

PROJECT 10078 RECORD

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1. DATE - TIME G. OUP 6 May 1949 6/0830(Z)	LOCATION Sidney, Ohio
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	No data presented to indicated object could NOT have been an A/C.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Shape of object could not be determined due to brightness of light. Object reflected very brilliant light. Object disappeared out of sight by just fading away. Straight flight. <i>Could have been influenced by recent Newspaper Articles on UFOs</i>
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DATE
26 May 1949

REPORT MADE BY
ROBERT PAGE

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REPORT MADE AT
DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

PERIOD
15 May 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO #5, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio

STATUS
CLOSED

TITLE

PROJECT "ORION"
Incident, 7 May 1949
Sidney, Ohio

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

NONE. This is an initial report.

NOTES

Investigation requested by Colonel W. R. CLINGERMAN, Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, to investigate a report contained in the 7 May 1949 edition of the Dayton Daily News, Dayton, Ohio, that a "flying saucer" was seen at Sidney, Ohio on 6 May 1949. An unidentified bright silver object was observed traveling through space at a fast rate of speed on 3, 4 and 6 May 1949, by residents of Sidney, Ohio and Maplewood, Ohio.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon receipt of a Routing and Record Sheet, dated 10 May 1949, from Colonel W. R. GILCHRIST, Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department (P-1433), Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, requesting an investigation be conducted of the "flying saucer" seen at Sidney, Ohio and reported by a newspaper article in the 7 May 1949 edition of the Dayton Daily News, Dayton, Ohio.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

2. Mr. [REDACTED], Dayton Daily News, Dayton, Ohio, was contacted on 18 May 1949 and he stated that Miss [REDACTED] of the Sidney Daily News, Sidney, Ohio, had furnished them the information for their newspaper.

AT SIDNEY, OHIO

3. Miss [REDACTED], Sidney Daily News, Sidney, Ohio was interviewed 15 May 1949 and she stated that the only information that she had on the "flying saucer" was published in their paper on 3 May 1949 and 6 May 1949. Photostatic copies of the two newspaper articles attached hereto. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] Street, Sidney, Ohio and Mr. VORSEY SPRAGUE, [REDACTED] Street, Sidney, Ohio saw the "flying disc" on 3 May 1949. Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Street, Sidney, Ohio saw a "flying disc" on 4 May 1949 and Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Street, Sidney, Ohio saw a "flying disc" on 6 May 1949.

34 } 4. [REDACTED] interviewed on 15 May 1949 and he stated that he had observed an unidentified aerial object at approximately 0900 hours on 3 May 1949, just as he was opening his jewelry store for business. [REDACTED] stated that he was watching some birds on a high wire that crossed the street in front of his store when the bright shiny silver object appeared high in the sky. The object was shaped like a disc, approximately five inches in diameter and appeared to be traveling at a fast rate of speed. The object appeared at approximately eighty-five degrees overhead and was traveling northeast. [REDACTED] lost sight of the object when the building obstructed his view. [REDACTED] stated that the object wavered in flight, climbed and descended slightly and was in sight for approximately two minutes. The weather was clear, no wind was blowing and no planes were in the vicinity at the time the object was in sight. The object didn't make any sound or leave any trail. [REDACTED] did not take any photographs of object.

34 } 5. Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed on 18 May 1949 and he stated that he saw the object when [REDACTED] called his attention to it. [REDACTED] stated that the time was between 0900 and 0915 hours on 3 May 1949. The object was oblong in shape and appeared to be about the size of a softball. The object was in sight for approximately two minutes and was traveling north in a straight line

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33701) leaving a grayish colored trail behind.

6. Mr. [REDACTED] Sidney, Ohio was interviewed on 15 May 1949 and he stated that he observed object at approximately 0830 hours on 6 May 1949, in front of Cackle Post Resturant, located at the corner of South Ohio and West Court Streets, Sidney, Ohio. The brightness of the object attracted GIBB's attention. [REDACTED] was unable to determine the shape of the object due to its bright reflection, but appeared to be approximately five inches in diameter. The object was about a half mile west and traveling south at a great altitude. The object was in sight approximately two minutes, appeared to be traveling at a fast rate of speed and faded out in the sky. The object traveled in a straight line and was very brilliant against a clear, blue sky. The object did not make any sound or leave any trail. [REDACTED] could not see any projections as the object was too bright and too far away. [REDACTED] is the owner of the camera store at the above address but did not take any photographs of the object.

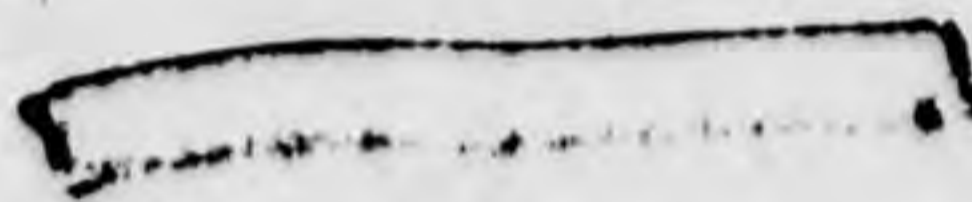
7. Miss [REDACTED] Sidney, Ohio was interviewed on 15 May 1949 and she stated that she saw the object when GIBB called her attention to it. The object appeared to be five inches in diameter, one inch in thickness and was probably larger due to the great distance. The object had a flat, circular shape. [REDACTED] stated that she lost sight of the object once but that it reappeared in the same position. The rest of GIBB's statement corresponded to that of GIBB's.

8. Mr. [REDACTED] Sidney, Ohio stated that he saw the object but couldn't give any description other than that it was a round, bright, shiny object traveling south through space at a fast rate of speed.

AT HALLSWOOD, OHIO

9. Mrs. [REDACTED] Ohio was interviewed on 15 May 1949 and she stated that at approximately 1630 hours, 4 May 1949, while she was working in the garden of her farm which is approximately three miles northwest of Fort Jefferson, Ohio and four and a half miles west of Hallswood, Ohio, she was attracted by the sudden glare of an unidentified object. The object reflected very bright light when the sun hit it and it was whirling and traveling through space at a great rate of speed. The object appeared to be six inches diameter, a bright, silver color and had a flat round or flat oblong shape. Mrs. [REDACTED] sighted the object at a high altitude, traveling northeast. The object appeared to be between her farm and Fort Jefferson. The object was in sight for less than two minutes and disappeared by fading out in the sky. The object did not make any sound or leave any trail. The weather was clear, no wind was blowing and no planes were in the vicinity at the time the object was in sight. No photographs were taken of the object.

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1. Date of Observation 6 May 1949 Date of Interview 18 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 0630
3. Place of Observation Sidney, Ohio
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Brightness of object
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size approx. 5 inches in dia.
8. Color of object
9. Shape Unable to determine because of brightness of light
10. Altitude Great
11. Direction from observer West
12. Distance from observer 1/2 mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South
14. Time in sight 2 minutes
15. Speed fast
16. Sound and odor None noticed
17. Trail None noticed
18. Luminosity Reflected very brilliant light
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Straight flight
21. Manner of disappearance Faded in sky
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

(over)

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Name and address of observer: Mr. [REDACTED] St, Sidney, O

Occupation and hobbies:

Camera Store Owner

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mr. [REDACTED] Ohio Street, Sidney, Ohio was interviewed on 18 May 1949 and he stated that he observed object at approximately 0830 hours on 6 May 1949, in front of Cook's Spot Restaurant, located at the corner of South Ohio and West Court Streets, Sidney, Ohio. The brightness of the object attracted [REDACTED] attention. Stump was unable to determine the shape of the object due to its bright reflection, but appeared to be approximately five inches in diameter. The object was about a half mile west and traveling south at a great altitude. The object was in sight approximately two minutes, appeared to be traveling at a fast rate of speed and faded out in the sky. The object traveled in a straight line and was very brilliant against a clear, blue sky. The object did not make any sound or leave any trail. Stump could not see any projections as the object was too bright and too far away. Stump is the owner of the camera store at the above address, but did not take any photographs of the object.

Note:

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INCIDENT NO. 335A

1. Date of Observation 6 May 1949 Date of Interview 18 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) **0830**
3. Place of Observation **Sidney, Ohio**
4. Position of observer **Ground**
5. What attracted attention to object **Mr. Stump**
6. Number of objects **one**
7. Apparent size **5 inches diameter, 1 inch thick**
8. Color of object
9. Shape **Flat circular (Disc)**
10. Altitude **Great**
11. Direction from observer **West**
12. Distance from observer **1/2 mile**
13. Direction of flight of object(s) **South**
14. Time in sight **2 minutes**
15. Speed **Fast**
16. Sound and odor **None noticed**
17. Trail **None noticed**
18. Luminosity **Reflected very brilliant light**
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers **Straight flight**
21. Manner of disappearance **Faded in sky**
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Incident 335A

Name and address of observer: Mr. [REDACTED] Sidney, Ohio
 Mrs. [REDACTED] Sidney, Ohio

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Miss J. [REDACTED] Sidney, Ohio was interviewed on 18 May 1949, and she stated that she saw the object when [REDACTED] called her attention to it. The object appeared to be five inches in diameter, one inch in thickness and was probably larger due to the great distance. The object had a flat, circular shape. [REDACTED] stated that she lost sight of the object once, but that it reappeared in the same position. The rest of [REDACTED] statement corresponded to that of [REDACTED]

Note:

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