

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 February 1955	2. LOCATION New Orleans, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 16/0047Z	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		<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
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE ENE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A yellowish orange light moving in one direction, wavering to one side. Was blinking when faded from view.		11. COMMENTS Possibly a/c.	

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9. N/E

10. Air Traffic

a. A check was made with the control towers at the following airports:

Moisant International Airport, New Orleans, La.

Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La.

New Orleans Airport, New Orleans, La.

All of the above control towers reported no aircraft was airborne in the area of sighting. They further indicated that they had received no reports of unusual sightings or aerial activities.

11. Comments of Preparing Officer

The Observers' description of the course of the object reveals the possibility that the object might have been an aircraft flying away from the Observers. This would account for the relatively slight change in altitude and the considerable change in elevation. The alternate blinking of an aircraft's running lights might also explain the blinking, falling lead motion of the object. The sound of an aircraft flying in the manner described would be audible for approximately one minute. This sound could be absorbed in or drowned out by normal urban noises.

The possibility exists also that the object could have been an escaped balloon or other object from the Mardi Gras festivities which were in progress at the time of the sighting. It is significant to note that the location of the Observers (Tennessee Street) is four miles exactly NE of the section of Canal Street where Mardi Gras activities are greatest and that the winds were moving to the northeast at 12 knots. It is conceivable that a brightly colored balloon of a variety that might be found at a festival such as the Mardi Gras would reflect sufficient light from a lighted city to be visible for an extended period. Air currents would make its flight path somewhat erratic.

In view of the information obtained by the investigator, the balloon solution appears to be the most logical.



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Officer in Charge

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1. Statement [REDACTED]
2. Statement of [REDACTED]
3. Statement of [REDACTED]
4. Statement [REDACTED]
5. Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object (Observer 1)
6. Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object (Observer 2)
7. Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object (Observer 3)

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COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

A check with the Control Center for System 119 1 reveals that the project had no activity in the area at the time. Concur in the hypothesis of the Preparing Officer that the sighting could possibly have been caused by Mardi Gras activity in the area.

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Statement of [REDACTED]

S-S-4-7-4-4-1-1-1

Saw outside at about 18:46. Saw a light which at first appeared to be an airplane. Then I noticed it had no sound and only one yellow-orange blinking light. I called the three other observers. They came out and observed the same thing. Before calling them I am fairly certain the object was burning ground. It disappeared into the mist above the horizon about four minutes after I first sighted it. Still blinking as it was through the whole evening.

[REDACTED]

S-S-4-7-4-4-1-1-1

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Incl. #2, PART ONE, Rept. #21-11008-2-55
Statement of [REDACTED]

S-E-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

What I saw is a light a yellowish orange and it went off and on very slowly and moved left to right very slowly. I would say about a feet each way it looked that way from where I was standing. It looked to be like a light that was burning out and then it would come on again.

[REDACTED]

S-E-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

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Incl. #3, PART ONE, Rept. #20-UR08-2-55
Statement of [REDACTED]

S-E-C-R-E-T-A-R-Y

Called out of the house - but didn't see enough of the object to report accurately.

[REDACTED]

S-E-C-R-E-T-A-R-Y

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Statement of [REDACTED]

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

I was called [REDACTED] to see this object. The object appeared to be a light, yellow-orange in color, and round in shape. It was going in one general direction but wavered from side to side. It was going on & off. After watching the object a little while, returns inside.

[REDACTED]

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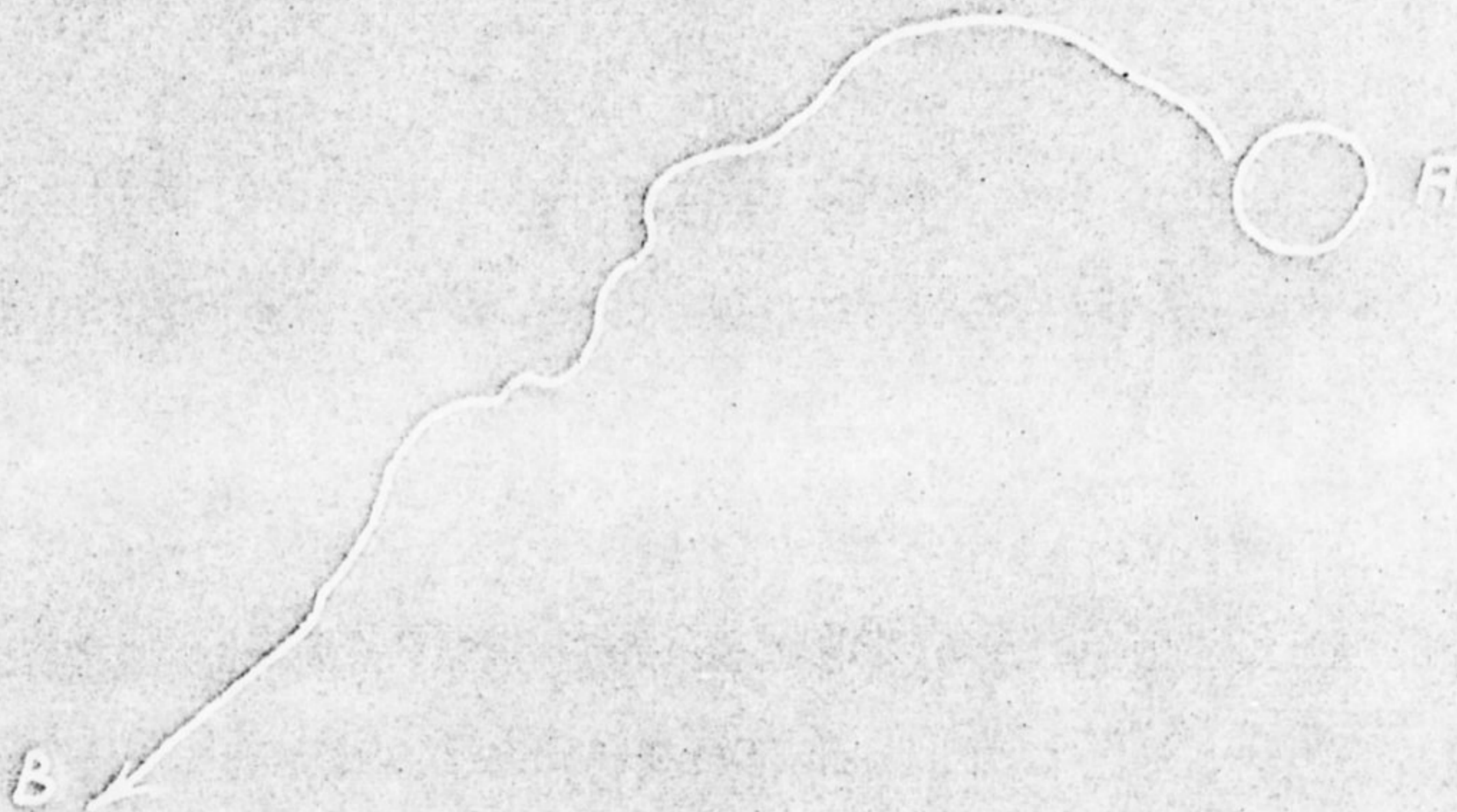
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Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object (Observer 1)



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Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object (Observer 2)



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Memory Sketch of Flight Pattern of Object (Observer 2)



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/ U F O B /

- 1.
- A. A YELLOWISH ORANGE LIGHT WITH NO SPECIFE SHAPE
- B. THE SIZE OF A PEA
- C. YELLOWISH ORANGE GLOW
- D. ONE
- E. N/A
- F. NONE
- G. NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE

2.

- A. THE GLOW OF THE OBJECT.
- B. MOVING EAST NORTH EASTERLY DIRECTION AT 45 DEG.
- C. LOST ON HORIZON IN SAME DIRECTION
- D. MOVING IN ONE DIRECTION WAVERING TO ONE SIDE
NO NOTICEABLE MANEUVERS.
- E. BLINKING AND FADING FROM VIEW.
- F. FOUR MINUTES.

3.

- A. GROUND VISUAL
- B. NONE
- C. N/A

4.

- A. 16/0047Z
- B. DUSK

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6.

- A. CIVILIAN

MR. [REDACTED], AGE 15, STUDENT [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS LA.

MR. [REDACTED], AGE 25, [REDACTED] EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] ICE CO.

MR. [REDACTED], AGE 35, [REDACTED] EMPLOYED BY

[REDACTED] ALUMINUM CO.

MR. [REDACTED] AGE ADDRESS OR OCCUPATION NOT AVAILABE.

- B. MILITARY

N/A

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7.

A. CLEAR EXCEPT SOME SCATTERED CLOUDS.

B. 180 DEGREES 9 KNOTS

230 DEGREES 15 KNOTS

250 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

260 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

280 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

290 DEGREES 40 KNOTS

270 DEGREES 60 KNOTS

320 DEGREES 80 KNOTS

C. 6 THOUSAND SCATTERED

D. 15

E. 2-3 TENTHS

F. NONE

8. UNKNOWN

9. NONE

10. UNKNOWN

11. NONE

12. NONE

SGND GOLINSKY END.

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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx Four (4) Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	9. COURSE NE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1) object, round, orange orred, the size of a pin head at arms length was observed by four (4) people at the time of the Mardi Gras celebration.			11. COMMENTS Investigated by Flight 2-C with the conclusion that the object in question was a balloon released during the Mardi Gras celebration.		

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SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	TITLE (Optional) Flight 2-G, 1602 ATSS	
DATE OF REPORT 21 February 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 February 1955	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Optional) RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1st Lieutenant, USAF	GRADE See contents below	
REFERENCES (Optional) (Cite source, date, page, etc. in parentheses) AFR 200-2, dtd 12 Aug 54. TT MSG COMD FTR SVC CENTER IAFB DTC 26/0326Z FEB 55.		
SUMMARY (Optional) (Summarize report. Use symbols to draw one sentence paragraph. Limit length to 200 words. Do not include more than 10% of report.)		

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PART ONE: Report of UFOB sighted by:

- Observer Number 1: [redacted] civilian, age 15, Address: [redacted] New Orleans, LA.
- Observer Number 2: [redacted] civilian, Age 26, Address: [redacted] New Orleans, LA.
- Observer Number 3: [redacted] civilian, Age 30, Address: [redacted] New Orleans, LA.
- Observer Number 4: [redacted] civilian, Age 30, Address: [redacted] New Orleans, LA.

II. SUMMARY: One unidentified flying object was sighted ENE of NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (ENAF 5858), 110 degrees from true north, 87 degrees above the horizon. Information contained herein was obtained from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of this sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: 1/10 BRASS B. HOLICH, A 13 440 804.

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1. Description of Object:

- a. The object appeared to be a round shaped light.
- b. Observers 1, 2, and 3 estimated the size of the object to be comparable to a pen held at arm's length. Observer 4 estimated the object to be comparable to a pinhead held at arm's length. No estimate of dimensions were given.
- c. Observer 1 reported the object to be orange in color. Observers 2 and 4 indicated the object to be yellowish-orange. Observer 3 indicated he did not know the color of the object.
- d. One object was sighted.
- e. N/A
- f. No discernible features or details were noted.
- g. No tail, trail or exhaust was noted.
- h. No sound was heard.
- i. No other pertinent or unusual features were noted.

2. Description of Course of Object:

- a. Observer 1 was standing in the back yard of the home of relatives at [REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS, LA (NHAP 5858). He called Observers 2, 3, and 4, who were inside the house, to come outside and view the object.
- b. Object was first sighted at approximately 110 degrees from true north and 85 degrees above horizon.
- c. Object disappeared at 95 degrees from true north, 15 degrees above horizon.
- d. The object appeared to move slowly away from the Observers in a northeasterly direction weaving from side to side in a falling leaf motion and changing alternately from orange to yellow.
- e. Object faded from sight.
- f. Observers had the object in sight for a period of four to five minutes.

3. Manner of Observation:

- a. Ground visual
- b. W/A
- c. N/A

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20-1108-2-55 PAUSE ON

4. Time and Date of Sighting

a. Time of sighting was approximately 16/0047Z 10b 55.

b. Light condition was mist.

5. Location of Observers

a. [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (FHA 5858)

6. Identifying Information of All Observers

a. Civilian

(1) [REDACTED] 15 [REDACTED] St., NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, Student.

(2) [REDACTED] 26 [REDACTED] St., NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, Clerk.

(3) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St., NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, [REDACTED] CO.

(4) [REDACTED] 30 [REDACTED] St., NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, Presently Unemployed.

b. N/A

7. Weather and Winds Aloft

a. Weather at time and place of sighting was as follows: Scattered clouds, slight breeze, dry and warm.

b. Surface from 225 degrees 12 knots.

6000 from 230 degree 17 knots.

10,000 from 240 degree 18 knots.

16,000 from 290 degree 23 knots.

20,000 from 290 degree 29 knots.

30,000 from 295 degree 31 knots.

c. 5,000 feet.

d. Fifteen (15) miles.

e. Scattered clouds at 5,000 feet.

f. None.

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8. The following agencies and/or persons were contacted with results as indicated:

a. Weather Stations

- (1) The Weather Station at Moisant International Airport revealed that no balloons were released, and no meteorological phenomena was recorded which could account for the sighting.
- (2) Weather Station at the New Orleans Airport stated that no weather balloons were released on the 15 Feb 55, nor any unusual meteorological phenomena recorded which could account for the sighting.
- (3) Weather Station at U. S. Naval Air Station at New Orleans stated that no weather balloons were released nor any meteorological phenomena recorded on the 15 Feb 55 which could account for the sighting.
- (4) U. S. Weather Station at New Orleans stated that they released weather balloons on 15/0900Z and 15/2100Z Feb 55. These balloons could not have been in the vicinity at the time of the sighting. No unusual meteorological phenomena was noted which could account for the sighting.
- (5) A check with the U. S. Naval Station and Coast Guard Station in New Orleans revealed that these stations had no weather (forecasting) facilities and received weather information from the New Orleans Weather Station.

b. No Observatories in vicinity.

c. Electronics Personnel

- (1) The Electronics Engineer in Charge, Moisant Airport, stated that no unusual radar blips were picked up that could account for the sighting. He further stated that no reports of unusual sightings or aerial activities were recorded.
- (2) The radar station at the U. S. Naval Air Station in New Orleans stated that no unusual radar blips or reports of such, or other unusual aerial activities were reported or picked up on 15 or 16 Feb 55.
- (3) A check with the New Orleans Airport revealed that this facility did not have radar installations.
- (4) Operations Officer at Keesler AFB, Miss. was contacted. He checked with Keesler AFB radar and reported no unusual blips, sightings or activities were recorded.

d. A check with local Civil Defense officials revealed no reports of unusual sightings had been received. It was also pointed out that the Ground Observer Corps was in the process of being organized and was not yet operational in the area.

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