

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 01 August 79 09/0200-0230Z	2. LOCATION Biloxi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
3. SOURCE Military & Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 20 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was a round ball, bright yellow in color, with a faint glow. It was traveling horizontally at a low altitude and very fast. No sound or exhaust was observed.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
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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FORCE HQ USAF DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE AIR

INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS MEMORANDUM NUMBER FOUR ETC

FIFTEEN FEBRUARY FOUR NINE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: SUBMITTED

UNDER PART II - REQUIREMENTS

1. 8 AUGUST 1949

2. 2000 CST

3. A. (1) BILOXI MISSISSIPPI

(2) WEST SIDE OF BILOXI

(3) FROM SEAWALL ON BEACH

(4) 30 DEG 24 MIN NORTH 08 DEG 5 MIN WEST

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C. NEGATIVE

4. ONE ONLY

5. UNKNOWN

6. A. ONE AND ONE HALF TO TWO MILES HORIZONTAL DISTANCE

B. THIRTY DEGREES

C. ONE THOUSAND FEET

7. THIRTY DEGREES

8. A. BRIGHT YELLOW

B. ROUND

C. UNKNOWN

D. (1) BALL APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET IN DIAMETER

(2) SIZE OF STANDARD WASTE BASKET

9. ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DEGREES

10. STRAIGHT NO ERRATIC MOVEMENT

11. A. NEGATIVE

B. NEGATIVE

C. NEGATIVE

D. NEGATIVE

E. NEGATIVE

12. WAS IN CLEAR

13. OBJECT LIGHT . ONLY ONE SIGHTED

A. NEGATIVE

B. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

B. UNKNOWN

C. STEADY

14. UNKNOWN

15. UNKNOWN

16. UNKNOWN

17. UNKNOWN

18. APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR

19. NO SOUND

1. FIRST LIEUTENANT [REDACTED]
2. 336TH TECH TNG SQ SPECIAL SUBJECTS KNEESLER AFB MISS
3. ATOMIC ENERGY INSTRUCTOR
4. KNEESLER AIR FORCE BASE
5. BONDANIED ON ACTIVE DUTY
6. EXCELLENT COMBAT EXPERIENCE AS BOMBARDIER
7. EXCELLENT
8. JUST HAPPENED TO SEE IT WHILE LOOKING OUT OVER CLYXX ONLY NOTED
AND GLINT OF LISTXX LIGHT
9. WITNESS MRS [REDACTED] ADDRESS AS ABOVE
10. OBSERVER SEEMED TO BE INTELLIGENT AND WELL QUALIFIED TO MAKE
ABOVE STATEMENTS. INFORMATION REQUESTED UNDER QUOTE FEDERAL
UNQUOTE WILL BE FORWARDED IN SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

/ [REDACTED]

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Office of Special Investigations

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-29

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
13 October 1949

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 8 August 1949, at
Hattiesburg, Mississippi,
By Mr. and
Mr.
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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

1. Transmitted herewith is Closed Report of Investigation regarding the above Subject.

2. 9th District OSI contemplates no further action in the above case.

1 Incl:
Rpt of Invest (2)

John C. McLendon
JOHN C. McLENDON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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FROM LCEP

DATE 25 Oct 49 COMMENT NO. 1

Letter from 9th OSI District, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, together with report dated 13 October 1949 concerning subject above, is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

Irwin W. Rohlf
IRWIN W. ROHLF

Technical Advisor

Air Provost Marshal's Office

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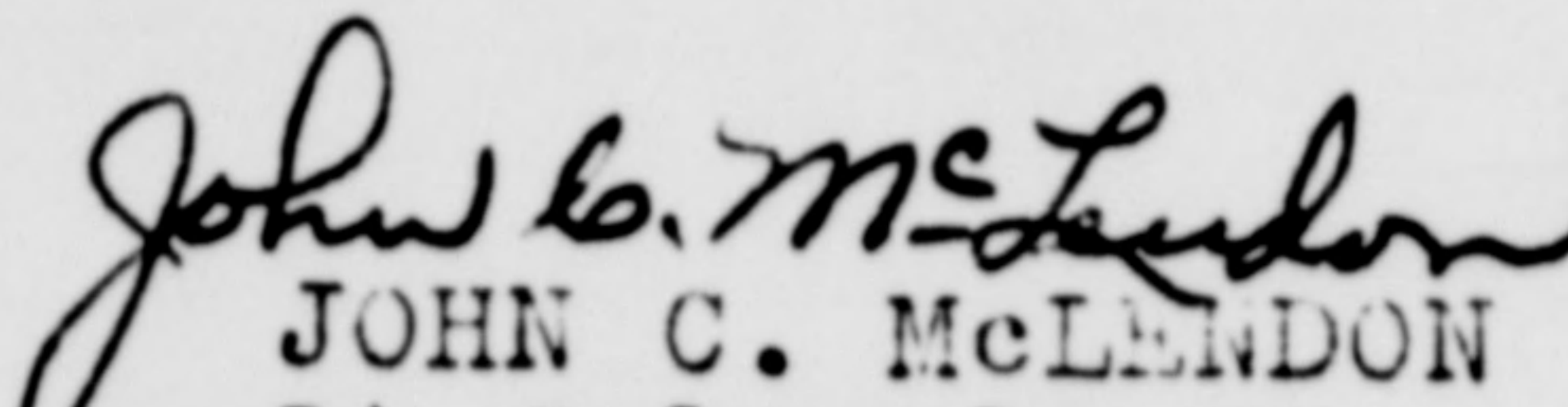
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-29	DATE 13 October 1949
TITLE SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC On 8 August 1949, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY DONALD V. OWENS	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		PERIOD 29, 30 August 1949	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT			
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS <p>On 8 August 1949, at 2030 hours, Mr. [REDACTED], Forrest County, Mississippi, observed from the front porch of his home at [REDACTED] Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, an unidentified object traveling through the sky at a great rate of speed. Mr. [REDACTED] described the object as sphere shaped with a very soft yellowish glowing light approximately the size of a common soft ball. This object remained in sight for approximately one second and moved from sight by passing behind trees.</p> <p>On 8 August 1949, 2030 hours, Mr. [REDACTED], Hattiesburg, Mississippi, observed an object traveling across the sky at a speed which Mr. [REDACTED] described as being "faster than any jet plane I have ever seen". This object was circular in shape and tapered to an almost fine point. The entire object was luminous. The foremost portion gave off an extremely yellowish glow and the tapering end faded into a bluish color. This object remained in sight for approximately one second.</p>			
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CLOSED YEAR INTERVALS:</p> <p>DOWNGRADED AT 5 YEAR INTERVALS;</p> <p>DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.</p> <p>DDO DIR 5200.10</p> <p>Divulge information in this report is a violation of paragraph 11, AFI 205-1, dated 18 May 1949.</p> <p>Investigation, person mentioned not entitled to the</p> </div>			
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	APPROVED  JOHN C. McLENDON Lt Colonel, USAF District Commander.		UNCLASSIFIED

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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 8 August 1949
2. Time of sighting 2030 Hours
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted: Residence - ~~REDACTED~~
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town Hattiesburg, Mississippi
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town,
road, intersection, etc. In north Hattiesburg.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. Porch of residence.
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing
latitude and longitude (Not applicable)
 - 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) (Not Applicable)
5. Distance of object from observer Unknown
 - a. Laterally or horizontally Laterally
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon Forty degrees (40°)
 - c. Altitude Unknown

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6. Time in sight One (1) - Two (2) seconds.
7. Appearance of object
 - a. Color Soft yellowish glow.
 - b. Shape (sketch if possible) Average soft ball
 - c. Apparent construction (translucent) Glowing
 - d. Size
 - (1) Estimated size Regulation soft ball.
 - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view Regulation soft ball.
(Compared to known object)
8. Direction of flight Southern.
9. Tactics or maneuvers None.
 - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.
10. Evidence of exhaust None.
 - a. Color of smoke
 - b. Length and width
 - c. Odor (if any)
 - d. Rate of evaporation
 - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)
11. Effect on clouds Not cloudy.
 - a. Opened path thru clouds
 - b. Formed cloud or mists
 - c. Reflected on cloud
 - d. Shown thru cloud
12. Lights
 - a. Reflected or attached
 - b. Luminous X
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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12. Support None seen.

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

14. Propulsion No evidence.

- a. Propellor or jet
- b. Rotor
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
 (Katz Mayer effect)
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None visible

15. Control and stability Fast and smooth

- a. Fine
- b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None seen.
 - (1) Size
 - (2) Shape
 - (3) Location

16. Air ducts None seen.

- a. Slots
- b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Too fast to estimate

18. Sound None heard.

- 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
- c. Disappeared behind obstacle x

Relative to the Observer

- 1. Name of observer ~~REDACTED~~
- 2. Address ~~REDACTED~~, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 3. Occupation ~~REDACTED~~
- 4. Place of business ~~REDACTED~~ House, Hattiesburg, Miss.
 - a. Employer or employee Forrest County, Mississippi
- 5. Hobbies Hunting and Fishing
 - a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?
- 6. Ability to determine
 - a. Color Unquestionable
 - b. Speed of moving objects Unquestionable
 - c. Size at distance Unknown - apparently average
- 7. Reliability of observer Definitely reliable.
 - a. Sources
 - (1) Neighbors x
 - (2) Police Dept x
 - (3) FBI records
 - (4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on

- a. Sightings in general Unquestionable
- b. How attention was drawn to object (s)
 - (1) Sound
 - (2) Motion
 - (3) Glint of light x

9. Witnesses ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

- a. Addresses ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Hattiesburg, Miss.
- b. Occupation ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Hattiesburg, Miss.
- c. Reliability Probably reliable

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person
 Moderately heavy drinker, braggart type
Interrogated. was classified 4F during the war because of
 only one eye.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how 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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GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions No weather station in Hattiesburg. See 1* below for surrounding towns.
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
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 Wooded area.
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
 - d. Maneuvers
 - e. Formation if objects were more than two
8. Secure a signed statement Not applicable
9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible. Not applicable.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such). No.

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FOR MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI: E 120 Ø 12 176/80/72 ↘ 3/005.
FOR MC COMB, MISSISSIPPI: 40 Ø 12 166/78/74 ↗ 3/003.
FOR MOBILE, ALABAMA: E 250 Ø 140 Ø 10 173/78/73 ↗ 7/004/45 Ø
FREQ LTNG IN CB W.
FOR JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: E 300 Ø 15 169/80/74 ↘ 4/002/DSNT LTNG N.
FOR NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: E 300 Ø 60 Ø 12 169/81/74 ↘ 3/004.
FOR BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI: Ø 25 Ø 10 163/82/74C/000 ↘ 200 Ø CBN
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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO. 1.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT		
AREA REPORTED ON KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI		FROM (Agency) WING INTELLIGENCE, KEESLER AFB, MISS.
DATE OF REPORT 10 August 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 10 August 1949	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) LT. DARRELL E. WILLIAMS		SOURCE 1st LT W. T. PREBIS
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Hq USAF, Air Intelligence Requirements Memo No. 4, dtd 15 Feb 49 "Unconventional Acft".		
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>At 2000 hours on 8 Aug 49, at Biloxi, Mississippi, an unidentified object was sighted in the sky by 1st Lt [REDACTED] of Keesler AFB, Miss. The object sighted appeared to be in the shape of a large beach ball about two (2) feet in diameter. The object was a bright yellow in color with a faint glow around it as though seen through a mist, as the moon appears when seen through a thin fog. It was traveling at a speed estimated at from 600 to 800 mph. The object was at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet and was below the clouds and in the clear (VFR). The observer could distinguish no definite sounds coming from the object because of the sounds of local traffic and aircraft flying local from Keesler AFB (Four B-25s and one T-6). When the object disappeared after being in sight for only about twenty (20) seconds, it just seemed to blink out and was gone. There was no exhaust visible. No distinguishing features were noted.</p> <p>The sighting of this object took place only seventeen (17) hours after a similar object was reported being seen hurtling across New Orleans, Louisiana.</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">420</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 10 YEARS. DOD DIR 5100.10</p>		
<p>3 INCL.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weather report. 2. News article. 3. Signed Statement 		
DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR		
<p>3 cys: CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio</p> <p>3 cys: CG, ATC, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana</p>		

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1. Date of Sighting: 8 Aug 49.
2. Time of sighting: 2000 Hrs CST.
3. Where sighted:
 - a. Ground
 - (1) Standing on ground at Biloxi, Miss.
 - (2) Within City Limits on West side of town.
 - (3) Standing on Seawall near beach.
 - (4) 30 Deg 24 Min North, 88 Deg 55 Min West.
 - b. Negative.
 - c. Negative.
4. Number of Objects: One object only sighted.
5. No celestial phenomena reported at this date and time.
6. Distance of object from observer:
 - a. Object appeared to be from one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) to two (2) miles distant laterally.
 - b. The angle of elevation above the horizon was approximately thirty (30) Degrees.
 - c. The object appeared to be approximately one thousand (1000) feet above the ground.
7. Time in sight: Object remained in sight approximately twenty (20) seconds.
8. Appearance of object:
 - a. Color of the object appeared to be bright yellow as of a lamp or a flame.
 - b. Object shaped round, as a ball.
 - c. Apparent construction unknown.
 - d. Size:
 - (1) Appeared like a large beach ball of about two (2) feet in diameter.
 - (2) To the observer it appeared to be about the size of a standard waste basket.
9. Direction of flight: Object appeared to come from the North maintaining a course of 180 degrees.

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10. Object continued in a straight line with no erratic movement either horizontally or vertically.

11. There was no evidence of any exhaust.

12. Object was approximately 1500 ft below the clouds and had no effect whatsoever on them.

13. The object itself which appeared as a luminous light was the only one observed.

14. Unknown.

15. Unknown.

16. Unknown.

17. Unknown.

18. Speed was estimated between six hundred (600) and eight hundred (800) MPH. The observer stated that it was going faster than any jet he had ever seen.

19. Observer could distinguish no sound which might partly be due to local auto traffic and aircraft flying locally out of Keesler AFB. There were four (4) B-25s and one (1) T-6 flying in the vicinity of Keesler AFB at 2000 hours.

20. When the object disappeared it appeared to blink out and was gone. It did not explode nor fade, but was there one second and was gone.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer: 1st Lt [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] Tech Tng Sq, Special Subjects, Keesler AFB, Miss.

3. Occupation: Atomic Energy Instructor.

4. Stationed at Keesler Air Force Base.

5. Bombardier on Active Duty.

6. Ability judged to be excellent due to his experience as a Bombardier in the USAF.

7. Reliability of observer: Excellent.

8. Observer was looking out over the Gulf when his attention was drawn to the object by the glint of light and motion.

9. Witness: Mrs. Walter Prebis, address as above.

10. Observer seemed to be intelligent and well qualified to make above statements.

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions is attached as Inclosure 1.

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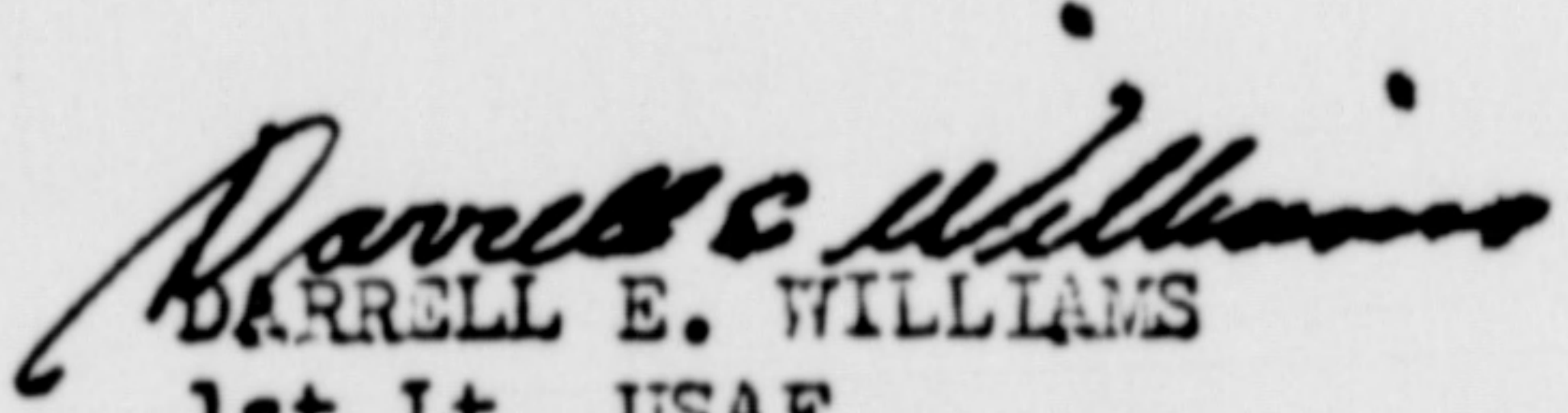
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2. Winds aloft report included in Inclosure 1.
3. There were no scheduled landings of commercial aircraft in the vicinity Monday night.
4. Possible releases of testing devices in the vicinity is unknown by this office. Nearest Proving Ground is Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
5. Object disappeared over water and it is not known whether it crashed or not.
6. Negative.
7. No photographs were taken of object.
8. Signed statement of observer attached as Inclosure 3.
9. Negative.
10. Negative.


DARRELL E. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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