

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Apr 54/27/0035Z	2. LOCATION Athens, Georgia
3. SOURCE civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 15-20	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ground visual 10 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS V formation, objects size & color or grapefruit. Rapid flight, remarkable smoothness, sound none, straight and level flight. Clouds at 6000' - objects under clouds. Very reliable report.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOGRAPHED <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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DEPARTMENT OF AIR SCIENCE & TACTICS
AF ROTC Detachment 160
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

27 April 1954

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object.

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

In compliance with AF Regulation No. 200-2, 26 August 1953, the following report is submitted:

(1) Description of the object:

- (a) The shape of the object appeared to be roundish.
- (b) About the size of a grapefruit
- (c) Practically the same color as a grapefruit.
- (d) Approximately 15 to 20.
- (e) Facing the observer like a check mark with a trailing end to the right. Like a "V" shape pointing at the witness and trailing off to the right.
- (f) None other than above.
- (g) None
- (h) No sound.
- (i) The smoothness of the flight through the air was remarkable.

(2) Description of course of object:

- (a) Witness just happened to look up and saw the formation. Witness called the attention of the other people on the porch to the formation and they then looked up and saw it.
- (b) Facing due south the formation came in at 1200 low and flying due north. They were under the clouds which were 6,000 feet. The formation disappeared into the night at six o'clock (due north)

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- (c) Facing due south the formation disappeared at six o'clock fairly high. They just flew into the night due north.
- (d) They held a straight and level path.
- (e) Just flew out of sight.
- (f) Approximately ten seconds.

(3) Manner of observations:

- (a) Ground-visual.
- (b) None
- (c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sightings:

- (a) 270035Z
- (b) Night

(5) [REDACTED], Athens, Georgia

(6) Identifying information of all observers:

- (a) Mr. [REDACTED]
37 years of age
[REDACTED], Athens, Ga.
Clerk, U. S. Post Office (15 years)
Reported reliable, dependable, and a meticulous observer.

Mr. [REDACTED]
Adult [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Athens, Ga
Reliable

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Adult [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Athens, Ga
Considered reliable

[REDACTED]
16 years of age
[REDACTED], Athens, Ga
Considered reliable

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- (7) See attached report.
- (8) None
- (9) None
- (10) None
- (11) See statement Colonel L. G. Duggar attached.
- (12) Professor of Air Science and Tactics, University of Georgia. Senior pilot with approximately 4,000 hours military flying time.

It is my belief that any lights seen below cloud level on the night of this observation would have required any aircraft and especially any jet to have been easily heard. The Athens area is normally quiet and jets can be easily heard up to 30,000 to 40,000 feet altitude.

3 Incls:
Stmt Col Duggar
Stmt Mr Cartey
Weather report


L. G. DUGGAR
Colonel USAF
PAS&T

Copies of this report furnished:
Original: Dir of Intell, Hq USAF
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STATEMENT

At the time of sighting, the Professor of Air Science and Tactics, University of Georgia, (Reporting Officer) was flying a C-46 between Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia, and Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia. Landing at Dobbins AFB at approximately 2100 hours. At 2035 hours, the time of the reported sighting, I estimate general clouds covering most of the area to the north and northeast in the direction of Athens, Georgia, as well as in the local area. I saw no local traffic but heard it on Channel B calling Dobbins, a distance of approximately 60 nautical miles west of Athens. Visibility was comparatively low at 4,000 to 4,500'. I estimate that any traffic at 6,500 feet or above would have been obscured by clouds. No flight in or out of Athens was scheduled at that time nor is Athens on any airway.


L. G. DUGGAR
Colonel USAF
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Athens, Georgia
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In addition to the information contained in the letter from Detachment #160, AFROTC, University of Georgia, dated 27 April 1954, I would like to add that this was not a mirage. I actually saw this formation coming out of the south going due north, travelling at a tremendous rate of speed which I couldn't estimate. The smoothness and the soundless effect was remarkable. A few seconds after they went north, coming directly from the trail they had taken, a white object which appeared to be about the size of a baseball went southwest in a blast of speed. In fact it was out of sight before I could call the attention of the others to it. It went through scattered clouds and disappeared into the southwest. It was at a tremendous height and was a brilliant white light.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WEATHER BUREAU

Station Athens, Georgia Date April 28, 1954

Col. L. G. Dugger
AFWOTC
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

*As the custodian of the records of the U. S. Weather
Bureau, filed at Athens, Georgia, I hereby
certify that the attached is a true copy therefrom.*

Weather observed at Athens Municipal Airport, Athens, Georgia
on April 26, 1954 between 2000Z and 2100Z.

2000Z Observation: .4 sky coverage; scattered clouds at 5,000
feet with scattered clouds above at 12,000 feet; surface visibility,
15 miles; temperature, 72; dewpoint, 61; surface wind SE 8 mph;
cumulus clouds west and northwest of the station.

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Meteorologist in Charge.