

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. LOCATION

2 AUG 52

KEESLER AFB, MISS.

12. CONCLUSIONS

Was Balloon  
 Probably Balloon  
 Possible Balloon

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

02/1920 CST

03/0120 Z

Ground-Visual

Ground-Radar

Air-Visual

Air-Intercept Radar

Was Aircraft  
 Probably Aircraft  
 Possible Aircraft

5. SOURCE

Airman

Was Astronomical  
 Probably Astronomical (MFTOR)  
 Possibly Astronomical

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

2 sec

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

Other  
 Insufficient Data for Evaluation  
 Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

11. COMMENTS

Round, white object was seen for several seconds shooting downward. A trail comparable to flying pyrotechnics was observed.

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SF T

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| 1. DATE OF OBSERVATION<br><i>Aug 52</i> | 2. TIME OF OBSERVATION<br><i>1930 CST</i> | 3. STATION OBSERVING<br><i>Wheeler AFB</i> |
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| 4. WINDS ALOFT:    |                     |                        |                    |                     |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| ALTIMUDE<br>(feet) | VELOCITY<br>(knots) | DIRECTION<br>(degrees) | ALTIMUDE<br>(feet) | VELOCITY<br>(knots) | DIRECTION<br>(degrees) |
| 0                  |                     |                        | 25,000             |                     |                        |
| 1,000              |                     |                        | 30,000             |                     |                        |
| 2,000              | <i>8</i>            | <i>215</i>             | 35,000             |                     |                        |
| 3,000              |                     |                        | 40,000             |                     |                        |
| 4,000              | <i>5</i>            | <i>030</i>             | 45,000             |                     |                        |
| 5,000              |                     |                        | 50,000             |                     |                        |
| 6,000              | <i>10</i>           | <i>040</i>             | 55,000             |                     |                        |
| 7,000              |                     |                        | 60,000             |                     |                        |
| 8,000              | <i>15</i>           | <i>040</i>             | 65,000             |                     |                        |
| 9,000              |                     |                        | 70,000             |                     |                        |
| 10,000             | <i>5</i>            | <i>030</i>             | 75,000             |                     |                        |
| 12,000             | <i>5</i>            | <i>360</i>             | 80,000             |                     |                        |
| 14,000             | <i>10</i>           | <i>340</i>             | 85,000             |                     |                        |
| 16,000             | <i>10</i>           | <i>340</i>             | 90,000             |                     |                        |
| 18,000             |                     |                        | 95,000             |                     |                        |
| 20,000             |                     |                        | 100,000            |                     |                        |

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what altitude? \_\_\_\_\_ )

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what quadrant? \_\_\_\_\_ )

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| 7. CLOUD COVER:<br><i>2</i> tenths at <i>25,000</i> feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet.<br>_____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet. | 8. VISIBILITY WAS<br><i>1 1/2</i> MILES. |
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9. COMMENTS:

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| COUNTRY<br><b>USA</b>   | REPORT NO.<br><b>IR-3-52</b>  | (LEAVE BLANK)            |
| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>  |   |                          |
| SUBJECT<br><b>Report of Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object</b>  |   |                          |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br><b>Southeast Mississippi</b>  | FROM (Agency)<br><b>Wing Intelligence Office<br/>Keesler AFB, Mississippi</b> |                          |
| DATE OF REPORT<br><b>1 August 1952</b>  | DATE OF INFORMATION<br><b>2 August 1952</b>                                   | EVALUATION<br><b>P-3</b> |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br><b>Major Eli S. Fowler, Jr.</b>  | SOURCE<br><b>Airman First Class Gerald T. McCabe</b>                          |                          |
| REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)<br><b>Ltr, AFOW-C/CC-2, Hq USAF, dtd 19 Dec 51, Subj: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects</b> |   |                          |

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 II.)

1. At approximately 1920 hours, CST, 2 August 1952, Airman First Class Gerald T. McCabe sighted an unidentified flying object in the sky North Northeast of his geographical position of approximately 30°20'N/88°57'W. The object was reported as being round in shape (comparable to that of the burst of a flare) and white in color. The size of the object was compared to that of a circle eighteen (18) inches in diameter; the distance from the observer to the object was estimated as being from one-half (1/2) to one (1) mile, and the altitude was estimated as approximating three thousand (3000) feet. No aerodynamic features were observed.

2. The period of observation was estimated as being two (2) seconds. The object appeared in front of and below a twin-engine aircraft believed by the observer to be a C-47. The object, traveling at a speed estimated as being greater than that of jet aircraft, then trailed off and seemed to disintegrate in a downward, curving backward trail. The observer could distinguish no definite sound coming from the object; an exhaust comparable to that of pyrotechnics dying out was noted.

3. Acting upon observer's assumption that the twin-engine aircraft was a C-47, Base Operations, Keesler Air Force Base was contacted. It was revealed that one (1) C-47 aircraft landed at Keesler Air Force Base at 1950 hours, CST, 2 August 1952. Interrogation of available crew members revealed no further information on reported unidentified flying object.

*11-12-52*

APPROVED:

*Eli S. Fowler Jr.*  
**EELI S. FOWLER, JR.**  
Major, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

2 INCL

- 1. Weather Data
  - 2. Statement of Observer
- W/S incl (1-2)  
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Orig to Hq USAF  
Info cys to CG ATRC, Attn: D/I  
CG TAF, Attn: D/I

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**AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT**

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Report of Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object

**Information Pertinent to Objects Sighted:**

**1. Shape**

The shape of the object was reported as being round, comparable to the shape of a flare.

**2. Size:**

The size of the object was estimated as approximating that of a circle eighteen (18) inches in diameter.

**3. Color:**

The object was observed as being white.

**4. Number:**

One (1).

**5. Trail or exhaust:**

A definite trail, comparable to that of pyrotechnics dying out, was observed by observer. No smoke or other exhaust was observed.

**6. Propulsion system:**

None observed.

**7. Speeds:**

The speed of the object was estimated as approximating the top speed of a jet type aircraft (approximately 650 - 700 miles per hour).

**8. Sounds:**

Negative.

**9. Maneuvers:**

The object was sighted in front of and below a twin-engine aircraft, assumed by observer to be a C-47 aircraft. The object, traveling at a high rate of speed, trailed off and seemed to disintegrate in a downward, curving backward trail. Estimated time of observation was approximately two (2) seconds.

**10. Manner of disappearance:**

See 9 above.

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**11. Time sighted:**

Approximately 1920 hours, CST, 2 August 1952. The length of time object was observed was estimated as being two (2) seconds.

**12. Manner of observations:**

Visual observation from a surface location.

**13. Location of observer and object, respectively:**

Observer:

Location: Approximately 30°20'N/88°57'W

Object:

Distance: The distance was estimated by the observer as being one-half (½) to one (1) mile from his ground position.

Direction: North Northeast of observer's ground position.

Altitude: Altitude was estimated as being three thousand (3000) feet.

**14. Information on observer and witness:**

Observer:

Name: Airman First Class Gerald T. McCabe, AF 13361788

Duty Assignment: Senior Accounting Clerk, Wing Accounting Office, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

Estimate of Reliability: Observer appeared to be intelligent, serious, conscientious, and experienced in the identification of aircraft.

Experience: Observer stated that he had approximately five hundred (500) hours time of aircraft spotter duty during World War II.

Witness:

None.

**15. Weather and Wind Conditions:**

See Inclosure 1 hereto.

**16. Meteorological condition (or otherwise) which might account for sighting:**

Unknown.

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**17. Existence of physical evidence:**

**Negative.**

**18. Interception or identification action taken:**

**Negative.**

**COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:**

The short duration of the sighting of unidentified object and the lack of witnesses thereto preclude an accurate determination of the reliability of above report.

*Eli S. Fowler, Jr.*  
**ELI S. FOWLER, JR.**  
**Major, USAF**  
**Intelligence Officer**

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BASE WEATHER STATION  
11TH WEATHER SQUADRON  
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISS.

4 August 1952

SUBJECT: Weather Data for 2 August 1952 1930C

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AF489467

TO : Wing Intelligence Officer  
3380th Technical Training Wing  
Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

1. The following is hourly observation and explanation of weather for 1930 hours 2 August 1952:

2500 12 125/88/77 12/989/

|                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sky condition      | 2/10 Cirrus clouds bases 25000 feet. |
| Visibility         | 12 miles.                            |
| Sea Level Pressure | 1012.5 millibars                     |
| Temperature        | 88° F.                               |
| Dew Point          | 77° F.                               |
| Surface Wind       | Southwest 12 knots.                  |
| Altimeter Setting  | 29.89 inches.                        |

2. Winds aloft for this date were as follows:

|           |      |           |
|-----------|------|-----------|
| 2000 ft.  | 270° | 8 knots.  |
| 4000 ft.  | 030° | 5 knots.  |
| 6000 ft.  | 040° | 10 knots. |
| 8000 ft.  | 040° | 15 knots. |
| 10000 ft. | 030° | 5 knots.  |
| 12000 ft. | 360° | 5 knots.  |
| 14000 ft. | 340° | 10 knots. |
| 16000 ft. | 340° | 10 knots. |

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DALTON F. NEWTON  
Major, USAF  
Ass't Station Weather Officer

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STATEMENT

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AF 159467

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this nature, Airman First Class Gerald T. McCabe, AF 13361788, Headquarters Squadron Section, 3380th Technical Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, and upon being warned of his rights under the 31st Article, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and upon being duly sworn according to law, made the following voluntarily sworn statement:

"I was walking along a street at approximately 1920 hours CST, the night of 2 August 1952. As I came near Base Supply and was about to cross the street, I heard an airplane overhead and glanced up. Just as I looked up, I saw a white flash in front of and below the aircraft, which appeared to me to be a twin-engine aircraft, possibly a C-47. This flash then trailed off and seemed to disintegrate in a downward and curving backward trail. The direction was approximately North Northeast. The aircraft was flying at approximately 5000 - 7000 feet and continued in a straight path thereby taking it out over the Gulf of Mexico. The length of the flash and the trailing off thereof was approximately two (2) seconds."

*Gerald T. McCabe*  
Gerald T. McCabe  
Airman First Class, USAF  
AF 13361788

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the fourth (4th) day of August 1952, at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

*S. W. Bourgeois*  
S. W. BOURGEOIS  
CWO, USAF  
Asst Wg Adj

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## PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

## I. GENERAL

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1. DATE<br><i>2 Aug 52</i>                             | 2. LOCATION<br><i>Headquarters AFB, Miss</i>  | 3. TIME<br>Local: <i>1720</i><br>Zebra: <i>050120</i> |
| 4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye<br><input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars<br><input type="checkbox"/> Telescope<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite               | <input type="checkbox"/> No                           |
| 5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> By One Set<br><input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets<br><input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                |
| 6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object<br><input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                |
| 7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made<br><input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                |
| 8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Normal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Violent   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                |
| 9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Blinking<br><input type="checkbox"/> Steady  |   |
| 10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes  |   |
| 11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) | <i>Wing Intelligence Office, Headquarters AFB, Miss.</i>  |   |

## II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

|  |  |                             |
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| 12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?                                  | <i>None</i>  |                             |
| 13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac) | <input type="checkbox"/> Night<br><input type="checkbox"/> Day<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunset |                             |

## III. AIRCRAFT DATA

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

**IV. BALLOON DATA**

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?  Yes  No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

|    | Location | Type | Launching Agency | Lighted? |    | Describe Lighting |
|----|----------|------|------------------|----------|----|-------------------|
|    |          |      |                  | Yes      | No |                   |
| a. |          |      |                  |          |    |                   |
| b. |          |      |                  |          |    |                   |
| c. |          |      |                  |          |    |                   |
| d. |          |      |                  |          |    |                   |

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**V. EVALUATION**

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| <p>21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Doubtful</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hoax</p>  | <p>22. DETAILS OF REPORT:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient to Evaluate</p>   |   |  |
| <p>23. FINAL EVALUATION:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p> <br/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p> <br/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p> </td> </tr> </table> |  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p><br><p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p><br><p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p> |
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| <p>24. COMMENTS:</p><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>   |  |   |  |