

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>4-8 March 1956</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Graham, North Carolina</u> <u>Burlington, North Carolina</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Sirius <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>05/0115Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>40 minutes</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>SSE</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object size of basketball, color red to green to amber. Flying SSE moving up and down.	11. COMMENTS Object sighted on nights of 4, 5, and 8 March in same position. About same time with same characteristics. Astro Sirius (see case file).	

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U N C L A S S I F I E D / 85 ADOIN 301 UTOB. ROSLYN ATTN: CIC.

1. A. ROUND B. BASKETBALL C. RED TO GREEN TO AMBER D. ONE E. N/A.

F. NEG G. NEG H. NEG I. OBJ LIGHTS CHANGED FM RED TO GREEN TO AMBER.

2. A. GOC OBTM

B. NEG C. NEG D. FLYING SSE MOVING UP AND DOWN E. NORMAL F. 40 MIN.

3. A. GD VIS B. NONE E. N/A.

4. A. 05/0115Z B. NIGHT

5. GEOREF POS. GJLG 3505 OBJ SIGHTED 15 MI SSE OF THIS STA.

6. A. MR. ██████████, AGE 49, ██████████ T. GRAHAM N.C.

GUIDED MISSILE DESIGN ENGINEER

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MRS. LEON ██████████ AGE 40, ██████████, GRAHAM N.C.

HOUSEWIFE.

SGT. W.C. CURTER, 305 S. MAIN ST. HIGHWAY PATROLMAN.

A. K. MOORE, STATE HIGHWAY OFFICE GRAHAM, N.C. HIGHWAY PATROLMAN

LUCY L. COOK, BOX 417 GIBSONVILLE, N.C. CITY POLICEMAN.

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7. A. CLEAR B. SURFACE 150 DEG 4 KNOTS

6 ANGELS 280 DEG 11 KNOTS

10 ANGLES 280 DEG 30 KNOTS

16 A 290 DEG 42 KNOTS

20A 280 DEG 63 KNOTS

30 A 280 DEG 87 KNOTS

50 A AND 80 A N/A.

C. CLEAR D. 15 E. CLEAR F. NEG

8. NEG

9. NEG

10. NEG

11. CAPT. JAMES F. LEE

DETACHMENT COMDR

NO COMMENT

12. NEG

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/85 ADOIN 300 UFOB

1 A ROUND B 1/2 DOLLAR C RED D I E N/A F RED LIGHT BLINKING ON AND OFF REGULARLY THEN STOPPED G NEG H NEG I NEG

2 A GOC OBS B NEG C NEG D OBJ STATIONARY WHEN 1STHRPTD THEN NE WHEN 2ND RPTD E LIGHT DISAPPEARED AND SEEN AT DIF LOCATIONS AT VAR INTVLS F 30 MIN

3 A GD VIS B BINOCs C N/A

4 A 05/2350Z 06/0015Z 06/0025Z 06/0030Z

B NIGHT

5 A 79DEGREES 30 MIN E 36 DEGREES 00 MIN N B GJLG 3705

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6 WILLIAM H EDWARDS JR AGE 14 1714 PIEDMONT WAY BURLINGTON STUDENT
MRS FRANCES WATSON 527 ARDEN BURLINGTON HOUSEWIFE

6 B N/A

7 A CLEAR

B SURFACE WIND DEGREES KNOTS ANGELS

180 10 6

260 28 10

270 35 16

MRS FRANCES WATSON 527 ARDEN BURLINGTON HOUSEWIFE

6 B N/A

7 A CLEAR

B SURFACE WIND DEGREES	KNOTS	ANGELS
180	10	6
263	28	13
270	35	16
290	37	20
280	35	30
290	43	43

C CLEAR D 15 E CLEAR F NEG

8 NEG

9 N/A

10 NEG

11 JACKIE LANG NCOIC OPS BATH BOX

12 NEG

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WORKS 06 40 56

ACTION

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RAO 77

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//UNCLASS//SUBJECT UFOB

1. A. ROUND
- B. BASEBALL
- C. REDDISH ORANGE
- D. ONE (1)
- E. N/A
- F. OBJECT WAS FIRST REDDISH ORANGE, THEN WAS FLASHING RED AND YELLOW AND THEN CHANGED TO GREEN AND RED
- G. NEG
- H. NEG

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1. CHANGING OF COLOR

2. A. DUTY OF GROUND OBSERVER

B. OBSERVER ESTIMATED OBJECT 1500 TO 2000 MILES FROM HIM AT 500 TO 800 MILES ELEVATION

C. NEG

D. OBJECT WAS HEADING WEST WHEN SIGHTED SSE OF THE POST .AT 0048Z
OBJECT WAS DUE SOUTH OF THE POST

E. N/A OBJECT STILL IN SIGHT

F. 50 MIN.

3. A. GROUND VISUAL

B. 16 POWER BINOCULORS

C. N/A

4. A. 09/0004Z

B. NIGHT

5. LG350 6

6. A. MR GEO. A NEWCOMER 49 MR. [REDACTED] DUREESEN 32

[REDACTED]
GRAHAM, N.C.

[REDACTED]
BURLINGTON, N.C.

GUIDED MISSLE DESIGNER

MR. [REDACTED], GRAHAM, N.C.

MR. [REDACTED], BURLINGTON, N.C. WESTERN ELECTRIC
EMPLOYEE OBSERVATION POST SUPERVISOR

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B. T/SGT. JOHN K. GRANT (36) 1419 ASH ST., BURLINGTON, N.C. USAF RECRUITER

7. A. CLEAR

B. 225 DEGREES-5K SURFACE

225 DEGREES -26K 6000

300 DEGREES-71K 13000

250 DEGREES-94K 10000 EEEEE 250 DEGREES-97K 16000

NEG.

C. CLEAR

D. 15 PLUS

E. CLEAR

F. NEG.

G. NEG

H. N/A

I. NEG.

11. ROBERT GUINN 2/LT. USAF DUTY DIRECTOR

DUE TO TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS SIGHTING OBJECT REPORT

BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE

12. NEG.

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090035Z MAR RJEPM G

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UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON

GRAHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, USA

FROM (Agency)

Flight 2-B, 4602d AISS

DATE OF REPORT

13 March 1956

DATE OF INFORMATION

4 and 5 March 1956

EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer)

JAMES N KULPAN, 1st Lt., USAF

SOURCE

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

CMDR 58TH AD, ANDREWS AFB, MD, TT ADOIN 301

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in first one sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sightings by Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St., Graham, North Carolina. Mr [REDACTED] is 48 years old, a high school graduate and an electro-mechanical designer in the capacity of guided missile design engineer. Mr [REDACTED] is a GOC observer at Fairchild Field, Graham, N.C.

PART TWO: Description of sightings by Mrs [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St., Graham, North Carolina. Mrs [REDACTED] is a high school graduate and Chief Observer, GOC, Fairchild Field, Graham, N.C.

PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St., Graham, North Carolina. Mr [REDACTED] is 30 years old, a high school and Technical Mechanics school graduate. Mr [REDACTED] is a draftsman at the Western Electric Plant in Graham, N.C. He specializes in designing guided missiles. Mr [REDACTED] is a GOC observer at Fairchild Field, Graham, N.C.

PART FOUR: Description of sighting by Sgt W C Carter, North Carolina Highway Patrol, 305 S Main St, Graham, N.C. Sgt Carter is 45 years old and a high school graduate.

PART FIVE: Description of sighting by Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] N Main St, Gibsonville, North Carolina. Mr [REDACTED] is 37 years old, a high school graduate and a patrolman of the Burlington, N.C. Police Department.

PART SIX: Description of sighting by Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 113 Westover St, Graham, North Carolina. Mr [REDACTED] is 31 years old, a high school graduate and a patrolman of the Burlington, N.C. Police Department.

PART SEVEN: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.

PART EIGHT: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: UFOB sightings were made at approximately 050115Z Mar 56 and 060115Z Mar 56 by two members of the Burlington, North Carolina, GOC (GJLG 3505).

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The other four SOURCES witnessed one sighting at the same location on 5 March 56. Information contained in this report was obtained from the persons observing the object and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sightings.

III. INVESTIGATOR: T/Sgt JACK B TUCKER AF 20957239

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I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Address: 628 [REDACTED], Graham, North Carolina

Age: 48

Occupation: Electro-mechanical designer, Western Electric Co.,
Graham, North Carolina

Education: High School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was completely thorough in his description of the sightings. SOURCE was extremely cooperative and was of superior intelligence.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE and his wife were on duty at the GOC post, Fairchild Field, Graham, North Carolina (GJLG 3505), when the object was first sighted at 050115Z March 1956. It was at an azimuth of 175° and an elevation of from 3-5°. SOURCE was certain he observed the object for a total of ten minutes. It was pointed out to him by another observer. He observed it with the naked eye, with eyeglasses, without eyeglasses through 7x50 binoculars and with eyeglasses through 7x50 binoculars. After watching it for approximately five minutes SOURCE and his wife drove to another GOC post approximately ten miles south. There they again observed it, but on this occasion no binoculars were available.

SOURCE stated there was neither daylight nor moonlight. Even though there were many stars visible, the object plainly stood out from the surrounding astronomical bodies. It appeared to stand still, it changed in brightness and it flickered, throbbed and pulsated. It did not suddenly accelerate, break up, give off smoke or change shape. It moved neither in front of nor behind another object or cloud. It appeared to be solid in form, was brighter than an auto headlight more than a mile away, and changed from red to green to yellow at regular intervals. There was no sound. The size of it was estimated with certainty to be that of a quarter held at arm's length as seen through binoculars. It's edges were fuzzy, and SOURCE indicated that he felt it was constructed of a heat resistant alloy, was a minimum of two feet in diameter, and was approximately two hundred miles high and two thousand miles away. When he last observed the object it was at an azimuth of 185° and an elevation of 3-5°; it gradually faded away during the last five minutes. The sky was clear, there was no wind, and the weather was cold and dry. SOURCE stated that he felt the object was a man made satellite.

At the same time on the next evening (060115Z Mar 56) SOURCE observed the same object at the same location. Its characteristics were generally the same as the night before, but it was observed for thirty minutes. On that occasion it was yellow with red flashes at regular intervals.

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I. SOURCE: Mrs E. [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Graham, North Carolina

Occupation: Housewife and COC Chief Observer

Education: High School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was completely thorough in her description of the sightings. SOURCE was extremely cooperative and of average intelligence.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTINGS: SOURCE and her husband were on duty at the COC post at Fairchild Field, Graham, North Carolina (GJLG 3505), when the object was sighted at a 170° azimuth and at an elevation of 10°. SOURCE observed the object at 050115Z Mar 56, and was certain she observed it for ten minutes. She reported the observation to the Durham, North Carolina, Filter Center (GJMF 0559) and was instructed to continue watching the object. The Filter Center informed SOURCE that no aircraft were in the vicinity.

The sky was clear and many stars were visible. The moon condition was not recalled. The weather was cool and dry; a slight breeze was blowing. The object appeared to stand still at times and to speed up. It did not break up, give off smoke, change in brightness or shape, flicker or throb. It moved neither in front of nor behind anything else. It appeared to be solid and repeatedly changed from amber to red and was brighter than an auto headlight at a distance greater than a mile. From red it turned green, and then back to amber; this occurred at regular intervals. The object made no sound. SOURCE viewed object through eyeglasses, 7x50 binoculars, and window glass. The edges of the object looked like a bright star. SOURCE was fairly certain that the object compared in size to a quarter held at arms length, and she was looking south-southeast when the object was first sighted and south when it disappeared. Object did not disappear due to distance but sank below the horizon. SOURCE stated that the object appeared to be approximately 600 miles away. When the object disappeared it was on an azimuth of 180° and an elevation of 0°. This was the first sighting of this type SOURCE had ever observed.

At the same time on the next evening (060115Z Mar 56) SOURCE observed the same object at the same location. Its characteristics were the same as the night before, but it was observed for thirty minutes on that occasion.

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I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], North Carolina

Age: 30

Occupation: Draftsman at Western Electric Co., Graham,
North Carolina

Education: High School and Technical School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was completely thorough in his description of the sighting. SOURCE was extremely cooperative and of superior intelligence.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was on duty at the COC post, Fairchild Field, Graham, North Carolina (GJLG 3505), when he sighted the object at 050110Z Mar 56, at an azimuth of 175° and an elevation of 6°. It appeared to be circular in shape and brilliant white in color with a blinking red light superimposed on it. The edge of the object was fuzzy. It was brighter than the background of the sky, and its brightness compared to that of an auto headlight a mile or more away. The object appeared to flicker and throb, to stand still at times and also to suddenly speed up and rush away. It did not move behind or in front of any other object. The sky was very dark but many stars were visible. The weather was clear, dry and warm, and a slight breeze was blowing. The object compared in size to a half-dollar held at arms length when viewed through binoculars. It was viewed through eyeglasses and 7x50 binoculars. SOURCE estimated it to be round, to be 12 feet in diameter, to be made of plastic or bright metal and compared it in size to a large weather balloon. Object disappeared at 185° azimuth and seemed to drop behind the horizon. SOURCE stated that he felt it might have been a man made satellite rotating around the earth. The sun's reflection could have accounted for the light observed.

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I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Address: 305 [REDACTED] North Carolina

Age: 45

Occupation: Sgt, North Carolina Highway Patrol

Education: High School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY: Cannot be judged. SOURCE was interviewed by telephone.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Personnel at the GOC post Fairchild Field, Graham, North Carolina (GJLG 3505), called the Highway Patrol Office and reported seeing the object. SOURCE proceeded to the post where he also observed it. He saw the object in the south, and was fairly certain that he observed it for one minute. The sky was dark but stars were visible. The weather was clear, cool and dry; a slight breeze was blowing. The object appeared to stand still and change in brightness. It did not suddenly speed up, break up, give off smoke or change shape. Neither did it move in front of or behind any other objects. It was viewed through 7x50 binoculars. The object was brighter than the background of the sky and compared favorably with an auto headlight more than a mile away. The object appeared to be solid, and was green, amber and yellow in color. Its edges were sharply outlined and it made no sound. SOURCE was fairly certain that it compared in size to a baseball held at arms length. It disappeared over the horizon. SOURCE estimated the object to be two or three miles away, and he thought it was caused by some type of weather phenomena. This was the first sighting SOURCE had witnessed.

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<p>I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Address: [REDACTED], North Carolina</p> <p>Age: 37</p> <p>Occupation: Patrolman, Burlington Police Department</p> <p>Education: High School Graduate</p>			
<p>II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was vague in his description of the sighting. SOURCE was cooperative and of average intelligence.</p>			
<p>III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was certain that he observed the object for ten minutes at 050112Z Mar 56, at GOC post, Fairchild Field, Graham, North Carolina (CJLG 3505). He heard the GOC call the Highway Patrol Office on the car radio, and went to the airfield to observe the phenomenon. The object was first sighted at 180° azimuth and at an elevation of 40 to 45°. The weather was clear, dry and warm; there was a slight breeze blowing. The object was brighter than the background of the sky (described as bright twilight) and compared favorably to an auto headlight a mile or more away. It did not move in front of or behind any other object. Neither did it appear to stand still, speed up, break up, give off smoke, change shape or flicker. It did not change in brightness. It appeared to be solid, and was amber, red and green in color. Seven by fifty binoculars were utilized. The object appeared to be round and was traveling from south to southwest at 4 or 5 MPH. SOURCE was fairly certain object compared in size to a baseball held at arms length. Object disappeared at 185° azimuth and 22° elevation. This was the first sighting of such an object by SOURCE.</p>			

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I. SOURCE: Mr Eugene Euliss

Address: 113 Westover St, Graham, North Carolina

Age: 31

Occupation: Patrolman, Burlington Police Department

Education: High School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was vague in his description of the sighting. SOURCE was cooperative and of average intelligence.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was fairly certain that he observed the object for one minute at 050108Z Mar 56, at Fairchild Field, Graham, North Carolina (GJLG 3505). The sky was dark, but many stars were visible. The weather was dry, clear and cool; a slight breeze was blowing. The object was brighter than the sky background and compared in brightness to an auto headlight a mile or more away. It was first sighted at an azimuth of 180° and an elevation of 40°. Object appeared to change in brightness and seemed to stand still. It did not speed up, explode, give off smoke, change shape or flicker. Neither did it move in front of or behind any other objects. It was described as moving very slowly and was estimated to be two or three miles away. Seven by fifty binoculars were utilized during sighting. The object appeared to be solid, and it was light green and yellow. Its edges were sharply outlined. In size it compared favorably to a baseball held at arms length. SOURCE left before object disappeared. This was the first sighting SOURCE had witnessed.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. The Flight Service Center of Maxwell AFB, Alabama (GJDC 4023), was contacted. Lt Anderson gave a negative report regarding the presence of aircraft in the area in question at the time indicated.

2. The United States Weather Station, Greensboro, North Carolina (GJLG 1205), released two balloons on the day of the sighting, one at 041500Z and the other at 050300Z March 56. Normally neither would have accounted for the sightings; on both of these occasions the balloons burst shortly after release. The observer's account of weather data is as follows: sky, clear; visibility, fifteen miles; ceiling, unlimited. Winds were: surface, 150° at 7 knots; 6,000 ft, 280° at 11 knots; 10,000 ft, 280° at 30 knots; 16,000 ft, 290° at 42 knots; 20,000 ft, 280° at 87 knots; 50,000 ft to 80,000 ft, not available.

3. Dr Cravens, astronomer at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee (CJGF 0558), reported that Venus was very bright in the southwest and that Jupiter was very bright in the east. He knew of no other astronomical phenomena that might have contributed to the sightings.

4. The 663rd AC&W Squadron, Lake City, Tennessee (GJFG 5113), indicated that negative observations were made at the indicated times.

5. The 632nd AC&W Squadron, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina (GJNG 2127), indicated that negative observations were made at the indicated times. The only information it possessed was an information copy of the initial teletype message reporting the sightings.

6. The 792nd AC&W Squadron, Charleston, South Carolina (GJLC 0447), also indicated that negative observations were made at the indicated times.

7. The Operations Officer, Pope AFB, North Carolina (GJLF 5910), indicated that there was only one aircraft that could have possibly accounted for the sighting on 4 March 56. A C-119 enroute from Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio (GJFK 5648), to Pope landed at 050151Z. He stated that the aircraft passed near the area in question. No aircraft were in that area on 5 March 56 at the indicated time.

8. The Durham Filter Center, Durham, North Carolina (GJMF 0559), had no information except the initial report of the GOC spotters that was called in by Mrs Newcomer (see Part Two). The Filter Center indicated that no aircraft were in the vicinity at the time of the sighting.

9. A check with the McGhee Tyson Municipal Airport Flight Service Center, Knoxville, Tennessee revealed that no aircraft from this area were in that area at the time of the observations.

10. The two Squadron Intelligence Officers, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, indicated negative reports received.

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11. The Army Psychological Warfare Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, (GJLF 5508) indicated that no Army activities could have accounted for the sighting.

12. The Armed Forces Missile Test Center, Eglin AFB, Florida (GJDA 3029) was contacted to ascertain whether or not a missile fired from that location might have caused the sightings. No missile had been fired within two weeks of the sightings.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. All six (6) SOURCES had high school educations, and one also had some mechanical trade school training. They all appeared to be sincere and reliable. All were evaluated as being of average or above average intelligence. Three (3) were law enforcement officers, and three (3) were GOC observers. Of the latter group one (1) was a housewife, one (1) was a guided missile design engineer and the third was a guided missile draftsman. These three (3) people are considered well qualified, reliable observers because of their GOC and aeronautical technical backgrounds.

2. The object did not possess the qualities of an aircraft. It was visible from ten (10) to thirty (30) minutes and no radar return was received. Also, all available SOURCES regarding aircraft scheduling reported none were in the area at the specific time of the report, with the possible exception of one (1) C-119 reported landing at Pope AFB at 050151Z Mar 56. That could possibly account for the first sighting except that there was no radar return. It would not account for the second sighting, however.

3. The object appeared to have few qualities possessed by a meteor. The long duration of sighting and the second appearance seem to rule out this possibility. Likewise, it is improbable that it could have been some type of optical phenomena due to the large number of observations and the various methods of observation (the naked eye with no obstructions, naked eye with eyeglasses, through 7x50 binoculars, and a combination of the fore mentioned methods through window glass). The fact that it appeared on the second night also helps rule out this possibility.

4. The possibility that the sighting might have been a balloon seems unlikely since the only two in the immediate vicinity could not have been observed at the time of the sighting. Also, it is highly improbable that balloons on two separate occasions would travel the exact same paths through the atmosphere. The possibility that weather phenomena caused the observation is slight since the sky was clear and since it was observed on two separate nights.

5. All qualities associated with stars or planets seem to have been possessed by the object with the exception of one - its course was not even remotely east to west, but rather south-southeast to south. All six (6) of the SOURCES agreed that its course was in this direction. The investigator observed the GOC tower from which the primary observations were made and stated that directional equipment was available. Investigator also checked the land marks over which the object passed and the directions indicated were accurate. Its shape was that of a star or planet, though a little large according to some reports. It twinkled, throbbed, flickered and pulsated, and it varied in color from yellow to amber to red to green. These variations in intensity and color are consistent with the sightings of heavenly bodies.

6. Four (4) of the six (6) witnesses stated that they did not have any idea of what the object might have been. The two (2) guided missile engineers stated that they felt it was definitely not a heavenly body. They further indicated that they felt it was a man-made satellite sent aloft. They were quite sincere and emphatic regarding this conclusion.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer (Contd.):

The preparing officer feels that the object was probably a heavenly body (star or planet) and that there might have been some error in giving its exact flight path. This hypothesis is based upon the many characteristics associated with stars and planets that were possessed by the object. The fact that it was observed in the exact orbit on the second night tends to lend additional weight to this hypothesis. The third and fourth nights were overcast and no observations were possible.

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COMMENTS OF Approving Officer:

1. Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was astronomical in nature. It is further submitted that this sighting was generated by the star Sirius. In addition to the data contained on the preceding pages the following is given in support of the above hypothesis:

a. At the time of the sighting Sirius was located at the same position as the UFOB.

b. Sirius has a magnitude of -1.6 and frequently appears to radiate an array of brilliant colors, notably red, blue, and green.

c. The object was reported on 5, 6, and 9 March 1956. In all three reports the object was seen at the same time and in the same relative position.

2. In view of the persisting nature of the object, the colors viewed and the fact that Sirius was located in the same relative position as the UFOB, it is the opinion of this headquarters that the sighting was a misinterpretation of the star Sirius.

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