

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 August 1953 3/1604Z	2. LOCATION Amarillo, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Several	No UAR balloons were in the area. A/c are not capable of such maneuvers. Light be small air balloons close to tower instead of
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 56 minutes intermittent	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS An object resembling a balloon moved from E to W holding an altitude of 45 deg above the horizon. Object continued E until reaching a position slightly E of the Control tower where it abruptly stopped. Then the light moved toward the S at tremendous speed. Another object was observed during that time with similar maneuvers. The objects were observed for 45 minutes intermittently.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
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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AREA REPORT CONCERNS

Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas

AGENCY OF ORIGIN

Headquarters
Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas

DATE OF REPORT

1 October 1953

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Control Tower, Amarillo Air Terminal
Amarillo, Texas

DATE OF INFORMATION

3 August 1953

PREPARING OFFICER

GLENN L. FITTS, 1st Lt, USAF, Intel
Officer

EVALUATION

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

AF Letter 200-5, 29 Apr 1952

SUBJECT

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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 112a.)

1. On 3 August 1953, at approximately 1204 hours, unidentified flying objects were sighted over the Control Tower, Amarillo Air Terminal, Amarillo, Texas, which is adjacent to Amarillo Air Force Base.

2. These objects were sighted at intervals for approximately 45 minutes by personnel employed at Amarillo Control Tower.

3. The significance of these flying objects is unknown.

APPROVED:

GLENN L. FITTS
1st Lt, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Weather Map (in quad)

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August 3, 1953

Base Operations Officer
Amarillo Air Force Base
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request I am forwarding to you my observations of an unnamed object flying around in the vicinity of the Amarillo Air Terminal on August 3, 1953, at 1204 CST P.M.

I was in the Amarillo Control Tower on August the 3, 1953 and was looking north out of the tower cab for an aircraft when I observed an object which I first thought was a balloon moving from the east to the west, it was moving faster than a balloon and was holding an altitude approximately 45 degrees above the horizon and continuing east until reaching a position slightly east of a position north of the tower and coming to a stop. I realized that this object was not a balloon as it did not rise and that it was moving faster than the wind could move a balloon. This object was close enough to see that it was round and was reflecting the sun giving off a translucent appearance. The object remained in the same position for approximately seven seconds and the Assistant Controller in the tower, [REDACTED] was called to look at it, as Mr Reid was coming out on the catwalk around the tower the object started south and with what appeared to be tremendous speed moved to a position over the airport coming to a stop, Mr [REDACTED] said I see it and as it was coming to a stop he said see the other one behind it, I then observed a second object stop behind the first both appearing to be identical in size, shape and appearance. They remained over the field approximately 10 seconds and then the first one started straight up and the second one proceeded south both disappearing at a rapid rate in approximately four seconds.

At no time did the objects change shape from an appearance of being round, no vapor trail or smoke observed. When the objects came to a stop they did not appear to slow up but came to an abrupt stop. It is not possible to estimate altitude or size of the object as no hills mountains or anything to use as a base for an estimate. The sky was a blue with no clouds at all.

Approximately 15 minutes later Mr [REDACTED] went back out on the catwalk of the tower and observed what could have been the same objects in the vicinity of the sun appearing to circle, these objects would only be visible for a few seconds then disappear, reappearing or being some more of the same in a different position, we observed these off and on for approximately 45 minutes then clouds were moving over and they were not observed. The first object was seen at 1204 PM CST and the last time observed approximately 1300 CST.

S/

[REDACTED]
Chief [REDACTED] Operations Specialist
Amarillo Control Tower

Witnessed: S/T/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Airway Operations Specialist

A TRUE COPY.

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1. Mr. [REDACTED] reported to this office the following information on observations he had made while on duty at Amarillo Air Terminal, Amarillo, Texas on 3 August 1953:

a. On 3 August 1953 at 1204 hours, an object, which was first thought to be a balloon, was sighted moving from east to west. It was moving faster than a balloon and was holding an altitude of approximately 45 degrees above the horizon, and continuing east until reaching a position slightly east of the control tower and coming to a stop. The object was close enough to see that it was round and was reflecting the sun, giving off a translucent appearance. The object remained in the same position for approximately seven seconds. Then the object started south and with what appeared to be a tremendous rate of speed moved to a position over the airport, and then came to a stop. The second object stopped behind the first, both appearing to be identical in size, shape and appearance. They remained over the field approximately 10 seconds, and then the first one started straight up and the second one proceeded south, both disappearing at a rapid rate in approximately four seconds.

b. At no time did the objects change in shape from an appearance of being round and no vapor or smoke was observed. When the objects came to a stop, they did not appear to slow up but came to an abrupt stop. It is not possible to estimate altitude or size of the objects as there are no hills, mountains or anything to use as a base for an estimate. The sky was blue and there were no clouds.

c. Approximately 15 minutes later it was observed what could have been the same objects in the vicinity of the sun, appearing to circle. These objects would only be visible for a few seconds and then disappear, reappearing or some of the same, in a different position. These were observed off and on for approximately 45 minutes, but then clouds started moving over and they were not observed any more. The first object was seen at 1204 PM CST and the last time observed was approximately 1300 PM CST.

COMMENTS of Preparing and Approving Officers:

1. The delay in forwarding this report was due to report being previously forwarded in erroneous form.

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WEATHER DETACHMENT 11-1
11TH WEATHER SQUADRON
AMARILLO AFB, TEXAS

4 August 1953

SUBJECT: Special Request Weather Report

TO: Base Operations Officer
Amarillo AFB, Texas

1. The following is a true summary of hourly surface observations for Amarillo Air Terminal by the US Weather Bureau at times indicated:

0630C - 150Setd250-Ovc 15Plus 099/68/64/NW6/001
0730C - 250-Brim 15Plus 108/70/66 NNW7/003
0830C - 150Setd250-Brim 15Plus 121/73/63 NNE11/005
0930C - 150Setd250Setd 15Plus 123/76/63/ NNE/0/005
1030C - 150Setd250Setd 15Plus 128/78/64 NE7/007
1130C - Clr 15Plus 129/81/63 NNW4/008
1230C - Clr 15Plus 129/84/59 N7/008
1330C - Clr 15Plus 123/87/63 NNE4/007 Few CB Dent WNW Few Turg
Cu Dent SE
1430C - 65Setd120Setd 15Plus 117/90/61 E6/006 CB Dent WNW Turg
Cu Dvlpg all Quads
1530C - 65Setd100Setd 15Plus 115/90/61 E6/005 CB Dent All Quads
Xcp N Fgt Dust Devils
1630C - 75Setd120Setd 15Plus 108/92/60 NE3/004 CB Dent S and SW
to N
1730C - 75Setd 130Setd 15Plus 103/92/60 E4/002 CB Dent SE and S
to N CUMUL Dust Devils
1830C - 75Setd130Setd 15Plus 106/92/59 NE10/002 CB Dent S and SW
to N
1930C - 75Setd130Setd 15Plus 110/89/61 E6/004 Dent CB all Quads
Rf W to N

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of sounding for 3 August 1953 at 1500Z and 2100Z as observed by Radsonde Section of the Weather Detachment.

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a/s

/s/Charles N Masters Jr
t/CHARLES N MASTERS JR
1st Lt, USAF
Commander.

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