

PROJECT 100-1000000-100

1. LOCATION

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2. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☒ Possibly Balloon

3. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

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D Ground Based

☐ Not Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☒ Possibly Aircraft

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G. 1000

☐ Not Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☒ Possibly Astronomical

Airman

H. 1000

I. 1000

J. 1000

K. 1000

☐ Other
☐ In-Flight Data for Construction
☒ Unknown

70 min

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4. SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION

5. COMMENTS

Air Force bandsman observed three lights which changed color and maneuvered erratically for over an hour near Moody AFB.

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7. Negative.

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T/SGT JOHN A. MUTU

AFL 200-5 dtd 29 April 1952; TWX GI 824G dtd 28 July 1952

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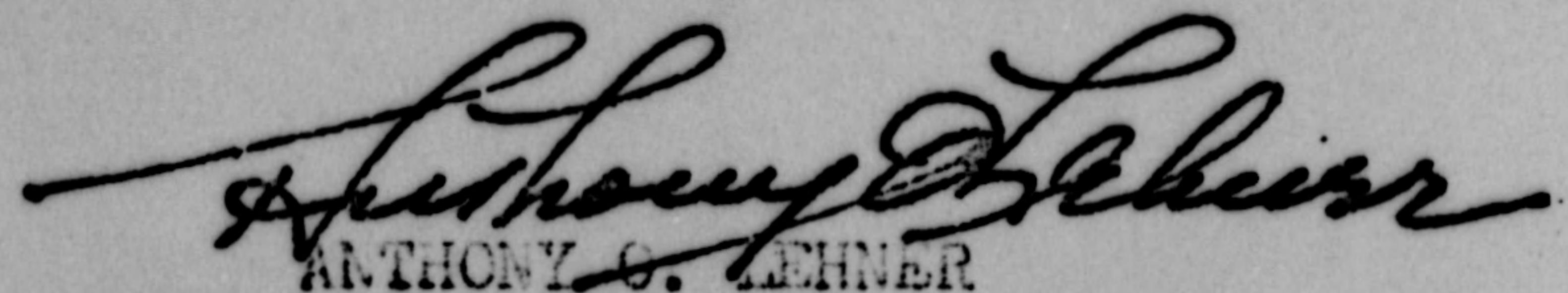
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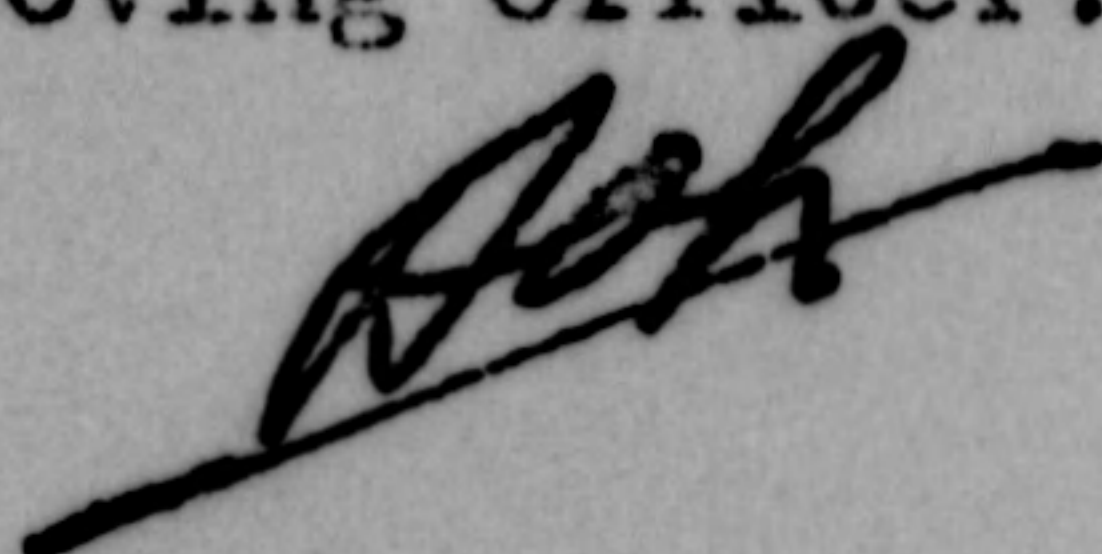


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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:



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Reddish glowing object with a halo
hovered and moved at different speeds in the
distance. Observed by many airmen at Travis
AFB.

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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (FLYOBREP)		
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DATE OF REPORT 30 July 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 24 July 1952	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Office) Ned M. Pettit, 1st Lt., USAF	SOURCE As indicated in body of report	

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This spot report concerning Unidentified Flying Objects is detailed information of message referenced above and is forwarded verbatim as received at this headquarters from the 1501st Air Transport Group, MATS, Travis Air Force Base, California.

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1. Observer: Technical Sergeant T. B. Mezo, AF 16 040 992, 1501st Maintenance Squadron.

a. Sgt Mezo was the first man apparently to observe the unidentified object. He states that at first he thought it was an aircraft landing or taking off from Travis. It was a very bright light such as one might see if an Aldis Lamp were pointed at the observer from approximately one mile. It was almost orange in color. After watching it for an estimated thirty seconds, he called several of the other men on duty to come out and take a look. He states that at first it seemed to be at an estimated five degrees above the horizon and the only apparent motion that it had was the appearance of moving directly away from the field. It almost seemed to hover, until it made a fairly slow turn to the right (West) and after finishing the turn moved off at a very fast rate of speed until it disappeared. The object seemed to remain at the same altitude during the entire time of observation. The object, as observed, seemed to be a well defined object and definitely not a reflection of light such as that which might be made by a rotating beacon or other light in the area. Sgt Mezo and the other personnel interrogated all mutually agreed that the unidentified object observed, although it had some characteristics of natural phenomena, was peculiar in its behavior and not like anything they had ever seen before. The object had the same appearance after turning and disappearing into the West as it had while apparently moving directly away from the observers. This would seem to indicate that it was not the identification light on an aircraft or the tail blast of a jet aircraft.

2. Observer: Mr. [REDACTED], Civilian Electrician.

a. Observed unidentified object at approximately 2215 hours, 24 July (PDST). Object described to be similar to large star, reddish in color. Object seemed to be moving away from the observer in a south south westerly direction at estimated ten to twelve miles. After observing object in this manner it turned at a very fast rate of speed and moved almost directly west until it disappeared from view. Object estimated to be 15 degrees above the horizon. Weather very clear at time of sighting with no cloud layers. The reddish core of the object had a glow extending around the circumference, giving the effect of a halo. The object was described to be unlike anything ever seen before, such as aircraft identification light or flare. No sound was heard.

3. Observer: Master Sergeant L. E. Hanson, AF 16 005 726, 1501st Maintenance Squadron.

a. Sgt Hanson's attention was called to the object when observed by Technical Sergeant Mezo. He came out of the alert shack and observed a bright reddish orange object in the sky at an estimated fifteen to twenty degrees above the horizon. He looked at his watch and noted that it was 2215 hours (PDST) 24 July. He watched the object for three to four minutes as it seemed to hover in the sky an unknown distance to the south of Travis AFB. The object seemed to have lateral rays extending to each side of it, not as bright as the center core. He called to man on duty inside the alert shack to call the Travis Control Tower to confirm the observation, however, the man was busy and failed to do so. After this apparent time of hovering, the object turned off to the right (West) and moved off at a very fast rate of speed until it completely disappeared. In comparing the size of the object, say to a star, it was much larger and brighter, and was unlike anything Sgt Hanson had ever observed previously. For purposes of comparison, if a star was considered to be a pin-point of light, the object observed was the size of a grapefruit. After the object turned off to the west, it was observed for approximately one minute, during which time it traveled an estimated forty-five degrees of azimuth from the point of observation.

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After the object started turning, it seemed to decrease in size fairly rapidly, apparently due to a very fast rate of speed. The weather was clear at the time of sighting.

4. Observer: Staff Sergeant D. C. Steen, AF 19 356 301, 1501st Maintenance Squadron.

a. Sgt Steen's attention was called to the unidentified object in the sky and he describes it as follows: It was a reddish orange, circular body with a glow not quite as bright as the center core, apparently just stationary in the sky an unknown distance to the south of the field. It stayed in this position for an estimated two to three minutes and then started moving off to the right (West). In contrast to Mr. [REDACTED] and Sgt Hanson's report, Sgt Steen did not estimate the rate of speed to be very fast in the turn, however, he did note that the relative size of the object did not seem to change after the turn was made. Sgt Steen compared the object to the size of a nickel, if a star was considered to be a pinpoint of light, and very unlike an identification light on an aircraft. Observer also noted that it definitely did not appear to be a star or planet, or anything he had ever seen before. No sound was heard.

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ZERO TWO ONE PD UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED BY THIRTEEN PERSONNEL

OF THE 1501ST MAINTENANCE SQUADRON ON TWO FOUR JULY TWO TWO ONE FIVE

PETER DIG SUGAR TARE PD WEATHER CLEAR WITH NO CLOUD LAYERS PD ESTIMATE

ONE FIVE DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO MILES SOUTH SOUTH

WEST ON TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE PD OBJECT HAD FOUND REDDISH CENTER

WITH HALO ESTIMATED TO BE THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF CENTER CORE PD OBJECT

REMAINED IN STATIONARY POSITION FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES APPARENTLY

MOVING DIRECTLY AWAY FROM OBSERVERS PD OBJECT THEN MOVED DIRECTLY TO THE

WEST UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT PD OBJECT MOVED AT VERY FAST

RATE OF SPEED PD ENTIRE LENGTH OF TIME OF OBSERVATION APPROXIMATELY

SIX MINUTES PD NO SOUND HEARD PD

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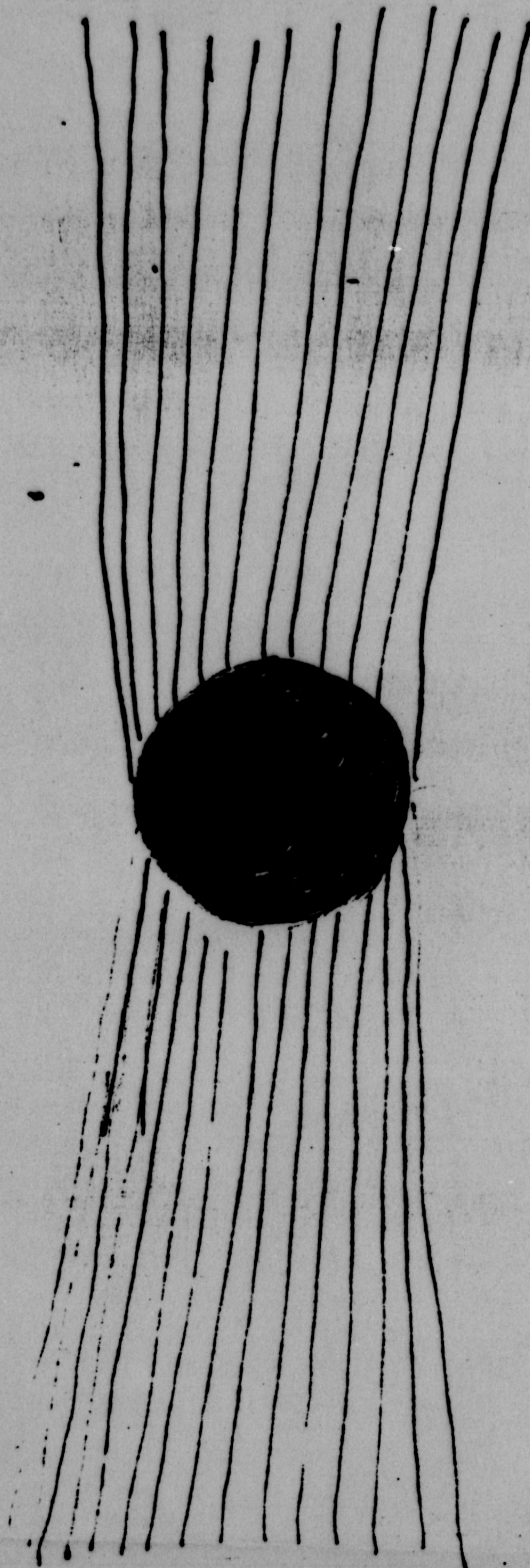
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