

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Apr 52	2. LOCATION Marshall, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1530 GMT 29/2130Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input 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 Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  White color. Round. Straight and level seemed to oscillate to one side.		11. COMMENTS	

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**HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND**  
**OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE**  
**OMAHA, NEBRASKA**

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DINC 3503

2 MAY 1952

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Personal Letter Reporting Unidentified Flying Object.

TO : Commanding Officer  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio  
Attn: AFOIN-ATIAA

*Recent  
Inc*

The inclosed letter is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Edward E. Weir*

MAJOR, USAF  
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl  
Personal Letter(1 cy)

29 APR 52  
MARSHALL, TEX

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVAL  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS  
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Time - <sup>15:25</sup>  
3:25 P.M. C.S.T.

4/21/52

April 29, 1952

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Marshall, Texas.

Dear Sir:

While visiting the air port here in Marshall, Texas I heard the sound of a jet plane over head and looked up to see if I could see it. Instead I saw a white object which appeared to be very high traveling in a Northwesterly direction. This object moved very fast and it seemed to me that it maneuvered in an irregular and circular flight path, although it would keep a straight course for a period of time. To the best of my knowledge it disappeared within one or one and a half minutes. It appeared to be flashing and zig zagging as it faded out of sight.

I do not know just what this object could be and this is the first time I have ever seen anything like it.

Sincerely,  
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- ( The correct date is on my first letter to you (29 Apr 52)
1. Date object was observed letter to you (29 Apr 52)
  2. Time object was first seen About 3:30 P.M. or 15:30 hrs.
  3. Place from which you observed the object Marshall airport
  4. How was object observed (naked eye, binoculars, etc.) naked eye
  5. What were you doing when the object was first observed?  
Standing on ramp
  6. What attracted your attention to the object? Heard jet plane overhead and looked up + saw white object instead of jet
  7. Path of object.
    - a. Direction from which object appeared (degrees or direction) first noticed directly overhead.
    - b. Direction in which object disappeared (degrees or direction) approximately 330 or 340 degrees.
    - c. Elevation object appeared (degrees above horizon) approx. - 85 degrees when first sighted.
    - d. Elevation object disappeared (degrees above horizon) approx - 30 or 35 degrees
    - e. Shape of flight path of object (straight and level, arched, etc.) straight and level + seemed to oscillate to one side.
    - f. How did object disappear (grow dimmer, go out suddenly, etc.) Became smaller + smaller.
  8. Length of time the object was observed Approx. - one to two <sup>to 2 1/2</sup> minutes
  9. Description of object.
    - a. How many objects were seen? one
    - b. Apparent size of object? A guess - about 20 ft. diameter

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- c. Apparent speed of object? appeared to be fast.
  - d. Apparent altitude of object? Guess - 10,000 ft. or lower.
  - e. Shape of object? appeared to be round
  - f. Color of object? White
  - g. Did object perform any maneuvers, if so describe It seemed to oscillate or move sideways from flight path and then straighten.
  - h. Did object make any sound, if so describe do not think so.
  - i. Were any tails or trails seen? no.
  - j. Draw sketch.


10. What type of day was it (hazy, clear, etc.)? Describe. clear. very little haze.


11. Clouds.
- a. Were any clouds in sky at time of observation? no  
If so, how much of sky was covered (overcast, scattered, etc.)  
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  - b. Did object pass above, below, or near any clouds? no
  - c. Did object reflect light on the clouds? no.

12. What is your occupation? Railway Clerk.

13. Any details that cannot be fully explained by the above questions.  
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I have been a private pilot for four years  
and this is the first time I have seen  
such an object.

Name 

Address 

Date

Marshall, Texas.  
Site. May, 23, 1952.