

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

13 Aug 52

2. LOCATION

Keesler AFB, Miss.

12. CONCLUSIONS

3. DATE

10/0210
10/0110

4. TYPE OF OBJECT

1. Ground-Based
2. Air-Based
3. Air-Based - Opt. Radar

- Was Balloon
- Probably Balloon
- Possibly Balloon
- Was Aircraft
- Probably Aircraft
- Possibly Aircraft
- Was Astronomical
- Probably Astronomical
- Possibly Astronomical
- Other
- Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- Unknown

5. NOTES

X

6. SOURCE

2 civilian men

7. LENGTH OF SIGHTING

8 - 10 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 9. COURSE

2 IREQ

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Orange, oval shaped object the size of a penny at arm's length, executed erratic maneuvers at speed of about 200 mph. Radar instructor at Keesler and optical worker are the sources.

11. COMMENTS

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Report of Sighting of Unidentified Object

AREA REPORTED ON Southeast Mississippi FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office
Keesler AFB, Mississippi

DATE OF REPORT 11 August 1952 DATE OF INFORMATION 10 August 1952 EVALUATION F-3

PREPARED BY (Officer) Major Eli S. Fowler, Jr. SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Ltr, AFOIN-3/CC-2, Hq USAF, dtd 19 Dec 51, Subj: "(Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects"

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.)

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1. At approximately 0210 hours, CST, 10 August 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] (observer) and Mr. [REDACTED] (witness) sighted two (2) unidentified flying objects in the sky west of their geographical position of 30°20'N/88°57'W. The objects were reported as being oval-shaped and grayish-orange in color by the observer, [REDACTED], and oval-shaped and orange in color by the witness, [REDACTED]. The size of the objects was reported as being comparable to a penny held at arm's length. No indication as to height or distance was forwarded by the observer but the witness estimated that the objects were at an altitude of approximately two thousand (2000) feet. Speed was estimated by both observer and witness as being approximately two hundred (200) miles per hour. No aerodynamic features were observed.

2. The period of observation was estimated at being five (5) to ten (10) seconds. The objects were first observed at an azimuth of 315° and traveling in a north-north-east direction. The objects were reported as being very maneuverable and executed veering turns to the left and right. No verticle movement was observed. After the five (5) to ten (10) second interval of observation had elapsed, the objects turned to a north-east heading and disappeared from view behind a tall building at approximately 15° azimuth. The observer and witness could distinguish no sound or visible means of propulsion.

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3 INCL.

- 1. Weather Data
- 2. Statement - [REDACTED]
- 3. Statement - [REDACTED]

W/O [REDACTED]
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Report of Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects

Information Pertinent to Objects Sighted:

1. Shape:

The shape of the objects was reported as being oval.

2. Size:

The size of the objects was estimated as being approximately that of a penny held at arm's length by observer, (see Inclosure 2) and by witness as being that of the size of a fingernail at arm's length (see Inclosure 3).

3. Color:

The objects were observed as being grayish-orange by observer, (see Inclosure 2) and as being orange by witness (see Inclosure 3).

4. Number:

Two (2).

5. Trail or exhaust:

No trail or exhaust observed.

6. Propulsion System:

No propulsion system observed.

7. Speed:

The speed of the objects was estimated as being approximately two hundred (200) miles per hour by observer, (see Inclosure 2) and at approximately two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) miles per hour by witness (see Inclosure 3).

8. Sound:

No sound was in evidence.

9. Maneuvers:

Objects were reported to be extremely maneuverable and executed sharp, veering turns to both left and right. No vertical movements were observed.

10. Manner of Disappearance:

There was no change of maneuvers from those reported in Item 9 above when the objects disappeared behind a building.

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11. Time Sighted:

Approximately 0210 hours, CST, 10 August 1952. The length of time objects were observed was estimated as being from five (5) to ten (10) seconds.

12. Manner of observation:

Visual observation from a surface location.

13. Location of observer and objects, respectively:

Observer:

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

Objects:

Distance: No estimate of distance was given.

Direction: When first sighted, objects were West of observer at an azimuth of approximately 315°. When last seen, objects were at an azimuth of approximately 15°. Path of travel was North Northeast and Northeast.

Altitude: Observer presented no estimate of altitude; witness estimated the altitude as being approximately two thousand (2000) feet.

14. Information on observer and witness:

Observer:

Name: Mr. [REDACTED] Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Occupation: Radar Instructor, Dolan Hall, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

Estimate of Reliability: Observer appeared to be alert, serious, and fully aware of the significance of his statements.

Experience: No experience in visual aircraft identification; served in United States Navy as a Radar Technician and occasional radar operator.

Witness:

Name: Mr. [REDACTED] Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Occupation: Optical Worker

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14. Information on observer and witness (cont'd):

Witness (cont'd):

Estimate of Reliability: Witness appeared to be intelligent and aware of the significance of his statements.

Experience: Witness has had no experience in aircraft identification.

15. Weather and Wind Conditions:

See Inclosure 1 hereto.

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

Unknown.

17. Existence of Physical Evidence:

Negative.

18. Interception or identification action taken:

Negative.

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