PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE TIME GROUP 11 July 67 11/0415Z	2. LOCATION Macon, Georgia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft(possible)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observers watched a glowing, spherically shaped object emitting a blue glow travel across the sky. The [illegible] sound like that of a train heard at a distance. At first the object looked like a meteor but its long observation excluded this type of conclusion. Another similar object was seen approximately one hour later. This second object came from the north for a few minutes then changed direction to the NW and disappeared.
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	The descriptions are consistent with that of an aircraft observation. An aircraft landing light could have been responsible for the sightings.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
RTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

~~Satellite~~ 11 JUL MRCON/ G.A.
Possible Aircraft

WRNEV

Reference to report on UFO, 19 Jul 67.

University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80302
ATTN: Dr. Condon

There are some changes to be made in the report. On page 1, para 1A (9), it should read "meteor" and not "meter". On page 2, para D (1), it should read "0015 hours" and "0145 hours" instead of "0015 hours" and "1145 hours". On page 3, para J, it should read "1 C135 Aircraft, out of N.W. landed at Robins AFB at 0118 hours" and not "1018 hours".

PAUL HILLBURN
Assistant UFO Officer

Cy to: FTD (TDETR)
AFLC (MCOOI, Mr. ~~Kies~~)

8

SMC

FTD (TDETR) INFO COPY

RETURN TO:
Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

A243.6012-1
11-23 Jul 1967

10037773

WPNBY

Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Sighting, 11 Jul 67

University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80302
ATTN: Dr. Condon

1. In accordance with AFR 80-17A, para 3C., 8 Nov 1966, the following report is submitted pertaining to a reported UFO sighting falling under the purview of this base.

A. Description of the Object

(1) Shape: Spherical

(2) Size compared to known object:
Approximately ½ the size of a full moon

(3) Color: Bluish-white

(4) Number: One

(5) Formation: N/A

(6) Any discernible features or details:
A glowing, spherically shaped object emitting a blue glow; there was also a light, apparently rotating, on the bottom of the object, and in doing so, described the spherical shape of the object.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including its size: None discernable

(8) Sound: Like that of a train heard at a distance, growing in intensity as the object began to depart. The sound did not have a "roar" like that of an airplane, but was described as having "more of a buzzing noise".

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features: When first observed, the object appeared to be a meter. But when it reached a "certain altitude", it leveled off and remained at that altitude. Furthermore, as it moved it appeared to increase in its size, thus leading the observer to feel that the object was not a meter. In other words, it appeared to vary in size as it moved.

B. Description of Course of Object

(1) What first called the attention of the observer to the object?
The observer was traveling north on Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Georgia, when he observed what appeared to be a "falling star"; but since the object grew in size as it fell, the observer's attention was drawn to and held by the object as long as it was within his vision. He reported that it first looked to be very much the size of a satellite, but slightly larger than a star. It changed to a larger size as it slowed its descent until it stopped.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

(2) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed: Unknown

(3) Angle of elevation of object upon disappearance: Unknown

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The observer reported that the object fell at a "steep angle", as a falling star, until it reached a level slightly above the horizon. During this time the object grew in size, until finally the observer felt that he was quite close to the object. When it stopped, it appeared to be in front of him. He reported that, as he began moving towards it, he had the feeling that the distance between him and the object was being closed at a slow rate. This continued for a "few minutes" until the object changed its course abruptly and turned to the left (N.W.) and disappeared at a high velocity.

(5) How did the object disappear?
Rapidly, to the N.W. on a parallel with the horizon.

(6) How long was the object visible?
"Several minutes".

C. Manner of Observation

(1) Ground-visual

(2) No optical aids were used

(3) N/A

D. Times and Date of Sightings

(1) 0015 hours and 0145 hours E.D.T. on 11 Jul 67.

(2) Light conditions: Night

E. Location of Observer

2800 Block of Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Georgia (general area of West Gate Shopping Center).

F. Identifying Information on Observer

(1) Civilian-[redacted]; age 28; address: [redacted] Road, Macon, Ga. 31206; occupation: Employee at Lyon-Marshal Company (printers), Macon, Georgia.

(2) The reporting officer judges the individual to be reliable, level-headed, and not given to sensationalism; e.g., he desires that the investigation be handled "quietly". (see para I).

G. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions was clear, but states that he could see no stars in the sky that night.

(2) Report from nearest U.S. Weather Bureau Office, wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface: 10 knots S.W.; other not available.

(3) Ceiling: Clear

(4) Visibility: 12 miles

(5) Amount of cloud cover: None, but scattered cirrostratus (see para G. (1)).

(6) Thunderstorms in area: None

(7) Vertical temperature gradient: Not Available

H. There was no other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise that might account for a sighting.

I. Interception or Identification Action Taken
The incident was not reported until 1935 hours, 12 Jul 67, by the observer's wife to the Macon Police Department, which in turn contacted RAFB Police Desk Security Sergeant.

J. Following aircraft were in the Area within a Two Hour Time Period of the Reported Sighting:
2 F4 aircraft, out of N.W. landed at Robins AFB at 0059 hours, 11 Jul 67.
1 D06 aircraft, out of N.W. landed at Robins AFB at 0101 hours, 11 Jul 67.
1 C135 aircraft, out of N.W. landed at Robins AFB at 0018 hours, 11 Jul 67.
1 C135 aircraft, out of N.W. landed at Robins AFB at 0108 hours, 11 Jul 67.

K. Comments and Preliminary Analysis of the Investigating Officer
(Position title: Supervisory General Engineer; Name: [redacted] Official Address: WRALC (WRDEV), Robins AFB Georgia 31093; Telephone Area Code: 912; O[redacted]
The investigation into this reported sighting is considered complete pending further instructions.

The undersigned first learned of the reported sighting from the RAFB Police Desk Sergeant on the afternoon of 12 Jul 67. The nature of the initial report was such as to lend the undersigned to conclude that immediate investigation was warranted. Consequently, an investigator from the Security Division was dispatched to interrogate the observer. This was done on 13 Jul 67 at the individual's office. What follows is a more detailed narrative of what was reported:

On 12 Jul 67 at 1930 hours, Desk Sergeant R. L. Higg, WRBSP-A, received a telephone call from the Macon Georgia Police Department reporting that a Mrs. Joyce G. Cardell had called to report two sightings of an UFO, which had taken place the previous day at the times previously mentioned in this report. She stated that the first sighting was by her husband and the second by both her and her husband. She stated that the object she saw was disk shaped, about the size of a small airplane and had a "blue-white glow". It emitted "a roar like a jet airplane---a loud roar". Her husband had previously seen the object while traveling home. Subsequently, he and his wife both observed the object from their home.

On 13 Jul 67 Mrs. [redacted] was telephonically contacted by Investigator Howard Bowen of the Base Security Division for further details. She [redacted] she had only seen the object for a minute or two, but that her husband had first seen the object and could possibly give information concerning it. On 13 Jul 67 Mr. [redacted], husband of Mrs. [redacted], was interrogated at his place of employment. He advised that the object was not disk shaped, as described by his wife, but was round and "about the size of a soft ball".

Mr. [redacted] further stated to Investigator Bowen that he had first observed the object at approximately 0015 hours, 11 Jul 67, while driving North on Pio Nono Avenue. The object was high in the sky in front of him and appeared to be falling. At the time he believed that the object was a satellite. However, the object soon stopped its motion, remained motionless for a short period, and then rapidly disappeared to the N.W.

Upon receiving Investigator Bowen's report on 14 Jul 67, the undersigned considered it necessary to personally contact Mr. [redacted] for more details. The undersigned pointedly asked Mr. [redacted] if he thought it could be within the realm of possibility for the object to have been an airplane, or any other type of indentifiable flying object. He [redacted] said that he did not think it was possible due to the manner in which the object maneuvered and "the way it looked".

Mr. [redacted] continued home and upon arrival, prepared to go to bed. While doing so, he observed through a window in his bedroom an object in the sky which appeared to be the same as the one he had previously seen while driving. Only this time the object appeared to be much closer than before. It was moving above a house located about 275 feet from the [redacted] home. He stated that it appeared to have been "about 8 feet above" the other house. It was moving, but not in a regular path, in that it appeared to be floating; but Mr. [redacted] states that he could not be sure of this movement. Mr. [redacted] then became alarmed, woke his wife to observe the object, and both then observed it for "several minutes". The undersigned asked Mr. [redacted] if he and his wife agreed as to what both saw. He stated they did, with the exception that Mrs. [redacted] is of the opinion that the object looked more like a disk than a ball. However, Mr. Cardell stated that in his opinion it was more in the shape of a ball, since he could see the entire outline of the object. While watching the object "float away", the object emitted the previously-described sound like that of a distant train. He neither knows

nor has he an opinion as to what the object was, only that it was most unusual.

The undersigned is of the opinion that Mr. [redacted] is a level-headed man, not given to sensationalism. An example of this trait is that he did not report the incident; his wife did. Moreover, he expressed a slight reticence to discuss the incident and is quite adamant in his desire that the incident not be reported to local news media for fear that he may be ridiculed.

This report contains all the information that thusfar has been taken by the undersigned relative to the above-described reported UFO sighting. The Investigating Officer has reached no conclusion relative to what the reported object could have been. However, suffice it to say that as of this date no substantive explanation has been determined.

Request any instructions/recommendations re further action(s) be forwarded the undersigned. Also request notification of your final determination in this matter.

W. R. Elliott

W. R. ELLIOTT
WRAMA/RAFB UFO Officer

Cy to: FTD (TDETR)
AFLC (MCOOI, Mr. Kiss)
WRK (Mr. Hudson)
WRBBP (Mr. Bowen)

Lt Jim Du Hynek 11 Jul 67

31. 10 July 1967, Azalea, Mississippi.

See attached supplemental sheet B.

32. 11 July 1967, Macon, Georgia.

Temporarily misplaced. Check to see whether this has any relation to the sighting the previous day in ~~Azalea~~ Lizella, Mississippi.

33. 25 July 1967, Manchester, New Hampshire

The only Manchester, New Hampshire case I have is for a different date.

34. 12 October 1967, Ocaloosa County, Florida.

Although this had four witnesses, the data are very poor. A balloon is r uled out because of wind at all levels. Two objects, one trailing the other, nighttime observation, went from the northern to the southern horizon in three minutes. Anyone of three evaluations: (1) insufficient data (2) probable aircraft (3) possible unknown.

35. 31 October 1967, Denver, Colorado.

Do not have in my files. Will do in Dayton.

J. Allen Hynek

J. ALLEN HYNEK, Director
Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center
Northwestern University

JAH:lp

71 Jul 6

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Intra-University
CORRESPONDENCE

DATE Jan 11, 1966

TO Project Blue Book FROM J. A. Hynek

DEP'T. DEP'T.

Re Macon, Ga. 11/Jul/67 case.

The current evaluation of "possible aircraft" is open to serious criticism because:

"Thought it was - feeling at first - then levelled off."

No planes were in the vicinity during times of both sightings: [0015 and 0145 hours -] 4 planes landed at Robins

0059 hours - then not at
0101
0108 alone times.
0118

Description "blue-white glow" does not fit average balloon.

Also, witness thinks one of them is an aircraft in above of

supplying information, I could not go along with only "possible average". "Power unknown" should also be included [or power unidentified

J Helen Bryant

TYPED COMMENTS MADE BY DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK ON 11 JUNE, 1968

MACON, GEORGIA 11 JULY, 1967

The current evaluation of "possible aircraft" is open to severe criticism because:

"Thought it was a falling star at first--then leveled off."

No planes were in the vicinity during time of both sightings: (0015 and 0145 hours--).

Four planes landed at Robbins at 0059, 0101, 0108, 0118 hours--thus not at above times.

Description of "blue-white glow" does not fit aircraft evaluation.

Also, witness fairly sure it wasn't an aircraft.

Therefore, in absence of supporting information, I could not go along with only "possible aircraft." "Possible unknown" should also be included (a possible unidentified).

(Original signed by J. Allen Hynek)

MEMO FOR THE RECORD 24 JUNE 1968

Subj: UFO Observation, 11 July 1967

In response to Dr. Hynek's criticism of the evaluation of possible aircraft, I feel it best to point out that:

1. "Thought it was a falling star at first--then leveled off." Since the object was seen for several minutes, it certainly couldn't have had the angular velocity of a meteor. It is quite possible that an aircraft while descending flight levels might turn his landing lights on, especially if there were any other traffic in the area. Also the duration is more suitable to that of an aircraft.

2. "No planes were in the vicinity during the sighting." The TWX only lists those planes that landed at Warner Robins AFB. It is unknown if there were any planes arriving at Atlanta. Atlanta is one of the largest airports in the United States and is about fifty miles Northwest of Macon. (Note: Light disappeared toward the Northwest.)

There is also a small airport near Ft. Valley (approximately twenty miles away).

It is also interesting to note that although the observer said that the object produced a sound like a train heard in the distance, his wife said that it emitted "a roar like a jet airplane."

3. "Description of blue-white glow does not fit aircraft evaluation." This is completly false and I suggest that Dr. Hynek go look at a large airliner with its landing lights on.

Carmon L. Marano

CARMON L. MARANO, 2d Lt. USAF
TDPT (UFO)