

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 August 53 02/0130Z	2. LOCATION Creola, Alabama
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One each Sighting	Meteor shower existed at the time of sighting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Varied	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Several sightings from the Creola-Dixons, Alabama area during the period 31 Jul - 17 Aug. All sightings described what was one amber-red object with a curved leading edge and leaving a trail seen at night.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION road-Visual	
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Intelligence Officer
Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

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Details: At approximately 1500 CST, 26 August 1953, the 1703d AFG Intelligence Officer was notified by the MCAMA Intelligence Officer of the report of five separate unidentified flying objects observed by Mr. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and Mrs. [REDACTED]. The dates of the sightings were from 31 July 1953 through 17 August 1953, inclusive.

The Intelligence Officer of the 1703d AFG conducted an investigation and obtained the following statements from the observers:

On 31 July 1953 at approximately 2000-2030 hours local time, Mr. [REDACTED], a grocer in Creola, Alabama, was on his way home from Creola heading North on hiway 43, when he sighted the flying object. The object appeared into his field of vision through the windshield of his vehicle from the Southwest, crossed the hiway and disappeared to the Northeast. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. The object glowed a bright reddish fluorescent color and duration of sighting was for only a few seconds. No sounds were associated with the glow and did not appear to resemble a meteor or a shooting star. The location of the observer at the time of sighting was about one mile North of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 54 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 1 August 1953 at 2030 hours local time, Mrs. [REDACTED] was getting into her vehicle when she sighted the flying object. This object was on the west side of hiway 43 heading from the Northeast to the Southwest at a high rate of speed. She could not estimate the altitude other than stating that it was at a fairly high altitude and that the object was not too far away from where she was standing. She stated that this object appeared to glow a reddish color in the leading part and a dull amber color in the remaining part. Light did not resemble a meteor or a shooting star and no sound was associated with the light. Duration of the sighting could not have lasted more than two or three seconds. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was in Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 56 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 2 August 1953 at 0030 hours local time, [REDACTED], Methodist Preacher, was on his way home from Creola to Satsuma, Alabama when he sighted the flying object. It glowed an amber color overall with the brightest glow on the leading edge which appeared to be curved like the circumference of a basketball and gave the appearance blurred and tapered toward the rear. The object was heading from the North to the South in straight and level flight parallel to hiway 43, on the East side, at a high altitude. Subject stated that he could not estimate altitude so he guessed that it was 6-8000 feet high. It appeared to be fairly large in size with no sounds associated and traveling at a high rate of speed. Speed was estimated to be much faster than the jet aircraft seen in this area. Individual stated he has knowledge of Meteorology and that the object was neither a meteor nor a shooting star. Observer did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was at Gunnison Creek, approximately one mile south of Creola, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 52 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 02 minutes West. Reliability B-3.

On 2 August 1953 at 1630-1730 hours local time, Mrs. [REDACTED] was sitting in her back yard when she sighted the flying object. It appeared to be shaped like a parachute or a balloon in descent, with at the top end tapered to a point on the bottom. It was traveling at an average rate of speed in a downward path from the Northwest to the Southwest. While in descent, the object gave off a bright reflection caused by the rays of the sun striking it and also giving it the appearance of spinning while descending. Object appeared small due to the high altitude.

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DATE	WIND HT	WIND DIR-SPD	TEMP	DEW-PT	WSBY	SKY CONDITION
31 July 2030 HR	Surface	Calc.	76	72	9	25,000 scattered
	3000	170/5				
	5000	140/10	63			
	10,000	110/15	64			
	15,000	130/10				
	20,000	170/15				
1 Aug 2030 HR	Surface	240/6	82	74	10	Clear
	3000	180/10				
	5000	150/10	61			
	10,000	140/10	46			
	15,000	120/15				
	20,000	160/15				
2 Aug 0030 HR	Surface	260/5	80	74	10	Clear
	3000	180/10				
	5000	170/15	59			
	10,000	190/10	45			
	15,000	160/5				
	20,000	170/10				
2 Aug 1730 HR	Surface	240/8	87	73	12	2500 scattered 25,000 scattered
	3000	250/5				
	5000	270/10	64			
	10,000	260/10	61			
	15,000	190/10				
	20,000	170/10				
17 Aug 2055 HR	Surface	040/8	82	71	10	25,000 scattered
	3000	160/5				
	5000	120/5	64			
	10,000	020/5	48			
	15,000	200/5				
	20,000	250/10				

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STATEMENT OF
[REDACTED]
CREOLA, ALABAMA

On 1 August 1953 at 20:30 PM local time, I was just gettin into my vehicle when I saw the object in the sky. It was on the West side of Hiway 43 heading in a SW direction. I could not make out any shape to it and the only thing that I had noticed about it was the variation in the color of the lights. It appeared to be glowing a reddish color in the leading part of the object and a dull amber glow in the rear part. It was traveling at a very high rate of speed and the duration of the sighting could not have lasted two seconds before it disappeared to the SW. I could not approximate the altitude although what I did see of it seemed fairly large in size. There was no sounds associated with the light and I did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. It appeared to be going in a straight and level flight.

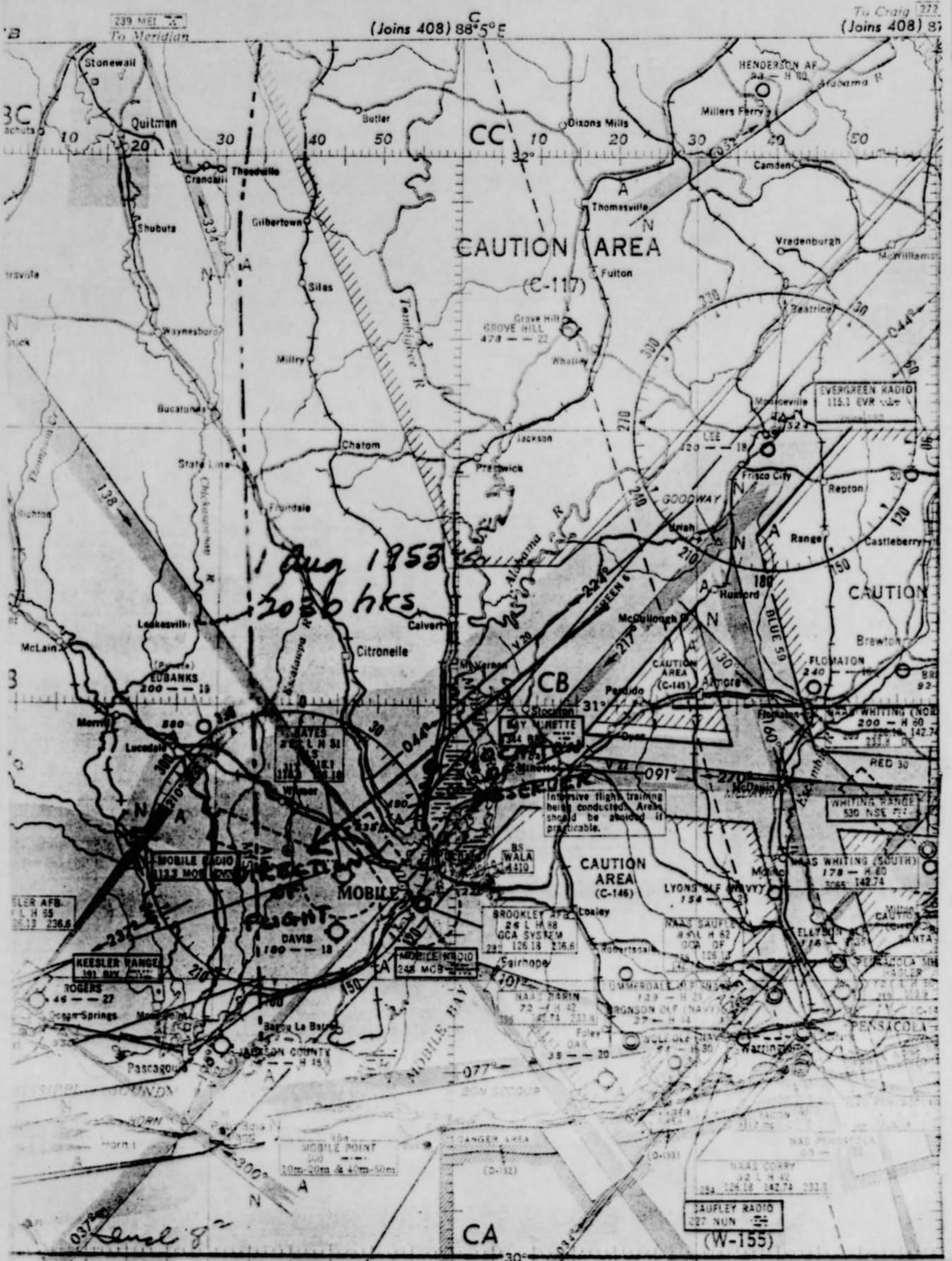
/s/ [REDACTED]
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CREOLA, ALABAMA

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HARRY GRIFFIN
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CREOLA ALABAMA ON HIWAY 43. LATITUDE 30 DEGREES 54 MINUTES NORTH
LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST. THIS MAN IS HERMAN O LISTER
GROGER IN CREOLA ALABAMA. RELIABILITY B-3. WEATHER 25000 FEET
SCATTERED CLOUDS. SURFACE WINDS CALM TEMPERATURE 78 DEGREES F.
DEW POINT 72 DEGREES F VISIBILITY 9 MILES. 3000 FEET WINDS 170/5K
5000 FEET WINDS 140/10K TEMPERATURE 63 DEGREES F 10000 FEET.
WINDS 110/15K TEMPERATURE 64 DEGREES F 15000 FEET WINDS
130/10K. 20000 FEET WINDS 170/15K. ON 1 AUGUST 1953 AT 2030L

ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED APPEARED TO BE PARTIALLY REDDISH
AND AMBER GLOW HEADING FROM NORTHEAST TO THE SOUTHWEST ON WEST
SIDE OF HIWAY 43 NORTH OF CREOLA ALABAMA. OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT
A HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE TOO DISTANT BUT AT
A FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. OBJECT SIGHTED FOR VERY FEW SECONDS AND NO
SOUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH LIGHTS. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE STARS OR
METEOR AND APPEARED FAIRLY LARGE IN SIZE. NO DEVIATION FROM STRAIGHT
AND LEVEL FLIGHT PATH. OBSERVER DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY AIRCRAFT IN
THE AREA DURING THE TIME OF SIGHTING. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT TIME
OF SIGHTING WAS IN CREOLA ALABAMA WEST OF HIWAY 43. LATITUDE
30 DEGREES 56 MINUTES NORTH LONGITUDE 88 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST.
THIS WOMAN IS MRS [REDACTED] CREOLA ALABAMA. RELIABILITY
B-3. WEATHER CLEAR SURFACE WINDS 240/6K TEMPERATURE 82 DEGREES
F. DEW POINT 74 DEGREES F. VISIBILITY 10 MILES. 3000 FEET
WINDS 100/10K 5000 FEET WINDS 150/10K TEMPERATURE 61 DEGREES F.
10000 FEET WINDS 140/10K TEMPERATURE 66 DEGREES F. 15000 FEET
WINDS 120/15K 20000 FEET WINDS 160/15K.

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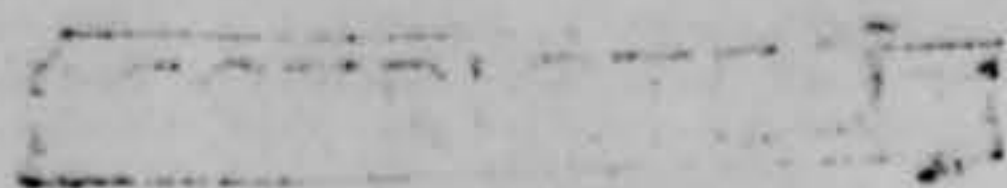
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AT 2055-2030L ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS SIGHTED. APPEARED TO BE
A BRIGHT REDDISH FLUORESCENT GLOW HEADING FROM SOUTHWEST TO THE
NORTHEAST AND CROSSING HWAY 43 NORTH OF CREOLA ALABAMA. OBJECT
TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND FAIRLY HIGH ALTITUDE. NO
SOUNDS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LIGHT AND DURATION OF SIGHTING
WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS BEFORE DISAPPEARING. LIGHT DID NOT RESEMBLE
STAR OR METEO AND APPEARED LARGE IN SIZE. LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT
TIME OF SIGHTING WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MILE NORTH OF

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3 September 1953

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AF Form 112



THRU: Commander
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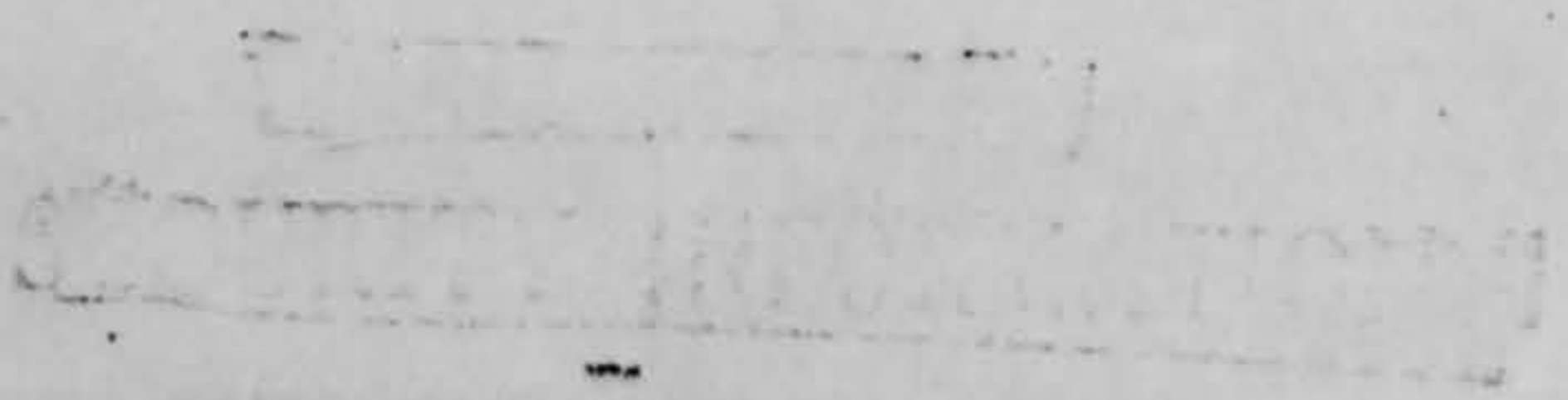
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

FLYING OBJECT

AREA REPORTED ON

Brookley Air Force Base, Alabama

FROM (Agency)

Intelligence Office, Brookley AFB, Alabama

DATE OF REPORT

3 September 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

31 July through 17 July 1953

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

Harry Griffin, Major, USAF

SOURCE

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

ATL 200-5

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 118-Part II.)

Five unidentified flying objects observed by six persons in vicinity of Creola and Satsuma, Alabama, on dates from 31 July through 17 August 1953.

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- 1. Cy Statement of Mr Lister
2. Cy Statement of Mrs Lister
3. Cy Statement of Mr Mathison
4. Cy Statement of Mr Hartley
5. Cy Statement of Mr Hartley
6. Cy Statement of Mrs Lister
7. Weather Report
8. Five Maps of Sightings

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and distance from the observer. No sounds were associated with this object and the duration of sighting was less than a minute. Individual did not see or hear any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Location of the observer at the time of the sighting was southwest of Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 50 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 05 minutes West. Reliability B-4.

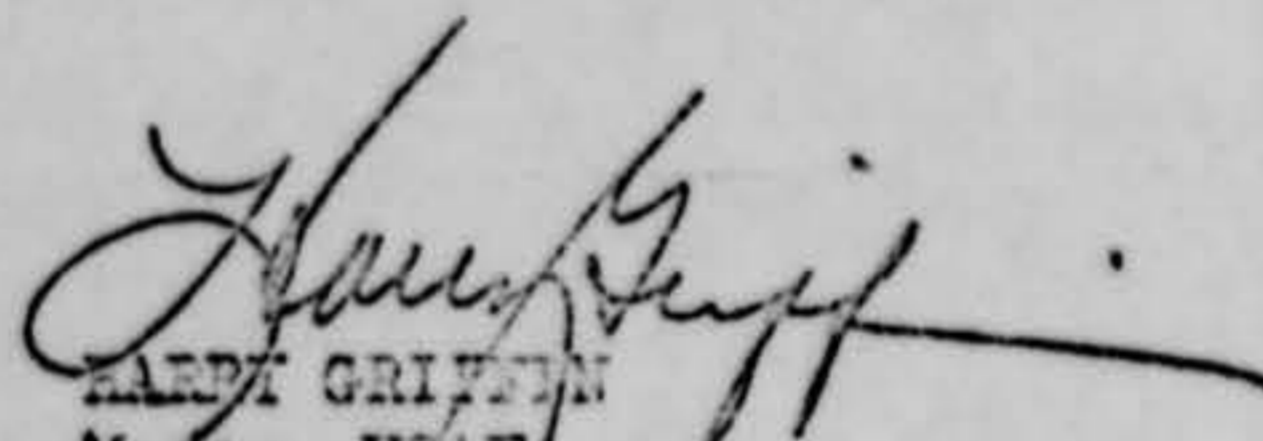
On 17 August 1953 at 2055 hours local time, [redacted] and [redacted] were looking for the Little Dipper when they saw the flying object. It appeared as a bright reddish glow heading from the North to the South and parallel to highway 43, on the East side. Object was traveling at a high rate of speed and at a fairly high altitude. Both observers agreed that this object far exceeded the speed of jet aircraft they had seen in this area. Duration of the sighting lasted for approximately three seconds. Neither of the observers saw or heard any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. There was no sound associated with this object nor did it appear to be a meteor or a star. Location of the observers at the time of sighting was in Satsuma, Alabama, latitude 30 degrees 51 minutes North, longitude 88 degrees 03 minutes West. Reliability C-3.

Reliability of observers is as stated above.

No interception was attempted since the sightings were late in being reported.

The weather is reported as in Inclosure #7.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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*Evaluated as not within (meteor), because of the appearance
at the time of sighting of a "meteor shower".
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