

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 May 53 20/0440Z	2. LOCATION Ellington AFB, Texas
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Flight service of San Antonio and Ft Worth., unable to give the desired information on a/c in area of sighting. Possible A/C obsv.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round, yellowish object traveled at a high rate of speed at an estimated altitude of 30,000 ft. Object <u>not</u> as bright as stars. Theodolite was applied for measuring purposes, but the object was traveling too fast.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Intelligence, 3605th Obsr
Tng Wg, Ellington AFB, Texas

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Statement of facts received from A/3C Wendell C. Smith, AF 51464063.
This Airman is assigned to Hq Sq Sec Air Base Group, Ellington AFB,
Houston, Texas where he is employed as an aircraft dispatcher.

On the evening of the 19th of May 1953, the airmen were at their respective duties at Base Operations when a telephone call was received from an unidentified person off base asking what type aircraft was in the vicinity of Houston and Ellington AFB. The Airmen went out to observe the object which was bright yellowish orange although not as bright as the stars. When first sighted, between 2230 and 2245, the object was directly overhead. The object remained visible from one to two minutes. During this time, it followed a straight course from 90° to 270°. The shape appeared to be round. No exhaust trail was seen. There was no sound heard. Maneuvers were in a straight line. Sighting continued above the horizon until it was no longer visible, due to distance. The observation was from the surface and was visual although an attempt was made to obtain a fix with theodolite which was unsuccessful. Speed was very fast but unable to be estimated accurately as size of object and altitude were unknown. The skies were clear with wind at the surface light. The surface air was warm. There was no known meteorological activity to account for the sighting. There is no physical evidence such as photographs to work up sighting. There was no interception taken. 149th AC&W Sq this base was contacted but did not receive a radar return.

Wendell C. Smith

A/3C Wendell C. Smith
Hq Sq Sec 3605th Air Bse Gp.

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

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TO: CO 74TH ACW SQ ELLINGTON AFB TEX

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FROM: AFON-ATIAZ-5-12-B

Reference your FLYCRAFT EO 240 AF 2240C 19 May 53 on unidentified yellow light over Ellington. ATIC feels object may have been aircraft traveling at high speed and high altitude. Request you check local flight service to determine if there were any aircraft in the area on an easterly course on this date and time.

In reply refer to Project Blue Book.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R.M. OLSON/vb

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TELEPHONE 5365

OFFICIAL TITLE AIRBATTLE GROUP MAJOR, USAF

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WHICH MAY BE USED.

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FM CO 747TH AC&W SQ ELLINGTON AFB TEXAS

TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

/ [REDACTED] / KQ077F REF PROJECT BLUE BOOK AND URMSSG AFOIN-
ATIAE-5-12-E PD SAN ANTONIO ARTC AND FT WORTH FLIGHT SERVICE UNABLE
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IN EXPLANATION OF OUR FLYOBRPT OF 19 MAY 53 PD
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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

19 May 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

2230 2245
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
☒ b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

ELLINGTON AFB HOUSTON TEXAS
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: AT BASE OPS.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

152
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

☒ a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
☒ e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- ☒ c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

☒ b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other _____

N/A

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear:

(Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

☒ c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | ☒ h. Other <u>EYESIGHT *</u> | | |

TRIED TO GET FIX WITH THEODOLITE - OBJECT MOVING TOO FAST

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NONE

b. Color YELLOWISH ORANGE

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - ☒ c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

N/A

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

STRAIGHT COURSE - EAST TO WEST

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
UNKNOWN feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| a. Head of a pin | g. Silver dollar |
| ☒ b. Pea | h. Baseball |
| c. Dime | i. Grapefruit |
| d. Nickel | j. Basketball |
| e. Quarter | k. Other _____ |
| f. Half dollar | |

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? STRAIGHT ACROSS SKY
UNTIL NO LONGER VISIBLE TO THE EYE

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

ANY TYPE OF LIGHT THAT IS BRIGHT ENOUGH TO BE SEEN.
SIZE AND SHAPE WOULD DEPEND ON THE ALTITUDE.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- ☒ c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- ☒ g. Other ELLINGTON AFB

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

AIR DISPATCHER AT BASE OPS RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM UNK.
PARTY IN HOUSTON ASKING WHAT TYPE A/B WAS MOVING IN THE
HOUSTON-EAFB AREA. SIX PERSONS IN BASE OPS WENT OUT
TO THE S. SIDE OF OPS AND NOTICED OBJECT.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | ☒ N/A | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- DIRECTLY OVERHEAD**
- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | ☒ g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 90 degrees.
- b. From horizon 90 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 270 degrees.
- b. From horizon 30 degrees.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- ☒ c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

19 MAY 1953
Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

A/3C ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
A/1C ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
A/3C ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

N/A

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

NO OPINION

39. Do you think you can estimate the *speed* of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 1500 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 30,000 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] EAFB TEXAS
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? ACFT. DISPATCHER

Age 20 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school 7
b. High school X
c. College _____
d. Post graduate _____

e. e. Technical school FUND. ELEC.
(Type) _____
f. Other special training _____
DJT DISPATCHER

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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FROM: (Originator)

CC ATIC

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INFO:

FROM: AFCEA-ATIAE-6-15-E

DATE-TIME GROUP

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

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Reference your message SAIP-284. In regard to observation of white light observed over San Antonio, Texas, on 16 June 53, ATIC agrees with your evaluation. ATIC also emphasizes the importance of attempting an evaluation at reporting level such as you have done. To give you a background of Project Blue Book evaluations, sightings of 19 May at Ellington AFB, Texas, and 23 May at Lackland AFB, Texas, have been evaluated as probably aircraft by ATIC specialists.

No reply is required.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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Lt Olson

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Col Johnston

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Col McDuffee

DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT J. M. OLSON/uo

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JEDKF/CG CADF KSC MO

JEPHO/DI HQ USAF WASHDC

JEN/CG 33RD ADIV TINKER AFB OKLA

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~~REDACTED~~ EB249 FLYCRPT AP 2245C 19 MAY 53 A YELLOW

OBJECT WAS OBSERVED OVER ELLINGTON AFB TEXAS PD SHAPE ROUND CMA COLOR YELLOWISH CMA ONE OBJECT SIGHTED CMA SIZE UNDETERMINED CMA NO EXHAUST WAS SIGHTED CMA NO SOUND HEARD CMA SPEED WAS ESTIMATED FROM 700 TO 1500 MPH ALT E 30000 FEET PD OBJECTS COURSE WAS WESTERLY CMA NORTH AND SOUTH RUNWAY OF ELLINGTON WAS USED TO ESTABLISH DIRECTION PD SIGHTING WAS OF ONE MINUTE AND THIRTY SECONDS DURATION PD ELLINGTON AFB LOCATED 29 37 N 95 10 WINDS ALOFT AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS 270 DEGREES AT 40 KNOTS 30,000 FT OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY SIX AIR FORCE PERSONNEL PD EXPERIENCE RANGES FROM ONE TO TWO YEARS SERVICE PD DUTY WITH BASE

Low rep. level

*- Object appears to be going against the wind
Apparently not a weather balloon*

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OPERATIONS CMA AND WEATHER PD PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN STATIONED AT ELLINGTON AFB SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS PD WEATHER WAS CLEAR CMA NO INTERCEPTIONS WERE MADE PD ELLINGTON GCA WAS ASK TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION PD IT WAS WITHOUT SUCCESS PD THEODOLITE WAS APPLIED FOR MEASUREMENT CMA OBJECT WAS MOVING TO FAST FOR MEASUREMENT PD ONE BAKER 25 LANDED AT 2245C AT ELLINGTON AFB PD PILOT OVERHEARD ELLINGTON GCA TALKING TO TOWER ABOUT FLYING OBJECT CMA PILOT SEARCHED SKY BUT COULD NOT DETECT FLYING OBJECT PD

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FROM A USAF TECH-INFO SHEET, FORM A.

1. 19 MAY 1953

2. 2230 TO 2245

3. B. (B)

4. ELLINGTON AFB, HOUSTON, TEXAS. AT BAS OPS BLDG.

5. 1 TO 2 MINUTES 5.1 (A)

6. (E)

7. N/A

8.1 (C) 3.2 (A)

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9. (D)

10. N/A

11. NONE OF THE LISTED

12. NO

13. NO

14. (C)

15. (H) EYESIGHT TRIED TO GET FIX WITH THEODOLITE BUT OBJECT WAS
MOVING TOO FAST

16. (A) NONE (B) YELLOWISH ORANGE

17. SEE WRITTEN REPORT

18. (C)

19. N/A

20. STRAIGHT COURSE, EAST TO WEST

21. UNKNOWN

22. (B) 22.1 (A)

23. STRAIGHT ACROSS THE SKY UNTIL NO LONGER VISIBLE TO THE EYE

24. ANY TYPE OF LIGHT THAT IS BRIGHT ENOUGH TO BE SEEN. HOW LARGE AND
WHAT SHAPE IT WAS WOULD DEPEND UPON THE ALT OF THE OBJECT.

25. (C)

26. (G) EAFB

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27. A/C DISPATCHER AT BAS OPS REC TP CALL FR UNKNOWN PTY IN CTY ASKING
WHAT TYPE OF A/C WAS MOVING IN THE HOUSTON - EAFB AREA. SIX
PERSONS IN BAS OPS LLDG WENT OUTSIDE ON THE S SIDE OF THE BLDG AND
NOTICED OBJECT.

28. N/A

29. DIR OVERHEAD

30. (G)

31.1 (A) 90 DEGREES (B) 90 DEGREES

31.2 (A) 270 DEGREES (B) 30 DEGREES

32. SEE WRITTEN REPORT

33. SEE WRITTEN REPORT

34.1 (A)

34.2 (B)

34.3 (A)

34.4 (C)

35. 19 MAY 53

36. YES

36.1 YES

36.2 A/3C KENNETH W. MADDRY, HQ SQ SEC, 3605TH AB GP

A/1C THOMAS R. MOORE, HQ SQ SEC, 3605TH AB GP

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A/3C WANDA W. LYDAY, HQ SQ SEC, 3605TH AB GP

A/3C JOAN L. STEVENSON, HQ SQ SEC, 3605TH AB GP

A/3C MARLENE R. JAMES, HQ SQ SEC, 3605TH AB GP

37. YES

37.1 NOT APPLICABLE

38. NO OPINION

39. YES, 1500

40. YES, 30,000 FT

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37. YES

37.1 NOT APPLICABLE

38. NO OPINION

39. YES, 1500

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40. YES, 30,000 FT

41. SMITH, WENDELL C., A/3C, HQ SQ SEC, 3605TH AB GP, EXT 584, ACFT
DISPATCHER, AGE 20, MALE, HIGH SCHOOL, TECH SCH, ELECT FUND
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3605th OBSERVER TRAINING WING
ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE
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25 May 1953

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center
Attention: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Submitted herewith information copy of Intelligence Report, IR-1-53,
subject as above, in accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, dated
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Major USAF
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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO. 17-1-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Celestial Phenomenon		
AREA REPORTED ON Ellington Air Force Base, Texas	FROM (Agency) Intelligence, 3605th Observer Training Wing, Ellington AFB, Texas	
DATE OF REPORT 23 May 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 19 May 1953	EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) S/Sgt Donald D. Gravitt Intelligence Operations Technician		SOURCE A/3C Wendell C. Smith and five witnesses
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952 (uncl) Unidentified Flying Object Report		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Report of unidentified light, thought to be a celestial phenomenon or strange flying object, as seen by the following personnel: A/3C Wendell C. Smith and Kenneth W. Madry, both of whom work at Base Operations; A/1C Thomas R. Moore, A/3C Linda W. Lyday, A/3C Joan L. Stevenson, and A/3C Marlene R. Jones, all of whom work in Base Weather. The report was received from A/3C Smith and was corroborated by the other five persons.

COMMENTS OF S/Sgt GRAVITT:

1. A/3C W. C. Smith has 19 months service, is a high school graduate, and completed 21 weeks electronic fundamentals, and has had 10 weeks pilot training. Reason for failure to complete pilot training was poor depth perception. Airman was given on-the-job training for aircraft dispatcher. During interview airman was calm and his answers were straight forward with no hesitation.

2. This written report is made out in the form of a statement due to there being no USAF Technical Information Sheet available on this base at this time. A requisition for these forms has been sent to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. *(We sent - saying we did not have enough forms and requesting 200-5 as basis for form)*

3. The meteorological department at the University of Houston was contacted as to the possibility of planets and meteors. It was their opinion that the object was not a planet as the planets could not be seen with the naked eye at this time of year, and the description of the object did not appear to be that of a meteor.

4. In summary, it is this airman's opinion that the airman did observe some unidentified object. What it was would be a matter of conjecture.

APPROVED:

PAT H. LADNER
Major USAF
Wg TEO Officer

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Statement, A/3C W. C. Smith

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