

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 Jan 53 9/2315Z	2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas
3. SOURCE Civ Woman	10. CONCLUSION POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT (JET)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	1. Very little information in this report. Not an experienced observer.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Less than 60 Sec.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round luminous object approx 6-18" in diameter appeared to be of aluminum construction traveled at a speed exceeding that of a conventional a/c. Maneuvers consisted of a gradual climb disappearing by moving out of the range of vision.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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FLYORPT 1 ROUND LUMINOUS OBJECT THAT APPEARED TO BE OF ALUMINUM
CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED 1715 HOURS CST 9 JAN 1953 FLYING OVER SAN
ANTONIO TEXAS. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BY MRS [REDACTED]
ASHBY PLACE MISS [REDACTED] AND MISS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T; ALL FROM SAN ANTONIO TEXAS. RELIABILITY
OF OBSERVERS CONSIDER EXCELLENT. REPORTS OF COLO OF OBJECT BY OBSERVERS
VARY FROM ALUMINUM-LIKE TO A DULL WHITISH GREY. SIZE ESTIMATES
VARIES FROM 6 INCHES TO 18 INCHES DIAMETER ACTUAL SIZE. SPEED REPORTED TO
HAVE BEEN FASTER THAN CONVENTIONAL ACFT. ALTITUDE UNKNOWN. MANEUVERS
CONSISTED OF EITHER A GRADUAL CLIMB OR A SLIGHT VEER OFF COURSE. OBJECT
DISAPPEARED BY MOVING OUT OF THE RANGE OF VISION

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBRRPT		
AREA REPORTED ON San Antonio, Texas	FROM (Agency) SAAMA	
DATE OF REPORT 15 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 January 1953	EVALUATION Unknown
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major Robert W. Fox	SOURCE Eye-Witnesses	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Letter 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.) <p>One round, luminous, unidentified object that appeared to be of aluminum construction was observed 1715 hours, CST, 9 January 1953, flying over San Antonio, Texas.</p>		
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In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

(1) Object was round, size estimates by observers varied but was reported as being comparable to spheres ranging in diameter from six to eighteen inches observed from a distance of ten feet. Object was luminous with a whitish gray tinge and gave the appearance of being of aluminum construction. Only one object was observed. No aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, nor propulsion system noted. Speed unestimated but was considerable faster than conventional aircraft. No sound was heard. Some conflict exists as to the maneuvers performed by the object; one observer stated that the object gave appearance of gaining altitude, another stated that it veered off its Eastward course slightly to the North, while the driver of the automobile in which the observers were riding stated that the object flew a straight and level path. Object disappeared by moving out of the range of vision.

(2) Object was sighted at approximately 1715 hours, CST, 9 January 1953 and was observed for less than sixty seconds.

(3) A visual surface observation without electronic or optical equipment was made.

(4) Observers were riding in an automobile and had stopped for traffic at the intersection of Monterrey and Zarzamora Streets, San Antonio, Texas, when the object was sighted. Object appeared in the West sky heading East. The angle between object and observers estimated to be between sixty and seventy degrees. Distance and altitude unknown, however, observers were of the opinion that the object was at a greater altitude than any conventional type aircraft seen.

(5) Objects were observed by Mrs. [REDACTED]; Miss [REDACTED]; and Miss [REDACTED] all of San Antonio, Texas. Reliability of observers considered excellent.

(6) Fair weather prevailed at the time of the sighting.

(7) No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, is known to have existed which might account for the sighting.

(8) No physical evidence of the sighting.

(9) No interception or identification action taken.

(10) Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting unknown.

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S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 1715 hours, 9 January 1953, I was driving home from Kelly AF Base where I am employed. I was accompanied by Miss [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED]. We were driving North on Zarzamora Street and had just passed the intersection of Monterrey and Zarzamora Streets when Miss [REDACTED] called our attention to something in the sky. As previously stated, I was driving so I could not give my complete attention to the object. However, I did notice that it had a rather oblong shape and had a dull whitish-gray color. Its size appeared approximately equal to that of a small bicycle wheel from about three feet distance. The object was first sighted to the West of us and was heading East at a very rapid rate of speed; faster than any ordinary aircraft I have seen. The object flew in a straight line and I could not say how it disappeared because of the difficulty of observation from my position in the car.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

[REDACTED]

S T A T E M E N T

On 9 January 1953 at approximately 1715 hours, I was riding home in a car operated by Mrs. [REDACTED] Miss [REDACTED] was also a passenger in the car. We drove North on Zarzamora Street and had just stopped for ~~a~~ traffic light at the intersection of Monterrey and Zarzamora Streets when I noticed an unusual object in the sky off to our left. I called this to the attention of Mrs. [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED] and as we observed it, the object streaked across our path and continued on a course of due East. The object appeared to be flying a little higher than ordinary airplanes and was somewhat faster. After the object crossed in front of us, it gradually veered off in a Northerly direction and disappeared much as if it went behind a cloud only there were no clouds in the sky. The object was round and was of a silverish shiny color. I would estimate the size to be comparable to that of a fifteen inch diameter ball observed from ten feet.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

[REDACTED]

S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 1710 hours, Central Standard Time, 9 January 1953, I was riding home from work with Mrs. [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED]. We were heading North on Zarzamora Street and had just passed the intersection of Monterrey and Zarzamora Streets when Miss [REDACTED] called my attention to a strange object in the sky. I was riding in the back seat and had to stoop down to see the object so I would estimate the angle between the object and myself to be somewhere between sixty and seventy degrees. The object looked round to me and gave the appearance of being of aluminum construction. I would estimate the size of the object to be comparable to a six inch diameter ball held at arms length. I did not notice any sound nor did I observe any trail or exhaust. I cannot even begin to estimate the altitude of the object but it was much higher than any plane I have ever seen. The object was in the West sky bearing East at a tremendous rate of speed. It was much faster than any jet plane I have ever seen and must have been many times as large as any plane because of the comparative sizes. The object did not dip, dive, or perform any type of maneuvers. However, it gave me the impression of steadily gaining altitude until it passed in front of us and continued towards the East getting smaller and smaller until it was no longer visible.

I certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the
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San Antonio, Texas

9 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2315 Z a civilian female source observed a small, round luminous, aluminum appearing flying object. It traveled at a high speed and disappeared after making a gradual climbing turn.

II. Discussion of Incident

The experience level of the source appears low.

III. Conclusion

Probably jet aircraft.

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