

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Feb 58		2. LOCATION CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE E of Selma, Alabama		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/1226Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 SECS		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Tear shaped obj w/comet like tail. Front section generally rnd & a bright white & blue color. The trailing portion was an irridescent yellow & white. Obj disappeared almost instantly leaving no visible trail.				11. COMMENTS Characteristics of ^{meteor} sighting present.	

OBSERVING THE OBJECT HAD THEIR ATTENTION CALLED TO IT BY THE SOUND AND THE OTHER OBSERVER HAPPENED TO GLANCE UP AND SEE IT. (2) THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AT AN ANGLE OF ELEVATION OF 68-70 DEGREES ENE OF SELMA, ALABAMA. (3) IT DISAPPEARED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND EAST OF SELMA. (4) THE OBJECTS PATH WAS ABOUT PARALLEL WITH THE EARTH'S SURFACE WITH A SLIGHT DIP THEN UPWARD MOTION BEFORE DISAPPEARING. (MOVING LEFT TO RIGHT). (5) THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED VERY RAPIDLY TO THE EAST - DESCRIBED AS HAVING DISSOLVED OR FADED. (6) THE OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 SECONDS. 15. C(1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NOT APPLICABLE. (3) NOT APPLICABLE. 15.D. (1) SIGHTING OCCURED AT APPROXIMATELY 1226Z 21 FEB 1958 (2) DAWN. 15. E. TWO OBSERVERS WERE LOCATED NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY OF SELMA AND MADE THEIR OBSERVATION THROUGH WINDOWS. THE THIRD OBSERVER WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES SSE OF SELMA AND WAS STANDING IN THE YARD. 15. F. (1) [REDACTED], 42, [REDACTED] SELMA, ALABAMA, TRAINING AIDS AND GRAPHICS AT CRAIG: MRS. [REDACTED], APPROXIMATE AGE 73, [REDACTED] STREET, HOUSEWIFE; [REDACTED], 22, [REDACTED] SELMA, ALABAMA, (2) NOT APPLICABLE. 15.G. (1) THE WEATHER AS OBSERVED BY THE OBSERVER WAS CLEAR WITH LIGHT GRAY SKY WITH THE SUN JUST COMING UP. (2) THE EXISTING WIND CONDITIONS AS REPORTED BY WEATHER STATION AT CRAIG AFB WAS

Note: Through windows

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AS FOLLOWS: SURFACE - CALM; 6,000' - 310/8; 10,000' - 310/10; 16,000' - 290/120; 20,000' - 290/25; 30,000' - 290/24; 40,000' - 275/75; 50,000' - 300/50; 80,000' - NO REPORT (3) NO CEILING (4) 6 MILES HAZY

15. I. THE LOCAL SEARCH RADAR OF THE 2022ND AACSRON CRAIG AFB WAS
INOPERATIVE AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. 15.J. THERE WAS NO LOCAL TRAFFIC
REPORTED AT THE TIME BY EITHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN AGENCIES. 15.K.
ERNEST L. PYNE, 1STLT, USAF, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO
LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THE SIGHTING FROM THE INFORMATION ON HAND. THE
OBSERVATIONS APPEAR QUITE VALID, HOWEVER NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION LOCATE
IS RECOMMENDED. 15. L. NOT APPLICABLE

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ATIC Comment:

*Bulide
(Astro)*

Everything above * is
typical and characteristic of
a true "fireball", as borne out
by many similar reports. i.e.
color, shape, flight path, sound, etc.

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UNCLAS FROM O-13C. FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH

AFR 280-2. UFO. 15.A. (1) TEARDROP SHAPE WITH A LONG TAIL (2) SIZE OF

OBJECT WAS ABOUT THAT OF A BASEBALL HELD AT ARMS LENGTH (3) THE FRONT

PORTION WAS A GLOWING BLUE TO BLUE GREEN COLOR BECOMING BRIGHT YELLOW

AND WHITE AT THE REAR (4) ONLY ONE OBJECT WAS APPARENT (5) NOT A FOR-

MATION (6) NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OTHER THAN MENTIONED ABOVE. (7) THE

OBJECT LEFT NO TRAIL. THE TAIL WAS DESCRIBED AS LIKE A COMET OR A STREAK

AND HOLDING A RULER AT ARMS LENGTH WAS ABOUT 4-6 IN LONG. (8) A SOUND

WAS HEARD; BUT WAS NOT IDENTIFIABLE. DESCRIBED AS BEING AN ODD WHIST-

LING OR SCREECHING SOUND (9) NOT APPLICABLE. 15. B. (1) TWO PEOPLE

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SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies) At dawn (approximately 1226Z) on 21 February 1958, an unidentified flying object was sighted east of Selma, Alabama. The sighting was made by three (3) civilians in separate locations. The path of the object was from East Northeast to East of Selma, Alabama, in a Northwest to Southeast arc at 60-70 degrees elevation. The object was tear shaped with a comet like tail. Front section generally round and a bright white and blue color. The trailing portion was iridescent yellow and white. <i>blue (also see p. 2)</i> The object was visible about 4 seconds then disappeared almost instantly leaving no visible trail. No meteorological, astronomical or logical explanation was found for the sighting.		
APPROVED: <i>R. W. Horn</i> R. W. HORN Lt Col, USAF Wing Training & Operations Officer		
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Following report is submitted in compliance with AFR 200-2. Par 15a

1. Teardrop shape with long tail.
2. Size of object was about that of a baseball held at arms length.
3. The front portion was a glowing blue to blue green color becoming bright yellow and white at the rear.
4. Only one object was apparent.
5. Not a formation.
6. No discernible features other than mentioned above.
7. The object left no trail. The tail was described as like a comet or a streak and holding a ruler at arms length was about 4-6 inches long.
8. A sound was heard; but was not identified. Described as being an odd whistling or screeching sound.
9. Not applicable.

Note! (See Mylon, Utah -
10 Oct 57 case -
Similar)

Paragraph 15b, AFR 200-2.

1. Two people observing the object had their attention called to it by the sound and the other observer happened to glance up and see it.
2. The object was sighted at an angle of elevation of 60-70 degrees ENE of Selma, Alabama.
3. It disappeared at approximately the same angle of elevation and east of Selma, Alabama.
4. The object's path was about parallel with the earth's surface with a slight dip then upward motion before disappearing. (moving left to right).
5. The object disappeared very rapidly to the east - described as having dissolved or faded.
6. The object was visible for approximately 4 seconds.

Paragraph 15c, AFR 200-2.

1. Ground-visual.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.

Paragraph 15d, AFR 200-2.

1. Sighting occurred at approximately 1226Z, 21 February 1958.
2. Dawn.

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Paragraph 15e, AFR 200-2.

1. Two observers were located near the center of the city of Selma, Ala, and made their observation through windows. The third observer was located approximately 3 miles SSE of Selma and was standing in her yard.

Paragraph 15f, AFR 200-2.

1. [REDACTED], Age 42, [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama, employed at Craig Air Force Base in Training Aids and Graphics.
Mrs. [REDACTED] approximate age, 73, [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama, Housewife.
[REDACTED] Age 28, [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama

2. Not applicable.

Paragraph 15g, AFR 200-2.

1. The weather as observed by the observer was clear with light gray sky with the sun just coming up.
2. The existing wind conditions as reported by the Weather Station at Craig AFB was as follows: 6,000' - 310/8; 10,000' - 310/10; 16,000' - 290/120; 20,000' - 290/25; 30,000' - 290/24; 40,000' - 275/75; 50,000' - 300/50; 80,000' - no report.
3. No ceiling.
4. 6 miles hazy smoke restricted.
5. A high cirrus scattered condition with 1/10 coverage above 20,000'
6. No thunderstorms in the area.

Paragraph 15h, AFR 200-2.

1. No meteorological or astronomical explanation could be found for the sighting.

Paragraph 15i, AFR 200-2.

1. The local search radar of the 2022nd AACSS Sq Craig AFB was inoperative at the time of the sighting.

Paragraph 15j, AFR 200-2.

1. There was no local traffic reported at the time by either military or civilian agencies.

Paragraph 15k, AFR 200-2.

1. Ernest L. Pyne, 1st Lt, USAF, Flight instructor.

Paragraph 15l, AFR 200-2: Not applicable.

Comments of preparing officer: There appears to be no logical explanation for the sighting from the information on hand. The observations appear quite valid, however no further investigation locally is recommended.

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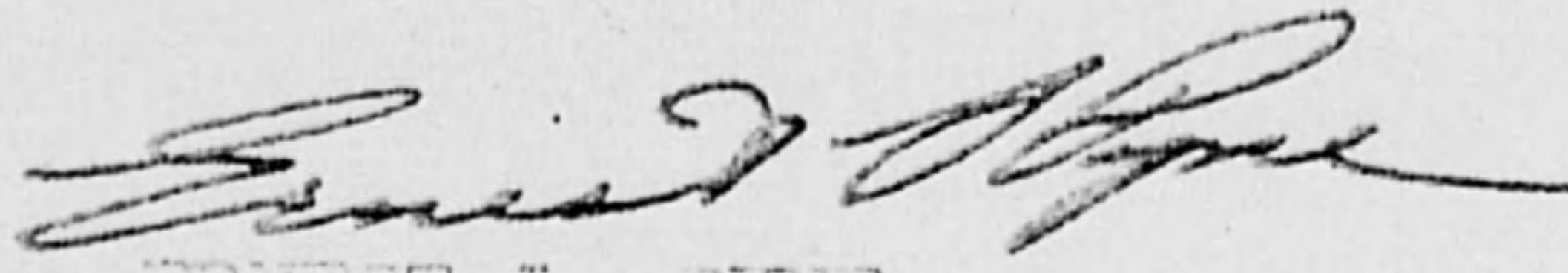
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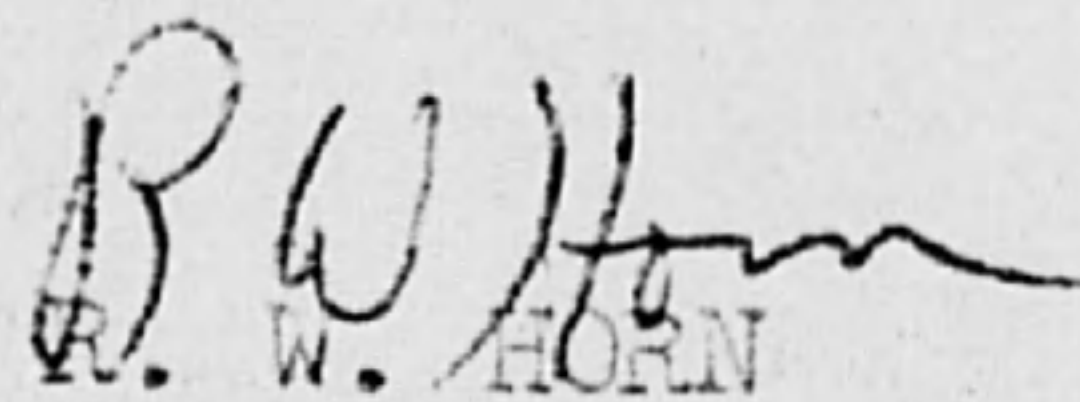
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ERNEST L. PYNE
1st Lt, USAF
Preparing Officer

Comments of Approving Officer: I concur with the comments of the preparing officer.

R. W. HORN
Lt Col, USAF
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Unidentified Flying Object as Witnessed by:

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Selma, Alabama

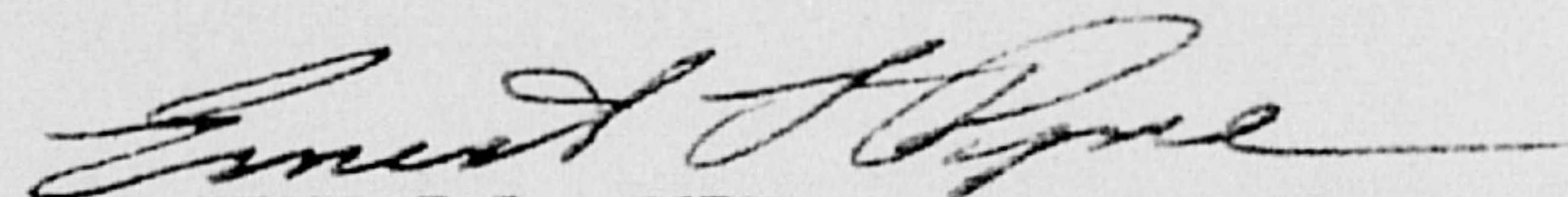
Mrs. [REDACTED] was standing in her yard when she heard a funny whistling noise. She glanced up and saw a strange object. The sound was not very loud and seemed to fade then return before the object disappeared.

The object moved through the air like a streak. It was mostly bright yellow with the front part a distinct blue. The blue portion was larger than the rest and altogether covered a good part of the sky.

It didn't seem too high in the air and was moving from left to right. It appeared to go up then dip and then straighten again. It seemed to be going up and away when it disappeared. The time that it lasted was about $4\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

She turned to call her husband and by the time she looked around again it was gone - leaving no trace.

The sun was just coming up and the visibility was very good.


ERNEST L. PINE
1st Lt, USAF
Investigating Officer

Information Services Officer, Craig AFB, Ala

I would like to report an unidentified object seen from an upstairs window in my [REDACTED] home, Selma, Alabama at 6:30 a.m., 21 February 1958.

The object was brilliant and incandescent. Its shape was like elongated tear drop. The front part was a blue green and violet glowing like a neon tube. The tail was like a comet, yellow and white. It moved in a 60° to 70° arc from Northwest to Southeast. Length of time visible was approximately 3-1/2 to 4 seconds.

It was impossible for me to determine the height, but my guess is that it was definitely very high.

[REDACTED]
Civilian, Training Aids & Graphics

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Ernest L. Pyne

ERNEST L. PYNE

1st Lt, USAF

Investigating Officer

Unidentified Flying Object as Witnessed by:

[REDACTED]
Selma, Alabama

Mrs. [REDACTED] was leaning against kitchen window looking at a bush outside when she heard a noise like the screech of a bird in distress. The noise was not like anything she had heard before.

Then she noticed what she thought was a cloud forming (moving from one side to the other) until it started to move to the right. She watched it momentarily, then looked out another window for something else and when she looked back it was gone.

The tail was iridescent and the center was light blue, but a darker blue than the sky. The center was quite bright - both white and blue. She did not see the right portion good enough to describe it.

The object left no trail and seemed definitely to be going away.



ERNEST L. PINE
1st Lt, USAF
Investigating Officer

Seen from my kitchen window .. Feb. 21, 6:30 AM 1958
for approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 seconds. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

WNC. CLEAR

D. UNLIMITED

8. NO

9. N/A

10. N/A

11. SENIOR DIRECTOR 867TH COULD NOT ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN SIGHTING,

AS I DID NOT RECEIVE REPORT UNTIL 1 HOUR AND 40 MIN. AFTER SIGHTING

12. NO

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UNCL/58000 041-22. SUBJECT: UFOB

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1. DESCRIPTION:

- A. LONG AND TAPERED OUT AT THE END
- B. QUARTER HELD AT ARMS LENGTH
- C. ORANGE RED NOSE, & BLUE GREEN TAIL
- D. ONE
- E. N/A
- F. N/A
- G. NO EXHAUST
- H. NO SOUND, WAS RIDING IN JEEP
- I. EXTREAMELY FAST

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

- A. JUST APPEARED IN LINE OF SIGHT
- B. 25 DEGS L ABOVE HORIZON 270 DEGS
- C. 25 DEGS ANGLE ABOVE HORIZON 270 DEGS
- D. CONTINUED IN STRAIGHT LINE
- E. BURNED OUT
- F. THREE SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- A. GROUND VISUAL
- B. NAKED EYE
- C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- A. 21/1227Z
- B. DAY

5. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

1. NAME [REDACTED]

2. GRADE AND