

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 14 June 1949 15/0115Z	2. LOCATION Miami Beach, Florida 369
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 - 8 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE W to SW	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer stated object appeared just as a falling star would including the trail behind. Object was the size of a star. Seconds later there was another one off to the side of it where the first one was.
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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D. MCANDREWS
MANAGER

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They were not planes as we would have heard the sound of the engines as it was very quiet, the waves made practically no sound and there was no wind. They were not birds, as they travelled too fast and we would have seen the movements of their wings. It was not reflected ground lights as the clouds were small and scattered and these objects had a clear sky with stars behind them during their entire travel.

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these or last as long as they did. It might
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each other such as these did but if they
do, I never heard of it. I hope that
is the explanation of what we saw because
I still don't want to believe in the so
called "flying discs"!

I would appreciate any explanation
which you might give because I'm puzzled
plenty over the thing since I saw it.
Incidentally, my wife never did see the
thing nor my other daughter, age two, and
the wife still thinks we're spoofing her.

Trusting the above might be of some interest
to you and you might offer some explanation,
I remain

Yours truly

~~██~~
~~██~~ Street
Miami 38, Fla

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INCIDENT NO. 372

1. Date of Observation 17 June 1949 Date of Interview 17 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) **1110**
3. Place of Observation **La Jolla, Calif.**
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects **One**
7. Apparent size **DC-4**
8. Color of object **Chromium**
9. Shape **Round like pie pan (Disc)**
10. Altitude **4,000**
11. Direction from observer **Southeast**
12. Distance from observer **4 miles**
13. Direction of flight of object(s) **SE (inferred)**
14. Time in sight **30 seconds**
15. Speed **Rapidly like jet**
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail **None noticed**
18. Luminosity **Brighter than ordinary a/c**
19. Projections **None**
20. Maneuvers **Turned in wide arc away from observer**
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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Name and address of observer:

~~Mrs. Selby, 360 N. La Jolla Village Drive~~
La Jolla, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies:

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

Intelligent and stable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

~~Mrs. Selby~~ stated that at approximately 1110 hours 17 June 1949, while standing in her backyard, she saw a large (about the size of a Douglas DC-4 aircraft) round object in the air approximately four miles southeast of her home in the direction of San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Selby judged it was about four thousand feet in the air, and moving rapidly away from her. Mrs. Selby stated "it was definitely not a jet aircraft although it's speed was more in keeping with a jet than the more conventional aircraft." The description was, according to Mrs. ~~Selby~~, "a chromium plated pie tin." "It was much brighter than the ordinary aircraft". Mr. Selby further stated there was definitely no protusions (such as wings or verticle stabalizers) as the object turned in a wide arc away from her. When queried regarding smoke or vapor trails Mrs. Selby stated she did not notice any. The object was visible for approximately 30 seconds.

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1. Date of Observation 14 June 1969 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 2015
3. Place of Observation Miami, Beach, Florida
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Object like a falling Star
6. Number of objects Two
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object
9. Shape
10. Altitude
11. Direction from observer Almost directly overhead, 1 just a bit southwest
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) W. SW.
14. Time in sight 7-8 seconds
15. Speed Like falling star
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail Like falling Star
18. Luminosity Medium Star
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance lost at 45°
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear, Stars visible, small scattered clouds, no breeze

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Astro (meteor)


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 Miami 35 Florida

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Last Tues evening, June 14, 1949, my wife, my children and I were lying on the beach on Miami Beach. It was a clear night, stars visible, with scattered small clouds. Very still with no breeze and practically no waves. It was 8:15 PM and very quiet.

Almost directly overhead, just a bit southeast of overhead, I noticed what I thought was a falling star. It had the familiar trail and was falling to the west southwest.

I remarked "Falling Star" and my nine year old daughter beside me said, "two of them". At the same instant I saw the second one to the rear of the first one and to our left as we were lying on the beach. It was traveling faster and more to the south west.

I watched to see their paths cross, but instead of crossing, the second one, with a trail like the first slowed speed and both moved away from each other, separated to a distance of about five times as great as when they were closest together, moved in together and separated as before. They almost touched four times in all before we lost track of them, in this manner:

I hadn't said a word since calling their attention to the first "star" but my daughter said, "They are zig-zagging" so I know that she saw it exactly as I saw it, and was not merely following the power of suggestion.

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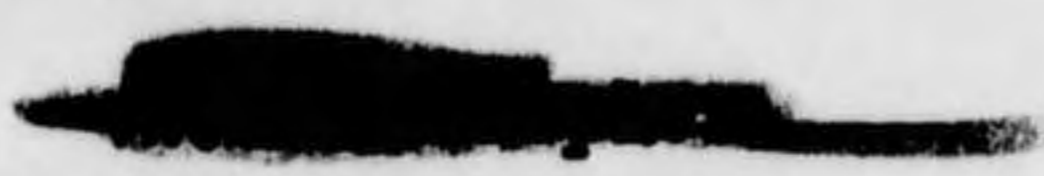
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Miami 33, Florida

Dear Mr. 

Receipt of your letter, dated 16 June 1949, is acknowledged by this Headquarters.

Your contribution has been made a matter of record and is being incorporated into our present study of unidentified aerial phenomena.

As a result of preliminary study, the object reported by your letter appears to have been of natural celestial origin.

Your action in reporting this matter to the proper authorities is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. HEMSTREET, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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Key West, Florida

Thursday June 16, 1949

J. D. MCANDREWS
MANAGER

Gentlemen,

Several weeks ago I read in the Saturday Evening Post that a detail had been set up at Wright Field to investigate the "Flying Disc" reports. No doubt you have been besieged with letters such as this and I feel a bit foolish adding to the pile.

I have believed for the past couple of years that the people reporting the "flying discs" were crack pots or suffering from hallucinations but now I'm not quite so sure.

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