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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 June 53 2/0451 - 3/0452Z | 2. LOCATION Newton, Mississippi, Lake Charles, Louisiana |
| 3. SOURCE Military | 10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (INTER) |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two | Observers believed the object to be a bright meteor. |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 12 Seconds | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS AF Pilot of T-29 a/c sighted an object between Lake Charles, Alexandria, La., Newton, Mississippi. Object appeared to leave a trail of sparks on a 45 deg angle downward course. Observer stated that object appeared to burn itself out. They observed greenish light for 12-15 seconds traveling at high speed. Object headed into a/c which was on 58 deg heading then turned & disappeared into SW. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE SW | |
| 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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030452 3212N 8901W AT 9000TF SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WITH

GREEN LIGHT APPEARED AS NAVIGATION LIGHT APPEARED OVR TOWN OF

NEWTON MISS. ALTITUDE ESTIMATED 12000 TO 15000 FT MOVED IN TOWARDS

REPORTING AIRCRAFT THEN HEADED SOUTHWEST WITH COLOR INTENSIFYING AND

LEFT TRAIL OF GREEN THEN DISSAPPEARED. OBJECT SEEN FOR APPROXIMATELY

10 SECONDS. WEATHER IN VICINITY OF REPORTING AIRCRAFT CLEAR VSBY 15

PLUS WIND 08 DEGS 14 KTS AT 9000 FT TEMP 14 DEGS CENTIGRADE.

REPORTING AIRCRAFT ON ROUND ROBIN FLIGHT HOME STATION ELLINGTON

AFB TEXAS. OBJECT ALSO SEEN BY AF5170 T29 POSITION JUST SW OF

JACKSON MISS HOME STATION ALSO ELLINGTON AFB TEXAS. MCGEE STN 030517

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Triangulation known

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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Near Newton, Mississippi 2 June 1953
State of Mississippi, USA Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark
Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

5 June 1953

2 June 1953

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Frank M. Allen, Lt Colonel, USAF

USAF Aircraft

Telatype FLYOBRPT 031400s June submitted by Maxwell Flight Service Center

An unidentified flying object was reported by USAF aircraft in the vicinity of Newton, Mississippi 2252GST 2 June 1953, at 12,000 to 15,000 feet MSL. Object showed a green light which first appeared as a navigation light, then intensified and left a trail of green as it disappeared.

FRANK M. ALLEN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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The following message was received from Maxwell Flight Service Center:

"MFSC 3-R-5 FLYOBRPT AF 5170 T29 CONVAIR POSITION 030452 3212N 8901W AT 9000
TF SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WITH GREEN LIGHT APPEARED AS NAVIGATION LIGHT
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AF5170 T29 POSITION JUST SW OF JACKSON MISS HOME STATION ALSO ELLINGTON AFB
TEXAS. MCGEE STN 030517 SGD GOLINSKY 03/1631Z JUN JESYQ"

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Query of Maxwell Flight Service Center provided additional information.

a. The date-time groups 030452 and 030517 indicate Greenwich Mean Time.

b. Aircraft transmitted the information to Meridian, Mississippi Interstate Airways Communications Station (CAA), which transmitted the message to Maxwell Flight Service Center via CAA Service B teletype circuit and tie-line. 030517Z is the time that Meridian transmitted the message.

c. Maxwell Flight Service Center relayed the message exactly as received, and is unable to contact the pilot of AF5170 to clarify indefinite information.

2. A deficiency is noted. The wording of the last sentence indicates that the sighting near Jackson, Mississippi may have been by an aircraft other than AF5170 ("Home station also Ellington AFB, Texas).

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FROM: (Originator)

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TO: CG ELLINGTON AFB TEXAS

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FROM: AFORN-ATLAE-6-12-2 FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

The pilot of a Convair T-29 type a/c on a round robin flight from your station observed an unidentified aerial object over Newton, Miss., on 030452 June 1953. If you have information pertaining to this sighting, request you forward AF Form 112 as prescribed in AFL 200-5.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATTACH-5 _____ Date _____
Lt Olsson

ATTN: Col Johnston Date

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| SYMBOL RTAC-3 | | TELEPHONE 63363 | | RELIEFING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE BARBARA P. HANAWALT, 1st Lt, USAF ASST AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL | |
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FROM: CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

TO: COMDR ELLINGTON AFB TEX

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THE PILOT OF A CONVAIR T-29 TYPE A/C ON A ROUND ROBIN FLIGHT FROM YOUR
STATION OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT OVER NEWTON MISS ON 030452
JUNE 1953. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS SIGHTING REQUEST YOU
FORWARD AF FORM 112 AS PRESCRIBED IN AFL 200-5. IN REPLY CITE PROJECT BLUE
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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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Hour: 0735Z dtd 221505Z. Project Blue Book has reason to believe that at least one, perhaps two, aircraft from your station were in the Newton, Mississippi, area at 030452 Jun 53. Quoted for your information is a Tel received from Maxwell Flight Service Center dated 031100Z: "AFCEH 3-4-5 FLIGHT AT 5170 T29 Convair position 03452 3212N 8900W at 9000FT sighted unidentified object with green light appeared as navigation light appeared over town of Newton, Miss. Altitude estimated 12000 to 15000 ft moved in towards reporting aircraft then headed southwest with color intensifying and left trail of green then disappeared. Object seen for approximately 10 seconds. Weather in vicinity of reporting aircraft clear visibility 15 plus wind 08 kts at 9000 ft temp 14 degs centigrade. Reporting aircraft on round robin flight home station Ellington AFB Texas. Object also seen by AF 5170 T29 position just southwest of Jackson, Mississippi, home station also Ellington AFB, Texas. MOORE STN 030517."

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| <p>The aircraft transmitted the above information to the Meridian Mississippi Interstate Communications Station (CIA) which transmitted the message to Maxwell Flight Service Center. Maxwell transmitted the message exactly as received, and was not able to contact the pilot of AF 4170 to clarify the indefinite information. A deficiency is noted. The wording of the last sentence indicates that the sighting near Jackson, Mississippi, may have been by an aircraft other than AF 5170 ("None Station also Ellington AFB, Texas"). Request that you interrogate the pilot or pilots and submit AF Form 112 as prescribed in AF Letter 200-5.</p> <p>In reply cite Project Blue Book</p> <p>COORDINATION:</p> <p>ATIA-5 _____ DATE _____ Lt Olson</p> <p>ATIAE _____ DATE _____ Lt Col Johnston</p> <p>ATIA _____ DATE _____ Col McElroy</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT | | | |
| SUBJECT FLYORPT | | | |
| AREA REPORTED ON Newton, Mississippi | | FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence 3605th Observer Training Wing | |
| DATE OF REPORT 29 June 1953 | DATE OF INFORMATION 2 June 1953 | EVALUATION B-2 | |
| PREPARED BY (Officer) S/Sgt Gerald D. Gravitt NGOIC Wing Intelligence | | SOURCE Capt. John J. Grauer Jr. AC-577712 | |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952 (uncl) Cite numbers: see three (3) enclosures. Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting | | | |
| SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List enclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.) | | | |
| <p>Report on unidentified light, thought to be a celestial phenomenon or strange flying object, as seen by Capt John J. Grauer Jr., pilot of a T-29 type aircraft on a celestial navigation flight.</p> <p>COMMENTS BY S/SGT GRAVITT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capt. Grauer is a rated pilot with 2429 hours flying time. He has a total of eleven (11) years active service. He was recalled to active duty 24 April 1952, as an Intelligence Officer and instructed in the Intelligence School at Lowry AFB, Colorado for six (6) months before being placed back on flying status as a T-29 pilot. 2. It is Capt. Grauer's opinion that the object was probably a meteor. 3. In summary it is this airman's opinion that this officer, with his many years of experience as a pilot, did view some type of unidentified flying object. | | | |
| <p><i>Charles E. Williams Jr.</i> CHARLES E. WILLIAMS JR. Lt. Col. USAF Wing T & O Officer</p> | | | |
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Newton, Mississippi

Description

On the night of 2 June 1953 at approximately 2251 hours a Convair T-29 type aircraft No. 1931 was on a round-robin flight from Ellington AF Base to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The aircraft was on a course approximately 58 degrees magnetic moving in a northeast direction at an altitude of 9000 feet. The aircraft was 7½ miles south-southeast of Newton, Mississippi, when a whitish-green light attracted the pilot's attention. The light had the appearance of an aircraft navigational light and was estimated to be from 5 to 7 miles from the aircraft. The object was visible an estimated 12 to 15 seconds. The pilot thought the light was an aircraft's navigational light and that it seemed to be on a parallel course with the aircraft. The light seemed to brighten and the pilot, thinking it was an aircraft turning into him, started to change course to avoid collision. At the time the object appeared to climb, as at the beginning of a chandell, and at the sametime the light was intensifying in a greenish-white color and leaving a trail of fire and sparks similar to a 4th-of-July rocket in flight. After approximately 2 seconds of this climb, the object disintegrated into a ball of fire.

Discussion

The ATIC contract astronomer states that the object observed was a meteor. The fact that the object appeared to climb was probably caused by the motion of the aircraft as it turned to avoid collision.

Conclusion

Was astronomical (meteor).

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| FROM (Agency) Intelligence 3605th Observer Training Wing, Ellington AFB, Texas | REPORT NO. ATRC-IR-20-53 | PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES |
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On the night of 2 June 1953 at approximately 2235 hours, Capt. John J. Grauer Jr. was piloting a Convair T-29 type aircraft, no. #5170 on a round robin flight from Ellington AFB, Texas to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The aircraft was on a heading of approximately 58 degrees magnetic, moving in a north-easterly direction at an altitude of 9,000 feet southwest of Meridian, Mississippi, in the vicinity of Newton, Mississippi, when the pilot sighted an unidentified flying object.

The object appeared on the left side of the aircraft and remained on a parallel course with the aircraft for approximately eight (8) seconds, then appeared to be climbing for two (2) seconds, and disappearing at the same time. The object was emitting an intense green light. Capt. Grauer could not estimate the distance of the object from the aircraft.

Capt. Grauer had heard the pilot of another aircraft report the object to a ground radio station and he called the ground radio station to confirm the report that he also had seen the object and he thought, being as the other pilot had reported the object, there was no need for him to report it here at Ellington upon landing.

John J. Grauer Jr.
JOHN J. GRAUER JR
Capt., USAF
Witness

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COMMENTS OF S/SGT GRAVITT:

1. 1st Lt. William T. Hemphill Jr. is a rated pilot with 1029 hours flying time. He has a total of eight (8) years service. Six (6) of these eight (8) years are active duty as a pilot. Lt. Hemphill was also a pilot in civilian life.

2. In summary it is this airman's opinion that this officer made a very competent observation of an unidentified flying object.

Charles E. Williams Jr.
CHARLES E. WILLIAMS JR
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This object was reported to Meridan CAA Radio Station by the pilot of the aircraft and Meridan Radio called back and told the pilot that the object had been sighted by Barksdale AFB tower and Maxwell AFB tower. Assuming this object to be a meteor, the pilot gave no further report.

William T. Hemphill, Jr.
WILLIAM T. HEMPHILL, JR.
1st Lt., USAF
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| DATE OF REPORT 13 July 1953 | DATE OF INFORMATION 2 June 1953 | Training Wing, Waco, Texas B-2 |
| PREPARED BY (Officer) S/Sgt Gerald L. Gravitt WCOIC Wing Intelligence | SOURCE 1st Lt. Robert L. Cerutti, AO-665280 | |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Cite Number: see three (3) enclosures. Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting | | |

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Report on unidentified light, thought to be a celestial phenomenon or strange flying object, as seen by 1st Lt Robert L. Cerutti, pilot of a T-29 type aircraft on a celestial navigation flight.

COMMENTS OF S/SGT GRAVITT:

1. 1st Lt. Robert L. Cerutti is a rated pilot with 2272 hours flying time. He has eleven (11) years active service. Six (6) of these eleven (11) years are active duty years.

2. In summary it is this airman's opinion that this officer made a very competent observation of an unidentified flying object.

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| FROM (Agency) Intelligence 3605th Observer Training Wing, Ellington AFB, Texas | REPORT NO. <i>ATRC-18-21-53</i> | PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES |
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On the night of 2 June 1953 at approximately 2135 hours, 1st Lt. Robert L. Cerutti was piloting a Convair T-29 type aircraft, no. #1933, on a round robin flight from Ellington AFB, Texas to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The aircraft was between Lake Charles and Alexandria, Louisiana on a heading of approximately 26 degrees magnetic, moving in a north-easterly direction when what appeared to be a bright light attracted his attention.

The light was visible for approximately five (5) seconds, during which time it was giving off fire and sparks such as a meteor would until it seemed to burn itself out. At the first sighting of the object, it was very high and to the left of the aircraft, coming down on a forty-five (45) degree angle from the position of the aircraft.

Lt. Cerutti believes that from the characteristics that he observed, this object was a meteor.



ROBERT L. CERUTTI
1st Lt. USAF
Witness

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Description

On the night of 2 June 1953 at approximately 2251 hours a Convair T-29 type aircraft No. 1931 was on a round-robin flight from Ellington AF Base to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The aircraft was on a course approximately 58 degrees magnetic moving in a northeast direction at an altitude of 9000 feet. The aircraft was $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles south-southeast of Newton, Mississippi, when a whitish-green light attracted the pilot's attention. The light had the appearance of an aircraft navigational light and was estimated to be from 5 to 7 miles from the aircraft. The object was visible an estimated 12 to 15 seconds. The pilot thought the light was an aircraft's navigational light and that it seemed to be on a parallel course with the aircraft. The light seemed to brighten and the pilot, thinking it was an aircraft turning into him, started to change course to avoid collision. At the time the object appeared to climb, as at the beginning of a chandell, and at the sametime the light was intensifying in a greenish-white color and leaving a trail of fire and sparks similar to a 4th-of-July rocket in flight. After approximately 2 seconds of this climb, the object disintegrated into a ball of fire.

Discussion

The ATIC contract astronomer states that the object observed was a meteor. The fact that the object appeared to climb was probably caused by the motion of the aircraft as it turned to avoid collision.

Conclusion

Was astronomical (meteor).

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In compliance with AF Ltr 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

(1) Numerous unidentified lights that emitted a powerful yellowish glow were observed flying and maneuvering over San Antonio, Texas. Shape not discernible and lights appeared to observer to be the approximate size of an average bicycle wheel. Observer states that only three lights were visible to him at any one time but felt that there could have been as many as six due to the fact that these three appeared and disappeared numerous times in the general area. Lights flew about haphazardly and circled in no particular formation. However, towards the end of the sighting, two lights apparently flew together in formation heading north and disappeared by gradually fading out of sight. No aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, nor propulsion system noted. Speed unestimated but observer stated that he timed one light and that it took ten seconds for it to travel from a position ninety degree angle to a position of forty five degree angle. Altitude unestimated. No sound was heard and maneuvers consisted of intermittent zig zag movements and a circular path by one of the lights.

(2) Lights were observed 2220 hours, CST, 2 June 1953, and were observed until 0020 hours, CST, 3 June 1953.

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

(4) Observer was at his residence, 211 McMurray Rd, San Houston Village, San Antonio, Texas at the time of the sighting. Lights were first observed in the southeast sky flying a circular course.

(5) Lights were observed by 1st Lt and Mrs. [REDACTED] and their next door neighbor, Captain [REDACTED]

(6) Fair weather prevailed at the time of the sighting. Visibility was fifteen miles and the wind at ten thousand feet was from the southeast at eight knots per hour.

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

(8) No physical evidence of the sighting.

(9) Observer contacted Captain H. B. Cleveland, the Officer of the Day, at Randolph AF Base, Texas, who confirmed the sighting and stated to observer that the lights very definitely were not aircraft of the conventional type.

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

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Six unidentified bright yellowish lights reportedly the size of a bicycle wheel were observed 2220 hours, CST, 2 June 1953, flying and maneuvering over San Antonio, Texas.

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