

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Aug 51	2. LOCATION Birmingham, Ala		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2325CST & 0015 CST</u> GMT <u>10/0525Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilians		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteors <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Many	9. COURSE NE to SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color was orange-red trail. Speed estimated at 800 mph. Shape circular. Size 18 ft - 27 ft diam.		11. COMMENTS Meteor shower reported at time. Evaluated as meteors	



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BASE OPERATIONS
2507TH AIR FORCE RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
Birmingham, Alabama

11 August 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Object over Birmingham.

TO: All Concerned.

1. At 2346 CST 11 August 1951, Mr. [REDACTED], Birmingham, Alabama, Telephone number [REDACTED] (neighbor's phone) reported an unidentified object in the sky west of Birmingham and gave the following information:

- a. Location: over general area of TCI plant in Fairfield.
- b. Time: First seen at 2325 CST--last seen at 0015 CST.
- c. Altitude: 5,000', later descended to 3,000'.
- d. Description: Approximately 10-27' in diameter; circular, building up to cone shape in the center; trailing twin exhaust streaks approximately 20' long in orange-redish flame.
- e. Speed: approximately 30 kps.
- f. Direction of Flight: Made approximately 10-15 passes all from North East to South West.
- g. Object seemed to be making systematic pattern as if flying photographic mission; was reported passes over TCI, time spacing between passes 10 to 15 minutes.

2. Action Taken

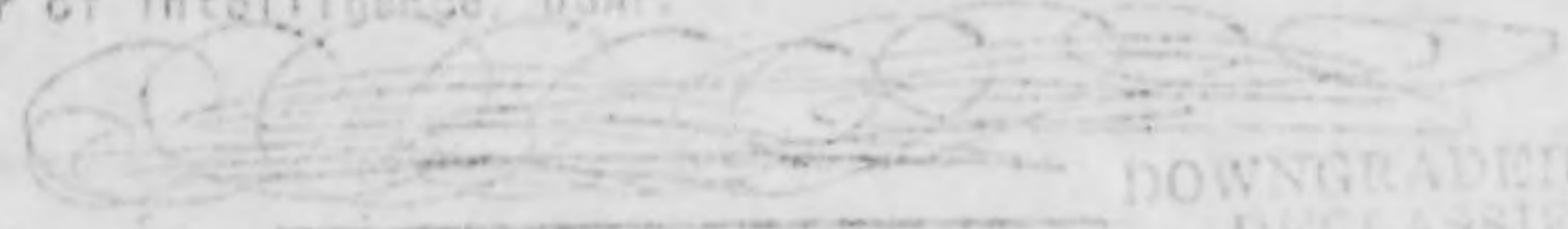
- a. Maxwell Flight Service Supervisor (AC) notified 2335 CST.
- b. Officer of the [REDACTED] notified.
- c. Birmingham Control Tower notified.
- d. Birmingham Radar Unit Squadron alerted to track object.

3. Additional Reports.

a. Delta Flight 125, Pilot-Captain [REDACTED] enroute to bound [REDACTED] reported seeing streak of light 15 miles Southeast of Birmingham at approximately 1000' altitude. Norton reported seeing object. Delta Flight 125 enroute from Birmingham also reported seeing low streak of light 5 minutes South of Birmingham at a very low altitude descending at a very high rate of speed in a [REDACTED] last to west at 0035 CST.

b. Mrs. [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama reported observing [REDACTED] 1000' and 3000' bound Northwest to a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] slower than light at 0040 CST.

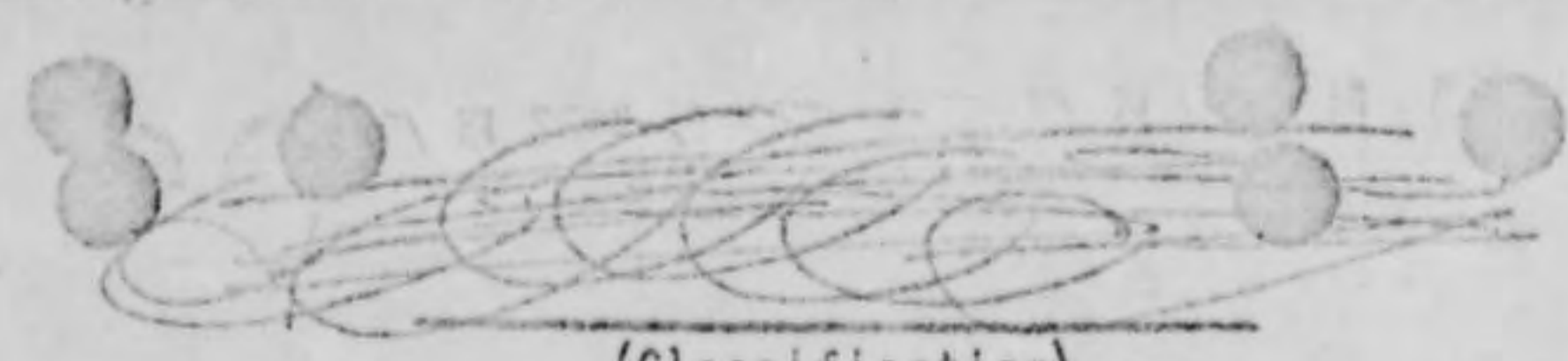
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Birmingham
Jefferson County
Alabama

12 August 1951

My name is [redacted] and I reside at [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. On the night of 11 August 1951 at approximately 0110 CST, I observed a beam of light in the western sector of the sky, traveling in an arc from North to South, or North-east to South-west. The light would seem to fade and then recur at intervals of approximately 10 to 15 seconds. The light seemed to be a pale yellow color when observed against the glare of the steel mills in the west.

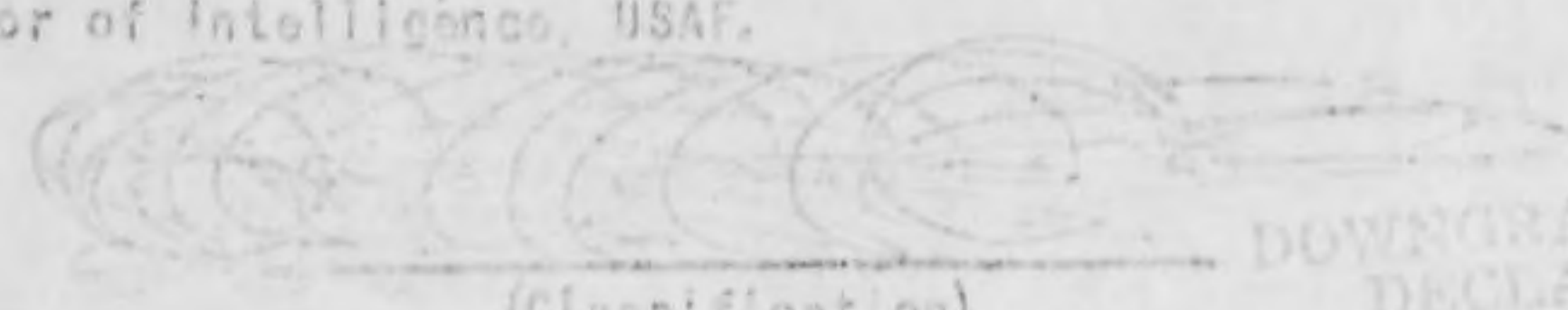
I first observed the light at approximately 0110 CST and estimate that it was visible for approximately seven minutes. I reported my observation to Base Operations, 2587th AFSC at the Birmingham Municipal Airport at approximately 0130 CST.

(USS) /s/ [redacted]

Sworn to before me, an Officer of the USAF authorized to take oaths, this 13th Day of August 1951 in Birmingham, Jefferson County Alabama.

/s/ GEORGE E. FINGER
CAPT. USAF

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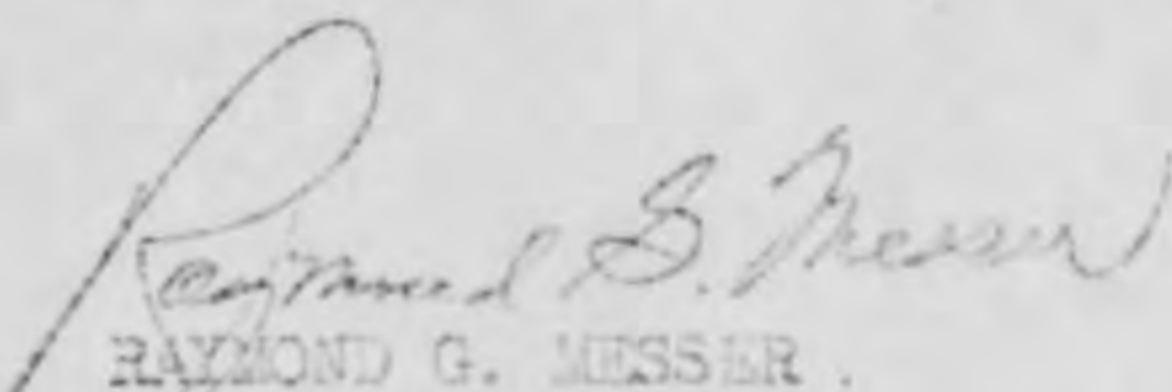
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COUNTRY United States of America	REPORT NO. 1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON Birmingham, Alabama	FROM (Agency) 2587th AFRTC Birmingham, Alabama	
DATE OF REPORT 21 August 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 11-12 August 1951	EVALUATION Doubtful
PREPARED BY (Officer) MVG	SOURCE Statements, Telephone calls, etc.	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

At approximately 2325 CST, 11 August 1951, Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama telephoned Base Operations, 2587th AFRTC, Birmingham Municipal Airport, Birmingham, Alabama and reported unconventional type aircraft which he described as 18 to 20 feet in diameter, trailing twin exhausts of orange-red flame, making passes over TCI Plant, Fairfield, Alabama. Base Operations alerted 3903d Radar Bomb Scoring Squadron, Birmingham Municipal Airport, who tracked for reported unconventional aircraft on radar equipment AN/MSQ-2 with negative results. Birmingham Control Tower was alerted and contacted Delta inbound flight 126X (cargo flight) who reported seeing bright streak of light 35 miles southwest of Birmingham.


 RAYMOND G. MESSER
 Major, USAF
 Commanding

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1. Sta of Mr. [REDACTED]
 2. Sta of Miss [REDACTED]
 3. Weather Condition Report

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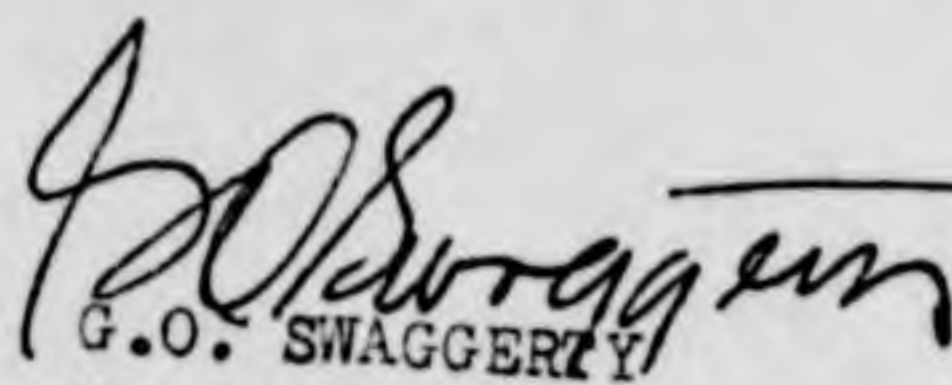
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Aug. 13, 1951

On Sat. Aug. 11, 1951 Mr. [redacted] + [redacted] and Duddy Mac Motor + My self was sitting out front in the yard on [redacted] Fairfield, Ala. When I look up and saw a object shoot across the sky. I didn't think much about it till the object came across again but this time Mrs + Mr [redacted] saw it too. it came across three more times and I call the New Paper and they referred me to the call air operation then we saw the object about 16 times between 11:10 P.M. + 12:05 P.M. The object looks like it was 18 to 20 feet in diameter and came up in a comp and had twin exhaust. The object flew between 3000 + 5000 feet. The speed was between 300 + 1000 M.P.H.

Sworn to before me, an Officer of the USAF authorized to take oaths, this 13th day of August 1951 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.

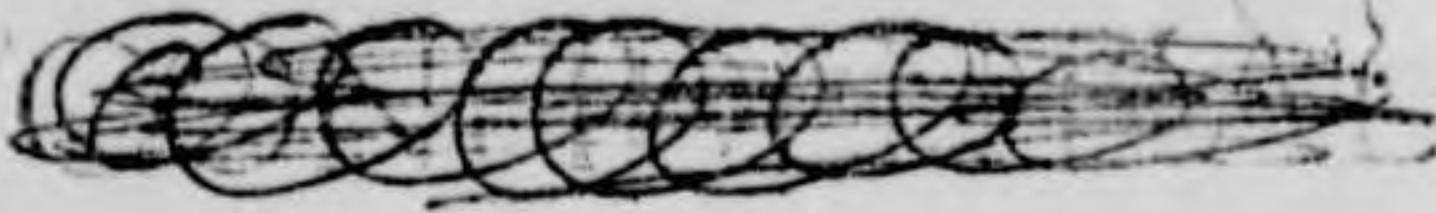

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Detachment Commander
Office of Special Investigations

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Birmingham
Jefferson County
Alabama

12 August 1951

My name is ~~_____~~ and I reside at ~~_____~~ Birmingham, Alabama. On the night of 12 August 1951 at a proximately ~~0010~~ ^{Birmingham} 0010 CST. I observed a beam of light in the western sector of the sky, traveling in an arc from North to South, or North-east to South-west. The light would seem to fade and then recur at intervals of approximately 10 to 15 seconds. The light seemed to be a pale yellow color when observed against the glare of the steel mills in the west.

I first observed the light at approximately 0010 CST and estimate that it was visible for approximately seven minutes. I reported my observation to Base Operations, 2587th AFRTC at the Birmingham Municipal Airport at approximately ~~0013~~ 0130 CST.

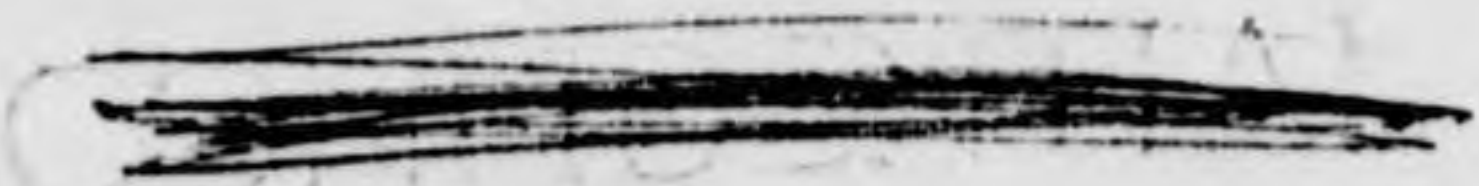
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Sworn to before me, an Officer of the USAF authorized to take oaths, this 13th Day of August 1951 in Birmingham, Jefferson County Alabama.

GEORGE M. PEAGLER
CAPT. USAFR

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WEATHER DETACHMENT 26-101.
26th Weather Squadron
Birmingham Municipal Airport
Birmingham, Alabama

13 August 1951

SUBJECT: Weather Conditions at time of reported unidentified "flying objects".

TO: Captain Max V. Gilmer
Operations Officer
2587th AFRTC
Birmingham Municipal Airport,
Alabama

1. At 2300 hours, Central Standard Time, on 11 August 1951 to 0430 hours, Central Standard Time, the local sky condition in Birmingham, Alabama was clear (ie. no clouds), wind was calm and surface visibility was 4-5 miles with ground fog and smoke.

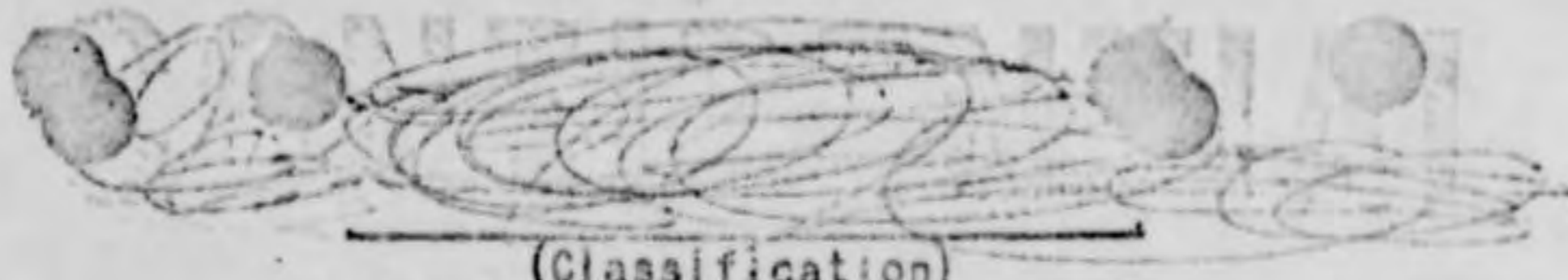
2. Information supplied by Mister W.E. Glenn, Professor of Astronomy, Birmingham Southern College stated that on the night of 11th and 12th August 1951 respectively, a shower of meteorites were visible to the naked eye from 2300 hours, to 0300 hours Central Standard Time, and Mister W.E. Glenn further stated that time time of the year meteorites are very numerous.

3. Miss _____, of Birmingham Southern College also stated that she personally saw three (3) unidentified flying objects about 2400 hours Central Standard Time, 12 August 1951, and assumed them to be "shooting stars".

Alexander J. Mitchell
ALEXANDER J. MITCHELL
Captain, USAF
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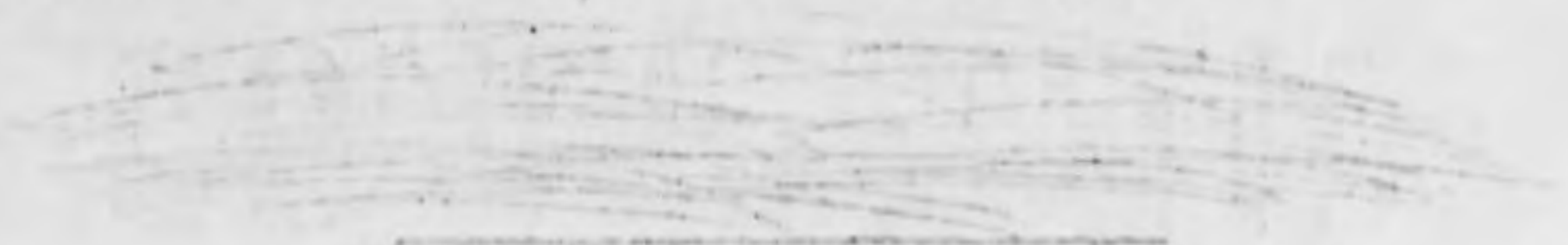
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
Subject Report of information on Unconventional Aircraft		
Area Reported On Birmingham, Ala.	From (Agency) HQ USAF, Int.	
Date of Report 24 Aug 51	Date of Information 12 and 17 Aug 51	Evaluation S-2
Prepared by (Officer) ELLIOTT S. MORGAN, JR., CAPT, USAF	Source HQ 63rd ACFT Squadron	
References (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ADCL 200-1 11 April 51		
Summary: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part 11.)		
<p>At 0120 EST, 12 August 1951, a report forwarded to this headquarters advising that an unidentified object was making passes at approximately 5000' and 6000' over Birmingham, Ala. was investigated by Captain Geo. W. Feaster of the 63rd ACFT Squadron.</p> <p>All original letters pertaining to this incident were copied on AF Form 112--Part 11 by HQ USAF, Deputy for Intelligence, as correct forms and directives were not used by the originating unit.</p>		
<p><i>E. S. Morgan Jr.</i> ELLIOTT S. MORGAN, JR., Captain USAF Chief, Estimates Div.</p>		
<p><i>J. H. [Signature]</i> Colonel Deputy for Intel.</p>		
<p>3 inclos 1. Report of 63rd ACFT 2. Copy of [unclear] 3. [unclear]</p>		
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1. Unconventional Aircraft Report

- a. Description: 18 to 20 feet in diameter, circular, building up to conical shape in center, trailing twin exhausts of orange-reddish flame; speed 800 to 1000 miles per hour; made repeated passes over Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR Company, approximately 16 to 18 times, traveling from northeast to southwest with a time interval between passes of 1½ to 2½ minutes.
- b. First observed at 2310 Central Standard Time, 11 August 1951 and the object was last reported at 0117 Central Standard Time 12 August 1951.
- c. Unconventional aircraft was observed visually from the surface by Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama (Fairfield sub-division). The unconventional aircraft was also observed by Miss [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama. Altitude of object was estimated 3000 to 5000 feet and travelled at a speed of from 800 to 1000 miles per hour. 3903d Radar Bomb Group, Detachment 20, Birmingham Municipal Airport, Birmingham, Alabama was alerted and tracked for reported unconventional aircraft on radar equipment AN/MSQ-2 type with negative results.
- d. The unconventional aircraft was observed from a geographical location of 86 degrees 56 minutes west; 33 degrees 27 minutes north, in Fairfield sub-division of Birmingham. Object made repeated passes over Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR Company Plant from northeast to southwest, at an altitude of 3000 feet to 5000 feet.
- e. Due to the temperament of Mr. [REDACTED], see inclosure #1, and lack of experience of Miss [REDACTED], see inclosure #2, it is felt that little reliability can be placed in the descriptions given in their statements.
- f. Teletype sequence for Birmingham 11 August 1951 233003T: Clear 4 miles in smoke, pressure 176 millibars, temperature 73/dew point 72 wind southwest 2 miles per hour, altimeter 007.
- g. Mr. [REDACTED] Professor of Astronomy, Birmingham Southern College, states that on the nights of the 11th and 12th a shower of meteorites were visible to the naked eye from 2300 Central Standard Time until 0300 Central Standard Time.
- h. There exists no physical evidence to substantiate sightings.
- i. The Air Defense Command, Knoxville, Tennessee dispatched an F-82 Aircraft number 6411, Pilot Captain R. W. Wilson, at 0053 Central Standard Time 12 August 1951 and a search of the Birmingham area was made. This search met with negative results and the aircraft returned to Knoxville at 0345 Central Standard Time 12 August 1951.
- j. Birmingham Control Tower was alerted by Base Operations at the time of sighting. Birmingham Control Tower made contact with inbound Delta Flight 120X (Cargo Flight) who reported seeing a bright streak of light 35 miles northwest of Birmingham. Upon departure from Birmingham to Meridian, Mississippi, Flight 120X reported from 3 minutes south of Meridian that appeared to be twin streaks of light at a very high altitude ascending at a 45 degree angle and traveling at a very high rate of speed from east to west. The time was 0033 Central Standard Time 12 August 1951. Captain [REDACTED], Delta Airlines, Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia was in command of the flight.

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663rd AIRBORNE SIGNAL AND SERVICE BATTALION
30TH AIR DIVISION (AFSC)
Coryville, Tennessee

TO : 319.1 & 360.11

17 August 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Incident

TO : Commanding General
Central Air Defense Force
1209 Walnut Street
Kansas City, Missouri

1. In accordance with provisions of Air Defense Command Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951, the following report is submitted:

a. At 0120 BST, 12 August 1951, Captain Stenger of Military Flight Service Center, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama advised this unit that numerous calls from inhabitants of Birmingham, Alabama were reporting an unidentified object at 5,000 feet, speed 300 MPH, having passed over the city. He also advised that a pilot of Delta Air Lines flight 120 saw the object.

b. Upon relaying this information to 30th Air Division (AFSC), AFSC, the duty controller thereat, advised the duty controller at this organization to order one (1) F-82 type aircraft from this station to investigate the Birmingham incident.

c. Captain Ralph W. Alton, Detachment 1, 52nd A/F Fighter Wing, piloted the F-82 to Birmingham and reported no visual or radar observation.

d. Captain George W. Sawyer, operations officer of the 663rd ASG Squadron proceeded to Birmingham to make further investigation. Persons contacted were:

1. 2/Lieutenant Colonel L. Mackay, 2007th A SCG, duty operations dispatcher, Birmingham Municipal Airport at the time of reported sighting. 2/Lieutenant Mackay's report is attached as enclosure #1. (The W. H. Barton referred to in enclosure #1 could not be located.)

Correspondent's Impressions: A competent, un-biased and objective report of above events & intelligence.

2. [Redacted Name], [Redacted Title], [Redacted Address]

Correspondent's Impressions: An excellent and very good report.

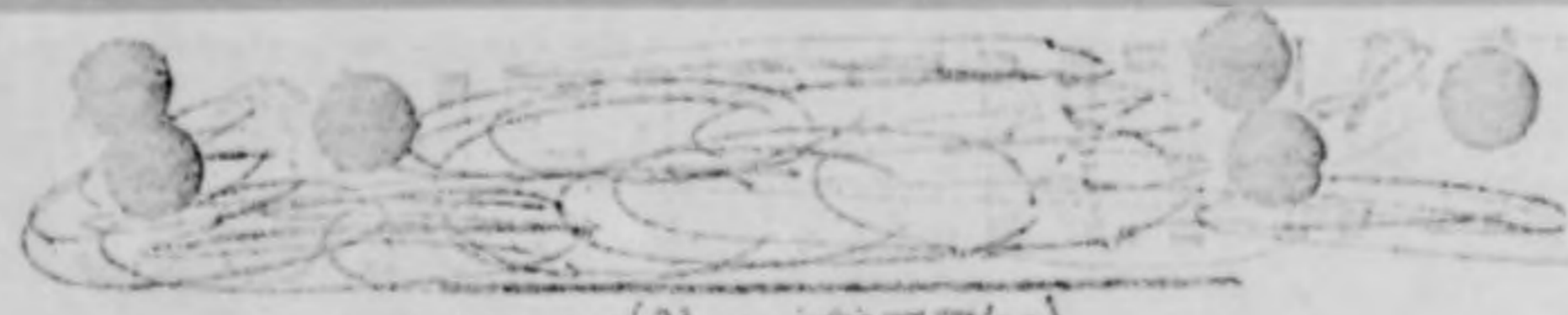
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3 Mr. G. O. Spaggar, Detachment CO, 5th District IAL, A. O.
Box 23-9, Birmingham, Alabama.

e. Persons with whom Captain Spaggar could establish no contact:

1 Pilot of Delta Air Lines Flight 126 and Mr. [REDACTED]

The OSI will endeavor to see both parties.

f. Findings and Observations: There are several rotating airway
beacons near Birmingham and, what with the smoke reported in the area, it seems
very probable that the reflections of one or more of these beacons against the
low lying smoke may have been what was observed. It is considered nearly im-
possible for anyone to have estimated either the speed or the altitude of a
flying object in such a determinedly positive manner as reported on this particularly
hazy night in Birmingham. The recurrence element, as reported by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] would certainly indicate a rotating beacon against cloud and/or haze cover.

2. Additional information will be forwarded when received from the 5th
District OSI.

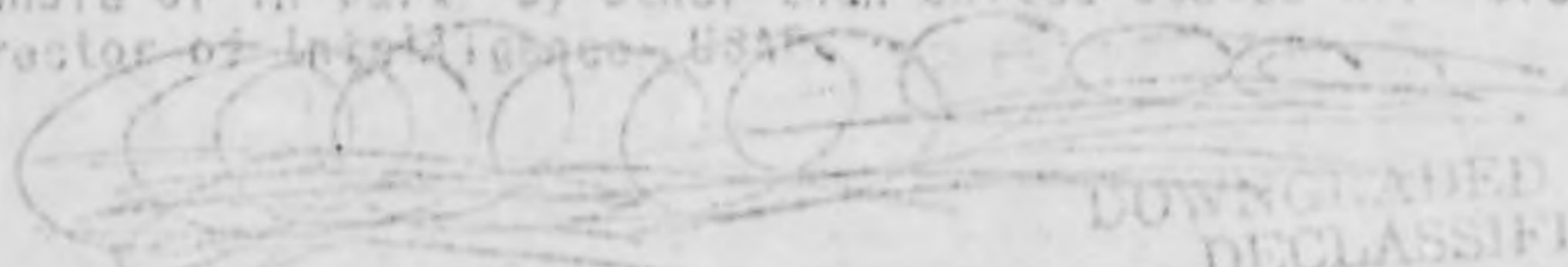
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1. Not by T/Sgt Anderson
2. Not by [REDACTED]

/s/ [REDACTED] A. CHRISTOPHER
Captain USAF
Adjutant

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