

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 28 August 53 28/1025Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> San Rafael, California
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION It is possible that observer saw a group of stars. The movement of the clouds probably gave off the appearance that the lights were moving, however duration is rather short and WX reported as overcast. Insufficient data for evaluation.
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> Fourteen	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> Fourteen cigar-shaped objects with white lights traveled in a W direction in a loose V formation at an estimated speed of 200 mph. Objects were first observed heading W over observers head through breaks in clouds, then appeared to turn N disappearing behind clouds.
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 3 Minutes	
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> W-N	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	28 Aug   San Rafael, Cal.   stars thru o'cast ?       b-6

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31 AUG 53 21 53z

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*28/0325PDT*  
*SAN RAFAEL, CALIF*  
*E. Atia*  
*F. R. Pyle*

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[REDACTED] 2801D 6891. ATTN JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE.

ATTN JEDWP/ATIAA-2C. ATTN: INTELLIGENCE FLYOBRPT.

1. FOURTEEN CIGAR SHAPED OBJECTS WITHOUT WINGS WITH WHITE LIGHTS ON THEM IN LOOSE V FORMATION, ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BI-MOTORED ACFT.

NO SOUND OR MEANS OF PROPULSION OBSERVED. ONE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE LEADING THE FORMATION AT AN ESTIMATED SPEED OF 200 MPH.

2. 0325PDT, 28AU53 FOR APPRX 3 MINUTES.

3. VISUALLY FROM THE GRND. OBSERVER USED OPERA GLASSES OF ABOUT

4 POWER RATING.

4. OBSERVER LOCATED AT GOC POST IN SAN RAFAEL, CALIF. DJNH 2858.

[REDACTED]

OBJECTS WERE FIRST OBSERVED HEADING WEST OVER OBSERVER'S HEAD THROUGH BREAKS IN THE CLOUDS, THEN OBJECTS APPEARED TO TURN AND HEAD NORTH DISAPPEARING BEHIND CLOUDS.

5. OBSERVER WAS [REDACTED] SAN RAFAEL, CALIF. OBSERVER APPEARED TO BE RELIABLE AND HAS BEEN AN OBSERVER ON DUTY WITH GOC FOR SEV YEARS DURING WWII AND DURING PAST WAR YEARS.

6. WX IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS BROKEN TO OVERCAST WITH CLOUD BASES AT 2300 FT SURFACE WINDS FROM WEST AT 13K; WINDS AT 2,000 FT, 220 DEG AT 17K; WINDS AT 4,000 FT 190 DEG AT 18K; WINDS AT 10,000 FT 210 DEG AT 23K.

7. OBSERVER MAY HAVE SEEN GROUP OF STARS THROUGH OVERCAST WHICH MAY HAVE APPEARED TO BE MOVING DUE TO MOVEMENT OF BROKEN CLOUDS BETWEEN OBSERVER AND STARS.

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

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*From Astrod*

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<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 26 August 53 29/0356Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Turner AFB, Georgia
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Military	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> BALLOON
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	Upon investigation object found to be balloon released in local area. Object 4-5 ft diameter made of tissue & filled with smoke. Object disappeared into the air. Object inflated over the area.
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 14 Minutes	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> One circular shaped object larger than an F-4, reflected light as from the ground. Passed from S to N at 30-40 mph. No noise or propulsion system noted. Yellow flame noted intermittently disappearing and changing to a red color.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground-Visual (7X50)	
<b>7. COURSE</b> North	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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TO : COMAIRDEFCON ENT AFB COLO, CMDR TURNER AFB  
ALBANY GA, SEC DEF WASH DC

NR : UNNUMBERED

29 Aug 53

(DTG 290550Z)

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290550Z AUG 53

CIRVIS.

At Turner AFB Albany, Georgia and aircq adjacent flying object sighted traveling on a constant heading of 270 degrees. Object appeared from South, circular in shape, outline determined by reflection ground lights, size estimated to be equal or greater than F 84 aircraft. Witnesses reported yellow variable intensity ball of light or flame which changed to reddish color as object disappeared to west. Altitude estimated to be 3,000 to 4,000 feet. Velocity 30 to 40 MPH, no sound, chemical reaction with atmosphere, or residue was reported by observers at Turner AFB and vicinity. Object observed by Capt [REDACTED] and wife and neighbor at [REDACTED] residence located 1 mile west of Turner AFB, Capt W Knavel air drone officer Turner AFB, sighting made from Turner AFB tower. Phillips and party made unaided visual sighting, Knavel made visual sighting aided by 7 by 50 power binoculars. Object sighted by unidentified third person who made phone call to base weather officer at Turner AFB. Time of sighting 29/0356Z to 29/0410Z by [REDACTED] and party and from 29/0405Z to 29/1415Z by Knavel. Weather during time of sighting 4,000 scattered visibility 12 miles, occasional lightning to southwest.

NOTE: This msg has been relayed to CIA.

NOTE: Adv copies sent to AF and G2.

ACTION: AF

INFO : CSA, G2(CIA), G3, NAVY, JCS, OSD, NSA

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(29 Aug 53)

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*28/2256E  
Turner AF Base  
6A*

Unidentified Flying Object, Turner AF Base, Georgia

State of Georgia

Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

1 September 1953

28 August 1953

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

USAF personnel, Turner AFB, Georgia

Teletype FLYOBRPTS 290640Z and 291550Z August submitted by Maxwell FS Center

Reports contain information concerning aerial and ground observation of a flying object near Turner AF Base, Georgia, at 2256E, 28 August 1953.

GERALD E. TYLER  
Major, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c

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FLYOBREPTS 290640Z and 291515Z, respectively, as received from Maxwell Flight Service Center follow:

"CIRCULAR SHAPED OBJECT EQUAL TO OR LARGER IN SIZE TO AN F-84. COLOR UNKNOWN BUT DID REFLECT LIGHTS FROM GROUND ONE OBJECT YELLOW BALL OF FLAME OR LIGHT. VARIABLE INTENSITY NO NOISE OF PROPULSION. SPEED ESTIMATED 30-40 MPH. NO SOUND, STEADY COURSE. YELLOW FLAME, INTERMITTENTLY DISAPPEARING AND CHANGING TO REDDISH COLOR. SIGHTED 2256E UNTIL 2315EST 28 AUGUST 1953. OBSERVED FROM GROUND FROM THREE LOCATIONS. ONE OBSERVER USED 7 BY 50 GLASSES FROM CONTROL TOWER. OBSERVERS LOCATED TURNER AFB, GA., AND ADJACENT AREAS. OBJECT APPEARED FROM SOUTH AND PASSED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD. ALTITUDE 3 TO 4000 FT. SPEED 30 TO 40 MPH. ALSO OBSERVED FROM TURNER AFB CONTROL TOWER THRU 7 BY 50 GLASSES 10 MILES WEST UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED. ALTITUDE ESTIMATED 3 TO 4000 FT 30 TO 40 MPH. OBSERVED BY CAPT [REDACTED] AND WIFE AND NEIGHBORS-CAPT W [REDACTED] AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED PARTY WHO PHONED WEATHER OBSERVER AT TURNER AFB, GA. CAPT [REDACTED] AND CAPT KNAVEL ARE RATED AIR FORCE PERSONNEL STATIONED AT TURNER AFB GA. WEATHER REPORTED FOR TURNER AFB AT TIME OF SIGHTING 4000 FT SCATTERED CLOUDS 12 MILE VISIBILITY OCCASIONAL LIGHTNING IN THE SOUTHWEST. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN. NO AIR TRAFFIC REPORTED IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING CIRVUS MESSAGE RECEIVED AND PROPERLY TRANSMITTED AT 2351CST 28 AUGUST 1953 END GOLINSKY 29/290656Z AUG JESTQ"

"REFERENCE FLYOBREPT REPORT 290656Z SUBMITTED ON OBJECT SIGHTED AT TRF AFB GA. UPON INVESTIGATION OBJECT WAS FOUND TO BE RELEASED IN LOCAL AREA. OBJECT APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO FIVE FEET IN DIAMETER CONSTRUCTED OF TISSUE, FILLED WITH SMOKE. OBJECT RISES IN AIR AND REMAINS UNTIL SMOKE DISSIPATES. WIND CARRIED OBJECT OVER FIELD. THIS REPORT RECEIVED FROM MAJ J W OSBURN, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, TURNER AIR FORCE BASE, GA., AND TRANSMITTED AT 291532Z END GOLINSKY 29/1555Z AUG JESTQ"

**Comments of Preparing Officer:**

Apparently positive identification of the object was established by on-the-spot investigation.

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