

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 August 53- 28/0345Z	2. LOCATION Greenville, Mississippi
3. SOURCE Military & Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Broken clouds at 5,000 ft., with 8 miles visibility. Checks revealed no a/c in vicinity. No major astro body in SW. Antares sighting. Case Unidentified.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Circular object emitted red, green and white alternate flashes of light for approx 3-4 seconds, then a steady red flash of light diminishing as increasing in distance. Object was traveling from SW to West. Observers stated that object appeared to be rotating. Manner of disappearance, obscured by clouds.
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8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	27 Aug   Greenville AFB, Miss   Antares?   b-5

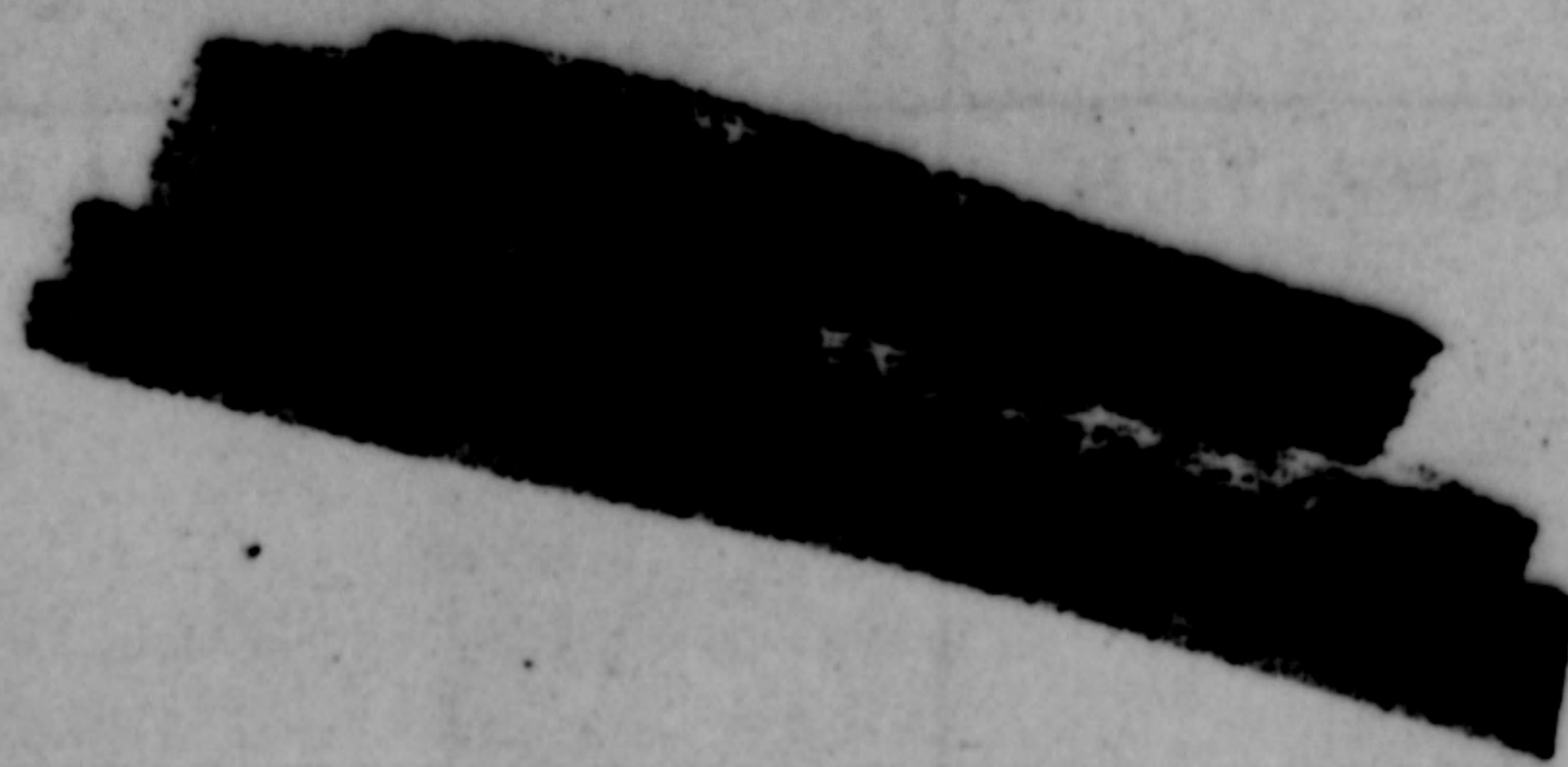


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/ [REDACTED] LYOB RPT **UNCLASSIFIED**

AT GREENVILLE AFB MISS OBJECT ON HORIZON TRAVELLING FROM  
SW TO N. NOT MANUVERING. OBJECT APPEARED AS RED AND WHITE LIGHT  
OCCASIONAL GREEN LIGHT. PROPULSION, SPEED, SIZE,  
ALTITUDE, DISTANCE FROM OBSERVERS UNKNOWN. INITIAL SIGHTING REPORT  
BY M/SGT [REDACTED] D. SIGHTING  
VISUAL. FROM 2215 CST TO 2300 CST, 27 AUG 1953 THE OBJECT WAS OBSE  
BY FOLLOWING PERSONS USING SEVEN BY FIFTY POWER BINOCULARS  
CAPT W D LEHMAN, AIRMAN H H MACDONELL AND [REDACTED].

ALL PERSONS CITED ASSIGNED TO GREENVILLE AFB, MISS.

WEATHER DURING PERIOD , CEILING FIVE THOUSAND BROKEN ,  
VISIBILITY SEVEN TO EIGHT MILES PD MESSAGE RECEIVED AS CIRVIS  
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COMDR ATIC

TO:

COMDR GREENVILLE AF BASE MISSISSIPPI

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-8-15-B FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Reference sighting of unidentified aerial object on 27 Aug 53 by M/Sgt T. O. Cooper, Capt W. D. Lehman, Airman S. H. MacDonell, and Airman A. E. Arceneaux. Request that your office perform an investigation according to Air Force Letter 200-5.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

## COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 M. S. Futch DATE 31 Aug 53  
 A/IC FUTCH  
 ATIAE A. D. Johnson DATE 31 Aug 53  
 LT COL JOHNSON  
 ATIA William R. Holy DATE 31 Aug 53  
 COL O'HARA  
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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

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FLYOB RPT 280604, as received from Maxwell Flight Service Center follows:

"AT GREENVILLE AFB MISS OBJECT ON HORIZON TRAVELLING FROM SW TO W. NOT MANEUVERING. OBJECT APPEARED AS RED AND WHITE LIGHT OCCASIONAL GREEN LIGHT. PROPULSION, SPEED, SIZE, ALTITUDE, DISTANCE FROM OBSERVERS UNKNOWN, INITIAL SIGHTING REPORT BY M/SGT T O COOPER AND WIFE AT 2145 CST TO BASE OD. SIGHTING VISUAL. FROM 2215 CST TO 2300 CST, 27 AUG 1953 THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS USING SEVEN BY FIFTY POWER BINOCULARS CAPT W D LEHMAN, AIRMAN H H MACDONELL AND A [REDACTED] ALL PERSONS CITED ASSIGNED TO GREENVILLE AFB, MISS. WEATHER DURING PERIOD, CEILING FIVE THOUSAND BROKEN, VISIBILITY SEVEN TO EIGHT MILES. MESSAGE RECEIVED AS CIRVIS AND PROPERLY TRANSMITTED. 280770Z AUG JESTQ.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

A total lack of investigative capabilities at either Flight Service Center or Headquarters level prohibits attainment of any valid conclusion from this report, or addition of further information

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Unidentified Flying Object At Greenville AF Base, Mississippi

State of Mississippi

Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark  
Street, N.W., Washington 25, D.C.

31 August 1953

27 August 1953

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

USAF personnel at Greenville AFB

Teletype FLYOERPT 280604Z August submitted by Maxwell Flight Service Center

Report contains information concerning a ground observation of an unidentified flying object near Greenville AF Base, Mississippi, at 2145C 27 August 1953.

GERALD E. TYLER  
Major, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATLAS-20

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### DESCRIPTION OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT:

(1) The unidentified object was of circular shape, and similar to a large star. It emitted red, green, and white alternate flashes of light for approximately three (3) or four (4) seconds, then a steady red flash of light diminishing as if increasing in distance. There was only one object observed. It did not appear to have any exhaust, and its propulsion system, or speed could not be determined, however, it did seem to be rotating. Obscured by clouds and lost from sight was its manner of disappearance.

(2) The object was first sighted by source at 2145 hours Central Standard Time, and remained in sight until 2235. It was sighted by a second source at 2230 hours Central Standard Time, and remained in sight until 2330 hours Central Standard Time. These observations were made the 27 August 1953.

(3) First source made his observation visually from the surface, and no optical aids were used. Second source observed the object from the Greenville AFB Control Tower, and 7 x 50 binoculars were used.

(4) First source had no knowledge of the altitude of the reported object, however it was moving in northward direction from his vantage point, see inclosure #1. Second and third sources estimated the object at approximately 5,000 or 6,000 feet in altitude, and was observed south-west of the Greenville AFB Control Tower, see inclosure #3.

(5) Source one was H/Sgt. [redacted] having 12 years Air Force Service. He has approximately 300 hours night flying time as an engineer on C-47 type aircraft and has his own private flying certificate. Source two was Capt. William D. Lehman an Air Force Officer on flying status. Source three was A/IC A. E. Arceneaux, who is a qualified control tower operator.

(6) Base Weather was contacted and the conditions were as follows: Broken clouds at 5,000 feet, with eight (8) miles visibility, wind velocity four (4) miles per hour, direction 140 degrees south-east; this was between the hours 2145 Central Standard Time, and 2235 hours Central Standard Time, 27 August 1953.

(7) There were no conditions or activities meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(8) There was no physical evidence of the sighting.

(9) There was no interception or identification action taken.

(10) Memphis Control was notified at 2310 hours Central Standard Time of the sighting, and at 2312 hours, Memphis called GAFB Tower, and reported that Memphis Flight Service reported no transit aircraft in Greenville Area. GAFB Base Operations was also contacted to determine if any aircraft from this station could have been in the area of the sighting, and no aircraft was reported flying at the time of the sighting. The weather detachment was also contacted for possibility of weather balloons, but none were reported.



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SUBJECT <b>FLYOBPT</b>			
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DATE OF REPORT <b>3 September 1953</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>27 August 1953</b>	EVALUATION <b>B</b>	
PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>JOSEPH H. KING, Major Wg Opr Officer</b>		SOURCE <b>See inclosed report</b>	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>AFL 200-5, AFOM-ATIAE-8-15-B, ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, dtd 31 Aug 1953</b>			

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 119-Part II.)

An unidentified object was reported in the vicinity of Greenville, Mississippi, 27 August 1953; it was observed by three (3) sources to be circular in shape, and emitting red, green, and white alternate flashes of light and rotating and moving slowly downward on the horizon; it was observed from 2145 hours Central Standard Time, 27 August 1953 until 2330 hours Central Standard Time, 27 August 1953; detailed description inclosed in subject report.

APPROVED:

*Joseph H. King*  
JOSEPH H. KING  
Major, USAF  
Wing Operations Officer

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1. Statement of Sighting by M/Sgt [REDACTED]
2. Statement of Sighting by A/IC A. E. Arceneaux
3. Statement of Sighting by Capt William D. Lehman

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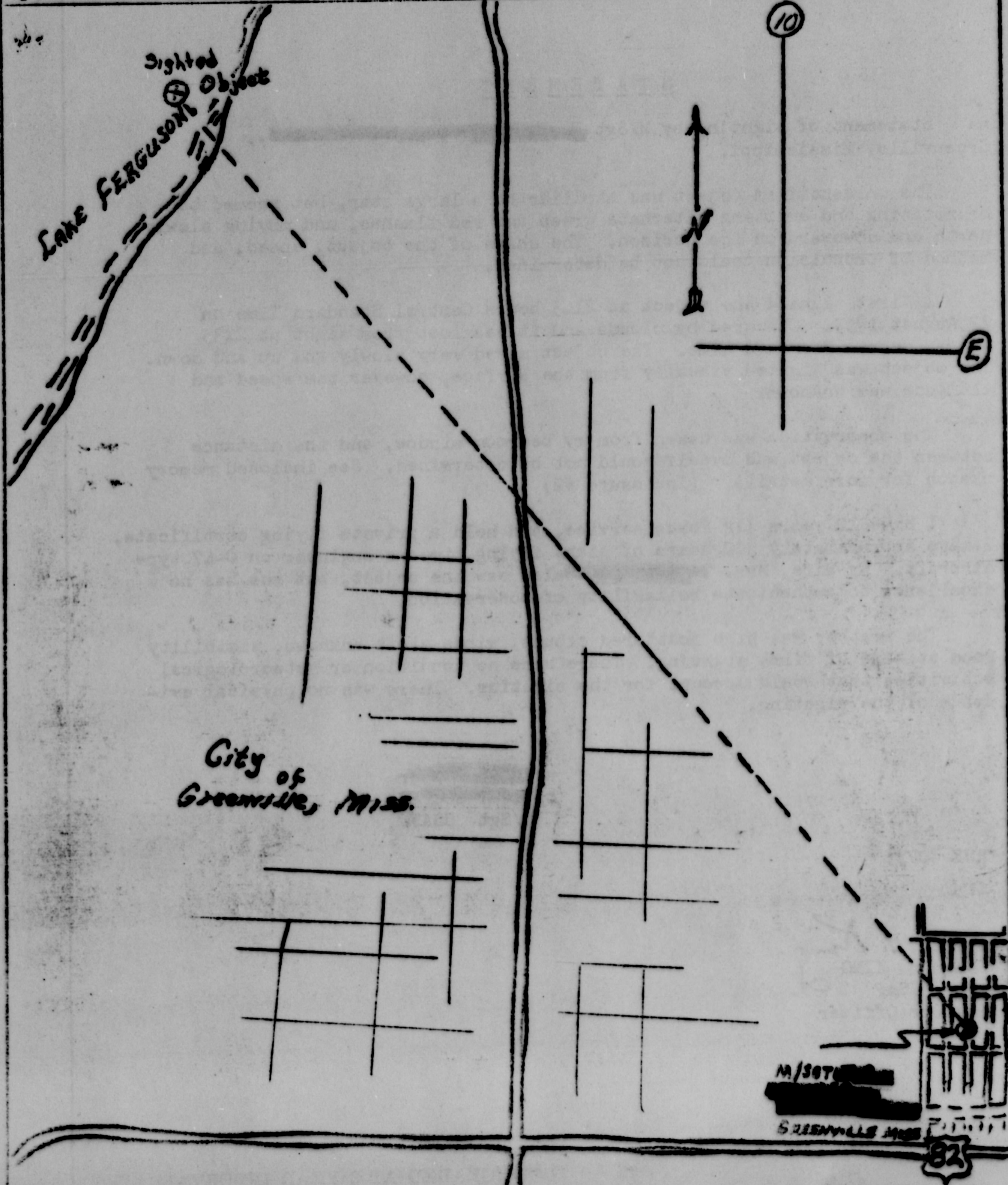
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ENCLOSURE

OVERLAY OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE  
MISSISSIPPI

GREENVILLE, MISS.

M/SGT

OBSERVATION IN RELATION

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## STATEMENT

Statement of sighting by M/Sgt [REDACTED].,  
Greenville, Mississippi.

The unidentified object was similiar to a large star, but seemed to be rotating and emitting alternate green and red flashes, and moving slowly north and downward on the horizon. The shape of the object, speed, and method of propulsion could not be determined.

I first sighted the object at 2145 hours Central Standard Time on 27 August 1953. Obscured by clouds and it was lost from sight at 2235 hours Central Standard time. The object moved very slowly and up and down. The object was sighted visually from the surface, however the speed and altitude was unknown.

The observation was taken from my bedroom window, and the distance between the object and myself could not be determined. See inclosed memory sketch for more details. (Inclosure #2)

I have 12 years Air Force service, and held a private flying certificate. I have approximately 300 hours of night flying time as engineer on C-47 type aircraft. My wife, Mrs. [REDACTED] also saw the object, but she has no experience to authenticate reliability of observation.

The weather was high scattered clouds, winds aloft unknown, visibility good at time of first sighting. There were no condition or meteorological activities that would account for the sighting. There was no physical evidence of the sighting.

s/ [REDACTED]  
t/ [REDACTED]  
M/Sgt USAF

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FIRST SIGHTED  
2145 HOURS

BRIGHTEST  
2200 HOURS

2210 HOURS

2220 HOURS

ELECTRIC  
LINE POLE

DIM 2225  
HOURS

BRIGHT 2230 HOURS

OBSCURED & LOST  
2235 HOURS

GROUND LEVEL

APPROX  
120 FT

BEDROOM WINDOW

(EYE LEVEL OF OBSERVER  
WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE  
FEET ABOVE GROUND)

W/SGT [REDACTED]  
MEMORY SKETCH  
OF SIGHTED OBJECT

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### STATEMENT

Statement of sighting by A/1C A. E. ARCENEUX, AACS Squadron Greenville Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Over the horizon it appeared to be a circular shape. It didn't appear very large from our view point. Its color was sort of red, green and slight yellow. There were only one object, and it did not appear to have any exhaust at all. Its propulsion system could not be determined, speed could not be determined because I did not know its distance, but it moved very slowly from my vantage point. Its movements were but moving in a westward movement at approximately the same altitude, it just seemed to fade away into the night. It moved about ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees from southwest towards the west. It appeared to be rotating. It would give alternating colors for approximately three (3) or four (4) seconds and then would give a steady red light. It moved so slowly that it appeared to remain stationary. But as time went along I could definitely determine a movement.

I sighted the object from the Control Tower at 2230 hours until 2300 hours in the southwest with westward movement. At 2310 hours I notified Memphis Control, and they stated no aircraft were in the area at 2312 hours. At 2300 hours it disappeared.

At first it was sighted with the naked eye and in order to get a better view we used a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars. My vantage point was in the control tower at Greenville AFB, Mississippi. I'd rather not guess at its distance because it was over the horizon and appeared to be some distance off, southwest of the town at approximated 5,000 or 6,000 feet. Capt. Lehman was the Officer of the Day and was in the tower at the time, also A/2C Hugh Mac Donell.

The weather was V F R, and there were no conditions or meteorological activities to account for the sighting. I have no physical evidence of the sighting.

s/A. E. Arceneux  
t/A. E. ARCENEUX  
A/1C USAF

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TOWER

AIRCRAFT PARKING AREA

AIRCRAFT PARKING AREA

2ND STREET

CENTRAL AVENUE

235°

240°

245°

OBJECT MOVED APPROX.  
5° to 10°OVERLAY OF GREENVILLE AFB  
MISSISSIPPIMEMORY SCETCH BY  
A/1C A. E. ARCENEAUX

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### S T A T E M E N T

Statement of sighting by Capt., William D. LEHMAN, 3505th Plt Tng Gp, Greenville AFB, Mississippi.

The unidentified object emitted red and white flashing light diminishing as if increasing in distance. Shape, speed, and method of propulsion could not be determined.

I first sighted the object at 2230 after receiving a call from M/Sgt T. O. Cooper. We observed the object from 2230 hours until 2300 hours hovering on the horizon.

The object was observed from Greenville AFB Control Tower together with Airman A. E. Arceneaux, and Airman MacDonell. First observed with the naked eye and later with 7 x 50 binoculars. Object seemed to move very slowly.

s/William D. Lehman  
t/WILLIAM D. LEHMAN  
Capt., USAF

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Forwarded for information is copy of Wright-Patterson message  
31 August 1953:

TO COMDR GREENVILLE AFB MISS

/RESTRICTED/ FROM AFOIN-ATIAE-8-15-E, FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

REFERENCE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT ON 27 AUG 53

BY M/SGT T O COOPER CAPT W D LEHMAN AIRMAN H H MACDONELL AND AIRMAN

A E ARCENEUX. REQUEST THAT YOUR OFFICE PERFORM AN INVESTIGATION

ACCORDING TO AIR FORCE LETTER 200-5. IN REPLY CITE PROJECT BLUE

BOOK.

No electrical report was submitted from this headquarters. However  
Memphis Flight Service was notified immediately of the sighting by telephon.

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