

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 May 1949 19/2100(L)	LOCATION St Louis, Missouri (NAS)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Seconds or Less	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SW	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared just as a ball of fire, that went out suddenly with sparks shooting out behind it.
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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COMMANDING OFFICER,
AND REFER TO:

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A8
Serial: 024

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LAMBERT FIELD
ST. LOUIS 21, MISSOURI

19 July 1949.

End-4 on CO, NAS, St. Louis, ltr,
NA22-12-cjb A8, ser 1650
of 20 May 1949.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Headquarters, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio.

Subj: Report of Unusual Objects in Air; Report of.

1. In accordance with instructions contained in endorsement three of the
basic correspondence, four (4) copies of Guide to Investigation are forwarded
herewith.

By direction of the Commanding Officer:

James L. Thornton
JAMES L. THORNTON,
Lieutenant, A5, USNR,
Administrative Assistant.

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CONTROL NO. **S-8** SUBJECT: **Ind #4** DECIMAL FILE NO. **S-2020** FOLLOW UP ON DATE

FROM: **Navak Air Sta Lambert Fld Mo** DATED **20 May '49**
 To: **IAXS** NO. INCL. **1**

RECORDING DESK **IAXT-1** DATE RECORDED **21 July** HOUR **1530**

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RESTRICTED **jat** ATSC FORM NO. 80-506 (1 JAN. 45)

FROM: **NAVAL AIR STA LAMBERT** DATE **7/20/49** HOUR **1615** IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **S-63892**

REG. NO. **1058986** FLD, ST. LOUIS MO. TO: **IN AMC**

DESCRIPTION, DATES AND SUBJECT:
**3 Ind. 7-19 (2-6p) Unusual object in the air;
 Rpt of**

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Basic ltr MA22/12/cjb, dtd 20 May 1949, fr Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo.,
to CC, Air Defence Command, New Rochelle, N. Y., subj: Unusual object
in the air; report of.

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Hq A/C, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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TO: CO, U. S. Naval Air Station, Lambert Field, St. Louis 21, Mo.

1. Additional information is desired regarding sighting of un-
identified aerial phenomena reported by basic letter.

2. As an aid in recording desired data, four copies of our Guide
to Investigation are inclosed herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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MALCOLM D. SEASHORE
1st Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Intelligence Department

1 Incl:
Guide to Investigation (4)
W/D 5 Incls, A thru E

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SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Object in Air.

1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS FIRST AIR FORCE, Fort Slocum, New York
TO: Commanding General, Continental Air Command, Mitchel Air Force Base
New York. ATTN: Director of Intelligence

Forwarded pursuant to telephone instructions, 26 May 49, during
conversation between Director of Intelligence, this Headquarters and
Colonel Stalnaker, your Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Wm. T. Coleman
Lt. Col. AGC
Asst. Adj. General

5 Incls
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OI 333.5

2d Ind

HQ CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York
TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: TSDIN

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CS USAF
Attn: Req. Div.,
Director/Intell.

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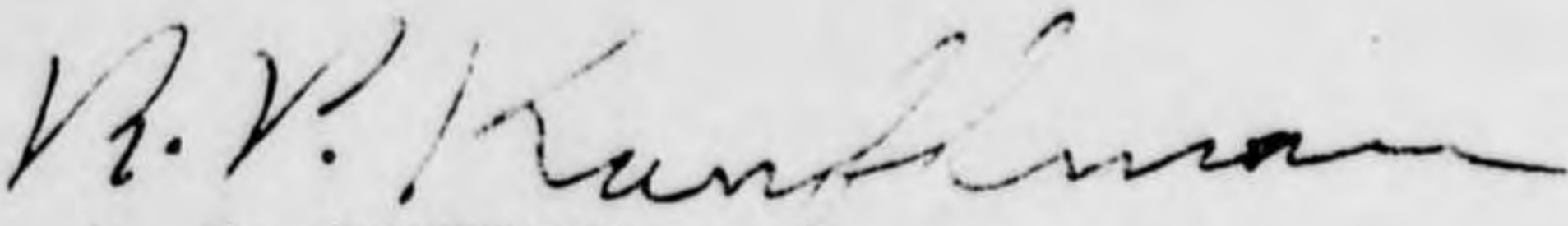
From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commanding General,
Air Defence Command,
Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Subj: Unusual object in the air; report of.

Encls: (A) through (E) Statements pertaining to observation of unusual object
in the air.

1. In accordance with oral instructions from representatives of the 11th Air Force, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a dispatch was forwarded to that command concerning reports of an unusual object in the air in the vicinity of this station. It was understood that the 11th Air Force was coordinating investigation of such reports but the message to them was undeliverable, with a recommendation that it be forwarded to your command.

2. Enclosures (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E), are forwarded for your information and such action as you deem necessary.


R. P. KAUFFMAN,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. _____

1. Date of Observation 19 May 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2100 Approximately
3. Place of Observation: U. S. Naval Air Station,
(Map Coordinates) St. Louis, Missouri
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
Walking towards main gate.
5. What attracted attention to object: Light moving through sky.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb
or fist at arms length): Meteor
8. Color of object: White light
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Small round size of meteor.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon,
90° overhead): 20° - 30°
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
When first seen? 145° When last seen? 225°
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over
which object appeared to be): Can't estimate
13. Direction of flight of object (s): East to West
14. Time in sight: 30 seconds
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance): 30 seconds to
cover 180°
16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) **Slight trail, white light**
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): **In candescence**
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):
Not observed
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Straight
21. Manner of disappearance: **Burned out**
22. Effect on clouds: **Not observed**
23. Additional information concerning object: **None**
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Clear sky; after dark.

Name and address of observer: _____, St. Louis, Mo.

Occupation and hobbies: **LCDR, USNR. Wholesale Meat Business**

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

None

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground
 - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
 - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:
 - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
 - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airbourne, when object was sighted
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
2. Winds aloft report:

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (theodolite, radar readings, etc.)

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:
 - a. Object
 - b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
 - c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
 - d. Maneuvers
 - e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

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Summary 2245 - 19 May 1949

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At about 2100 LCDR [REDACTED] and LCDR [REDACTED] #15 170 has just left Recreation Bldg., and were walking toward south gate when they saw a "ball of fire" trailing sparks travelling from east to west at about 15-30° above the horizon in a southwesterly direction from the Naval Air Station. Distance not estimated.

At about 2100 Lt. [REDACTED], Lt. [REDACTED] O-2, while flying an SNB over southwestern St. Louis saw an object travelling about 270° at terrific rate of speed. It appeared to resemble a lighted aircraft cabin but had no running lights and was trailing a mass of sparks. It [REDACTED] saw it for approximately 45 seconds and Lt. [REDACTED] for about 5 seconds. They say it was going about 400 mph or faster.

/s/ C. H. MARTIN
LCDR USN
Command duty officer

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INCIDENT NO. 346

1. Date of Observation 19 May 1949 Date of Interview 19 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2100
3. Place of Observation NAS, Saint Louis, Missouri
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Lt. Cmdr. [REDACTED]
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape Ball of Fire
10. Altitude 15° 30° Elevation
11. Direction from observer South Westerly
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail of Fire
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance suddenly
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Observed through angular distance of 90°
24. Weather Conditions

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About 2100, 19 May 1949, I was walking in an easterly direction from the recreation building towards the main gate of the Naval air station. Towards the south I noticed a light moving from the east towards the west. It was about 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon and seemed to have a trail of fire behind it. I told LCDR [REDACTED], who was walking with me, to look at the meteor. He remarked that it was travelling in a horizontal direction rather than falling as meteors usually do. I thought no more of the incident until I heard that several pilots had sighted a strange light about the same time.

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LCDR 151 [REDACTED]

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Tonight, about 2100 I was flying in SNB-1 at 3500 feet with Lt. [REDACTED] as my co-pilot and [REDACTED] as one of my passengers.

A cloud bank was moving in from the North and I was headed about 180 degrees when I sighted an object about 500 ft. above and approximately 2000 feet away headed approximately 270 degrees travelling at a terrific rate of speed. The night was calm and I more or less relaxed on the yoke of the plane and watched this object wondering why, if it was an airplane, it didn't have any running lights. As I watched the object it started to suddenly shoot out large sparks from the trailing end of same. I signaled Lt. [REDACTED] to look and as he did the object seemed to disintegrate. There were no clouds in this immediate vicinity as we were between the object and the cloud bank to the North.

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It seemed to appear as though it was lighted from the interior.

/s/ [REDACTED]

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INCL C

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I was flying co-pilot in an SNB over the southwest part of St. Louis at an altitude of 3,000 feet. At approximately 2100. Lt. [REDACTED] the pilot said to look up ahead and I saw a dark object streaking across the sky at 3,500 feet with sparks shooting out behind. I saw this object for about 5 seconds and then the sparks disappeared as well as the dark object. I looked around the same area for about another ten minutes but nothing else was seen.

/s/ [REDACTED]

Lt., USNR

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About 2100 LCDR [REDACTED] and I were leaving ship's service walking in an easterly direction. As we cleared the buildings so that we had an unobstructed view to the south we both noticed a ball of fire in the sky moving from east to west. The ball of fire appeared to be from fifteen to thirty degrees above the horizon. My observation of its movement was through an angular distance of approximately ninety degrees. There was no increase or decrease in intensity of light during the time I saw it. It suddenly disappeared as if moving behind some obstruction.

[REDACTED]

LCDR, USNR

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LCDR C.A. [redacted] FAS 170 had just
left Recreation Bldg. and were
walking toward south gate
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fire" trailing sparks travelling
from East to West at about
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in a southwesterly direction
from the Naval Air Station.
Distance not estimated.

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[REDACTED]

19 May 1949

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LCDR A5L USNR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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It seemed to ~~more~~ appear as though it was lighted from the interior.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

I was flying co-pilot in an SNB
over the southwest part of St. Louis
at an altitude of 3000 feet, at
approximately 2100. Lt. [REDACTED] the
pilot said to look up ahead &
saw a dark object streaming across
the sky at 3,500 feet with sparks
shooting out behind. I saw this
object for about 5 seconds & then
the sparks disappeared as well as
the dark object. We looked around
the same area for about another
ten minutes but nothing else was
seen.

[REDACTED]
Lt, U.S. N. O.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
LCDR, USNR

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Name and address of observer: Lt. Comdr. [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 346A

1. Date of Observation 19 May 1949 Date of Interview 19 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2100
3. Place of Observation SW St. Louis, Missouri
4. Position of observer Air SBN-1 at 3,500'
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape Lighted a/c cabin with no running lights
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer above
12. Distance from observer 500 ft above 2,000' away
13. Direction of flight of object(s) 2700
14. Time in sight
15. Speed 400 mph
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail Mass of sparks
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance object appeared to disintegrate
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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Incident 346 A

Name and address of observer:

~~LA [REDACTED]~~

Occupation and hobbies:

pilot

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 316B

1. Date of Observation 19 May 1949 Date of Interview 19 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) **2100**
3. Place of Observation **SW St. Louis, Missouri**
4. Position of observer **Air SBN-1, 3,000 ft.**
5. What attracted attention to object **It [REDACTED]**
6. Number of objects
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape
10. Altitude **3,500**
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight **5 seconds**
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail **sparks shooting out behind**
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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Incident 346B

Name and address of observer:

Lt. 

Occupation and hobbies:

co-pilot

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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1. Date of Observation 19 May 1949 Date of Interview 19 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2100
3. Place of Observation N.A.S. Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo.
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object Sight Moving
6. Number of objects one
7. Apparent size one meter.
8. Color of object white Sight
9. Shape Small Round
10. Altitude 20-30° elevation
11. Direction from observer south 145° last seen 225°
12. Distance from observer unable to estimate
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West
14. Time in sight 30 seconds
15. Speed Covered 180° in 30 seconds
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail ^{Sight} Trail of ~~fire~~ white light
18. Luminosity Incandescence
19. Projections Not observed
20. Maneuvers Straight flight
21. Manner of disappearance burned out
22. Effect on Clouds Not observed.
23. Additional information concerning object None
24. Weather Conditions Clear Sky, after dark.

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Name and address of observer:

Lt. Condr [REDACTED]

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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