

PROJECT RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. COURSE
17 Jul 52	BATESVILLE MISS	<input type="checkbox"/> Max Support <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Support
4. TIME OF OBSERVATION	5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	6. TYPE OF OBJECT
17/0707 082	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Photo	<input type="checkbox"/> Max Support <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Support <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Support
17/0707 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photo	<input type="checkbox"/> Max Support <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Support <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Support
7. NUMBER OF OBSERVERS	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE
2	2 Civilian men	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Eval <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. DURATION OF OBSERVATION	11. COMMENTS	
30 min	2-3	

Two or three round objects sighted by two state troopers in Mississippi. Objects were approx 100' in diameter, looked like blue fluorescent lights. Movement was "back and forth", objects also hovered.

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Batesville, Miss.

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TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

JEDWP/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEPFF/CO MATS WASH 25 DC ATTN INTELLIGENCE DIV

JEPRE/CO FLT SVC THREE EIGHT ZERO ZERO NEWARK STREET NW WASH 25 DC

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TWO OR THREE ROUND OBJECTS CMA APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET IN DIAMETER CMA
LOOKING LIKE BLUE FLORESCENT LIGHTS CMA AT FIRST SEEMING TO STAND STILL
AND THEN TO HAVE A GRADUAL BACK AND FORTH MOVEMENT CMA NO SPEED OR NOISE
REPORTED PD SIGHTED 0107 CST CMA 17 JULY 1952 CMA FOR APPROXIMATELY 30
MINUTES PD OBSERVED VISUALLY FROM GROUND AT BATESVILLE CMA MISSISSIPPI PD
OBJECTS SEEMED TO STAND STILL AND THEN HAVE A GRADUAL MOVEMENT NORTH AND
THEN SOUTH CMA ONE AT AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 11,000 FEET CMA AND ONE
FROM 3,000 TO 5,000 FEET ~~████████████████████~~ AND ~~████████████████████~~ OF THE MISS.
STATE HIGHWAY PATROL MADE THE REPORT PD WEATHER 10,000-12,000 FEET BROKEN

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CLOUDS CMA 20,000-25,000 FEET OVERCAST CMA VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED PD
 WINDS ALOFT 3,000-5,000 FEET 160 DEGREES AT 20-25 KNOTS CMA 20,000
 -25,000 FEET 160 DEGREES AT 15-20 KNOTSPD MEMPHIS ARTC ADVISED B-29,S
 REFUELING IN THE VICINITY. HUNTER AIR FORCE BASE OPERATIONS ADVISED
 THEIR B-29 S USE WHITE SPOT LIGHTS IN ADDITION TO REGULAR AIRCRAFT
 LIGHTS WHEN REFUELING AT NIGH. THERE WAS NO REPORT FROM THE AIRCRAFT.
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Unidentified Flying Objects Sighted Near Batesville, Mississippi 17 July 1952
State of Mississippi, USA. Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

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Frank M. Allen, Lt Colonel, USAF Mississippi State Highway Patrolmen
Service Center (Message MFSC 17-C-17 of 170747Z July) Teletype FLYOERPT submitted by Maxwell Flight

Two or three round unidentified flying objects were sighted by State Highway patrolmen at Batesville, Mississippi, 010703Z 17 July. Objects were approximately 100 feet in diameter, and looked like blue fluorescent lights. One object was at 11,000, and another at 3,000 to 5,000 feet. Objects were stationary at first, then began a gradual back and forth movement. Observation continued for 30 minutes.

FRANK M. ALLEN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Intelligence Officer

Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

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Flight Service, MATS
3800 Newark Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Unidentified flying objects were visually observed from the ground at Batesville, Mississippi, 17 July 1952. First sighted 010700Z and observed for period of approximately 30 minutes by two State Highway Patrolmen.
2. Reported as two or three round objects, approximately 100 feet in diameter, looking like blue fluorescent lights. Estimated altitude of one object 11,000 feet, estimated altitude of the other from 3,000 to 5,000 feet.
3. Objects at first seemed to stand still, and then had a gradual back and forth (North and then South) movement. No speed or sound reported.
4. Weather in the area at the time of the sighting was:
 - a. Broken clouds at 10,000 to 12,000 feet with an overcast above at 20,000 to 25,000 feet, visibility unrestricted.
 - b. Winds aloft reported: 3,000 to 5,000 feet, from 160° at 20 to 25 knots
20,000 to 25,000 feet, from 160° at 15 to 20 knots
5. Witnesses were J. D. Watts and J. L. Coggins of the Mississippi State Highway Patrol.
6. Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center (CAA) reported that B-29 aircraft were refueling in air in the vicinity. Hunter Air Force Base, Savannah, Georgia, advised that B-29 types from that base use white spot lights, in addition to standard aircraft lights, when refueling in air at night. There was no position report to indicate an aircraft might have been involved.
7. No physical evidence of sighting reported, and no interception or identification action taken.
8. Information was received by Maxwell Flight Service Center from Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center 012000Z 17 July. Teletype FLYORPT was submitted by Maxwell Flight Service Center 0747Z 17 July.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. The sound of B29 aircraft refueling overhead should have been audible to observers, unless covered by other noises, such as automobile, radio, etc. Stationary appearance at first sighting, and absence of movement other than gradual back and forth shifting for period of 30 minutes, tends to discount refueling aircraft spotlights diffused by clouds.
2. Method of transmission of information from observers to Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center was not reported.

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