

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>18 Nov 59</u>	2. LOCATION <u>S of Crystal Springs, Miss.</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>19/0025Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5 to 6 mins</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>not given</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Horizontal row of red lights, w/the rear slightly higher than the front. Observer at first thought it was a warning beacon. Lights varied in degree of intensity. No maneuvers. Started slowly & increased speed immensely.</u>		11. COMMENTS <u>Possibility exists that a helicopter was observed, however, there is not sufficient evidence to substantiate this conclusion.</u>	

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United States Air Force
Crystal Springs Air Force Station
Crystal Springs, Mississippi

23 November 1959

SUBJECT: Report Of UFO

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

In accordance with Par 15, AFR 200-2 dated 14 September 1959, the following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted:

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Shape: To the observer, it stuck in his mind as he was abreast of it that the object looked like a helicopter.

(2) Size: Not applicable

(3) Color: Color of object could not be seen by observer, however observer took careful note that all lights were red.

(4) Number: One (1)

(5) Formation: Not applicable

(6) At first observation, observer stated he saw a horizontal row of red lights, with the rear slightly higher than the front. At last sight observer stated that he saw two rows of red lights as the object was moving away from him.

(7) Not applicable

(8) When he stopped and got out of his truck to observe the object the observer stated that, "it was so quiet that you could hear a pin drop."

(9) Observer stated that as the object moved off slowly, he drove at approximately 80 MPH to get to the open country on the other side of town, he traveled approximately 1 mile, but lost all contact with it. Observer further stated, "it must have increased in speed immensely."

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) Flashing red lights, thought it was a warning beacon.

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Observer stated that he wondered when one was put up in that area. Observer thought that the lights were going on and off, but as he watched closer, saw that the lights varied in degree of intensity.

- (2) 25° up and 20° off to the right.
- (3) 80° up infinity.
- (4) No manuevers; direct path, except that it halted in mid air. Flight path North or North by North East when it disappeared.
- (5) Started slow and apparently increased speed immensely.
- (6) Visible over an approximate 4 mile distance, 5 or 6 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground - Visual
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Not applicable

d. Time and date of sighting:

- (1) 19 November 1959, 0025Z
- (2) Night

e. Location of Observer

(1) Closest point of observer to object, Bridge on South Pat Harrison Drive, located approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile due south from Crystal Springs, Mississippi, on the over-pass of the Illinois Central Railroad and approximately 3 miles slightly North-East of Gallman, Mississippi.

f. Identifying Information on Observer

(1) Mr J. [REDACTED], Age 35, [REDACTED] Street, Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Occupation Woodworker. Mr. [REDACTED] is a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He is a neighbor of [REDACTED], this unit's Administrative Services [REDACTED] states that Mr. [REDACTED] reliability is unquestionable. Mr. [REDACTED] served in the Armed Forces during World War II from 1943 to 1946, with AACS organization of the Army Air Corps SI [REDACTED]

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft conditions at time and place of sighting.

- (1) Clear and cool - winds variable

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(2) Report of United States Weather Bureau Office, at Jackson, Mississippi of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface:

Height	Degrees	Knots
6000	170	9
10000	70	2
16000	250	15
20000	260	25
30000	290	26
50000	260	23
80000	230	17

(3) Ceiling - Unlimited

(4) Visibility - 15 Miles

(5) Amount of Cloud Cover 1/10 ciris decipating at time of siting.

(6) Not applicable

(7) Temperature gradient:

at 1758 hours 48.7

at 1858 hours 43.9

h. Not applicable

i. Not applicable

j. Weather bureau released a ballon at 1700 hours, and at approximate time of sighting ballon reached an altitude of 114,000 feet. Ballon did not have any lights according to Bureau Official.

k. A preliminary analysis cannot be made due to insufficient facts and information

(1) The observer was very consistent in his answers. He thought each question out before answering. He did not discuss this with anyone but his wife and sister to whom he is very close. The observer was a little reluctant in giving his name in that he did not want personal recognition. He was very emphatic in his statements. The observer stated

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that after watching the object for the first two minutes, he became so engrossed with it, that all his senses were at their peak, so he could get a definite picture of events. Although the observer was excited at what he saw he was keenly aware that nothing like it had presented itself to his eyes before. He stated that he "would stake his life" on the part where the object halted in mid air, and that it made no sound whatsoever.

1. Not applicable.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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