

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7-8 May 1957	2. LOCATION Macon, Georgia	3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/ 2045Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes still & motion <input type="checkbox"/> No picture	6. SOURCE Civilians	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-3 hours (intermittently)	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE SW	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observers (10) observed three white objects SW of Macon on two (2) successive nights. Observed fm 1 to 3 hrs, with no flight pattern or unusual maneuvers reported. One observer (John Deep) obtained both still photos and motion pictures (8mm size) of the objects. See Also: Specimen File Micrographs 7-3745-435 Ft. Benning (50 mi SW of Macon) also disclosed a/c were in air on two successive nights dropping parachute flares as part night maneuvers.	11. COMMENTS Laboratory analysis of the photo coverage (microphotographs & large screen size projections) indicate some faint white objs in sky, among other conventional things (what appears to be fireflies, leaves, smoke etc) A density analysis of the motion picture film discloses a/c in what appears to be a small speck to naked eye. Queries to	12. CONCLUSIONS Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Other Parachute Flares Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
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During the nights of the 7th and 8th of May 1957, an individual and his family observed from a location near Macon, Georgia, a number of unidentified aerial objects that appeared to move in a strange and unorderly fashion. Mystified at what they saw, the family secured a motion picture and a flash camera and proceeded to take pictures of the strange white objects. The film and prints were submitted to the Air Force for examination.

A large number of enlargements were made from the black and white prints. These showed emulsion flaws, ^{other objects} that appeared to be fireflies, out-of-focus shots of leaves and other objects, and small white, oddly-shaped objects near the horizon that were definitely airborne.

The 8mm motion picture was in color. This, then, would apparently indicate with ~~some~~ finality the nature and existence of the UFOs. The film was projected on the screen and the objects appeared to be similar in shape and movement to those of the "Tremonton Incident". Micro-photographs were made of the best frames and the general appearance still prevailed.

The individual frames were then subjected to certain light densities and other laboratory techniques. These immediately revealed the wings and jet exhausts of aircraft. The object slightly below appeared to be a "spent" flare or some similar object.

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From the testimony of the observers, and general landmarks in the photographs, the direction, bearings and elevations of the objects were determined. It was established that the sightings were observed in the direction of a U.S. Army Proving Ground area a few miles away. Further investigations definitely confirmed that between the 6th and 12th of the month, large scale rehearsals and operations were taking place in the proving-ground area, as part of a joint-defense problem.

A considerable amount of artillery, mortar and anti-aircraft, rocket fire, tracers, and flares, including dropping of parachute types, filled the sky during this period. Aircraft participated. A crowd, reported as 4000 people, witnessed the exercises from within the Army grounds.

JUNE 1957 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Jun 1	Uruguay	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1	Iran	Civil Airlines	Astro (METEOR)
2	Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
2	Waterloo, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Astro (MOON)
3	Shreveport, Louisiana	Civil Airlines	
		Ground Vis & RADAR	
9	Kerrville, Texas	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
11	Portsmouth, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
11	Amarillo, Odessa, Texas	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
12	Milan, Italy	[REDACTED]	Balloon
12	Houston, Texas (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
12	South Cotulla, Texas	Military	Aircraft
13	Wake Island	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
13	Columbus, New Mexico	Military	Other (CONTRAILS)
13	La Aurora, Guatemala	Six Civilians	Balloon
14	McCord AFB, Washington	Military (RADAR)	Insufficient Data
14	Canton, Ohio (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Balloon
14	Benton, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
16	Gardena, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
19	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Balloon
19	Salt Lake City, Utah	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
19	Clinton, Tennessee	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
20	Floyd Bennett NAS, New York	Military	Balloon
20	Vandalia, Ohio	Civilian	Balloon
21	Pepperrell AFB, NF	Military Air	Insufficient Data
21	Harlingen AFB, Texas	Military	Insufficient Data
23	Carmichael, California	Multi	1. Aircraft 2. Other (MIRAGE/IN
24	Guam	Military	Aircraft
24	Villa Grove, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Balloon
25	Edwards AFB, California	[REDACTED]	Balloon
26	McKeesport, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
26	South Fork Meadow, California	Multi	Aircraft
29	Barstow, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
29	Easton, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Aircraft

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Jun	Universe	Science Ltr	
Jun-Jul	Toronto, Canada	Newsclipping	
1	New Orleans, Louisiana	Newsclipping	
7	McGuire AFB, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
17-24	Beaudette, Minnesota	Newsclipping	
18	San Francisco, California	Newsclipping	
22	Rye, New York	Newsclipping	
25	Staples, Minnesota	Newsclipping	