

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Jul 60		2. LOCATION Alexandria, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/0235Z 50 0500Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-5 sec Trails - 20 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS seven		9. COURSE descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright flashes of light which left trails of varying sizes were observed by 4 persons from 0235Z to 0500Z. In all, there were 7 objects sighted during this period. All of the objects were seen in the NW (cup portion of big dipper) the flashes visible for 2-5 seconds, the trails persisting up to 20 seconds.				11. COMMENTS The descriptions reported are very similar to meteors entering the earth's atmosphere. This was probably part of a meteor shower.	

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UNCL/TFW/DO/INTEL 7-591. FINAL SECTION OF TWO

(8) NO SOUND HEARD

(9) NONE

3. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) BRIGHT LIGHT

(2) OBSERVER "A": 45 DEGREES ELEVATION; 330 DEGREES
AZIMUTH.

OBSERVER "B": 45 DEGREES ELEVATION; 320 DEGREES
AZIMUTH.

(3) OBSERVER "A": 30 DEGREES ELEVATION; 300 DEGREES
OBSERVER "B": 45 DEGREES ELEVATION; 320 DEGREES

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By:

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16 Aug 60

Temperature Gradients

Air Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN-484g (Major Friend))
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference paragraph 15g(7), AFR 200-2.
2. Request that temperature gradient be defined. The weather forecasters at this base say that temperature gradients could be measured at one elevation or between two or more elevations. Moreover it could be measured between two points on the ground.
3. The answer to the above request will enable this headquarters to fulfill more adequately the provisions of AFR 200-2 in reporting of temperature gradients.

RAY P. BROTHAUS
Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

30 AUG 1960

1st Ind (AFCIN-LE2x)

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

TO: Hq 401st Tactical Fighter Wing (TAC), Attn: TFW/DO/INT,
England Air Force Base, Louisiana

Reference paragraph two of basic correspondence, temperature gradient as used in AFR 200-2 is considered as being the vertical temperature gradient, or lapse rate. For analysis purposes, the requirement is for the temperature change with altitude in the vicinity of the sighting in order to determine the presence or absence of a temperature inversion.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-LE2x James H. Lee Date 16 Aug 60
AFCIN-LE2 RN Sharp Date 16 Aug 60

CLASSIFICATION

COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING USA		REPORT NO. 1R-5-60	(Leave blank)	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Louisiana		DATE OF INFORMATION 23 Jul 60		
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 401st TFW, England AFB, La.		DATE OF COLLECTION 24 Jul 60	SRI STATUS (If applicable)	
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL M/Sgt Robert F. Plympton AF17143303		DATE OF REPORT 3 Aug 60	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE	
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE [REDACTED]		EVALUATION B-6	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
			SRI NO. ACTIVE	
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)				
AFR 200-2, Paragraph 15; TFW/DO/INTEL Msg 7-591, 25 July 1960; telephone conversation between M/Sgt Plympton, this headquarters, and Sgt Bolien ATIC, 3 Aug 60				
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)				
Supplemental information on UFO sighted 25 July 1960 at Alexandria, Louisiana				
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)				
1. Attached as inclosure 1 is a narrative written in long hand by an observer of an unidentified flying object observed over Alexandria, Louisiana on 25 July 1960. 2. Airman [REDACTED] was asked to prepare this narrative shortly after he was interviewed in regards to the sighting on 24 July 1960. 3. Sgt. Bolieu, ATIC, requested this narrative by telephone conversation with M/Sgt Robert F. Plympton, of this headquarters, on 3 August 1960.				
1 INCL Narrative PREPARING OFFICIAL: ROBERT F. PLYMPTON M/Sgt, USAF Intelligence NCOIC APPROVING OFFICIAL: RAY F. GRODHAUS Major, USAF Wg Intell Officer				
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ATIC, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO ATTN: AFCIN-4E4g				
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21 July 1960

This report is submitted in compliance with instructions given me by Captain Lane of the 40th TFW, England Air Force Base, Louisiana.

This is my account of visual sighting of one or more objects - unidentified over the Cley andrea area, and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge!

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Then immediately, as if turning one light on at the same time you turn the other off, the tail appeared in its entirety. There was, as in the first case, an appearance of complete lack of motion as a stationary object. The tail appeared to be under than the diameter of the flash and extended slightly beyond the right hand side of the slipper. It was all the same intensity and white. It held its brilliance for about 15 seconds and then began a steady rapid fade-out for about 5 seconds and disappeared with a total of about 22 or 23 seconds duration from flash to end of fade-out of the tail. Again I repeat that no motion either vertical, horizontal or of falling was apparent from beginning to end.

By now I was fairly alarmed, so I proceeded to the ticket booth as quickly as possible. This second sighting was about 9:25 PM. I told the ticket girl that I had a military priority call for the Base and would have to use her phone. After re-assuring her that the chances of her losing her job over the call as it was a military business call she allowed me to call.

I immediately called my squadron, the 653rd ACW Sq. and asked the Crew Chief in Radar Operations if he had spotted either of the things, I had seen, on radar. He informed me that he hadn't, and referred me to the controller on duty - Capt. ~~██████████~~

I explained quickly to Capt. ~~██████████~~ and he confirmed the knowledge of no plots on the radar and referred me to the Staff duty officer of the 401st TFW.

I called the Staff Duty Officer of the 401st and gave my information to him.

I continued to watch the sky off & on in the same vicinity of the previous sightings for the remainder of the movie and until midnight without any other sightings of any kind.

Following is a brief summary of both sightings.

1st sighting at 9:10 PM. → "FLASH"

Only flash seen was from corner of eye

① Very bright

② In vicinity of Big Dipper

2nd sighting → "TAIL"

① Very bright and white

② Directly in and across center of Big Dipper

③ Bright for 15 sec → fading last 5 sec

(3) WHITE

(4) ONE (1)

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) OBSERVER "A": ORANGE (TRAIL.)

OBSERVER "B": WHITE (SIX INCHES IN LENGTH) (TRAIL.)

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[REDACTED] VE, ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, HOUSEWIFE, PART-

[REDACTED] RELIABILITY, UNK.

(C) OBSERVER "A": [REDACTED] A/1C, [REDACTED]

AC & W SQUADRON, ENGLAND AFB, LOUISIANA, COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST, FAIRLY RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
SIGHTINGS:

(1) CLEAR

(2) WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIFFERENT ALTITUDES
FROM 240 DEGREES	5 KNOTS	SURFACE
220 DEGREES	15 KNOTS	6,000
220 DEGREES	10 KNOTS	10,000
280 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	16,000
280 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	20,000
270 DEGREES	15 KNOTS	30,000

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180 DEGREES	5 KNOTS	30,000
090 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	80,000

(3) NONE

(4) 10 MILES

(5) 2/10THS

(6) NONE

(7) 3 DEGREES F/100 MILES

H. REFERENCE PART II OF THIS MESSAGE

I. NONE

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UNCL/TFW/PO/INTEL 7-334. SECTION ONE OF TWO

UFO REPORT. REFERENCE AFB 262-2, PARAGRAPH 15. THIS MESSAGE
IN TWO PARTS.

PART 1.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) ROUND

(2) BASEBALL

(3) WHITE

(4) ONE (1)

(5) N/A

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(6) EDGES IRREGULAR

(7) WIDE AND LONG (4 INCH BY 15 INCH)

(8) NO SOUND HEARD

(9) EXTREMELY BRIGHT

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) THE FLASH AND THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE OBJECT

(2) ELEVATION, 45 DEGREES; AZIMUTH 283 DEGREES (MAGNETIC)

(3) ELEVATION, 45 DEGREES; AZIMUTH 283 DEGREES (MAGNETIC)

(4) STATIONARY

(5) LIGHT DIMINISHED RAPIDLY

(6) TWENTY SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) OBSERVER "A": 040310ZULU; 040325ZULU

OBSERVER "B": 040500ZULU

(2) NIGHT

LOCATION OF OBSERVATION:

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ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA (31 DEGREES 17 MINUTES NORTH, 90 DEGREES
28 MINUTES WEST ~~REDACTED~~

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OBSERVERS:

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, CAPTAIN [REDACTED] ENGLAND
AFB LOUISIANA. BOTH OBSERVERS, A & B, WERE ATTENDING A DRIVE-
IN MOVIE. OBSERVER "A" STATED THAT HE HAD WITNESSED
FALLING STARS AND METEORITES BEFORE AND THAT THIS SIGHTING
APPEARED QUITE DIFFERENT IN AS MUCH AS IT DID NOT APPEAR TO
MOVE. OBSERVER "B" HAD BEEN SCANNING THE SKY FOR THIS OBJECT
AFTER HAVING BEEN TOLD BY OBSERVER "A" THAT HE HAD SEEN A
BRIGHT OBJECT IN THE SKY. BOTH OBSERVERS PLACED THE OBJECT
AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME POINT IN THE SKY. OBSERVER "A"
STATED THAT IN BOTH OF HIS OBSERVATIONS, THE OBJECT WAS LOCATED

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IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CUP PORTION OF THE "BIG DIPPER". TWO OTHER
OBSERVERS, ONE AT THIS DRIVE IN AND ONE AT THE "KINGS" DRIVE-IN
LOCATED IN ANOTHER SECTION OF TOWN, OBSERVED SIMILAR OBJECTS
AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME. IN THE LATTER CASE THE OBJECTS
WERE MOVING. A REPORT OF THE LATTER SIGHTING IS COVERED IN
PART II OF THIS REPORT. EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS WAS USED BY THE
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO ARRIVE AT A POSSIBLE CONCLUSION.
THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE PHENOMENA CAN NOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS
LEVEL.

PART II

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

(1) ROUND

(2) OBSERVER "A" QUARTER

OBSERVER "B": PEA

G. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
SIGHTINGS:

(1) CLEAR

(2) SAME AS PART I.

(3) SAME AS PART I.

(4) SAME AS PART I.

(5) SAME AS PART I.

(6) SAME AS PART I.

(7) SAME AS PART I.

H. REFER TO PART I.

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, CAPTAIN ~~SCOTT~~ ENGLAND
AFB, LOUISIANA. FROM THE DESCRIPTION PRESENTED BY THE ABOVE
OBSERVERS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN A
METEORITE. DUE TO THE PROXIMATE PLACE AND TIME OF THIS

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SIGHTING AND THESE IN PART II OF THIS REPORT, THIS REPORT IS
SUBMITTED FOR YOUR FURTHER REFERENCE AND EVALUATION.

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UNCLAS TFW/DO/INTEL 8-76.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED. THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I.
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO UFO REPORT SUBMITTED ON 25 JULY 1960,
CITE: TFW/DO/INTEL 7-591. REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15G(2),
ADD THE FOLLOWING TEMPERATURES FOR THE ALTITUDES INDICATED:

ALTITUDES	TEMPERATURE	ALTITUDES	TEMPERATURE
SURFACE	PLUS 33C	6,000	PLUS 15C
10,000	PLUS 11C	16,000	MINUS 4C
20,000	MINUS 13C	30,000	MINUS 33C
50,000	MINUS 68C	80,000	NOT AVAILABLE

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(4) AEC

(5) INSTANTANEOUSLY

(6) FIVE (5) SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) NONE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) OBSERVER "A": OBSERVED OBJECT THREE TIMES BETWEEN
240235Z AND 240410Z (EXACT TIME UNKNOWN)

OBSERVER "B": 240300Z

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

OBSERVER "A": ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, 31 DEGREES, 17 MINUTES
NORTH; 90 DEGREE 28 MINUTES WEST; BATON
ROUGE TRAFFIC CIRCLE, JOY DRIVE-IN THEATRE.

OBSERVER "B": ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, 31 DEGREES, 20 MINUTES
NORTH; 90 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST, HIGHWAY 165.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

(1) NONE

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(2) OBSERVER "A": [REDACTED], A/IC, 401ST AIR
POLICE SQUADRON, FAIRLY RELIABLE

OBSERVER "B": [REDACTED], A/IC 401ST AIR
POLICE SQUADRON, FAIRLY RELIABLE