

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

2. LOCATION

Wagner Robins, Georgia

12. CONCLUSIONS

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

Local 1920 EST

☒ Ground-Visual

☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Was Aircraft

☐ Probably Aircraft

☐ Possibly Aircraft

5. PHOTOS

6. SOURCE

☐ Was Astronomical

☐ Probably Astronomical

☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Yes

☒ No

3 AF officers / 2 civilians

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE

☐ Other

☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation

☒ Unknown

15 minutes

2

SSW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

11. COMMENTS

White color. Lights.

Multiple sighting.

APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

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UNITED STATES

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

FLYOBREP

AREA REPORTED ON

Warner Robins, Georgia

FROM (Agency)

Hq, WRAMA, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

DATE OF REPORT

23 September 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION

16 September 1952

EVALUATION

B-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)

JAMES W. BRANAM (Civilian)

SOURCE

3 Air Force Officers;
2 Civilians, as listed below

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

AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952

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.)

1. Submitted herewith, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, report of interviews held by this office with [REDACTED] Major [REDACTED] Lt Col [REDACTED] and 1st Lt. [REDACTED], who sighted two (2) unidentified flying objects at Warner Robins, Georgia, on 16 September 1952, together with drawings made by the respective interviewees. All observers identified the time of sighting at approximately 1930 hours EST.

2. Check with Base Weather Station, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and Weather Station, Cochran Field (Macon Municipal Airport), Georgia, revealed that no weather balloons were released on 16 September 1952.

3. Check with Base Control Tower, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, indicated the following air activity at Robins Air Force Base on 16 September 1952, between 1915 and 2000 hours EST:

TYPE

C-47 No 8991

ARRIVAL1915 5 2015 2
1915 5 2015 2
1949 --inbound from Alexandria, La.

REMARKS: Captain [REDACTED], AO on duty this station, 0800, 16 Sep 52 - 0800, 17 Sep 52, queried Captain [REDACTED] pilot of listed aircraft, concerning objects. Captain [REDACTED] and co-pilot stated they both saw the objects at a glance off to the southwest, but were making approach for landing and gave no thought to the matter.

4. Contact was made with Mr. Bankston of the Communications Station at Cochran Field (Macon Municipal Airport), who reported the following aircraft in flight over the vicinity of Macon, Georgia, on 16 September 1952, between 1845 and 1945 hours EST:

TYPE

RF-80 (Flight of two (2)) Over Range Station at 1856 hrs; altitude 25,600; destination, BFM, Mobile, Ala.

INCL.

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SUBJECT FLYOVER			
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TYPE

Delta Airlines No. 345

Departed airport 1933 hours

F-51-AF 3818

Enroute LFI to Eglin Field, Fla; 1910 hours;
altitude 8,000.

AF 2186

1925 hours reported 25 miles southwest of
Macon, Georgia, at 2,500.

5. This report was coordinated with Headquarters, Fourteenth Air Force,
and will not be submitted by that Headquarters.

BEN CRAIN
Lt Col, USAF
Air Provost Marshal

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INCL.

1. Spot Report - Mr. [REDACTED]
2. Drawing by [REDACTED]
3. Spot Report - Mr. [REDACTED]
4. Drawing by Mr. [REDACTED]
5. Spot Report [REDACTED]

6. Drawing by [REDACTED]
7. Spot Report [REDACTED]
8. Drawing by [REDACTED]
9. Spot Report [REDACTED]
10. Drawing by [REDACTED]

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1. Unidentified Flying Objects:

a. Observers:

Mr. [REDACTED]

Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 16 September 1952 at 1930 hours, EST.

d. Weather: (Official report of Base Weather Station)
1930 hours - Clear - Visibility 15 miles -
Pressure - 1012.4 millibars - Temperature 79 degrees
Dew Point 69 - surface wind calm. Winds at
four thousand feet were from 320 degrees at ten knots,
six thousand feet from 330 degrees at five knots, eight
thousand feet from 330 degrees at eight knots, and ten
thousand feet from 340 degrees at fifteen knots. Scud
clouds from 15 to 20 miles south southwest of station.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] Jr., was interviewed by a representative, this office, at 1100 hours on 17 September 1952. [REDACTED] stated that at approximately 1930 hours, 16 September 1952, while at his home, located three (3) miles due west of Robins Air Force Base, he noticed two (2) bright white lights, three (3) or four (4) miles away, moving from the northeast to southwest. The lights appeared perfectly round to Mr. [REDACTED], with no fluctuation in intensity. The objects appeared to be at an altitude of from four (4) to five (5) thousand feet, moving at approximately one hundred (100) miles per hour. Objects were traveling abreast, some seven hundred (700) feet apart.

3. Objects cast no directional beams, and moved in a straight horizontal path without gaining or losing altitude. Observer was unable to estimate size of objects.

4. Visibility was good and the objects were observed for approximately fifteen (15) minutes, at which time they disappeared.

5. Observer detected no sound, vibration, smoke, flame or odor. Attached is a drawing made by [REDACTED] in an attempt to present in pictorial form the outline and position of the objects.

6. [REDACTED] was not under the influence of intoxicants at the time of observation.

7. He has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers and has read only what appeared in the newspapers about them.

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a. Observer:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 16 September at 1930 hours EST.

d. Weather: (Official report of Base Weather Station) 1930 hours - Clear - Visibility 15 miles Pressure - 1012.4 millibars - Temperature 79 degrees, Dew Point 69 - surface wind calm. Winds at four thousand feet were from 320 degrees at ten knots, six thousand feet from 330 degrees at five knots, eight thousand feet from 330 degrees at eight knots, and ten thousand feet from 340 degrees at fifteen knots. Scud clouds from 15 to 20 miles south southwest of station.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed by a representative, this office, at 1400 hours on 17 September 1952. [REDACTED] stated that at approximately 1930 hours, 16 September 1952, he was sitting on the front porch of his home and noticed two (2) bright white lights about two (2) or three (3) miles distant in a north northeast direction. After observing objects for about ten (10) minutes, [REDACTED] telephoned and relayed the information to the Operations Officer, this station. Personnel at Operations failed to see objects.

3. Objects were at an altitude of approximately five thousand (5,000) feet, with a south southwest heading. Units were traveling abreast, approximately one-half (1/2) mile apart. Objects at no time gained or lost altitude.

4. [REDACTED] stated that on two (2) occasions, both objects emitted a small bluish flame from the underside. The emissions were thirty (30) seconds to a minute apart. Objects at no time varied in intensity of glow.

5. Observer revealed that objects were perfectly round and were traveling at the rate of one hundred (100) miles per hour or less.

6. Visibility was good and the objects were observed for approximately fifteen (15) minutes before disappearing.

7. [REDACTED] detected no noise, vibration, smoke, or odor. Attached is a drawing made by [REDACTED] in an attempt to present in pictorial form the outline and position of the objects.

8. [REDACTED] was not under the influence of intoxicants at the time of observation.

9. Observer has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers and has read only what appeared in the newspapers about them.

10. Observer was an Air Force Pilot during World War II.

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objects moved from NE. to SW.

seen from this angle
OBSERVER

color of objects
Bright White

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Described by [redacted]
Reported unidentified flying objects
over [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
16 September 1952

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SPOT REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Unidentified Flying Objects:

a. Observer:

Robins

Warner Robins, Georgia.

b. Location: Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 16 September 1952 at 1925 hours EST

d. Weather: (Official report of Base Weather Station)
1930 hours - Clear - Visibility 15 miles -
Pressure - 1012.4 millibars - Temperature 79
degrees, Dew Point 69 - surface wind calm.
Winds at four thousand feet from 320 degrees
at ten knots, six thousand feet from 330 degrees
at five knots, eight thousand feet from 330
degrees at eight knots, and ten thousand feet
from 340 degrees at fifteen knots. Scud clouds
from 15 to 20 miles south southwest of station.

2. Major [REDACTED] was interviewed by a representative, this office, at 0820 hours, on 18 September 1952. [REDACTED] stated that at approximately 1925 hours, 16 September 1952, while watching a movie at the "M & T Drive-In Theatre," Warner Robins, Georgia, he observed two (2) white balls of light six (6) or seven (7) miles to the east northeast. The center of the objects seem to be very white, while the outside was of a yellowish cast.

3. The objects were moving in a west southwest direction at an altitude of approximately seven thousand (7,000) feet, with an estimated speed of seventy (70) miles per hour. [REDACTED], a rated pilot, who is presently on flying status, arrived at this speed by judging the flight of a C-47 (listed aircraft in Part 1 of this report), which was making an approach to land at this station.

4. Objects appeared to be slightly oblong in shape, moving abreast of one another with an estimated separation distance of seven hundred (700) to one thousand (1,000) feet. Units never gained or lost altitude. Object on right hand side appeared to be slightly below and behind the other, and at times seemed to accelerate and decelerate very rapidly. Other times it seemed to hover and stand still. When objects appeared over Robins Air Force Base, they made a slight turn to the west, then to west southwest, and ultimately to southwest.

5. Objects did not cast any directional beams, and at no time changed their intensity. At approximately one and one-half (1 1/2) miles away, objects were estimated to have a diameter of fifty (50) feet.

6. The sky was clear and the objects were observed for approximately fifteen (15) minutes before disappearing.

7. [REDACTED] was not under the influence of intoxicants at the time of observation.

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Objects moving in Southwest direction
SW

Seen from this angle
⊕ observer

Color of objects
Bright white

N

Drawings by [redacted]
Reported unidentified flying objects
over Warsaw Robins, C. 10. 10. 1952
16 September 1952

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8. He detected no noise, vibration, smoke, flame, or odor. Attached is a drawing made by [REDACTED] in an attempt to present in pictorial form the outline and position of the objects.

9. [REDACTED] has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers and has read only what appeared in the newspapers about them.

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PATH OF OBJECTS - Southwest
 SLIGHT TURN TO WEST
 SLIGHT TURN TO NSW
 BACK TO Southwest

objects slightly oblong in shape

Color of objects
 center - bright white
 outside - yellow cast

Seen from this angle
 obscured

DRAWING by Maj. [redacted]
 Reported unidentified flying objects
 over Wharfedale Robin, Beasdale
 16 September 1952

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SPOT REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Unidentified Flying Objects:

a. Observer:

[REDACTED]
Macon, Georgia

b. Location: Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 16 September 1952 at 1935 hours EST

d. Weather: (Official report of Base Weather Station) 1930 hours - Clear - Visibility 15 miles Pressure - 1012.4 millibars - Temperature 79 degrees, Dew Point 69 - surface wind calm. Winds at four thousand feet were from 320 degrees at ten knots, six thousand feet were from 330 degrees at five knots, eight thousand feet from 330 degrees at eight knots, and ten thousand feet from 340 degrees at fifteen knots. Scud clouds from 15 to 20 miles south southwest of station.

2. [REDACTED] was interviewed by a representative, this office, at 0915 hours on 16 September 1952. [REDACTED] stated that at approximately 1935 hours, 16 September 1952, while at the "M & T Drive-In Theatre," Warner Robins, Georgia, he noticed two (2) yellow-white balls of light at an estimated ten (10) to fifteen (15) miles to the southeast. Objects were perfectly round, and were moving to the west.

3. Units were traveling abreast, five hundred (500) to seven hundred (700) feet apart. Objects seem to hold the same altitude for the entire observation, which was for approximately fifteen (15) minutes. Northern object at one time seem to hover and stop, then immediately move into position with the southern object.

4. At an estimated three (3) miles from observer, the objects appeared to be five (5) feet in diameter.

5. [REDACTED] was not under the influence of intoxicants at the time of observation.

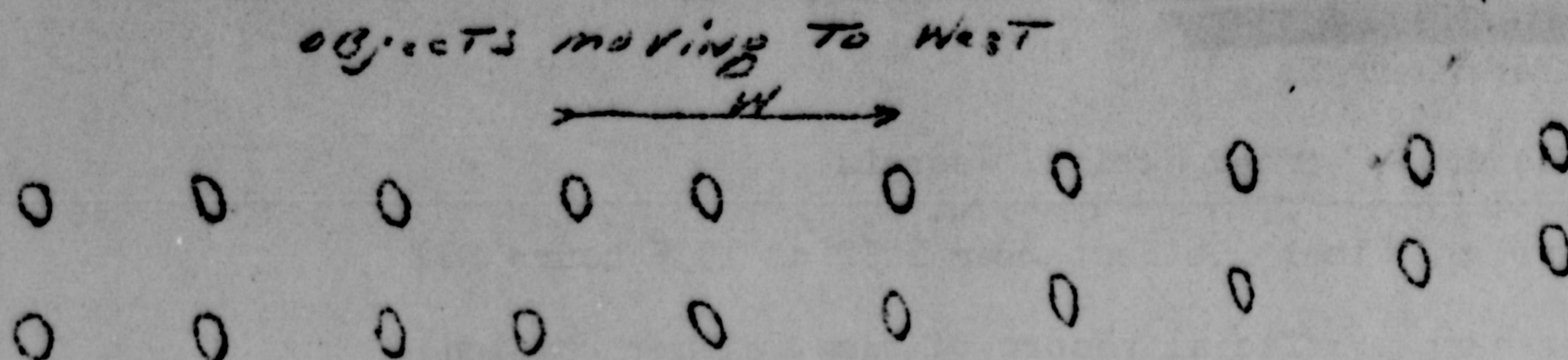
6. He detected no noise, vibration, smoke, flame, or odor. Attached is a drawing made by [REDACTED] in an attempt to present in pictorial form the outline and position of the objects.

7. [REDACTED] is a pilot, and is presently in a flying status.

8. Observer has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers and has read only what appeared in the newspapers about them.

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color of objects
yellow-white

shape - round

Seen from this angle
⊕
observed



observed by [redacted]
reported unidentified flying objects
over Western Region, [redacted]
3 September 1952

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SPOT CHECK OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Unidentified Flying Objects:

a. Observer:

[REDACTED] 11th
Air Force, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

[REDACTED]
Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 16 September 1952 at 1945 hours EST.

d. Weather: (Official report of Base Weather Station)

1930 hours - Clear - Visibility 15 miles -
Pressure - 1012.4 millibars - Temperature 79 degrees
Dew Point 69 - surface wind calm. Winds at four
thousand feet were from 320 degrees at ten knots,
six thousand feet from 330 degrees at five knots,
eight thousand feet from 330 degrees at eight knots,
and ten thousand feet from 340 degrees at fifteen
knots. Scud clouds from 15 to 20 miles south south-
west of station.

2. [REDACTED] was interviewed by a representative, this office, at 1045 hours on 18 September 1952. [REDACTED] stated that at approximately 1945 hours, 16 September 1952, while sitting on his front porch, he noticed two (2) yellow-white balls of light which seemed to be directly over Robins Air Force Base, in an easterly direction.

3. The objects appeared to be at an altitude of five thousand (5,000) to seven thousand (7,000) feet, at a distance of from two (2) to two and one-half (2 1/2) miles from observer, and traveling toward him in a westerly direction. Units were moving abreast of each other with an estimated separation distance of two thousand (2,000) feet. [REDACTED] estimated their speed at between one hundred (100) and one hundred and twenty (120) miles per hour. There was no deviation in altitude during the course of observation which lasted approximately fifteen (15) or twenty (20) minutes.

4. Objects appeared perfectly round and were uniform in color.

5. When objects appeared to be about one-half (1/2) mile away, they simultaneously changed course to south southwest. Observer was using field glasses at this time, and estimated the objects to be eight (8) inches in diameter. After approximately ten (10) minutes on new heading, objects appeared to stop and hover for a few minutes, then immediately disappear.

6. Observer is an Aircraft Observer and Bombardier, and is presently on flying status.

7. [REDACTED] was not under the influence of intoxicants at the time of observation.

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FIREBALL OF 1952 SEPTEMBER 15

A.M.S. No. 2369

E. A. HALBACH and C. P. OLIVIER

On this date at about 8:55 p.m., C.S.T., a spectacular fireball appeared, which was principally observed from Michigan and Wisconsin. Mr. E. A. Halbach of Milwaukee promptly prepared notices, requesting reports, which appeared in a large number of newspapers. He was already very occupied with reports on several other fireballs which had appeared in the previous summer, so most reports on this were accepted and filed, but not followed up by questionnaires etc. Several years later these data were turned over to Olivier for possible solution. They consist of about 40 reports which are unique in the small number of observers who made any attempt to give exact angular coordinates. In no case were stars used as reference points. As a consequence, the solution was both difficult and of lower weight than 40 reports should justify. The fireball's color was noted by 21 persons, blue or green or white being given by 19. The object had a conspicuous tail at least 4° to 5° long, and particles or sparks of a red or yellow color drifted from it. That the fireball had a disk is mentioned by at least 10, two saying that it equaled the full Moon in size. Others mentioned that it was very large, equal to a basketball, etc. Its flight lasted 5.0 ± 2.3 sec., based on 5 estimates, and others used the word

"slow". The fireball's brilliancy is remarked upon by many: at a rough estimate it was fully equal to that of the quarter Moon. Indeed several of the people were in cars or indoors but were attracted by the brilliant light. A definite clue to its direction of motion was given by the observer at S8, Ravenna, at S14 3 miles south of Lansing, and at S18, Flint, all in Michigan. They state that the object fell perpendicularly or almost so. It ended north of S21, Menominee, Mich., and northeast of S13, New Holstein, S25, Green Bay, and S26 Oshkosh, all in Wisconsin. Other observers gave directions, more or less exact, which were used. However, in all fairness, the positions chosen for sub-beginning point and sub-end point could be shifted somewhat up or down the azimuth line chosen. This last is probably correct to $\pm 5^\circ$. The height H1 and H2 were determined in the usual way, but H2 was complicated by few people thinking that they saw the absolute end; for 5 it went behind "trees", 4 state that $h=0^\circ$, at least so their words can be translated. Therefore the given $H2 = 12$ km may well be too great, indeed H2 might be only 0 km. Fortunately, even were the latter true, the radiant's altitude would be changed by less than 4° , the azimuth not at all. The usual data follow:

Date	1952 Sept. 15.62
Sidereal time at end point	312°
Began over	$\lambda = 85^\circ 44'$, $\phi = 43^\circ 53'$ at 97 ± 12 km
Ended over	$\lambda = 87^\circ 00'$, $\phi = 45^\circ 33'$ at 12 ± 6 km
Projected length of path	206 km
Length of path	223 km
Duration	5.0 ± 2.3 sec. (very uncertain)
..... velocity	45 km/sec. (very uncertain)
Radiant corrected for curvature	$a = 330^\circ$, $h = 21.5^\circ +$
Parabolic zenith correction	$= -4.1^\circ -$
Radiant corrected	$a = 330^\circ$, $h = 17.5^\circ$
	$\alpha = 343^\circ$, $\delta = -21^\circ$

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If our position of H2 is correct, the fireball ended above the northern end of Green Bay, or perhaps even in the

water there. Fireballs no. 129a, 349, and 574 in Hoffmeister-Von Niessl Catalogue may possibly be comparable.

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12 Sep

"SUTTON MONSTER" DEAL?



*An INFINITI Hall-of-Fame Adventure, from File.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ON-THE-SPOT INVESTIGATOR
REVEALS INTERESTING FACTS . . .

(On September 12th., 1952- Something happened in Sutton, West Virginia, that may be the answer to many questions. These people may have actually met and ran from a CREATURE from ANOTHER WORLD. I refer, of course, to the "Sutton Monster" Incident.) - (Taken from back-issues of INFINITI)

*It all began when "Something" flew over West Virginia. It is said to have been a meteor, Yet the reports vary from 7 green Fireballs to 1 red Ob-

ject. Mrs. May, a National Guardsman and several children were the initial investigators. They thought it had landed on a hill nearby & went to investigate. Some saw a glowing, pulsing Object at rest on the hill. Some heard a thumping noise, and a hissing sound (of high-pitch). Everyone says there was a sickening odor, like sulphur. Then they saw something to their left and turned a flashlight on it... (Cont. OVER)-

SUTTON (CONT.) "IT" was partially obscured by brush, but "glowed" a dull green. The upper part of this thing, which was visible, looked like a giant, hooded figure- like our carefully-reconstructed illustration on pg. 1.. It was about 9-15ft. high, dull-green in color, with an opening in the hood- thru which a sweaty red face was observed. Two eyes, about a foot apart, sent forth their own light like a beam. The beam(s) of greenish-orange light cut thru the darkness and hase like our foglites. There were folds around the body, and claws, according to Mrs. May. It began to move toward them (in a motion best described: as if on wheels) in an arc that would take it to the pulsing-object. All the witnesses fled in terror. Some said the Monster continued to "glow" even after their flashlight was dropped. Mrs. May's children became ill, their throats swollen. The Guardsman, Gene Lemon was seriously ill, almost in convulsions, his throat swollen & inflamed. A Doctor compared the effects to Mustard-Gas. Investigators later found a pungent odor close to the ground, and something like skidmarks in the tall grass, 10 feet

A Man or "Thing" in a Spacesuit??



apart. The marks are said to travel from the big tree where "It" stood to the spot where the glowing-object rested. Later-Investigators said the grass was so flat, tended by sightseers it was impossible to see anything. Noted NATURALIST-EXPLORER IVAN SANDERSON was one of the competent observers at the scene. I asked Ivan what he'd learned. He said that they had cross-examined each of the witnesses, even tried to 'trip them up' in their stories, to no avail. And there was no oily substance on the hill, he added. I asked Ivan if he went up on the hill.. "Did I," he laughed, "We went over it with a fine-tooth comb..." But the grass was so matted when he arrived, nothing in the way of "solid proof" (like a Martian's arm, for instance) could be

found to study. Toward the end of our interesting conversation I said to the famous Zoologist, "I thought it was significant that the Dog wouldn't venture up the hill." But he DID go up, finally," said Ivan. "OH? - What happened?" I asked. "He got sick and DIED..." was the reply... (Fungus-Owl, Robot, Reptile or intelligent Insect???????)

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SEPT 14, 1952 HILL NEAR SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA (BARKER P 23) 7 WITNESSES00

A HUGE GLOBULAR MASS WAS OBSERVED FIRST, DOWN OVER THE OTHER SIDE 01
OF THE HILLTOP, TO THE RIGHT, ABOUT 50 FEET AWAY. *LIKE A BIG BALL OF FIRE,* 02
ONE WITNESS, A BOY NAMED NEIL NUNLEY, SAID. *IT SEEMED TO DIM AND BRIGHTEN AT 03
REGULAR INTERVALS.* HE DIDN-T KNOW HOW LARGE IT WAS. SOME SAID IT WAS 04
BIG AS A HOUSE. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER A COMPLETE SPHERE WAS SEEN, OR A 05
HEMISPHERE, RESTING ON THE GROUND. 06

NUNLEY HEARD NO NOISE. OTHERS SAID IT MADE A LOW THUMPING OR BEATING SOUND 07
LIKE SOMEONE HITTING ON CANVAS. AND THERE WAS ANOTHER NOISE, HALF-WAY 08
BETWEEN A HISS AND THE NOISE MADE BY A JET PLANE. 09

DISTRACTED BY THE GLOBULAR MASS, THEY DID NOT SEE A HUGE FIGURE STANDING TO 10
THEIR LEFT. ONE SAID HE THOUGHT HE SAW ANIMALS EYES IN THE TREE AND FLASHED 11
HIS LIGHT ON THEM. 12

FIFTEEN FEET AWAY, TOWERING OVER THEIR HEADS, WAS A VAST SHAPE 13
SOMETHING LIKE A MAN. THE FACE, EVERYONE AGREED, WAS ROUND, AND BLOOD RED. 14
NO ONE NOTICED A NOSE OR MOUTH, ONLY EYES, OR EYE-LIKE OPENINGS, FROM WHICH 15
PROJECTED *GREENISH-ORANGE* BEAMS OF LIGHT. THESE LIGHT BEAMS PIERCED 16
THROUGH THE HAZE PERVADING THE SCENE. IN THE EXCITEMENT SOME OF THE GROUP 17
THOUGHT THE BEAMS OF LIGHT WERE FOCUSED UPON THEM. NUNLEY WAS SPECIFIC THAT 18
THEY WERE NOT. *THEY WENT OUT OVER OUR HEADS.* 19

THE *MONSTER* COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE THAN FIFTEEN FEET TALL, FOR IT WAS 20
UNDER THE OVERHANGING LIMB OF A TREE, AND THE LIMB WAS OF THAT HEIGHT. 21

ORIGINALLY THE GROUP SAID A STRANGE, NAUSEOUS ODOR RESEMBLED BURNING 22
METAL, OR BURNING SULPHUR. UNDER QUESTIONING NONE COULD REMEMBER HAVING 23
ENCOUNTERED ANYTHING SIMILAR. IT WAS FINALLY DESCRIBED ONLY BASICALLY AS 24
SICKNING, IRRITATING TO THE THROAT AND NASAL PASSAGES. *IT SEEMED TO GRIP YOU 25
IN THE THROAT AND SUFFOCATE YOU.* 26

NUNLEY WAS DEFINITE ABOUT THE THING-S MOVEMENT, ALTHOUGH OTHER ACCOUNTS 27
CONFLICTED. ALL SAID IT WAS MOVING TOWARD THEM, BUT ACCORDING TO NUNLEY IT 28
WAS DESCRIBING AN ARC, COMING TOWARD THEM, BUT CIRCLING AT THE SAME TIME. HIS 29
DESCRIPTION INDICATED THE *MONSTER* WAS FOLLOWING A CIRCULAR PATH WHICH WOULD 30
TAKE IT BACK TO THE GLOBE. 31

WHEN ASKED TO WALK AROUND THE ROOM WHERE HE WAS BEING INTERVIEWED AND TO 32
IMITATE THE MOVEMENT HE SAID *THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE. I COULDN-T MOVE AS IT DID. 33
IT JUST MOVED. IT DIDN-T WALK. IT MOVED EVENLY. IT DIDN-T JUMP.* 34

THE WITNESSES DEPARTED IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGHTING THE *MONSTER* AND NO 35
OTHER OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE. 36

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Monster in West Virginia

12 SEP 1952

The final incident in the summer's panic occurred on the evening of September 12, when a family group near the town of Sutton, West Virginia, saw a flaming object flash across the sky and apparently land on a nearby hill. Taking their flashlights, they set out to investigate and, on reaching the hill, smelled an unpleasant odor. When they turned on their flashlights, they stated, they saw two red eyes glaring at them; a huge monster, ten feet tall, breathing fire, with a bright-green body and a blood-red face, waddled toward them, and they turned and ran [5].

Air Force investigators concluded immediately that the flaming object first seen was the meteor observed that night by thousands of persons in Virginia and West Virginia and reported officially to various observatories. What the frightened family saw when they reached the hilltop and flashed the light was probably the glowing eyes or body of some mundane creature of the woods. A local group of civilian saucer investigators rejected this explanation, as usual, and after making its own study concluded that the monster story could very well be true! [6, p. 120]

The monster is now enshrined in West Virginia history, and forms the subject of a new ballad [5], set to the tune of "Sweet Betsy from Pike." One verse and the chorus will suffice:

The size of the phantom was a sight to behold,
Green eyes and red face, so the story was told.
It floated in air with fingers of flame.
It was gone with a hiss just as quick as it came.

Chorus:

Oh, Phantom of Flatwoods, from Moon or from Mars,
Maybe from God and not from the stars,
Please tell us why you fly o'er our trees
The end of the world or an omen of peace?

[5] Baker, G. *They Know Too Much about Flying Saucers*. New York: Universal Books, Inc., 1954.

[6] Keyhoe, Donald E. *Flying Saucers from Outer Space*. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1956.

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17 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
17	Robins AFB, Georgia	Multiple	Balloon
17	Killeen, Texas	Military	Insufficient Data
17	Tucson, Arizona	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Little Rock, Arkansas (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (HOAX)
19-22	Libya (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	
20	Washington, D. C.	Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
20	Kuching, Sarawak	Civilian	Insufficient Data
20	USS Franklin D Roosevelt	Military (PHOTOS)	Balloon
21	Kent, England	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
21	Rabat, Fr. Morocco	Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
21	Baltimore, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
22	Centreville, Virginia (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	
22	Fairfax, Virginia	Civilian	Insufficient Data
22	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	Military	Balloon
23	Chickasaw, Alabama (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	
23	Wellsville, New York (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	
23	Gander Lake, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
23	Newport Beach, California	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
23	Boise, Idaho	Military	Insufficient Data
24	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	Military	Balloon
24	Robins AFB, Georgia	Multiple	Aircraft
24	Charleston, West Virginia	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
25	Omaha, Nebraska	[REDACTED]	Balloon
26	41°N - 35°W (Atlantic)	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
27	Mapleton, Minnesota (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	
27	Inyokern, California	Multiple	UNIDENTIFIED
27	Hempstead, Texas	Military	Balloon
28	Goose AFB, Labrador	Military (RADAR)	Other (WEATHER PHEN)
28	Tsu Shima, Japan	Military	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
28	Tsu Shima, Japan	Military (RADAR)	Other (TEMP INVERSION)
29	Cincinnati, Ohio (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	
29	Hearn, Texas	Multiple	Other (HOAX)
29	Mainz, Germany	Military	Aircraft
29	England	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Hickam AFB T. H.	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
30	Denver, Colorado	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
30	Atlantic Ocean	Military	Aircraft
29	Southern Pines, North Carolina	Civilians	UNIDENTIFIED

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
15	Trover Park, Washington, D. C.	Ltr. [REDACTED]	
25	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Ltr. [REDACTED]	
26	Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin	Ltr. [REDACTED]	
27	Los Angeles, California	Newsclipping	

*See 14 Jan 52 Provincetown, Massachusetts