

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 or 11 XX October 1950	2. LOCATION New Orleans, Louisiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Insufficient Data
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 12	No information as to date, time, sequence or time-motion sequence of object included in report. If night, probably ASTRO
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object circled in a Northerly direction. None more than a mile away. 12 shiny objects. Observed for two hours. Color bright grey to opalescent. No pattern or formation. Motion erratic. Not extremely high.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	Form hospital. No check on validity of sighting. Not stated if day or night.
7. COURSE varied	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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3. ACTION: None contemplated by this headquarters.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Reports of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Recent reports of sightings of unconventional aircraft in Louisiana are, briefly, as follows:

a. A simultaneous sighting by father and son, residents of New Orleans, on 10 October 1950, of a noiseless, bright object at a great altitude.

b. Twelve (12) bright, round, diving and spinning objects seen from a window in New Orleans, on 10 or 11 October 1950.

c. The Shreveport Times of 7 November 1950, in a special report from Jonesville, described hovering objects seen by members of a farmer's family on 5 November 1950.

A letter to the Editor of The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 19 October 1950, described the sighting of the "flying saucers" in 1947. The New Orleans Item, on 17 October 1950, editorially, commented about "flying saucers" observed by two (2) Miami Airlines, Inc., pilots on the preceding Sunday, and by Commander ROBERT B. McLAUGHLIN, USN, last February.

2. DETAILS:

a. ~~Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith~~ Sr., and his son, ~~COMAR L. SMITH~~, both residents of 1817 Agriculture Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, on 13 and 24 October 1950, respectively, and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unconventional flying object. Details as submitted by the ~~interviewees~~:

(1) Time: 0715 hours, 10 October 1950. Object was under observation from five (5) to ten (10) minutes.



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- (2) Location: Observers were in the neighborhood of the [redacted] residence in the northeast portion of New Orleans. Observation was first seen at an azimuth of approximately 45 degrees True and was traveling in a northerly direction. The observers estimated that the object was flying at an altitude of at least one (1) mile.
- (3) Manner of Observation: Visual from the ground.
- (4) Weather Conditions: Bright sun, no clouds.
- (5) Description of Object:
 - (a) According to [redacted] Size and shape of a joint of stove pipe, 2 1/2 feet by 3 to 4 inches.
 - (b) According to [redacted] Shaped like the side view of a saucer, 30 to 40 feet long and 3 to 4 feet thick.
 - (c) Object glowed bright with a whitish-blue light. Both observers saw "peculiar" spots before their eyes for one to two minutes after staring at the object. [redacted] Sr., reported that the object was composed of bright lights which glistened like facets on a diamond. The object made no noise and left no visible exhaust trail. No estimate of speed was made. The object faded in the distance until it was a minute speck of light and then disappeared - not below the horizon. Domestic ducks of the [redacted]'s, although accustomed to the appearance of normal aircraft, indicated alarm at the noiseless flying object.
- (6) No meteorological condition was indicated which might account for the sighting. No physical evidence was obtained.
- (7) [redacted] advised that he has been in military service and is familiar with the appearance of normal aircraft.

NSUFF DATA
b. Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, on 13 October 1950, reported unidentified flying objects seen by her as follows:

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- (2) Location of Observer: Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Objects circled in a northerly direction

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