

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 May 1952		2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas		CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>M. J. Jones</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1900 CST GMT 0100 E		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE AF Pilot			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE ----- ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING This object would be near the sun. He mentions stratus clouds. Could be some type of reflection in the clouds Color: Bright Shape: Tubular Altitude 25° to 30°				11. COMMENTS Good report--very similar to one reported from Alaska. The initial sighting was 300° to 325°	

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EIGHTMINUTES PD SLOWLY ASSUMED HORIZ PSN MOVING TOWARDS N PD AGAIN
ASSUMED VERT PSN CMA POSSIBLE FLAME EXHAUST EXTENDED AND MOVED STIGHT
UP AND OUT OF SIGHT PD TIME FR LAST VERT PSN TO DISAPPEARANCE FOU R
SECOND PD OBSR POSITIVE NOT CONVENTIONAL ACFT CMA VERY POSITIVE
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BEFORE DISAPPEARANCE DASH ALT UNKNOWN PD FIVE CLN OBSR MAJOR D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A USAF CMA THREE ONE ZERO ZERO FLYING HRS CMA PILOT
EVALUATION A DASH THREE PD WIFE AND TWO FRIENDS CMA EVALUATION BAKER
DASH THREE PDSIX CLN VERY FEW HIGH THIN SCATTERED CIRPUS WITH ONE FIVE
MILE VISIBILITY CMA TEMP EIGHT TWO DEG PD SURFACE WIND ESE NINE KNOTS
PD WINDS ALOFT ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO FT THREE FOUR ZERO DEG ONE
EIGHT KNOTS CMA TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO FT TWO NINE ZERO DEG TWO
FOUR KNOTS PD SEVEN CLN OBJ MOVED FM AREA OF FEW CIRPUS TO AREA OF
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SUBJECT

Reporting Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON San Antonio, Texas area on World

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Aeronautical Chart #469

Dir/Intell, Hq CTAF, Randolph Field, Texas

DATE OF REPORT

4 June 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION

29 May 1952

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

Capt. M.D. Knipp, Chief, Combat Int Div

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

CCI 629F FLYOBRPT Hq CTAF

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.)

At 1900 hrs, 29 May 1952, an unidentified object was observed from a surface position of 29°29'N - 98°27'E.

The object appeared to be either tubular or flat and intensely bright, and changed positions from the horizontal to the vertical several times before ascending out of sight. Total time of observation was fourteen (14) minutes.

APPROVED:

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1. Statement of Observer
2. Map Overlay -

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Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

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1. This object appeared to be a small, flat, intensely bright, thin object in a horizontal position. It maintained its shape and appearance at the same time a thin stratus layer of clouds in the same general area did change in shape and position. The object traveled from left to right giving either the illusion of being very high or traveling very slow. A short time later, the object turned to a vertical position, remaining upright for eight minutes, then slowly tilting to the near horizontal position. Again the object assumed the vertical position, rising to a point beyond visible sight. Upon excelleration upward, this object lengthened and at the same time turned to a mild red or orange. The observer believed the object to be a flame trail rather than a material object due to its change in length and color. The speed could not be established, but it was estimated to have taken 4 seconds to disappear after moving into the final vertical position.

2. The object was observed on 29 May from 1900 hrs to 1914 hrs Central Standard Time.

3. The object was observed visually from the surface.

4. Observation was made from 29°29'N - 98°27'E (Reference Incl 2). The object was observed at approximately 300° to 325°. The angle of vision was approximately 25°-30° from the earths surface.

5. The information contained in this report covers the observation made [redacted] USAF, assigned to Hq CTAF, Randolph Field, Texas. This officer is a pilot on flying status with 3100 hrs flying time. The source of this information is evaluated as A; the information, 3.

6. Weather conditions at the time of the sighting were:

- a. High thin scattered cirrus
- b. Visibility - 15 miles
- c. Temperature - 82°F
- d. Surface winds ESE 9 knots
- e. Winds at 10,000 ft. were 18 knots from 340°
- f. Winds at 20,000 ft. were 24 knots from 290°

7. Any meteorological influence on the sighting is unknown.

8. No physical evidence of the object was obtained.

9. No interception or radar identification action taken.

10. Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting was unavailable.

M. D. Knipp

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At 1930 hrs, Thurs., 29 May 52, I was standing on my front porch on [REDACTED], San Antonio, Texas, with my wife and a civilian salesman, Mr. [REDACTED] when my attention was caught by what appeared to be a small flat intensely bright cloud in a horizontal position. It was thin and maintained its shape and appearance while a thin stratus layer of clouds in the same general direction did change in shape and position. The object traveled from left to right for several minutes giving the illusion of either being very high or traveling very slowly. Upon reaching a position of being sighted over a neighbors television antennae the object slowly turned until it was in an exact vertical position without any change of shape or color. It remained in this position for eight minutes by the clock and then slowly tilted from the vertical to the near horizontal position. It then started further movement to the right. It was noted at this time that it was slowly descending which was for a few seconds only. It then proceeded to complete a gradual upward curve to an angle estimated to be 60° from horizontal. The visible object appeared to be a flame trail and not the device producing it, as evidenced by the extension and acceleration to a point beyond visible sight. Also during the period of acceleration the visible object changed from an intense silvery glow to a mild red or orange. The attention of my wife, Mr. [REDACTED] and our next door neighbor who was working on her lawn was directed to the object. With the exception of the first few minutes they also witnessed what I have described here. The total observation was observed from a bearing of approximately 300° to 325°. The angle from horizontal in the vertical plane was approximately 25-30° except for the last few seconds as the object disappeared. At this point the angle appeared to exceed 45°. Except for a few thin high stratus clouds the sky was clear and visibility good.

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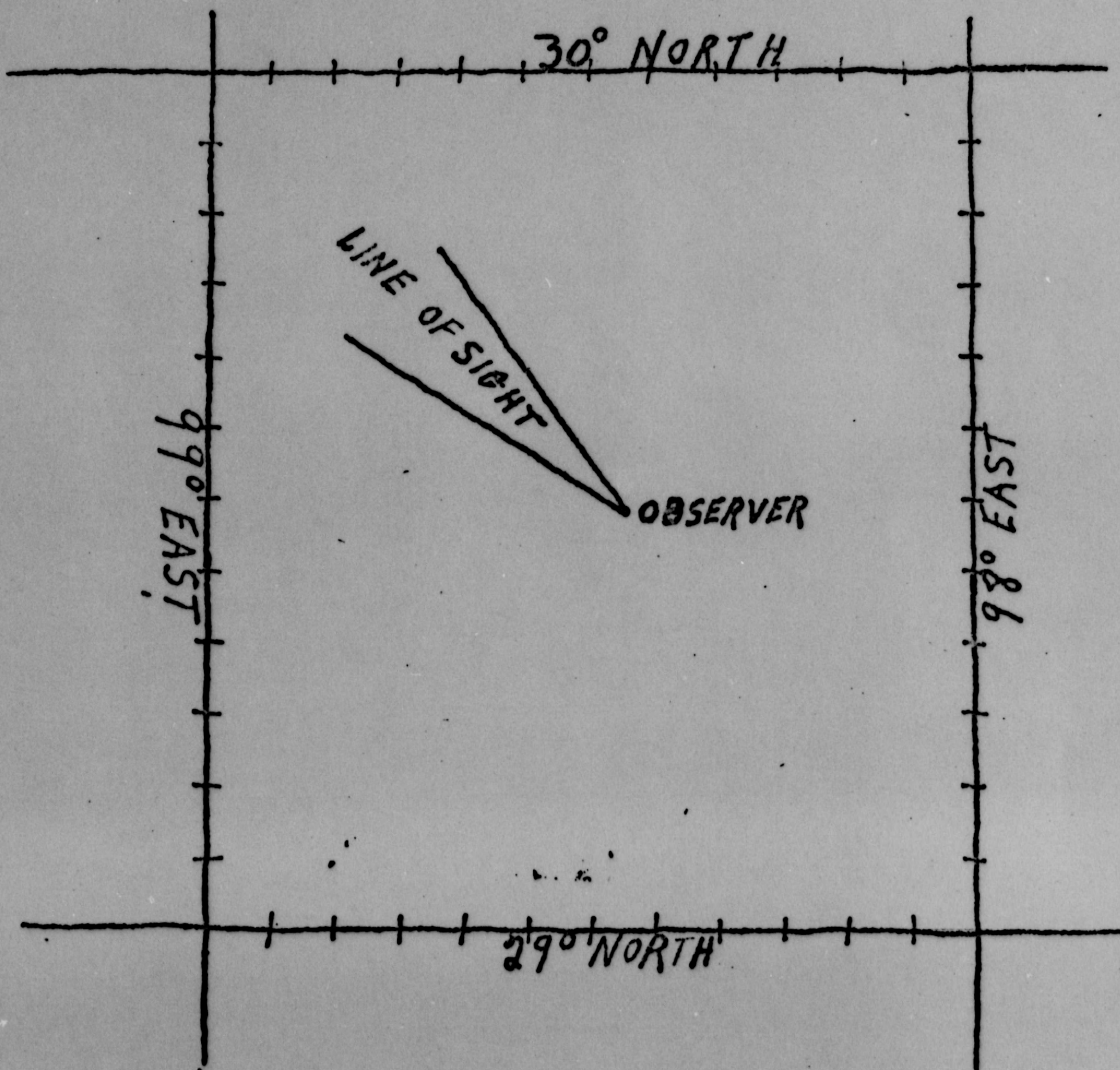
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