

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 June 53 3/0420Z	2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas
3. SOURCE Varied	10. CONCLUSION SEARCHLIGHT ACTIVITY
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Six	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hours	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Numerous unidentified lights that emitted a powerful yellowish glow observed flying and maneuvering over San Antonio, Texas. Observers stated only 3 of the 6 lights were visible at a time. Lights flew about haphazardly and circled in no particular formation. COMMENTS: OD at Randolph AFB stated that no a/c were airborne in the area. Since the lights were observed 2 hours, it is believed that lights were reflections, possibly searchlights. WX data not obtained and an effort to locate searchlights not indicated. Sighting similar to reports of searchlight activity.
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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DATE-TIME GROUP

~~221300Z~~ JUNE 53

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ORIGINAL MESSAGE

MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

YES

NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

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SAIP-284

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FROM: AFOLN-ATIAZ-6-15-B

Reference your message SAIP-284. In regard to observation of white light observed over San Antonio, Texas, on 16 June 53, ATIC agrees with your evaluation. ATIC also emphasizes the importance of attempting an evaluation at reporting level such as you have done. To give you a background of Project Blue Book evaluations, sightings of 19 May at Ellington AFB, Texas, and 23 May at Lackland AFB, Texas, have been evaluated as probably aircraft by ATIC specialists.

No reply is required.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAZ-5 _____ Date _____
Lt Olsson

ATIAE _____ Date _____
Col Johnston

ATIA _____ Date _____
Col McDuffee

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LT R.M. OLSSON/rs

OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT C. BROWN, MAJOR, USAF
AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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TELEPHONE

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

FLYOBREP

AREA REPORTED ON

San Antonio, Texas

FROM (Agency)

Commander, SAAMA

DATE OF REPORT

22 June 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

18 June 1953

EVALUATION

Unevaluated

PREPARED BY (Officer)

Lt Col Robert W. Fox

SOURCE

Eye-Witness

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AF Ltr 200-5 dated 29 April 1952

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.)

One elliptical-shaped, lighted object, which appeared to be the size of an ordinary envelope held at arms length, was observed 1945 hours, CST, 16 June 1953, motionlessly in the sky over San Antonio, Texas.

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1. Statement - Sherwood

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AF FORM 112—PART II
APPROVED 1 JUNE 1948

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE	1	OF	1	PAGES
Commander, SAAMA						

In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

(1) Object was elliptical-shaped and appeared to be equal to the size of a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " envelope held at arms length. Only one object was observed. No aerodynamic features noted, no trail or exhaust nor propulsion system noted. Object appeared to be suspended in the sky and remained motionless throughout the sighting. No sound was heard. Object disappeared quickly much in the same manner as would a light being extinguished. Observer stated that object was quite similiar to a cloud or smoke through which a light was shining.

(2) Object was observed 1945 hours, CST, 16 June 1953 for approximately five minutes.

(3) A visual ground observation through 7x50 power binoculars was made.

(4) Observer was at his place of duty, the control tower at Kelly AFB, Texas, at the time of the sighting. Object was in the WNW sky at an estimated altitude of between ten to fifteen thousand feet and at a distance of between ten to fifteen miles from the observer.

(5) Object observed by A/1C Robert C. Sherwood, AF 16383011; A/2C Albert R. Kostal, AF 27710756; and A/1C William J. Huber, AF 15294235; all from the 1923rd AACGS Sq, Kelly AFB, Texas. Reliability of observers unknown.

(6) Fair weather prevailed at the time of the sighting. Visibility was fifteen miles. Wind at ten thousand feet from SE at 10 miles per hour; wind at twelve thousand feet from SE at 10 miles per hour. A few scattered strata cumulus clouds at six thousand feet reported.

(7) Observers stated belief that due to the physical make up of the object that the sighting could be explained as the reflection of the sun on a high cirrus cloud.

(8) There is no physical evidence of the sighting.

(9) Local AC & W unit contacted with negative results. ATRC Center, San Antonio, Texas, contacted with like results.

(10) No air traffic reported in the general area at the time of the sighting.

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S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 1945 hours, 16 June 1953, I was on duty as a control tower operator, at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. The sun had just set and I was scanning the sky, keeping track of air traffic in the area, when I noticed an elliptical-shaped light that appeared to be suspended in the WNW sky. At first sight, I thought this light might possibly be an unidentified flying object, then I reasoned that it may have been the sun drawing water. This object gave the appearance of a light shining on a cloud or smoke. It appeared to be approximately the size of a regular envelope held at arms length. I observed this light through binoculars but could not see any additional detail. I notified the AC&W Squadron at Lackland AF Base but they reported nothing on their scopes. ARTC Center, San Antonio, was also notified with the same results. After watching the light for approximately five minutes, it suddenly disappeared. I am firmly convinced that the light was caused by the reflection of the sun on a high cirrus cloud.

I certify that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:


ROBERT C. SHERWOOD

OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 16 JUNE 1953
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 19 45 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern
 b. Central
 c. Mountain
 d. Pacific
 e. Other _____

(Circle One) a. Daylight Saving
 b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

- a. Certain
 b. Fairly certain
 c. Not very sure
 d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

KELLY AFB SAN ANTONIO TEXAS MEXICO
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

- (Circle One): a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other CONTROL TOWER

3.1 Were You

- (Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other NEAR AN AIRFIELD

4. How did you happen to notice the object? IT IS MY JOB
TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKY IN OUR
AREA.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

16 JUNE 53
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? _____

WORKING.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

HAD BEEN RUNNING THE CONTROL TOWER
SINCE 1700 HRS.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes or No.

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

~~7.1~~ What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North	e. South
b. Northeast	f. Southwest
c. East	g. West
d. Southeast	h. Northwest

~~7.2~~ How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

~~7.3~~ Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

CONT.

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8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|---|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | <input checked="" type="radio"/> h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|---|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | <input checked="" type="radio"/> h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Certain | e. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
 - b. Hazy
 - c. Scattered Clouds
 - d. Thick or heavy clouds
 - e. Don't remember
- DARK CLOUDS ON HORIZON*

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

SECTION 3

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 5 MINUTES
Hour Minutes Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly sure
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look (opaque or) solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object do any of the following:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.2	Change shape?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.5	Exploded into parts or exploded?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.6	Gave off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<u>No</u>	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? WHITE

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color SNOW WHITE

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? JUST ONE
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

CONTD.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes Don't know

19. Which of the following object's is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One)

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| a. Pea | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other <u>LARGER THAN A DIRIGIBLE</u> |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| a. Certain | e. Not very sure |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 10000 - 15000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 10-15 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 0 miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| a. Certain | e. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Just a guess |

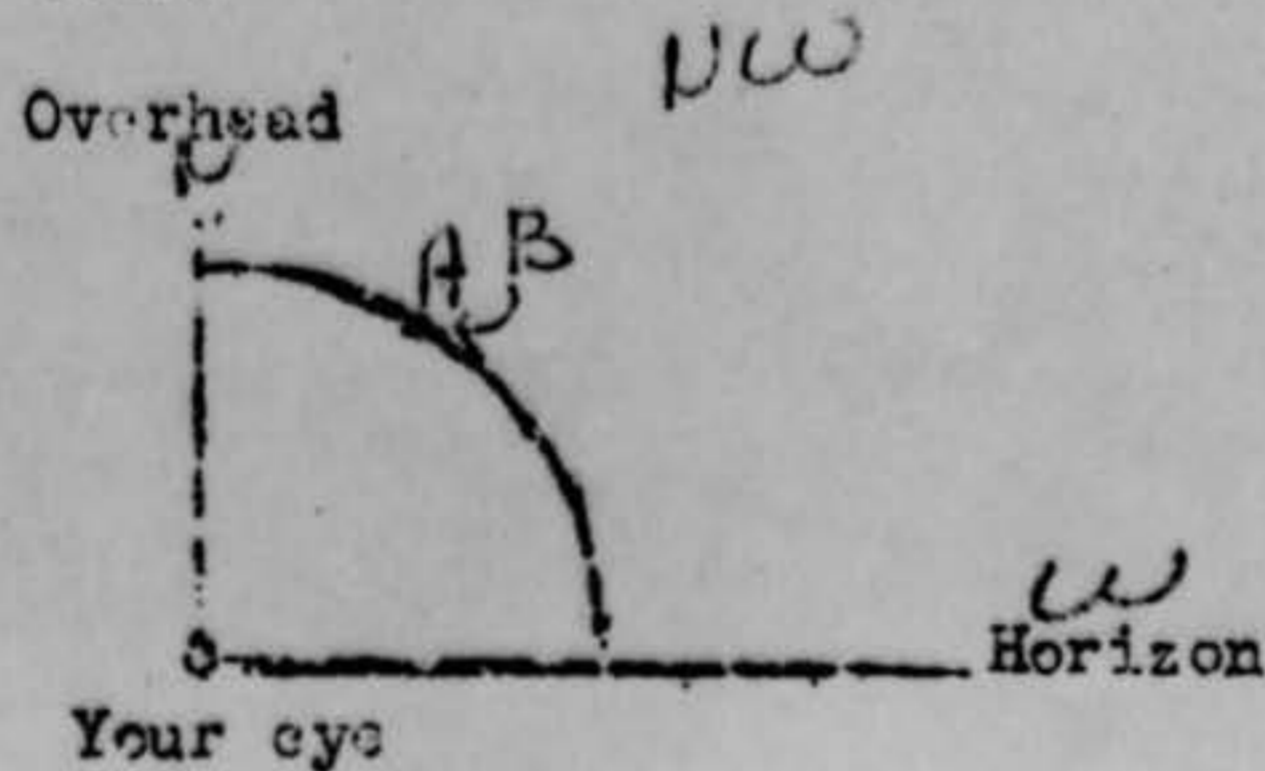
21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One): a. Suddenly c. Other _____
- b. Gradually d. Don't remember

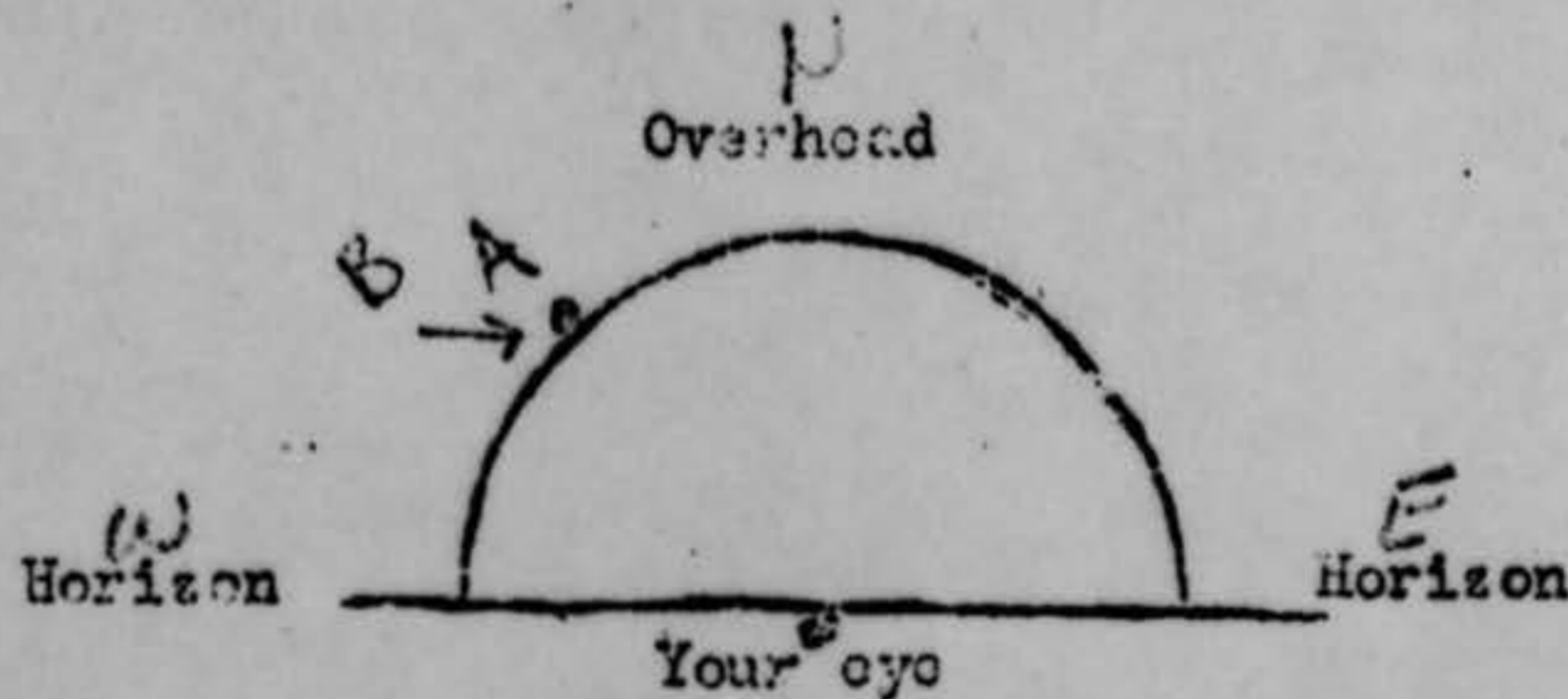
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SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

NO MOTION WAS OBSERVED

S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 10:20 PM on 2 June 1953, I was out in the back yard hanging clothes on the line. At the time I was facing southeast. When placing a pin in the clothes, I happened to look up and saw a streak of light. At first I believed it to be a so called, falling star, but the unidentified object was continuing to move at what seemed to be an extremely high altitude and also another similiar object was following behind it at some distance. I could hear no sound from the objects and they seemed to be going at a terrific speed. Immediately I called my husband and we went to the front yard. I showed him the direction they were going and he picked up into view the same thing I did.

As for the description of the objects and other pertinent information, I agree substantially with the facts stated by my husband.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

IT JUST FLEW IN THE SKY IN THAT POSITION NO MOVEMENT.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this? (Circle One): Yes No

~~26.1~~ IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones?

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? SUN REFLECTING OFF OF A HIGH CIRROUS CLOUD

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME SHERWOOD ROBERT CLARKE
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS 1031 AACS BGD KELLY AFB, TEXAS
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 5938

What is your present job? SUPERVISOR IN KELLY CONTROL TOWER

Age 23

Sex MALE

Last School Attended JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Year of last attendance at this school 1946

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): YES or NO

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): YES or NO

29.2 Please list their name and address:

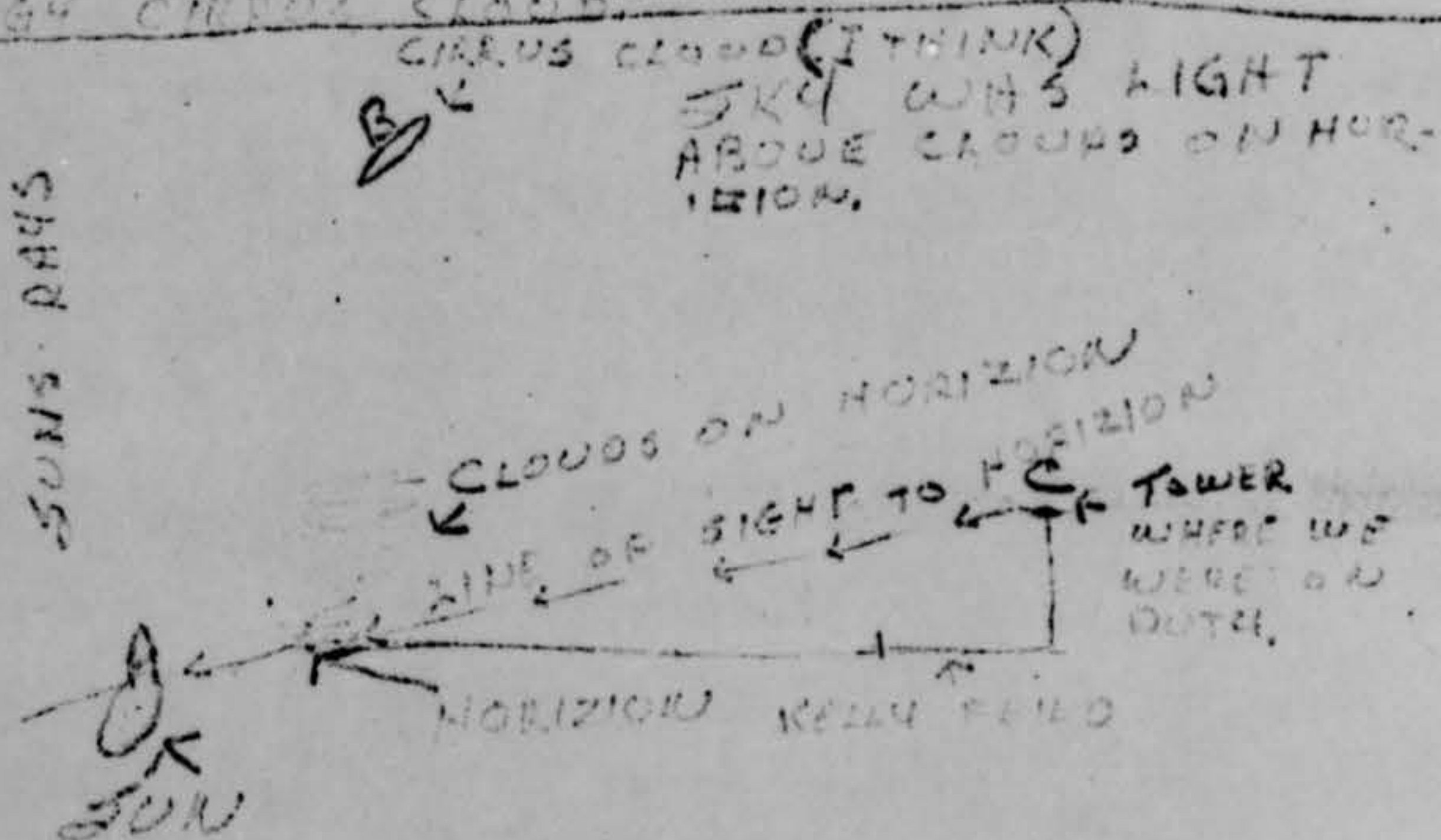
A/C WILLIAM HUBER

A/C ALBERT KASTAL

BOTH TO 1023 HACS SQD KELLY AFB, TEXAS

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional pages if the space is not sufficient.

I BELIEVE IT WAS JUST THE SUN'S REFLECTION OFF A HIGH CIRRUS CLOUD.



ALTHOUGH (A) WAS OUT OF OUR SIGHT I THINK ITS RAYS REFLECTED UP TO (B) AND THEN DOWN TO US AT (C).

S T A T E M E N T

About 10:20 PM on the night of June 2, 1953, my wife called me from the house to identify some objects in the sky. When I located the objects in the sky, there were two objects and seemed to be at a very high altitude, changing speeds at will, and moving in all directions. The objects, as I saw them, were yellow in color and were round. However, all I could see was the yellow color taking the shape of some round object.

There were three objects in the air at one time traveling in different directions, i.e., circling, flying directly overhead, and zig-zaging motion. The total number of objects seen was six but there is a chance the three in the air at one time returned.

I called our next door neighbor, Capt. [REDACTED], US Army (MSC), to get his opinion on the lighted objects. My wife, Capt. [REDACTED], and myself were unable to identify the objects so I called Kelly AF Base and informed the Air Police Officer of the Day that such objects were in the air. After watching these objects for about an hour I again called the OD of the Air Police at Kelly for some information on these objects and he stated that he had informed security at Kelly of my sighting.

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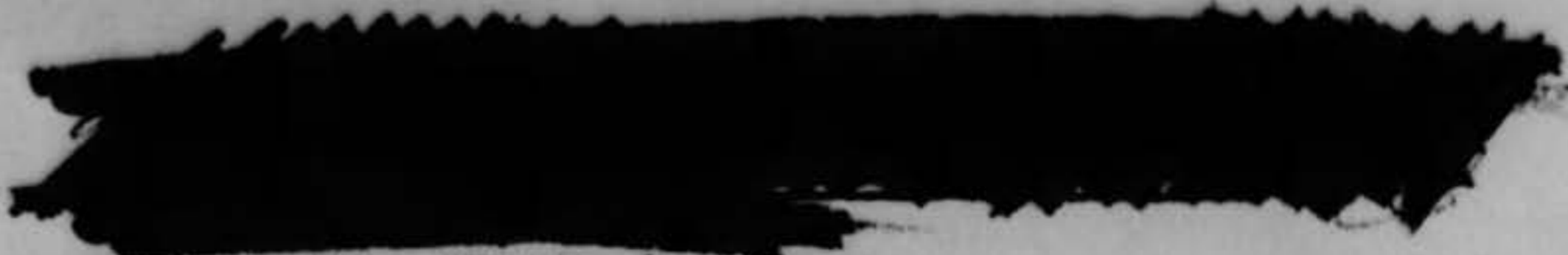
A few moments later I called Randolph Air Force Base and was connected with the Officer of the Day and informed him of the objects. He returned my call and stated that the objects were being sighted by him at Randolph and that he was taking immediate action to find out exactly what they were. He stated that the objects very definitely were not planes.

During the two hours that I watched the movement of the objects I called Lackland Air Craft And Warning Unit and reported to the officer in charge of what was being seen by myself, wife, and Capt. [REDACTED]. The attitude of the officer in charge was certainly not one of very much concern over my report and his whole conversation and manner was one of extreme unimportance to such a report coming from a fellow air force officer. I would think that an officer in such an important position would be more alert to such reports than was exhibited by this officer.

The objects were seen for at least two hours and the last two of the objects were in formation moving in the direction toward Randolph Air Force Base. It was about 12:30 AM, June 3, 1953 when I last sighted the objects and I was getting

just a little tired by then so retired to bed.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to
the best of my knowledge:

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1st Lt USAF (MSC)

Incl 2³

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 June 53 17/0145Z	2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION LIGHT REFLECTION ON CLOUDS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object was observed through 7X50 power binoculars. A few scattered strata cumulus clouds at 6000 ft and it was believed by observers that the object was rays of setting sun reflecting off a
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 - 4 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION (7X50 BX) Ground-Visual	Elliptical shaped object giving off white light was observed for 2-4 minutes over San Antonio, Texas. Object appeared to be suspended in the air at a 35 deg angle from observers. Observers stated that object appeared to be smoke with a light reflecting on it.
7. COURSE 307 deg (RWS)	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, *President*

COLUMBUS 10

EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

8 July 1953

Lt. Robert Olsson
ATIC - Wright-Patterson AFB

Dear Lt. Olsson,

Now that Jennie has her preliminary clearance, she can help me handle the reports and can type the letters to you and to your successor. This will improve the quality of the typing (!) I am sure. I cannot guarantee spelling. (Neither can I.)

With respect to the two wires you sent us on June 23, there is only one thing to say: The 21 June Pepperrell AFB case must be tossed out because of grossly insufficient data. Do you think there is a glimmer of anything interesting there which would justify sending a Form A? It seems to me that reports of this kind just clutter up the wires without accomplishing anything.

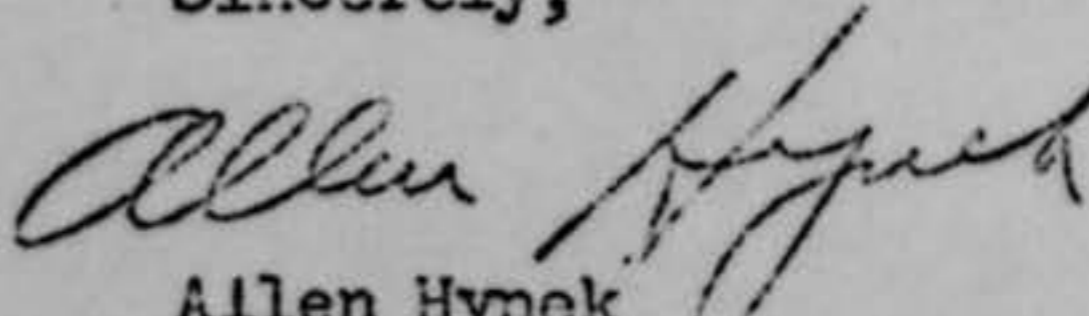
The San Antonio 16 June is clearly a meteorological phenomenon and one that would warm the heart of Menzel. This was undoubtedly as suggested, namely the light of the setting sun on a high cloud.

Referring to the follow-up statement on the 10 June Detroit case, both Jennie and I still think this was a landing light and agree it could not have been a meteor.


Business is a little slow. Jen is going ahead with requesting cooperation from the air control tower operators. Her usefulness has increased in view of her temporary clearance and I hope that her full clearance will not be too long in coming.

I hope we can see you soon and wish you a bon voyage into Law School.

Sincerely,


Allen Hynek

16 June 1953


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San Antonio, Texas

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Description

Several airmen in the control tower at Kelly AF Base observed an unidentified flying object at 1945 CST 16 June 1953 for approximately 5 minutes. This object was elliptical shaped and appeared to be equal to the size of a $4\frac{1}{4}$ by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inch envelope held at arm's length. No aerodynamic features, trail, exhaust, or propulsion system were noted. Object disappeared quickly in much the same manner as would a light being extinguished. Observers stated that object was quite similar to a cloud or smoke through which a light was shining.

Discussion

A check with airfields in the vicinity determined that there were no aircraft in the area at the time of sighting. The local AC&W squadron was contacted with no results. The observer's statement -- "Due to the physical makeup of the object, this sighting could be explained as the reflection of the sun on a high cirrus cloud."

Conclusion

Other - Probably light reflection on cloud.

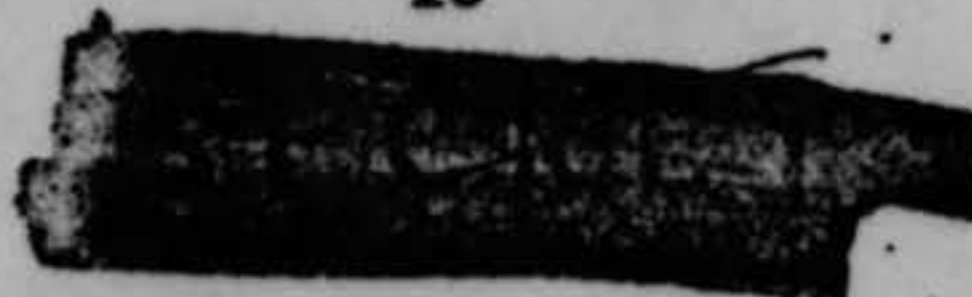
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1 ELLIPTICAL-SHAPED OBJECT THAT GAVE OFF A WHITE LIGHT WAS OBSERVED

1945 HOURS CST, 16 JUNE 1953 HOVERING OVER SAN ANTONIO TEXAS.

2 OBJECT OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY FROM 2 TO 4 MINUTES. OBJECT APPEARED

TO BE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO THE SIZE OF A 4 BY 9 INCH ENVELOPE WILD

AT ARMS LENGTH. OBSERVATION MADE BY A/1 C ROBERT C CHERWOOD AF1638327

1; A/2C ALBERT R KOSTAL AF 27718735; AND A/1C WILLIAM J HUDER

AF 15294235; ALL FROM THE 1923 AACT SQ KELLY AFB TEXAS. OBSERVERS

ARE CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS AT KELLY AFB TEXAS. DIRECTION OF OBJECT

FROM OBSERVERS ESTIMATED 337 DEGREES OR IN THE NNW. OBJECT APPEARED

TO BE SUSPENDED IN THE SKY AT A 35 DEGREE ANGLE FROM OBSERVERS.

[REDACTED]

PAGE TWO

DISTANCE AND ALTITUDE UNKNOWN. A VISUAL GROUND OBSERVATION THROUGH
7X35 POWER BINOCULARS WAS MADE. NO SOUND WAS HEARD AND NO AERO
DYNAMIC FEATURES NOTED. FAIR WEATHER PREVAILED AT THE TIME OF THE
SIGHTING. VISIBILITY 15 MILES. WIND AT 13000 FEET FROM SOUTHEAST
AT 13 MILES PER HOUR; WIND AT 12000 FEET FROM SOUTH EAST AT 13
MILES PER HOUR. A FEW SCATTERED STRATA CUMULUS CLOUDS AT 6000
FEET REPORTED. OBSERVERS BELIEVED THAT SIGHTING COULD HAVE BEEN
EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT THE SUN HAD JUST SET AND THAT RAYS FROM
THE SUN COULD HAVE BEEN REFLECTING OFF OF A HIGH ALTITUDE CIRRUS CLOUD
AND FURTHER STATED THAT THE OBJECTS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE WAS MUCH
THE SAME AS G SMOKE WITH A LIGHT SHINING ON IT. OBSERVERS FURTHER
SUBSTANTIATED THIS BELIEF BY RECALLING THAT AS THE SUN CONTINUED TO
SET THEY SIMULTANEOUSLY LOST SIGHT OF THE OBJECT. LOCAL AC AND
WARNING UNIT WAS CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING. NO AIR TRAFFIC REPORTED IN THE GENERAL
AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING.

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