

PROJECT WOLF RECORD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	4. SOURCE	5. DURATION	6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	7. COURSE	8. COMMENTS
18 Jul 52	MIAMI FLA	XCF Road-Visual	Civilian man	10 sec	1	E	

Opaque, silvery bubble moved smoothly through sky at high speed over Miami by mail clerk and young daughter.

1. Balloon released from Miami International 15 min prior to sighting winds up to 40,000' going in opposite direction, however.

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COUNTRY: United States

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED: Miami, Florida

DATE OF REPORT: 19 July 1952

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: 18 July 1952

PREPARED BY: Major John H. Sharpe

FROM: Intelligence Office, 435th Troop Carrier Wing (M), MIA, Miami, Florida

CLASSIFICATION: F-3

STATUS: Civilian Observer

SUMMARY: (For use by recipient only. Do not quote in public reports. Do not discuss in reports of 15 days or less.)

On 19 July 1952, [redacted], a Post Office employee of Miami, Florida reported sighting an unconventional flying object. [redacted] was interviewed by the undersigned and gave the following information:

On 18 July 1952 at about 1100 hours, [redacted] was in the yard of his home at [redacted] Court, Miami, Florida. He heard the noise of an aircraft and looked up to locate it. He did not see the aircraft immediately, but did see what appeared to be a spherical transparent bubble about five (5) feet in diameter moving from west to east across the sky south of his position, at an elevation of about 45° above the horizon. At first he thought it was below the clouds. However, as he watched it passed into or behind a cloud. He watched it appear momentarily and again disappear behind a large cloud from which it did not again appear.

[redacted] then decided that the object was opaque, silvery in color and much larger than it first appeared. He called the attention of his stepdaughter, aged eleven, to the object and she labelled it a "flying saucer." [redacted] stated that he had the object under observation for a total of about ten seconds, and that during that time it moved from a position south of him to almost east, through an arc of 75°.

The object moved smoothly, with no sound or visible exhaust. [redacted] could detect no physical features, but concluded that it was propelled. Considering the performance of the object, [redacted] decided the thing was 50 to 200 feet in diameter; about two (2) miles distant and traveled at over 1,000 mph. It appeared to him to be perfectly spherical.

COMMENT of Preparing Officer:

[redacted] object could very well have been a weather balloon released at Miami International Airport about 1045 hours, except for two reasons:

1. The winds at that time were fairly strong, about 25 mph, and were consistently from the east and east-southeast from the surface up to 40,000 feet. The balloon was released at least five miles north of [redacted] position and could not possibly have drifted to the south [redacted] house. [redacted] noted that the object moved across the direction the clouds were moving, not with them. The cloud coverage was 3/8 cumulus from 2,000 to 6,500 feet.
2. It would have been impossible for a weather balloon to travel such a tremendous distance in a few seconds, even with the wind behind it.

[redacted] appeared to be a normal and reliable person. He is a former PAA employee and is accustomed to the appearance of all types of aircraft in flight. Probably his description of what he saw is accurate.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>18 July '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Miami, Florida</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1100</i> Zebra: <i>1500</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady
<i>Note light</i>		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>Intelligence Office, 435th Troop Carrier Wing, MIA</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		<i>N/D</i>
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Night <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>AT 45°</i>

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 15 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Miami Fla.	Weather Balloon	USDA Weather Serv.			
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Unreliable
 Extremely Doubtful
 Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

Was Balloon
 Probably Balloon
 Possibly Balloon

Was Aircraft
 Probably Aircraft
 Possibly Aircraft

Was Astronomical
 Probably Astronomical
 Possibly Astronomical

Other: _____

Insufficient Data For Evaluation

Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

Weather balloon released from Miami 1045 EST but winds were in opposite direction of the subjects WEST to EAST.

