

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 6 December 1958	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Bynum, Alabama		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT 06/0915Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian		
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 3 to 4 mins	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> NE	
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b>  Oval obj 6 to 8 ft in diameter & about 4 ft in height. Obj stopped in mid-air & hovered, then disappeared at a terrific rate of speed.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b>  Description is characteristic of a balloon.	

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**AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT**

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object Report (AFR 200-2)		
AREA REPORTED ON Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Ala.	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Div, D/O, Hq AC&SC, Alabama	Maxwell AFB,
DATE OF REPORT 12 December '58	DATE OF INFORMATION 6 December '58	EVALUATION F-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt Clyde W Snodgrass	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED], Ordnance Depot	Civilian Guard, Anniston
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, BAIR SUBJECT 460T	X X Date of Collection: 8-11 December '58	

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.)

The inclosure is a report of a sighting of an unidentified Flying Object by Mr. [REDACTED], a civilian guard at Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Alabama. Five days were lost before the inclosed information reached this office. Therefore, this report is forwarded without the benefit of any personal interviews, to preclude further loss of time.

Mr. [REDACTED] sighted an oval object on a clear moon-lit night. He followed the object, which was estimated at 75 ft. altitude, for a distance of about 1/2 mile, at which time it vanished in a terrific burst of speed.

The officer who actually debriefed [REDACTED] considers the information B-3

APPROVED:

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1. Description of the object:

- a. Shape: Oval
- b. Size: 6 to 8 feet in diameter and about 4 feet in height.
- c. Color: Unknown; object was discernible from reflected light of moon.
- d. Number: 1
- e. Formation: NA
- f. Features: none
- g. Sound: None
- h. Other Features: None; report states there were no exhaust pipes, no propellers, and apparently no noise.

2. Description of Course of Object:

- a. What first called the attention of observer to the object?  
Moonlight reflected from the object.
- b. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed:  
75 feet in air- no other info.
- c. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: UNK
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object.: When sighted, object was moving at approximately 10-15 mph at an altitude of 75 feet. Subject was in car at the time with the lights out. He left his lights out and followed the object for about 1/2 mile (altitude and speed of object during this maneuver not stated). Subject then became scared and backed into a driveway to turn around. Object then stopped in mid-air and hovered over an igloo (warehouse) for a few seconds, after which it left. While in flight, the object seemed to teeter somewhat from side to side.
- e. How did the object disappear? At a terrific rate of speed (comparable to a jet) to the northeast.
- f. How long was the object visible? Only estimate possible is to assume a travel of the object for 1/2 mile at a rate of 10-15 mph  
(Duration would be 3 to 4 1/2 minutes)

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground-visual
- b. Optical aids: None
- c. NA

4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. Zulu date-time group: 060915Z Dec. '58 0915-8 = 0315
- b. Light condition: Night

5. Location of observer: Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Alabama.

6. Identifying information on observer:

a. Civilian: ██████████, Civilian Guard, Anniston Ordnance Depot. Mr. ██████████ was debriefed by Mr. Loren W. Vaughn, Special Agent, CIC, FT. McClellan, Alabama.. Resultant info was passed by telephone to L/Col Roy A. Lange, District Commander, 8th OSI District (IC), Maxwell AFB, ALA, at 081730Z Dec. '58. Info was passed to this office at 111710Z Dec. '58. Mr. Vaughn considers the information as B-3.

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7. Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:  
a. Observers account of weather conditions: Temp. 30° F., Dew point 14°. Weather clear with no unusual conditions. Negative on the possibility of an inversion.

b. Report from Maxwell AFB AWS: Winds

SURFACE	045/8 NE
6000'	300/15 <i>WNW</i>
16000'	270/50 <i>W</i>
20000'	270/55 <i>W</i>
30000'	260/80 <i>W</i>
50000'	270/80 <i>W</i>
60000'	270/40 <i>W</i>

b. Ceiling: Clear

d. Visibility: 15

e. Amount of cloud cover: None

f. Thunderstorms: NA

*The moon was in its third day of last quarter and approx 10' above horizon.*

8. Unusual Conditions? None - ~~██████~~ claims that it was a perfectly clear moon-lit night, and the only light he saw was the reflection of the moon on the object.

9. Interception or identification action taken: Subject followed object in his car for approximately 1/2 mile, lights off, staying parallel and a little behind of it.

10. Air traffic in the area: Unknown

11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis: Intelligence Officer, Intel Div, D/O, Hq AC&SC. The B-3 analysis by Mr Vaughn is important, as the only explanation which appeared to the writer is a wx freak. This theory was discounted by the AWS, which related absolutely normal conditions. There was no inversion at the time of the incident.

Area air traffic was not investigated, in order to expedite this report, and also because of the nature of the UFO.

12. Existence of physical evidence: None

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Comments of Approving Officer:

None

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