

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Jan 54	2. LOCATION Picayune, Mississippi		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1330 local</u> GMT <u>16/1929Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/4 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Westerly	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cylinder shape, silver, no sound tail or exhaust. Smooth surfaces. Elev 40° AZ 045° moving to 40° elev 315° AZ. Winds from 6,000 to 25,000 from West to East. 1. Teen age boys. 2. Reliable-checked.			11. COMMENTS Duration and level flight indicates probable aircraft sighting. Flight to West against winds ruling out balloons.

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PICAYUNE, MISS

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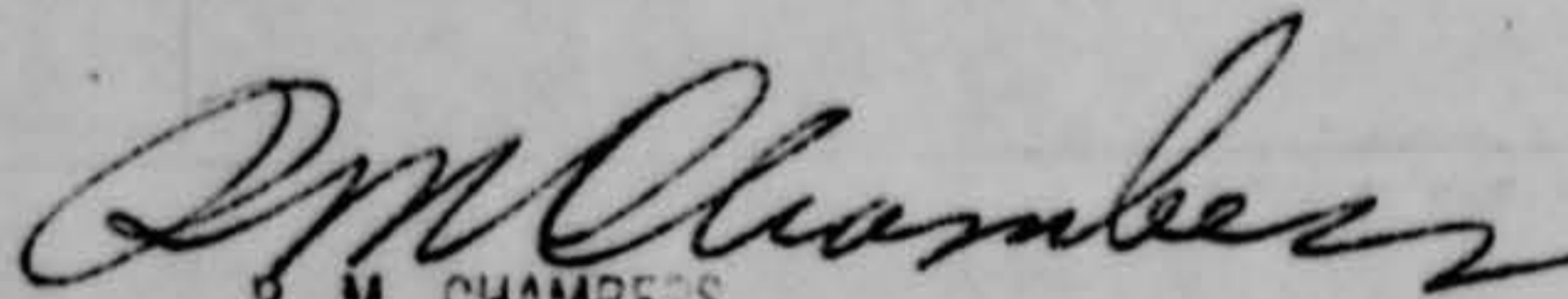
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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

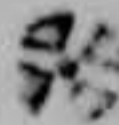
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Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio**

Subject report forwarded for your information in compliance with
AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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1st. Lt., USAF

Assistant Adjutant

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CC: Comdr, TTAF
Gulfport, Miss.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON PICAYUNE, Mississippi		FROM (Agency) Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi	
DATE OF REPORT 3 February 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 January 1954	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major Jack P. Kern	SOURCE See 6a below		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

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.)

- (b) Azimuth 315°. Elevation approximately 40° above horizon.
- (c) Azimuth 045°. Elevation approximately 40° above horizon.
- (d) Appeared to proceed in straight line from SW - NE.
- (e) Traveled beyond range of vision.
- (f) Seventy-five seconds.

(3) Manner of observation

- (a) Ground-visual.
- (b) No aids used.
- (c) N/A.

(4) Time and date of sightings:

- (a) 161929Z January.
- (b) Day.

(5) Locations of Observers

- (a) South border of Picayune, Mississippi.

(6) Identifying information of all observers

- (a) Civilians
 - 1. [REDACTED], Age 17, [REDACTED]
Picayune, Miss., Student, Reliable.
 - 2. [REDACTED], Age 19, [REDACTED], Picayune,
Mississippi, Student, Reliable.

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting

- (a) Low scattered clouds traveling from N to S; wind from NE, very light. Observed clouds moving quite fast.

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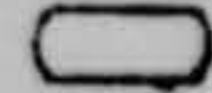
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1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, as amended, a reported sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Picayune, Mississippi at 1330 hours Central, 16 January 1954, was investigated. The data obtained during this investigation was compiled in accordance with the twelve individual sections under par 6b, AFR 200-2.

b. Report Format:

- (1) Description of the object
 - (a) Cylinder with hemisphere at each end (); approximation of length is $1\frac{1}{2}$ x diameter.
 - (b) Slightly larger than an orange at arm's length.
 - (c) Silver, no reflections.
 - (d) One.
 - (e) N/A.
 - (f) Shape and color only observation.
 - (g) No tail or exhaust observed.
 - (h) No sound noted.
 - (i) Smooth surface with no interruptions, such as windows.
- (2) Description of course of object
 - (a) Observers were looking at television antenna and noted the object enter their field of vision.

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Investigating Officer was unable to establish a logical explanation for this sighting since the location is off airways and in a remote section of the State of Miss. There are no nearby Air Weather Stations or US Weather Bureau Stations at which an observation balloon could have been released. The individuals concerned made as close an observation as was possible and both attempted to determine details inasmuch as they were aware of the importance of properly reporting unidentified flying objects as a result of publicity in various news media. The range and apparent size of this unidentified object indicates that it was probably not a conventional aircraft.

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(b)	<u>WIND</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>VELOCITY</u>
	Surface	20 degrees	14 knots
	6,000 ft.	300 degrees	15 knots
	10,000 ft.	290 degrees	30 knots
	16,000 ft.	280 degrees	30-45 knots
	20,000 ft.	270 degrees	50 knots
	26,000 ft.	270 degrees	55 knots

(c) Ceiling - 2900 ft.

(d) Visibility - 15 miles.

(e) Amount of cloud cover:
 Scattered - 2100 ft.
 Broken - 2600 ft.
 Broken - 12000 ft.

(f) Thunderstorms - none.

(8) None.

(9) None.

(10) N/A.

(11) Undetermined.

(12) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sightings.

Flying Safety Officer, Keesler AFB, Mississippi. This investigation involved two young male civilians presently enrolled in the Picayune, Mississippi High School. These individuals appeared to be sound of mind and quite conscientious to detail concerning this reported sighting. In addition to their own observations, they attempted to obtain an additional witness, a Justice of the Peace, who resides at the location of the observers at the time of the sighting. This was not possible inasmuch as the Justice of the Peace was unable to obtain his eyeglasses in sufficient time to observe the object. The veracity of these individuals was investigated and discussions with mature individuals having knowledge of the lives of these two young men indicate that there is no known tendency in either individual toward prevarication.

CRIFO NEWSLETTER

DISC FLIES BENEATH THUNDERSTORM IN GREENHILLS, OHIO ... SITE OF FREQUENT SIGHTINGS.

Late in January 1954 about 6:45 P. M., Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were standing at the northwest window contemplating the unseasonal thunderstorm. Clouds were low and heavy and the rain had just stopped. Suddenly and soundlessly from the northwest came a bright light almost the size of a full moon. The object, they agreed, was disc-shaped and "had a sharp, clear outline and glowed with a definite reddish tinge." It moved very fast below heavy clouds in a direct southeast course. No exhaust trail was visible as it disappeared directly over a group of trees. Mr. [redacted], who never believed in "saucers", said he was convinced that the object was no hallucination, "as some people think they are" and that it appeared to be solid. Both he and his wife were frankly "startled by the sight", but preferred not to report it to the papers. Looking back to July 1952 another Greenhills incident is recalled...

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1954- Jan. 17 this writer watched the flight of a bluish white disc, while a few days later a Mr. [redacted] and wife witnessed a low flying disc of [redacted]. The [redacted] March 1954 (see April Newsletter). [redacted] witnessed a [redacted] hovering in the vicinity of Cincinnati's General Electric Plant for [redacted] minutes. Such G. E. surveillance has occurred before. Since talking with Stewart I have gathered the [redacted] surrounding another incident, dating back to August 1, 1952.