

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 June 53 25/0230Z	2. LOCATION New London, Conn.
3. SOURCE Civilian Air Line Pilots	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	TTX received from Olmstead, 2 jet a/c out of Quonset Point had mid-air collision. A/C fell in flames 15 miles W of Quonset Point
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS P.S.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	Pilots of 2 Eastern and 1 American Airline flights observed an object that appeared to burst into flames, break into 2 parts, & fall into ocean. Object observed 10-20 miles out to sea from N., London, Conn.
7. COURSE Not Reported	
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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FLYOB RPT as received from Olmsted Flight Service Center follows:

"FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED 10-20 MILES SSE NEW LONDON, CONN. APPEARED TO BURST INTO FLAMES AS IT BROKE INTO TWO PIECES SOON AFTERWARDS EXTINGUISHING ITSELF AND DROPPING INTO THE OCEAN THE FLYING OBJECT WAS WITNESSED BY THE FOLLOWING
EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT NBR 519W
EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT NBR 452
AMERICAN AIR LINES FLT NBR 359"

Supplemental FLYOB RPT 261145Z follows:

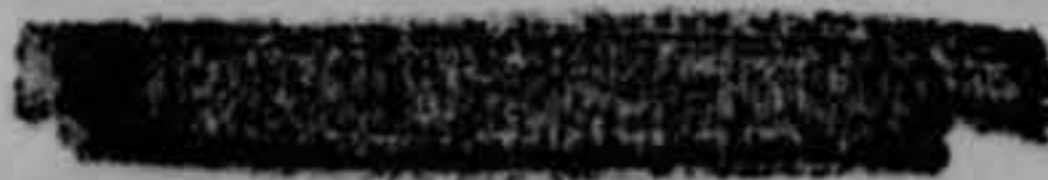
"FLYING OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED BY PILOTS AT APPROX 2130E 24 JUN PD TWO JETS OUT OF QUONSET POINT NAS HAD A MID AIR COLLISION AT 2130E 24 JUNE 53 AIRCRAFT FELL IN FLAMES 15 MILES WEST OF QUONSET POINT NAS PD AMERICAN AND EASTERN AIRLINES PILOTS WHO REPORTED FLYING OBJECT WILL SUBMIT LETTER ON SIGHTING TO DIR INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF AND AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB"

General Remarks:

Although no sighting time is given in the original FLYOB RPT, the geographic locations cited in both messages so nearly coincide as to arouse the suspicion that the airline pilots actually viewed the jet collision.

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24 June 1953

New London, Connecticut

Description

On 24 June 1953 one unidentified flying object was sighted by two Eastern Airlines' flights and one American Airlines' flight approximately 10-20 miles south-southeast of New London, Connecticut. This object appeared to burst into flames as it broke into two pieces, soon afterwards extinguishing itself and dropping into the ocean.

Discussion

This incident was solved very easily. Supplementary information received by Project Blue Book on 26 June 1953 stated "Objects sighted by pilots at approximately 2130E 24 June 1953. Two jet aircraft out of Quonset Point NAS had a mid-air collision at 2130E 24 June 1953. Aircraft fell in flames 15 miles west of Quonset Point." After interrogation of pilots, it was concluded that the flights did observe the above collision.

Conclusion

Was aircraft.

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In reply refer to
AFON-ATIAE-5

7 JUL 1953

*24/2130E
NEW LONDON
COMM*

Mr. [REDACTED]
Supervisor of Flight Dispatch
American Airlines
LaGuardia Field
New York Airport Station
New York

Dear Sir:

Reference your letter dated 29 June 1953 reporting an unidentified aerial object sighting by Captain D. W. Kelley on 24 June 1953 at 2130 Eastern Standard Time.

The following data will fully explain this sightings:

Two jet aircraft out of Quonset Point NAS had a mid-air collision 15 miles west of their station. These two aircraft fell into the sea in flames. The time of the collision was approximately 2130 hours Eastern Standard Time, 24 June 1953.

Project Blue Book wishes to express its appreciation to your organization for reporting this incident. If at any other time in the future your organization encounters any unidentified aerial phenomena, do not hesitate to report it as soon as possible. In the past, we have had several valuable reports from American Airline pilots. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

BARBARA P. HANAWALT
1st Lt., USAF
Asst. Adjutant

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 *R. Olsson* DATE *3 July 1953*
Lt Olsson

ATIAE *D. H. Griffing* DATE *30 July 53*
for Lt Col Johnston

ATIA *R. W. McDuffee* DATE *6 July 53*
Col McDuffee

ATIG _____ DATE _____
Maj Brown

C. J. [Signature]
ATIAE 6 July 53
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AMERICAN AIRLINES

CALIF ADDRESS AMAIR

LA GUARDIA FIELD • NEW YORK AIRPORT STATION, N. Y. • HAYEMEYER 6-8800

June 29, 1953

Chief Air Tactical Intelligence
Attention: ATIAA - 2C
Wright - Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with a request submitted by Flight Service through the New York Air Route Traffic Control Center, American Airlines Captain D. W. Kelly has submitted the following statement concerning an observation which he made while operating American Airlines flight 359 between Boston and La Guardia, on June 24, 1953:

"Flight 359 was just north of Woonsocket at 4,000 feet on a compass course of 247 degrees. At 2121 Eastern Standard Time a large flash of light was seen in the sky to the south. Bearing to the light was approximately 190 degrees. The flash appeared to have occurred at an estimated altitude of 14,000 feet. The light then broke into two separate lights, and the light farthest west broke up into two separate lights, one much larger than the other. All lights fell seaward and were extinguished immediately upon reaching the surface. I estimate it took between one and one and one-half minutes for the objects to fall.

"I can only guess, but it is my observation the objects fell into the Sound in an area bounded by westerly, Rhode Island; Block Island and Montauk Point."

If we may be of further assistance concerning this incident, please advise.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

A. B. Bowman

A. B. Bowman,
Supervisor of Flight Dispatch

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cc
Director Intelligence Headquarters
USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. Barg freole 2823

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EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT NBT 452

AMERICAN AIR LINES FLT NBR 359

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Contact:

*1) Chief of AFIS
FBI Serv. Center*

*2) 773rd Hq/W
Mountb., 2, N.Y.*

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

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TO: COMDR OLMSTED FLT SV CEN
OLMSTED AFB PERM

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-6-24-53

ATIC has received FLYORPT from your Hq concerning airlines sighting of flaming object 10 to 20 miles SSE New London, Conn. From the limited information given, analysis impossible at the present time. Request you complete AF Form 112 as per AFL 200-5 on this sighting or advise ATIC of an organization that can. Following points are important: 1) At what time was the object seen? 2) How long was it seen? 3) The approximate geographic coordinates of each of the three sighting airline pilots. In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 _____ Date _____
Lt OlssonATIAE _____ Date _____
Col JohnstonATIA _____ Date _____
Col McDuffee

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251400Z JUNE 53

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 YES NO

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R.M. OLSSON/vs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

ROBERT C. BROWN, MAJOR, USAF
ADJUTANT

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1. Date of sighting: 28 June 1953
2. Time of sighting: 1902EST
3. Place of sighting: White Plains, New York
4. Weather at the time of sighting: Unreported
5. Witness: Mr. [REDACTED], New York, N. Y., Telephone [REDACTED]
6. Type of sighting: Aerial observation; apparently no optical instruments were used
7. Object sighted:
 - a. Number - one
 - b. Shape - circular, slightly elongated
 - c. Size - approximately 6 inches in diameter
 - d. Color - dark
 - e. Speed - 240 miles an hour
 - f. Altitude - approximately 2500 feet
 - g. Sound - unreported
 - h. Exhaust trail - unreported
 - i. Heading - Northeast
 - j. Observer location - airborne over White Plains, New York at 1500 feet en route Teterboro Airport, New Jersey
 - k. Length of observation - unreported
 - l. Object position in relation to observers - Unreported

General remarks:

The Commander, Olmsted Flight Service Center has been informed of incorrect addressing contained in this message. Instructions concerning securing of complete information in accordance with AFL 200-5 were also restated. The report was transmitted to Olmsted FS Center by Mr. H. Eisbrough, Controller, New York Air Route Traffic Control Center.

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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Near New London, Connecticut 24 June 1953
Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark
State of Connecticut, USA Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

26 June 1953

24 June 1953

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

Unidentified Civilian Airline Crews

Teletype FLYOBRPT 242300E June and Supplemental FLYOBRPT 261445Z June sbmd by Olmsted FSC

Report contains information on the sighting of a flaming object near New London, Connecticut 24 June. Supplemental report contains information concerning mid-air collision of two jet aircraft at 2130E 24 June, 15 miles West of Quonset Point, Rhode Island Naval Air Station.

GERALD E. TYLER
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-26

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