PROJECT 1947 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

22 DEC 52

2. LOCATION

El Paso, Texas

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 22/2100 CST
GCT 22/1500 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

33 Ground Visual
[illegible]

5. DURATION

2 Min

6. SOURCE

AF OFFICER

7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

two

8. SHAPE

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9. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Source took pictures of sky and two round objects appeared in the prints.

10. COMMENTS

5 March 1952

SUBJECT: Evaluation of 35 mm negative

1. Examination of the piece of 35 mm negative was made under magnification and by direct transmittal and reflected light. The following opinion is given:

a. The negative contains two (2) flaws in the emulsion of the film of such a nature that the emulsion coating is irregular on the surface and there are edges that will cause slight shadows and highlights when viewed under reflected light.

b. The cause of the flaws is unknown however they do appear to be caused by sticking of the film during the processing. A similiar appearing defect appears on the edge of the film nearest the exposed roof top.

William F. Willner

WILLIAM F. WILLNER,
Capt., USAF,
Photo Interpreter

APPENDIX V

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El Paso, Texas 25 February 1952

I. DISCUSSION INCIDENT

This report contained a photograph of two very unusual objects. The source, an Air Captain, stated that he was attempting to photograph "a circle" that he observed near a rainbow. The "circle" disappeared but he took a picture anyway. Upon developing, or having the negatives developed, two circular objects, similar in appearance to the planet, Saturn, were noticed.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Examination of the negative under a microscope showed that the images on the print were caused by two damaged spots on the negative. The cause of these damaged spots is unknown but it appeared that the emulsion had been heated or burned as it was brownish in color. The spots could also have been due to something touching the emulsion while it was still in a gelatin state.

III. CONCLUSIONS

The images on the print were due to damaged spots on the negative.

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Case contains 1,
8"x10" photo with negative.



AF FORM 112
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
UNITED STATES	1 of 1952	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS	1ST STRATEGIC SUPPORT SQ. BIGGS AFB, TEXAS

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
27 February 1952	25 February 1952	B-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
LT. COL. L. L. SHAW, JR., WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	CAPTAIN JOHN D. MUSICK, ADJ., 1st SSS

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
8th Air Force Letter 200-2, 8th Air Force Intelligence Collection Plans

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 113--Part II.)

1. The following report on two (2) unidentified flying objects is submitted as a result of an interview with Captain John D. Musick, AO 695353, Adjutant of the 1st Strategic Support Squadron.

2. At approximately 1100MST, 22 February 1952, source attempted to take photographs of a circle observed about a rainbow in the sky. Source was in front of home at 3514 Hamilton St., El Paso, Texas. The angle of the camera at the time of photography was approximately 70°. Sky was clear with no clouds present. Source used 35mm Cannon Camera, F-4 Rokor Telephoto Lens; film used was Kodak Super XX Panchromatic; shutter speed 1/500th second at F-5.6 or 1/200th at F-8.

3. Upon developing exposed film, two (2) unidentified objects appeared in one (1) negative of the exposed film. Objects were not visible to source at the time the picture was taken.

4. Photographs of unidentified objects as printed from exposed film along with the negative are submitted herewith.

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L. L. SHAW, JR.
Lt. Col., USAF
Director of Intelligence

4 incls.
1. Photograph of both objects
2. Enlargement of one object
3. Enlargement of one object
4. Negative (35mm) from which objects were printed (Sent to CG, Air Material Command)

AFOIN-ATI Comment
Images caused by burned spots on negative.

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Biggs Air Force Base, Texas

1SSS 22 April 1952

S T A T E M E N T

I developed the negatives in a steel Nikor tank using Microdal fine grain developer. All developing was done in my own home in a make shift darkroom (namely the bathroom). The exact date that the film was developed is unknown.

I take and develop pictures as a hobby. This was the second roll of film developed since 1947, the year I took up the hobby of photography. The film was developed in accordance with the instructions for fine grain developing. The time was twelve (12) minutes for developing with a thirty (30) second stop bath of 3 percent acetic acid and fixed for fifteen (15) minutes in Ansco Acid Fixer. Washing was done in the tank for approximately twenty (20) minutes. After discovering the supposed images, I brought the negatives to Biggs Air Force Base, Texas, where the negative was projected on a screen by 97th Bombardment Wing Intelligence personnel for their inspection. No one had seen anything like the supposed image before and the negative was taken to the Base Photo Labratory where it was enlarged. Prints were processed and they were in turn taken to the Commanding Officer 1st Strategic Support Squadron who referred them to the Squadron Intelligence Officer for action.

In the April or May issue of " U.S. Camera " I read an article in the " Letters to the Editor " column about someone who had a similiar flaw in the negative and the explanation was quite concise. They stated the flaws were caused by bending the film.

John D Musick

JOHN D MUSICK
Capt, USAF

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Hq Air Tech Intel Center AFOIN-ATIAA-2c Subject: [redacted] Photos of Unidentified Aerial Objects

IDO (9 Apr 52) 3d Ind

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, Fort Worth, Texas 29 APR 1952

THRU: Commanding General, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTENTION: AFOIN-ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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DINC 060 (9 Apr 52) 4th Ind 3 MAY 1952

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebr.

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTENTION: AFOIN-ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

The inclosed statement, by Captain Musick, is forwarded as requested in basic correspondence.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Ray P. Stewart

RAY P. STEWART
Major, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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Hq Air Tech Intel Center AFOIN-ATIAA-2c Sub: [redacted] Photos of Unident Aerial Obj.

AFOIN-ATIAA-2c (9 Apr 52) 1st Ind

HQ 1ST STRAT SPT SQDN, Biggs AFB, Texas, 21 April 1952

THRU: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, Carswell Air Force Base Texas

TO: Commanding Officer, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Enclosed herewith is the statement of Captain John D. Musick, concerning the details on the developement of his negatives as requested by basic communication.

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Statement of Capt Musick

JOHN A RUNGE
Major, USAF
Commanding

ABAJ 062 (9 Apr 52) 2d Ind

HQ, 97th AB Gp, Biggs AFB, Tex, 23 Apr 52

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
AFOIN-ATIAA-2c

SUBJECT: [redacted] Photos of Unidentified Aerial Objects

TO: Commanding Officer
1st Strategic Support Squadron
Attn: Wing Intelligence Officer
Biggs Air Force Base, Texas

1. Reference is made to your AF Form 112 dated 27 February 1952, subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects", and the photographs inclosed thereto.

2. The unidentified objects which appeared in the photograph prints were caused by small flaws in the emulsion of the negative.

3. It is requested that information be obtained as to where the negatives were developed and whether or not the source, Capt Musick, knew the flaws caused the images on the print.

4. The Directorate of Intelligence, Hq USAF, has requested this investigation. Since the investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena is a serious problem and if these photos were submitted as a hoax or joke, disciplinary action should be taken. However, if the source was not aware of the damage to the negative and conscientiously submitted them for analysis, his efforts are appreciated by the Air Force and no further action will be taken.

S. N. KIRKLAND, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division

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TO ATIAA-2C RUPPELT FM FOURNET

REFERENCE CSAF ITEM 6, TT 83, LAST PART.

MRS. BARBER, AID, INFORMED ME THIS MORNING

THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN TO YOU REGARDING AF

420583 AND THAT YOU HAD INDICATED THAT THE

IMAGES WERE MADE WITH AN ELECTRIC NEEDLE.

IF THIS IS CONCLUSIVE, THEN THERE APPEAR TO

BE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS SINCE THE FILM AND

REPORT WERE TURNED IN BY AN AIR FORCE OFFICER.

THEREFORE, IF YOUR EVALUATION OF THE ORIGIN

OF THESE IMAGES IS WITHOUT ANY POSSIBILITY

OF A DOUBT, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTACT

THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF THE FIRST STRATEGIC

SUPPORT SQUADRON IMMEDIATELY TO DETERMINE

WHETHER CAPTAIN MUSICK DEVELOPED THE FILM

HIMSELF OR HAD IT DEVELOPED BY A CIVILIAN

OR MILITARY LAB. IF HE DEVELOPED IT HIMSELF,

OR IF IT WAS DEVELOPED BY A MILITARY LAB,

IT APPEARS THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL

BE INVOLVED FOLLOWING A REPORT OF OUR FIND-

INGS TO THE CO OF THE FIRST STRATEGIC SUPPORT

SQUADRON. REQUEST THAT YOU EXPLORE ALL OF

THESE POSSIBILITIES AND WE WILL DISCUSS IT

FURTHER WHEN I ARRIVE AT ATIC NEXT WEEK.

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PLAN TO BE AT ATIC SECOND THROUGH FOURTH APRIL. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION DURING THAT TIME.

ACTION

NEW SUBJECT:

REFERENCE AF 420583 REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS FROM FIRST STRATEGIC SUPPORT SQUADRON, BIGGS AFB TEXAS DATED 27 FEB 52. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED COPY THIS REPORT PLEASE ADVISE EVALUATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS SOONEST.

END CSAF IEM 6 [redacted]

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Negative was checked at photo lab. Small burned spots on negative caused printed image. Not believed to be hoax, just an accident.

22 February 1952 El Paso, Texas
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