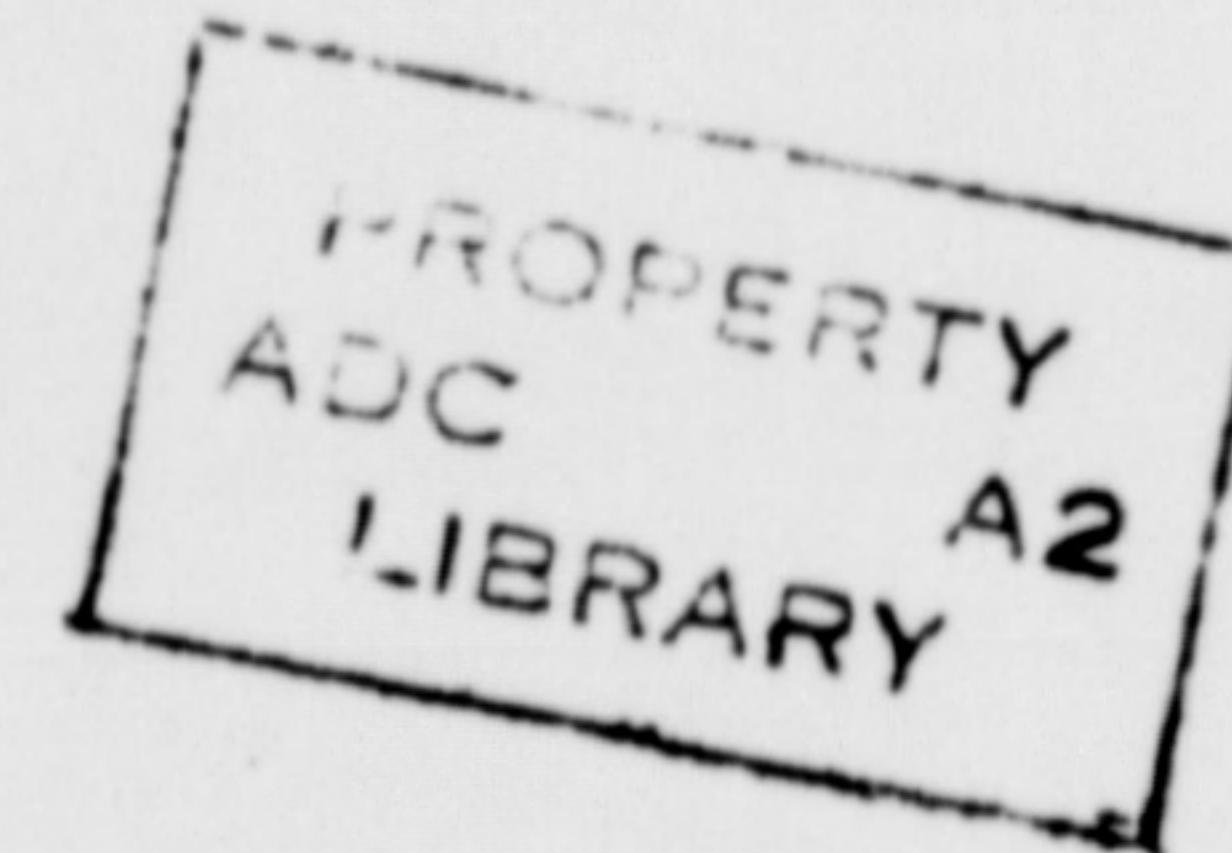
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Report of "Flying Disc"		
AREA REPORTED ON Long Island	FROM (Agency) Hq, 1st AF, Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, N.Y.	
DATE OF REPORT 26 September 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 September 1949	EVALUATION C-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt Col Maurice H. Shorago, USAFR	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] (Civilian)	
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.)

Mr. [REDACTED], an instrument designer, reported that on the evening of 6th August 1949, at approximately 1650 hours he and his wife observed an unidentified round, black object about a foot in diameter travelling in a west to east direction. This object had an irregular edge and appeared to be turning in a clockwise direction. Source reported that the object seemed to disappear into a haze after being in view approximately 8 minutes.



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APPROVED:

Howard H. Symons
HOWARD H. SYMONS
Captain, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE	OF	PAGES
Hq., 1st Air Force, Slocum AFB, New Rochelle, New York	LAF AIR 49-2	2	2	

A visit was made to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Street, Jackson Heights--telephone no. [REDACTED], on Saturday, the 3d of September, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of interviewing the aforementioned concerning a report to the FBI by them of an unidentified object, airborne, described as a "flying disc" or "flying saucer." Mr. [REDACTED] is 31 years of age, does not wear glasses, and is an instrument designer, formerly employed by [REDACTED] Instrument Company of Long Island City. He is a former Infantry Tech Sgt, who later transferred to the AG. His wife, [REDACTED] is 30 years old, does not wear glasses, and is the secretary to the Vice President of the [REDACTED] Corporation. Mr. [REDACTED] is a high school graduate with 3 years of Pratt Institute (night sessions).

According to the [REDACTED], they were sitting on the rear porch of their home at approximately 1650 hours on the 6th of August. Mr. [REDACTED] glanced upward and saw what he described as a round object, black in color, with a glow similar to the reflection seen "from a propeller in the sun" on the front of it, traveling from west to east in a straight line at steady speed. He called his wife's attention to the object at once, and both of them claim that they had the object in view for approximately 8 minutes.

According to the [REDACTED], the object emanated no smoke or glow. It had an irregular edge and appeared to be turning in a clockwise direction. The object finally disappeared into the haze.

A visit was paid to the LaGuardia Weather Station, where the observer, Mr. Brumbach (A Reserve 1st Lieutenant assigned to the Corollary Unit at Mitchel) provided the information that between 16:00 and 17:25 DST visibility varied between 12 and 15 miles, and the wind held steady, blowing from the NW with a speed varying between 5 and 11 miles per hour.

A balloon was released at 2155Z from LaGuardia which would be 17:55 DST and, therefore, after the time of the reported unidentified object.

A telephone call to the Operations Officer at Lakehurst provided the information that two advertising balloons left Lakehurst for Kingston, New York, at 1404 and 1424 DST. These airships traveled at an estimated altitude of 1000 to 1500 feet at a speed of 45 to 50 knots.

Attention is called to the fact that reported object traveled in general direction of the prevailing wind, and sun, at time of observation, was, in relation to object, in such a position as to obviate possibility of reflection from front of disc.

Tower personnel at LaGuardia reported no unusual occurrences on the date in question and it would appear that any object of type noted would be seen by these people.

Maurice H. Shorago
MAURICE H. SHORAGO
Lt Colonel, USAFR
Investigating Officer

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NAME John D. Thompson DATE OF BIRTH 7 Aug 1949
M. I. N. ----- LOCATION New Orleans, La.
SEX Male OCCUPATION Civilian
DATE OF REPORT 11 Aug 1949 DATE IN GRADED -----
TIME OF REPORT 0255 COLOR Vivid glowing orange
SHAPE Spherical SPEED Approx. 650 MPH
SIZE Volley Ball (Approx.) ALTITUDE Approx. 2,500 ft
COLOR Ne LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 30 Sec.
NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Automobile
NOTES ----- HANDLING -----
PEN ----- SKETCHES ----- US Weather Bureau at Moisant Airport, New Orleans, released a weather balloon at 0300 hours 7 Aug 1949 and bureau felt that if temporary ATIC Form 329 sighted in air the balloon would fit observer's description of (2 Jun 52) object.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. <u>24-28</u>	DATE <u>13 September 1949</u>
TITLE SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC On 7 August 1949, at New Orleans, Louisiana, By Mr. [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY <u>EDWARD R. FORD</u>	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT		REPORT MADE AT <u>DO #8, Barksdale AFB, La.</u>	
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.		PERIOD <u>9 August 1949</u>	
SYNOPSIS On <u>7 August 1949</u> , at 0255 hours, Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, reported sighting an unidentified aerial object at approximately 3500 feet over Lake Pontchartrain. This object was glowing orange in color and traveling at approximately six hundred fifty (650) miles per hour. Information from the United States Weather Bureau, Moisant Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana, indicated that the Bureau released a weather balloon at 0300 hours, 7 August 1949. According to the Weather Bureau, this balloon, if sighted in the air, would appear the same as that described by Mr. [REDACTED]		OFFICE OF ORIGIN <u>DO #8, Barksdale AFB, La.</u>	
		STATUS <u>CLOSED</u>	
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		APPROVED <i>Edward R. Ford</i> EDWARD R. FORD Major, USAF <i>District Commander.</i>	
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
11 August 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

112th CIC Detachment, Headquarters Fourth Army

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED BY [REDACTED]

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE	...	A
USUALLY RELIABLE	...	B
FAIRLY RELIABLE	...	C
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	...	D
UNRELIABLE	...	E
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	...	F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	...	1
PROBABLY TRUE	...	2
POSSIBLY TRUE	...	3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE	...	4
IMPROBABLE	...	5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	...	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 7 August 1949 Mr. [REDACTED] Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 7 August 1949. Date of interview: 9 August 1949.
2. Exact time of observation: 0255 hours.
3. Place of observation: Lakeshore road, New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. Position of observer: In automobile.
5. What attracted attention to object: Just happened to notice it.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1).
7. Apparent size: Approximately the size of a volley ball.
8. Color of object: Vivid glowing orange.
9. Shape: Spherical.
10. Altitude: Approximately 2,500 feet.
11. Direction from observer: Northwest.
12. Distance from observer: Approximately one-half (1/2) mile.
13. Direction of flight of object: Northeast.
14. Time in sight: Thirty (30) seconds.
15. Speed: Approximately 650 miles per hour.
16. Sound and odor: None.
17. Trail: Gaseous appearing trail. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS:
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18. Luminosity: Bright orange.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

11 August 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

112th CIC Detachment, Headquarters Fourth Army

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED BY [REDACTED]

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:
COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
USUALLY RELIABLE B
FAIRLY RELIABLE C
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D
UNRELIABLE E
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F

OF INFORMATION:
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PROBABLY TRUE 2
POSSIBLY TRUE 3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
IMPROBABLE 5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED . . . 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

19. Projections: None.
20. Maneuvers: Traveling on a straight line.
21. Manner of disappearance: Out of normal vision.
22. Effect on clouds: Clear sky.
23. Additional information concerning object: None.
- 24: Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Moon was shining.

Name and address of observer:
Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation: [REDACTED]
Hobbies: Flying and sports.

Observer has 20/20 vision corrected.

Due to the official position of informant, no neighborhood or police checks were made.

Reliable information indicates that the United States Weather Bureau at Moisant Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana, released a weather balloon at 0300 hours 7 August 1949. According to the United States Weather Bureau, if sighted in the air the weather balloon would appear of the same description as that given by Mr. [REDACTED]

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial
Object(s))

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PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 7 August 1949
2. Time of sighting 0255 hours
(Sonar by 2½ hr clock)
3. Where sighted: From automobile, Lakeshore Road, New Orleans, La.
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town,
road, intersections, etc.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc.
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing
latitude and longitude
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
 - (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark
 - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
 - (4) Latitude and longitude
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude
 - (2) Proximity to land
(Name city, country, etc.)
4. Number of objects One (1)
 - a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)
5. Distance of object from observer Approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile.
 - a. Laterally or horizontally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon
 - c. Altitude Approximately 2500 ft.

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6. Time in sight Thirty (30) seconds

7. Appearance of object

- Color Vivid glowing orange
- Shape (sketch if possible) spherical
- Apparent construction (translucent)
- Size
 - Estimated size
 - Size as it appeared from observer's view Approximately the (Compared to known object) size of a volley ball

8. Direction of flight Northeast

9. Tactics or maneuvers Traveling on a straight line

- Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

10. Evidence of exhaust Gaseous appearing trail

- Color of smoke
- Length and width
- Odor (if any) None
- Rate of evaporation
- Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds Clear sky

- Opened path thru clouds
- Formed cloud or mists
- Reflected on cloud
- Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

- Reflected or attached
- Luminous Bright orange
- Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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13. Support None Visible **UNCLASSIFIED**

- a. Wings
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
- c. Vertical jet
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion None Visible

- a. Propeller or jet
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
(KatzMayer effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability None Visible

- a. Fine
- b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location

16. Air ducts None Visible

- a. Slots
- b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Approximately 650 MPH

18. Sound None

- a. Continuous whine or buzz
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
- c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view out of normal vision

c. Disappeared behind obstacle

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Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer Mr. [REDACTED]

2. Address [REDACTED], New Orleans, La.

3. Occupation [REDACTED]

4. Place of business

a. Employer or employee US Government

5. Hobbies Flying and Sports

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)

Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?

6. Ability to determine Observer has 20/20 vision corrected

a. Color

b. Speed of moving objects.

c. Size at distance

7. Reliability of observer Due to official position of informant,
no neighborhood or police checks were made.

a. Sources

- (1) Neighbor
- (2) Police Dept
- (3) FBI records
- (4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was drawn to object (s) Just happened to notice it.

- (1) Sound
- (2) Motion
- (3) Glint of light

9. Witnesses

a. Addresses

b. Occupation

c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is 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 separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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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 that border.)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other (See below)
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
 - a. Object
 - b. Surrounding terrain where observed
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
 - d. Maneuvers
 - e. Formation if objects were more than two
8. Secure signed statement
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such)

The US Weather Bureau at Moisant Airport, New Orleans, Louisiana, released a weather balloon at 0300 hours, 7 August 1949, and according to the Weather Bureau Officials, if sighted in the air, the weather balloon would appear of the same description as that given by observer of object.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Office of Special Investigations

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-28

7 Aug 7 49
9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

13 September 1949

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 7 August 1949, at
New Orleans, Louisiana,
by Mr. ██████████
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

SRCH _____
INDEX _____
SERIAL _____
CLSFY _____
FILE _____

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith is Closed Report of Investigation regarding above Subject.
2. 9th District OSI does not contemplate any further action in the above case.

Edward R. Ford

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Rpt of Invest (2)

EDWARD R. FORD
Major, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL 22 SEP 1949		
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19 August 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 ~~Major~~ New Orleans, La., 7 August 1949, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
As stated

GEORGE J. JONES
Colonel GSC
AC of S, G-R

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WEATHER DETACHMENT 26-5L
26th Weather Squadron
Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

10 August 1949

SUBJECT: Synoptic Observation and Winds Aloft for 2000C, 8 August 49.

TO : Wing Intelligence Officer
3380th Technical Training Wing
Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Teletype sequence Winds Aloft and Celestial Phenomena:

Latitude: 30 degrees 24 Minutes 24 Seconds North
88 Degrees 55 Minutes West

1923 Central: Sky Condition, high scattered 2500 scattered; visibility twelve miles; sea level pressure 163 millibars; temperature 85 degrees F.; Dewpoint 72 degrees F; Wind Calm; a layer of scattered clouds at 20000 feet with cumulonimbus clouds north of station and frequent lightening north of station. Forecast, no change for the next nine hours.

2018 Central: Sky Condition, high scattered 2500 scattered; visibility 10 miles; sea-level pressure 163 millibars; temperature 82 degrees F.; dewpoint 74 degrees F.; Wind Calm; a high layer of scattered clouds at 20000 feet with cumulonimbus clouds to north of station and frequent lightening north of station. Forecast, no change for the next nine hours.

The following are winds aloft for levels indicated at 2000C.

two thousand feet from 195 degrees at ten knots; four thousand feet from 030 degrees at ten knots; six thousand feet from 080 degrees at ten knots; eight thousand feet from 100 degrees at 10 knots; ten thousand feet from 090 degrees at 5 knots; twelve thousand feet from 090 degrees at 5 knots; fourteen thousand feet from 090 degrees at 10 knots; 16 thousand feet from 100 degrees at 5 knots; 20 thousand feet from 100 degrees at 5 knots; 25 thousand feet from 120 degrees at 5 knots; 30 thousand feet from 090 degrees at 15 knots; 35 thousand feet from 090 degrees at 15 knots. For 1000 feet the wind was from 180 degrees at 5 knots.

Richard W. Stoddard
RICHARD W. STODDARD
Major, USAF
Commanding

2000C

They're Spherical, Fast As Jets

Flying Discs Come To N. O.

The flying discs have come to New Orleans at last.

But here they're not like saucers. To [redacted] they were spherical.

Mr. Schulingkamp, assistant U. S. attorney, said that he saw a "round, luminous" object flying with jet-like speed across Lake Pontchartrain Sunday.

The object, "which was trailing what appeared to be gaseous matter, brilliant orange in color," was moving southeast in the general direction of Michoud, he said.

It was flying on a straight level course at an altitude of about 2500 feet, he declared.

Mr. Schulingkamp, who is a Navy veteran and a licensed pilot with several hundred flying hours, said he was convinced that "what I saw was a man-made aircraft."

He described his experience as follows:

"At 2:55 a. m. I was driving along the lakefront from West

End toward the New Orleans Airport.

"I had just passed the Levee Board police station, when I looked to my left out over the lake.

"I saw in the sky a moving object, spherical in shape and trailing what appeared to be gaseous matter, which was brilliant orange in color.

"The object appeared to be about the size of a volley ball. It approached the shoreline from a northwest direction. It was flying in a southeast direction in the general vicinity of the Higgins Michoud plant.

"The object appeared to be solid.

"Its course through the sky resembled the smooth, swift flight of a jet powered aircraft in straight level flight. I would put the speed at at least 600 miles per hour.

"The object was in full view for at least 30 seconds. It did not plunge earthward in the fashion of a meteor and its general as-

pect, course and behaviour led me to believe that it was not an astronomical phenomenon."

Mr. Schulingkamp said he did not know whether the object made any sound because passing cars drowned out any other noises he might have heard.

He said he heard that the object was spotted by a watchman at Higgins about the same time that he saw it.

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S T A T E M E N T

On 8 August 1949 at 2000 hours, my wife, Dale Prebis and her folks, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Stanton and I were standing at the seawall at Biloxi enjoying the gulf air. At a time while looking out over the gulf toward the Southeast, my eye happened to catch a bright spherical object. I turned to the East and I saw the object which appeared as a brilliant sphere, the size of a waste paper basket. Its direction of travel was from over KAFB toward a 180 degree heading, traveling at a speed of 600 to 800 miles per hour. The course of travel was in an unusually horizontal plane. The object stayed in view for approximately thirty (30) seconds and then disappeared out of sight over the gulf. My wife had also witnessed part of this display, and immediately we all discussed the matter for some time. I believe the object was too large to have been a firefly presenting an optical illusion. I also believe that it was not a meteor fragment because of its bright glowing nature so close to Earth. Due to the large amount of oxygen present, I believe a meteor would have burnt itself out before ascent to such low altitude.

Walter T. Prebis

WALTER T. PREBIS
1st Lt, USAF

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