

UFCB INDEX CARD

1. DATE 9 February 1955		2. LOCATION Atlanta, Georgia		12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 092045 Z		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			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one (1)	9. COURSE NE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large, round, silver sphere remained stationary for two hours, then appeared to decrease size and disappear.			11. COMMENTS Investigation proved object to be a balloon of a known type.		

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1. Description of the Object:

- a. Round, sphere.
- b. Size of a basketball held at arms length.
- c. Color was transparent to silver.
- d. Gas only.
- e. N/A.

f. The object appeared stationary for approximately two (2) hours, after which time roughly 3/4 thirds of the main body disintegrated, the remaining portion, while maintaining a sphere shape, displayed definite red color on the upper half and emerald green with translucent red light on the lower portion.

- g. N/A.
- h. N/A.

2. Description of Course of Object:

- a. Observer's attention first called to object by Mr. [redacted] a radio mechanic for radio maintenance stationed in Atlanta.
- b. Approximately 40 degrees on the horizon.
- c. Approximately 40 degrees on the horizon.
- d. Object originally sighted due NW of Atlanta Municipal Airport and held this position for two (2) hours without movement. Then disappeared heading due NE.
- e. Object apparently jettisoned approximately 3/4 thirds of basic structure consisting of visible gas or smoke and liquid. Remnant of object immediately achieved high speed and vanished.
- f. Object was in sight for approximately two (2) hours.

3. Nature of Observation:

- a. Ground-visual.
- b. 8X binoculars of local manufacture were used during the sighting. Observer is non-astronomer and frequently studies heavenly bodies with this improvised instrument.
- c. N/A.

4. Name and Title of Reporting Agency:

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5. BFOB was quite plain to numerous unnamed observers at the Atlanta Airport. This particular observer was in his back yard at address indicated below.

6. Identifying Information of All Observers:

- a. Civilian: (1) Mr. [REDACTED], Captain, Pilot, Eastern Air Lines, Age 41
[REDACTED]
Atlanta, Georgia
- (2) Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of Captain [REDACTED] Housewife, Age 33
[REDACTED]
Atlanta, Georgia

b. Military: N/A

7. Weather and wind aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

- a. Winds SW, ten knots at 10,000 ft.
- b. Negative.
- c. Ceiling unlimited.
- d. Visibility unlimited.
- e. No cloud cover.
- f. No thunderstorms.

8. Clear sky, no rain, fog or clouds. Ideal weather conditions prevailing.

9. Negative.

10. No air traffic in area at time of sighting.

11. Observer indicated this object was directly over Robbins AFB in direction of unbridge bridge. It is felt that both facilities have capabilities of detecting and reporting UFOs in a manner that would be of greater benefit to the AF forces. This information was not received until approximately 14 hours had lapsed since the sighting. The observer gave no explanation for the long delay in reporting. Under most other circumstances this would be classified as a weather balloon sighting, however, since the observer, Captain [REDACTED] is a qualified airline pilot with confirmed employment, it is believed that he would be able to establish weather balloon identity. Hence, was made immediately after Captain [REDACTED] completed routine flight.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

It has been concluded that the sighting was in fact a balloon. The following information is submitted to substantiate this conclusion:

- a. At 0919/7Z Feb 55, Birmingham Tower reported a balloon downed at Roswell, Georgia. Geodid: 4374.
- b. The balloon was reported downed at 092115Z one (1) mile north-northeast of Roswell, Georgia and thirteen (13) miles north of Hocking Air Force Base.
- c. At 092405Z the D/S 25th Air Division, Captain Royce, Lt. Vincent, W/PI 2-C and the NCOIC of the flight, W/Sgt Lane arrived at the location of the balloon. They found a man, William and a woman not clearly standing by guarding the equipment.
- d. The crew of the C-119 chase aircraft landed at Hocking AFB and arrived at the location of the balloon at 092500Z. The equipment was returned to Hocking AFB by an F-27 vehicle belonging to the 25th AINS at 100200Z.

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