

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 August 53 02/0530Z	2. LOCATION Satsuma, Alabama
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object similar to meteor.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared to taper to the rear to a point with the entire object glowing an amber color. One object was all that was sighted heading N to S at an intense rate of speed. No sound. It did not resemble a star or a meteor. The object large in size and was at an altitude of approximately 6-8,000 ft. It was observed for only a few seconds then disappeared to the S. There is a beacon light located in the area, but observer is positive that it was not connected with the object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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STATEMENT OF
[REDACTED]
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SATSUMA, ALABAMA

On the night of 1-2 August at approximately 12:30 AM local time, I was on my way home from Creola, Alabama, on hiway 43, heading south, I was approaching the area of Gunnison Creek between Creola and Satsuma, Alabama, when I saw an object in the sky East of the hiway. To me the object had a curved leading edge which was the only feature that seemed to be distinct in shape. The rest of the object appeared to taper to the rear to a point with the entire object glowing an amber color. One object was all that was sighted on a heading from North to the South at an intense rate of speed. There was no sound associated with the object and it did not resemble a star or a meteor. The object was fairly large in size and was as best to my knowledge at approximately 6-8000 feet in altitude. I saw the object for what seemed to be only a few seconds then disappeared to the South paralleling the hiway. There is also a Beacon Light located in the area, but I can definitely state that it was not connected with the object. The weather was clear with no moon but with many bright stars.

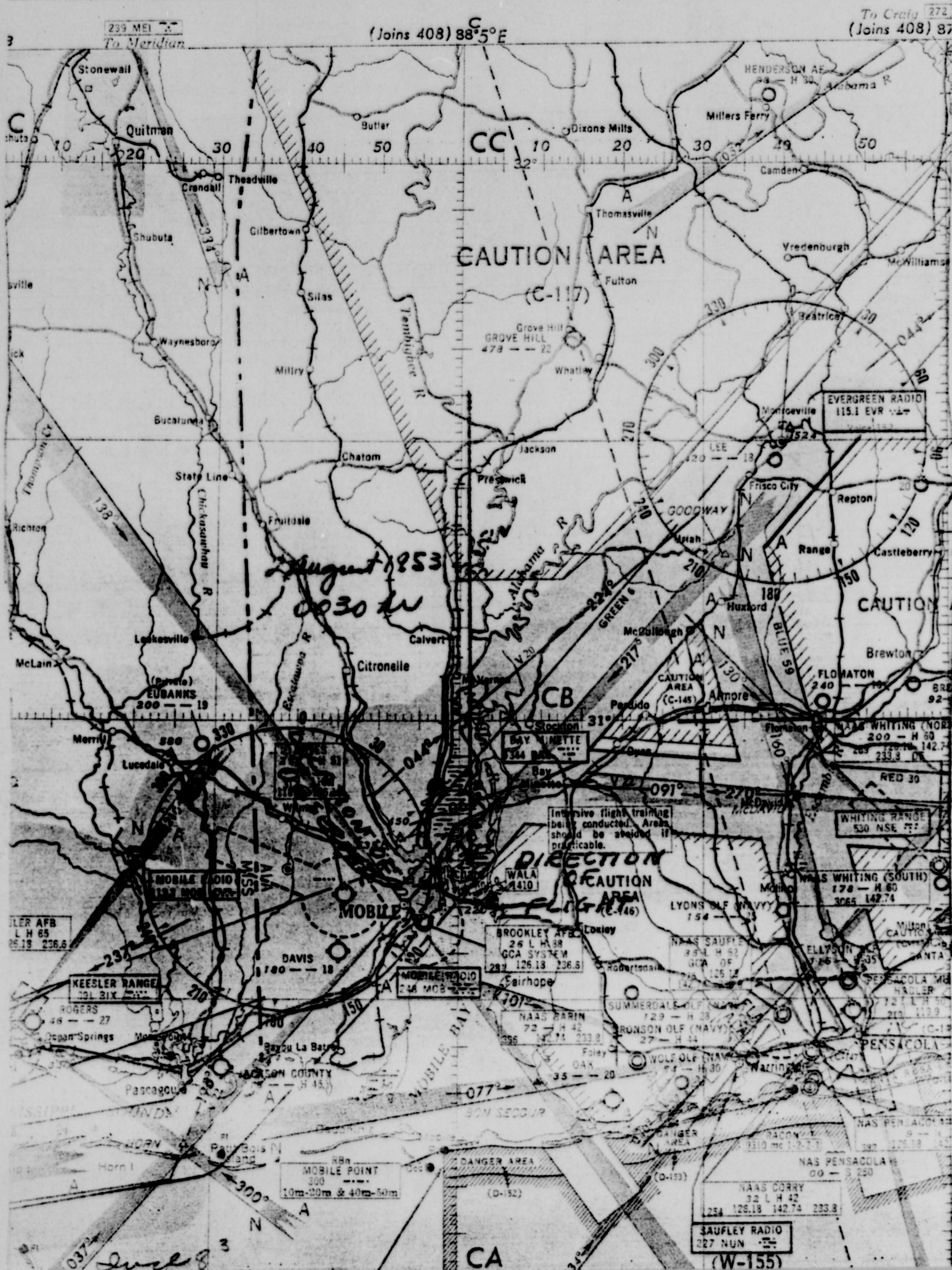
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SATSUMA, ALABAMA

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/P [REDACTED] OTNB-J-1 ATTN ATIAA-2C WRIGHT PATTERSON ATTN
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER KELLY AFB PD FLYOBRPT ON 31 JULY 1953

AT 2030-2036L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS SIGHTED. APPEARED TO BE
A BRIGHT REDDISH FLUORESCENT GLOW HEADING FROM SOUTHWEST TO THE
NORTHEAST AND CROSSING HWAY 43 NORTH OF CREOLA ALABAMA. OBJECT
TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. NO
SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LIGHT AND DURATION OF SIGHTING
WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS BEFORE DISAPPEARING. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE
STAR OR METEO AND APPEARED LARGE IN SIZE. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT
TIME OF SIGHTING WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MILE NORTH OF

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ON 2 AUGUST 1953 AT 0030L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED APPEARED TO BE AMBER GLOW HEADING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH ON EAST SIDE OF HIWAY 43 BETWEEN CREOLA AND SATSUMA ALABAMA. OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. LEADING EDGE APPEARED CURVED AND SOMEWHAT DISTINCT WITH BLURRED TAPERED APPEARANCE TO THE REAR WITH OVERALL GLOW. NO SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIGHT AND DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE STARS OR METEOR AND APPEARED LARGE IN SIZE AT FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. OBJECT FLEW IN STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT PARALLEL TO HIWAY 43. OBSERVER DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS ON HIWAY BETWEEN CREOLA AND SATSUMA ALABAMA TRAVELING SOUTH. LATITUDE 30 DEGREES 52 MINUTES NORTH LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST. THIS MAN IS AMETHODIST PREACHER SATSUMA ALABAMA. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE HAS KNOWLEGE OF METEOROLOGY. RELIABILITY B-2.

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WEATHER CLEAR. SURFACE WINDS 260/5K TEMPERATURE 83 DEGREES F
DEW POINT 74 DEGREES F VISIBILITY 10 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS
180/10K. 5200 FEET WINDS 170/15K TEMPERATURE 59 DEGREES F.
10000 FEET WINDS 190/10K TEMPERATURE 45 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET
WINDS 160/5K. 20000 FEET WINDS 170/10K.

HEADQUARTERS
MOBILE AIR MATERIEL AREA
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IN REPLY
REFER TO: MOIP

3 September 1953

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AF Form 112

THRU: Commander
Air Materiel Command
ATTN: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center,
ATIA A-2C
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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REPORT NO.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

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AREA REPORTED ON

Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

FROM (Agency)

Intelligence Office, Brookley AFB, Alabama

DATE OF REPORT

3 September 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

31 July through 17 July 1953

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

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SOURCE

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

AFL 200-5

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.)

Five unidentified flying objects observed by six persons in vicinity of Creola and Satsuma, Alabama, on dates from 31 July through 17 August 1953.

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Major, USAF

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1. Cy Statement of Mr Lister
2. Cy Statement of Mrs Lister
3. Cy Statement of Mr Mathison
4. Cy Statement of Mr Hartley
5. Cy Statement of Mr Hartley
6. Cy Statement of Mrs Lister
7. Weather Report
8. Five Maps of Sightings

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Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

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Details: At approximately 1500 CST, 26 August 1953, the 1703d ATG Intelligence Officer was notified by the MOAMA Intelligence Officer of the report of five separate unidentified flying objects observed by Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], Mr. C. W. Mathison, Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and Mrs. [REDACTED]. The dates of the sightings were from 31 July 1953 through 17 August 1953, inclusive.

The Intelligence Officer of the 1703d ATG conducted an investigation and obtained the following statements from the observers:

On 31 July 1953 at approximately 2000-2030 hours local time, Mr. [REDACTED], a grocer in Creola, Alabama, was on his way home from Creola heading North on Hiway 43, when he sighted the flying object. The object appeared into his field of vision through the windshield of his vehicle from the Southwest, crossed the hiway and disappeared to the Northeast. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. The object glowed a bright reddish fluorescent color and duration of sighting was for only a few seconds. No sound were associated with the glow and did not appear to resemble a meteor or a shooting star. The location of the observer at the time of sighting was about one mile North of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 54 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 1 August 1953 at 2030 hours local time, Mrs. [REDACTED] was getting into her vehicle when she sighted the flying object. This object was on the west side of hiway 43 heading from the Northeast to the Southwest at a high rate of speed. She could not estimate the altitude other than stating that it was at a fairly high altitude and that the object was not too far away from where she was standing. She stated that this object appeared to glow a reddish color in the leading part and a dull amber color in the remaining part. Light did not resemble a meteor or a shooting star and no sound was associated with the light. Duration of the sighting could not have lasted more than two or three seconds. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was in Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 56 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 2 August 1953 at 0030 hours local time, Mr. [REDACTED], Methodist Preacher, was on his way home from Creola to Satsuma, Alabama when he sighted the flying object. It glowed an amber color overall with the brightest glow on the leading edge which appeared to be curved like the circumference of a basketball and gave the appearance blurred and tapered toward the rear. The object was heading from the North to the South in straight and level flight parallel to hiway 43, on the East side, at a high altitude. Subject stated that he could not estimate altitude so he guessed that it was 6-8000 feet high. It appeared to be fairly large in size with no sounds associated and traveling at a high rate of speed. Speed was estimated to be much faster than the jet aircraft seen in this area. Individual stated he has knowledge of Meteorology and that the object was neither a meteor nor a shooting star. Observer did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was at Gunnison Creek, approximately one mile south of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 52 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-2.

On 2 August 1953 at 1630-1730 hours local time, Mrs. [REDACTED] was sitting in her back yard when she sighted the flying object. It appeared to be shaped like a parachute or a balloon in descent, wide at the top and tapered to a point at the bottom. It was traveling at an intense rate of speed in a diagonal path from the Northwest to the Southeast. While in descent, the object gave off a bright reflection caused by the rays of the sun striking it and also giving it the appearance of spinning while descending. Object appeared small due to the high altitude.

and distance from the observer. No sounds were associated with this object and the duration of sighting was less than a minute. Individual did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was southwest of Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 50 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 05 minutes West. Reliability B-4.

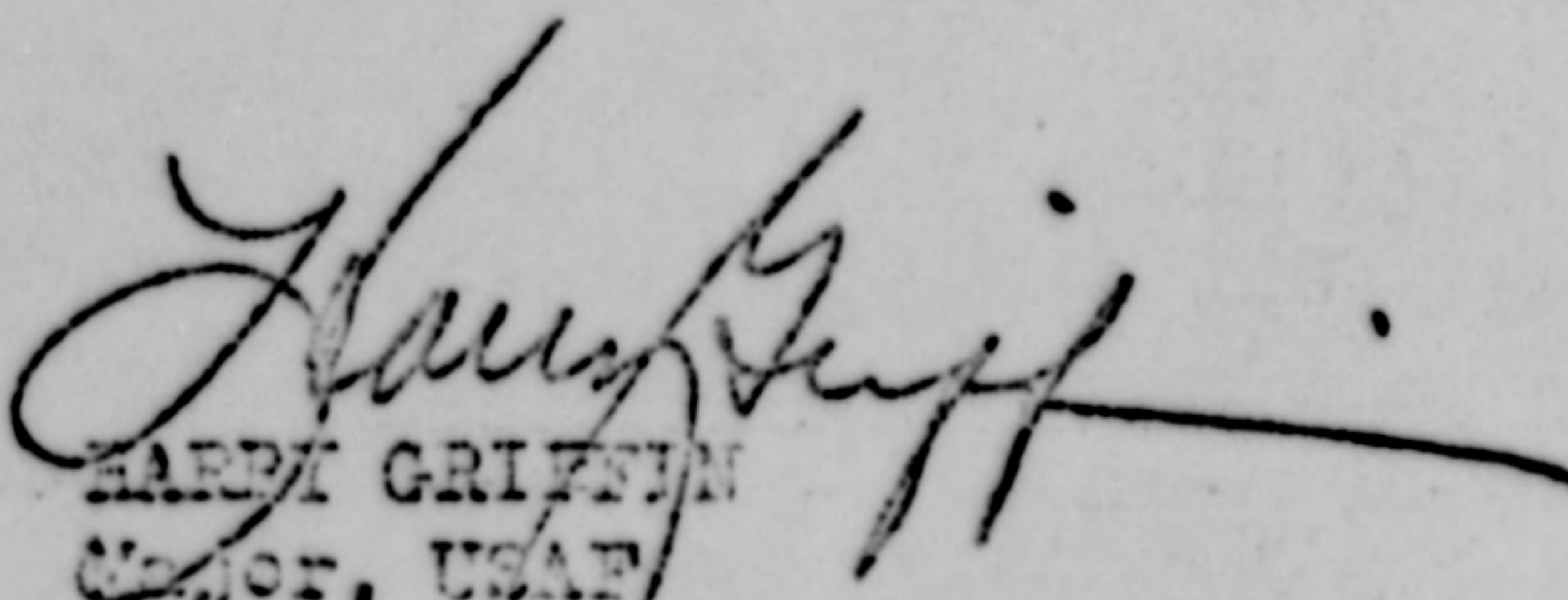
On 17 August 1953 at 2055 hours local time, [redacted] and [redacted] were looking for the Little Dipper when they saw the flying object. It appeared as a bright reddish glow heading from the North to the South and parallel to highway 43, on the East side. Object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. Both observers agreed that this object far exceeded the speed of jet aircraft they had seen in this area. Duration of the sighting lasted for approximately three seconds. Neither of the observers saw or heard any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. There was no sound associated with this object nor did it appear to be a meteor or a star. Location of the observers at the time of sighting was in Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 51 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 03 minutes West. Reliability C-3.

Reliability of observers is as stated above.

No interception was attempted since the sightings were late in being reported.

The weather is reported as in Inclosure #7.

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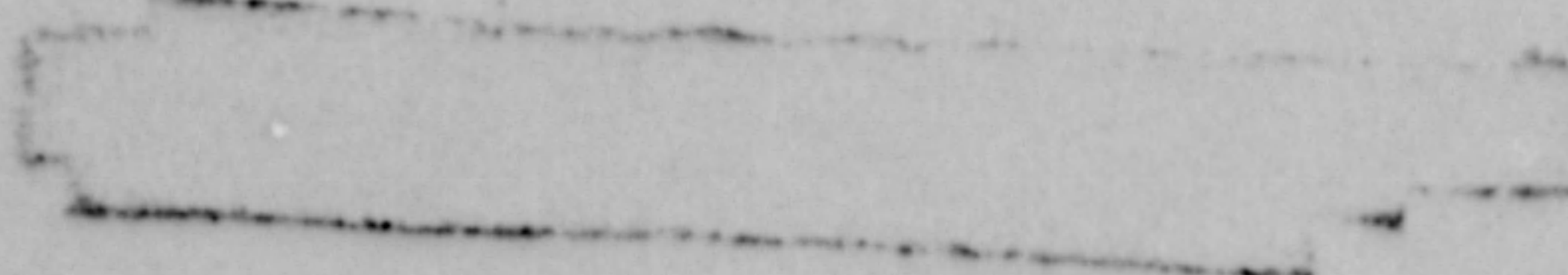
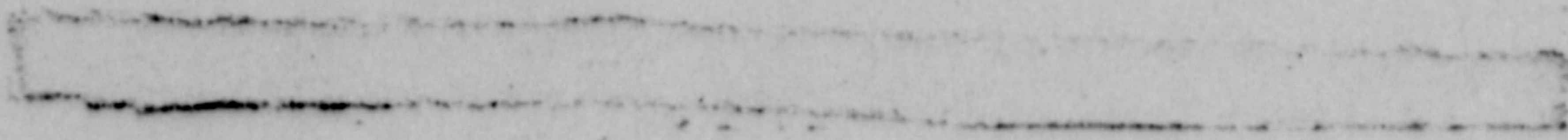
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at the time of sighting of a "meteor shower".*
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DATE	WIND HT	WIND DIR-SPD	TEMP	DEW PT	WSEY	SKY CONDITION
31 July 2030 HR	Surface	Calm	78	72	9	25,000 scattered
	3000	170/5				
	5000	140/10	63			
	10,000	110/15	64			
	15,000	130/10				
	20,000	170/15				
1 Aug 2030 HR	Surface	240/6	82	74	10	Clear
	3000	180/10				
	5000	150/10	61			
	10,000	140/10	46			
	15,000	120/15				
	20,000	160/15				
2 Aug 0030 HR	Surface	260/5	80	74	10	Clear
	3000	180/10				
	5000	170/15	59			
	10,000	190/10	45			
	15,000	160/5				
	20,000	170/10				
2 Aug 1730 HR	Surface	240/8	87	73	12	2500 scattered
	3000	230/5				25,000 scattered
	5000	270/10	64			
	10,000	260/10	61			
	15,000	190/10				
	20,000	170/10				
17 Aug 2055 HR	Surface	240/8	82	71	10	25,000 scattered
	3000	160/5				
	5000	120/5	64			
	10,000	020/5	48			
	15,000	200/5				
	20,000	250/10				

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