

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD**

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| <b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b><br>6 June 49 07/0305Z   | <b>LOCATION</b><br>Camp Hood, Texas <span style="float: right;">368</span>   |
| <b>3. SOURCE</b><br>Military  | <b>10. CONCLUSION</b><br>BALLOON   |
| <b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b><br>One  |  |
| <b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b><br>2 - 3 Minutes  |  |
| <b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b><br>Ground-Visual  | <b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b><br>Observers sighted an orange or yellow bright light traveling slowly to the West or Southwest. After about 3 minutes the object appeared to burst into several smaller objects which rapidly disappeared from sight.<br>Object could have been a balloon bursting. |
| <b>7. COURSE</b><br>South to West   |  |
| <b>8. PHOTOS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |  |
| <b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |  |
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 AMC FORM NO. 10-2  
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 FOR REMARKS

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re: Radars now operating on ground
  - No radar in area
  - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:  
Not Applicable
  - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), 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:  
N.A.
  - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:  
N.A.
  - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:  
N.A.
  - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?  
N.A.
2. If airborne, 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:  
No weather station data available
2. Winds aloft report:  
Not available
  - a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:  
Not available

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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)

AF Plane approached OP about 1 hour after incident, flashed landing lights and continued on its course.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None.

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

Location of point of contact not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

Not obtained

- 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. Secured signed statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained

Interviewed by:

*George M. Silvers*  
GEORGE M SILVERS  
Captain, Inf

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# ger **Ball Of Fire In Night Sky Awes Florida**

MIAMI, Fla., June 6.—(UP)—Thousands of Floridans wondered today whether the explosive ball of fire and trail of light they saw in the sky last night was a meteor, a bomb, or something even more mysterious.

Residents in every section of the state saw the aerial explosion, according to the highway patrol, which was swamped with telephone calls from citizens demanding to know what had happened.

Police and authorities at military installations also reported seeing the "ball of fire" that streaked across the sky.

At MacDill Field in Tampa, the Army Flight Service acknowledged having seen the phenomenon but clamped a "restricted" label on whatever further information it had concerning the flash.

Officers at MacDill Field said that since the "flying saucer scare" they had a practice of withholding statements until they could thoroughly explain the cause of such phenomena.

Officials at the Naval airport and Coast Guard here reported that an explosion occurred with a tremendous burst of light across the sky at 7:50 p. m. (EST). A trail of luminous gases and particles streaked across the sky for 50 to 60 miles, they said, and was visible for 25 minutes.

Two forecasters at the Miami weather bureau were outside working with their instruments and described the phenomenon.

T. L. Moore said the sighted object "appeared somewhat smaller than a full moon. It lit up the sky to the northwest and

fell vertically, leaving a luminous, weaving trail."

W. R. Davis said he had never seen anything like it before. "A meteor usually flashes and is gone," he said, "but this was a larger explosion than that of an ordinary meteor and the tail remained visible for at least 25 minutes."

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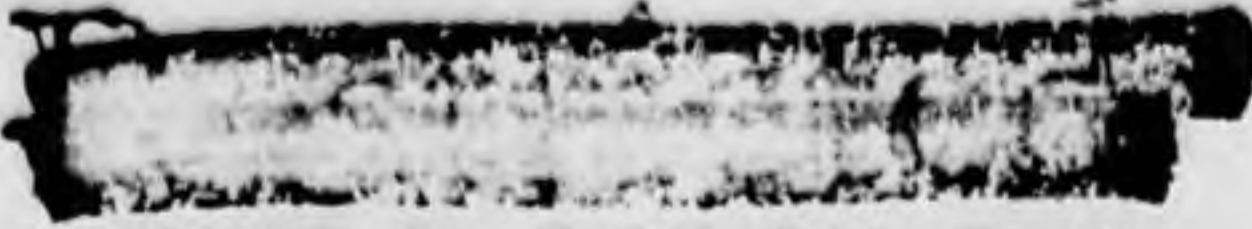
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 1

1. Date of Observation 6 June Date of Interview 7 June
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2105 to 2107
3. Place of Observation: Army CP # 1 - Good:  
(Map Coordinates) 913.390 - 858.700, Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
Standing CP # 1
5. What attracted attention to object:  
Orange or yellow glow on black sky
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:  
one. Maybe two side by side
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):  
Dime
8. Color of object:  
Yellow or Orange
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);  
round
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon, 90 degrees overhead):  
312 mils
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):  
2840 mils - south
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):  
Impossible to determine - Great distance
13. Direction of flight of object (s):  
~~West to East~~ - Level plain.  
East to West
14. Time of sight:  
2105 to 2107
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):  
Very slow

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16. Sound and odor:

None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)

None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Fairly dull until it burst.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

Level flight. When it burst parts went up and down.

21. Manner of disappearance:

It appeared to burst and faded out.

22. Effect on clouds:

Undetermined.

23. Additional information concerning object:

Object burst after approx 2 minutes of observation. CP # 2 made observation at same time but at az. of 2771 mils.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Overcast sky, no stars or moon.

Name and address of observer:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

"B" Btry, 92d AFA Bn

"C" Btry, 92d AFA Bn

Occupation and hobbies:

Camp Hood, Texas

Officer, U.S. Army

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

Excellent

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

None

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re: Radars now operating on ground

None in area

- a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

N.A.

- b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180 degrees), 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:

N.A.

- c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

N.A.

- d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

N.A.

- e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

N.A.

2. If airborne, 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:

No weather station data available.

2. Winds aloft report:

None Available.

- a. Adiabatic chart for period in question:

None Available.

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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)

As plane approached OJ approx 1 hr later, elapsed landing, 12:00 and continued on course.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, (for release and track of lighted synoptic balloon and other information), Research Organizations or any other:

None.

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

Location of point of contact not determined.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

None obtained.

- 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. Secured signed statements.

None obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

None obtained.

Interviewed by:

*George M. Stevens*

GEORGE M. STEVENS  
Captain, Inf

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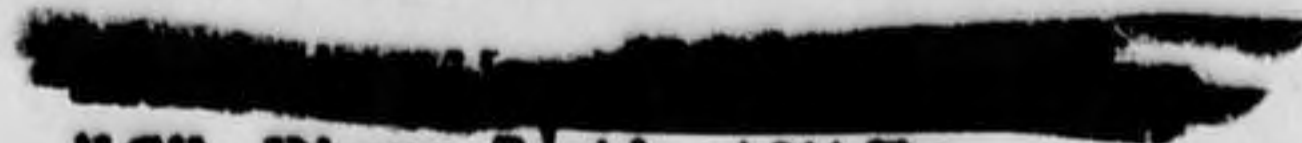
1. Date of Observation 6 June 1949 Date of Interview 7 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2105-2107
3. Place of Observation Arty OP #2, Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Bright light
6. Number of objects One (disintegrating into smaller particles)
7. Apparent size 2-3 miles in B.C. Scope (5-8 foot at 1 1/2 miles)
8. Color of object Orange (similar to ball of fire)
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude 312 miles - (2,500') 17.5°
11. Direction from observer 2771 miles (155.8°)
12. Distance from observer 1 - 1-1/2 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South to West or SW
14. Time in sight 2 min 40 sec.
15. Speed Slow
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Dull (Like blackout Flashlight)
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Level Flight
21. Manner of disappearance Appeared to disintegrate
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object Also observed by OP #1, but on different azimuth
24. Weather Conditions Sky completely overcast in South

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Name and address of observer   
"B" Btry 14th AFABn  
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:  
  
**U.S. Army Officers** "C" Btry 14th AFABn.  
Camp Hood, Texas

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

**Excellent observers**

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

INCIDENT NO. 36A

1. Date of Observation 6 June 1949 Date of Interview 7 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2105-2107
3. Place of Observation OP# 1 Camp Hood, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Orange or Yellow glow in Sky
6. Number of objects One (maybe two side by side)
7. Apparent size Dime at arms length
8. Color of object Orange or Yellow
9. Shape Round
10. Altitude 312 miles (17.5°)
11. Direction from observer 2840 miles (159.7°)
12. Distance from observer Not determined
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West
14. Time in sight 2 minutes
15. Speed Very slow
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Fairly dull until it burst
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Level flight (when it burst it went up and down)
21. Manner of disappearance Burst and faded out
22. Effect on Clouds Undetermined
23. Additional information concerning object Object burst after 2 minutes of observation, OP #1 same time, but at 2771 miles (155.8° Azimuth)
24. Weather Conditions Overcast sky, no stars or moon

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

FILE NO.

24-39

11 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY

R. R. LUSDEN, SPECIAL AGENT

REPORT MADE AT

DO 110, Kelly AFB, Texas

PERIOD

6 May through 7 July 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO 110, Kelly AFB, Texas

STATUS

PENDING

TITLE

AERIAL PHENOMENA  
 VICINITY CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of S/A R. R. LUSDEN, 10th District OSI, 24-39, 27 May 1949

OPSIS

On 7 May 1949, unidentified light observed at 2130 hours, was visible for approximately 35 minutes. Light was stationary, color varied from white to blue with flashes of red.

On 23 May, four separate observations were made of six aerial phenomena. Observations were made at 1000, 2210, 2330, and period 2330 to 0030 hours.

On 3 June, civilian type aircraft made an emergency landing near restricted area, damaging fence. Investigation by F. B. I. indicated no ulterior motive.

On 6 June, unusual light observed at 2105 hours by two observers, and was in sight for two minutes and forty seconds. Same object was also observed by two other observers from a different azimuth.

On 13 June, unusual light observed at 2015 hours, in sight for approximately two to three seconds, moving very fast. On 13 June, unusual light was observed at 2300 hours by two officer observers for a period of from five to thirty seconds.

On 7 July, informal information received indicating Fourth Army made request for assistance of Air Technical Intelligence Team from Headquarters Air Materiel Command.

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 R. R. LUSDEN  
 Lt. Colonel, USAF

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Name and address of observer:

Lt. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
"B" Btry, 92D AFA Bn  
Camp Hood, Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

**U.S. Army Officer**

Lt. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
"B" Btry, 92d AFA Bn  
Camp Hood, Tex.

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

**Excellent observer**

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

DETAILS:

1. On 7 May 1949, [REDACTED] Asst. G-5, 2nd Armored Division, observed an unusual light at Camp Hood, Texas. [REDACTED] at approximately 2130 hours, was walking at map coordinate 915.5 - 854.5 and saw an object brighter than the stars. Object remained stationary for approximately thirty-five (35) minutes, was round and twice the size of the brightest star visible. Color varied, being predominantly white, varying to blue with flashes of red. No maneuvers were observed, and the weather was generally fair with scattered clouds and a wind from the south, velocity of about 15 miles per hour. Observer followed object both with the naked eye and through field glasses. The standard form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects" has been furnished AIC and copy is retained in files of District Office No. 10.

2. On 23 May 1949, [REDACTED], "C" Company, 6th Tank Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas, observed an unusual light. Observation was made at 2210 hours from Observation Post No. 1, map coordinate 9140-8560. [REDACTED] saw one light about three feet in diameter, round in shape, and changing from amber to greenish yellow in color. The object was in sight for approximately two or three minutes, and was about 1,500 yards from the observer. Speed was slow and object appeared to grow. No maneuvers were noted. Observation was made without assistance of optical instruments. Object was north of the observer and travelled from east to west, then from west to east. [REDACTED], Company "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas, made observation at the same point and at the same time, and described the object as being two or three feet in diameter, smaller than the moon, was round and was red when first seen, then changed to a greenish color. Object was in sight for two to three minutes, travelled from east to west, then from west to east, disappearing, then re-appearing, moving slowly when first sighted, travelling somewhat faster on second observation. Flight was level and the object appeared to glow like a "light through a window". No optical instruments were used in the observation.

3. On 23 May [REDACTED], Company "D", 42d AIB, 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas, while on guard at Observation Post No. 1, map coordinate 9140-8560 observed unusual lights. Time of observation was 2330 hours, and the object seen was one light which re-appeared approximately twenty times, described as being round, about the size of a half dollar. Color was similar to that of a light bulb. Object was in sight for several seconds and moved straight up and down

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with a slight lateral motion right and left. Object was described as being dull in luminosity; weather was clear with mild winds from the south. No optical instruments were used in observation.

4. On 23 May 1949, at approximately 1000 hours, [REDACTED], 6th Medium Tank Battalion, "C" Company, Camp Hood, Texas, and PFC JOHN T. OWENS, "C" Company, 6th Medium Tank Battalion, Camp Hood, Texas, were on duty at Observation Post No. 1, map coordinate 914.0-856.0, and observed one object described as being between the size of a star and the moon, or about the size of an automobile headlight. It was round with blurred edges and had a yellowish tinge to its color. Object was more than a mile away and was north-east of the observers; remained in sight for one or two minutes and moved from left to right at a slow speed. Its color was dull like a "flashlight covered by yellow paper". Weather was clear with a light wind from the south, with a small amount of haze. No optical instruments were used. Object moved in level flight. Report made directly to AMC by Fourth Army, and copy retained in files of D. O. No. 10.

5. On 23 May 1949, between the hours 2330 and 0030, three observers saw a recurring light. Observers were [REDACTED], Jr. Hq & Sv. Co., 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas; [REDACTED], "D" Company, 42 AIB, Camp Hood, Texas, and [REDACTED], 42nd AIB, Camp Hood, Texas. Object appeared and then re-appeared several times. Described as being the size of a light bulb when held at arm's length, round in shape, and with a color of that of a light bulb at a distance. Time of sighting was approximately one minute, and movement was straight up and down at slow speed. Weather was clear with southerly winds, and a slight haze. No sound or odor was observed. No trail noted and no projections seen on object by observers. Individual reports from each of the three observers furnished AMC by Fourth Army with copy being retained in the files of D. O. No. 10.

6. On the night of 3 June 1949, at 2020 hours, a civilian type aircraft circled Camp Hood at an altitude of from 200 to 300 feet. At completion of second circling, airplane was headed due east. Pilot in attempting to land on patrol road which he had mistaken for an air strip, struck the No. 1 fence of the restricted area and caused the plane to crash, but did not burn. Pilot stated he was enroute from Paris to Taylor, Texas, when his plane developed engine trouble requiring him to make an emergency landing. The plane was searched thoroughly and no evidence of cameras or explosives determined.

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As the result of the emergency landing, four fence posts bent completely out of shape, and forty-five feet of fence badly mangled, torn loose and stretched. As the pilot was a civilian, the matter was referred to the F. B. I., and a report submitted from San Antonio Field Office of that organization indicates the pilot to have been [REDACTED], residing at 1316 Tallece Street, Taylor, Texas. The aircraft was a Ballanca Monowing, red in color, No. NC 74403. Investigation by the F. B. I., indicated nothing unfavorable regarding subject's loyalty to the United States.

7. On 6 June 1949, [REDACTED], "B" Battery, 14th AFA Bn, and [REDACTED], "C" Battery, 14th AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, observed aerial light. The observers were at Artillery OP No. 2, Camp Hood, Texas, map coordinate 915.985-755.330. Time of observation was approximately 2105 hours. Object was in sight for two minutes and forty seconds. Object was described as being initially one, disintegrating into smaller particles at last sighting. The size was 2 to 3 mils in a BC Scope. Object was approximately one mile above the surface, described as being round emitting a dull glow, orange in color, similar to a ball of fire. Object observed through BC Scope, and initially appeared stationary, then moved in level flight, being tracked with constant turn on BC Scope. The object seemed to disintegrate into smaller objects which disappeared in a fraction of a second. The sky was overcast, but the object was described as being dull as a flashlight with black-out disk. No sound or odor was observed.

8. Same object was observed by [REDACTED], "B" Battery, 92d AFA Bn, and Lieut. ALFRED H. JONES, "C" Battery, 92d AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, from Artillery Observation Post No. 1, Camp Hood, Texas, map coordinates 915.390 - 857.700. The second set of observers indicated the object to have been one or perhaps two side by side, round in shape and yellow or orange in color. Size was about that of a dime held at arms length. Observers stated object was fairly dull until it burst, and upon bursting parts went up and down and faded out. OP No. 1 observed object on an azimuth of 2840 mils, and OP No. 2 observed on an azimuth 2771 mils. Report on form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects" furnished by both sets of observers to AMC through Fourth Army. Copies of these reports are on file in D.O. No. 10.

9. On 13 June 1949, [REDACTED], Hq. 92d AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, observed aerial light at approximately 2015 hours. Observer was walking south on 162nd Street, near intersection of Hq. Avenue, Camp Hood, Texas, and saw one bright light in the sky, the size of a flare; described as being round, white in color with a pink trail.

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It was in sight for approximately two to three seconds, moving very fast, "faster than jet plane". It was in downward direction. Copy of report on standard form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects", furnished directly to AMC and copy retained in files of D. O. No. 10.

10. On 13 June, [REDACTED] 924 AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, at approximately 2300 hours observed a brilliant light in the sky. Observer was sitting in the patio in the rear of the Camp Hood Officers' Club and saw one brilliant light similar to a meteorite. Estimated size 500 to 700 feet, with a tail extending to the rear 1000 yards. The object was green in color, while the tail was sodium-yellow and green. Observer estimated object to be 70 to 75 miles distant, moving at a speed of 3,000 feet per second. Direction of flight was west to southeast. Object was in sight from 5 to 10 seconds. Object was described as being three times the brilliancy of a meteorite. Weather was clear, ceiling and visibility unlimited. Complete report on form "Guide to Investigation, Unidentified Aerial Objects" furnished to AMC by Fourth Army and a copy is retained in the files of D. O. No. 10.

11. This same object was also observed by [REDACTED], Hq. 78th AFA Bn, Camp Hood, Texas, from the patio in the rear of the Camp Hood Officers' Club. Observer could not estimate the size of the object, but stated it was round with a tail. Color described from front to rear as being green, red, dark red, purple, with dark outline. Object was in sight approximately 30 seconds, during which time it covered one-half mile "as fast as molten metal being poured". This observer had majored in Petrol and Geological subjects at University of Oklahoma, and stated he definitely believed object sighted was not a meteorite, and judging by the color of its trail, observer believed object was burning a fuel of hydro-carbon base. Copy of report has been furnished to AMC, and a copy is retained in the files of D. O. No. 10.

12. On 7 July 1949, 10th District OSI was advised by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2 Section, Headquarters Fourth Army, that a request had been directed through channels for the assistance of a Technical Intelligence Team from Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, in determining the nature of the aerial phenomena in the vicinity of Camp Hood, Texas.

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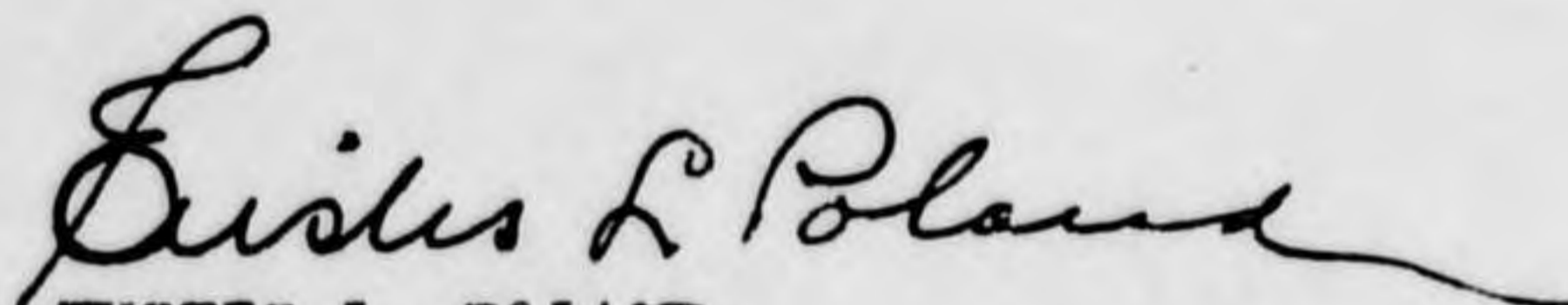
SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The following reports re unidentified aerial phenomena observed at Camp Hood, Texas, on 6 June 1949, are forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary:

- a. Observed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
at 2105 hours, map coordinates: 913.985 - 855.330 (Incl 1)
- b. Observed by [REDACTED]  
at 2105 hours, map coordinates: 913.390 - 858.700 (Incl 2)

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



EUSTIS L. POLAND  
Colonel, GSC  
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Incident No.       2      

1. Date of Observation 6 June Date of Interview 7 June
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2105 to 2107.40
3. Place of Observation: Arty Co # 2, Camp Hood, Texas  
(Map Coordinates) 913.985-855.330
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):  
Standing, observing
5. What attracted attention to object:  
Bright unusual light on an overcast sky
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:  
Initially one, disintegrating into smaller particles at last sight
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb  
or fist at arms length):  
appeared to be 2 or 3 mils in BC Scope.
8. Color of object:  
Dull glow - orange - similar to ball of fire.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object);  
at distance - round.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0 degrees at horizon,  
90 degrees overhead):  
312 mils
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North): N. Watertower  
2771 mils (south)
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over  
which object appeared to be):  
Approx. 1 to 1½ mile. Very difficult to estimate.
13. Direction of flight of object (s):  
South to West or Southwest (Left to right)
14. Time <sup>IN</sup> of sight:  
2:40"
15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):  
Slow

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16. Sound and odor:  
None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)  
None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):  
Dull as a flash light with blackout disk

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
None

20. Manouvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
Initially appeared stationary, through BC Scope it maintained a level flight, tracked with constant turn on BC Scope.

21. Manner of disappearance:  
Seemed to disintegrate into smaller object which disappeared in a fraction of a second.

22. Effect on clouds:  
None

23. Additional information concerning object:  
arty OP # 1 observed phenominon at the same time but on an az. of 2840 mils.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
Sky completely overcast in South.

Name and address of observer:

[Redacted]

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"C" Btry, 14th AFA Bn

Occupation and hobbies:

Camp Hood, Texas

Officer U.S. Army

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

Excellent observer

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

BC Scope was used for sightings.

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