

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Aug 1951		2. LOCATION Ellington AFB, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0118 GMT 26/0718Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE North, rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj bright (as bright as the brightest star), yellow in color. No definite shape. Deviated but returned on course of North. Disappeared by rising. Altitude approx 25,000 was observed 3 -4 min.				11. COMMENTS Case evaluated as balloon.	

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(Secret) Transmittal of Project Grudge Reports

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Attn: Col Willis

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16 Oct 51
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1. Inclosed are three Forms 112 describing three separate Project Grudge sightings.
2. Action is being taken to investigate these reports.

3 Incls

1. Fm 112 Rpt No. IR-3-51
2. Fm 112 Rpt No. IR-4-51
3. Fm 112 Rpt No. IR-5-51

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ATIAA-10-8-E. Reference is made to IR-3-51, IR-4-51, and IR-5-51, dated 7 October 1951, from Wing Intelligence, Ellington AFB.

a. In regard to IR-3-51 and IR-4-51, is the date of sighting given as 26 August 1951 correct? If correct, when did sources first report incident to Wing Intelligence? Note that sighting occurred 26 August 1951 and report was made 7 October 1951.

b. Were any unidentified radar contacts made during periods covered in reports?

c. In reference to last paragraph in IR-5-51, what did the sergeant at Base Operations mean when he referred to experiments by Wright-Patterson?

d. It is requested that local astronomer be contacted to determine whether or not any astronomical phenomena were reported on subject nights.

e. Were phenomena observed by any other personnel either military or civilian?

f. Were any radiosonde balloons released in the general area?

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It is requested that no re-interrogation of the sources be conducted at the present time.

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AFOTN-ATIAA-10-16E. Please advise when information can be made available to this Center, in regard to our previous teletype 162030Z Oct 51. In reply cite AFOTN-ATIAA-2 GRUDGE.

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ARE AS FOLLOWS: A. IR-4-51 REPORTED TO WING PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
27 AUG 1951. WING INTELLIGENCE WAS PRESENT FOR INTERVIEW OF INFORMANTS
BY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE. WING INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS
SUBJ WERE DATED 8 SEPT 1950. LOCAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
ADVISED WING INTELLIGENCE THEY HAD MORE RECENT INSTRUCTIONS TO NOT
HANDLE FUTURE REPORTS OF ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA. WING INTELLIGENCE
RECEIVED COPY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE REPORT OF INTERVIEWS AND
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INFO. WHEN REPORT OF IR-5-51 CAME IN, INFORMANTS OF I-3-51 WAS
OBTAINED INTERROGATION OF INFORMANTS OF IR-3-51 FOLLOWED. B.
NEGATIVE. NO RADAR OPERATIONAL IN THIS AREA DURING THE TIME OF EITHER
REPORT. C. CHECK WITH WING OFFICER OF THE DAY, WING HQS CHARGE OF
QUARTERS, AIRDRONE OFFICER, BASE OPERATIONS DUTY AIRMEN, 2 TOWER
OPERATORS, BASE TELEPHONE OPERATOR ON DUTY DURING PERIOD COVERED
BY IR-5-51 FAILED TO REVEAL OTHER WITNESSES OR TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY
OF SERGEANT INFORMANT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TALKED TO AT BASE OPERATIONS.
NOR WERE WE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THE FACT INFORMANT HAD TALKED TO
ANYONE OTHER THAN WING HQS CHARGE OF QUARTERS. D. NO ASTRONOMERS
WORKING IN HOUSTON AREA DURING THE TIME OF THE REPORTS. E. NO REPORTS.
F. NEGATIVE

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified Celestial Phenomenon		
AREA REPORTED ON Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence, Ellington AFB	
DATE OF REPORT 7 October 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 October 1951	EVALUATION F-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) William F. Hester Jr., Captain, USAF	SOURCE Sgt. [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED] Pfc. [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED] Pfc. [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Lt. Hq USAF, AFOIC-CC-1, 8 Sep 50, Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft		
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.)		

Report of unidentified light, thought to be a Celestial Phenomenon, as seen by Sgt. Douglas Way, Pfc. John M. Sues, and Pfc. Richard Rains at about 0113, 26 Aug 1951.

COMMENTS of Reporting Officer:

1. The reliability of the informants of this report can not be judged.
2. The fact the sergeant on C.Q. was made a witness to this sighting would add more weight to the statements of the other two informants.
3. For additional reports of this type for approximately same period see IR-3-51. Also, see IR-5-51 for similar sighting on a later date.
4. The following weather prevailed for 26 August 1951:
 00250 015 146/78/730/995
 01250 012 149/78/730/996
 02250 012 149/78/730/996

APPROVED:

W. F. Hester Jr.
W. F. HESTER JR.
Captain, USAF

Intelligence Officer

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Statement - Sgt. [REDACTED]
Statement - Pfc. [REDACTED]
Statement - Pfc. [REDACTED]

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Statement of Sgt [REDACTED] 149th AC & W Squadron, Ellington
Air Force Base, Houston, Texas

I was on CG duty when Pfc [REDACTED] woke me up telling me to come outside and see this strange thing. I immediately went out and saw this thing passing overhead. I noticed how bright it was (as bright as the brightest star in the sky at that time). It had no definite shape, but appeared to be as a bright light passing across the sky. The color was not blue white as a star, but more of a yellow light. There was no trail left by this object, at least none that I could see. I would judge altitude of over 25,000 feet. I also noticed that it was making a definite angular turn from its course but that it would always return in the same general direction - North. When it disappeared it was going up instead of over the horizon. I followed until it was completely out of sight, and just before fading from view it seemed to blink on and off.

Remarks: I heard no sound from object.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sgt, 149th AC&W Squadron

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Statement of PFC [REDACTED] AF [REDACTED] 149th AC & W Squadron, Ellington
Air Force Base, Houston, Texas

On the morning of 26 August 1951 at 0113 hours, I saw a strange object in the sky. It was round with no protruding surfaces. It was at night so I couldn't see any if they were present. It was a very bright light, brighter than any star. It had a more yellow-white light than stars do. It must have been very high because there was no sound at all. I have observed the lights of conventional aircraft at night, and the light that I saw that night travelled almost four times as fast or more. It went away from us in a climbing direction that is it didn't go over the horizon, but climbed into the sky until it was so far and so high that it looked just like another star, then it faded from sight. The course was zig-zag. It would fly at tremendous speeds in one direction and then seem to coast. Then it would take an obtuse angle in another direction and repeat its change in speeds. The one thing that was very noticeable was the fact that these angles were so definite. After it had started to climb into the sky and it was very far away the light started blinking on and off at two second intervals. We counted the intervals aloud and I feel the time is fairly accurate, I don't know how long this thing took to go completely out of sight, but I would estimate three to four minutes. There was no visible trails of flame or smoke from this object. After I first observed this thing myself with Pfc [REDACTED] and then I called the CO in the orderly room, next to which we were standing, who was Sgt [REDACTED]. We all three observed the object.

[REDACTED]
Pfc, 149th AC&W Squadron

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Statement of Pfc [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED] 149th AC & W Squadron, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas.

I was with PFC [REDACTED] outside the orderly room of the 149th AC&W Squadron, when this thing passed nearly overhead. It was round, appeared slightly larger than Jupiter, and was much brighter, although a lot more yellow. It moved at first as a meteor, very fast from a South to a Northly direction. There was no exhaust trail or tail as there usually is with a meteor. There was no apparent means of propulsion, no sound was heard and no features or characteristics of modern aircraft were visible. It traveled at a terrific speed, until almost over us, then slowed almost to a stop. It then started a pattern of accelerating at a terrific rate, slowing almost to a halt and then shooting off at angles almost perpendicular to its original South to North Course. Although it was shooting at angles, it tended to keep its same Northerly direction. It continued this course for some time, and as it appeared to be moving directly away from us, I still noticed its zig zag course and marveled at the tremendous distance it would be travelling with each zig zag, if it were as high as it appeared. It appeared to be as high as the stars. It then ascended and began a blinking on and off at about 2 seconds intervals. We counted aloud to check the intervals. Instead of going passed the horizon like a meteor or shooting star, it contined to ascend, finally fading from sight. I observed this on the 26 Aug at 0115 hours.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AF [REDACTED]
Pfc, 149th AC & W Squadron

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 26 Aug 51

TIME (Local): 0118

LOCATION: Ellington AFB, Texas

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: 360°

SOURCE: Three airmen

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No investigation

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Bright yellow light making a zig zag course through the sky.

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1. DATE 26 Aug 51		LOCATION Ellington, AFB Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0230 GMT 26/0830Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Had a more yellow light than a star would. Traced its movements roughly in a triangle. It moved from the spot near middle star to above 3rd star & from there in a straight line to several degrees left of lwest star. At this time Sergeant Cook returned & I pointed it out to him. It had returned to near the pt where I first observed it. As we watched it began the same movements. Could not approximate distance. Stay motionless minutes at a time and suddenly start moving again. No sound. Still there when we returned to the base.				11. COMMENTS Possible balloon or star, however, positional data of object and manner not of disappearance not included. Insufficient data for a firm evaluation.	

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Statement of PFC [REDACTED], A [REDACTED], 3500th WAF Squadron, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas

On the morning of the 26th of August 1951 I was sitting in a car 2 miles West of Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas, it was 0230 hours. Something had gone wrong with the car and Sgt [REDACTED] had gone to get someone to push us to the base. I was just sitting there, half asleep, when suddenly I noticed a light something like a star. It was too bright to be a star and not bright enough to be Venus, which was, I believe, the only other bright "star" in the sky. This object had, as I remember, a more yellow light than a star would. It was located near three stars in a vertical line, being off to the side of the middle one when I first noticed it at 0230 hours. In the course of half an hour I traced its movements roughly in a triangle. It moved from the spot near the middle star to above the thirdstar and from there in a straight line to several degrees left of the lowest star. At this time 0300 hours Sgt [REDACTED] returned and I pointed it out to him. It had returned to near the point where I first observed it. As we watched it began the same movements again. I could not approximate the distance - if it were a light of an average size plane perhaps several thousand feet - if a larger light then higher up. Also, it would stay motionless for a minutes at a time and suddenly start moving again. Since it was night, if there were an exhaust trail it was invisible - there was no sound. It was still there when we returned to the base.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], A [REDACTED]
Pfc, 3500th WAF Squadron

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DATE: 26 Aug 51

TIME (Local): 0300

LOCATION: Ellington AFB, Texas

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 1 hour plus

SOUND: None

SPEED: Slow

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: Varied

SOURCE: Airman and WAF

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Very probably a weather balloon

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Erratic yellow light.