

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 7 Jul 49 08/0300Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Alexandria, Louisiana
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> <p style="text-align: center;">AIRCRAFT</p>
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 5 minutes	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> Object appeared as a round light in the sky approx 35 deg elevation. The object was orange in color with no visible means of support, it seemed to fall a certain distance then move from North to West for about 2½ minutes, and then reversed its course and flew back in a Northerly direction for about 2½ minutes when it disappeared from view by gradually moving out of sight.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> West and North	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions Temp. 81°, Est. ceiling 30,000', thin broken cirrus clouds; dewpoint 76; wind from SE
2. Winds aloft report 9 M.P.H.; altimeter setting 2989.
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
  - a. Object
  - b. Surrounding terrain where observed
  - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
  - d. Maneuvers
  - e. Formation if objects were more than two
8. Secure signed statement
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such) **None evident**

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS <b>REPORT OF INVESTIGATION</b>		FILE NO. 24-00	DATE 10 Jul 1949
TITLE  SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED DISC On 7 July 1949, at Alexandria, Louisiana, [REDACTED]	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	REPORT MADE AT [REDACTED], [REDACTED], La.	
	PERIOD 15 July 1949	OFFICE OF ORIGIN [REDACTED], [REDACTED], La.	
	STATUS CLOSED		
	CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT		
REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS  On 7 July 1949, at approximately 2100 hours, Mrs. [REDACTED] who was sitting on the porch of her home at 1825 Marchand Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, saw a round light in the sky which appeared to be about the size of a household saucer and was sighted at approximately a thirty-five degree (35°) angle from the ground. Mrs. [REDACTED] Alexandria, Louisiana, and [REDACTED] of Pineville, Louisiana, were with [REDACTED] at the time this object was sighted. Mrs. [REDACTED] described the object as being orange in color with no visible means of support, and remained in sight for approximately five (5) minutes and disappeared by gradually moving out of sight.			
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DOWNGRADED AND 2 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AND 12 YEARS. DOW [REDACTED]			
DISTRIBUTION ✓ CC, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O. (Action Cy w/incl) 2 HQ OSI w/incl 2 3d Region Commander w/incl 1 DO #5, (Info Cy w/incl) 1 DO #9, File 1	ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson AFB Dayton, Ohio	FILE STAMP	
	APPROVED  <i>Edward R. Ford.</i> EDWARD R. FORD Major, USAF  District Commander.	UNCLASSIFIED	

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial  
Object (s))

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1. Date of sighting 7 July 1949
2. Time of sighting 2100 hours  
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted:
  - a. Ground
    - (1) City, town Alexandria, Louisiana
    - (2) Distance and direction from city or town, Northeast from town.  
road, intersection, etc.
    - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. Sitting on front porch.
    - (4) Map coordinates ( if feasible) showing  
latitude and longitude
  - b. Air
    - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
    - (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark
    - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
    - (4) Latitude and longitude
  - c. Sea
    - (1) Latitude and longitude
    - (2) Proximity to land  
(Name city, country, etc.)
4. Number of objects ONE (1)
  - a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)
5. Distance of object from observer Can't estimate.
  - a. Laterally or horizontally
  - b. Angle of elevation from horizon 35°
  - c. Altitude Can't estimate

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6. Time in sight 2100 hours
7. Appearance of object
  - a. Color Orange
  - b. Shape (sketch if possible)
  - c. Apparent construction (translucent) Appeared to be light
  - d. Size
    - (1) Estimated size Can't estimate.
    - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view About size of a house-  
(Compared to known object) hold saucer.
8. Direction of flight From north traveling west (when object was first sighted, went down slightly from north to west and then straight over).
9. Tactics or maneuvers Went from north to west and then went from west back to north.
  - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.
10. Evidence of exhaust None
  - a. Color of smoke
  - b. Length and width
  - c. Odor (if any)
  - d. Rate of evaporation
  - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)
11. Effect on clouds Believes no clouds were present.
  - a. Opened path thru clouds
  - b. Formed cloud or mists
  - c. Reflected on cloud
  - d. Shown thru cloud
12. Lights
  - a. Reflected or attached Attached.
  - b. Luminous
  - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed Remained constant.

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12. Support      Didn't appear to rotate - No supports
  - a. Wings
  - b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
  - c. Vertical jet
  - d. Rotating cylinder or cone
  - e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)
14. Propulsion      No visible propulsion
  - a. Propellor or jet
  - b. Rotor
  - c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)  
(Katz Mayer effect)
  - d. Visible exhaust or jet openings
15. Control and stability      Appeared to glide.
  - a. Fine
  - b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)
    - (1) Size
    - (2) Shape
    - (3) Location
16. Air ducts      None visible
  - a. Slots
  - b. Duct openings
17. Speed - M.P.H.      Can't estimate.
18. Sound      No sound.
  - a. Continuous whine or buzz
  - b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
  - c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance Seemed to move out of sight gradually. Light seemed to remain constant, but moved farther away and finally from sight.
- a. Explode
    - (1) Possibility of fragments
    - (2) Other physical evidence
  - b. Faded from view
  - c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [REDACTED]
2. Address Alexandria, La.
3. Occupation Housewife (Nurse for ten (10) years)
4. Place of business
  - a. Employer or employee
5. Hobbies None
  - a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)  
 Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?
6. Ability to determine
  - a. Color
  - b. Speed of moving objects
  - c. Size at distance
7. Reliability of observer
  - a. Sources
    - (1) Neighbor
    - (2) Police Dept
    - (3) FBI records
    - (4) Employer

Informant's right eye is almost blind. Left eye perfect.

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- 8. Notes relative to observer on
  - a. Sightings in general
  - b. How attention was drawn to object (x) Object called to informant's attention by Mrs.  who was sitting on the porch.
    - (1) Sound
    - (2) Motion
    - (3) Glint of light
- 9. Witnesses
  - a. Addresses
  - b. Occupation
  - c. Reliability
- 10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

- 1. Re radars how operating on ground
  - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
  - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is 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 separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.
- If airborne when object sighted
  - a. Were there any radar inductions 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; Temp: 81°; Est. Ceil: 30,000'; Wind: SE, 9 Mi. per hr, Alt. Setting: 2989, Dewpoint: 76.
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.) **None scheduled.**
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
Office of Special Investigations

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-26

9th OSI District  
Barksdale AFB, La.  
13 September 1949

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC  
On 7 July 1949, At  
Alexandria, Louisiana,  
By [REDACTED]  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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

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1. Transmitted herewith is Closed Report of Investigation regarding above Subject.
2. 9th District OSI does not contemplate any further action in this case.

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Rpt of Invest (2)

*Edward R. Ford.*  
EDWARD R. FORD  
Major, USAF  
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF  
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO 5D 24-21

9 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. The inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent TROY R. SHERMAN, DO #9, dated 29 July 1949, is forwarded for your information and file.

2. This investigation was not requested by this office, and no investigative action concerning subject incident is being conducted by this District.

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Rpt of Inv dtd 29 Jul 49  
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*for Jerome M. Braun*  
*WOSC, USAF*  
JEROME M. BRAUN  
Acting District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS <b>REPORT OF INVESTIGATION</b>	FILE NO. <b>32-12</b>	DATE <b>29 July 1949</b>
TITLE  <b>"PROJECT SIGN"          UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL          PHENOMENON</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>TROY R. SHERMAN, S/A</b>	
CHARACTER <b>SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY</b>	REPORT MADE AT <b>DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.</b>	
REFERENCE <b>None. This is an initial report.</b>	PERIOD <b>15 July 1949</b>	
SYNOPSIS  <p>This investigation was conducted at the request of the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information that an unidentified aerial phenomenon had been sighted over the City of Alexandria, Louisiana.</p> <p>Investigation revealed that on 7 July 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED]; Mrs. [REDACTED]; and Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] way, Alexandria, Louisiana, sighted an object which they described as being round, about six (6) inches in diameter, and having no visible means of propulsion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CLOSED</u></b></p>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La.</b>	
DISTRIBUTION CG, Wright-Patterson AFB (Action Cy) 2 HQ OSI 2 DO #9 2	ACTION COPY FORWARDED TO Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson AFB Dayton, Ohio  APPROVED <i>Edward R. Ford.</i> <b>EDWARD R. FORD</b> <b>Major, USAF</b>  <i>District Commander.</i>	FILE STAMP   <p style="text-align: center;">DOWNGRADED          DEC 1964          DOD DECLASSIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLASSIFIED BY          15 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNCLASIFIED</p>

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information that five (5) persons had sighted a flying saucer over Alexandria, Louisiana, on 7 July 1949.

2. The following is an item which appeared in the Shreveport Times, Shreveport, Louisiana, issue of 8 July 1949: "Five More See Flying Saucer at Alexandria. Alexandria, La. - Five persons today reported seeing another flying saucer over Alexandria at 9 o'clock last night. Mrs. [REDACTED], who made the discovery called it to the attention of neighbors. She said they watched it drift in the sky almost five minutes before it disappeared in the east. 'It was all lit up,' she said. 'We thought it was a star at first as it made no noise but decided differently when it changed its direction several times. I have no idea how big it was'."

AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA:

3. On 15 July 1949, an interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] 1414 Jefferson Highway, revealed that on 7 July 1949, at approximately 2100 hours, Mrs. [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] were sitting on the front porch at 1821 Warshauer Street, when Mrs. [REDACTED] noticed a very bright object in the sky. The object seemed to be coming straight down and had the appearance and speed of a falling star with no evidence of exhaust and no sound. The object seemed to fall a certain distance and then move from north to west, parallel with the ground. The object went in a westerly direction for approximately two and one-half (2½) minutes, and then, reversed its path and flew back in a northerly direction for approximately two and one-half (2½) minutes. The object then began to increase altitude, slightly to the north, and gradually faded from sight. The object had the appearance of being round and about six (6) inches in diameter with no visible support or means of propulsion. The object maintained a very smooth, constant speed and did not vary. The object had the appearance of being a little like an ordinary household light bulb.

4. Information given by Mrs. [REDACTED] was corroborated by Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]

5. The Writer contacted a local airport and talked with the Civil Aeronautics Administrator and the Delta Airlines, 15 July 1949, in an attempt to determine if any aircraft were flying in the vicinity of Alexandria, Louisiana, at approximately 2100 hours, 7 July 1949. It was learned that only one (1) Piper Cub airplane, with no landing lights, was shooting landings at approximately 2100 hours. There was no other reported aircraft in the vicinity at the time and the CAA weather station did not send a balloon into the sky.

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INCLOSURES:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON  
AFB, DAYTON, OHIO:

One (1) copy Form 8-3801-TC, Essential Elements of  
Information, PROJECT "SIGN".

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI:

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Information, PROJECT "SIGN".

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(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s))

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1. Date of sighting **7 July 1949**
2. Time of sighting **Approximately 2100 hours**  
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)
3. Where sighted:
  - a. Ground
    - (1) City, town **At Alexandria, Louisiana.**
    - (2) Distance and direction from city or town, **North and west**  
road, intersections, etc. **from town.**
    - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. **Sitting on porch at** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], **Alexandria, La.**
    - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing  
latitude and longitude
  - b. Air
    - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight
    - (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark
    - (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft
    - (4) Latitude and longitude
  - c. Sea
    - (1) Latitude and longitude
    - (2) Proximity to land  
(Name city, country, etc.)
4. Number of objects **One**
  - a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)
5. Distance of object from observer **Can't estimate**
  - a. Laterally or horizontally
  - b. Angle of elevation from horizon **Approximately 45°**
  - c. Altitude **Pretty far up**

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6. Time in sight      **Approximately 5 minutes**
7. Appearance of object
  - a. Color      **Just exactly the color of a light bulb when turned on.**
  - b. Shape (sketch if possible)      **Round - about 6 in. in diameter.**
  - c. Apparent construction (translucent)      **None.**
  - d. Size
    - (1) Estimated size      **?**
    - (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view      **About size of an**  
(Compared to known object)      **ordinary household saucer.**
8. Direction of flight      **North to west.**
9. Tactics or maneuvers
  - a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.
10. Evidence of exhaust      **None**
  - a. Color of smoke
  - b. Length and width
  - c. Odor (if any)
  - d. Rate of evaporation
  - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)
11. Effect on clouds
  - a. Opened path thru clouds      **No clouds**
  - b. Formed cloud or mists
  - c. Reflected on cloud
  - d. Shown thru cloud
12. Lights
  - a. Reflected or attached      **Attached**
  - b. Luminous
  - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed      **Remained constant**

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13. Support **None visible**
- a. Wings
  - b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage
  - c. Vertical jet
  - d. Rotating cylinder or cone
  - e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)
14. Propulsion
- a. Propeller or jet **None**
  - b. Rotor
  - c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)  
(KatzMayer effect)
  - d. Visible exhaust or jet openings
15. Control and stability **Smooth**
- a. Fine
  - b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) **None**
    - (1) Size
    - (2) Shape
    - (3) Location
16. Air ducts **None**
- a. Slots
  - b. Duct openings
17. Speed - M.P.H. **Can't estimate.**
18. Sound **None.**
- a. Continuous whine or buzz
  - b. Roar, whistle, whoosh
  - c. Intermittent

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19. Manner of disappearance

- a. Explode **Faded out gradually as though going out of sight.**
  - (1) Possibility of fragments
  - (2) Other physical evidence
- b. Faded from view
- c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

- 1. Name of observer [REDACTED]
- 2. Address [REDACTED] **La.**
- 3. Occupation **Housewife and practical nurse.**
- 4. Place of business
  - a. Employer or employee
- 5. Hobbies **Flowers (working).**
  - a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)  
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?
- 6. Ability to determine
  - a. Color **Excellent**
  - b. Speed of moving objects
  - c. Size at distance
- 7. Reliability of observer
  - a. Sources
    - (1) Neighbor **X**
    - (2) Police Dept
    - (3) FBI records
    - (4) Employer

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8. Notes relative to observer on
- a. Sightings in general **Can't see without glasses.**
  - b. How attention was drawn to object (x) **Just happened to look up into the sky.**
    - (1) Sound
    - (2) Motion
    - (3) Glint of light

9. Witnesses

- a. Addresses
- b. Occupation
- c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated **8th Grade education, average intelligence, 56 years of age.**

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground
- a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target
  - b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is 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 separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

- a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits
- b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

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