

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Jul 49 07/06 Z	2. LOCATION Valdosta, eorgia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The object was in the shape of an electric light bulb, with the small stem up, brack red in color, hanging in the sky at a 45 deg angle with the horizon. The object slowly disappeared in the SW. Object traveled in a straight line with no gain or loss in altitude.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Southwest	
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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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. 24-185	DATE 14 September 1949
	REPORT MADE BY Palmer S. McClellan, S/A	
TITLE SIGHTING OF FLYING DISCS ON 7 JULY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	REPORT MADE AT 6th District OSI (IG), Turner Det.	
	PERIOD 19 Jul. 28 Jul. 14 Sept. 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN 6th District OSI (IG)	
	STATUS PENDING	

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unconventional Aircraft)

REFERENCE
Non, this is the initial report.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon information received from the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated to the Valdosta Times that she had observed on 7 July 1949, a bright, reddish object in the southwest section of Valdosta, Georgia.

Weather conditions in the vicinity of Valdosta, Georgia, for the period of time of observation were favorable.

Residence check of Mrs. [REDACTED] revealed that she is trustworthy though very excitable, nervous, and sickly..

No other person witnessed the object that Mrs. [REDACTED] reported having seen.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon information received from the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia.

AT VALDOSTA, GEORGIA.

2. On 19 July 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] (w,m,civ), reporter for the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia, was interviewed by this agent and Mr. [REDACTED] stated in substance that on 10 July 1949 Mrs. [REDACTED] (w,f,civ), [REDACTED] Valdosta, Georgia, telephonically informed him that she had seen a bright, reddish object in the Southwest section of Valdosta, Georgia, at approximately 0300 hours, 7 July 1949.

3. On 19 July 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed by this agent and she stated in substance that the object she saw was in the shape of an electric light bulb, with the small stem up, brick red in color, hanging in the sky at about a 45 degree angle from the horizon. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she was asleep and was awakened by the brilliant red light given off by this object. She also stated that the object did not seem to be too far away from her and that it slowly disappeared into the southwest. The object was visible for about ten (10) minutes and the light given off by the object lit up the neighborhood in which Mrs. [REDACTED] lived. Further questioning of Mrs. [REDACTED] revealed that she only saw the light of this object and did not see whether this object was connected to any other object. The object seemed to move towards the Southwest in a straight line and did not gain or lose altitude.

4. The official weather forecast taken from the records of the US Weather Observer, Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, are as follows: wind, calm; scattered clouds at 25,000 feet; visibility 8 miles; no wind aloft report at this time.

5. A check of the local flight schedule of commercial and private flying, Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, revealed that no aircraft were scheduled from the Municipal Airport at Valdosta, Georgia, at this time. Schedules of transient lines passing over Valdosta, Georgia, were unknown.

6. A complete residence check of Mrs. [REDACTED] revealed that she is trustworthy, though very nervous, sickly, and thought to have a great amount of imagination.

7. A thorough check of the residences in the vicinity of Mrs. [REDACTED]'s home did not reveal anyone who had witnessed this object.

8. The general opinion of residents of Valdosta, Georgia, is that there is a Government Experimental Laboratory dealing with guided missiles located on the Florida coast, south of Valdosta, Georgia.

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DETAILS: Cont'd

AGENT'S NOTES.

Mrs. [REDACTED] is a woman of approximately 65 or 70 years old, residing with her daughter and caring for her daughter's home. She is easily led during interrogations and has a very vague idea of exactly the color, position and shape of the object which she saw. Though it is believed that Mrs. [REDACTED] is trustworthy, this Agent agrees with other residences of that vicinity that she is excitable and has a great amount of imagination.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
15 July 1949

PREPARING OFFICE
G-2, Hq Ft. McPherson, Ga.

SUBJECT
Flying Saucer Reported Over Valdosta,
Georgia

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION	
OF SOURCE:	OF INFORMATION:
COMPLETELY RELIABLE A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
USUALLY RELIABLE B	PROBABLY TRUE 2
FAIRLY RELIABLE C	POSSIBLY TRUE 3
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE D	DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
UNRELIABLE E	IMPROBABLE (5)
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN (F)	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED . . . (6)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following information is quoted from a newspaper article, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 15 July 1949:

"A flying saucer that stayed put for awhile was reported suspended over Valdosta. Mrs. [redacted] said she saw a bright, oblong object about three o'clock in the morning. 'It was so red, I thought it was a fire but I kept watching and it looked like a flying saucer standing still. I watched it for three minutes, then it slowly disappeared into the West,' she related."

Evaluation: F-6

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15 July 1949

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is summary of information re report of flying saucer over Valdosta, Georgia.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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